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Sheriff Admits Levy Didn't Interfere in Rape Case

By David Propper

The all-out war between Putnam County Sheriff Don Smith and former district attorney Adam Levy came to an end last week when Smith admitted statements he made about Levy's involvement in a 2013 rape case were "untrue" and he "should not have made them."

The defamation lawsuit Levy brought against Smith was settled last Tuesday as the trial between the two political titans was just getting underway. Levy will get \$125,000 from the county and another \$25,000 personally from Smith. Levy also received a public apology from Smith, who has served as sheriff since 2002.

The Putnam County Legislature is expected to approve the settlement at a special meeting this Thursday evening on the third floor of the county office building.

Smith, in a letter to Levy posted on the Sheriff's Office website, retracted statements he made about Levy in connection with the Alexandru Hossu rape case in 2013. Hossu, the former personal trainer of Levy, was arrested in March 2013, but later found innocent of all charges after sitting in jail for a year.

Following Hossu's arrest, Smith approved press releases sent out by his office that stated Hossu was living in Levy's Southeast home and that he interfered with the rape investigation and was knowingly harboring an illegal immigrant. Smith admitted all those statements were false.

"I retract these releases unequivocally and apologize for the statements contained therein," Smith wrote in the letter to Levy. "Mr. Hossu did not reside

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DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Sheriff Don Smith and former district attorney Adam Levy, longtime political enemies, settled a defamation lawsuit last week with Smith admitting he issued untrue statements about Levy. This photo is from 2013 during a legislative committee meeting.

Mixed Reaction to Smith's Retraction and Apology

By David Propper

Following revelations that Putnam County Sheriff Don Smith made false statements about former district attorney Adam Levy in 2013, his Republican opponent has called on him to step down, while it appears the Republican committee is still sticking with Smith as he runs for another term.

Smith admitted in a public letter last Tuesday he was untruthful when he claimed in 2013 Levy interfered in the Alexandru Hossu rape case and Hossu resided at Levy's house in Southeast. The settlement reached will result in the county paying \$125,000 and Smith paying \$25,000 out of his own pocket to Levy.

Smith, a Republican, is running for a fifth term in office this year.

While public opinion among elected officials has been relatively mum, Smith's primary opponent is calling on him to leave office following the shocking



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Andy DeStefano has called on his opponent, Sheriff Don Smith, to resign.

statement.

Patterson resident and Republican candidate for sheriff Andrew DeStefano said he believes Smith and the sheriff's department have lost credibility with residents as a result of his inaccurate statements.

"It destroys their credibility because it gives credence to every false allegation that's ever been made, every false claim ever been made," he said. "Now people are going to look and say 'look what happen in this case.'" There's no room for false statements in a police department. None."

On Tuesday, DeStefano, a former NYPD captain, wouldn't go as far to say Smith should resign. But he changed his mind Thursday after further consideration and held a press conference in Carmel demanding Smith either resign now or drop out of the race and not seek another term.

DeStefano said he would never have

run if the petition forgery conviction against him wasn't vacated earlier this year because a cloud should not hover over the top law enforcement official in the county.

"This is going to be hanging over the sheriff's department as long as Don Smith is sheriff," DeStefano said.

Smith has made clear he is remaining in the race. He was endorsed by the GOP committee last month.

Putnam GOP Committee chairman Tony Scannapieco said he still supports the sheriff and believes the incumbent has done a great job in office. Smith was going up against Levy who had unlimited resources, Scannapieco said.

"I think the sheriff did the best he could with this," Scannapieco said. "I don't think this lawsuit should have even come forward."

Scannapieco said he hasn't heard from

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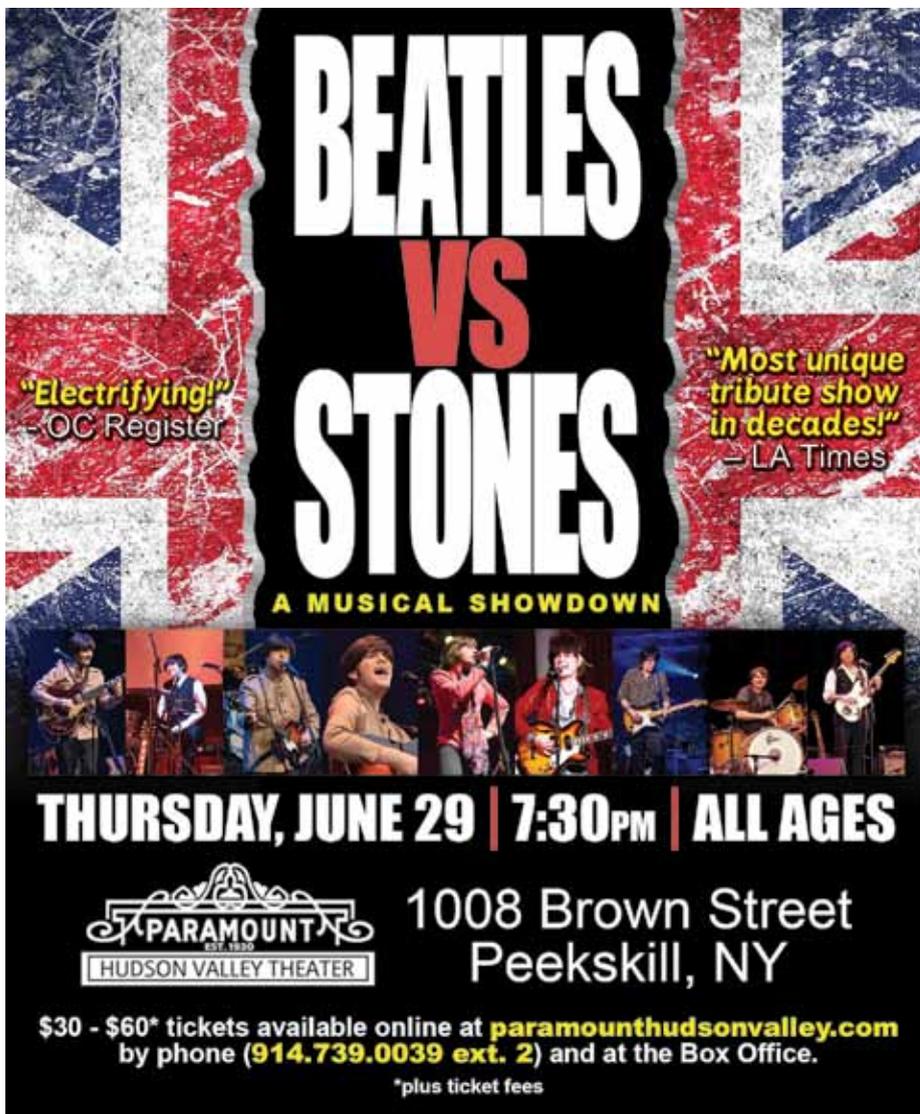
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Oils Spills Into Lake Secor in Mahopac

By David Propper

Lake Secor in Mahopac was hit with an oil spill last week, leading to a beach closure as the summer weather began to take shape.

According to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the spill was reported last Tuesday at 11:46 a.m. due to a failed home heating tank. According to state DEC spokeswoman, Wendy Rosenbach, oil accidentally released from a home's above ground 330-gallon heating tank fuel. The oil first entered the home's sump pump, then the street's catch basins and flowed down the hill into the lake, Rosenbach said in an email.

The DEC and Putnam County Department of Health were on site and a cleanup team has been dispatched to the handle the spill, according to the Town of Carmel.

"This will be an ongoing effort," a town notice stated.

According to Rosenbach, the majority

of the spill cleanup has been completed and Tri-State Environmental is handling the remaining affects on the lake and residence.

"The remaining cleanup involves addressing any residual impacts to the lake and to the nearby catch basins," Rosenbach wrote in an email. "Additional cleanup will also address any impacts under the residence and cleanup of the sump pump at the home. We cannot assess an exact time frame for the remaining cleanup."

The county health department sampled the municipal wells serving the area and found no petroleum impacts to drinking water, Rosenbach said. The town notice stated drinking water doesn't come from Lake Secor.

County director for environmental health Robert Morris said the department plans to re-sample the lake this week to see if the beach can be reopened.

Morris said oil spills in county bodies of water are infrequent, but do occur. Perhaps an indication this spill was more serious than others, Morris said the DEC called the health department, rather than send an email, which they usually do.

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Q: How does radiation therapy work?

A: Used primarily on basal or squamous cell skin cancers, the therapy relies on electron beam radiation to kill cancer cells. Radiation oncology has a long history of use and tends to work exceptionally well for skin cancer – the success rate is over 90%. Cancer cells respond to treatment by dying and falling off – which is why side effects may include redness, dry skin, itchiness, or peeling skin. Within a few weeks, healthy skin cells grow and usually leave no trace of treatment.

Q: I'm a little worried about exposing myself to radiation – is the therapy safe?

A: It's very safe: Radiation therapy precisely targets the cancer, resulting in minimal side effects and little or no damage to the surrounding tissue. Surrounding tissue, such as the eyes or sinuses can be protected by lead shields during the brief radiation treatments.

Q: What's the best way to find a good radiation oncologist?

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Filled with Patriotism, Flag Day Celebrated in Brewster



Martine Hawthorne of the NJROTC program speaks.

By David Propper

Flag Day in Brewster was brimming with patriotism, especially from area students that showed Putnam County residents of all ages love their country.

The hour long ceremony at the Elks Club featured a history of the American flag, speakers from the community, a rendition of Taps, and awards for several local students.

Winning the scholarship award from the Elks Club that's given to a student in the NJROTC program was Martine Hawthorne, who submitted an essay about Americanism.

Hawthorne said Americanism is based off years of hard work, culture and pure dedication to making the country great. Through times of crisis, the American people have shown they can withstand anything, she said in her essay.

She noted her favorite holiday each year is the 4th of July considering it's the day American became its own country.

"All wonderful things have a start and that's our start," she said. "That's our Independence Day."

She said the country strives to provide an opportunities to every citizen including education, jobs, and different social programs. The American tradition allows citizens to ask "what if" and to "dream, create, built, learn, challenge," she remarked.

"The idea of the American dream is kept alive by our imagination and our ability to make anything happen," Hawthorne said.

Four young women also won Americanism awards in which they had to write an essay about why it's important to vote. Local students Anna Whitehead, Kaylee Golash, Megan Renzi, and Ellen Cassidy were the winners, with Cassidy actually placing third in the New York statewide competition.

Each student read their essay discussing similar themes including how voting can make a difference in local and national elections, how minority groups like African-Americans and women fought for their voting rights and that every American should feel it's obligation to cast a ballot. They all stressed voting shouldn't be taken for granted.

"Voting gives one person the voice and opportunity to be heard," Cassidy said.



A veteran watches the ceremony at the Elks Club last week.



Three Boy Scouts salute the flag.



Girl Scouts help sing a patriotic song.



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Ellen Cassidy and Anna Whitehead along with their history teacher Tom Nelligan of H.H. Wells Middle School.



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Mahopac School Board Hires High School Principal, Football Coach

By Neal Rentz

The academic year may be winding down in the Mahopac Central School District, but on June 15 the Board of Education was thinking ahead to next fall.

The school board appointed Matthew Lawrence as high school principal and Mahopac resident Dominick DeMatteo as the new varsity football coach.

Moments after the school board meeting Lawrence explained why he sought the post of high school principal.

"I've been a school administrator for 16 years. My first 15 years in the business was high school. I was 10 years assistant principal at two large high schools," he said.

"It's always been goal to be a high school principal," Lawrence said. "I believe I'm a high school educator through and through."

For the past three school years Lawrence has served as principal of Greenwood Lake Middle School Central School District in Monroe in Orange County. He lives in southern Dutchess County in Poughquag.

Lawrence, 47, will earn an annual salary of \$167,000 in his new post.

DeMatteo said following last week's school board meeting he welcomed the opportunity to coach and work in his community of residence. He said he has been living in Mahopac for more than a



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

The Mahopac Board of Education hired Matthew Lawrence as the new high school principal on June 15.

dozen years with his wife, Dianne, and his sons Anthony and Dominick.

"We simply love the community. It's been wonderful to my family. My boys are having a great experience both academically and athletically," he said. "So to have the opportunity to serve as an educator in the district where we live is something that's very special to me and my family."

At Mahopac High School next year



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

The Mahopac Board of Education hired Mahopac resident Dominick DeMatteo as the new varsity football coach.

DeMatteo will be teaching physical education in addition to his coaching duties. DeMatteo said he has been a football coach for about 23 years. He has coached both at the high school level and as an assistant coach at the collegiate level at CW Post, Columbia and Fordham Universities for eight years. Previously, he was the head football coach at Arlington High School for nine years. During the current school year DeMatteo was a physical education teacher, dean of students, and the head varsity football coach at Nyack High School in Rockland County. DeMatteo played quarterback at SUNY Albany.

DeMatteo said he has had a lifelong passion for sports.

"Athletics has been part of my entire life, both as a player and a coach," he said,

'I believe I'm a high school educator through and through.'- new MHS principal Matthew Lawrence

nothing many family members have been very active in athletics. "We just love it because it's a great way to impact kids. Athletics is simply an extension of the classroom. Football's our passion. And it's what I believe I was born to do and I view it as a way of life really, not a job."

DeMatteo, 45, will earn an annual salary of \$97,000.

Mahopac Board of Education President Dr. Brian Mahoney explained why he and his colleagues hired Lawrence and DeMatteo

Mahoney described Lawrence as "a man of strong character and strong will. His background is very impressive."

Lawrence "is just the right fit for the community," Mahoney said. "His vision is exactly what the district needs at this moment. I think that his plan to work collaboratively with the teachers at the high school is something that's very welcoming."

Mahoney said the trustees chose DeMatteo because "he is also a man of character."

Mahoney said it was important that the new football coach also be a physical education teacher coming to the district

"In schools today we always look for candidates who can do more than one thing," Mahoney said. "We were fortunate to find it in Mr. DeMatteo."



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Maloney Stresses Unity After Shooting of Republican Rep.

By David Propper

In the wake of the congressional baseball practice shooting last week, local Representative Sean Patrick Maloney made a plea for unity in a social media post Thursday.

Maloney, a Democrat, made the brief statement following the attempted assassination of Republican Congressman Steve Scalise after a gunman opened fire on Republicans in Alexandria, Virginia last Tuesday during an early morning baseball practice. Four people were shot and injured and the gunman, James Hodgkinson, was killed by Capitol Police. Scalise was originally in critical condition, but was upgraded Saturday to serious condition.

Maloney said the shooting is a reminder to everyone to be conscious how they speak and interact with others and he vowed to recommit himself to showing respect for colleagues. But the three-term congressman said he'd continue to



Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney

be passionate about issues he cares about like healthcare and fighting against other initiatives pushed forward by President Donald Trump.

"In this business the rhetoric gets hot and the passion runs high and that's normal and it's even good," Maloney said. "But that's very different than engaging in violence."

He attended the congressional baseball game Thursday evening.

Republicans and Democrats in

Congress do get along, Maloney stressed, even if appears the two sides are constantly bickering. Maloney said he's been able to pass important legislation because he works with representatives from across the aisle.

He said he sees Republicans at the gym, goes out socially with them and he knows their family and vice-versa

"It's better than you think hearing the stuff on TV or maybe looking at the emails that go around or some of the political rhetoric, but it doesn't absolve us of the responsibility to really come together especially now and remember we're Americans first."

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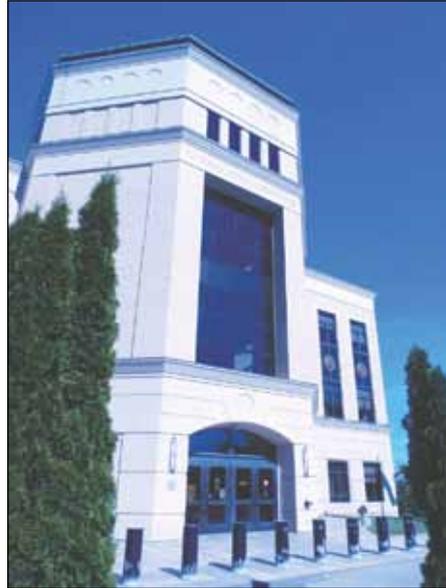
then at your home. He was arrested at another location where he then lived. I know you did not interfere with the investigation of Mr. Hossu. Nor is there any evidence that you had any knowledge of Mr. Hossu's immigration status or were intentionally harboring an illegal alien. And, finally, throughout your career, you prosecuted all manner of cases and I apologize for conveying anything to the contrary."

Smith also wrote the press releases "received considerable attention and caused you embarrassment."

In a press conference posted online by NewsFundr.com, Levy said Smith's actions resulted in the arrest and the yearlong incarceration of an innocent man. Hossu has filed a \$45 million lawsuit against the county as a result.

Levy, now sporting a goatee and longer hair slicked back, said Smith's untrue statements led to a "cascading and barrage" of false and misleading media accounts that affected the 2015 district attorney race that Levy lost to current District Attorney Bob Tandy.

"We will never be able to go back and



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

The trial between Smith and Levy was underway at the county courthouse before the case was settled.

change what Don Smith has done," Levy said. "But clearly his actions had an impact on the voters."

(Tandy in an interview doesn't believe

Smith's inaccurate statements resulted in Levy losing.)

Attorney for Levy, Michael Sussman said Smith's admittance that he told untrue statements has to throw into question whether he should leave the post as sheriff, Sussman said.

"While this agreement does not require his resignation," Sussman said. "I think a fair implication of the agreement is that he engaged in behavior, which the public has to view as potentially disqualifying."

He said Levy was "character assassinated" and it should concern residents inside and outside of Putnam. He commended Levy for going forward with the lawsuit in search of the truth.

"The truth can set us free so we should feel a sense of liberation today at the statements Mr. Smith was forced to make," Sussman said.

Levy, the son of television Judge Judy Sheindlin, added he sued Smith in a personal capacity, but the county is paying for most of the settlement because Smith made clear he would not pay the entire settlement individually.

"That is something he will have to take up with the taxpayers," Levy, who now lives in Wyoming, said. "The taxpayers

should know and the voters should know."

The original lawsuit was for \$5 million that Levy filed against Smith in Aug. 2013 claiming Smith defamed him when he issued the false press releases because he wanted to "maliciously destroy" Levy's reputation. At the time the suit was filed, Smith was facing a tough primary against former MTA police chief Kevin McConville and claimed the legal action was "blatantly political and obviously intended to try to influence the outcome of an election."

Smith now faces another reelection test as he seeks his fifth term. Captain William McNamara said Smith would remain in the race against Republican challenger Andy DeStefano.

"I am glad this matter has been resolved and that I can focus all of my energies on the important issues facing Putnam County - especially the war on drugs," Smith said in a statement. "I wish Adam Levy all the best."

Smith dropped a counter lawsuit against Levy last month. Smith filed it in April 2014 accusing Levy of making defaming statements in a newspaper article implying Smith is mentally ill and calling him a "bold-faced liar."

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any committee members collecting signatures for Smith's ballot petition since the news broke earlier in the week. He scoffed at DeStefano's suggestion that the sheriff either resign or drop out of the race.

"He's got nothing else to do," Scannapieco said of DeStefano holding a press conference demanding Smith leave office.

District Attorney Bob Tandy said cases are settled for a number of reasons, but stressed he didn't know anything about the civil matter and never read the press releases Smith's office put out in 2013. Tandy and Smith were political allies when Tandy knocked off Levy in 2015.

"It doesn't affect me or my office at all," Tandy said, "I can still work with the sheriff, every police department and police agency there is. What happens in a civil manner doesn't affect how we go about our business in the criminal law enforcement area."

Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio said he spoke with Smith the day after the apology letter was released and said Smith told him "sometimes there are situations you need to bend to the wind so you don't break." The two men have known each other for decades and Oliverio was also critical of Levy when he was a legislator.

Oliverio, a Democrat, referred to Smith as an "honorable man" and called his admission of relaying untruthful information a blemish on an otherwise



From left to right: Sheriff Don Smith, former district attorney Adam Levy, and District Attorney Bob Tandy.

pristine record. He wondered if there was more to the situation than what is publicly known at this point and said he still has faith in Smith but was disappointed this entire ordeal unraveled.

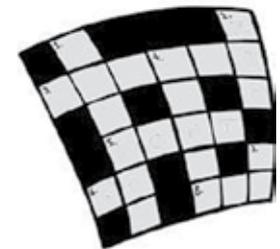
"I believe he would not have apologized unless there were extenuating circumstances involved in this," Oliverio said. "He admitted he was wrong so we have to take that at face value."

County Democratic Committee chairman Jim Borkowski slammed Smith for the untrue statements and stressed the settlement monies are being shouldered

by taxpayers and not the county insurance company. He warned the ordeal with Smith is only going to get worse.

Hossu, the personal trainer of Levy who was arrested for rape and later found innocent, has filed a \$45 million lawsuit against the sheriff's department for being falsely arrested and stuck in jail for a year.

"The next part of this case is Mr. Hossu's federal civil rights case against Sheriff Smith. Sheriff Smith's apology makes Mr. Hossu's civil rights case a slam-dunk," Borkowski, who ran against Smith as a Republican in 2009, said in an email. "This will cost us millions of dollars, perhaps as much as the entire annual Putnam County budget. We will all be paying dearly for Sheriff Smith's lack of integrity."



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By Anna Young

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"Most therapy place you go to you're in and out in 45 minutes, but we don't just focus on a particular body part, we take a full body approach to help you recover," Christian Campilii said. "You leave here much better than when you came in, not just with your injury, but overall."

After starting their practice out of a house over 23 years ago, Campilii, whose focus is sports medicine, prides himself on providing a friendly, thorough, comprehensive physical therapy office in Carmel, Wappingers Falls and Hyde Park.

Campilii said that his unique style was inspired after suffering through several injuries and not being able to perform his



PROVIDED PHOTO

Christian Campilii (the owner) on the right and one of the center's therapists, Joseph Winther on the left.

sports.

"I decided I wanted to become a leader in this field," he added.

In his new location in Carmel on Route 52, Center for Physical Therapy offers modern equipment and techniques to recovery including motion analysis, cardiovascular programs, core workouts,

stimulation, stretching, joint mobilization, soft tissue work, and therapeutic exercise programs, along with a wide variety of other features.

"You're not just treated with massages, you're going to go through a full fitness program," Campilii added. "I'm a believer in prevention and preventing other

'You leave here much better than when you came in, not just with your injury, but overall.'- co-owner Christian Campilii

injuries from coming back."

Campilii added that a performance center would be added in the coming months providing an arena for athletes to train with running analysis and other sports equipment.

Since opening in Carmel in November, Campilii said he's been overwhelmed by the positive reception from the people in Putnam County.

"It's amazing how many people come by word of mouth," Campilii said. "We are overwhelmed with the support we have gotten, our business just grew exponentially and continues to grow."

Center for Physical Therapy is located on 264 Route 52 in Carmel. For more information visit www.centerforphysicaltherapy.com or call, 845-200-7646.

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Putnam Health Dept. to Offer Free HIV Testing

This year annual National HIV Testing Day encourages people of all ages to "Test your way. Do it today." As in previous years, the main message is to take control of your health and find out if you may have the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, which over time usually causes AIDS. In early stages a person often feels fine. In fact, approximately one in seven Americans infected do not know they are carrying the virus. In total, nearly 1.1 million people in the U.S. are living with HIV, according to estimates from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention in Atlanta.

"With early diagnosis, we can begin treatment sooner," said Michael Nesheiwat, MD, Putnam County's Interim Commissioner of Health. "This can make a big difference in the patient's outcome. It can save lives and can help limit the spread of the virus."

To encourage HIV testing, the Putnam

County Department of Health, in partnership with Westchester Medical Center and Planned Parenthood, will be offering free rapid HIV testing and counseling on Tuesday, June 27. Mobile vans will be located at the Carmel Fire Department, 94 Gleneida Avenue, from 9 a.m. to noon, and at Brewster Towne Plaza, 1620 Route 22 (near Value Village), from noon to 6 p.m. Testing will also be offered at the main health department office, 1 Geneva Road, Brewster, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Privacy and confidentiality are ensured. No appointments are necessary and results are ready in 20 minutes. Free condoms, giveaways and educational information will be available at all sites.

HIV can affect anyone regardless of age, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity or gender. In 2015, 22 percent of all new HIV diagnoses in the U.S. were among youth aged 13 to 24 years of age. People aged 50

and older have many of the same HIV risk factors as younger people, but may be less aware of their risk. In 2014, people aged 50 and older accounted for 17 percent of those living with HIV infection.

Today people with HIV and AIDS are living longer, healthier and more productive lives. New research is promising, but there is still no vaccine or cure for HIV. Safe sex is the best "primary prevention," but early testing and diagnosis saves lives too. Testing and early results are part of what is called "secondary prevention" in public health terms. Older Americans are more likely than youth to be tested later in the course of their disease. This means delayed treatment, often more health problems and shorter survival. Despite medical advances, HIV/AIDS is still a significant cause of death for some age groups. It was the 8th leading cause of death for those from 25 to 34 years of age in 2014 in the

U.S.

For more information about HIV testing or HIV/AIDS education and prevention, contact the Health Department at (845) 808-1390.

The Health Department's mission is to improve and protect the health of the Putnam County community, composed of nearly 100,000 residents. Core services include community health assessment, disease surveillance and control, emergency preparedness, environmental health protection, family health promotion and health education. For more information, please visit the PCDOH website at www.putnamcountyny.com/health or visit the social media sites on Facebook at www.facebook.com/putnamhealth and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.

Local Law Enforcement Steps up Patrols during Graduation Season

This June, many of Putnam County's teens will be graduating high school and getting ready for college or entry into the work force. Many see this time as a "rite of passage" and engage in underage drinking and drug use (marijuana being the top drug). Also many parents see no problem in hosting graduation parties where alcohol will be served. Graduations are meant to be enjoyable and memorable experiences. "However, when alcohol and/or drugs are in the mix, quite the opposite can happen especially in Putnam where many young people will be getting in their cars to travel to and from parties around the County" says Bruce Kelly, Coalition

Coordinator of Putnam Communities That Care Coalition.

To insure that our young people have a safe and enjoyable graduation, law enforcement in Putnam County will be conducting party patrols throughout the graduation season. They will be on the lookout for intoxicated/impaired drivers as well as for underage drinking parties at area residences. "High School graduation is a time for celebration, a special occasion not to be marred by tragedy. Extra police officers will be assigned to DWI enforcement during graduation weekend to promote traffic safety" says Carmel Police Chief Michael Cazzari.

Every town in Putnam County has passed legislation entitled Social Host Liability Law. These local laws make it a misdemeanor to "host, suffer, permit, organize, or allow a party, gathering or event at his or her place of residence... where three or more minors are present and alcoholic beverages are being consumed by any minor." In other words, it is illegal for anyone to host a party at their home and allow underage drinking to occur. This misdemeanor crime is punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a \$3000 fine.

Putnam County Sheriff Donald B. Smith noted that the dire ramifications

for hosting a drinking party for minors go beyond legal exposure. "Allowing teens to drink alcohol in one's home not only brings with it severe criminal penalties and civil liability," said the Sheriff, "but, even more to the point, how could one live with himself or herself afterward if a teen dies or is maimed as a result?"

The Putnam Communities That Care Coalition along with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, NY State Police, Kent Police Department, Carmel Police Department, Cold Spring Police Department & Brewster Police Department wish all of our graduates good luck and remind them to be safe during graduation time.

Prevention Council of Putnam Looks to Curb Underage Gambling

The Prevention Council of Putnam has partnered with the New York Council on Problem Gambling to carry-out the YOU(th) Decide Program in Putnam County. 2017 marks the sixth year that the NY Council on Problem Gambling has worked with local providers in an effort to prevent underage and problem gambling.

YOU(th) Decide Program is designed to be a multi-dimensional prevention effort aimed at reducing underage gambling. Local providers participating in the YOU(th) Decide Project educate youth, work with local community leaders to decrease the availability of gambling at family and youth-focused events, and conduct media and outreach campaigns. The most recent research indicates that among United States youth between the ages of 14 and 21, 68% have gambled in the past year, and 11% have gambled twice a week or more. Of those youth, 6.5% are at-risk for, or have already developed, a gambling problem (Welte, 2007).

The month of June brings ample opportunity for gift giving with graduations, awards ceremonies and religious ceremonies it may be a common practice to give youth Lottery and/or Scratch-Offs as part of a gift; we are encouraging people not to give these to youth as presents. In New York State you must be 18 years or older to purchase Lottery games and 21 years of age to play Quick Draw where alcoholic beverages are served.

Underage gambling brings with it a number of negative consequences, many of which are serious, and can be devastating to the youth as well as his/her family and friends. The younger an adolescent begins gambling, the more likely he/she is to develop a gambling addiction. Underage gamblers are at an increased risk of delinquency and crime, damaged relationships and poor academic performance (Wynne et al., 1996). Youth who gamble are also more likely than their non-gambling peers to develop

mental health issues including depression and alcohol/substance abuse disorders (Hardoon et al, 2002), to attempt suicide (Gupta and Derevensky, 1998), and to maintain poor general health (Potenza et al, 2002).

There is not just one person, nor just one group of people, affected by underage gambling. There is not just one risk factor or protective factor that plays a role in underage gambling. There is not

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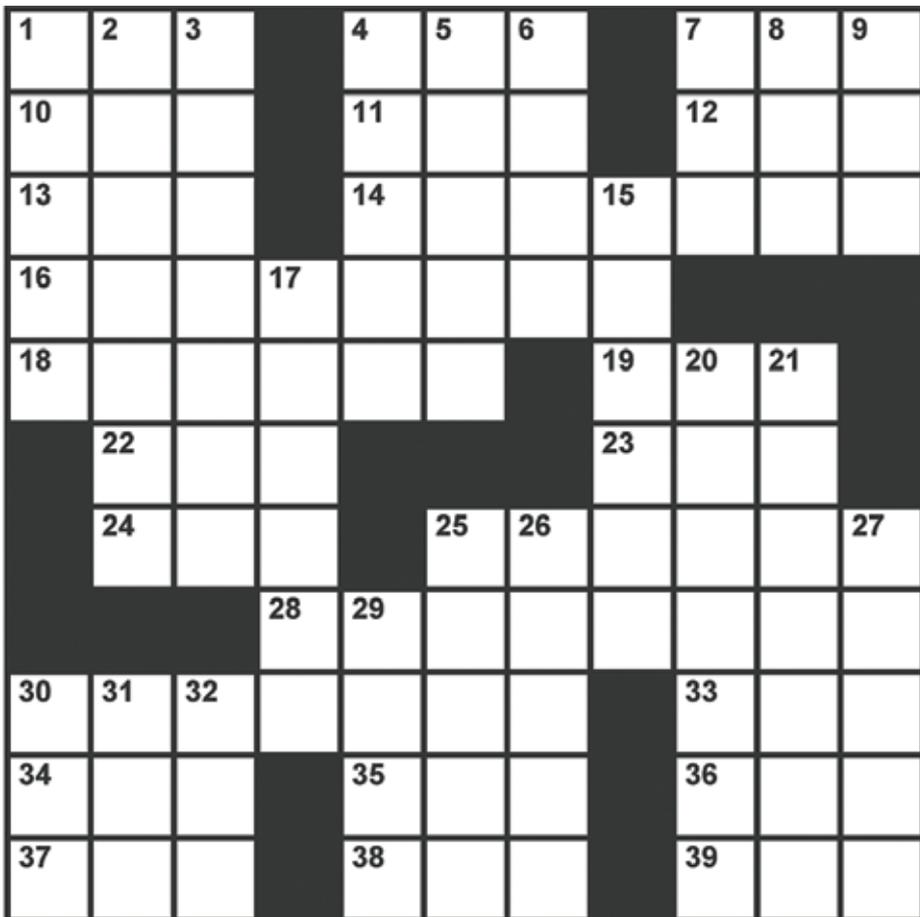
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Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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4. Caribbean music
7. Bearded African grazer
10. Prevent
11. Speech stumbles
12. Quaker Honey Graham ___ (cereal)
13. ___ mode
14. Mischievous ones
16. Where to shop in Brewster for fine home and table decor
18. Nearest the heart
19. Historic opening?
22. Mangy mutt
23. Seafood delicacy
24. Ending for a record
25. Billionaire Steve, or Somers Insurance agency
28. Irritating
30. Dramatizes
33. Nancy Drew's beau
34. Fitness center
35. Fudge on the facts
36. Life basic
37. Pocket
38. Paper size
39. Common ID

Down

1. Old counting equipment
2. What's left
3. Contemporary of Luther
4. Lowly ones in Medieval times

5. Deadly snake
6. Part of N.A.A.C.P., abbr.
7. "Don't ___ step farther!"
8. Ice hockey org.
9. Navy ship intro
15. Tricks
17. Largest arteries
20. Makes a new book cover
21. Football teams
25. Apple, for one
26. Western movie
27. Four-door car
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4th Annual Big Truck Day at the Kent Library

More than 500 people, mostly parents and children, came to see the big trucks gathered at the Kent Public Library on Saturday, June 3. Besides two fire trucks, an ambulance, police car, construction equipment, and well drillers this year's "Big Truck and Community Vehicle Day" included a former tank belonging to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. The library parking lot was not a quiet place as children honked horns and sounded sirens of the many interesting vehicles gathered for the event.

The library would like to thank the many people, including Town of Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming, the Kent Highway Department, the Kent Police Department, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, the Lake Carmel Sanitation District, the Carmel Fire Department, the Lake Carmel Fire Department, and the Boyd Artesian Well Company, who helped to make "Big Truck Day" a success. The Kent Library plans to host it again next year.



Mahopac Goes to Prom



Ossining High Student Facing Deportation Misses Graduation

By Rick Pezzullo

The Ossining High School student who was taken into custody by federal immigration authorities on the day of his prom was also unable to attend his graduation ceremony Saturday at Pace University in Pleasantville.

Diego Puma Macancela, 19, is currently housed with his mother at a detention facility in New Jersey. Macancela was apprehended June 9 at 7:30 a.m. at his cousin's home after a final order of deportation was issued in November by an immigration judge. His mother was taken into custody a day earlier.

Attorneys from Mount Kisco-based

Neighbors Link Community Law Practice filed a second stay of removal Friday on behalf of Macancela in an effort to temporarily postpone his deportation. A stay filed June 12 was denied two days later based on the government's claim that Macancela belonged to a gang in Ecuador. However, he and his mother contend they fled Ecuador in 2014 to avoid retaliation from gang members.

"He was not practicing for graduation today (Friday) with his friends, he's in jail," said Karin J. Anderson, lead attorney for Macancela.

More than 20,000 people have pledged their support to Macancela on a petition and others in Ossining rallied outside Ossining High School last week calling for his release.

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Rockland/Westchester) has called on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to immediately grant Puma, who has no arrest record, a stay of removal.

"We are all gratified to see all of the community support for Diego and his mother," said Carola Bracco, Executive Director of Neighbors Link, which since 1999 has worked with the new immigrant population as well as the established community to ensure the healthy integration of both by providing



Diego Puma Macancela

empowerment and education programs for new immigrants.

"We have heard from mayors and town supervisors, Diego's classmates, business owners, and citizens who believe in fairness and who understand that immigrants are a positive force not just in Westchester County, but throughout the country," Bracco continued. "Diego is one of thousands of people whose lives will be at risk if they are deported to their home nations. We are heartened that this second stay application was submitted and we wait anxiously for a response."



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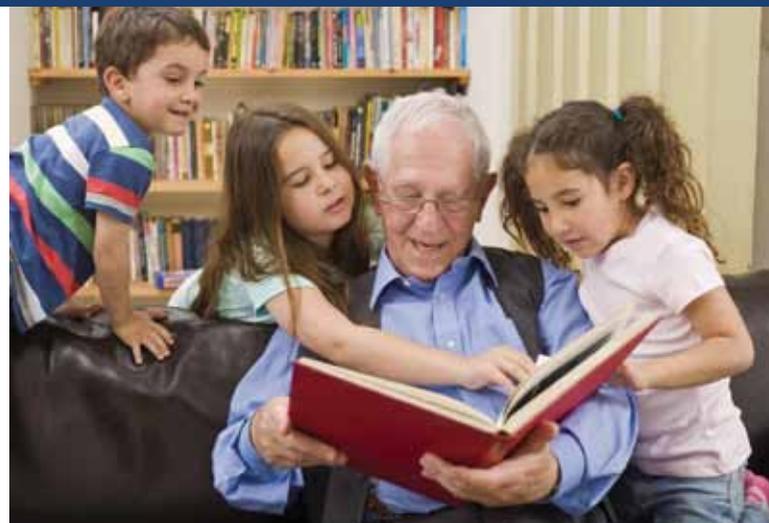


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Brewster Boy Scouts Visit Gettysburg

Brewster Boy Scout Troop One recently spent three days at Gettysburg National Military Park. Forty scouts and leaders had the privilege to camp "on" the battlefield at McMillian Woods youth campground on the western perimeter.

The Troop hiked everywhere over the three days- logging over 20 miles.

They took tours of Soldiers National Cemetery where over 3,500 of the battle dead were laid to rest and President Lincoln's Gettysburg address was given. The boys walked the reenactment of Pickett's Charge and another of Cemetery Ridge.

Battery "F" 1st PA Artillery gave a "living history" reenactment for the Troop.

They took a trip to the visitor center and museum; along with a night time "Black Cat" ghost tour of the town.

On the last day the troop toured "Little Round Top" where the heroism of Colonel Joshua Chamberlain and the 20th Maine regiment was presented. Lessons in history and citizenship rolled into one trip.



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Troop recreates "Pickett's Charge" (staying on line)



Adult leader (and Eagle Scout) James Duncan give presentation at "Little Round Top" citing the heroism of Colonel Joshua Chamberlain and the 20th Maine Regiment.



Troop gathers at Virginia Memorial

Obituaries

Elizabeth Russell

Elizabeth Russell, 74, of Carmel, formerly of Putnam Valley, died on June 10, at Westchester Medical Center. Elizabeth was born on November 6, 1942 to Anton and Alwine Fromme in Kassel, Germany. Before she retired, she was an Event Planner for Four Winds Hospital in Coss River. In her spare time, Elizabeth was a garden enthusiast and loved her orchids! Yet, what she loved most of all were spending time and playing with her grandchildren; who were her pride and joy! She is survived by her two loving children; Michael Russell and Heather Brandon, six cherished grandchildren; Brianna, Sage, Makayla, Nathaniel, Lucah and Wyatt, all of whom she adored and each grandchild held a special place in her heart.

Mariejo O'Halloran

Mariejo O'Halloran, 85, of Mahopac died on Sunday June 11. She was born on July 12 1931 to the late Salvatore and Mary Nuzzo. Mariejo was predeceased by her devoted husband James O'Halloran, Eldest son James Robert O'Halloran and Older sister Elvira Dibullo. "Nanny" is survived by her loving children and grandchildren, Randy O'Halloran, Kendra Sparozic, SallyJo O'Halloran, Jayme Rodriguez, James O'Halloran, Conner O'Halloran and Christopher O'Halloran. Nanny provided a beautiful example and inspiration to everyone as a loving and loyal daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and a true friend to all that knew her.

Elizabeth Maxwell

Elizabeth Ann Maxwell, known by all as Betty, died peacefully at home with her family by her side on June 15. She was 82 years old. Betty was born on December 5, 1934 in the Bronx, daughter to the late Joseph and Marion (Mutz) Hyland. She was a high school graduate of Bayport High School and continued her education at Berkeley Secretarial School in New York City. Mrs. Maxwell met the love of her life, William 'Bill' Maxwell when they were neighbors in the Inwood section of Manhattan. They were married on May 13, 1967. On August 22, 1972 they moved to North Salem, where they raised their two daughters. Betty was an administrative assistant at Praxair in Danbury, CT, for about 15 years before retiring in 1998. Prior to working for Praxair she was a secretary to the North Salem Town Supervisor and the secretary to the vice president of BBDO, a large advertising firm in NYC. Mrs. Maxwell was an active parishioner of St. Joseph's Church for 45 years and a devout Catholic. She loved to read mystery and romance novels. Betty's love of Broadway shows and musicals stems from her younger years when she was a member of the Paulist Players at Good Shepherd Church, where she met some of her best friends. Betty enjoyed her time as a volunteer at the North Salem public library. Her greatest passion in life was her family. Betty enjoyed baking and cooking, and hosting holiday dinners with extended family. Betty is survived by her husband of 50 years Bill, and her two daughters; Mary

Kate Mello and her husband Raymond of Newburyport, MA, and Amy Serra and her Husband Anthony of North Salem, her 2 brothers; Robert Hyland of Scotia, and John Hyland of Feeding Hills, MA, and her 4 grandchildren; Max and Lily Mello and Juliet and Peter Serra. She was predeceased by her brother Michael Hyland.

Barbara Ann Cardillo

Barbara Ann Cardillo of Mahopac, and formerly of Yonkers and the Bronx, died on Thursday June 15. She was born in the Bronx on December 24, 1941, the daughter of Joseph and Lillian Glantz Koenig. Survived by her daughters, Dorothy Dadabo and Donna Bruno, her grandchildren Danielle, Christina and Alex and her brother, Robert Koenig and his wife Margaret. Barbara was very devoted to her family and played a tremendous role as the very special mother and grandmother that she was. Always ready for another adventure, or a quiet comforting talk, she was a central part of their lives. She led by example, always showing incredible strength, courage and kindness. Through the years, she took great pride in her work

as a childcare and eldercare provider and was very active in volunteer work as well. Barbara was instrumental as the first volunteer advocate for the disabled in Westchester County. She served as a much needed voice in the community and helped to set up an ongoing program serving many in need. She continued to volunteer, sometimes reading to young children or sight impaired adults, or

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Doc's Note: Pain Relief When All Else Fails

By Dr. Alain C. J. de Lotbinière, CM, FACS, FRCS, Medical Director of the Cancer Treatment & Wellness Center and Co-Medical Director of the Gamma Knife Center, Northern Westchester Hospital (NWH).

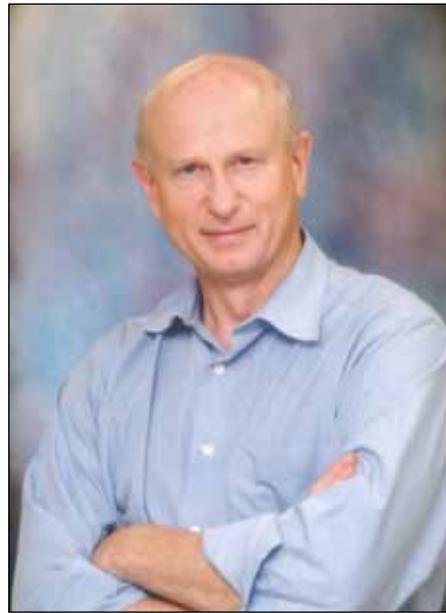
If you or someone you love suffers from chronic severe pain and no methods have brought relief, you need to know about a surgical procedure that can significantly reduce or even eliminate pain. Here, I inform you about spinal cord stimulation for chronic pain. The procedure could change your life. The Spinal Cord Highway — Where's the Pain-Free Exit?

The spinal cord is the highway for nerve impulses that connect your brain to your limbs and organs. Pain pathways travel in specific locations within the spinal cord. Based on knowledge that the spinal cord can, under certain conditions, turn off the pain signals, medical research has developed ways of influencing the transmission of pain impulses passing through it.

Since the first crude stimulator implant of the early 1970s, highly sophisticated computerized batteries have been developed that deliver individualized electrical impulses to the spinal cord. Today's stimulator implant, which is similar to a pacemaker, can eliminate or significantly reduce chronic pain unresponsive to other approaches.

Medication-Resistant Pain?

Typical candidates are in chronic pain due to a variety of reasons: There can be structural problems, such as a herniated disc, or patients may have undergone



Dr. Alain C. J. de Lotbinière

several spine surgeries. Most patients referred for spinal cord stimulation are managed by a chronic pain specialist. Frequently they have tried a host of medicines, including narcotics, but over time, their pain has become increasingly resistant to medications. Many have undergone physical therapy treatments, weight reduction programs and a variety of alternative medicine treatments such as acupuncture.

Understandably these people are desperate. They have run out of other options. As part of my consultation, I perform a psychological assessment, since people who are emotionally distraught or

depressed because of pain can develop a psychosomatic condition of chronic pain, which responds best to psychiatric care.

Gearing up for Pain Reduction

Step one is a trial typically performed by a pain management doctor, which establishes the correct place for the stimulator implant. Guided by x-ray, an electrode is placed in the spinal canal. The patient is brought into a state of light sedation in order to provide feedback as to placement. By continuously asking whether the tingling the patient feels as stimulation is increased matches the area of the pain, the doctor finds the sweet spot where the electrode must be placed.

Once the electrode is correctly placed, the patient is sent home to monitor its effect. If pain is reduced by 50 percent or more, the trial is a success and the patient is now a candidate for permanent placement of a simulator. I perform this second procedure, which takes about an hour and usually involves an overnight stay in the hospital. Post-surgery, the stimulator is individually programmed, and over the course of several sessions with me, it is increasingly fine-tuned to provide the greatest pain reduction. I tell patients that from now on, you must look at yourself as a violin. You must keep yourself tuned up.

Special safety measures are taken during the procedure to avoid damage to the spinal cord. We are introducing an object into a relatively tight space and need to be sure it is not impinging on the cord. In addition, extra steps are taken to

reduce the chance of infection due to the insertion of a foreign object into the body.

The Results Are In...

Patients have different responses, with most people enjoying pain relief. For some, the implant is a godsend, a miracle – eliminating virtually all pain. In others, pain is reduced by 50 percent. Yet others have good initial results, but grow resistant to the stimulator. Then either it must be reprogrammed for greater precision or they go on a stimulation “holiday” in which the implant is turned off for a time, then turned back on, in the hope of renewed effectiveness. For a minority, the procedure is a failure. The battery life in today's implants lasts for about ten years.

I remember a patient in his 40s, who went to Las Vegas with his wife for a vacation. He was standing on line at the buffet, when suddenly, one of the trays with a burner to keep the food hot exploded, scalding his arm. The man developed complex regional pain syndrome, which is an aberrant response to injury (most common in women) in which even after an injury resolves, pain radiates from the area to other parts of the body, all becoming so painful that these areas can't be touched. In this case, the man's entire arm remained so intensely painful, it couldn't be touched, and had to be kept covered to protect it from contact. Nothing provided relief until the insertion of a spinal cord stimulator. Then the pain subsided and the patient regained use of his hand. He is now doing very well.

Law Book: The Proper Way to Leave Assets to Your Children

By Salvatore Di Costanzo

Leaving assets to your children gives rise to many considerations. For instance, if the child is a minor, you do not want assets passing to that minor child outright. Even if the child is not a minor, there is a widely accepted sentiment that most children should not take total possession and control of an inheritance until they are somewhat more mature in age. To address these issues, inheritances will often be held in trust until the child reaches a certain age.

A typical trust under these circumstances provides that the child's inheritance will be maintained in trust and distributed in staggered amounts, for instance, one-half upon the child attaining 25 years of age and the balance at 30. You can tailor these distributions to your liking. During the term of the trust, the trustee can distribute the assets of the trust to or for the benefit of the child for any reason, in the discretion of the trustee. Often a close family member will serve as trustee of the trust.

The trust described above is very common, but does not address other concerns that are becoming more and



Salvatore Di Costanzo

more prevalent in today's society such as divorce, debt and lawsuits. Since the assets of the trust must be distributed to

the beneficiary upon attaining certain ages, the assets will become exposed to the beneficiary's creditors regardless of the child's maturity once the assets are distributed. Thus, there is a risk that that your estate may be lost to your child's divorcing spouse or other creditors. The solution, and more thorough planning technique, is to create a trust for the lifetime of your child where the child has a certain degree of control over the trust. This is commonly referred to as beneficiary controlled trust.

A beneficiary controlled trust allows you to “control from the grave”. In a beneficiary controlled trust, the beneficiary is also the trustee of the trust. The trustee/beneficiary can have the power to distribute the assets of the trust to herself for her health, maintenance, education or support. There is a co-trustee who is independent, with the power to access the trust for your child's benefit above and beyond your child's health, maintenance, education and support. Your child will have the power to remove and replace the co-trustee if they do not get along. Upon the child's death, the trust can continue for your grandchildren

under similar terms and conditions thereby continuing the benefits.

By maintaining the assets in trust under the beneficiary controlled trust scenario, you provide your child with a certain degree of access and control over their inheritance while also sheltering the assets from your child's creditors. In a typical marriage, a child will receive an inheritance and co-mingle those assets with their marital assets. Once that happens, the assets are subject to division in a divorce proceeding. If the assets are held in a beneficiary controlled trust, this is avoided. Moreover, the assets of the beneficiary controlled trust cannot be reached by other creditor types.

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When Color Can Mean More Money When Selling Your House

It was in the same week that my wife looked up from the lifestyles section of the newspaper and asked, "Did you know that green is the most soothing color to paint a room?" that my painter Joe Pascarelli had visited my home and said, "This place needs some color!"

At first, I had to disagree with Joe's assessment, but then I started thinking about the possibility of a pale green for the bedroom.

Just as all the apartments I ever rented in New York City were invariably painted an off-white, my current living environment, a condo with two bedrooms and an office, is one color – off-white – and I intended to keep it that way. This unicolor approach expands the space and serves as a backdrop for all the paintings and prints assembled from a lifetime of collecting.

But earlier in the month, a study about color done by Zillow blew me away. It demonstrated how a fresh coat of paint in the right color – inside or out – may help sell a home for more money.

According to the analysis, homes



By Bill Primavera

with walls painted in shades of blue or light gray may sell for as much as a \$5,400 premium. If you are about to sell your home, that certainly is something to think about.

As a realtor, I've always been instructed to advise seller clients to neutralize colors as much as possible, but now I'm not so sure. For instance, if your bathroom is currently painted anything but blue, think again. Homes with blue bathrooms, often found in hues of powder blue or light periwinkle, sold for \$5,440 more than expected, the highest sales premium of

all colors analyzed.

Zillow's 2017 Paint Color Analysis looked at more than 32,000 photos from homes sold around the country to see how certain paint colors impacted their sale price on average, when compared to similar homes with white walls.

A home's exterior color may also have an impact on its sale price. Homes painted in "greige," a mix of light gray and beige, sold for \$3,496 more than similar homes painted in a medium brown or with tan stucco. The colonial home I

sold recently was painted "greige" for more than 40 years, but I have no way of calculating how its color might have influenced the final sale price. Because the last paint job was such a good one, it lasted for more than 15 years. During that time, the color had oxidized to the point where it appeared to be a pale green. For all we know, that may have had a negative effect on the sales price.

For a pop of color, homes with front doors painted in shades of dark navy blue to slate gray sold for \$1,514 more. Readers of this column would know that for years I've been advocating for use of burgundy on front doors, based on feng shui considerations. So who or what are you going to believe?

Some colors may actually deter buyers. According to the study, homes with darker, more style-specific walls like terracotta dining rooms sold for \$2,031 less than expected. However, a lack of color may have the biggest negative impact as homes with white bathrooms sold for an average of \$4,035 below similar homes.

A totally contemporary home that I sold some years ago had a wonderful flow from living room to dining room with one pinkish off-white color that gave the space a very open feel. When

the new owners moved in, they closed in and separated that space with a very intense gold in the living room and a burgundy in the dining room. It was especially claustrophobic because the dining room had a wood paneled ceiling. It was clearly a case where color alone transformed the environment negatively.

In the Zillow article, Svenja Gudell, the service's chief economist, said, "Color can be a powerful tool for attracting buyers to a home, especially in listing photos and videos. Painting walls in fresh, natural-looking colors, particularly in shades of blue and pale gray, not only make a home feel larger, but also are neutral enough to help future buyers envision themselves living in the space."

Fresh paint definitely helps a home sell faster, but why not choose the "right" colors to make it sell for more?

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United States Bucking the Declining World Alcohol Consumption Trend



By Nick Antonaccio

We live in a world of constant change.

We live in a world of constant effort to validate the latest definition of the term "news."

We live in a world of tumultuous business plans and evolving business

paradigms.

And we live in a world of constant trendsetting.

This week I'd like to focus on the last point above. Not because I choose not to address the other shifting paradigms noted above, but because it is a topic I feel most comfortable

relating to the world of wine and spirits. Trendsetting is no less dynamic than any of the other above considerations, yet it is more reasonably quantifiable in my sphere of writing this wine-centric column.

So, herewith my topic this week.

There are sea changes evolving in the consumption of wine and spirits. Trends, patterns and demographics are constantly in a state of flux, but the last

few years have identified a significant change in the drinking habits of the world and, in particular, the United States.

In my weekly research, I came across a report by a wine and spirits research firm, IWSR, that tracks the sales of alcoholic beverages across world markets. In its recently released 2016 annual report, they found that the world is drinking less alcohol, and at an ever-increasing rate.

The global market for alcoholic drinks shrank by 1.3 percent, compared with an average decline of just 0.3 percent the previous five years.

Some of you may be surprised by this report. There is a growing perception that alcohol consumption – and its negative side effects – are on the rise. Likewise, a number of you may be disappointed: there is growing perception that alcohol consumption, specifically wine consumption, is on the rise for the medicinal benefits wine confers on our immune systems.

Let's drill down into the major categories analyzed: beer, spirits and wine.

Beer sales worldwide are down 1.8 percent, triple the rate of the last five years. Leading the decline is Russia,

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down nearly 8 percent. Beer continues to be the most popular alcoholic beverage, accounting for 75 percent of all alcohol sales worldwide.

Spirits sales are led by vodka, which declined by 4.3 percent. As with

reduced beer sales, Russia led the pack with a startling 9.3 percent decline, yet it remains the largest market for vodka sales. Overall, spirit sales were led by gains in gin, tequila and whisky, contributing to a slight increase in year over year worldwide sales.

Wine sales were basically flat, with a 0.1 percent decline worldwide. But when I drilled down, I found that sparkling wine sales increased by 1.8 percent, while all other wine sales (the dominant portion of the wine market) declined by 0.5 percent.

With these global statistics as a benchmark, let's measure the state of alcohol sales in the United States.

Overall alcohol sales fared much better than on the global front, with a statistically minor drop of 0.1 percent. Why did the United States market fare so much better than the global market? Let's drill down into the major categories again.

Beer sales were an anomaly. Overall, sales declined 1.5 percent. This was largely attributed to the top domestic brands, notably Bud Light. The imported

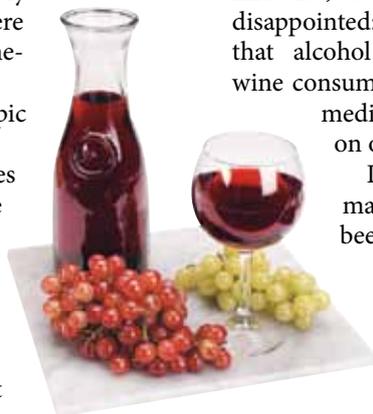
beer segment increased by a whopping 6 percent, led by Mexico's Corona brands.

Spirits sales rose 2.6 percent. This strong presence in the United States market was attributable to the growing popularity of whisky (up 6.4 percent), be it blended or single, rye or corn mash. Vodka continues its growth track, up by 2.3 percent, led by Tito's and New Amsterdam. But keep an eye on tequila's growth (7.4 percent) and Cognac's resurgence (18.8 percent growth).

Wine sales achieved their 22nd consecutive year of growth (1.7 percent). The most significant growth component was sparkling wines (7.2 percent); still wines increased by 1.1 percent. Wines priced at \$10 and up experienced sales growth of a whopping 7.2 percent.

The world's citizens are curbing their alcohol consumption, while Americans continue their post-recession irrational exuberance. Is this a sign of the economic and political anomaly the United States is experiencing compared to many other countries? Only time will tell.

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The Country-Living Auction Returns to the 4-H Fair

The Putnam County 4-H Fair will celebrate its 46th Annual event Friday – Sunday, July 28 – 30 at the Veterans Memorial Park, 201 Gypsy Trail Road, Carmel. As always there is free parking and free admission. One of the highlights of the weekend, sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension, is the 'Country Living Auction'. The Auction is one way that anyone interested can participate in the Fair either by contributing or perhaps by bidding on a donated item. If it's the time of year when you are cleaning out or just trading up why not donate to the Auction? We are looking for new and nearly new lawn, garden, patio, recreation and outdoor items to sell at the live auction during the Fair on Saturday July 29th at 2 p.m. Donations are tax deductible and, to the extent possible, arrangements can be made to pick up items in Putnam, Northern Westchester & Southern Dutchess Counties. Some examples of the types of items that would fit into the 'Country Auction' theme are:

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- birdfeeder
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Movies This Summer:

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Music: The Brewster Public Library will have a special music program for preschoolers on Fridays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. "Lend me Your

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about any of these storytimes call 845-279-6421 or visit www.brewsterlibrary.org.

Tuesday, June 20

Smartphone Photography: Kent Library 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Class will be taught by Sergio and Chris, from our Tech Help program. Participants will learn how to take great pictures using their iOS or Android smartphones. Participants will also learn how to keep track of their photos with ease by using online services. Who can attend? Everyday people who want to learn how to bring light to their photos by using advanced features such as HDR and filters. What do you need to bring? Participants will need to provide their own iOS or Android smartphone to follow along. Registration Required. You may register for the program by going to www.kentlibrary.org or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

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contributing her time to Putnam Hospital Center and most recently, as a volunteer dancer at the Koehler Senior Center, entertaining residents at local nursing homes. Affectionately known to many as "Little Barbara", she loved having fun with family and friends, baking up a new batch of cookies to share with all and exploring new places and new things. Always quick with a smile and a kind word, Barbara has touched many hearts and will be very fondly remembered.

Walter E. Wagner

Walter E. Wagner of Mahopac, died on Friday June 16, at the age of 84. He was born in the Bronx on August 2, 1932, the son of Emil and Dorothy Doll Wagner. Walter earned his Associates Degree at Westchester Community College. He served our country in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

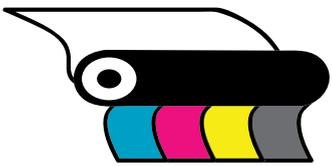
Following retirement in 1988 from AT&T in White Plains where he worked as a communications supervisor, he worked for the Mahopac Central School District as a school bus driver. On September 1, 1956 he married Evelyn B. Knopp at St. Francis of Rome Church in the Bronx. In addition to Evelyn, he is survived by his son Glenn of Brookfield, CT, his daughters Barbara DeFeo and her husband Robert of Yorktown Heights, NY, Diane Alexander and her husband Richard of Mt. Kisco, NY and Suzanne Wagner of Jefferson Valley, NY. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Danielle, Derek, Kristin, Kyle and Katherine and his great grandson, Hunter. Visiting will be held on Wednesday June 21, from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. at Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday June 22 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with interment to follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Yonkers.

Prevention Council of Putnam Looks to Curb Underage Gambling

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just one strategy that will, alone, prevent underage gambling. A variety of strategies targeted at all levels of impact is the only effective way to prevent and de-normalize underage gambling. If you, or your child, would like to learn more about YOU(th) Decide, or would like to get involved, please contact : Juliette Doyle, 845-225-4646.

The New York Council on Problem Gambling is a not-for-profit independent corporation dedicated to increasing public awareness about problem and compulsive gambling and advocating for support services and treatment for persons adversely affected by gambling. The Council maintains a neutral stance on gambling and is governed by a Board of Directors. Find out more at [You\(th\)decide.org](http://You(th)decide.org)



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SPORTS SECTION

When Pigs Fly!

Iron Pigs Upset Once-Unbeaten Storm, 5-0



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Mahopac Iron Pigs players -- Sierra Perillo (1 run), Matt Riley (who crushed a run-scoring triple) and Daniel Robinson (pitched a scoreless sixth) -- revel in the spirit of their 5-0 upset of the previously undefeated Storm (12-1) in the finals of the MSA Pony League last Saturday at Jimmy McDonough Memorial Field.

All Putnam/NWE Boys' Lax Team Named

By Ray Gallagher, Examiner Sports Editor

PLAYER OF YEAR



Yorktown senior All-American Jose Boyer, the NWE-Putnam Player of the Year.

MVP



Yorktown senior All-American Kyle Casey, the NWE-Putnam Examiner MVP.

ATTACK

SEAN MAKAR, Lakeland:

Recently-minted All-American and Binghamton-bound senior finished the regular season with 43 goals and 35 assists and led the Rebels to their third section title in four years, and second state Final 4 in a row.

JAMISON EMBURY, Yorktown: Marist-bound, All-Section junior scored 51 goals and added 32 assists and returns as the fittest fiddle on Yorktown's attack unit next season.

JUSTIN CAVALLO, Yorktown:

All-Section, Albany-bound senior was dang near unstoppable in the Huskers' 40th Section 1 championship (5G vs. John Jay) and finished with 44 goals and 13 assists this year.

JO JO JANAVEY, Lakeland: All he does is score goals and set them up, 127 career tallies and 41 assists for the All-Section junior, including pair of goals in the final minute of the regional final to lift Rebels to a 10-9 win over Shaker and into the NYS Class A final four.

GOALIE

KEVIN DYCKMAN,

Walter Panas:

Clarkson-bound, two-time All-Section netminder was as big a reason as any why the Rebels produced back-to-back Section 1 titles for just the 3rd time ever.

FOGO

ANTHONY ALTIMARI, Yorktown:

Delaware-bound All-Section senior won nearly 70% of his draws this season, providing possession to the most lethal offense in Section 1.

MIDFIELD

JACK GUIDA, Brewster:

All-Section Siena-bound senior woulda, coulda, shoulda been a star on a team like Yorktown had he more help around him, but make no mistake: Guida ranks among the all-time Bear greats in lax and football.

HUNTER EMBURY, Yorktown:

All-Section Marist-commit went for 41 goals and 12 assists, utilizing great speed to dominate at both ends of the field. Returns as one of most complete players in Section 1.

KYLE CASEY, Yorktown:

Mr. Clutch was unstoppable at times. The Albany-bound All-American produced 37 goals and 41 assists, including 5G in regional championship win over Nisky and scored at least one point in every game this season.

LONG STICK MIDDIE

BRANDON MEYRELES,

Yorktown:

St. Joseph's-bound All-Section junior will attempt to fill Jose Boyer's shoes next spring and rolls with Brett Makar and Cornell-bound Chris Perrino to form a dirty defensive trio.

GRIF SHILAND, Lakeland:

Speedy Salisbury-bound All-Section senior was a wonder to watch while going coast to coast to score as often as any pole in Rebel history.

HONORABLE MENTION

ANDREW EVANS, Mahopac:

Marist-bound All-Section middie was among the premier faceoff men in Section 1 last two years and primary reason why Mahopac was remotely competitive this season.

DOM CIOFFI, Yorktown:

Injuries and illness plagued his senior campaign, but he still managed to score the game-winning goal in double OT to beat LI power Garden City and send Huskers to state finals.

DEFENSE

JOSE BOYER, Yorktown:

There isn't a skill the Notre Dame-bound pole can't master, expect All-American-type things at next level from this two-time high school A-A.

BRETT MAKAR, Yorktown:

The Maryland-bound junior defenseman is in the mold of former Husker greats, as sure a two-time All-American as Yorktown has ever had and the best returning defender in Section 1.

EVAN KIELTYKA, Somers:

The Lafayette-bound Kieltyka earned All-Section honors while leading a stingy Somers defense, which managed to keep the Tuskers on the tier just below the upper crust of Section 1 this season.



Sports

Mahopac Nation Turns its Eyes to DeMatteo



By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports
Editor

Mahopac High crafted a multi-generation shaping move last Thursday when its Superintendent Dr. Dennis Creedon anointed Dominick DeMatteo as P.E. teacher and leader of its football program, and the BOE appointed him as such behind a 9-0 verdict that wasn't always as sure a thing as it appears.

Make no mistake, there was a vocal minority, who chirped loudly; critical of the move for reasons beyond actual reason. But the will of the people won out, for a change: The greater good prevailed in this instance, and Mahopac, once the upper crust of the Section 1 sports circuit, may have finally turned the corner it's been boxed into the last four-five years.

"The board of education and the community is excited to welcome Coach DeMatteo to the position of head varsity football coach," said Mahopac BOE President Brian Mahoney, who was instrumental to the cause and effect of the process. "However, and more importantly, was Mr. DeMatteo's ability to connect and speak with integrity and experience about teaching physical education to the students of Mahopac. I, personally, was impressed to learn about new initiatives in teaching physical education, which includes the incorporation of both dance and yoga; pedagogical skills that can reach more students than the development and implementation of an X-and-O offense run by our football team."

The communities black eye, bludgeoned by a series of off-field incidents and mishaps stemming from the unfortunate Mount Vernon occurrence back in March of 2014, has been a festering wound for quite some time now. But by approving DeMatteo as its football coach the district seemingly took a step toward rectification, in my opinion.

The 45-year old DeMatteo comes to Mahopac via Nyack High School where he was a teacher, dean and football coach after the district hired him last spring, which was preceded by a successful nine-year stint at Arlington High School. DeMatteo, who has resided in Mahopac for 12 years with his wife Dianne, and their two boys Anthony (12) and DJ (10), replaces Mark Langella, who was not reappointed after a one-year stint on the Indian sideline (the district did not renew his contract after a 3-6 campaign last fall).

"Nyack Superintendent, Dr. James Montesano, Principal, Ms. Nicole Saieva & Athletic Director, Mr. Joe Sigillo, are three of the most dynamic educators I have ever worked with and three of the finest people I have ever met," DeMatteo said. "With

that being said, I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity to serve as an educator in the roles of Physical Education Teacher and Head Football Coach for the Mahopac Central School District. My wife and I have lived in the Mahopac community with our sons for the past 12 years and we are proud community members. I am excited to have the opportunity to serve in the school district that has provided a wonderful teaching and learning atmosphere for our sons, as well as, the community that has embraced our family and where we have many friends and long-standing relationships."

Many of them turned out in force at a Mahopac Board of Education work session on Monday, June 12th to let the board know how they felt about DeMatteo. Each person that spoke presented a clear and present message about the

need to make Mahopac relevant again, and that by approving DeMatteo they would be getting a world class leader with a proven track record. It clearly resonated with the board, which, despite some hemming and hawing, did the right thing.

This isn't intended as a knock on Langella, who served the program as an assistant to former Coach Tom Donahoe, for much of a decade. It's simply a declaration that this particular change in leadership is something of a generational shift that might be felt for years by scores of young men who will follow "The DeMatteo Methodology"; an ideology crafted by his father, Tony, a two-time state champion (Roosevelt in 1996 and Somers in 2016) who is just 30 wins short of becoming the all-time leader in NYS.

DeMatteo is his father's son, make no mistake. Football is life, football is family, and they present a unique recipe that makes the last kid on the roster feel as important as the star of the team. The blueprint essentially requires student athletes to play multiple sports whenever possible, to shun specialization and provide a willing commitment to all the athletic programs within the district. Every player has an important role, a niche on the team. The DeMatteo's stress this.

"Every player, every kid... they all have value," DeMatteo said. "No other coach has influenced my life professionally or personally more than my father. He has laid the foundation, designed the blueprint and willingly shared it with numerous aspiring coaches throughout his 40-plus year career: Not simply as a coach, but as an educator. His game plan has always been, still is today and will always be a game plan for life. One of

the central components of this "game plan for life" is creating an atmosphere that provides student-athletes with the opportunity to develop as students and athletes, but most importantly as productive citizens who live their lives as caring human beings."

DeMatteo made his first big impression on the program just days after being named when he lured Coach Donahoe back to the program, pending BOE approval, as the head freshmen football coach; providing the feeder system with a veteran presence and a logical thinker.

He followed that move by getting former Mahopac and Cortland grad Dan Neilis to sign on as OL/DL coach (pending BOE approval) #Coup.

"We have a significant amount of work ahead of us with the Mahopac program," DeMatteo admitted. "The work has already begun. We have been able to solidify two outstanding candidates to work on our staff pending administrative and board approval. The process has begun and we are very excited about the future here in Mahopac."

While these two moves don't guarantee a thing in terms of wins and losses, it ensure that DeMatteo is committed to making Mahopac great again from within. He wants a staff that bleeds blue and gold; much like Frank Miele did, much like Teddy Georgalas, Gerry Keevins and Joe Corace did when the Indians were the envy of Section 1 before the turn of the century.

Let's have at it!

HOW BOUT THEM RED DEVILS – Yeah, Peekskill made a splash last week, too, naming former Yorktown grad Adam Lodewick to replace legendary Lou Panzanaro as its athletic director. Lodewick, a two-time NYS football champion in 1993-94, is a motivator, and he'll need every ounce of what he has in order to change the culture at Peekskill, which has sort of lost its identity since 2010 on. The girls' basketball program has been the one constant in a sea of uncertainty; despite the fact that it seems to change its coach every year since the release of Rodney Headley Jr. back in 2014. The boys'



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

New Mahopac football Coach Dominick DeMatteo stands before the scoreboard he hopes to light up with points in future years.

hoops program, a statewide juggernaut for decades, is a shell of its former self, leaving the boys without distinctiveness and little relevance to be quite honest.

Lodewick's first order of business will be finding a new girls' hoops coach after an embarrassing display last winter when the Red Devils were eliminated from the playoffs by host Tappan Zee and then went ballistic on one another, parents included. That is not the culture Lodewick will stand for as he bolts from Hastings and makes hay toward Peekskill with the immediate appointment.

"I could not be more excited for this opportunity," said Lodewick, a Yorktown midfielder on the 1993 NYS lax champions. "Peekskill is a tradition-rich community that rallies behind its programs. With my experience, I hope to build on what others have done to help make the programs there as successful as they can be."

Seems to me, Henry Taylor, a Peekskill grad and two-time Section 1 championship boys' coach at Lincoln Hall, who was recently released by John Jay CR, would be the route to go with the Lady Red Devils, who are only a few years removed from having won three sectional titles in four years. It is my understanding that Taylor has thrown his hat into the ring for consideration. The BOE would be nuts to throw it back at him. Taylor will restore law and order and the Lady Red Devils will play hard for him.

The Face of Change

**Mahopac Pins
Its Pigskin
Fortune on
DeMatteo;
Veteran Grid
Coach to Lead
Indians**



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Mahopac resident Dominick DeMatteo was appointed unanimously by the Mahopac High School District last Thursday as Phys. Ed. Teacher and varsity football coach, taking over for former grid Coach Mark Langella. The veteran mentor will take over the reins of the program immediately in an effort to play catch up, as the team is several months behind schedule... see Direct Rays