



Kent Voters to Determine Library's Next Budget

By David Propper

For the first time in its history, the Kent Public Library will seek its funding allotment through voter approval.

Kent Public Library board members and supporters are beginning a petition drive that will place a referendum question on the ballot this November requesting voters in the town decide how much funding the library should receive in hopes of getting more money than what the town board has allotted for its annually.

A petition drive got underway last weekend as library board president Michael Mahoney said the board hopes to collect at least 700 signatures to get on

the ballot for this November. In a recent press release from the library board, it stated while the board has worked hard to contain costs, it is necessary to ask Kent voters for an increase in funding.

In the last 13 years, inflation has risen 22 percent, but the library has only received a funding increase of 1/2 of 1 percent from the town board, according to the press release. The increase in funding, if approved, would require a Kent household with an average home value of \$255,000 to pay about \$6 more yearly, according to the release.

The library currently receives \$527,150 from the town board. They are asking

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Mahopac School Chief Salary Leads to Confusion

By David Propper

The position of school superintendent is about to become more lucrative in the Mahopac school system, but not as pricey as originally thought, as Mahopac voters head to the polls Tuesday to decide whether or not to approve a \$122.6 million budget.

The school chief position, currently held by Anthony DiCarlo, would see a 2 percent increase in annual salary, though with other clauses in his contract he could be paid more than \$10,000 additionally from the previous year. In the budget posted on the school website, DiCarlo's salary was listed this year as \$230,000, but that was simply a typo as he makes \$235,000 yearly.

DiCarlo took over for former superintendent Dr. Dennis Creedon

in the middle of last school year when the school board unanimously and enthusiastically approved his hire. After DiCarlo was brought aboard, Creedon, who left the district early, was still paid his full salary through the end of June, as well.

DiCarlo, who came from the New Rochelle school system, has a contract that lasts five years. He's lived in Mahopac for more than 20 years.

There has been some confusion in the community and on social media about how much of an increase DiCarlo was actually going to earn next year. Numbers displayed indicated it could've been as much as \$22,000, but that is not the case.

Mahopac school board president Leslie Mancuso said the school board could've

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Mahopac Falls FD Never Stops



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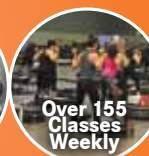
The Mahopac Falls Fire Department and various emergency service personnel had a busy end to the week with two major accidents on roadways last week. At 2:28pm on Friday, the Falls fire department, Emergency Medical Services and Fire Police were dispatched, along with EMStar paramedics and multiple Putnam County Sheriff's units already on the scene at Baldwin Place Road at the entrance of Mahopac High School when a car collided with a school bus resulting in injuries. Chief Brian Sacher arrived on the scene and assumed Incident Command, while Lieutenant Loprieno took charge of Operations and Firefighter Jason Stasiak coordinated students to be checked by the school nurse. Fire Police and school administrators closed Baldwin Place Rd. at Muscote Drive while School Resource Officer Paul Maglietta, and Deputy Dallo, took charge of traffic heading toward the high school. School Superintendent Anthony DiCarlo arrived on the scene, as did Assistant Transportation Superintendent Steve Troost to coordinate and mobilize resources and people, if needed. Twenty-four people, including the driver from the bus were brought to the high school nurse for evaluation. All were triaged, treated and released while the four occupants of the car were transported to a local hospital. Then later in the day, the Falls fire department, EMS and Heavy Rescue and Fire Police were dispatched to a serious car accident that resulted in a rollover along 124 West Lake Blvd. Chief Sacher took Incident Command for the second time in six hours as Capt. Chris Tompkins handled Operations. Damage to three properties along the lake road was apparent and units realized that they may be in for severe trauma of the patients as the road was closed down. The lone occupant was out of the vehicle and stable and transported to the hospital.



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voters to provide them with \$566,686 for their next fiscal year.

Mahoney, in an interview, said the funding increase would be vital to continue to improve and maintain programs and services within the library. This is the first time the library board is putting forth a funding proposition, also known as a Chapter 414, to voters in town, he confirmed.

"We're starting to see in order to be sustainable we're seeking a direct vote from the people of Kent," Mahoney said.

Mahoney said while the town board has been supportive of the library, they haven't doled out the increases the library board believes is necessary. The library board has considered not increasing programs or materials because of lack of funding, which Mahoney said is "not a good place for the library to be."

"And we're not asking for a tremendous amount more, it's just if we continue at a level rate while inflation rises we're actually losing purchasing power," he said.

Mahoney noted the library has been a vital community resource with about



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The Kent Library hopes to receive more funding the next fiscal year.

295 visitors every day and about 1,200 programs were offered to various ages in the town. Last year, 490 new patrons received library cards, he added.

Patrons save \$1.4 million yearly, Mahoney said by using the Kent library.

In order to get the support to pass the referendum, Mahoney said he hopes all the services provided and work done by the library staff daily will be the best selling point. Since the petition drive began, people have been "very supportive," Mahoney said.

While most people can agree libraries

are vital centers of the community, there is a question how much money should be allotted toward them. The Putnam Valley library board attempted to increase funding through voter approval, but it was rejected by town residents a couple years ago.

Kent Councilman Paul Denbaum, who has been part of a town board that has determined the library's budget the past several years, said he is generally opposed to any tax increase on town residents. He said he believes the library should consider cost cutting before seeking more money through voters.

Citing a possible cost cutting measure, recently he said the library hosted a Game of Thrones viewing party, which he thought was unnecessary and a waste of funds.

"The library should get back to the basics of providing free reading materials and a place to learn for our children and the elderly," Denbaum said. "If they did that, they wouldn't need to raise taxes at all."

Library director Carol Donick said while the increase is modest, the additional funding would be important.

"So many things have gone up in costs that we had to cut back year by year and that would reverse that trend," Donick said.

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Police, First Responders Honored in Carmel

By Neal Rentz

Putnam County police and first responders were honored on May 19 in Carmel.

The "Law Enforcement & First Responders Appreciation Day" was held at Mount Carmel Baptist Church.

Pastor Andrew Columbia noted he is a former New York City police officer who worked in the 9th Precinct on the Lower East Side of Manhattan in the 1980's and 1990's. "My heart goes out to those who are called to protect and serve," Columbia said.

Columbia introduced retired New York City police officer Tim Maurer as his former partner and best friend. "He was there for me when I needed help," Columbia said "We've been together ever since."

Maurer said he and Columbia "had quite a time on the Lower East Side" when they were police officers. "Here we are today still thanking God." Maurer sang "God Bless America" and other songs while performing on his guitar.

Maurer led attendees in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Part of his duties as a police officer was singing the National Anthem at West Point, throughout New York City and other venues, Maurer said.

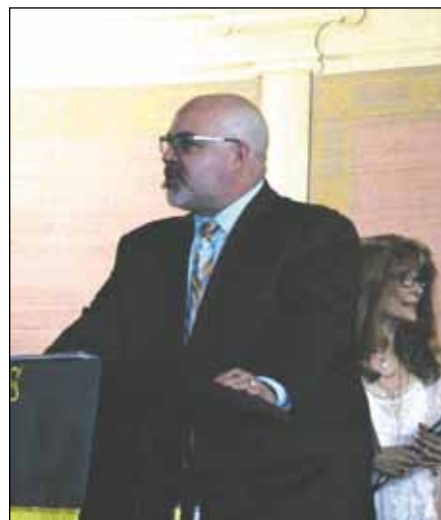
A moment that stood out for him was during the Christmas season of 2014, Maurer said. "I'd been retired for almost



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Several police officers and first responders from Putnam County were honored on May 19 at Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Carmel.

13 years," he said. "Little did I know that in retirement I would have so much involvement to this day with the police department." On December 20, 2014, Det. Rafael Ramos and his partner, Det. Wen Jun Liu, were killed in their police patrol car. As it states on the Det. Rafael Ramos Foundation website, they were killed "simply because they were police officers."

Maurer said he is a member of the board



Mount Carmel Baptist Church pastor Andrew Columbia was among those who participated in the "Law Enforcement & First Responders Appreciation Day."

of the Detective Rafael Ramos Foundation, which is a non-profit organization. "The mission of the foundation is to raise awareness as it pertains to the dangers faced by law enforcement officers, while also helping to support the families that experience the tragedy of losing a family member in the law enforcement profession," the foundation's Website stated. "The foundation also desires to develop a positive relationship between

our communities and the law enforcement officers who work in them on a regular basis."

During the service for Ramos, which was attended by dignitaries such as Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Vice President Joe Biden 15 years ago, Maurer said he sang "Amazing Grace" and he sang the song at the May 19 program. "As tragic as it was" Maurer said singing "Amazing Grace" at the service for Ramos was one of the "most honorable" moments of his life.

Child parishioners of the church, as well as members of the church's board, passed out certificates of appreciation to the several police officers and first responders who attended the program. The first responders and police officers were also given gift bags.

The guest speaker was Det. Sgt. Stephen Parker, who works in the Charlotte, NC area as a gang officer, is a member of FBI's Safe Streets Task Force, as well as teacher of law enforcement courses on youth delinquency and violent crime. Parker also teaches courses in Christian doctrine in his spare time.

Parker quoted Alexis de Tocqueville who wrote "I saw the greatness and genius of America" in the churches of America. Parker noted that de Tocqueville also wrote, "America is great because she is good and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great."

Putnam Nears Becoming Climate Smart Community

By David Propper

Taking a step toward becoming a Climate Smart Community, Putnam County lawmakers moved a resolution forward last Thursday meant to combat climate change and implement more environmentally practices within the county.

The legislature's economic development committee voted to move the measure to the full legislature meeting next month where it is expected most lawmakers will sign on with the pledge. By taking the pledge offered by the New York State Department of Environmental

Conservation, the county would need to commit to ten points laid out by the state agency. Some of those points include shifting to renewable energy, decreasing energy use, implementing a climate smart land use, improving community resilience to climate change, supporting a green innovation economy and informing and inspiring the public about the issue.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, who brought the idea forward earlier this year, said if this is voted through in June, there would still be time to apply for CFA grants, which the county would

be eligible for if lawmakers take the pledge. Legislator Ginny Nacerino, who unsuccessfully brought the pledge up two years ago, said this initiative would help the environment and was the right thing to do.

Legislator and economic development committee chairwoman Amy Sayegh said the county has undertaken numerous environmentally sound practices by implementing energy efficient fixtures and equipment. Recent examples were the upgrade of the hot water system and HVAC system at the sheriff's office and correctional facility and new LED

lighting at different county properties. Another project the county is working on has environmentally friendly fixtures included, she said.

One concern with taking the pledge would be overburdening county departments and duplicitous actions, Sayegh, who still voted to pass the resolution to the full meeting, said.

A task force would need to be formed once the resolution is passed. Currently, Philipstown is the only municipality to take the Climate Smart Community Pledge in Putnam.



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Putnam's EDC in Flux As Board Pursues New Leader

By David Propper

Without a leader at the top for the last six months, the Putnam County Economic Development Corporation is looking to rebuild its presence in the region and secure a new president in the near future.

Since former president Jill Varricchio stepped down in December, the board has been working to find a suitable replacement that would reenergize the corporation meant to draw businesses into the county. At times, that search stalled because the county pondered bringing in a project coordinator that would work with planning commissioner Sandra Fusco, EDC board chairman Richard Weiss said and would have similar responsibilities to a new EDC president.

Weiss talked about the issues facing the EDC during a economic development committee meeting of the county Legislature last Thursday.

"We're challenged a little bit because of the issues that occurred the last four months in terms of the resignation but we're moving forward," Weiss, who owns Weiss Financial Group, said.

Weiss said the EDC needs to have a

closer working relationship with the county executive's office and the planning department, which has been lacking.

The board wants to "really get us back in the right direction and reestablish a relationship that was missing with the county." That lack of the relationship is in part why Varricchio resigned, Weiss said in passing. She was paid through January as part of a severance agreement.

Weiss said he's been working with Bill Nulk of the Industrial Development Agency and the EDC board has been able to retain an administrative assistant on staff who has kept the office in place so the public can still reach out to the corporation.

Weiss, who has been on the board for three years, said the hope is to hire an interim part-time president who could be the "face" of the organization. While Weiss could not reveal his name, he said the person the board is eyeing has a track record of working within the Putnam community and is familiar with the dynamics in the county.

"So we're excited about the opportunity," he said, adding there is a possibility of having the prospective candidate join full-time. The position would be part-



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Richard Weiss is the chairman of Putnam County's Economic Development Corporation.

time until a decision is made by the county whether or not to pursue a project coordinator.

Legislator Neal Sullivan said the EDC is an important part of the county because it's an engine that attracts businesses to come to Putnam. Once a new president is picked by the EDC board, the legislature would need to confirm him, Sullivan noted.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery said

the county has missed out on business opportunities since the departure of Varricchio, including a major one that would have been based in Philipstown. Weiss said there were other issues with that Philipstown project resulting in it falling through besides the lack of a president.

An attorney from the county law office, Anna Diaz, said the funding agreement currently in place between the county and EDC could be amended once a part-time president is hired that would result in smaller payments to the corporation. There is also hope from Weiss and the board to work with county employees to pursue various grants.

Weiss said Varricchio did a good job of bringing many people together and making the EDC better known in the community. The EDC has been hamstrung by insufficient funding that would go toward projects despite running a couple of networking meetings meant to raise money, Weiss pointed out.

"The efforts are great, but they're not going into the projects," Montgomery said. "If we could, let's find a way to put these efforts into the projects themselves that exists."

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done a better job explaining the year-to-year numbers shown in the budget that wrongly indicated DiCarlo's salary going from \$230,000 to \$252,093.

While the 2019-2020 budget line originally included a 3 percent salary increase, the board ended up voting to approve a 2 percent increase, Mancuso said.

The budget also includes two fringe benefits, Mancuso said, that are stipulated in the school chief's contract. One of those benefits is for a welfare fund or cash equivalent, which was under the superintendent's contract for 2018-2019 but was incorrectly not included in the budget line, Mancuso said. That amounts to about \$5,000. The other benefit, which is new this year, allows DiCarlo to cash in on up to five of his unused vacation days that are a value of about \$5,000, Mancuso said.

Not including those benefits, DiCarlo would be getting about a \$7,000 pay bump in salary alone.

Mahopac resident Bernadette Martin, who started the conversation of DiCarlo's pay increase on Facebook earlier this month and posted information directly from the district that gave the appearance of a \$22,000 pay spike, said she still thought any increase was unnecessary.

She questioned if academic statistics had vastly improved that would justify a salary increase for the head of the district.

"I don't think you can find a single person in Putnam County who's getting a \$7,000 raise this year," Martin, who noted she had nothing against DiCarlo personally, said. "Any increase at all is unwarranted and unreasonable."

Other school superintendents made comparable salaries in Putnam County. In Putnam Valley, current deputy superintendent Jeremy Luft will make \$235,000 in his first year as head of the district when he replaces Dr. Fran Wills next school year. Incoming school chief Laurie Bandlow will make 225,000 (current Brewster superintendent Dr. Valerie Henning earned \$236,325 this year) and in Carmel, Andy Irvin receives \$220,000.

Mahopac resident Robert Buckley said when he first became aware of the large increase, he didn't believe it was accurate. Once he did some research, he realized it was not a \$22,000 raise, but mostly benefit items that were moving from one line item to another.

The school chief salary is in line with what most school leaders make in the region, Buckley said.

"It's a common practice in the civil

service world," he said of the added benefits like cashing in on vacation days. "Unfortunately a lot of people in the private sector, they're not used to the

practices that go on in the world of being a civil service employee and that's where you get your controversy."

Longtime Friends to Play for Mount Saint Vincent Lax



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Mahopac High School seniors, Colleen MacNeil and Ashley Teal each signed a letter of commitment on Friday, May 3, to play women's lacrosse as student athletes for the 2019-2020 academic year at the College of Mount Saint Vincent in the Bronx.



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Obituaries

William H. Neyen

On the 12th of May, William H. Neyen, lovingly known as Bill, went to the loving, open arms of his wife Margaret at the age of 89. Bill, of New Fairfield, Ct. and formerly Carmel, was born on March 10, 1930 in the Bronx to Harry and Gertrude (Novak) Neyen. Bill proudly served his country in the Korean War and earned the Korean Service medal, with 2 Bronze Service Stars and the United Nations Service Medal. He traveled the U.S. playing the sport he loved so much, Baseball. He played first base in Triple A for the Detroit Tigers. Bill returned home and went on to marry Margaret A. Healy, also of the Bronx. They were blessed with a son and two daughters, Katherine and Laura. After 25 years of working the night shift as a printer for Thomas Publishing in NYC, Bill retired. Bill and Margaret retired to Selbyville, Delaware to frolic on the beach and play with their grandchildren! His greatest loves were and always will be his wife, children and grandchildren. His second love was sports. If he wasn't playing them, he was coaching them! From coaching on many chilly mornings at The Oval in the Bronx to coaching his daughter Laura in her basketball league at St. Denis Elementary School in Yonkers. Margaret was by his side every step of the way, going to the ball fields and either cheering him on or providing fruit and water to the players. Bill loved sports so much that even in retirement, he continued to play. In retirement Bill played on the Senior Softball league in Delaware, was a member of a few bowling teams and played basketball at the local gym. When he had an off day (which wasn't very often) from sports, he would go to the gym and swim laps to keep himself loose and ready to play! His softball team even won the Senior Softball Championships that his daughters proudly watched from the sidelines! Bill was also a life-long fan of the New York Yankees and NY Giants. Bill is survived by, and was a loving father to Katherine Margaret Gannon and Laura Neyen Geoghegan, and a devoted Poppy ("Oppy") to Daniel Thomas lovingly known as his Danny Boy, Kaitlan Margaret lovingly known as his

Queen, Robert William lovingly known as his RobWillie, Margaret Rose lovingly known as his Princess, Kelli-Margaret and Benjamin William. He was pre-deceased by his sister Francis (Tom) and survived by brother Robert (Evelyn), sister, Margaret Foudy and brother James (Dianne).

Mary Ann Brady

Mary Ann Brady, age 83, of Carmel, died peacefully on May 12, surrounded by her loving family. Mary Ann was born on January 29, 1936 to the late Bridget (Smith) and Thomas Donohoe in Ireland. Born into a loving traditional Irish-Catholic home it was one full of love, laughter and God. She would go on to marry the love of her life Michael and together they would be blessed with five children Michael Joseph Jr., James, Kathleen, Thomas and Sean. Mrs. Brady dedicated her whole life to her family and those she loved. She was a woman who always gave more than she ever took and someone who loved those around her unconditionally. Mary Ann was proud of her Irish heritage and always kept Ireland close to her heart, although she was equally proud to be an American and loved all the opportunities it granted her in her lifetime. She was a woman of great character and so many things will be missed about her by family and friends. She will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of those who were lucky enough to know and love her. Mrs. Brady is survived by her devoted husband Michael. As well she is survived by her five loving children Michael Joseph Jr. (Susan) Brady, James Brady, Kathleen (Michael) Caporale, Thomas (Sandra) Brady and Sean (Mary) Brady. She is also survived by her grandchildren Mathew Brady, Melissa Brady, Michael Joseph Caporale, Taylor Brady, Sarah Brady and Brittney Caporale, who all held a special place in her heart. As well she is survived by her siblings he brother Thomas Donohoe, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Con Donohoe and James Donohoe.

Richard Hargrave Jr.

Richard N. Hargrave Jr., age 89 of Mahopac, died peacefully on May 16, surrounded by his loving family just a few days shy of what would have been his 90th birthday. Richard was born May 22, 1929 in Manhattan, to the late Frances and Richard N. Hargrave Sr. He would go on to marry the love of his life Ann and they would be blessed with a fairy tale love that would bring them 66 years of wedded happiness and 4 sons John, Robert, Richard III and Andrew. Richard was a loving husband and dedicated father; later in life his greatest blessing of becoming a grandfather would make his heart truly full. Few men had a smile and light like Richard had. Like most kind souls Richard loved animals and had family pets throughout his life. He enjoyed walking his dogs in the fields and trails around the family home and in his later years his dog Buddy was his trusted side kick and companion. He loved his

family and friends unconditionally and was happiest when he was surrounded by company. He will be greatly missed, as he was greatly loved. Mr. Hargrave is survived by his loving wife, who was his best friend Ann, he is also survived by his adoring children John (Donna), Robert (Joan), Richard III (Patricia) and Andrew. As well he is survived by his 6 precious grandchildren Katherine, Nicholas, Keenan, Christopher, Molly and James.

Margaret Morano

Margaret D. "Dale" Morano, a 40-year resident of Mahopac, entered into rest at home on May 17, she was born to George and Jean (Wilke) Shepard on May 15, 1947 in Yonkers. She was lovingly known to her family and friends as Dale. She was 72 years old. Dale is survived by her adoring husband of 52 years, Michael Morano of Mahopac, NY, Daughters, Jeannie and her husband Ricky Brunton of Mohegan Lake, and Tammy and her husband Frank Weller of Cortland Manor, NY; Son, Michael and his wife Susan Morano of Mahopac; Sister, Georgeana Nimphius of Patterson; Dale also leaves behind 7 grandchildren, Vanessa (Dave) Rivera, Valerie (Ruben) Melendez, Victoria Brunton (Fiance' Doug Falcone), Alyssa Morano, Samantha Morano, Alex Weller and Jackson Weller and 4 great-grandchildren, Robbie Rivera, Antonio Melendez, Julia Rivera and soon to arrive Baby boy Melendez. A visitation will be held Tuesday, May 21, from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. at Cargain Funeral Homes Inc. 418 Route 6 (GPS US 6) Mahopac, NY. (845) 628-5655 Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, May 22 at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Entombment will follow at Rose Hills Memorial Park. www.cargainfuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations in Margaret's honor be made to the American Cancer Society.

Raymond Matthews

Raymond Matthews, a long time resident of Mahopac and Peekskill, died on Friday, May 17, at the age of 92. He was born in Verplanck on February 25, 1927, the son of Rance and Julia (née Sullivan) Matthews. On November 5, 1949 he married Geraldine Edge at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Peekskill and they were blessed with 3 children. Ray worked as a serviceman for Suburban Propane in Mt. Kisco for 40 years. Ray was a proud veteran of the United States Navy and served active duty from 1943-46 during WWII. He continued his legacy of service becoming a life member of VFW Post 5491 in Mahopac, past Commander of VFW Post 746 in Peekskill, member of the American Legion Post 1080, and a life member and former Captain of the Peekskill Volunteer Fire Department, Washington Engine Co. #2. Ray is survived by his wife of 69 years, Geraldine ("Gerry"), his sons Raymond and Marty, his siblings Herbert Matthews and Marie Burcko, eight grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. He was

predeceased by his daughter Betty Jean, his sister Julia, and his brother David. All are welcome to attend a visitation on Tuesday, May 21st from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home in Mahopac. A funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22 also at the funeral home. Interment will follow with military honors at Hillside Cemetery in Cortlandt Manor.

Peter Olivieri

It is with great sadness that the family of Peter Olivieri, age 63 of Carmel, announces his sudden passing on May 18. Born January 16, 1956 in the Bronx, to the late Julia (Naclerio) and Carlo Olivieri. He would go on to marry his one true love Patricia on September 17, 1977, a day that would start their many years of wedded happiness and their two greatest blessing together, their daughters Jessica and Stephanie. Peter was known for his love of the finer things in life, and his larger than life personality. Always the life of the party, he enjoyed his cars, his trips to Atlantic City and spending time with family and friends. He had a heart that was as big as his personality, and a sense of humor that most would envy. But most important to him was his family. He was wise enough to know he "hit the lotto" in love, his wife Patricia was always by his side and his two daughters were his pride and joy. He could always be found smiling because he was a man who knew just how lucky he was, although friends and family would argue they were the lucky ones. He also loved his trusted four legged side kick Thunder. Peter had many accomplishments in life in his career of over 30 years at Merrill Lynch but as accomplished as he was, he was a down to Earth, happy go lucky guy. He was an "Ace" of a man and he played the hands he was dealt with grace and love. Family and friends will miss him beyond words but they will continue to hold him forever in their hearts. Mr. Olivieri is survived by his loving wife of over 41 years Patricia. He is also survived by his greatest joys his daughters Jessica and Stephanie. As well he is survived by beloved siblings his brother Carl and sister in law Sandy, and his sister Julieann and brother in law Frank. In addition he is survived by his treasured niece and nephew, his niece Erica and her husband Fabio and nephew Brandon. He is also survived by his great nephews Mateo, Marco, Nico and Tino who each held a special place within his heart. A visitation will be held on Wednesday May 22, between the hours of 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Cargain Funeral Homes Inc, 10 Fowler Ave Carmel, NY, 845-225-3672, www.cargainfuneralhomes.com. A Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate the life of Peter will take place on Thursday May 23, 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of The Lakes/Mt. Carmel Church, 1 Doherty Dr (off Noonan Dr) Carmel. Following Mass committal prayers will take place at Ferncliff Crematory Chapel, Hartsdale. He will be greatly missed.



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Letters to the Editor

Dem Candidate for Leg. Blasts Albano's Record

In the May 7-13 Putnam Examiner article profiling myself and Mr. Albano, he implied that I am advocating that the residents of Putnam County District 5 should vote for me on the basis of change for change sake. Nothing could be further from the truth. The following are the necessary changes that we need:

First, we need to end the corrupt and nepotistic hiring practices throughout the

County. Currently Mr. Albano's brother receives a salary from the County and lives rent free on Tilly's Farm in order to care for the animals. Mr. Albano's brother was hired without the County's best interest in mind. The County also loses tens of thousands of dollars a year in lost revenue from that residence.

Second, we must control the County budget in a more fiscally responsible way.

Mr. Albano has voted year after year after year to increase Putnam County taxes. His votes have increased the County's taxes more than 10% of the last five years alone. He also voted to give himself an unconscionable 14% raise.

Third, we need to support our seniors and provide better healthcare to those who serve the County. As Chairman of the Legislature in 2015, Mr. Albano proposed

a resolution which revoked the promised and guaranteed health insurance plan for County retirees.

I am not running to change things just for the sake of change. I am running because things need to change. Come help change things at RebeccaForPutnam.com.

Rebecca Swan
Carmel

A 'Country Club' at Taxpayers' Expense

The "Founding Fathers" of our Constitution could never have envisioned how distorted and meaningless the federal Congress has become. According to most reliable polls, the public view of the performance of our congressmen and women, has been below 20% for many months. Issues, such as immigration reform, health care, infrastructure improvements and entitlement reform have been substituted for daily appearances of the many committees to falsely portray their hard work to

their constituents in their home state and districts. Rarely has new legislation emerged to address and solve the many pressing issues of the day.

A great number of congressmen and women would rather show their face on CSPAN and other media outlets, than work together "across the aisle" on so many of these "quality of life" issues. The only description that I can give to this behavior is to equate them to a "Country Club" gathering. A group of mostly frustrated lawyers, who could never make

good in any other field of endeavor. The American electorate sees through this neglect of responsibilities and that is why they are rated historically low in job performance.

It has become crystal clear that the institution of Congress has become contaminated by partisan personal attacks. The usual coming together of opposing parties in compromise and accommodation of each others views has become so distant and in a paralyzed state of affairs.

It is time to remove these legislators from Congress and seek others who will show courage and independence and work together "across the aisle" for the good of our country. Let's make this happen by nurturing good and informed candidates for public office. There is no time to waste!

Frank J. Del Campo
Mahopac

Mental Health Awareness Month Marks 70 Years

Most people still think mental health issues are uncommon. The truth is quite the opposite: One in five people are estimated to have a mental health condition and that is why promoting mental health and well-being is a key priority of Putnam's Community Health Improvement Plan, often referred to as "the CHIP." This May, the Putnam County Department of Health is promoting the national theme of "4Mind4Body," and marking 70 years of Mental Health Awareness Months, started by the national organization Mental Health America (MHA). Their initial goal in 1909, and still going strong today, is to raise awareness about mental health conditions and the importance of good mental health for everyone.

"Mental health touches all of us," said County Executive MaryEllen Odell. "If we have not directly experienced a mental health problem ourselves, we likely know someone close to us who has, either a family member or close friend. Our community is fortunate to have many resources here in Putnam. These organizations work together tirelessly providing an array of services. Help is available."

"Mental health cannot be separated from physical health—the two are intimately intertwined," explained Health Commissioner Michael J. Nesheiwat, MD. "And it works both ways: A healthy lifestyle can prevent, delay or alleviate mental health conditions, while chronic diseases such as heart disease or diabetes impact and have a mental health component."

The theme "4Mind4Body" focuses on this, bringing awareness to many aspects of a lifestyle that can positively impact

mental and physical health such as recreation and fitness, work-life balance, animal companionship, social connection, religion and spirituality.

Adapting to an increasingly digital world, Mental Health America offers a set of quick and easy online mental health screenings that provide in-home convenience and anonymity. For some this is a good first step. Others may prefer to speak with their personal health care providers, or to call the Mental Health Association in Putnam for a referral at 845-278-7600.

The online screenings for depression, anxiety, eating disorders, PTSD, bipolar, psychosis, and addiction are available at www.screening.mentalhealthamerica.net/screening-tools. These are complemented by a screening that parents can take if they have concerns about their child, a

screening for youth who want to assess themselves, and a work health survey that helps measure the stresses one may be experiencing at work.

CoveCare Center, one of the largest providers of mental health services in Putnam County, recently formed an affiliation with the Mental Health Association in Putnam. CoveCare Center supports the work of MHA in Putnam while also providing compassionate and confidential prevention and treatment services for mental health, substance use, and emotional and social challenges. CoveCare Center can be reached at 845-225-2700. The Mental Health Association continues its vital work in the areas of peer support, community education and outreach, with an emphasis on suicide prevention and veterans. In the case of a crisis, individuals should call the local

Putnam County Crisis Line at 845-225-1222, or 911.

Other Putnam organizations and agency-based groups leading the work together on the CHIP with the health department include the Putnam affiliate of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), which recently hosted its sixth annual fundraising walk against the stigma of mental illness; the Putnam County Suicide Prevention Task Force; the Child Advocacy Center; the Mental Health/Substance Use Providers Coalition; the Putnam County Department of Social Services, Mental Health and the Youth Bureau; Putnam Hospital Center; and the Veterans Service Agency. A full list of community partners working on the mental health priority is published in the CHIP report, accessible online from the health department's home page.

Correction

In The Putnam Examiner May 7-13 issue, the article titled "Curzio up for Re-election in Crowded Carmel BOE Race" the article incorrectly stated school board member James Reese was not running for reelection this year after his term was going to expire at the end of this school year. Reese's term is actually not up until next school year. The article also stated the rest of the board voted to hold a removal hearing against school trustee John Curzio, but the vote was 5-2 with Reese voting with Curzio to not hold the removal hearing. The Putnam Examiner regrets the errors.

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Business
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Red Mills Home Inspection

Shrub Oak

By David Propper

Transitioning to a new career can be difficult later in life, but Rick Kast has proven it can also be seamless.

Kast owns Red Mills Home Inspection, which has become a reputable business to turn to when a residential or commercial property needs to be checked out. The business is based in Shrub Oak where Kast lives.

Kast has been a home inspector for the past four years after he was a home improvement contractor for the previous 25 years. Getting older and not wanting to deal with the physical demands of home improvement, Kast decided it was time to transition into a new field.

As a licensed inspector, Kast can look at a house or building before someone is going to purchase it and tell them if there are any issues with the structure. He also offers water testing, radon testing, mold inspections and termites inspections.

"I offer people peace of mind," Kast said. "A lot of times home buying is a stressful procedure, I offer them peace of mind. At the end of the inspection they know the story of the house or building they're going to purchase."

Kast will travel throughout Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties as well as



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Rick Kast of Red Mills Home Inspection travels up and down Route 6 inspecting homes and other properties in the region.

Connecticut. He mostly serves Putnam Valley, Mahopac and upper Westchester towns and villages. Sometimes he will even travel down to the Bronx and Queens.

"I don't sell real estate, I tell stories about properties," he added.

When he was a home improvement contractor, Kast had plenty of experience inspecting properties before he agreed to work on them. It was important to know

what issues the structure had before he put his time and effort forward. Also helping Kast be at the top of his field in the region is his applied science degree from Westchester Community College so he can talk with people on a more scientific level.

"The reason I got into it is because you see a lot of shoddy carpentry out there," he said.

Kast is involved in his field of work,

sitting on the board of directors for American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHE) and is a North American Deck and Railing Association (NADRA) deck evolution specialist.

Red Mills is a Putnam Valley Business Network member.

When teaching other up-and-comers about home inspection, Kast encourages hands on experience and getting as much knowledge as possible. He stressed, "Knowledge is power."

Kast originally got into construction when he was 16-years-old with his late grandfather, who was also a carpenter, having a positive influence over his life. Kast said he always wanted to learn from him and follow in his footsteps.

"Work hard and pay attention," Kast said his grandfather would tell him.

He didn't think he'd own his own business, but that changed when the economy took a nosedive and Kast needed to generate work for himself. It's worked well for him.

"I had to do something and I knew carpentry so I went out and got my own work," Kast said. "Own my own business since then."

Red Mills Home Inspection can be reached at 914-879-1734.

Crossword Puzzle

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Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 16

Across

- 1. Troubled
- 6. Time-zone letters
- 9. Snagged
- 11. Where birds congregate or Mohegan Lake rehabilitation center, goes with 10 down
- 12. Caped fighter
- 13. Philosopher David
- 14. Chose to participate
- 16. Pat, a wound for example
- 19. The wife of a Czar
- 20. Words of clarification, Latin
- 22. Put a new price on
- 23. More insignificant
- 25. Formerly poetically
- 26. Italian for coastline or Pleasantville restaurant
- 27. City near Provo
- 28. "Aha!"
- 33. Uncovered
- 34. Tertiary period
- 35. Golfer Ernie
- 36. "... with ___ in sight"

Down

- 1. Pretend, in a way
- 2. "The Way" of Chinese religion
- 3. Ger. is here
- 4. Stone or Bronze
- 5. Fuel supply regulator
- 6. Learned
- 7. Information exchange
- 8. Not yet an adult
- 10. See 11 across
- 11. Used twice, it forms a sympathy phrase
- 15. Béarnaise ingredient
- 16. Prepare for a bath
- 17. Chief of the fleet
- 18. Oregon State squad
- 21. Gunk
- 24. Great Lake
- 29. Environmentally minded, for short
- 30. Golf ball prop
- 31. Country stop-over
- 32. Guitarist Nugent

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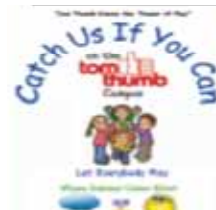
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Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 24, 25, 26:

Putnam County Joint Veterans Council- John Morris Memorial Watchfire Vigil, each night 6 p.m.-6 a.m. May 24, 25, 26 Opening Ceremony Friday, the 24th at 7 p.m. Flag Retirement throughout the Vigil.

Sunday May 26:

VFW Post 1374 & Auxiliary, Carmel & American Legion Post 270- 9:30 a.m. Ceremony at monument on Terryhill Road, Kent 11 a.m. Ceremony at Post Home 32 Gleneida Ave. Carmel. Refreshments to follow 11:30 a.m. ceremony

Monday May 27:

VFW Post 391, Putnam Valley- 11 a.m. Ceremony Putnam Valley Town Hall. Noon Ceremony Lake Peekskill Monument (Chester Place) 1 p.m. Ceremony Post Home 153 Oscawanna Lake Road Refreshments to follow 1 p.m. ceremony at Post Home 2 p.m. Start of "Round of Honor". Visiting grave sites, cemeteries, and monuments in vicinity, including Lakeland High School, Bill Mongero Park

VFW Post 672, Brewster (American Legion Post 71 & Marine Corps League

Detachment 242 will be participating) Parade from Brewster Fire House to Veterans Park (formerly known as Electrozone Field (step off 11 a.m.) Ceremony at Veterans Park following parade. Light Lunch to follow at VFW Post Home on Peaceable Hill Road

VFW Post 2362 and American Legion Post 275 Cold Spring- 9 a.m. step off at 85 Ma in St. Cold Spring Village Hall, to Veterans Memorial on Main St, then onto the Old Cold Spring Cemetery (Revolutionary War), then to Nelsonville Village Hall. Ceremony at each location. Refreshments to follow at American Legion VFW Hall on Cedar Street.

VFW Post & Auxiliary 5491 Mahopac & American Legion Post 1080- Parade from Clarke Place to Veterans Memorial Park on East Lake Blvd. (step off 10 a.m.) Ceremony to follow at Monument. American Legion Post 1080 Ceremony at noon following VFW. Ceremony at 333 Buckshollow Road. Refreshments to follow at VFW Post home 154 East Lake Blvd & at the Legion Post 333 Buckshollow Road

VFW Post 9257& Auxiliary & A.MVET Post 1111 Putnam Lake- Parade and Ceremony at The Monument located at

the intersection of Fairfield and Haviland Drive 10 a.m.- parade step-off from The Castle Building located on Haviland Drive. Refreshments to be served at VFW 9257, located at 4 Fairfield Drive, Patterson, NY 12563.

VFW Post 8013, Somers- Annual Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony. Step off 10 a.m. from Somers Middle School to Ivandell Cemetery. (Somers Post is part of the Putnam County Council VFW.)

American Legion Post 1542, Patterson- 10 a.m. walk from Post home to monument on Rt. 311 for ceremony.

Refreshments to follow at Post Home.

Thursday May 30:

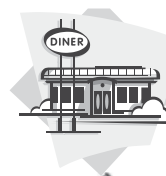
Richard Farrell Remembrance Ceremony- 11 a.m. at the Row of Honor on Lake Gleneida. Cannel. (Last year we honored Rich who had died late in 2017. We will now gather each year in honor of Vietnam Veteran Rich to read the names of all Veterans of Putnam who passed between May 30, 2018 and May 30, 2019.

Putnam County Joint Veterans Council- 6 p.m. Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park

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Memorial Day Special Section

The Origin of the Memorial Day Weekend Watchfire

By Karl Rohde

Cowards often shroud themselves in darkness. They purport to have a message of great importance but they fear that the light of day will convict them. These are the people who also write anonymous letters to the editors, steal political lawn signs in the night and splash red paint on memorials to those who fought and died to give them the freedom to act like petulant children.

Such a coward or cowards masked themselves in darkness the evening of

May 29, 2005 or the early morning of May 30, 2005. Red paint was splashed over the Monuments at the Putnam County Memorial Park. It was well publicized that the Putnam County Joint Veterans Council (JVC) would be holding a Memorial Day Ceremony at that location in the afternoon of May 30.

This was a rare Memorial Day that would fall on the traditional Memorial Day not the convenient Memorial Day created by Congress to give the public a three day weekend. The JVC always has

a Memorial Day Ceremony on the real Memorial Day, May 30th. The cowards also spray painted War is Failure on the monuments.

What time the call from the Sheriff's Department came that morning I do not recall. I had been asked to speak at a ceremony following the Memorial Day Parade in Katonah. They told me that someone had desecrated the Veterans Memorial at the park. I drove over to assess the damage. It was heart breaking. It was hard for me to determine the motive of that faceless coward but I was resolute in my decision. As the Chairman of the Joint Veterans Council we were going to have our Traditional Memorial Day on May 30 desecrated Monuments notwithstanding.

At that ceremony that afternoon we spoke of how to prevent such an atrocity in the future. Gerry Schramek, who was then Chief Investigator for Putnam County Sheriff's Department suggested that the Veterans guard the monuments overnight. Thus was borne the Watchfires

where we stand guard for the 3 days leading up to Memorial Day. We retire thousands of tattered American Flags, enjoy outstanding camaraderie with fellow Veterans and partnerships with non-Veterans organizations.

A few years later one the great participants and supporters of the Watchfires, John Morris, sadly died and the JVC named the event in honor of this stalwart Marine who passed too soon.

So from the flames and ashes of the tattered flags and the desecration of the Veterans monument not unlike the Phoenix of myth and legend something good rises up each year. We honor and protect our monuments, we honor the memory and history of our dead comrades and we teach a new generation how to venerate those who have sacrificed so much for our nation through our example of continued service to our community and our nation.

Rohde, a Kent resident, is a Vietnam War veteran and the director of the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency.

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State Senate Passes Slate Of Veteran Benefits Legislation

Senator Pete Harckham, 40th Senate District, recently announced that the NYS Senate passed a slate of legislation today that provides veterans with well-deserved benefits to help ease their transition back to civilian life. The bills, passed by the Senate Democratic Majority will provide veterans with a toll-free hotline on services and benefits; broaden property tax exemptions; implement additional employment benefits and academic credits; and provide military voters the opportunity to vote in school district elections.

"Because our veterans, and their families, have sacrificed so much to keep our country safe, we must support them in every way possible as they re-enter civilian life," said Harckham. "These heroes deserve the educational opportunities,

voting rights and economic benefits the Senate passed today and we'll continue to search for additional ways to make their lives easier."

The legislation passed by the Senate today includes:

- **Active Duty Property Tax Exemptions:** This bill, S.2930A, sponsored by Chair of the Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs, Senator John Brooks, will provide qualified active duty personnel a property tax exemption.
- **Expanding Licensed Veterans Employment:** This bill, S.2113, sponsored by Senator James Sanders Jr., will permit veterans who are licensed to practice a profession in another jurisdiction to practice their profession in New York State while their application to practice their profession

in New York State is being processed.

- **Veterans Help and Crisis Line:** This bill, S.2283A, sponsored by Senator James Sanders Jr., will provide a toll-free telephone number for use as a help and crisis line to assist veterans.
- **Increase of Real Property Tax Exemption for Dual Veteran Households:** This bill, S.2570, introduced by Senator Jamaal Bailey, will increase the Alternative Veterans Real Property tax exemption when two qualifying veterans reside in the same household
- **Veteran Academic Credit:** This bill, S.2741A, sponsored by Senator Joseph Addabbo, will allow full-time undergraduate students enrolled at state-operated institutions will be able to receive academic credit for their

military service or training

- **Expanding Veteran Credits on Civil Service Appointments:** This bill, S.3647, sponsored by Senator Andrew Gounardes, will amend Section 6 of Article 5 of the New York State Constitution to eliminate the requirement that a veteran must have served in time of war, and allow for all individuals who have served in the armed forces to receive credits for civil service appointments and promotions.
- **Military Voters in School District Elections:** This bill, S.5184, sponsored by Senator Shelley Mayer, will provide military voters the opportunity to vote in school district elections by allowing them to return their absentee ballot by postal mail.

VA Hudson Valley Hosts Veteran Resource Fair

The Department of Veterans Affairs Hudson Valley Health Care System (VA HVHCS) is teaming up with organizations in the community to host a Veterans Resource Fair at the Castle Point Campus Multipurpose Room on Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Information and services provided include: register for VA health care; obtain a Veterans Health Identification Card; learn about Caregiver Support Program, Women

Veterans Programs, My HealtheVet, and MOVE! Program; receive blood pressure check; and more. Guest speaker will be Sandy Browning from Veterans Benefits Administration NY Regional Office, who will also host a breakout session for female Veterans.

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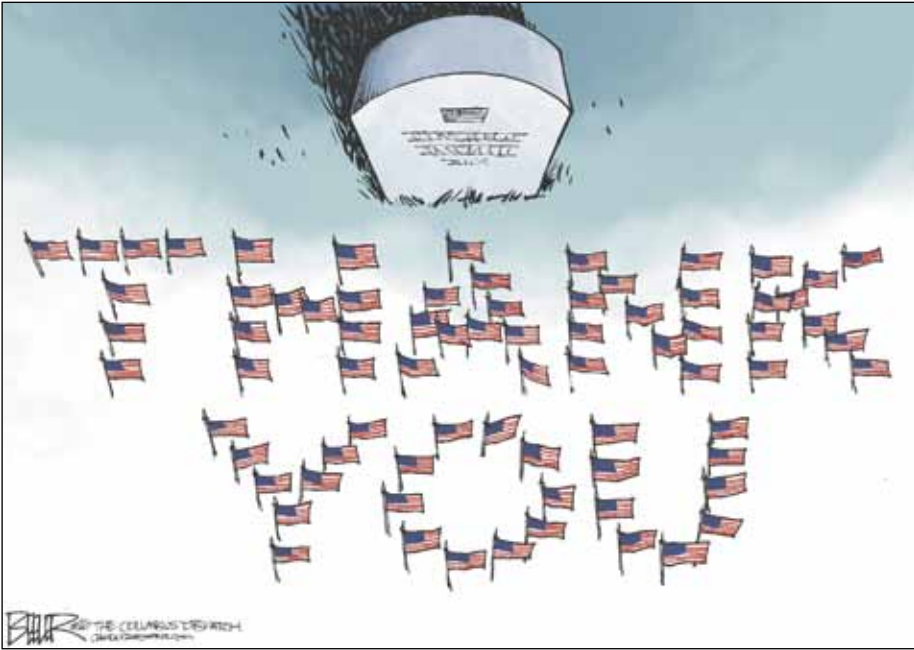
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Whether to Dust or to Leave it Where it Lies

If we are made from dust and shall return to dust, does that give us a pass to live with the stuff?

While dust is inevitable, it horrifies some of us, as though its presence on our furniture and floors tells the world something unflattering about us, not only as housekeepers, but as human beings. And some of us just don't give a damn.

I remember an interview long ago in *The New York Times* in which an eccentric artist said she hadn't dusted her apartment in over 30 years, saying that "after the first two years or so, you really can't tell the difference." That kind of empirical research really impresses me.

In the HBO movie "Grey Gardens," Jackie Kennedy Onassis' aunt and cousin, Edie Beale and her daughter, are depicted as living in absolute squalor in a neglected, ramshackle house with garbage strewn throughout and a hoard of cats and raccoons relieving themselves on the floor. When Jackie arrives to help remedy the situation and registers her shock at the condition of the property, Edie dismisses the condition of her living environment by saying simply that her



By Bill Primavera

daughter "hasn't been keeping up with the dusting."

Is inattention to dust the first degenerative step to chaos in the home? Maybe for some, depending on their mental attitude about it. But how do unkempt homes affect its occupants?

A recent survey revealed that 83 percent are happier in a clean house. The act of cleaning gives 57 percent of the population a feeling of satisfaction. Further, it shows that 38 percent of women and 24 percent of men experience stress living in a messy environment.

It would seem that, especially in these harsh times, dusting and cleaning can be therapeutic. Psychologists have found that there is a marked difference in mood before and after cleaning, just as with a therapy session.

According to Dr. Carol Nemeroff, professor at Lewiston-Auburn College at the University of Southern Maine, this psychological boost may be derived from biological programming to clean our nests.

"And, because we know that good hygiene leads to good health," she said, "cleaning may ultimately be related to a

basic survival instinct."

Wow, get out that dust rag!

For those who don't mind living with a coating of dust on their furniture and appliances, it may be motivating to know that dust is composed largely of our own flaking skin cells. Now that we know what it contains and that it can cause real stress, does this explain the expression "uncomfortable in our own skin?"

Add to our skin cells other flaky stuff like fabric fibers, dust mite excrement, hair, pet dander, pollen, regular dirt, debris and microparticles, and you have a pretty nasty brew that can give people with allergies and breathing problems a real hassle.

But beyond the psychological and unhealthy effects of dust, it can do real physical damage to most everything it lands on, from furniture surfaces to computer keyboards and vents.

There are fancy and simple ways to get rid of dust. The fancy way is with an air purifier of which there are two types: those with fans that pull air through filters that trap the dust and those called electrostatic precipitators in which an electrical charge is applied to the dust drawn into the device and captured on oppositely charged plates. Both are available as either portable units, which offer varying degrees of effectiveness, depending on the model, or as whole-house systems. Prices

range from \$100 for a portable model to over \$1,000 for a whole-house system.

Among the houses I've listed or sold, I was aware of only a couple that had a whole-house air purifier system. So, unless people are plagued by allergies, I suspect that most of us dust with old-fashioned elbow grease, using either regular rags or one of those new magic dusters to which particles cling, such as the Swiffer Sweeper or Pledge Grab-It cloths. Because the latter option can be expensive, a regular rag can be made just as effective if dampened before use and shaken out frequently.

I definitely do not recommend a feather duster because it merely spreads the dust around until it lands again on the surface of things.

It's funny how the exploratory process can affect you. As I sit at my computer, I'm very aware and uncomfortable that between the keys of the keyboard is a lot of trapped dust. Are the raccoons soon to follow?

Bill Primavera, 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.

The Influences That Formulate Our Opinion of Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

How often does this happen to you? You're at a dinner party and the host opens a bottle of wine. Everyone sips it and marvels at the aroma and flavor of such a fine wine. You sit there

quietly thinking that Mother Nature must have had a bad hair day when this wine was produced.

Conversely, you're at a restaurant and a dining mate orders a bottle of wine. You sample the wine and become flush with a rush of excitement. Ah, a new experience that you will remember even when dementia creeps up on you later in life. You look around the table and everyone else is nursing their respective glass; nary a one, not even the person who ordered the wine, is asking for more.

Has this happened to you?

Are your sensory elements out of line with the rest of society? Have your senses of smell and taste been permanently affected by those massive quantities of extra spicy chicken wings you inhaled during college? Or are you the true

connoisseur in the group, with a palate that can detect resplendent scents of herbs and spices grown in exotic lands?

It happens to me all the time.

As I've learned through trial and error, there are no prescribed rules to follow in judging a wine's merits. My perception of wine is just that: an individualized experience that differs from person to person, from palate to palate.

Why is this? What causes such a broad band of opinion when it comes to wine? We don't typically find this dichotomy when we experience other gustatory pleasures in life. After all, barring any allergic reaction or intolerance, doesn't everyone enjoy pizza, mint chocolate chip ice cream and pigs in a blanket?

There are three reasons for the distinct elements we bring to our individual interactions with wine.

1. Perception. If you read a wine critic's review of a particular wine, the tendency is to accept it as the de facto essence of the wine. It is etched in our subconscious as an ultimate assessment. However, these notes

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are simply one person's palate speaking. For this reason, I disdain the concept of blind tastings. A critic brings a lifetime of personal perceptions to an individual tasting moment. Why should we arbitrarily rely on this evaluation?

2. Experience. Each palate is the repository of the four senses of taste and thousands of senses of smell. No two individuals possess the identical memory footprint of taste and smell. The best way to determine the caliber of a wine is to sample it. Over time our cerebral storage cells capture the subjective elements of wine and build an internal data bank. Each time we sample a new wine, these data elements come surging to the forefront of our palates and our sensory neurons. In this way we "remember" the citrus aromas of Sauvignon Blanc and the peppery mouthfeel of Syrah, and apply these memories to the wine at hand.

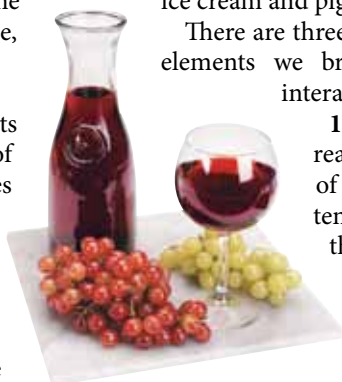
3. Genetics. Yes, some of us have more taste buds than others, some have more sensitive olfactory senses, and some can assimilate elements of aromas and flavors better than others. It's a function of our DNA. Be it ethnic or evolutionary, some of us just have a predisposition to the finer elements of the physiological make-up of wine. If you're in this elite group,

'What causes such a broad band of opinion when it comes to wine?'

capitalize on it. Use these innate skills to discern amongst the sea of mediocre wines in the marketplace. If you're like the rest of us, follow Theory 2 above; drink your way to an educated palate.

The most difficult question posed to me by inquiring minds is "what wine should I be drinking?" Invariably my response is "whichever wine you enjoy." Remember: "Continuous experimentation results in instinctive behavior."

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Tuesday, May 21

The Mahopac Falls Nursery School: 411 Route 6N in Mahopac on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church is now accepting registration for 2019 Summer Sessions and 2019/2020 Preschool morning and afternoon. Please call Michelle Armstrong, Director, at 845-803-0701 or email: Mahopacfallsnurseryschool@gmail.com for more information and to set up a tour. Check out all the fun on their Facebook and Instagram pages - The Mahopac Falls Nursery School

Estate Planning: How to Protect Your Parents and Yourself. 6:30 p.m. Reed Library. Attend this seminar for answers to important questions about protecting your assets. Please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Wednesday, May 22

Bird Watching: 1 p.m. Become a bird watching enthusiast! The Bedford Audubon Society will discuss how to identify some of the most common species of birds in New York and their unique characteristics so you can become a bird watching expert! For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Thursday, May 23

New York Health Care for All: Presented in cooperation with the League of Women Voters of Putnam County. 6:30 p.m. Learn about current Federal and State proposals to extend health care coverage to all and what you can do to make this a reality. Guest Speakers: Senator Gustavo Rivera, Chair - NYS Senate Health Committee; Peter Arno, PhD, Political Economy Research

Institute; Katie Robbins, Campaign for New York Health; Jennifer Colamonic, Health Policy Consultant. Registration is requested; register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Friday, May 24

Friends Book Sale at Kent Library. There will be lots of beautiful collectable and "coffee table" books, children's books, and book gift baskets as well. Please contact the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585 or visit www.KentLibrary.org.

Thursday, May 30

Requiem Project: Let's Talk About It: 6 p.m. Need Help? For the final part of the Requiem Project series, Chess Cabrera will be hosting a self-help talk that will open up the conversation about depression and anxiety, give you information on healthy coping habits, and share resources on where and how to find help. For ages 13 and up. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

The Tri-State IBM Retirees Meeting: United Methodist Church meeting hall, 1176 E Main St, Shrub Oak, The scheduled speakers, Allison Jaffe and Alice Tseng, will cover lifestyle options for retirees to remain in their long-time home or move to a new home. Set up at 12:30 p.m.; coffee and light refreshments at 1pm; meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Attendee count will be taken for the June 27 luncheon. Info: Peg Ryan 914-528-5916.

Saturday, June 1

First Burst Community Celebration: Desmond-Fish Public Library. Enjoy a 25-foot climbing wall, bouncy house,

racetrack and games, juggling, live music for all ages, garden activities, arts and crafts, kite flying, ice cream, and much more. Festivities are free and open to all and will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 1. (Rain date is Sunday, June 2.) The First Burst is free and open to all. Food will be available for sale and there will be free ice cream for everyone who stops by. Enter the Library grounds at Meadow Lane and park in the field. For more information about any of the library's upcoming programs, please visit www.desmondfishlibrary.org.

Gearing up for the new season at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center: If you are interested in becoming a vendor please contact us opening date of June 28th. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center, Fridays 3-6:30 p.m. 729 Peekskill Hollow Road June 28 to August 30. Vendor Contact Info: putnamvalleyresidentscoalition@yahoo.com

Relay for Life of Mahopac. Mahopac High School 421 Baldwin Place Rd. 11:30 Kickoff. RFLofMahopac@cancer.org. 845-440-2549

Sunday, June 2

Antique Appraisal Road Show: 10 a.m., 4 p.m. at the Brewster Elks Lodge, 1430 Route 22, Brewster. Astor Galleries presents an Antique Appraisal Road Show Event to benefit the Brewster Elks. Stephen Cardile long time appraiser and founder of Astor Galleries will be bringing a team of recognized expert appraisers including Mara Dean (fine art appraiser), and Alex

Salazar (fine art consultant) to Brewster. The experts will appraise all types of Antiques, Collectibles and Vintage Items. No appointments are made or necessary. Items will be appraised for just \$10 each (or \$25 for 3 items).

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Tuesday, June 4

The Reads at Reed Book Club: 7:00 p.m., "The Stars are Fire" by Anita Shreve. The meeting will be held at Reed Memorial Library, 1733 Route 6, Carmel. Contact 845-225-2439 with any questions.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF UNDERPINNED LLC. Art. Of Org. file with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/16/19. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon who process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **118. N. Bedford Rd., Suite 100, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.**

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF TIG & PEACH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 4/2/2019. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, **545 Fowler Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIT SPORTS LOUNGE & GRILL LLC Art. of Org. filed with Sec. of State 04/11/2019. Off. loc.in Westchester CO. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process **Tracy Arce and Carlos Reyes,**

234 North Ave New Rochelle, NY 10801. PURPOSE: Any lawful business.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Putnam Valley has received a wetlands application from the following applicant: **WT 08/19 Andrew Brown 21 Cove Road TM# 41.9-1-23**

PUBLIC NOTICE: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village Treasurer of the Village of Pleasantville has received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 2019-2020. Payments will be accepted in the Finance Department on the Third Floor of Village Hall, 80 Wheeler Avenue, in said Village from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays as follows: Taxes and other assessments, if any, become due and payable June 1, 2019, but may be paid in two installments without penalty. The first installment may be paid without penalty from June 1, 2019 to and including July 1, 2019. The second installment may be paid without penalty from June 1, 2019 to and including December 31, 2019. To all first installment taxes remaining unpaid after July 1, 2019, five percent (5%) will be added for the month of July, and an additional one percent (1%) for each month or fraction thereof until paid. To all second installment taxes remaining unpaid after December 31, 2019, five percent (5%) will be added for the month of January, and an additional one percent (1%) for each month or fraction thereof until paid. On or before February 1, 2020 a delinquent list will be published.

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