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DWI Key-lock Bill Cracks Down on Drinking & Driving

By Jon Craig

Saying far too many people continue to drive while drunk, Congresswoman Nita Lowey introduced federal legislation this week requiring special ignition devices be installed in cars to prevent repeat DWI offenses.

"The time is now to make sure this is the law of the land," Lowey said. "In my mind, driving drunk once is one time too many."

Lowey, a Democrat from Westchester, noted that 10,322 people died nationwide in 2012 as a result of drunk driving, or one-third of all traffic fatalities.

Lowey's legislation would require key-lock devices be installed in a convicted drunk driver's car for six months. Any states not complying with the federal mandate by October 1 would face a reduction in federal transportation money.



Jan Withers, MADD National President, answers questions at an impaired driving forum. Inset: Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) introduced federal legislation on Tuesday requiring special ignition devices be installed in cars to prevent repeat DWI offenses.

During a conference call with reporters on Thursday, Lowey's bill was praised by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) National President Jan Withers and Rockland County Sheriff Louis Falco.

The proposed federal law is named "Alisa's Act," after Withers 15-year-old daughter, Alisa Joy, who was killed by an underage drunk driver in 1992. "I continue to miss her every day," said Withers, who noted that her daughter would have turned 38 on Monday.

The proposed law would require anyone convicted of drunk driving to use an "interlock ignition" device on their cars. The device requires any convicted drunk driver to blow into it before the car can be started. Anyone who is considered legally drunk would not be able to start the car.

Lowey said drunk driving accidents

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Harrison Votes Down Landlord Registry

By Jon Craig

A plan to require rental property owners to register emergency contact information with the Town of Harrison was punted nearly as quickly as it was proposed.

During the Town Council's June 19 meeting, a public hearing about the proposed law ended with little discussion and no support from council members.

"I suspect this is postponed indefinitely," Harrison Councilman Joe Cannella said.

"Infinitely," Councilman Stephen Malfitano said.

"Permanently," Supervisor Ron Belmont added.

After being proposed in April for the second time since 2009, Malfitano said the law went too far and would have been difficult to enforce.

"It was an overreach," Malfitano, a former Harrison mayor, said.

Village Attorney Jonathan Kraut drafted the proposed law. It would have required owners of two-family rental homes and larger apartment buildings in the town of Harrison to register their properties and provide up-to-date contact phone numbers with the Building Department. The details would have created a database for Harrison police and other public safety

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Hundreds Sit Through Cabaret Hearing Before FASNY Bid

By Jon Craig

About 200 people jammed White Plains City Hall on Monday night, about one-fifth of them planning to speak for or against a proposal by the French American School of New York to build a regional educational campus at the former Ridgeway Country Club.

City Council chambers exceeded its 125-person capacity, so another 70 people sat in a sweltering hot downstairs lobby where a large-screen television was set up to show the live hearing. A second large-screen TV was set up outside the Council chambers where at least 30 more people sat while others stood.

First, those interested in the FASNY proposal had to wait about 90 minutes for

other City Council business -- including a hearing on proposed new regulations for cabaret licenses. The Council voted Monday to extend a moratorium on approving cabaret licenses by four months while city regulations are updated. Applications will continue to be taken, officials said.

City Council President John Martin said, "Our cabaret regulations are outdated and in need of review."

And Mayor Tom Roach warned others in the audience who accused the City Council of leaning one way or the other on the fate of new cabaret licenses said, "I think we're getting a little ahead of ourselves."

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and related costs total \$132 billion nationwide each year including \$2.4 billion in New York State.

Delaware recently became the 24th state to pass legislation requiring interlock devices. "Still, 26 states are not doing all they can," Withers said.

At least half of those convicted of drunk driving continue to drive with suspended licenses, according to MADD. A court-mandated interlock ignition device allows someone convicted of drunk driving to keep their license, remain employed and "ensures they are driving sober," Withers said.

"MADD thanks Congresswoman Lowey for her leadership to help eliminate drunk driving," Withers said. "It's time for all states to pass this lifesaving law."

In 2010, the New York State Legislature unanimously passed a law requiring judges to include ignition interlock

devices as part of their DWI sentencing guidelines. "Leandra's Law" increased the number of interlock installations from 2,500 when New York's law first went into effect to 6,870 last July.

Withers said states that have adopted their own laws mandating ignition devices have seen their drunk driving deaths drop by 33 percent to 43 percent annually. Oregon and Arizona have reported the greatest success to date using interlock devices.

MADD's president said her home state of Maryland as well as Texas lag behind other states in adopting laws that crack down on repeat drunk drivers. J.T. Griffin, MADD's chief government affairs officer, said Ohio and Florida also have lousy track records of keeping drunk drivers off the road.

Lowey said she intends to seek bipartisan support for the bill's passage

from House Speaker John Boehner, an Ohio Republican, "and work hard to get as many co-sponsors as possible . . . We just have to do the right thing."

In 2000, Lowey successfully passed legislation requiring states to enact a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) level of .08 as a condition of receiving federal transportation money. The law prompted all 50 states to pass BAC laws.

Some state legislators complain about the cost of installing interlock devices or of subsidizing low-income drivers who can't afford them.

Withers argued the devices cost defendants about \$3 daily, which also allows them to remain employed if they need a car for work.

Founded by another mother whose daughter was killed by a drunk driver, MADD is the nation's largest non-profit group working to toughen DWI laws and

reduce underage drinking.

Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a study that found one in 10 deaths among working-age adults between 2006 and 2010 was due to excessive drinking.

The CDC has found ignition interlocks reduce DWI recidivism by 67 percent. MADD said more than 300,000 interlock devices have been installed nationwide.

"Thirty years after MADD alerted the public to the dangers of drunk driving, we still have over 10,000 people dying each year due to a drunk driver," Lowey said. "We know interlocks work and it's time for every state to adopt this lifesaving measure."

Every major traffic safety organization including the National Transportation Safety Board and AAA has endorsed the concept.

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officials in the event of an emergency.

With passage of the local law, Harrison could have a working record and easy way to contact responsible parties associated with every rental property in town, Kraut said at an earlier public meeting. Kraut told the Town Council that Mt. Kisco and Port Chester had success with similar landlord registries.

But the proposed law was challenged by some residents, landlords and council members ever since it was introduced by Kraut at the Town Council meeting on April 1.

Some landlords expressed concern about the law's potential daily fines of \$250 to \$1,000 if they failed to register their rental properties with the town.

Building Inspector Robert FitzSimmons expressed support for the law, citing prior emergencies, including a two-family home

flooded earlier this year. Town officials were unable to reach the landlord during that situation, he said.

The registry also was aimed at curbing absentee landlords. A similar law was proposed in 2009, but also failed to receive support from the Town Council.

Council members said it might be difficult to collect fines, especially from property owners who don't live in Harrison or New York State.

Council member Marlane Amelio said the Town Council could always revisit the proposal if new concerns arise from not having a landlord registry.

In the meantime, she said the same information, including contact information, could be gathered from tax information that is readily available for most property owners.

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Meanwhile, both sides of the FASNY issue expressed dismay over how the first of three planned hearings was handled. A FASNY supporter said a hearing just for the proposed school project could have been held the following night. A FASNY

speaker Monday night in support of FASNY, and another 20 people had signed up to speak out against the project. But as time passed and the temperature rose inside City Hall, at least a dozen people left early.

Dan Seidel, an attorney opposed to



The crowd attending the FASNY public hearing spilled out from the 125-seat Council Chambers to the lobby area outside on the second level of City Hall as well as in the main rotunda downstairs. About 200 people attended in total.

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opponent wondered why the White Plains Performing Arts Center, with its larger capacity, wasn't reserved as has been the practice at other city hearings that anticipated big turnouts.

The first of the FASNY public hearings focused on the closing of the southern portion of Hathaway Lane. People commenting addressed the FASNY proposal at large as well as Hathaway Lane. By 10:40 p.m. the first hearing was adjourned to August 4 and the public hearing on the FASNY proposal was opened. Mayor Roach indicated he wanted to try to close the night's meeting by 11:30 p.m.

At least 20 people, many of them wearing green "yes" stickers, signed up to

the FASNY project, said he planned to ask Mayor Roach and Councilman John Kirkpatrick why they have not recused from participating in the project review when they have taken campaign contributions from those associated with FASNY or its site design. Campaign contributions to Roach totaling at least \$2,434 came from those tied to FASNY, according to Seidel, including from FASNY attorney Michael Zarin's law firm, Zarin & Steinmetz, and architect Graham Trelstad.

"Recuse yourself immediately," Seidel said. "It's dirty money."

Charles Morgan, who is running for city council, said, "This whole thing is being rushed through city government."

Greenburgh Ordinance Proposed to Regulate Shooting Ranges

By Jon Craig

A new town law was expected to be proposed Tuesday in Greenburgh that would set new restrictions on shooting ranges, after an Ardsley resident was struck by a suspected stray bullet fragment.

Nineteen neighbors of the Westchester County Police Revolver & Rifle League expressed concern about continued operation of the outdoor gun range at 693 Ardsley Road after a resident of Ardsley Chase townhouses was injured in her back yard on June 12.

At the June 23 meeting of the Greenburgh Town Board, many called for tighter restrictions over the shooting range, which has been temporarily closed. The issue and proposed ordinance was expected to be discussed again on July 8 during the town's 8 p.m. meeting. The ordinance was drafted by Bob Bernstein, president of the Edgemont Community Council.

Operators voluntarily shut the six-day-a-week practice facility down after a Birch Hill Road resident was struck in the leg by a flat circular object. Greenburgh Police detectives continue to investigate the possibility it was a bullet fragment, in cooperation with county, state and federal officials. Shooting range owners could not be reached for comment.

Town Supervisor Paul Feiner planned

to introduce the proposed ordinance at Tuesday's meeting and ask that it be referred to the Greenburgh Planning Board for review and recommendations. Feiner said he hopes a public hearing can be held on the proposed ordinance during the town board meeting on Aug. 27. "I feel strongly that outdoor shooting range facilities should be regulated and share neighbors' concerns" about noise, safety and its impact on the environment.

The proposed ordinance would require valid town permits for new shooting ranges, and would require existing ranges to comply with the provisions within six months of the local law's passage. No new or existing range could operate within a quarter-mile of a home, school, place of worship, playground, child day care center or public park. Each range shall be designed to contain bullets, gunshot or related debris on the range facility, according to the proposed ordinance, and shall be designed to minimize off-site noise impacts. The gun range owner/permit holder also would be required to carry \$5 million in liability insurance coverage.

Civil penalties of \$1,000-a-day could be assessed by the Greenburgh Police Department for violations of the proposed ordinance.

Last week, Feiner sent letters to Gov.

Andrew Cuomo, state Sen. Andrea Stewart Cousins and Assemblyman Tom Abinanti as well as Village of Ardsley officials to express his concerns about the lack of regulations over any shooting ranges, including the one at 693 Ardsley Road.

The not-for-profit gun range, which is not affiliated with the police, leases the Ardsley Road property from Con Edison. The shooting range is within striking distance of the Sprain Brook Parkway. The shooting range also is close to Ardsley Middle School, school bus stops and a playground.

The victim was treated for a small scratch by the Ardsley-Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

There are no state regulations of shooting ranges including the one in Greenburgh, which first opened during the 1940s. The range also is not required to provide security at the site. There also are no required safety inspections of shooting ranges.

Property Tax and Mortgage Counseling on July 15

The town of Greenburgh is in the process of foreclosing on properties that are behind on their property taxes. Property tax foreclosure can put residents in jeopardy of losing their homes – even if they owe only a small amount. And

many homeowners are not getting all the property tax exemptions they are entitled to, and are therefore paying more than they need to in taxes.

On July 15, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Westchester Residential Opportunities Inc. (WRO) will sponsor a free workshop at Greenburgh Town Hall to offer tips on how to avoid foreclosure and other tax-related problems.

Founded in 1968, WRO is a federally certified non-profit housing agency. WRO has saved thousands of Westchester homes from tax and mortgage foreclosure, enabling homeowners to remain in their homes, or to protect their equity by selling and transitioning to other housing.

WRO is the only agency in Westchester that offers both free property tax foreclosure and mortgage foreclosure counseling. WRO counselors utilize all the tools at their disposal to resolve foreclosure, including modifications, repayment plans, short sales, reverse mortgages, bankruptcy, sales of the homes, and negotiating with lenders or municipalities on behalf of homeowners.

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Westchester County Film Industry Experiences Surge in Local Productions

June 29 was pronounced “Mapleton, New York Day in Westchester County” by the County Executive last week. If you are wondering what Mapleton has to do with Westchester, the answer is film and television production.

Mapleton is the fictional town at the center of a new 10-episode television series “The Leftovers,” currently running on HBO. From Damon Lindelof (Emmy® winner for “Lost”) and acclaimed novelist Tom Perrotta (Academy Award® nominee for “Little Children”), “The Leftovers” is based on Perrotta’s bestselling novel of the same name, produced for HBO by White Rabbit in association with Warner Bros. Television.

Starring Justin Theroux, Amy Brenneman, Christopher Eccleston and Liv Tyler, the show has been filmed in settings across the county, as well as on an elaborate set built at the new Haven Studios NY in Mount Vernon.



Left to right: Nicole Zeller, co-owner of Haven Studios NY; Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino; Mayor Ernie Davis, City of Mt. Vernon; and Gabrielle Zeller, co-owner of Haven Studios NY.

“Westchester’s beautiful parks, shorelines, historic Main Streets, suburban neighborhoods and bustling urban areas provide great backdrops for movies and television shows,” said Astorino from the set of “The Leftovers” in Mount Vernon last week. “The Leftovers is just the latest starring role for Westchester, and we are

very proud to have worked with everyone involved in the production. Obviously, we love the glamor. But film production also makes business sense in terms of jobs and dollars coming into our local communities. Just six months into 2014, we have surpassed the revenues generated by film and television production in all of

2013.”

For “The Leftovers,” the 42,270 square-foot production space at Haven Studios was transformed into the interior of a suburban residence and a police station. “We were excited to get a tenant so soon after marketing the space to the film industry,” said Nicole Zeller, the owner of the new studio and vice president of Zelco Industries. “We had so much interest in the space. It was clearly needed in the region.”

In addition to “The Leftovers,” other recent television series that have filmed multiple episodes—and in some cases, multiple seasons—in Westchester include, “The Blacklist,” “The Following,” “Elementary,” “Person of Interest,” “Boardwalk Empire,” “The Americans,” “Girls,” and “The Good Wife.” Feature films that have recently wrapped include “The Wolf of Wall Street,” “Winter’s Tale,” and “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.”

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The Maple Moor Golf Club, located at 1128 North Street, White Plains.

pay \$45 for 18 holes after 2 p.m. and \$30 for super twilight, a discount from the respective fees of \$59 and \$36. Carts are included in all fees.

The golf courses offering the discounts are Dunwoodie and Sprain

Lake in Yonkers, Saxon Woods in Scarsdale, Maple Moor in White Plains and Mohansic in Yorktown Heights. The discounts are not available at Hudson Hills in Ossining.

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Saturday's Mini Earthquake Raises Questions About Local Vulnerabilities

By Pat Casey

A 2.5 magnitude earthquake occurred 23 miles northwest of White Plains and 13 miles southeast of Newburgh on Saturday morning; 10:46 a.m. according to the Lamont-Doherty Cooperative Seismographic Network. The depth was reported to be 3.1 miles below the Earth's surface.

Confirmation of the quake was made by the US Geological Survey at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday and officially reported.



Security and safety at the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant are raised when earthquakes of any magnitude hit the surrounding area.

According to LCSN, earthquakes of 2.5 magnitude or less are rarely felt, but can be recorded by a seismograph. Approximately 900,000 earthquakes in this low-level category occur each year.

The accompanying illustration from LCSN indicates three other Category 1 earthquakes that took place within the same region as Saturday's quake during the past six months. These all registered on a seismograph, but were not felt by the general population.

On Saturday afternoon, Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner issued an email alerting constituents about the mini quake, which was a short distance from Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant.

In the email Feiner noted that: "Indian

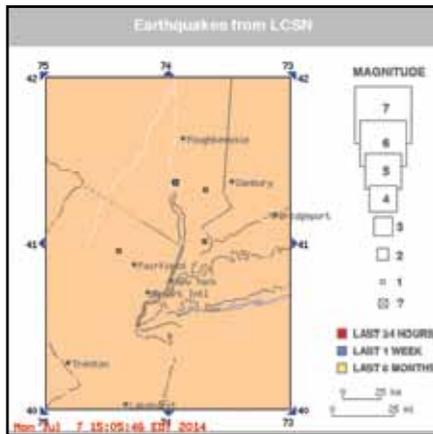
magnitude earthquake that was felt in Manhattan on Aug. 23, 2011.

An article published by the Journal News on July 5th quoted Leonardo Seeber, a seismologist and geologist at Lamont-Doherty, who said Saturday's earthquake was in a wooded area of the Hudson Highlands, and not along any known fault lines, including the nearby Ramapo Fault.

In May 2014, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced that The Indian Point power plant is one of 10 sites considered most in need for a re-evaluation of earthquake vulnerability, setting a deadline of June 2017 for submitting a detailed risk analysis.

At the time, an article by The New York Times reported: "The commission has described the work as important but not requiring instant action. It asked for a quick review of key systems that would keep nuclear fuel cool after an earthquake, in addition to a detailed analysis of the plant. If problems were found in those systems, they would have to be corrected by the end of 2016."

Entergy, the owner of the two operating reactors at Indian Point reportedly took steps that it hoped would forestall the analysis, estimated to cost around \$10 million. Entergy also noted that the ability to shut down the reactors outside the control room was an added security measure not included in the NRC analysis.



Map from the Lamont-Doherty Cooperative Seismographic Network shows earthquake status in the region as of Monday, July 7. The blue box indicates the site of Saturday's mini quake. Three other smaller boxes show earthquake activity in the past six months at magnitude 1 or below.

Point critics have pointed out that Indian Point is on an earthquake fault (the Ramapo Fault). ... I have felt for a long time that Indian Point should close down. And, I hope that the NRC will take into consideration the reality that this plant is located on active earthquake faults."

Feiner supplied links to various sites providing information about how our area could be impacted by a major earthquake sometime in the future. These included a link to earth.columbia.edu, with a 2001 article about the impact of potential future earthquakes on Bergen County, New Jersey, and nycem.org, the official website of The New York City Area Consortium Earthquake Loss Mitigation, which contained references to the 5.8



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By Pat Casey

For individuals and businesses looking to build, renovate or even relocate, the prospect of having to navigate through confusing zoning regulations and building codes, architect and builder proposals, professional contracts and licenses, not to mention, the government and legal agencies monitoring the construction



Richard Cirulli, founder of Kymar Limited, a White Plains based construction management company.

field, can become overwhelming. If along the way mistakes are made, then costs may become excessive and valuable time lost.

Having spent over 30 years in facilities and construction management, Richard Cirulli, a former member of

the Architectural Review Boards for Wappinger Falls and Port Chester, and having held senior facilities management positions at numerous Fortune 500 companies as well as healthcare institutions such as New York Presbyterian Hospital, Beth Abraham Healthcare Systems and Continuum Healthcare, decided it was time to step out on his own.

"Construction is beginning to pick up," Cirulli said. "With land use issues being a major concern in Westchester and government regulations expanding, it's difficult for owners to know what right steps they should take to get the best prices and quality for construction work they want to get done."

Positioning himself as an owner's representative, Cirulli created Kymar Limited, offering services to existing facilities as well as developers and owners with new projects. Cirulli's is a soup to nuts approach to project management. Depending on the job, he offers a complete selection of construction management services including Architecture and Engineering services, contract review, negotiation and management, inspections and assessments, preconstruction planning and estimating, on-site field

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For homeowners, Cirulli developed the Homeowners Ombudsman Program.

Because his company is not a contracting firm, its mission is to act as the homeowner's advocate to protect them from unethical and inexperienced contractors.

Kymar should be the first call you make when planning a home improvement, not the contractor, Cirulli says. In many cases the adversarial relationship that develops between the remodeler and the homeowner, can be avoided if there is good communication and a clear scope of the work to be done is determined.

Cirulli's years of experience in dealing with home improvement contractors confirmed the need to provide homeowners with a service to assist them from falling into the pitfalls so common in the industry.

Just recently a friend requested Cirulli's assistance in qualifying a contractor. He met with the contractor, who was a medium level carpenter with close to 20 years experience as a tradesman, and now just starting out in his own business.

Cirulli asked the contractor which bank would hold the client's escrow account as required by New York State lien Law, and informed him that the homeowner would require a waiver of liens at each progress payment. He also asked for a copy of the contractor's license.

Needless to say, the contractor did not have the necessary license and experience to do the scope of work required by the homeowner, and he balked at the payments process.

Such encounters are commonplace, and in many situations, if the remodeler holds the upper hand. The homeowner may pay a hefty price.

Kymar also does pre-purchase inspections for people buying a new home with plans to remodel and has access to the services of a number of well-experienced architects and construction managers.

While Cirulli holds many academic degrees in construction and management and has worked at the top levels of the industry, he apprenticed as a union brick mason, cement finisher, and carpenter to pay his way through college.

This experience gives me an edge when it comes to knowing what it takes throughout the entire construction process, Cirulli says.

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For details, contact Jane Lindau at 914-428-4507 ext. 313 or jlindau@wroinc.org. **State DOT Official Speaks at Town Work Session**

The town of Greenburgh invited a regional representative of the state Department of Transportation to its work session on Tuesday to discuss the lack of work on state-owned roads and other property.

Potholes on state roads are not being repaved as quickly as they once were. Grass on state roads and traffic islands are not cut as frequently. Litter is not picked up alongside state roads.

Town Supervisor Paul Feiner said he's received many complaints from Greenburgh residents about the lack of regular maintenance and cleanup on state-owned roads and property. "At times the town has assigned town staff to cut the grass or pick up litter on (state) roads which are located in Greenburgh," Feiner

said, which include Dobbs Ferry Road, Central Avenue, Route 119, Benedict Avenue and Saw Mill River Road.

Others have expressed concern over the staging area the state has created on Dobbs Ferry Road near the Sprain Brook Parkway. Logs and equipment have been placed at this corner periodically, creating an eyesore.

"I'm hoping that the state will agree not to use the Dobbs Ferry Road/Sprain area as a staging area in the future," Feiner said. "Or, that they will place some trees/large bushes along the road so the area won't look as bad. I'm also hoping that the state will agree to reimburse the town for any costs associated with cleanup, if the town cleans up the area."

Feiner said he invited state Sen. Andrea Stewart Cousins and Assemblyman Tom Abinanti to Tuesday's work session; videotape was to be archived on the town's web site.

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From the Harrison Mayor and Town Hall, July 7, 2014



Ron Belmont,
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I hope you all had a happy and healthy 4th of July weekend. It was wonderful seeing familiar friends and new faces at this year's annual fireworks display in downtown Harrison. I would like to recognize

Roy Aletti for his generosity and hard work in, once again, delivering an event that was enjoyed by all.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of Harrison High School 2014 graduate, Lily Lindsay. Lily has been involved in competitive rowing, locally and regionally, since she was a child. She is the only rower, in New York State history, to hold a four-time championship record, in the same event, at the New York State Scholastic Championships. Recently, Lily was once again named to the Junior National Team and will be representing the United States next month at the 2014 Junior World Rowing Championships in Hamburg, Germany. Congratulations and good luck to Lily in all future competitions.

Construction is underway on roadway

and infrastructure improvements at several locations throughout Harrison. Town personnel have started to work on curb and under drain projects. Currently, we are corresponding with a number of utility companies and are moving forward. This work is in preparation for eventual road paving projects.

I would like to bring your attention to a very worthwhile program. The Harrison Youth Council's Youth Employment Service (YES) assists our youth in resume writing, interviewing skills, and job readiness and then matches them with available jobs with area residents and businesses. Effective immediately, Lisa Calder Vella, the YES Coordinator, will meet with students at the Sollazzo Center (270 Harrison Avenue, Harrison) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The YES program, which operates at Harrison High School throughout the school year, will return to its home in September. For more information about YES, contact Lisa Calder Vella at 835-5700 or jobs@harrisonyouth.org. For more information about Harrison Youth Council, contact Scott Altabet, Executive Director, at 835-7500 or info@harrisonyouth.org.

Guest Column

Harrison's Pet Rescue is holding an Open House on Sunday, July 13th, from 2-6 p.m. at 7 Harrison Ave. Special guests will be on hand as staff and volunteers give tours of the facility. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 3

p.m. Current supporters of Pet Rescue are excited to have the community get to know the organization as they further their mission of aiding abandoned and neglected animals.

Recently, my office has been notified by Con Ed's Office of Government Relations. As summer temperatures are on the rise, Con Ed has provided the following energy and cost saving tips: turn off air conditioners, lights and other appliances when not at home, keep air conditioner filters clean, close doors to keep cool air in and hot air out, set units to 78 degrees and use fans when possible. For additional information, visit www.coned.com.

Harrison's summer concert series got off to a great start on the 4th of July. Mark your calendars for the return of Club Dennis and The Dennis "Dion" Nardone Show on July 31st in West Harrison. The concert event begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. and will include a magic act,

face painting and balloon sculptures. I encourage everyone to join in this fun, family friendly event.

The next "Lunch with the Mayor" is on Friday, July 11th. I will be at The Craftsman Alehouse, located at 235 Harrison Avenue in Harrison. I will be at this location from 12:30 to 1:30 and look forward to meeting with residents and talking about issues facing our community.

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Major Earthquake, Minor Earthquake: Do We Have Our Heads in the Sand Over Indian Point?

Over the weekend there was a lot of clamor over an earthquake 23 miles northwest of White Plains in the Peekskill area. News reports indicated people living in the immediate area were shaken by the seismic activity, but no one was hurt and the 2.5 magnitude quake was quickly relegated to the "mini" pile, thrown in among the 900,000 some odd earthquakes that occur regularly in a similar magnitude range.

The fact is, we do get earthquakes of varying magnitude at different intervals on

a somewhat regular basis. Sometimes the magnitude is larger, sometimes smaller. So far we have been lucky and have not had anything serious happen, locally.

It does seem somewhat irresponsible, however, to minimize the importance of a nuclear power plant being built on or near a recognized fault line, especially when the nuclear reactors are getting old and sitting between licensing periods. Common sense would seem to indicate that resting on your laurels, hoping to not have to spend \$10 million on a safety analysis is not the

responsible position for Entergy to take at this time.

If a nuclear energy facility cannot afford the \$10 million analysis fee, then how can it possibly afford repair/upgrade work and how can it continue to operate efficiently into the future?

We have not had the true test yet. No earthquake has immediately affected the Indian Point plant. Can we safely say that if there is a tremor that strikes the plant at ground zero, we will not have a major emergency on our hands?

Obituaries

Charles F. Miles, Jr.

Charles F. Miles, Jr. (Charlie) passed away on July 4 at his home in Old Lyme, Connecticut at the age of 76. Charles was born on November 9, 1937 in the Bronx to Charles and Evelyn. Brother Edward predeceased Charles in March 2001. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Lorraine; sister-in-law Andrina Betts of San Diego; sister-in-law Rosemarie Ronchini of Parkchester; son Jonathan and his wife Barbara of Rye; daughter Elisabeth and her husband Dr. Wilton Craig Calderon of Old Lyme; niece Lynn Miles; two nephews Brendan and Edward Miles and four grandchildren; Caitlin Marie Miles; Jonathan Edward Miles; Chase Miles Calderon and Makayla Catherine Calderon.

Charles attended Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx; Manhattan College in Riverdale, and NYU Graduate School in Manhattan. He enjoyed a lengthy career as a Professional Engineer with the County of Westchester until his retirement in November 1995. Upon retirement, he discovered a passion for cooking and occupied his time developing new recipes, and being with friends and family.

Visitation will be held at Beecher Flocks Funeral Home, 418 Bedford Rd, Pleasantville, New York 10570. Tel. 914-769-0001, beecherflocksfh.com on July 9 from 2 to 4 in the afternoon and 7 to 9 in the evening. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on July 10 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows R.C. Church located at 920 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Center for Hospice Care located at 227 Dunham Street in Norwich, Connecticut 06360 or www.hospicesect.org.

Carmine Izzo

Carmine Izzo Jr., a White Plains resident, died July 5 at the age of 74. He was born June 8, 1940 in White Plains to Carmine and Katherine Izzo.

A graduate of White Plains High School in 1958, he joined the U.S. Army

reserves in 1960 and served until 1966. He married Ursula Casterella in White Plains on October 4, 1964. Carmine was a self-employed Electrician and worked for over 50 years at his trade. He was also an avid Phillies fan.

Besides his wife Ursula of White Plains, he is survived by his mother Katherine Izzo of White Plains and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brother Domenic Izzo.

John Bellantoni

John A. Bellantoni, 71, formerly of White Plains and currently of Mt. Pleasant, passed away July 1. John was born September 17, 1942 in White Plains to Mary LeMark and John Bellantoni. Grandson of Antonio Bellantoni, founder of Bellantoni Bakery in White Plains. A graduate of White Plains High School, John went on to the University of Bridgeport and Columbia University where he completed two Masters Degrees in education. He was a high school administrator for 30 years at various schools culminating at Harrison High School. John was a distinguished veteran who served as a Vietnam combat veteran who was honorably discharged. John was the unofficial Mayor of White Plains who was a loving father and dedicated educator.

John is survived by two children David (Flora) Bellantoni and Sarah (Eddie Kelly) Bellantoni, both of Astoria, Ilene Smith, Patti Bellantoni and Pat Pelliccio. He is also survived by Uncle Michael Bellantoni and many cousins. John was predeceased by his brother Patrick.

In lieu of flowers donations may go to Wounded Warriors Project at woundedwarriorproject.org.

Michael Keating

Michael Keating, of White Plains, passed away on June 29 at the age of 75. He was born in Philadelphia, PA to the late Mary (Jordan) & Patrick Keating on May 31, 1939. Michael married his wife, Rebecca, in Santa Barbara, CA

on June 26, 1965. Together they have 2 children: Mary Brooks Keating & James O'Malley Keating, both of White Plains. Also surviving is a grandchild Nico Talia Keating and 2 sisters; Corinne Keating Devereux & Jane Keating Ryan.

Michael was a graduate of Power Memorial Academy in NYC, Villanova & NYU Law School. He was a self-employed attorney. He served on the White Plains Common Council from 1970-1973. He was elected President of the Common Council in 1974 and was appointed Acting Mayor later that year when his predecessor, Carl Delfino, died in office. He was elected to the mayoralty in 1975 serving a one-year term.

As a Councilman, Michael was instrumental in preventing the erection of a huge elevated feeder route into White Plains that would have blighted both the shopping district and certain residential areas of the city (Battle Hill). As Mayor, he was responsible for major decisions concerning the development of the extensive urban renewal area in downtown White Plains. Those decisions transformed the city into the dynamic urban center that it is today.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Red Cloud Indian School, 100 Mission Drive, Pine Ridge, S.D. 57770 in Michael's name.

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Police Blotter

Harrison Police Department

Cell Phone Violation: On June 19 at about 10 p.m., John F. Molina, 30, of the Bronx was stopped along Westchester Avenue near Kenilworth Road for using his cell phone while driving. A computer check found Molina's driving privileges were suspended five times. He was released on \$75 bail pending a July 15 court appearance.

Drug Arrest: On June 21 at about 4:30 p.m., police spotted a car parked near a wooded area at 2000 Purchase St. The car's owner, James H. Howell, 61, of Everett, WA, was found to have a suspended license. A search of Howell's vehicle turned up a glass pipe containing what appeared to be crack cocaine residue. When police displayed the pipe, Howell said, "I got to stop hanging out with those people." Police also found a small, clear Listerine bottle containing numerous small plastic bags commonly used in the packaging of crack cocaine. Howell's car was impounded. He was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance and taken to Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$500 bail.

Weapons Arrest: On June 23 about 6 p.m., Anthony Circosta, 59, of 30 Taylor Road, Valhalla, was stopped in the 200 block of Halstead Ave. for wearing headphones while operating a motor vehicle. Police observed a "billy" on Circosta's front passenger seat. He told police he keeps the weapon in his car because he works in South Yonkers. He was charged with criminal possession of a weapon and released on \$250 bail. He was due to appear in court on July 8.

Greenburgh Police Department

Aid Request: On June 23, police responded to a call from Regeneron Pharmaceuticals at 735 Old Saw Mill River Road in Tarrytown. Police observed Gary Roach, an employee of Techniplast, with a bandage around a finger on his right hand. Roach said that the finger had gotten caught underneath a piece of metal he was lifting crushing the digit. Two co-workers corroborated the account. Roach and the other two were installing a machine

used to sterilize equipment. Roach was transported to Westchester Medical Center at 9:39 a.m. The incident was reported to the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Criminal Mischief: Jennifer Johnson, vice president of operations at the Lois Bronz Community Center at 30 Manhattan Ave. in White Plains, reported that sometime between 4 p.m. on June 20 and 10:15 a.m. on June 23 trespassers jumped the back fence and threw paint on a playground slide. She said that personnel at the center have been finding trash and other refuse in that area indicating that unauthorized people have been hanging out there after hours. Surveillance footage reviewed from the scene did not show the intruders and there were no witnesses to the paint-throwing incident.

Criminal Mischief: On June 23, Maria A. Valenzuela, 51, of 801 Pondsides Drive, White Plains, reported that an unknown person had maliciously bent a piece of trim on her car while it was parked in the lot at her apartment complex sometime between 10:30 a.m. on June 21 and noon on June 23. Valenzuela said she knew of no one who would damage her car.

Identity Theft: Alina Williams, 49, of 2 Oak St. in White Plains came to Greenburgh Police Headquarters on June 23 to report that someone had opened an AT&T account using her name without her permission. She told police that the account had been opened sometime between May 7 and June 23 and that she had just received a bill from the company in the amount of \$2,192.08. She called the company's fraud department and found out that the address linked to the fraudulent account was in Conyers, Ga. This is the second time that Williams' identity has been stolen this year.

Find My iPhone: An iPhone saved the day on June 24 in Elmsford, when a man's car was stolen from a parking lot but quickly located using an app on the cell phone that his wife left in the car. Joseph L. Mauro, 37, called police to Court Sports at 150 Clearbrook Road in Elmsford to

report that his black 2014 Honda had been taken less than 20 minutes after he'd parked it in the lot. He told police that he might have dropped his keys on the way in to the facility. Mauro's wife arrived while he was talking to police and activated the "Find My iPhone" app. The car was traced to a location on Manhattan Avenue near Oak Street. Using a set of spare keys, the phone was retrieved along with the car. Mauro inspected the car and found no damage and nothing missing. Police advised him to replace the locks on the car. The vehicle was released to him.

Petit Larceny: A bag so nice, it was stolen twice. About noon on June 24, police responded to the DSW store at 367 Tarrytown Road in White Plains to investigate a shoplifting complaint. Store manager Ashley Allison told police a black male had taken a black Ralph Lauren handbag and left the store without paying for it. The day before, the same man had walked out with the same model handbag at approximately 4 p.m. A search of the area turned up nothing.

Aggravated Unlicensed Operation: A June 24 car accident drew police to the intersection of 47 South Central Ave. and Hartsdale Avenue in Hartsdale just before 4 p.m. Police interviewed Jami-Andre Naiemah, 31, who was driving a black 1991 Mercedes-Benz model sedan. She presented police with a Pennsylvania State driver's license. A database check showed that her New York driver license was suspended on April 25 for an unsatisfied judgment. Her Pennsylvania license was deemed valid and she was released. But she was issued a summons for aggravated unlicensed operation and is due in court on July 10.

Petit Larceny: On June 24, Tenne B. Raymond, 25, told police that her phone was stolen after she left it in the bathroom at her place of employment — the AT&T Store at 835 South Central Ave. in Scarsdale. She said the phone was taken between 8 p.m. on June 8 and 10 a.m. on June 9. There are no suspects at this time.

Violation of Town Code: A White Plains man received a summons after police

found him sleeping up against a car at 10 Longdale Ave. on June 25. Rhazheim Turner exhibited signs of alcohol intoxication and smelled strongly of alcohol when police attempted to wake him up. Asked if a 40 oz. bottle of Old English lying at his feet was his, he told police that it was. Police issued Turner a summons and transported him to his residence at 10-3 Granada Crescent in White Plains.

Citizen's Arrest: At 8 p.m. on June 25, police responded to a 911 call from Adrian Wells of 160 Concord Ave. in Hartsdale after she witnessed a car driven by Valoyto Cardozo-Diaz hit a parked vehicle and flee the scene in front of her house. She told police that after the red Honda CRV struck the parked car, the force nearly caused it to roll over. Wells ran out to see if the driver was hurt and when she saw that he was extremely intoxicated she told him she was calling the police. At that point, Cardozo-Diaz revved up the car and fled the scene. Wells got into her car and followed him a short distance east on Concord Avenue until the damaged car came to a stop. She then took the keys out of the ignition, snapped a photo of Cardozo-Diaz and called 911. Police arrested him after they observed that he was barely able to stand and unable to take any field sobriety tests. He was transported to Greenburgh Police Headquarters where a Breathalyzer test showed a reading of 0.24, more than twice the legal limit. He was issued several summonses and was arraigned on June 25. His vehicle was impounded.

Aggravated DWI: On June 25 at about 10 a.m., police arrested Patrick T. Ende at 503 Grasslands Ave. in White Plains after a witness saw him driving erratically. Police said that Ende exhibited obvious signs of intoxication including the strong odor of alcohol, glassy/bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and a staggering gait. When a police officer told him that he wanted to administer a series of field sobriety tests, Ende informed him that he was physically unable to take the tests due to "two bad knees, a prosthetic shoulder and a broken back." He was arrested and taken to Greenburgh Police Headquarters where he was issued several summonses.

Stepinac Alumni Theatre to Present Stephen Sondheim's "Follies"

Former stars of the Stepinac High School Drama Club from 1959 through 2014 have returned to celebrate the Golden anniversary of the Stepinac Alumni Theatre with a performance of "Follies" based on the book by James Goldman Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

The show is directed by Frank Portanova '93 with choreography by Charlotte Newman and music direction by Chloe Sasson.

All performances will take place at the



newly air conditioned The Major Bowes Auditorium, Archbishop Stepinac High

School, 950 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains on Thursday, Friday and Saturday July 17th, 18th, 19th at 8 p.m. All tickets \$20.

Plot Synopsis: It's the early 1970s and the Wesimann Theatre in New York is about to be demolished. Before the wrecking ball transforms the theatre into a parking lot, the Follies showgirls and performers reunite singing and dancing their old numbers while confronting and reliving past regrets.

Local talent in the cast includes:

Francesca DeAngelo, Gabriel DeAngelo, Katie Jo Flanagan, Christopher Guzman, Danielle Ricciardi and Najee Stephenson of White Plains; Halle Mastroberardino and Mikie Sakanaka of Harrison; Elaine Forgione and Thomas Kramer of Hartsdale; Peter Iasillo, Jr. of Port Chester; and Sarah Rossman of Rye.

Tickets are available in advance and at the door before each performance. For tickets and more information contact 914-428-3128 or alumnitheatre@stepinac.org.

Accordionists Invade W'chester This Week for Annual Festival

By Martin Wilbur

You don't have to travel very far to see one of the largest assemblages of accordion players and accordion music lovers this week.

The 76th annual American Accordionists Association Festival descends on Westchester County this Wednesday for a five-day engagement, showcasing the best the instrument and the musicians who play it have to offer.

Until Sunday, the festival will feature performances, workshops and competitions, many of which are open to the public, at the Double Tree by Hilton in Tarrytown. Some of the events are free, while others are accessible through a registration charge.

Festival co-coordinator Frank Busso said the association, the nation's largest and oldest accordion organization with several thousand members in its ranks, had considered coming to Westchester for its milestone anniversary last year but decided to hold it in Manhattan, where the group was founded in 1938.

While the event has been held throughout the country, this year the association returned to the New York area because of the accordion's popularity in and around Westchester over the generations.

"There have been so many teachers in



Hundreds of accordionists came together for last year's 75th annual festival by playing their favorite instrument in Manhattan's Bryant Park.

the Westchester area throughout the years and there are still some excellent players there who are still playing today," said Busso, an accordion teacher who owns and operates a Staten Island accordion school and is the association's first vice president.

While some casual music observers may look upon the accordion as an instrument from a bygone era, there's been a resurgence in its popularity, Busso said. It has been seen and heard in radio and television commercials and has been used by a surprisingly large number of popular music artists, including Mumford

and Sons, Paul Simon, Bruce Springsteen, Sheryl Crow and many others.

Busso said some of the accordion's popularity is that it reaches across a wide assortment of cultures and ethnic groups. In the United States, some of its biggest fans are not only in the polka capitals of Pennsylvania and the Midwest, but down in the Louisiana bayou with the Cajun-infused zydeco music.

It also has roots throughout Europe, among other regions, hitting a chord with descendants of immigrants of so many backgrounds.

"The accordion remains an integral part of our popular culture because it mirrors our ethnic heritage," said American Accordion Association President Linda Reed. "You can see and hear the instrument in every media."

While there aren't as many accordion teachers today, there are still plenty of younger accordion players. Busso performs with his two children at various engagements throughout the year and can be seen later this week at the festival.

The festival, which will begin with registration on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and exhibits opening at 5 p.m., will spotlight an array of noted accordionists performing wide genres of music, including jazz, pop, polka, rock, folk and more.

In addition to a diverse set of 10



Cody McSherry, 10, from Pennsylvania, is one of the many young accomplished accordionists today.



AMERICAN ACCORDIONISTS ASSOCIATION PHOTOS
Lionel Reekie, a guest artist from New Zealand, helped celebrate last year's American Accordionists Association's festival in Bryant Park in Manhattan during the organization's 75th anniversary year.

workshops, there will be concerts, master classes and competitions for all levels in varied styles for adults and kids. Competition winners will receive honors, cash awards and scholarships.

Workshops, exhibits and concerts are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

Why Does Sensory Processing Matter?

Do you find yourself perpetually perplexed by some of your child's seemingly inexplicable behaviors? Does your son take excessive risks, often jumping or crashing into anything he can? Maybe your child loves shockingly strong hugs but can't tolerate the slightest brush on the arm. When it comes to food, does your daughter crave raw lemons but turn her head in disgust at milder foods like mozzarella cheese or eggs? These are a few examples of behaviors displayed in children with sensory processing issues. There is debate over whether or not children who display these behaviors should receive a diagnosis independent of any other developmental one, such as an autism spectrum disorder. However, despite the differing viewpoints, there is agreement that children with these issues face challenges in many areas of functioning.

People receive sensory input through movement and balance, body posture, and muscle control in addition to the basic five senses: sight, smell, taste, touch and hearing. When an individual is over-sensitive to one or more sensory areas the experience can be overwhelming, like a body and mind traffic jam. Under-sensitive people tend to miss the stimuli altogether. Concentrating is nearly

impossible in either scenario, learning is impeded, and responding appropriately to peers, family members, and teachers is challenging. Worst of all, if a child has a sensory processing issue and the people around him don't understand how it's affecting his behavior, they can be at a loss for how to help. Adults and peers might become frustrated and either reprimand or avoid a child.

Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) is relatively unheard of due to its absence in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM), which is used by psychologists and psychiatrists to guide diagnosis and treatment. Nevertheless, sensory processing issues are very common among children with autism spectrum disorders and attention disorders. They also occur in children without any official diagnosis. For this reason, the Interdisciplinary

Parenting Pep Talk



By Dr. Jaime Fleckner Black

Council for Developmental and Learning Disorders (ICDL) has included SPD along with various subcategories into its diagnostic manual which will be especially helpful for those treating children from infancy through early childhood (ICDL-DMIC; for more information visit www.icdl.com). This increases the chances that children with sensory processing issues will get the help they need.

Treatment for SPD is play-based and fun and involves immersing children in sensory-rich environments. The most effective programs are expert driven but family centered so that therapeutic techniques are practiced throughout the week. The key is to help children achieve an optimal level of arousal for their bodies and brains so they are open to interacting and learning. For kids with SPD this means rewiring the brain, which is done by exposing children to a variety of stimuli. In the exposure process, children learn to gradually integrate various kinds of sensory information. This helps them to

make sense of the world and feel secure exploring without frequent tantrums or meltdowns.

The causes of SPD are not yet fully understood, but the impact of having it untreated is increasingly salient. Children with SPD are typically just as intelligent as their peers and some are even considered gifted. Their brains are simply wired differently. Thankfully occupational therapy (OT) has been shown to help those with SPD, sometimes in combination with other therapies. With or without a label, adults and children alike have their own individual sensory profiles. Some of us like deep tissue massages while others can't tolerate anyone touching their backs, for example. The important thing is to recognize when children's differences become problematic and to support them as they learn to acclimate to new stimuli and environments.

Dr. Jaime Black is a licensed psychologist practicing in Westchester and New York City. Jaime works with high-functioning individuals on the autism spectrum, doing psychotherapy, conducting evaluations, and facilitating various socialization groups including an improv social skills group. Visit www.spectrumservicesnyc.com, e-mail JaimeBlackPsyD@gmail.com or call (914)712-8208.

Bouncing From Leaves of Grass to Neighborhood Diversity in Our Towns

The conversation started on Fourth of July weekend about a beautifully written essay in The New York Times by a man who had found "Leaves of Grass" to be a beacon of hope when growing up as an Evangelical in the South harboring the secret that he was gay.

My wife somehow had missed the homoerotic messages of Whitman's work and was as surprised as when she first learned that Rock Hudson was gay.



BILL PRIMAVERA PHOTO

Cathleen "Cat" McAuliffe, realtor with William Raveis in Yorktown. McAuliffe is an Asian scholar who is fluent in Japanese and offers her services to Japanese home seekers who do not yet speak English.

"But it was a nun who put that book in my hand," she said.

That comment struck me funny because, when I went to Catholic school in Philadelphia, the only thing I remember a nun putting into my hand was a ruler with a smart whack. When I asked my mother why that nun was so mean to me, she said,

"Because she's Irish and you're Italian!" Maybe my first-grade nun had issues, but obviously my mother did, too.

My parent's generation didn't yet have the Sharks and the Jets. They had the Irish and Italian factions, the former having arrived a generation earlier because of the potato famine; the latter lagging behind a half century to escape a great Italian depression to build projects in the City of Brotherly Love, and the wars for turf were on. The difference was that my dad's gang in the '20s and '30s used fists, bricks and bottles rather than knives and guns.

By the time my dad stopped hanging around with the gang and married my mother, the first home they purchased was next door to the O'Grady's, and I'm told that my grandmother didn't like the idea that they didn't buy in a nice, exclusively Italian neighborhood.

By the 1950s because of a post-World War II opportunity for my dad, we would be living in the South before Rosa Parks, where there were designated neighborhoods in which blacks could and could not live. Even we as Italian-Catholic northerners with one parent having an



By Bill Primavera

Italian accent were labelled "the foreigners" in our community.

In another 10 years, my widowed mother would be moving to Baltimore to be closer to my married sister. Shockingly enough, to buy a new row home there, she was required to sign a covenant with the developer pledging that she would not someday resell the property to a buyer of "Oriental extraction."

"How could you sign something like that?" I asked her, having just graduated from college the year Kennedy was elected. Looking back, I was astounded that federal

law did not yet protect citizens from such discrimination.

"It's the only way I could get the house," she responded.

Fast-forward more than 50 years. In the course of the past 12 months, I have represented such a diversity of buyers and sellers that they could make their own United Nations. That is thrilling to me, having witnessed the long fight for equal opportunity in housing through the years.

Considering my mother's bout with discrimination against Asians a half-century ago, I was delighted to meet Cathleen "Cat" McAuliffe, a new agent at

William Raveis Real Estate in Yorktown Heights. She's new but has been connected with real estate and construction through her family for a long time. McAuliffe is and looks as Irish as Irish can be. She is also an Asian scholar who speaks fluent Japanese.

Having lived in Japan and taught English there for seven years, she is back to represent all sellers and buyers, but will be a treasure to those who are relocating from Japan and do not yet speak English.

"I encourage anyone who knows anyone in that situation to contact me," McAuliffe advised, "because I can both teach them English and handle their real estate needs at the same time."

That welcoming accommodation is a far cry from the days of shameful prohibitive covenants.

How great is it that we live in a country that protects our right to live where we choose, albeit belatedly and with no small amount of struggle. And how gratifying it is to work in a profession that guarantees and facilitates that right.

Bill Primavera, "The Home Guru" Realtor, is associated with William Raveis Real Estate and Founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc., the longest running public relations agency in Westchester (www.PrimaveraPR.com), specializing in lifestyles, real estate and development. His real estate site is: www.PrimaveraRealEstate.com and his blog is: www.TheHomeGuru.com. To engage The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.



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HAPPY HOUR

Beechmont Tavern – 3-7PM,
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All drink ½ off, \$5 appetizers

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Elements – 4-8PM, Daily
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Executive Billiards – Happy Hour,
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cocktails, ½ off appetizers at the bar

Ron Black's Beer Hall – 4-8PM,
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wines, appetizer specials

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Weekdays \$4 drafts, \$5 select wines, \$6
select cocktails, Half off appetizer

menu at the bar.

Wicked Wolf Tavern – 4-7 PM,
Weekdays ½ off all drinks, \$5 appetizers

Vintage – 11AM-7PM
Live bands, \$4 drink specials

TUESDAY, July 8

Beechmont Tap Room & Grill
Country Night with \$3 signature
whiskey cocktails

The Brazen Fox 10-11PM Bonus
Night

Black Bear Saloon
Tijuana Tuesdays & Karaoke \$2
Coronas and Tequila shots

Elements Jazz Tuesdays –6:30-9:30PM

Lazy Lounge Bar Trivia – 9PM

Ron Black's Beer Hall Battle of the
Brains Trivia – 8PM \$100 for the
winner!

Wicked Wolf Tavern Tijuana
Tuesdays - \$2 Coronas, \$2 Tequila
Shots, \$2 Tacos

WEDNESDAY, July 9

Black Bear Saloon Trivia starts at
8:30PM; \$5 Bomb shots, \$4 Pinnacle
Drinks, \$3 Domestic Drafts, \$2 SoCo
Lime shots, \$1 tacos

Bob Hyland's Sports Page Pub
Trivia Night – 7:30PM sign up, 8PM
start

Brazen Fox Ladies Night 5-11PM. A
portion of all proceeds is donated to
the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Dunne's Pub Music Seisun – 7:30-
10:30PM Traditional Irish music with
Brian Conway and friends!

Elements Karaoke Night – 8:30PM-
12:30AM

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10PM; featuring special beer of the
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Sam's of Gedney Way Wine
Wednesday

Wicked Wolf Tavern Acoustic
Wednesdays featuring Dan Barrios
9PM

Vintage Team Trivia – 7:30PM with
Quiz Master Dan Doherty

THURSDAY, July 10

Black Bear Saloon Relapse Thursdays;
\$2 Bud Lights and \$2 Fireball shots all
night long!

Brazen Fox Suds for Scrubs – 9PM

Show your Medical ID for \$5 drafts!

Ron Black's Beer Hall DJ Bingo
7:30PM

FRIDAY, July 11

Beechmont Tap Room & Grill
Live Music

The Brazen Fox DJ party After 11 PM

Lazy Boy Saloon MIKE BRAM - Retro
Rock and Old School Blues

Porter House Live DJ – 11PM

SATURDAY, July 12

Beechmont Tap Room & Grill DJ
Party

The Brazen Fox DJ Party After 11 PM

Lazy Lounge Live DJ!

Porter House Live DJ – 11PM

SUNDAY, July 13

Lazy Lounge Live DJ!

Wicked Wolf Tavern Sunday Funday
\$3 drinks every weekend.

Elements Paintnite 6 to 8PM; Food
and drink specials; reservations
required for large groups

MONDAY, July 14

Wicked Wolf Tavern Flip n Sip
Mondays – flip a coin for a fee drink

Black Bear Saloon Monday One Day
\$1 Menu; starts 8:30PM

Know the perfect place to go for a night out this week? Submit event to pcasey@theexaminernews.com

Hispanic Heritage Day Festival Set for July 20

Alianza Latina invites you to celebrate Hispanic music, food and culture at Westchester County's annual Hispanic Heritage Day Festival. This grand event will take place on Sunday, July 20 at the Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla from 12 to 7 p.m.

Activities at this year's festival will include folkloric entertainment, children's activities, international cuisine from over 21 Latin American countries and arts and crafts. In addition, nonprofit organizations such as social service agencies, educational institutions, and governmental departments will provide information about their services.

The Hispanic Heritage Festival has become one of the summer's biggest festival draws for the growing Hispanic community and the community at large. In past years, the event has attracted close to 15,000 people and an even more impressive turnout is expected this year. To arrive at the festival, take the Metro-North Harlem Line A to the Valhalla station. Kensico Dam Plaza is within walking distance of the station. Entrance to the festival is free of charge.

Alianza Latina is a partnership of four nonprofit organizations formed by El Centro Hispano Inc., Hispanic Resource Center, Neighbors Link and United



Community Center. Alianza Latina is organizing the Hispanic Heritage Day Festival as a fundraiser for these four organizations, which all work for the betterment of the community. Services include immigration referrals, ESL & GED classes, technology literacy classes, scholarships, educational workshops, and more.

For booth or volunteer information call 914-630-1829, email Hispanicheritageday2014@gmail.com or visit www.hispanicheritageday.com.



Happenings



We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Pat Casey at pcasey@theexaminernews.com.

Wednesday, July 9

White Plains Outdoor Farmers Market. The Farmer's Market will open weekly, on Wednesdays, through November 26th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Farmer's Market is located on Court Street between Main Street and Martine Avenue. The Market welcomes returning and new vendors offering farm-fresh, locally grown fruits and veggies, fish, fresh meat and poultry, breads, baked goods, jams and jellies, pickles, homemade salami, smoked duck breast, pate and much more.

Thursday, July 10

Noon Day Concert. A White Plains Concert series held every Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at Renaissance Plaza, located at Main Street & Mamaroneck Avenue. This week BJoux - Familiar Fun.

Friday, July 11

Stroller Tours. Take a break from the ordinary and bring your little one with you. Moms, dads and caregivers of stroller-bound babies are welcome for special "before hours" tours of the unique landscape and contemporary art of Iceland in the Katonah Museum of Art's "Iceland: Artists Respond to Place" exhibition. For adults with children under 18 months. Breakfast snacks provided by Tazza Café. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St., Katonah. 9 to 10 a.m. Members: Free. Non-members: \$10. Info: 914-232-9555 ext. 0.

Saturday, July 12

Free Hartsdale Concerts. The East Hartsdale Avenue/Farmers Market Summer Music Series on Saturday's in July and August at DeSanti Plaza, directly across from the E. Hartsdale Metro North Train invites you to come out and support the farmers market along with guest musicians. 11:30 a.m. Rob Rawson on guitar. Bring your picnic blanket, sit on the grass, relax and enjoy.

Worm Bin. Worms are a great way to compost your food waste indoors all year round. Learn to make your own worm bin by upcycling a disposable Styrofoam cooler. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 a.m. Fee per bin: Members--\$12. Non-members--\$15. Pre-registration required. (Closes one week prior to the event.)

Info and pre-registration: Visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Hands on with Invasives. Learn the right and wrong way to remove these problematic plants. Bring work gloves. 2 p.m. Marshlands Conservancy, Route 1 (Boston Post Road), Rye; 914-835-4466.

Summer Concert Series: Dynamite Di and Destruction. The Small Town Theatre Company presents the first of four outdoor concerts featuring this blues and swing group. Wampus Brook Park, Maple Avenue, Armonk. 8 p.m. Free. Info (including updates on inclement weather): Visit www.smalltowntheatre.com.

Sunday, July 13

Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education. Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own heat to help melt through the late winter ice. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Meets every Sunday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

The Art of Zero: Heinz Mack, Otto Piene, Günther Uecker & Friends. In the wake of devastation wrought by World War II, European artists who were part of the Zero movement, attempted to re-harmonize the relationship between humankind and nature, proclaiming the "zero hour" of postwar art. In the late 1950s progressive artists developed a new visual language to create a "new art for a new age." Using industrial materials and technology they explored light, kinetics and structure in a minimalist practice as they distanced themselves from Expressionism. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 12 to 5 p.m. \$5. Seniors: \$3. Exhibit continues through Sept. 28. (Open Tuesday through Saturday). Info: 914-251-6100 or visit www.neuberger.org.

Polish-American Heritage Festival. Enjoy live music, traditional arts and crafts items and delicious foods and beverages. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla. 12 to 6 p.m. Free. Info: 914-864-PARK or visit www.parks.westchestergov.com.

Bear-Foot Story Time. Join a naturalist for this program, based on the popular Wild Encounters Story Time held weekly. This hour-long program includes a story, live animals and a nature activity. Recommended for children

two to six years old. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Monday, July 14

Giants Youth Football Camps. Safe, non-contact football instruction for kids ages 6 to 14. Run by professional coaches with supplemental instruction from New York Giants Heroes like Bill Ard, Stephen Baker, Keith Elias, Sam Garnes, Rodney Hampton and others. Skill development sessions take place in the morning while afternoons feature tournament action, team games and skill challenges. This is the only private camp operator that includes USA Football's Heads Up Football curriculum in the instruction. July 14 to 18 in White Plains. Call 877-226-9919 or more information.

Tuesday, July 15

College Student/Recent Grad Networking Event. Spurred by her frustration with the dearth of internships and jobs for current college students and recent graduates, University at Albany honors student Elizabeth Skovron took matters into her own hands. She initiated a meeting with Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner and Greenburgh Town Clerk Judith Beville. The goal of the meeting was to find ways to help herself and her peers that are struggling to find employment or an internship in the tough job market. She and guest speakers are providing insight and welcoming others to share their ideas to brainstorm how college students and graduates can create more despite the tough job market. A networking event will be held on at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenburgh Town Hall. If you are a college student or recent graduate interested in participating in this initiative, please email Ms. Skovron at eskovron@albany.edu. Encourage those who are optimistic and ready to find ways to transition from college to the professional world during the tough market to attend this event," added Skovron. "If you want more exposure and experience, come join me." Speakers including successful entrepreneurs will be presenting.

Ongoing Events

"Big, Bright and Bold." Members of the Mamaroneck Artists Guild Gallery expand their horizons to create works measuring up to 60 inches in this new exhibition of large format works. The walls of the gallery will be awash in bold, bright colors and images to welcome the start of summer. Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. Free. Exhibit

through July 12. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

Walk Among Live Butterflies. In addition to colorful and fragrant flowering plants, visitors will be greeted by several varieties of New York native butterflies. Learn about the life cycle of a butterfly, from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. All ages. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. Members: Free. Non-members: \$2 (plus regular admission). Exhibit runs through Aug. 3 (Closed Fridays). Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

"Robin Rhode: Animating the Everyday." A 10-year survey of the South African artist's digital videos, that he describes as "animations" and the photographic series that corresponds to or complement the time-based work. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. Hours are. Free. Exhibit runs through Aug. 10. Info: 914-251-6100 or visit www.neuberger.org.

StoryWalk. Go along the woodland trail to enjoy a favorite children's storybook, "Opossum at Sycamore Road," by Sally M. Walker. Recommended for children eight years old and under. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. Free. Through Sept. 28. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

"Nature of the Beast." An exhibit of sculpture by Ron Mineo and prints by Bruce Waldman. Mineo, a professor of traditional sculpture at Westchester Community College, he works in clay, wood and bronze crafting sculptures ranging in size from modest to monumental. He employs both abstract and figurative styles. Waldman is an accomplished illustrator and printmaker, best known for his striking figurative work and monoprints. Light refreshments served. Gallery in the Park at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Routes 35 and 121 South, Cross River. Free admission; \$5 parking for county park pass holders. \$10 for non-pass holders. Exhibit runs through Sept. 1. Info: 914-864-7317 or visit www.westchestergov.com/parks.



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A Look Back at Woodlands Softball

Falcons Gained Experience During Up and Down Spring Season



Katie Sims of Woodlands stands in at the plate during a win over Hamilton.



The Falcons infield talks strategy during a conference at the mound this spring.

SKIP PEARLMAN PHOTOS



Woodlands' Tania Ocampo looks to connect on a pitch against Alexander Hamilton during the spring season.



Falcons pitcher Carly Mannino winds up in regular-season game vs. Hamilton, and earned the victory.



Sienna Stockton of Woodlands had two doubles and a pair of RBI in a 15-12, regular-season win over Hamilton.



Sophia Amendola follows through on a swing in a Woodlands win during the regular season.



The Falcons' Nachure Collins looks for signs from coach Thomas Newkirk. Collins had a pair of RBI in a win over Palisades Prep during the season.



Falcons leadoff hitter Amber Aponte squares to bunt, as Woodlands topped Hamilton.



Shannon Valentin looks for a chance to take off from second base.

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