



## White Plains Religious Leaders Stand United Against Heritage of Hate

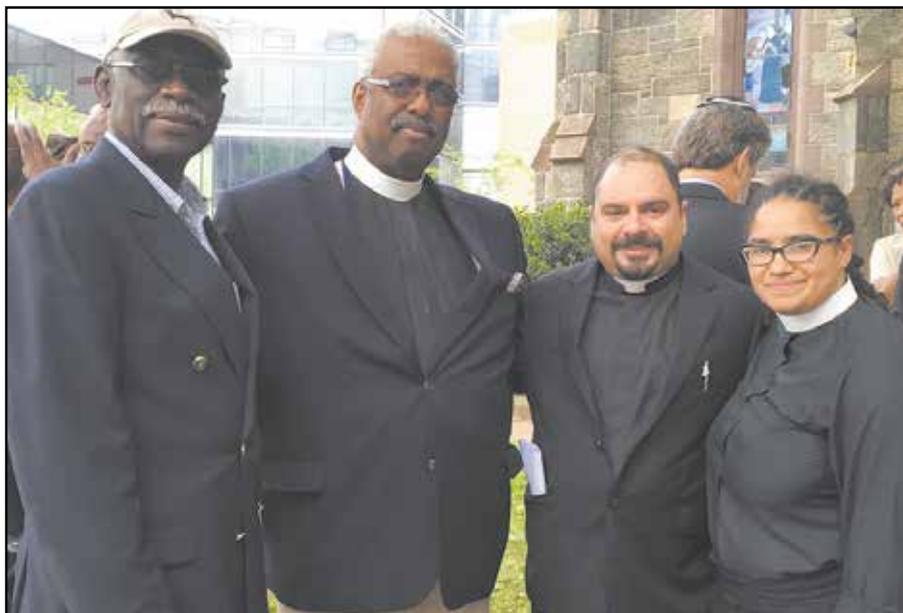
By Pat Casey

A gathering of White Plains Religious Leaders stood on the steps of Grace Episcopal Church Friday to read a Statement of unified response to the KKK Rally in Charleston, SC to be held the following day in protest of the bringing down of the Confederate battle flag at the South Carolina State House.

The letter, signed by 21 church leaders, representing numerous religious communities (including Christian, Jewish and Humanitarian traditions), is a major step forward of a growing interfaith movement in White Plains, which until recent shootings involving the deaths of numerous black congregants was represented mainly by white clergy of traditionally white congregations in White Plains.

That group released a statement to show support of their African-American friends, colleagues and congregations.

The statement acknowledges the right



Religious leaders at Friday's Interfaith gathering (l to r) Walter Simon, Sr. Warden Grace Episcopal Church; Rev. Dr. Gregory Robeson Smith, Mount Hope A.M.E. Zion Church; Fr. Dr. Gawain de Leeuw, Bartholomew's Episcopal Church; Rev. Jennifer S. Leath, PhD, Allen A.M.E. Church, White Plains.

of the KKK to assemble and voice their First Amendment Rights. Yet, it says: "At the same time, we speak with a unified voice of our opposition to the heritage of hate, slavery, and treason that this flag represents. We also reel from the hurt and emotional pain that this flag symbolizes to our African American friends and colleagues and therefore will not be silent."

During the gathering Rev. Dr. Gregory Robeson Smith, Pastor of Mount Hope A.M.E. Zion Church said that it was not enough to just dialog, that the various religious communities within White Plains had to begin celebrating and working together.

"The bringing down of the Confederate battle flag is an important symbolic gesture," Rev. Smith continued. "But fundamental structural changes have to be made." One example is a review of the criminal justice system. "The lynching tree is still there," he said.

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## County Seeks Proposals for Revitalization of the Old Cantina

It used to be a great midway stopping point for diners coming from different directions across the Hudson River or a nice spot for a leisurely lunch or dinner, but the old Cantina restaurant along the Saw Mill River Parkway has been deserted for several years now.

In an attempt to attract entrepreneurs with ideas to revitalize the landmark, Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino is offering a license agreement to a qualified company for a restaurant or other revenue-generating operations, such as a catering hall, recreational facility or museum.

"The old Cantina Restaurant was the

scene of great food, fun and memories," Astorino said during a pre-proposal press event last week. "With access by car or adjacent hiking and biking trails, the ingredients are there to make this an attractive, must-visit destination."

The available site includes a 4,500 sq. ft. building with a 2,300 sq. ft. slate patio, an additional 250 sq. ft. stone building, and a parking lot. The site, accessed off the Saw Mill River Parkway, is approximately 1 mile north of Ashford Avenue in Ardsley and adjacent to the South County Trailway. Revenues to the county from the successful proposal would benefit the

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## Pets Alive Westchester Closing Announcement Gets Response

By Pat Casey

Animal welfare group Pets Alive announced Thursday that it plans to restructure its organization by closing its Westchester facility located in Elmsford, and consolidate operations to its Middletown, NY location.

Skyrocketing repair and maintenance costs of what the group calls the "structurally unsound Westchester shelter" coupled with declining revenue were reasons cited for the decision.

Pets Alive Westchester was closed from mid-March through July in 2014 due to cracks in the building's structure, and the organization explained that it had spent

most of the last year exploring options to permanently repair the structure with multiple experts but estimates to save the building total well over a million dollars with no guarantee that the building will be safe.

"Although closing the Westchester location was a very difficult decision to make, the reality is that no amount of money is going to make this building safe in the long term," said Erin Guilshan, Executive Director of Pets Alive Westchester in a media statement. "There are issues that cannot be fixed. We have to think about what is best and safest for

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Kurt Rhoads in *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, 2014. Photo: William Marsh

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our organization and our animals.”

In response Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner has sent out a statement, requesting people to come forward with ideas to keep the animal shelter in Westchester.

Feiner also asks if Pets Alive has the right to keep the land.

In an email Feiner notes that when Pets Alive took over the former Elmsford Animal shelter the land was donated for the sole purpose of being used as a no kill animal shelter.

Having worked to make that deal possible while he was on the Westchester Board of Legislators, Feiner said: “I do not believe that Pets Alive should be able to keep the land if they are not going to use the land for a shelter. Pets Alive should either give the land back to animal rights advocates who can take over the responsibilities of the shelter or if they sell the land 100 percent of the funds raised should be used to find another location in Westchester County.”

Feiner also explained that the building used by the shelter was built with private donations. “Hundreds of volunteers have worked long and hard to provide important services to animal lovers. Many terrific matches were made by the shelter volunteers, helping to find homes for pets,” he said.

Feiner said he would ask the Greenburgh Town Attorney to review the deed to determine if the Town has any rights. He also intends to bring the issue up with the Town Board.

In the meantime, Pets Alive management said in addition to the

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Rev. Smith also noted that while the flag was taken down, voting rights had not improved in South Carolina and he rhetorically asked the South Carolina State Governor what she intended to do about that.

The letter read: “...racism must be undone through our work of building authentic community. It is in the hard work of relationship-building that we begin to undo the destructive systems that were built so long ago.”

In saying this the White Plains Religious Leaders commit to several actions.

The first was to take up a special offering on Sunday, July 19 for the African American churches that have been burned due to arson attempts. The congregations will then begin participating in a citywide pulp exchange this fall between traditionally white and African-American Christian churches in White Plains.

building problems, they are also taking into consideration the operating costs for the building, which exceeds 30,000 square feet. Much of that space goes unused but still needs to be heated, cooled and cared for.

“The Pets Alive organization believes we have a fiscal responsibility to our donors. Although the decision was difficult, we cannot continue to spend our donor’s funds on a building that cannot be properly repaired and costs a phenomenal amount just to maintain. This restructuring will allow us to focus more on our mission to save the lives of the animals that need us,” said Pets Alive Chief Financial Officer Jenessa Cutler.

Both Pets Alive locations have waived their adoption fee for the immediate future. They will be offering animals for adoption to qualified adopters for a donation of the adopter’s choosing. The facility will stay open for several more months to rehome the animals already housed in the building, although no new animals will be taken in. Any animals remaining in Westchester will be transferred to the Middletown location.

Pets Alive also emphasizes that absolutely no animals will be euthanized because of this transition.

At this time, Pets Alive welcomes the support of the community in the form of financial donations and volunteer help on both sites to prepare for the transition of the animals. Donations can be made at [www.petsalive.org](http://www.petsalive.org) or mailed to Pets Alive, 363 Derby Road, Middletown, NY 10940. Pets Alive is a registered 501c3 not-for-profit.

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county’s parks.

The Parks Department held a conference for interested companies last week.

Responses to a Request for Proposals (RFP) are due July 24, 2015, no later than 2 p.m. and will be received by the Office of the Director of Concessions, Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, 450 Saw Mill River Road, Ardsley, NY 10502. The county reserves the right to accept, reject or negotiate modifications to any proposal.

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# Friends of the White Plains Youth Bureau Names Three New Board Members

Newly formed Friends of the White Plains Youth Bureau named three new Board members last week. David Yount, Esq., Founder and CEO of LicenseLogix; Steven R. Kramer, Esq., Member-in-Charge of the White Plains office of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott; and Ted Havelka, Campus Operating Officer at Berkeley College White Plains will join the organization whose mission is to support the White Plains Youth Bureau through fundraising efforts.

Yount founded LicenseLogix in 2011. The company offers business licensing and corporate compliance services to corporations and non-profit organizations across the United States, providing license management software to enable large, multi-state organizations to efficiently manage their license and permit portfolio. LicenseLogix services more than 1,500 recurring clients and employs more than people, mostly in White Plains.

At Eckert Seamans, Kramer is a regional and national trial counsel for Fortune 100 companies in Class Action, Multi District, Consolidated Multi-Party and Single Party Litigation. He focuses on product liability, food-borne illness, pollution and toxic tort, construction defect and commercial litigation. Kramer enjoys lecturing and writing on substantive and procedural topics and has authored articles in the National Law Journal, New York State Bar



David Yount, Esq.

Journal and New York Law Journal.

As Campus Operating Officer at Berkeley College, Havelka brings more than 19 years of experience in career focused post-secondary education. He began his career in admissions as a field recruiter conducting seminars for high School audiences and national student organizations at Berkeley College in 1996. Havelka also previously served as Director of High School Admissions at Berkeley College - Westchester and has a track record of successfully increasing student population, while increasing efficiencies



Steven R. Kramer, Esq.

in marketing and brand management.

Reva Golkar, Esq., President of the Board of Director of the Friends of the White Plains Youth Bureau expressed excitement with the addition of the new board members. "Our new board members bring great energy, expertise and enthusiasm to our organization," she said, "and we will continue to support the White Plains Youth Bureau's efforts to ensure that the youth of White Plains develop into healthy and productive adults."

The White Plains Youth Bureau will



Ted Havelka

celebrate its 45th Anniversary Gala in November. The event is being sponsored by the Friends of the White Plains Youth Bureau for the first time and will take place on Thursday, November 5 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in White Plains.

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# Stepinac High School Names Kevin Keane as New Board Chair

Archbishop Stepinac High School has named Kevin J. Keane of White Plains, Managing Partner of O'Connor Davies, LLP, and an alumnus (Class of '74), Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Keane succeeds William F. Plunkett, Jr. (Class of '58 and Deputy County Executive) who served as the Board's first Chair since its creation five years ago.

Rev. Tom Collins (Class of '79), Stepinac President, said: "It is fitting that Kevin Keane, who has long served his alma mater with distinction and played an instrumental role as one of the founding trustees of the Board, will lead the critically important work of this remarkable group of talented and committed individuals. I and other members of the school's administration look forward to working with Kevin and the Board members to reinforce our school's position as one of the nation's 50 top ranked Catholic High Schools and as one of the region's preeminent private high schools."

In 2009, Keane was named one of seven officers of the nascent Board of Trustees, which had been established following approval by the New York State Board of Regents of Stepinac's charter as an independent high school within the Archdiocese of New York. Keane also served as Treasurer during the school's transition into a new era in



Kevin J. Keane

which the Board would oversee Stepinac's operations, not the Archdiocese.

Keane's career with O'Connor Davies, LLP has spanned more than 30 years. As Managing Partner and a Member of the Executive Committee, he has led the emergence of O'Connor Davies, LLP as one of the preeminent, full-service Certified Public Accounting and consulting firms with nine offices in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Maryland. It is also the largest CPA firm in Westchester.

Long active in community affairs, in

addition to Stepinac, Keane has served on the boards and financial committees of various not-for-profit organizations including the John A. Coleman School of the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center, Lititz Watch Technicum and the Irish Arts Center. He is also a director and founder of The Westchester Bank.

Keane holds a B.S. degree in accounting from SUNY Albany and a MBA in corporate finance from Pace University.

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# New Host Lights Up White Plains Cable Program "This Blooming City"

By Beth Wallach

As the White Plains Beautification Foundation (WPBF) celebrates its 50th anniversary as an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization, its cable television program "This Blooming City" celebrates 25 years of bringing gardening, landscaping, environmental issues, and much more to viewers at home. Making its debut in June 1990, the show is now hosted by Marie Silverman Marich, a past co-president of the foundation, and an avid volunteer. A long-time resident of White Plains, Marie grew up here and was educated at Our Lady of Sorrows Elementary School, Good Counsel Academy, Marymount Manhattan College, and Katherine Gibbs School.

Although Marie has lived in Manhattan and Los Angeles, she has always regarded White Plains as her hometown, and her parents, Syd and Jan Silverman, were very active in the community.

Since returning to White Plains 16 years ago, Marie has held volunteer leadership positions in several not-for-profit organizations. She was president/co-president of the Auxiliary Board



Pictured are Marie Silverman Marich on left, Karen Quinn on right. Karen is the WPBF 50th Anniversary chairperson.

of St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester, corresponding secretary of The Woman's Club of White Plains, board secretary of Family Services of Westchester, and co-president of the White Plains Beautification Foundation. Marie has also produced profitable journals and programs for charity events.

Career-wise, Marie has worked in various capacities at major advertising and

public relations agencies and newspapers in New York and Los Angeles.

Recent shows have featured WPBF founder Brian Wallach, Adopt-a-Park co-chairs Barbara Vrooman and Jean Bello, 50th Anniversary chair Karen Quinn, and Daffodil Project chairs Joanna D'Addario and Mary Ann DeRosa, Arbor Day chair Kathleen Masterson, vice president Suzanne Evans, who is

also the foundation's planting chair, and Blaine Levenson, chairman of the 50th anniversary street clock project – a special gift that will be presented to the City on September 23rd.

Marie is enjoying the challenge of hosting "This Blooming City" and highlighting the extraordinary accomplishments of the volunteers who have helped make White Plains a wonderful place to live, work, and play, and helping to achieve the foundation's goal: White Plains, the "City in a Park." Since this summer reaches the pinnacle of the foundation's 50th anniversary, drawing attention to the many board member volunteers who made this happen is the highlight of Marie's interviews.

She hopes that through the cable show more people will become interested in the Beautification Foundation's work and even become involved.

For more information, see the website at [www.WPBF.org](http://www.WPBF.org). To receive a newsletter, call 914-428-4040. The next WPBF meeting will be held at White Plains Library, second floor, on Monday, August 3, at 7:15 p.m.

"This Blooming City" airs on Verizon FIOS Channel 45 and Cablevision Channel 76 Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

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# Task Force Launched to Address Concussion Issues in High School Sports

By Sarah Bonanno

County Executive Rob Astorino announced the formation Monday of the Westchester County Concussion Task Force to help high schools address the public health concern of sports-related concussions.

Headed by Dr. Mark Herceg, the county's commissioner of Community Mental Health, the task force will develop a voluntary management protocol for high schools. The group will be comprised of 20 experts, including school district athletic directors, trainers, neurologists and psychologists.

The initiative, dubbed Safer Sports, is part of Astorino's broader Safer Communities campaign, which educates community members on countywide public health and safety issues, such as heroin use, sexual assault on college campuses and youth mental health.

According to the Center for Disease Control, 45 million children across the country participate in sports. Between 1.6 million and 1.8 million of those participants will suffer a sports-related concussion, and 85 percent of those children will recover completely.

"In examining this climate, the dialogue centers on prevention and education, and I thought we had to form a task force...to look at management: how do we manage the concussion from beginning to end,"



Herceg said.

This summer the task force will create an optional model program for districts to implement that will focus on teaching parents, teachers, coaches and students how to prevent and manage concussions. The first educational conference will take place on Aug. 20 at the County Center in White Plains. Experts from across the country will speak.

"We want to increase education, understanding and preparedness so we can mitigate any lasting effects that might

happen if a concussion does occur," Astorino said. "We also want to improve the coordination of the many available resources to benefit athletes, schools and facilities."

Herceg said one of the task force's main goals is to evaluate how districts manage and address concussions to ensure that students, parents and teachers receive the proper information.

"Part of it is to get away from some of the misinformation about it, to break down the realities versus the myths," Astorino said.

One of the most common pieces of misinformation, Herceg said, is the popular use of impact testing, a 20-minute neurocognitive computer assessment, administered by nonexperts to diagnose and manage concussions. Herceg advocates that families instead rely on trained specialists to make diagnoses and determine how to manage a concussion.

"I call this the Goldilocks problem - too hot, too cold, just right," said task force member Dr. Ronald Jacobson, chief of pediatric neurology at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in Valhalla. "Concussion is often overdiagnosed and is simultaneously underdiagnosed. Not in the same patient, obviously, but I think that getting it right is really what the answer has to be."

Astorino said he wants the task force

to not only raise awareness about proper concussion management, but also to help encourage children to safely participate in sports.

"It's not about scaring parents. It's not about pushing kids out of sports," Astorino said. "We want our kids involved with sports. It keeps them healthy, all the things that are involved with a sports team, the camaraderie, the learning, that's important to growing up. It's about educating our parents, educating our coaches and dealing with issues and injuries if they happen."

The Aug. 20 conference, which begins at 5:30 p.m., is open to the public at no charge. Parents, coaches and teachers are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served. Those interested in attending should RSVP Deetra Santos at [dys1@westchestergov.com](mailto:dys1@westchestergov.com) or 914-995-5245.



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# War of Words Heats Up as Miller House Controversy Escalates

By Martin Wilbur

North Castle Supervisor Michael Schiliro unleashed harsh criticism of County Legislator Michael Smith last week after a guest column by the lawmaker's aide accused the town of refusing to cooperate with county officials to help renovate the historic Miller House.

The column, written by Anthony Amiano and published in the July 7 Examiner, stated that some speakers who implored Smith and county officials at a recent town meeting to renovate the 277-year-old house in its current location put on a performance that was worthy of a Broadway show.

Amiano's piece also referred to the Friends of Miller House, an organization that was formed to help fundraise for future programs at the site, as "radical." The reference was made because Friends President Ed Woodyard compared county government's disregard for the site to ISIS blowing up Palmyra in Syria at a discussion as the June 24 town board meeting.

An outraged Schiliro said the column was "deplorable" for attacking volunteers and for misrepresenting circumstances that has led to the current standoff and the events at last month's discussion.

The supervisor, who questioned whether it was Amiano or Smith who

wrote the piece, also dismissed the column's claim that Smith is one elected official who was able to help bring about movement on the matter before the current town administration came into office.

"I challenge any of you tonight to leave here tonight, drive past the Miller House and tell me what it looks like and tell me what progress has been made since he's been in office," Schiliro said referring to Smith during the July 8 town board meeting. "There hasn't been any progress in a decade or two."

The current town board, the town's Elijah Miller House Committee and the Friends of Miller House want the Virginia Road structure to be renovated on site. But County Executive Rob Astorino and Smith support repairing and moving the house because the county should not spend upwards of \$1 million to restore the structure on a difficult property that is next to a cement factory. The house, which has been owned by the county since 1917, was George Washington's headquarters during the Battle of White Plains.

Schiliro said he and other town representatives met with Astorino's Chief of Staff George Oros and other county representatives last summer to relay the town's current position to the administration and believed those talks

were productive. Schiliro also informed county officials that he and Councilman Stephen D'Angelo had been kept out of discussions on a proposal backed by former supervisor Howard Arden to move Miller House to the town-owned Fountain Park, an idea the town now opposes.

"But to be accused of, this town board and this administration, to have done nothing is foolish," he continued. "To compare what we do here to a Broadway show is disgraceful. Quite frankly, it's disgraceful. We don't operate that way. We're transparent, we put a process in place and that's how we operate."

Reached last week, Smith said Schiliro's administration has done little to further the discussion except to say that they want to keep the house at the current site. He reiterated that the county is not interested in restoring and maintaining the structure on Virginia Road.

Smith then criticized Schiliro and town board members for refusing to disavow Woodyard's comment.

"To have the county government compared to terrorists especially when we have people fighting overseas, is just horrible," Smith said. "I can understand it being an oversight that night, but to refuse to say anything almost three weeks later is so egregious."

Schiliro countered last weekend that he wouldn't have chosen those words but that Woodyard is one of the town's most dedicated volunteers on a wide variety of efforts. The comment reflected the passion and frustration of many town residents, he said.

Amiano said it was outrageous that Schiliro would question his integrity by insinuating that he attached his name to a piece that he didn't write. He pointed out that he has written letters to the editor on several other unrelated issues.

Unless the town and county can engage in productive talks, Amiano warned the town may no longer be asked for input.

"Quite frankly, the county is going to move forward and North Castle is not

going to be involved in the process much longer," he said.

Schiliro said he hasn't heard of any other plans for the house. Kensico Dam Plaza had at one time been discussed but that is no longer in the offing.

The supervisor added that it was apparent that a move to town-owned property would have relieved the county of its financial and legal obligations to maintain the house.

Oros said last week that the county is committed to restoring the house but it wouldn't make sense to spend the amount of money needed for an "extremely problematic" site.

He denied that the county had been trying to unload its obligations. In 2013, discussions were ongoing to work out an agreement outlining responsibilities for different tasks. For example, the county would have been in charge of structural repairs and maintenance while the town would have been responsible for painting.

Smith said he believed that the Miller House debate is now being used as a political issue because North Castle resident and Friends of Miller House treasurer John Diaconis announced last month he will oppose him for the District 3 seat. A communication between himself and the town board on the matter found its way into Diaconis' hands and was read, Smith charged.

Diaconis dismissed Smith's comments and said for many North Castle residents saving Miller House cuts across political parties.

"The citizens of North Castle have been working for several years to save this important historical site," Diaconis said. "I regret that Mr. Smith has chosen to turn this into a political issue. I just want the county to follow the law and properly repair and maintain the house."

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## Greenburgh Police Department

**DUI.** On July 6, while conducting a checkpoint at Tarrytown Road and I-287 a vehicle was stopped for suspicion of DWI. While officers interviewed the driver a strong odor of burning marijuana was detected. It was noticed that the driver had glassy bloodshot eyes and he said he had smoked marijuana about 30 minutes prior to the traffic stop. He was asked to pull to the side for further investigation. The driver was asked to exit the vehicle so standardized field sobriety tests could be administered. The driver failed and was arrested and transported to police headquarters for booking. The vehicle was impounded.

**Possession of Controlled Substance.** On July 6 police responded to a motor vehicle accident. The vehicle had been observed by several witnesses driving on the wrong side of the road before it crashed. When police arrived, the driver was sitting on the curb behind his vehicle. He had blood shot eyes, was unable to follow directions, and appeared to be out of it. In his vehicle, in plain view on the front seat, was drug paraphernalia. Drug paraphernalia was also found in the center console. After finding the paraphernalia, the driver admitted he was under the influence of a narcotic (PCP). He said he was "dusted." Because he was not able to follow directions, the driver was not administered the standard field tests, but was arrested. A subsequent search uncovered three bags of a green leafy substance with a strong odor emanating from the bags. Officers believed it was mint leaves laced with PCP, which was later confirmed.

**Suspicious Incident.** On the morning of July 6 a Greenburgh resident went to police headquarters to document a series of suspicious phone calls. He said he received two calls from an unknown number (985-625-4348) during which the caller asked: "This is about your Windows 7 computer, right?" and then hung up.

He then attempted to make contact with caller but was unsuccessful and got a voice response stating: "You have reached a number that's been disconnected or not in service." The person reporting the calls was suspicious because he had a prior incident when his information was compromised. He was advised to change his number to prevent similar incidents from occurring. Report is for documentation purposes only.

**Petit Larceny.** On the morning of July 6 police received a call that a homeowner's garden hose had been stolen overnight. The red and black hose with a gold colored spray nozzle had been stored on the right side of the house and was missing. The caller had paid \$75 at Home Depot for the hose.

**Recovered Property.** On July 7 police responded to 11 Granada Crescent on a report of a suspicious package. Upon arrival a suitcase containing clothing, headphones and a phone charger was found on the sidewalk next to parking spaces in front of Building 11. There was no identification either on or inside the suitcase. The suitcase was taken to headquarters and stored.

**Harassment.** On July 7 a victim of harassment went to police headquarters to report the ongoing situation. The victim said that on June 25 he had filed a report with the Greenburgh Police Department about an unknown male leaving him harassing text and phone messages (2015-006368). Concerned with the type of messages being left, the victim went to AT&T to get a new phone number. Shortly after receiving the new phone number, he began receiving harassing text and phone messages from the same individual. The victim also discovered that this male somehow got into his phone and had all his phone calls forwarded to another 631-area code number and was also listening in on his conversations. The victim called AT&T and was advised to

stop using his cell phone and contact the local police department immediately. No further information could be obtained at this time.

**Identity Theft.** On July 7 a victim of identity theft went to police headquarters to report that in June she had e-filed her taxes with her accountant. After submitting the taxes she was informed by her accountant that her refund was rejected with rejection code (Duplicate SS#) and was advised to contact the IRS. The victim further stated that after speaking with an IRS representative she was informed that taxes have already been filed with her social security number in

January, and two refund checks have been issued in the amount of \$684 and \$1599. The victim had no knowledge of her taxes being filed on that date, nor did she receive any refund checks in the amounts stated. The victim needed a police report to further work with the IRS.

**Criminal Tampering.** On July 9 officers responded to Beech street parking lot on a report of a damaged car tire. The victim told police someone had let the air out of the rear passenger side tire and that a cap to a lug nut from the tire had been placed on the roof of the car. There did not appear to be damage to the tire. The victim uses the vehicle on a regular basis.

## Westchester Legislator to Convene Hearings on Rashad McNulty Jail Death

Westchester County Legislator Ken Jenkins (D-Yonkers) announced last week that he will convene hearings into the jail death of Rashad McNulty.

A recently released report from the New York State Commission of Correction found that the two nurses who were in contact with McNulty while he was in custody by Westchester corrections showed "gross incompetence" in their treatment of McNulty after he complained of chest and stomach pains hours before dying of a heart condition. The State Commission urged licensing authorities to investigate the nurses for professional misconduct.

Jenkins will hold the hearing as the Board of Legislators Chair of the Federal and State Affairs Committee.

In 2010 Jenkins expressed concerns about the correctional health services vendor, Correct Care Solutions, cited in the report when he questioned giving a contract to a company that was involved, "in over 140 federal lawsuits due to lack of medical care."

Correct Care Solutions has mounting legal troubles, most recently being

subjected to a federal lawsuit on behalf of the family of a Davidson County, Tennessee inmate who suffered from inflammation in his stomach and an untreated ulcer, who died in 2009 from lack of medical care.

After the report was released by the NYS Commission on Correction, Jenkins, who represents McNulty's home community in Yonkers, explained: "Nobody deserves to be treated this way when there are clear cardiac symptoms and so these hearings will help disclose why this individual was treated so poorly."

"Given that this vendor was not the low bidder during the recent contract process the county undertook, it is important to understand why they received this contract and what services we are getting because the report from the state would indicate that taxpayers are paying a lot of money for poor service in return. We will seek to clarify and improve medical procedures in county correctional facilities based on the faults outlined in this incident," Jenkins said in a media statement.

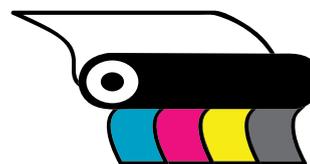
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## Gedney Resident Disagrees Strongly With Councilman's Position on FASNY

Councilman John Kirkpatrick's comments on the FASNY application during the recent Common Council Work Session, in my view, showed incredible disdain for the neighborhoods in the south end of White Plains that have vigorously opposed the FASNY development.

Mr. Kirkpatrick discussed his experience as a land use attorney while at the same time "complimenting" the neighborhood for arguing for a decrease in the proposed school population. How disingenuous. As any rookie land use attorney knows developers always ask for more than they expect to be approved. Secondly the neighbors in the vicinity of the former Golf Club never asked for a reduction in the school population: they believed placing a regional school of 260,000 square feet on the Club property was inappropriate and remains so.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said that the Common Council must do what is best for all the residents of the City. Where was the groundswell for FASNY? In fact, over 3,000

residents from virtually every street in the City signed a petition against FASNY. Neighborhood associations throughout the City are on record opposing the project. Other than residents with some connection to FASNY support for the school has been miniscule. FASNY will pay no taxes in a City already constrained by budgetary limitations.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said that change is difficult and "neighborhoods deteriorate, although not this one." In fact, since FASNY made its proposal residential property values have sharply declined, which is the first step in a neighborhood's decline.

Mr. Kirkpatrick did not cite the standards required for issuance of Special Permits under the City's zoning law. Why? The FASNY application does not come close to meeting them. One of the standards is that any Special Permit use be in "harmony" with the neighborhood in question.

Mr. Kirkpatrick focused on the so-called traffic modifications FASNY has

made. But he makes no mention of our School Board's letter calling the proposed entrance on North Street profoundly unsafe. He also chose not to mention the concerns of the City's own traffic consultant regarding "mandatory busing" and other myths like FASNY vehicles will use the already congested Parkway instead of Mamaroneck Avenue and Ridgeway.

Mr. Kirkpatrick never said a word about the City's Comprehensive Plan. The FASNY plan is not compatible with the Comprehensive Plan, as the City's own Conservation Board stated.

Finally, Mr. Kirkpatrick said it is now time to declare "Victory" and approve FASNY and transfer a local street used by the residents to the school. I think a better "Victory" would be for residents to turn Mr. Kirkpatrick out of office should he decide to seek reelection and replace him with someone who will represent the residents of White Plains.

—Mary Anne Connell,  
Gedney Neighborhood, White Plains

## Greenburgh Intern Recommends Summer Self-Defense Seminars

This summer many girls like me will be heading off to college, excited to live away from home and experience greater independence. However, the sobering reality is that with this freedom comes the risk of sexual assault in the campus environment. Recent statistics estimate that one in five women will be sexually assaulted during her years in college. As President Obama noted last year during the launch of his "It's on Us" campaign, "the trauma, the terror [of a campus sexual assault] can shadow you long after one horrible attack...it's there when you're forced to sit in the same class or stay in the same dorm with the person who raped you."

For this reason, it is critical to empower college-age women with self-defense skills and situational awareness that enable them to minimize their risk of being assaulted and live without fear. A series of self-defense seminars will be held on Saturday, July 25 and Saturday, Aug. 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the administration building of Anthony F. Veteran Park, Olympic Lane, Ardsley. Participants are encouraged to attend both seminars

if they can.

As someone who has practiced self-defense, I believe that this program will be very beneficial for participants of all ages and backgrounds. Learning self-defense techniques has not only enhanced my sense of security but also increased my confidence. I feel confident that I would be able to use the techniques I've learned to react quickly and effectively in the event of an attack. Participant Beatrice P, who plans to attend both seminars commented, "I think that because we're fortunate to live in a very safe neighborhood it can give us a false sense of security... I signed up to learn how to defend myself so that I'm prepared for whatever environment or situation I'm in." The skills I've learned are applicable to any environment, and with proper training, can be utilized effectively by anyone regardless of size.

Participants will learn basic self-defense techniques from Steve Sohn Krav Maga Muay Thai Fitness Training Center and hear a presentation from Officer Dandrea of the Greenburgh Police department. He will be giving tips on how to stay situationally aware to avoid

dangerous situations and instructing participants on the proper ways to react if they do find themselves in danger.

Those who wish to participate should wear sneakers and athletic wear. Participants will be required to sign a waiver and bring it on the day of the event. (Participants under 18 must have the waiver signed by a parent or guardian). To sign up, please email greenburghselfdefenseseminars@gmail.com with your name and age (or the name and age of your child).

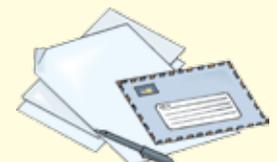
—Emily Salwen,  
Town of Greenburgh Summer Intern

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## Westchester Swimming and Diving Championships

Swimmers and divers from all over Westchester County are invited to compete for top honors during the 90th annual Westchester County Swimming and Diving Championships, which will take place in July and August

The events are sponsored by Westchester County Parks and the Westchester County Swimming Association.

The diving competition is slated for Monday and Tuesday, July 27 and 28, beginning at 2 p.m. each day, at Lake Isle

in Eastchester. Divers ages 10 to 13 will compete on Monday, while divers 14 to 17 will compete on Tuesday. Rain date is July 29.

Playland Pool in Rye will host the swimming competition, which begins on Monday, August 3, and runs through Thursday, August 6, beginning at 4 p.m. each day. Rain date is August 7.

Visit [wcsa.ussswim.net](http://wcsa.ussswim.net) or [parks.westchestergov.com](http://parks.westchestergov.com) for more information.

# Nepal Earthquake Fundraiser Set for July 30 in Yorktown

On Thursday, July 30, Yorktown's Temple Beth Am will be holding a fundraiser for



Rebuilding after the Nepal Earthquake has been slow.

Nepal. Have a fantastic meal, socialize with your Westchester community, learn about a beautiful country, but most importantly help rebuild what has been broken.

This is a unique opportunity to make a difference, Geljen Nuru Sherpa, owner of Jewel of Himalaya restaurant, and Temple Beth Am have joined together to help those in the remote villages of Nepal. By working with nonprofit organizations who are dealing with the villages directly, we can bring relief to those who need



Remote villages in Nepal are being overlooked as funding for rebuilding is focused on the cities.

it the most.

Nuru is also going to Nepal where he will be working with the many villages personally.

The dinner, which will also feature music and a presentation, will be at held Temple Beth Am, located at 208 Church Place in Yorktown Heights at 6 p.m. It is \$40 per person and \$15 for each middle school or high school student. Guests may also bring a dessert.

To register by July 24, visit [www.templebetham-ny.org](http://www.templebetham-ny.org) and click on the Nepal flyer. For more information, contact Meryle Kreuter at 914-584-

3287 or [mkreuter@optonline.net](mailto:mkreuter@optonline.net) or Karen Stachowicz at 914-319-7578 or [golfskibum22@verizon.net](mailto:golfskibum22@verizon.net).



## Obituaries

### Elli Bayliss

Elli L. Bayliss of White Plains, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her family, on Friday, July 17 at the age of 90. Elli was born on December 31, 1924 in Guckingen, Germany. She came to this country with Morris Bayliss, her beloved husband of 51 years who predeceased her in 2000. They were the proud owners of Nu-Way Cleaners and Tailors of Westchester, family owned since 1945; and presently operated by her son Richard and his family: wife Kathy, sons Michael and Jeffrey Bayliss. Elli is survived by the greatest love of her life, her family; her daughter Annette Schwab, husband Paul, of Pleasantville, and her son Richard Bayliss and his devoted wife Kathy of Valhalla. She is the devoted "gma" of David and wife Becky Schwab of Westerly, RI, Jason Schwab of NYC, Michael Bayliss of Valley Cottage, NY, and Jeffrey Bayliss of Danbury, CT, and her beloved Great-Grandson, Gavin Schwab of Westerly, RI, the pride and joy of her life; all who were fortunate to have her in their lives.

She is survived by relatives in Germany, her sister, Gertrud Kerth, Sister-in-law, Liesel Keiper, nieces and nephews, Gabi Bopp, Armin Keiper, Rainer Kerth, Karen Miron and their extended families. Elli will best be remembered for her loyalty and generosity to her family and kindness to others.

The funeral was held on Sunday, July at Temple Kol Ami in White Plains. Burial followed at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The family will sit Shiva on Tuesday, July 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the home of Richard and Kathy Bayliss, 2 Birch Brook Drive, Valhalla.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to White Plains Hospital, 41 East Post Road, White Plains, NY, 10601 in memory of Elli Bayliss and recognition of the outstanding Nursing and Staff on the 3rd Floor.

### Aileen Rosvold

Aileen Margaret Rosvold, a Danbury CT, resident, died July 17 at the age of 55. She was born April 9, 1960 in Yonkers to

the late Albert and Jane Boera.

On May 16, 1981 she married Toby Rosvold at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in White Plains.

Aileen is survived by her husband Toby of Danbury, CT, her children; Katelyn Rosvold and Laura Rosvold, both of Danbury, CT. Also surviving are her siblings; Jim Boera of Pleasantville, Albert Boera of South Salem, Jane Foster of White Plains, Jean Silverwood of San Diego, CA and Carol Floyd of South Port, NC. She was a loving wife and mother who enjoyed spending time with her family.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Aileen's memory to the Regional Hospice & Home Care, 30 Milestone Rd. Danbury, CT 06810.

### Josephine Borsellino

To celebrate a life well lived is a gift. To say goodbye is a challenge for those left behind. Josephine Borsellino was reunited with the love of her life, Joseph, on July 14th while surrounded and comforted by her family. Family matriarch, a business

woman before her time working for CNA Insurance, and role model who set high standards for those who were up to the challenge. All these attributes, combined with world famous eggplant parmigiana, just scratch at the surface of a life fulfilled by family.

Born in West Harrison on October 20, 1931 to Nimpa and Peter Marsala, she was one of eight children. She married Joseph on October 9, 1949 and resided in Silver Lake, Valhalla, and Somers. "Aunt Jo" is survived by her two children, Benny, Ann and her partner Karen. Her niece Maryann and Fred DeSanto and nephew Dominic and Fran DeSanto and their children Olivia and Julia, nephew Joe and Michelle DeCarlo, nephew Frank Diano and Terry Jo along with their children and nephew William. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by all her siblings and her nieces Clara DeCarlo and Angie Diano.



## All Sorts of Things Can Hang from the Ceiling, But Carefully Please

As told to me, it was a LMAO kind of story that may get lost in translation when cleaned up, but I'm assured first hand it's true.

A woman who owned a condo was in bed for the very first time with a new boyfriend when suddenly the ceiling fan light disengaged from its mooring and plunged down, hitting the poor fellow squarely in the behind at the most critical moment imaginable. He screamed out, but the woman was uncertain whether the scream was in ecstasy or in pain.

It seemed not to matter as the relationship continued to marriage. But that's not the end of the story.

After the ceiling fan light had been removed from the bedroom, not to be replaced, the couple was having dinner one evening when suddenly the tiffany-style light fixture above the table in the eat-in kitchen plummeted down, again hitting the guy, this time in the hand. What are the chances?

In the case of the bedroom ceiling fan, the action of the fan had loosened the screws that held it to its ceiling box. When the kitchen fixture fell, it seems that the hanging box was defective.

When the couple decided it was time to buy another dwelling, this time a single-family home, the one they selected didn't offer a single chandelier as an amenity.

My wife Margaret and I have had our

own experience with falling missiles from the ceiling when her mother had her 50th wedding anniversary, and it affected us for the rest of our lives. We were in the ballroom where the event took place and Margaret was seated on a raised dais with the family. Without warning, a large, recessed high hat fixture almost directly above her head plunged down and landed on the table between her and her uncle with a horrible, ear-splitting crash. It certainly did put a damper on the evening.

Ever since that time, wherever we go together, we look above and see if we are seated under any kind of fixture and, if we are, we either move if we can or make a mental notation just in case we have to make a dash for it. It's neurotic, I know, or is it?

For the less threatening creative things that we can hang from our ceilings at home (just think you don't have to dust under such things), make sure that you're securing them properly.

To hang things securely, always check your walls and ceiling for electrical wires or pipes that can be damaged by drilling

and can cost you money in repairs.

There are two basic types of mechanisms to secure objects safely to a ceiling or wall. A plaster anchor is an insert designed for hanging objects from walls, either plaster or drywall, by using pressure to keep the screw in place. To install, you simply drill a hole into the wall based on the size of the anchor and push the anchor into the hole.

Next, you take a screw and drill it into the hole in the anchor, allowing it to protrude slightly to hang your desired object. Plastic anchors are effective because they expand once inside the wall and hold everything in place with pressure.

A toggle/snap bolt is used to hang objects from plaster/drywall safely using pressure. The bolt works by having two spring-loaded arms that go onto the screw. After drilling a hole where you want the bolt to go, you slide it in, and once inside, the arms will spring open and allow you to pull on the screw. You then take a screwdriver or drill gun and tighten the bolt until it locks in place.

Once you have a secure anchor in place, the sky's the limit in how creatively you

can approach hanging either utilitarian fixtures or art. Typically we go for lighting fixtures or plants, tapestries, mobiles, stables or mirrors attached directly to the ceiling. I remember once visiting a home where the owner was a stained glass artist and there were pieces of her work hung in front of most of her windows. Or, how about statuary, perhaps supported by more than one wire?

Having had my home and office feng shui'd recently, it was suggested that I hang crystals from certain corners in both. Margaret would have none of it at home, but I did sneak one, now hanging from the ceiling of my home office, concealed by an apron facing into my great room. I suppose I'm busted here by the revelation, but good sport that she is, Margaret has always let me get away with little things she might not agree with. I make up for it where I can, like bringing home and arranging that weekly bouquet of fresh flowers, romantic devil that I am.

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By Bill Primavera

## The Economics of Producing and Selling One Bottle of Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

As I wandered down the aisles of one of my favorite wine shops last week, I found myself lingering in California's Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon section. These wines have been off my radar screen lately. Comparatively speaking, they are generally higher-priced than wines from a number of other wine regions. A quality representation may be priced in the mid-\$30 range – or higher, substantially higher.

I picked up two past favorites, one priced at \$30 and the other at \$75. I mulled in my mind the distinction between the wines and the disparity in price. It brought to mind an analysis I conducted a few years ago on the costs and profit margins inherent in these particular wines.

The question: what are the components of the retail price of Napa Valley wine? Why do these wines command such high process in general? Why do wines from neighboring vineyards vary so greatly in price?

The analysis: I broke down the cost and pricing model into four distinct components, generalizing a number of the underlying elements.

1. From the vineyard to the door of the winemaking facility. First, the capital investment (highest land values in the country, winery construction, vines, trellises, irrigation, depreciation, interest, lost opportunity cost of non-productive vineyards for three to five years). COST per bottle: \$2.50. Second, maintaining the crop (fertilizers, pest control, cultivation, pruning, harvesting the grapes). COST per bottle: \$1.25. A total cost of \$3.75 before the winemaker begins to weave his or her magic.

2. From the winery doors to the doorstep of the winery's marketing office. First, the winemaking process (crushing, fermenting, time spent on alchemy, aging in oak barrels, storing, taxes). COST: \$1. Second, packaging (bottle, cork, foil, label, boxing) and bottling. COST: \$2.25. Total cost: \$3.25.

3. From the marketing office door to the loading dock. Most wineries operate staffed tasting rooms to ply a portion of their wares directly to consumers. A few sell directly to consumers through mail orders and travel across the country promoting their wines to restaurants and at tastings. A few even advertise in the

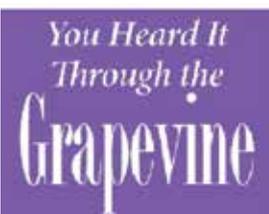
print media. COST: \$4.50.

The total cost to a winery is about \$11.50.

Now add a 10 to 20 percent profit for the winery – \$1.50 to \$2.30 – and the selling price to a wholesaler is \$13 to \$14.

4. From the loading dock to the retail shelf. To gain the widest distribution, many producers solicit wholesalers to market their wines, who then sell them onward to retail shops and restaurants. A markup may range from 100 percent to more than 400 percent. In our example, the \$13 bottle ultimately wends its way to the retail shelf for \$26. The bottom line? The \$30 bottle has a cost basis of \$11.50, yielding a rather tidy profit in the supply chain – except at the winery level. There, 90 percent of the effort results in 10 percent of the profit.

The price elasticity of supply and demand does not always follow a logical path. My \$75 bottle of wine may have a higher cost basis (premium land, more expensive winemaking steps), but the incremental retail pricing tends to be geometric, not arithmetic. The winery commands the same 10 to 20 percent profit; the remainder goes to the wholesaler and/or retailer.



There are notable exceptions to the standard markup guidelines. Fine wines such as Napa Valley's Screaming Eagle have been dubbed "cult wines," prestige in-demand wines of distinguished pedigree. Cost to produce? About \$18. Price to consumers? \$750. That's almost priceless. Ah, but that's not the final point of elasticity. An aftermarket of collectors' demand has been spawned. The high-end auction price? A whopping \$1,500.

Winemaking is more a passion than a business, but external forces influence the ultimate value of a wine in a free market. And that is the final definition that has catapulted Napa Valley winemakers to lofty levels. And their distributors and retailers are firmly attached to their coattails.

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# The Restaurant Examiner



## Elmsford Indian Restaurant Introduces New Owners, Chef

By Jerry Eimbinder

Ashok Salian and his wife, Priya Kapoor-Salian, are the new owners of the Indian restaurant RaaSa in Elmsford. They are joined by their executive chef Peter Beck. RaaSa held a soft opening in March and a grand opening in late May.

The husband-and-wife team met Beck when all three worked at Tamarind Tribeca, a renowned Indian restaurant in Manhattan. During Beck's long reign as executive chef at the establishment, a New York Times reviewer called it "one of the best things to happen to Indian food."

The East Main Street space that the Salians now operate their restaurant from was previously occupied by Malabar Hill, which went out of business in early 2013 after having served traditional Indian food for more than 20 years. The property underwent extensive



JERRY EIMBINDER PHOTOS  
The dining room at RaaSa, an Indian restaurant in Elmsford.

renovation and last July attracted a new Indian restaurant with the name Raasa, but with many of Malabar Hill's dishes on the menu.

Months later, Salian and his wife bought Raasa and decided to keep the same name for the restaurant except for one slight change: Raasa became RaaSa. (The word translates to an essence.)

A new menu was adapted with tandoori and seafood dishes including selections from the southern and northern regions of India, plus modern contemporary dishes. A tasting menu will be introduced shortly.

Three-course, prix-fixe meals are offered at lunchtime and an unlimited salad bar is accompanied by soup and non-vegetarian and vegetarian appetizers (including

kebabs that change daily), plus an entrée, sides and dessert. Prices range from \$12 to \$20 depending on the entrée chosen. RaaSa does not offer a buffet lunch.

Ashok Salian comes from a family with a long history in the restaurant business. He graduated from the Kohinor College of Hotel & Tourism Management Studies in Mumbai and worked for 18 months at that city's JW Marriott Hotel after earning his diploma. He met his future wife when both were employed by the JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa in Arizona. Later, both were members of the team that opened the Tamarind Tribeca restaurant in Manhattan.

"I always dreamed of opening a restaurant in Westchester County, said Priya, a hotel and restaurant management culinary school graduate who grew up in Chappaqua. She is in charge of the front of the house and the catering operations.

Beck was born in New Delhi. He began his cooking career at Bombay's Centaur Hotel where he advanced to sous chef. Subsequently, he cooked and occasionally trained local cooks at restaurants in Thailand, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Singapore and England.

He came to America in 1994 and was recognized for his interpretation of the late Raji Jallepalli-Reiss's fare. While cooking at Tamarind Tribeca, he received a Chef of 2002 Award from



Chennai Jhinga (shrimp, coconut sauce, rice lentil pancake) at RaaSa.

the James Beard Foundation. He also worked at Benares, an Indian restaurant in Manhattan.

Among Beck's more unique and creative dishes are Amniya Tikki (seasoned roasted beets stuffed with mango relish); Makai Dhingri (corn, mushrooms, paneer and sun-dried tomatoes wrapped in a pastry); and Chennai Jhinga (shrimp in coconut sauce over rice lentil pancake). Seafood lovers should try Tawa Machli (Branzini), Cochin Kekda (jumbo lump crabmeat) or Chilean sea bass.

RaaSa is open for lunch seven days a week from 12 to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday dinner is served from 5 to 10 p.m. and on Sunday from 5 to 9:30 p.m.

The restaurant is located at 145 E. Main Street in Elmsford. A parking lot and on-street parking (with no meters) is available. For more information, call 914-347-7890 or visit [www.raasany.com](http://www.raasany.com).



Tawa Machli (branzini), a dish that seafood lover might enjoy at RaaSa.

## Enjoy Veal Osso Buco With Background Music at Rini's

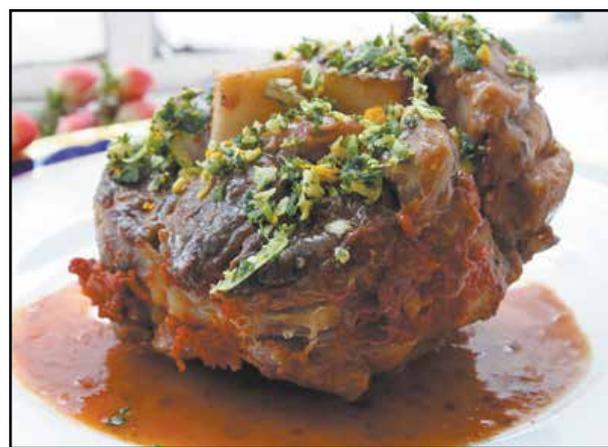
By Jerry Eimbinder

Veal osso buco is a traditional Italian dish – tender shanks of veal with vegetables. Osso buco is Italian for "bone with a hole."

It is served in its natural juices at Leo Cattarini's Rini's Restaurant & Wine Bar in Elmsford and is a great choice for dinner at \$26.95 when Butch Barbella and The Streets of a Bronx Band, performs on Friday, July 31 at 8 p.m.

"We normally serve veal osso buco over rice," Cattarini said, "but we can substitute pasta."

The menu also includes sweet potato gnocchi papalina with prosciutto, peas, onions and cream sauce (\$17.95); single rack of veal chop Campagnola sautéed with onions, peppers, potatoes, garlic and white wine (\$27.95); a pair of Maine lobsters, one to 1.25 pounds each (\$39.95);



JERRY EIMBINDER PHOTOS  
The veal osso buco at Rini's in Elmsford.

and two lobsters stuffed with crabmeat (\$45.95).

Barbella, The Streets of a Bronx Band leader and double keyboard player, and

drummer Bobby Rusticiare are Yonkers residents while Jerry Brown, lead singer and percussionist, lives in New Rochelle.

Barbella started out as a music director and composer and wrote the original music for Robert De Niro's 1993 film "A Bronx Tale." He was the music director for The Duprees, the Earls and Dion. He also wrote the original music for "The Dukes," a 2008 movie about a once-famous band struggling to cope with

changing times.

Barbella has been called Butch since birth. On his first day in school, his

teacher called Butch's mother and asked for his real name. "That's the only name he's ever been called," the teacher was told.

August events at Rini's will include vocalists Bobby James and Mike D'Amore at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1; the Tony T. Jazz Masters Quartet with singer Louis Vanaria at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 7; and Jeannie Claire with Larry Passiatore on keyboard and vocalist Bobby "Baby" Walker at 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 14. There is no cover charge for entertainment with dinner.

Rini's Restaurant & Wine Bar is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week. It is located at 12 Main St. in Elmsford and has a parking lot. For more information, call 914-592-6799 or visit [www.rinisrestaurant.com](http://www.rinisrestaurant.com).



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## Tuesday, July 21

**Neighborhood Nights.** Movie "Big Hero 6" presented at Druss Park, South Lexington, White Plains; 8:15 p.m. Family Fun Concert, 7 p.m. presented at George Washington School.

## Wednesday, July 22

**White Plains Outdoor Market.** Fresh food and produce from local farmers, plus specialty items; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Court Street between Martine Avenue and Main Street, White Plains

**TILI Shed.** Take It or Leave It recycling at Gedney Yard, 87 Gedney Way, White Plains; 2 to 4p.m.

**Dancing Under the Stars.** McLean Avenue Band – Celtic and Rock; 7 p.m.; Renaissance Plaza, Main Street and Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains.

**Neighborhood Nights.** Movie "Big Hero 6" 8:15 p.m. at Turnure Park, S. Lake Street, White Plains.

**Family Film Frenzy.** Series features outdoor movies and after-hours swimming (7 p.m.) at various Westchester County swimming facilities. The park opens at 7 p.m. for after-hours swimming, picnicking, and relaxing. The movie begins at sundown. Bring your own picnic, or purchase food at the concession stand. For seating, bring blankets and chairs. Admission is \$5 per person (free for children under 5) and includes the movie only. A Westchester County Park Pass is not required for admission. Admission wristbands will go on sale the day of the event at each location and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Big Hero 6 (PG, 2014) on Wednesday, July 22 at Saxon Woods Pool in White Plains; and Annie (PG, 2014) on Wednesday, July 29 at Willson's Waves Pool in Mount Vernon. Please note that swimming is only permitted until dark, and all food and cooler guidelines for regular pool hours apply.

## Thursday, July 23

**Noonday Concert.** Outdoor live musical performance at Renaissance Plaza, White Plains (Mamaroneck Avenue and Main Street) by Bijoux – Familiar Fun. Sponsored by New York-Presbyterian Westchester Division.

**Neighborhood Nights.** Movie "Paddington" 8:15 p.m. presented at Chatterton Park, Chatterton Pkwy, White Plains. Family Fun Concert 7 p.m. at Gardella Park, Ferris Ave., White Plains.

**Greenburgh Concerts.** If you enjoy listening to jazz, you will love the new urban Jazz in the Park Concert series sponsored by the Theodore Young Community Center every Thursday through August 13. Admission is free, great food to purchase. The concerts are held outside –at Yosemite Park located behind the Theodore Young Community Center, 32 Manhattan Ave., Greenburgh. For info call 914-989-3600. Showtime: 7 p.m. July 23: Kenny Lee All Stars.

## Saturday, July 25

**TILI Shed.** Take It or Leave It recycling at Gedney Yard, 87 Gedney Way, White Plains; 9 a.m. to noon.

**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. Every Saturday and Sunday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

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## Sunday, July 26

**Hispanic Heritage Festival.** Featuring ethnic food, music, crafts and vendor booths. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla. 12 to 7 p.m. Free admission and parking. Info: 914-864-PARK or visit [www.westchestergov.com](http://www.westchestergov.com).

**Meet the Animals.** An informative program that allows you to get up close and hands-on with some of the center's live animals. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 2 p.m. Members: \$5 per person. Non-members: \$8 per person. Info: 914-723-3470

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## Ongoing Events

**Storywalk at Bryant-Mamaroneck Park.** Co-sponsored by the White Plains Recreation & Parks Dept. and the White Plains Public Library, an exciting initiative that combines a children's story with a nature walk through White Plains' newest park. Children follow the pages of a story as they walk along the path. The stories change every 6-8 weeks. Featured book through Monday August 31 is "Mr. King's Things" by Genevieve Cote. Mr. King likes new things. When his stuff gets the slightest bit old, he just tosses it into the pond. But when a pond monster frightens Mr. King, he must think of new ways to deal with old messes - with delightful results. Municipal parking available at the Mamaroneck Ave. lot behind Dunkin Donuts.

**Summer at Playland.** Friday Night Fireworks are back, choreographed to music, beginning at 9:15 p.m. and will run every Friday through September 4. Admission for the fireworks is free for Westchester residents. **Special \$15 ride admission nights** for those entering the

park after 5 p.m. will take place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through Sept. 3. The price includes unlimited rides until closing.

**Playland's summer daily entertainment** schedule is in full swing, with the Kiddyland DJ, Katy's Pop Princess Party, Superhero Power with Coaster the Dragon, and Funky Fairytales: Jack and the Beanstalk, all taking place in the Kiddyland section. Grab a seat in front of the Music Tower Theater stage to watch a lively song-and-dance performance, "New York Days, Broadway Nights!" Show times are posted in the park.

Regular admission prices: \$30 unlimited rides; \$20 Junior (under 48") - Westchester residents with acceptable proof of residency are eligible for a \$5 discount on these prices. Spectator admission (no rides) is free for Westchester County residents and \$10 for non-residents.

Season Passes: \$95 for unlimited rides all season, with a \$15 discount for Westchester residents. Purchase four or more and save 10%; \$35 for spectator admission all season (no rides), for non-residents of Westchester County. Parking is \$5 weekdays, \$7 weekends and \$10 on holidays, special events and concert days.

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# White Plains Recreation Men's Softball Heats Up

By Albert Coqueran

As the heat index rises and the competition heats up at the mid-point of the season in the White Plains Recreation Department Summer Softball Leagues, let's not forget the true objective of this popular adult recreational activity.

The most descriptive word in the title "White Plains Recreation Softball Leagues" is "Recreation." The White Plains Recreation Softball Leagues are probably the most entertaining, exciting and competitive organized athletic activity for adults during the summer months in White Plains. Furthermore, the White Plains Recreation Softball Leagues has a history and tradition which dates back over 50 years.

This year the White Plains Recreation Department organized three Men's Softball Leagues, which consists of 34 teams, two Co-Ed Leagues with a total of 20 teams and a Women's Softball League with eight teams. Most of the teams are supported by local area sponsors that extend the opportunity for male and female adults to compete playing softball in a fun fashion, after their workday ends.

On Thursday, July 18, in the Men's Thursday Night League, Riemans Auto Body challenged Plus 40 in a rematch of last year's Playoff Championship. Riemans is the reigning Men's Thursday Night League Playoff Champions.

Whenever Riemans plays Plus 40 fans can always expect a very competitive and highly spirited game. Both teams are longstanding members of the White Plains Recreation Men's Softball League and each year they rate among the top four teams in the league.

Nonetheless, an incident that occurred in the top of the fifth inning of Thursday's Night game on July 18 was a bit more than spirited and no less than controversial and had the potential to evolve into a dangerous situation.

In the fourth inning, after Riemans' pitcher Tommy Zeoli hit his second homerun of the game and leftfielder Kevin Murray followed-up with a solo back-to-back dinger; Riemans was running away with the game with a



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

[L-r] Riemans' consistent "hit-men" pitcher Tommy Zeoli, second baseman Nick Parente and leftfielder Kevin Murray are three of the reasons the reigning Playoff Champions of the White Plains Recreation Men's Softball Thursday Night League are 7-3 this season and in contention for another Title this year.

lead of 13-3. Plus 40 scored once in the bottom half of the fourth, which made the score 13-4.

After two runs crossed the plate for Riemans in the top of the fifth inning, Riemans second baseman Nick Parente hit a hard line drive right at Plus 40 pitcher Mike Delligge that took the heralded veteran's glove right off his hand.

Parente, in my opinion, had no intention of hurting Delligge. However, considering the blowout score with Riemans leading 15-4, and the fact that once Delligge complained about the dangerous back-to-the-box hit and did not immediately receive a sportsmanship apology from Parente, things almost got out of control.

The umpires separated the teams who were in the midst of vehemently arguing fair play and instituted a firm warning to both clubs to play softball only and then the game continued.

But when Parente returned to the plate in the sixth inning, he hit a hard grounder which crossed the mound on Delligge's right side and then things got even more heated on the field.

throughout her WNBA Career. In 2012, due to the scheduling of the Olympics, the WNBA did not have an All Star Team but Charles was selected as the WNBA Most Valuable Player that year.

Charles being selected a starter on the WNBA All Star Team could not have come at a better time for the Liberty. The Ladies of Liberty notched their third straight win



Plus 40 longtime pitcher Mike Delligge was the losing pitcher when Riemans won 17-6 on Thursday in the White Plains Men's Softball League. A heated controversy ensued when Delligge was nearly injured by a hard line drive hit back to the mound in the game.

telephone call concerning this incident. Not so much for distinguishing blame upon anyone but for gaining a quick understanding of how softball pitchers in these leagues can be protected from hard hits back to the box.

Riemans pitcher Tommy Zeoli is one of the top Men's pitchers in the White Plains Summer Softball Leagues. However this year fans will notice that Zeoli is pitching with a catcher's mask or a mask worn by a hockey goalie. Why? Because playing shortstop in another league a ball bounced up and broke his nose.

Zeoli, as Delligge or any male or female pitcher in the White Plains Recreation Softball Leagues should not have to face even the chance of injury by balls hit back-to-the-mound. Maybe all the pitchers should be made to wear helmets or maybe a batting practice pitcher's cage installed in games with a one-base rule if you hit the cage on a hit.

Myself, I do not know the solution to this problem, but what I do know is that you cannot ask a batter to avoid hitting the ball up the middle when at the plate. It would leave the batter at a disadvantage and ruin the other true objective of the game, which is "competition."

Plus 40's longtime Manager Joseph Pinto had enough and used some choice words towards Parente, which got him tossed from the game.

Delligge, with his knee already bandaged on the mound, was furious, as were both ball clubs. Delligge, a wise veteran of almost over 40 years in the league, made a wise decision and purposely walked-in Riemans next run, making the score 17-6. This gave the Auto Body team an 11-run lead and the Mercy Rule was applied, which ended the game with Riemans getting the win.

"That is why we ended the game the way we did, we were not going to allow our players to get hurt. It is recreation ball, we have fun, we come here to enjoy ourselves, we all have to work," said Pinto. "I am going to call Frank (Magaletta) in the morning, it is nothing against any of these guys, these are all good guys, I have played ball with them for years, it just is what it is," said Pinto.

Frank Magaletta is the White Plains Recreation Department's Supervisor II, who organizes and supervises the White Plains Recreation Softball Leagues. Magaletta certainly deserves a

against the Phoenix Mercury, 75-73, on Saturday, July 18, which marked their 10th victory of the season. The Liberty (10-5) is in first place in the WNBA Eastern Conference, while recording their best season start since 2001.

The performance by Charles in the last six games is a major reason for the Liberty's recent success in the standings.

The Liberty's 6'-4" center has stepped up her game on the court since scoring 26 points against the Chicago Sky on June 30. Charles has averaged 20 points per game since then, including securing her sixth double-double of the season with 18 points and 14 rebounds against the Mercury. Charles is presently averaging

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## Liberty Center Tina Charles Voted a Starter on the 2015 WNBA All Star Team

By Albert Coqueran

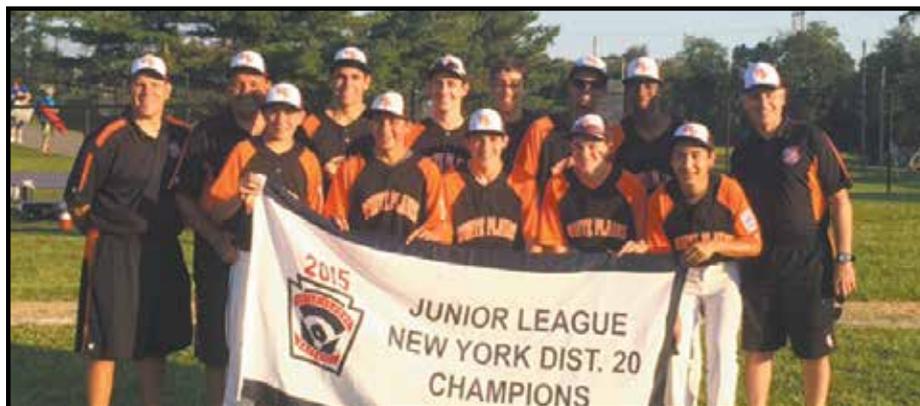
New York Liberty center Tina Charles has been voted a starter on the 2015 WNBA All Star Team. Charles' selection marks the second time she was voted a starter and her fourth consecutive appearance on the WNBA All Star Team.

Charles has been voted an All Star every year (2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015)

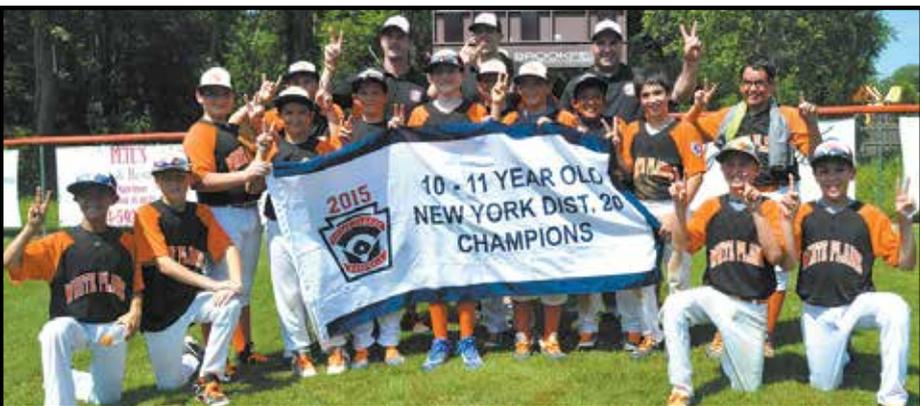
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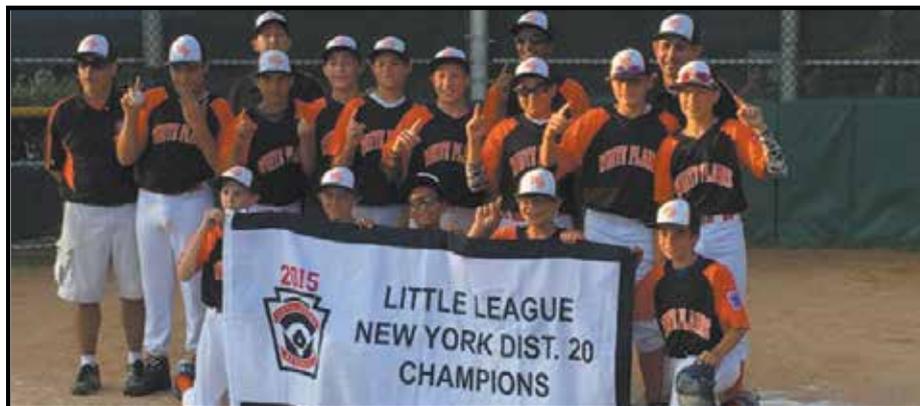
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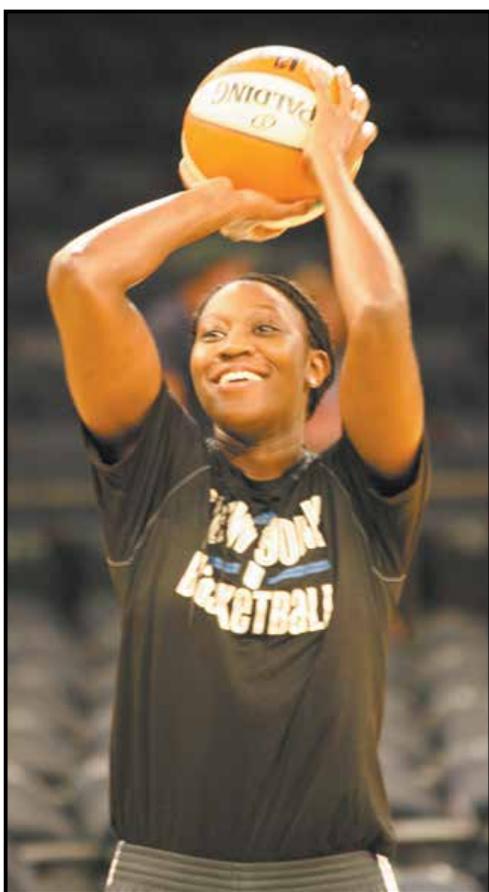
16.5 points and 9.3 rebounds a game this season.

Also contributing to the recent success of the Liberty is the addition of guard Epiphanny Prince who has averaged 13 points and three assists per game since joining the Liberty on July 9. Prince was acquired in a trade with the Sky for Cappie Pondexter in the offseason but needed to fulfill her commitment with the Russian National Team before joining the Liberty.

The Liberty's balance offensive attack is another reason why they have surged in the WNBA standings. Except for the Liberty victory over the Connecticut Sun, on July 16, the Liberty has had four players in double-digit scoring in their last five of six games.

The Liberty's balance scoring attack has boosted the averages of Sugar Rodgers (9.7 ppg.), Tanisha Wright (7.9 ppg.), Brittney Boyd (7.7 ppg.), Essence Carson (7.0 ppg.) and Carolyn Swords (6.7 ppg.) who have all contributed to the Liberty's 10-5 record and best season start since 2001.

The 2015 WNBA All Star Game presented by Boost Mobile will be played on Saturday, July 25, at 3:30 p.m. at the Mohegan Sun Arena, in Uncasville, Conn.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO  
NY Liberty center Tina Charles is all smiles these days, as the Liberty has surged in the WNBA Eastern Conference standings to first place with a 10-5 record and Charles was voted a starter on the 2015 WNBA All Star Team.

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