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## White Plains Finest and Bravest Scrimmage at County Center

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The White Plains Fire Department and the White Plains Police Department pose with the Westchester Knicks Dancers prior to playing a pregame scrimmage against each other in tribute to the late White Plains Police Detective Michael Perry, who died in the line of duty on June 12, 2010. **For more on the pregame scrimmage and the Knicks game see page 14.**

## New Multi-Use Residential Project for Mamaroneck Ave./E. Post Rd.

By Pat Casey

At its March meeting, the White Plains Planning Board reviewed the Site Plan for a new 434-unit multi-family development with retail space on the ground level and a six-level parking garage to be situated in the city's shopping and restaurant district on Mamaroneck Avenue.

The project, called the Broadstone fronts Mamaroneck Avenue, Mitchell Place and East Post Road and sits on 2.1 acres within the CB-2 and RM-0.35 Zoning Districts.

The project was referred to the Planning Board by the White Plains Common Council.

According to the developer, there will be one, two and three bedroom units with 6 percent of units affordable

for applicants earning 60 percent of Westchester median income.

Total square footage of the residential building is 454,000 sq. ft., designed as three prongs with 15, 16 and six stories. The six-story component will front Mitchell Place, 15 stories will face Mamaroneck Avenue/E. Post Road and 16 stories in the center of the property.

Because of existing zoning, no variances are required for building height.

The lower level of the building, fronting on the corner of Mamaroneck Avenue and E. Post Rd., will feature approximately 8,000 sq. ft. of retail space.

The center portion of the project will accommodate 460 parking spaces, most on six levels within the structure. Twenty-

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## Earned Sick Day Bill Introduced to Westchester County Legislature

By Anna Young

Hundreds of Westchester County residents, union members and county employees were in attendance as Board of Legislators Majority Leader Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) introduced an Earned Sick Day Bill Monday afternoon.

With approximately 36 percent of workers in Westchester lacking paid sick days, this bill is proposing that all workers receive a minimum one hour of earned paid sick time for every 30 hours worked.

"In Westchester, 123,000 workers lack access to sick leave and that is unacceptable," Borgia said at the Mar. 27 press conference. "It's time we treat all workers in Westchester County with the dignity and respect they deserve."

Borgia added that after similar laws

went into effect in places such as New York City, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and Seattle, statistics show that employees are healthier, businesses are thriving and there have been no negative impacts.

"Statistic show that workers don't abuse this rule and that we have less cost associated with people going to work sick and affecting other people. There's fewer trips to the emergency room and it will actually save Westchester money since they cover the Medicare and Medicaid costs in the county," she said.

Donna Dolan, Executive Director of the New York Paid Leave Coalition agreed, stating that this law has established earned sick time standards, resulting in

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six spaces will be allocated for retail and 12 surface spaces already exist.

The building will be set back on the Mamaroneck/Post Road corner to allow for public open space and a parklet will be accessible via the existing Mamaroneck Place alleyway.

Rooftop amenities including a swimming pool and garden space for residents will be included in spot locations.

Because the taller design of the project will change the existing 'landscape' of the Mamaroneck Avenue corridor in the immediate area, Planning Commissioner Christopher Gomez presented a detailed analysis of how the proposed development complies with the White

Plains Comprehensive Plan as well as considerations taken from the Transit District Task Force report, by adding



Architect's rendering (screenshot) of the Broadstone at Mamaroneck Avenue and East Post Road.

residential units to the area as well as enhancing pedestrian access.

Planning Board reaction to the plan



The Broadstone's 2.1 acres front on Mamaroneck Ave./E. Post Road and Mitchell Place.

was generally positive. The Common Council will act as lead agency in Site Plan approval.



Screenshot of Broadstone Proposed Site Plan showing the building heights looking at Mitchell Place and Mamaroneck Avenue

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better individual and public health, and greater financial security for families, businesses, the community.

Majority Whip Alfreda Williams (D-Greenburgh), Legislator MaryJane Shimsy (D-Hastings-on-Hudson), Legislator Ben Boykin (D-White Plains), and Legislator Catherine Parker (D-Rye) all agreed that this is a common sense law that is vital to supporting county employees.

Additionally, the Earned Sick Day law can be used for both physical and mental

illness and will also provide sick leave to employees who need to take care of an ill family member. If unused, the paid sick hours accrued over the year may be transferred over into the following year.

The Transport Workers Union Local 100 (TWU), Westchester-Putnam Central Labor Body AFL-CIO, 32BJ SEIU, A Better Balance, New York Working Families, New York State Nurses Association, along with several other organizations and advocates also stand in support of this policy.

"This legislation gives workers the peace of mind they need, that they don't have to make a choice between putting food on the table or taking care of their illnesses," Tara Martin, Political Director of the New York State Nurses Association said. "Every single person around here works

"This is a basic right, our membership shouldn't be put in a position where they have to choose whether to feed their family and come to work sick or take a day off," said Gus Moghrabi, Executive Board Member of the school bus/para transit for TWU, an organization that represents



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining, at the podium) accompanied by members of the Westchester County BOL Alfreda Williams (D-Greenburgh), MaryJane Shimsy (D-Hastings-on-Hudson), Ben Boykin (D-White Plains), and Catherine Parker (D-Rye) with union workers in support of a Westchester Earned Sick Leave bill.

hard for a living, this is a common piece of legislation that should not be debated or up for discussion."


Thomas Carey, President of the Westchester/Putnam Central Labor Body AFL-CIO, U.A 21, stated that his members are honored to stand in solidarity in support of this policy.

"When a person lives week-to-week, paycheck-to-paycheck, it's a difference of making your bills or falling behind with having a day or week of sick time," Anthony Castiglione, Vice President of the Westchester/Putnam Central Labor Body said. "We stand with you because it's simply the right thing to do."

The bill further provisions for businesses with five employees or less that will allow workers to accrue unpaid, but job protected sick time.

roughly 2,000 workers including bus drivers and bus monitors.

"We transport the most precious cargo in Westchester—our children, and we need this to pass through," Moghrabi said.




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# Forum Addresses Pros, Cons of State Constitutional Convention

By Martin Wilbur

During the past few months, most Americans following politics and public policy matters have likely been fixated on Washington.

But New York residents will be faced with a critical decision next fall that could potentially reshape state government, the courts, pensions and scores of other issues.

A statewide proposition will be before voters in November's general election asking whether a constitutional convention should be held to explore making revisions to New York's constitution.

On Saturday morning, the League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns held an informational forum at the Greenburgh Public Library featuring former Pleasantville mayor and county legislator John Nonna, Pace University Law School Professor Nicholas Robinson and Jay C. Carlisle, a professor emeritus at Pace Law School. They addressed the pros and cons of a convention as well as what would happen if voters approve the proposition.

Originally written in 1777, the state constitution served as a model for the creation of the U.S. Constitution. While the panelists agreed there are many strong portions of New York's constitution – the state university system was created out of the 1894 convention and environmental



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Left to right, panelists Nicholas Robinson, John Nonna and Jay Carlisle talk about what a state constitutional convention would mean during a League of Women Voters forum Saturday in Greenburgh. A proposition will be on the ballot this November.

protections were later created to protect forests in the Adirondacks and Catskills – there are parts that have become badly outdated through the decades.

"Jefferson said each generation should change the constitution," Robinson said. "Let's get into an intergenerational debate, generation to generation, not to throw out the constitution but to fix it."

Carlisle said the current court system, also created in 1894, is among the most unwieldy in the United States, with at least 11 different types of trial courts. The state constitution calls for four appellate divisions but the Second Appellate Division has more than half the state's

population. Furthermore, state Supreme Court justices must retire by 70 years old, something that may have made sense over 120 years ago but not in the 21st century, he said.

"A 70-year-old man can run for and get elected president of the United States but we can't have a judge in the state Supreme Court (of that age)," Carlisle said.

Convening a convention would also be a chance for the state to create an ethics commission, something New York sorely needs but has been avoided by the legislature, he said.

Under the state constitution, the proposition asking for a convention appears on the ballot every 20 years, said Nonna, a partner in the Manhattan law firm Squire Patton Boggs. A convention was last held in 1967, and by all accounts was a complete failure after political insiders who became delegates took control and grouped all proposed reforms into a single vote.

Nonna said if voters approve the proposition in November, there will be elections in each of the state's 63 senatorial districts in November 2018 to determine the three delegates who will represent

each district.

Any citizen can run to become a delegate from their district as long as they get 1,000 signatures from members of their party if they are a Republican or Democrat. Independents would need 3,000 signatures or signatures equaling at least 5 percent of the voters in the last gubernatorial election in their district, Nonna said. Another 15 at-large statewide delegates would bring the total to 204.

A convention would convene on Apr. 2, 2019, and likely last four to five months. Delegates would be paid at the same rate as a state legislator for the duration of the convention, he said.

While there are many compelling reasons to have a convention, there may be as many against holding one, the panelists stated.

The estimated cost, which would be shouldered by the taxpayers, is between \$47 million and \$118 million, Robinson said one study revealed.

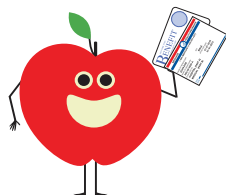
There is the danger that delegates would also likely be put up and funded by political machines, with the possibility of heavy doses of "dark money" coming into the races, Carlisle said.

While much good could be accomplished with a convention, some citizens fear many of the benefits and protections enjoyed in New York could be

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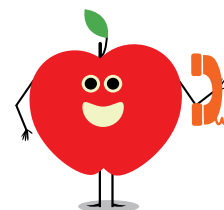
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# Westchester Women's Agenda Report Reveals Key Challenges Facing Women

The Westchester Women's Agenda recently released a 2016 Report on the Status of Women in Westchester that documents changes affecting women's current well-being and challenges for the future.

The report, produced with co-sponsorship support from Eileen Fisher, paints a portrait of women squeezed between the high cost of childcare, worsening poverty, a growing elderly population with strained resources, and wage disparities, which despite the higher educational levels of women, continue to favor men. These trends negatively impact the ability of women to remain in the work force and contribute to the productivity and well-being of Westchester County, the report concluded.

"The goal of the report is to create a baseline on issues of concern to women," said Antoinette Klatzky, co-chair of the Westchester Women's Agenda, "and to lay the foundation for data-based and research-informed efforts to pursue progress and improve the quality of life for women and for everyone in Westchester County. The report also seeks to inspire the public to join in these efforts."

Key findings of the report include:

The high cost of childcare. Nearly half of the respondents in a survey by the Child Care Council indicated that they had trouble paying for childcare in the last six

months. To deal with these high childcare costs, nearly half of the parents borrowed money from their families, a third moved their children from regulated to informal childcare and over a quarter reduced their working hours.

The lack of affordable housing. The U.S. Department of Housing (HUD) defines affordable housing as that which costs less than 30 percent of household income. By that standard, half or more of Westchester County's renters live in housing they cannot afford. Women in domestic violence situations are particularly impacted by the lack of access to decent and affordable housing, as are older women.

The rise in poverty. More than 10 percent of Westchester families live in poverty, and that percentage has increased over the last five years. Blacks and Hispanics are far more likely to live in poverty. Women ages 45-54 represent the highest demographic living in poverty, as does 12 percent of children.

Pay disparities between women and men. While the educational levels of women now exceed those of men at all levels of education, women in Westchester still make less money than men. Even in comparable full-time jobs with full-time hours, women make less money than men. Given current trends, women in New York State will not achieve equal

pay until 2049.

The growing demand for elder care. In Westchester, residents over 60 years old represent 20 percent of the population or one in five people. They will represent 25 percent -- or one in four people -- by 2030. And in the entire Hudson Valley Region, the number of people over 60 is already twice as large as the national average.

The WWA is a feminist organization that serves as a strong voice for women in Westchester on legislative policy and program issues affecting women in Westchester County. In recent years the WWA has sponsored a variety of events including the 2013 and 2014 Westchester Women's Summits, Women's Cafes in various communities, Legislative Breakfasts and ongoing efforts to broaden and deepen the conversation about women's issues in Westchester County.

To view the full report visit <http://wwagenda.org/women-in-westchester/>.

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taken away. Currently, most unions are opposing a convention, fearful that state pensions could be stripped away.

Others are concerned that longstanding environmental protections could be lost.

However, Carlisle said the best chance of achieving some of the reforms needed in New York is through a convention. The only other way to amend the constitution is through legislation that is approved by the Assembly and Senate

for two consecutive years, then have the voters approve a proposition. About 200 revisions have been made over the past 100 years.

"We either have hope or we're too frightened to proceed," Carlisle said. "It's either fright or hope."

To learn more about a constitutional convention, the panelists suggested visiting the League of Women Voters or the New York Bar Association websites.

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# Planned Parenthood, Supporters Wary After Health Care Reprieve

By Martin Wilbur

Despite Friday's cancellation of the scheduled American Health Care Act congressional vote, Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic and its supporters vowed to continue fighting against future efforts to defund the organization.

Democratic elected officials from throughout Westchester and Planned Parenthood representatives gathered Friday afternoon at its health center in Greenburgh a few hours before the vote was called off, skewering Republicans they argued were bent on depriving health services to women.

State Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale) said the debate over the now scuttled legislation should serve as a wakeup call that insurance coverage for women's reproductive health services and benefits such as maternity leave must be fiercely defended.

"So, this is personal for all of us. This is something we have to put behind us. This is so our young people can move on and do something else, can take on a new issue," Paulin said.

"We're going backwards, folks, we're not going forward, we're going backwards. It's not only an attack on Planned Parenthood, it's an attack on maternity benefits, it's an attack on women, it's an attack on women's health care."

Planned Parenthood officials said the insinuations that federal money is spent



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS

Planned Parenthood supporters listen to the organization's representatives and elected officials who urged continued vigilance despite the inability of congressional Republicans to bring the American Health Care Act to a vote. Inset: Assemblywoman Amy Paulin was one of a series of speakers who spoke in favor of the mission of Planned Parenthood last week.

on abortions are wrong. Vincent Russell, the interim CEO and president of Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic, said what is done at the region's 10 health centers, including four in Westchester, is provide thousands of tests for sexually transmitted diseases, pap tests, cervical cancer screenings and other services.

He said the Republican health care bill that was proposed would have hurt many of the thousands of patients the regional Planned Parenthood serves. More than 36,000 unduplicated patients were seen at

the 10 health centers last year that are also in Rockland and Suffolk counties, Russell said.

"These are the excellent health services that Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic provides to the men, women and young persons of this region and stripping Medicaid reimbursement from us – also known as defunding – means that our ability to continue to provide these services are in jeopardy," Russell said.

Dr. Benita Gross, chief medical officer at the regional Planned Parenthood, added

that she and her colleagues also provide information on contraception, family planning and OBGYN and prenatal care.

Two of the region's congressional representatives, Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) and Sean Patrick Maloney (D-Cold Spring) joined the group by telephone from Washington and pledged to continue fighting against efforts to weaken the Affordable Care Act or make changes in laws that negatively impact women.

"Americans just don't want health coverage stripped away," Lowey said. "Americans don't want to go back to the time when being a woman was a preexisting condition."

Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) said the state Assembly was ready to include funding in the 2017-18 budget toward services such as Planned Parenthood if federal funding was cut off.

While that would certainly be met with resistance in the state Senate, Buchwald said that it would send a message that the Assembly supports protecting women.

He also warned that while the GOP's American Health Care Act didn't get off the ground, there would likely be additional attempts through federal budget decisions to take away funding from Planned Parenthood and other programs.

"They've talked about defunding Planned Parenthood separately from that so we have to remain ever vigilant," Buchwald said.

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# Obituaries

## Francesca Cipriano

Francesca Cipriano, a longtime W. Harrison resident, died March 26 at the age of 94. She was born Feb. 3, 1923 in Avellino, Italy.

She married Vito Cipriano in Italy. He predeceased her in 2007.

Francesca worked in the housekeeping department for Westchester One in White Plains for 40 years before retiring in her eighties.

She is survived by her children: Joseph Cipriano of W. Harrison, Rocco Cipriano of W. Harrison and Filomena (Carmine) Castellano of Canada. Also surviving are her seven grandchildren: Franca, Vito, Tina, Mike, Rocco, Nicky and Christopher and her eight great grandchildren: Anthony, Ava, Joseph, Joseph, Alyssa, Paolo, Katia and Ava.

## Julie McGuinness

Julie Ince McGuinness died peacefully at home on March 19.

Julie was born on Feb. 23, 1924 in Brooklyn to Mary and Eric Ince.

After high school she attended

NYU while working at the New York offices of the FBI where she met Robert McGuinness, an agent from Pittsburgh, PA. They married in 1945 and lived in Brooklyn until 1956 when they moved to White Plains.

Julie and Robert were active members of St. Bernard's Parish, the Highland Civic Association and the wider White Plains community until December 1968 when Robert was killed trying to assist a woman being molested on a NYC subway.

Julie continued to raise her family and be an active member of her church and community but also became the Registrar of Vital Statistics for the City of White Plains, a position she held for over 20 years.

Julie was a loving mother and friend. She visited the sick, made meals for AIDS patients and was loved and respected by all who knew her.

Julie is predeceased by her husband Robert and her son Eric. She is survived by her brother William, her daughters, Trisha and Eileen, her son Kevin and her granddaughters Julianne,

Abbey and Sarah.

Julie will be cherished in memory by all who loved her and missed by those who knew her integrity and compassion.

## Carol Nyegaard

Carol E. Nyegaard, an Atlanta, GA, and former White Plains resident, died March 18 at the age of 72. She was born December 12, 1944 in White Plains to the late Mildred and O.V. Northcutt.

On Aug. 2, 1990 she married Edward Nyegaard. Carol worked for many years for the Chicago Title Company, retiring in 1999.

She is survived by her husband Edward and her children, Michael (Laura) Peller of White Plains and Jeffrey (Megan) Peller of Alpharetta, GA, her stepchildren, Julie Nyegaard and Eddie Nyegaard, both of the Bronx. She is also survived by her brother Kenny Northcutt of White Plains, her grandchildren, Austin Peller, Christopher Peller, Melissa Peller, Roarke Peller, Vincent Somuk and Katherine Peller and two nephews.



## Constance Arndt

Constance J. Arndt of Valhalla died on Mar. 17.

She was 73.

Arndt was born on July 21, 1943, to the late Vincent and Antoinette (nee Catania) Castelli in the Bronx. She worked for Interactive Data in Valhalla.

Arndt is survived by her devoted husband, Frank Arndt, of Valhalla; her loving sons, Jim (Rosalee) Arndt of White Plains and Dave (Andrea) Arndt of Carmel; she was predeceased by one son, Frank Arndt, in 2012; four brothers, Vinny, Gary, Louie and George; two sisters, Marie Williams and Linda Kraft; and five cherished grandchildren, Raymond, Lucian, Dakota, James and Abigail.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Mar. 20. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Valhalla on Mar. 21 followed by interment at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla.

In lieu of flowers, donations to either the American Heart Association or any hospice of your choice would be appreciated.

## Proposal for White Plains Art Society Gains Support of Local Artists

The proposal made by Ms. Mary Ann Balco Berry to establish a venue at the former Good Counsel property for a newly established White Plains Art Society, as reported in your issue of March 20, is enthusiastically received by White Plains artists and many residents interested in the arts. In addition to assisting local arts, it would also celebrate the legacy of the Good Counsel

property, which is about to be developed. The Sisters of the Divine Compassion occupied the property and served White Plains for several generations, and their history should be honored.

Unlike its neighbors in Scarsdale, Mamaroneck, Pelham, Dobbs Ferry, etc., White Plains does not have an organization devoted to promoting the arts and encouraging local artists of all

ages and levels of development. Although ArtsWestchester is headquartered in downtown White Plains, the support it provides throughout the County does not directly benefit White Plains residents. Presumably, a voluntary, not-for-profit White Plains Art Society would be a participant in the County's program, and the residents of White Plains would be the ultimate

beneficiaries. Providing an appropriate location for these activities would be a vital first step.

It is hoped that the developers of the Good Counsel property, the White Plains City Council, and ArtsWestchester take positive advantage of this opportunity to do good for all residents of White Plains.

—Harvey Milman, White Plains

## Children Should Not Have to Prepare for Shooting Incidents in Their Schools.

Thursday morning I picked up my second grade son from our local public school in Westchester. His teacher reported to me that he had a tough time managing his behavior during an unplanned lockdown drill that took place while the class was outside of their regular classroom. On previous days if there was a report of goofing off, I would offer an immediate reprimand or statement of

disappointment to my son but on this day I was at a loss for anything say. I couldn't even offer to the teacher a reflexive parental "I'm sorry" that we've given to strangers in the restaurant, grandparents in their houses and so on. Because I wasn't sorry for my son. If anyone was at fault – it is me.

As a parent, I have watched the parents of Sandy Hook take on Washington and

have done nothing to help them. As a neighbor, I have watched a gun shop open up in Harrison, a stone's throw from my house, and kept silent. As a resident of Westchester County, I witnessed our own County Executive, Rob Astorino, overturn a majority vote by his own legislators to allow gun shows back on County property where there had been none for years without picking up the phone or lifting my pen. My complacency makes me complicit.

I remember as an elementary-aged student in the early 1980s we would have bomb drills in our public school in Massapequa, NY. Our teachers would file us into the hallways where we were instructed to ball up with our hands over our heads so we would be out of the way of flying glass. But one day those drills stopped. And whoever that enemy was faded away. Today in elementary schools all across the county children practice lockdown drills where they tape paper over the classroom door and hide in a closet in case the bad guys come for them. Sadly, those bad guys aren't from an ocean far away – they are folks around us who shouldn't have gotten guns in the first place and the well-pocketed suits

who bully their way around government preventing any common sense regulations from happening.

Our children should not have to prepare for shooting incidents in their schools. It is my hope that someday we can extinguish the root of these drills altogether and not live in fear of the bad men with guns who might be coming. We must stay vigilant on the most local of levels to stop the gun culture from creeping back in.

—Laura Rosenthal, Larchmont

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# Summer Camps 2017

## First Time at Camp? Talking with Your Child

By Bob Ditter, L.C.S.W.

Sending your child away to camp for the first time is a major milestone for most families, one that is often marked by excitement, anticipation, and perhaps even some anxiety. Though camp is certainly about making friends and having fun, it is also about being on your own and being a part of a community. One of the most important things you as a parent can do to help prepare your child for both these aspects of camp is to talk with your child about it before he/she goes. In fact, it may be better to have several occasional, shorter talks rather than one long conversation as children often absorb more when there is less to think about at one time. I also find that children do better with this sort of conversation if it is part of a more general conversation and if it is part of a pattern of talking, either at the dinner table or while riding in the car doing errands.

The following are some sample topics for discussion that will help prepare your child emotionally for their big adventure:

**Friends.** Camp is not anything if it is not about making new friends. If you are shy about meeting new kids, then learn to get to know others by being a good listener. Remember also that not everyone in your cabin, bunk, or group has to be

your friend, and you don't have to be everyone else's friend. As long as you treat others with respect and they do the same with you, then having one or two friends at camp is fine. If you have more, then that's great.

**Activities.** There are many exciting things to do at camp, many of which you may never have tried before. If your child tends to be a bit homesick or worried about being homesick, remind him/her about the excitement of going to camp: Remember, when you first decided to go to camp, what made you so excited? You may not like all the activities, or you may be better at some than others. That's normal. I, however, hope you are willing to try. The more you put into camp, the more you will get out of it.

**Cooperating.** You, like every other camper there, will be part of a cabin, bunk, or group. As your parent, I hope you will cooperate with others and help out. That's part of what makes camp so special — kids helping each other out. Most kids will help you if you are friendly and help them.

**Give yourself time.** One thing about camp is that almost everything is new — the kids, the activities, the routines, the bed you sleep in, the bathroom. It takes a few days to get adjusted, so be patient with yourself. Most of the time you will

be having so much fun you won't mind all the changes, but if you do, remember that you will get so used to things that by the time you come home you will miss all those things.

**Helping out.** Camp is about fun, but it also requires that you help out. Clean up is part of camp. You do it every day! As your parent, I hope you will cooperate.

**Getting help.** Everyone has good days and bad days. If you are having a problem, your counselor is there to help you. You don't have to wait to tell us if you are upset about something. After all, if your counselor doesn't know what might be troubling you, he/she can't help you. Be honest and ask for what you need. If your counselor doesn't seem to be concerned or doesn't help you, then you can go to the unit director, head counselor, etc. Parents should know who these "back-up persons" are and how their child will recognize them if they need to.

**Being Positive.** It's a great thing to remind your first-time camper about his or her strong points. I would focus not just on what they do well, but their positive qualities as well, such as what makes them a good friend or the type of person other kids would want to know. Helping children identify their strengths can help them when they are having a setback —

one of those inevitable growing pains all children have from time to time.

Talking with your child about these kinds of issues is a great way to show support as your child gets ready to take this important step on the road to being more resilient and self-reliant. For you as a parent, it can give you more peace of mind as you allow your child to participate safely in a broader world.

To learn more about camp and child development, please visit the American Camp Association's Web site: [www.ACACamps.org](http://www.ACACamps.org), or call the toll-free number, 1-800-428-CAMP (2267).

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# Four Ways to Help Your Children Become Better Students

School can be tough, but parents can help by making sure students have all the tools and study habits they need to succeed. Here are four ways to help raise children's grades.

**Make Space.** It may be tempting for kids to stretch out in front of the television while they do their homework, but a dedicated study space will be more effective and help students stay organized.

of tones, rhythms, and more. Stereo audio recording and playback allow musicians to record their practices and learn from their mistakes and successes.

**Make Some Moves.** Make sure your kids get plenty of exercise, as physical activity is linked to academic achievement. Adults can encourage the habit by being good role models. Sign up and train for a 5K as a family. Suggest a bike ride

for even greater analysis, and its picture plot function gives users the ability to plot graphs over pictures of real-life scenes.

From music to muscles to math,

consider taking a holistic, multipronged approach to academics.

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## Registration Now Open for County Children's Summer Camps

Registration is open for Westchester County Parks popular summer camps for children and young people. Below is the list of camps, their location and phone numbers for more information.

**Perfect Pitch and Swing Baseball Camp.** For ages 8 to 12, V.E. Macy Park, Ardsley, 914-231-4673.

**Slam Dunk Basketball Camp.** For grades 3-9, Westchester County Center, White Plains, 914-231-4673.

**Girls Volleyball Camp.** For grades 6-12, Westchester County Center, White Plains, 914-231-4673.

**Challenger Sports Soccer Camp.** For grades 1-9, V.E. Macy Park, Ardsley, 914-714-8601 or visit [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com).

**Hole-in-One Junior Golf Camp.** For ages 10 to 17, at county courses Dunwoodie and Sprain Lake, Yonkers; Hudson Hills, Ossining; Maple Moor, White Plains; Mohansic, Yorktown

Heights; and Saxon Woods, Scarsdale. 914-231-4673.

**Children's Summer Ecology Program.** For grades 1-9, Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains; Marshlands Conservancy, Rye; and Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River. (See website for contact info.)

**Conservationists in Training.** For grades 7-9, Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains and Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River. (See website for contact info.)

**Muscoot Wranglers.** For 4- and 5-year-olds. Muscoot Young Farmers, for grades 1-8, Muscoot Farm, Katonah, 914-864-7282.

**Summer Music Center.** For grades 3-12, Westchester County Center, White Plains, 914-231-4673.

Online registration is available at [parks.westchestergov.com/activities/childrens-camps](http://parks.westchestergov.com/activities/childrens-camps).



Place a desk or study table in a well-lit area of the home and ensure it has all the supplies your student will need to be successful.

**Make Music.** Studies show that learning music is good for the brain. Music education can enhance language development, is associated with spatial intelligence and can even raise scores on standardized tests. Piano can be fundamental to that education, so offer your child all the benefits of having one in your home. These days, innovations in technology make it fun and easy for children to embrace their inner musician. For example, the CGP-700 from Casio features a 5.2-inch color touch display. This allows young musicians to get creative and easily choose from hundreds

of game of soccer in the park. Your kids don't have to go out for the varsity team to reap the benefits, but a fitness routine that involves some vigorous activity can help to improve grades.

**Make Math Fun.** For many students, math is the trickiest subject. But having the most cutting-edge tools can help students better understand math concepts and enable them to solve the most challenging equations. Outfit your child with a graphing calculator that offers the ability to draw three dimensional graphs, such as planes, cylinders and spheres, and view them from various angles to better analyze their shapes. For example, the PRIZM fx-CG50 from Casio has a cross-section option and a special zoom function that enable users to further examine the graph

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# The Garage an Essential Feature for Most Homebuyers

If you're like me, every day you pull into and out of your garage, assuming that you're lucky enough to have one, without thinking much about it.

Usually there is a fumbling for the garage door opener, which I never have assigned to a particular place in my car, but the rest is as automatic as driving.

There have been problems with that, such as the occasional times I've mindlessly detached my side view mirrors and streaked my car with paint by sideswiping the doorjamb. Better yet was when I attempted to back out of my garage with the door closed, crashing halfway through the door and removing an entire corner of the structure.

When the carpenter arrived to repair the considerable damage, he said, "Your wife did this, right?" Shamelessly I lied. All these years later, I still suffer guilt about that.

Today, living in a large condo building with a broad sweep of a garage door opening, I'm given much more leeway, more than two cars wide.

Just as automobiles changed the way we travel, the garage has changed the way our homes look, rendering them at least 25 percent larger – and more than that if you consider the "bonus" room that can be built above.

Readers of this column know how I tend to fixate more on the history of things than how they operate, and so it is with

the garage. The word didn't exist until the beginning of the 20th century when it was coined from the French word *garer*, meaning to shelter.

At that time, the early automobile had to share the carriage house or stable where buggies and horses were still kept, resulting in a weird transitional phenomenon in which the cars smelled of horse manure when they were taken out for a spin. Eventually, the automobile claimed its own exclusive space and, by 1925, real estate industry sources were saying that houses without garages were slower to sell.

It's still the case today.

Most people want a garage when they buy a house.

For protection from the elements, separate outbuildings used as garages were first attached by breezeway to the main house but eventually incorporated into the footprint of the house itself. Along the way, a couple of neat inventions sped the modern garage's development, namely the folding overhead garage door, invented by C.G. Johnson in 1921. In 1926, Johnson



By Bill Primavera

invented the electric door opener to help those who had trouble lifting the doors.

Garage doors were originally made of wood. Some still are, but by the 1970s they were constructed of galvanized steel, then fiberglass, followed by composites such as resin-filled wood and eventually vinyl-covered aluminum. And for ultimate convenience, the automatic garage door opener appeared prominently in the early 1960s, although it had been invented in the '30s.

Today, garages can serve many functions other than housing cars. One friend uses a three-bay garage as a museum of vintage cars, each with a crystal chandelier above it. Another in a house

I listed serves as a combination office and workshop, which is impeccably clean and more organized from its painted floor to its stacks of glistening shelves than any professional office.

Many garages are used as workshops, workout rooms and even for business startups. Where do you think Apple, Google, Dell, Nike and Mattel began?

But mostly, the garage is for items that don't fit elsewhere in our homes. In my

case, it was always the repository for all my garden tools, since I never had a shed, and for all my real estate paraphernalia, recyclables and a variety of discarded items waiting for bulk pickup.

Some consider the garage that is part of the house a boon and others an eyesore, especially when it becomes the major focus of its facade, all but obscuring the front entrance. In my town, the architectural review board on which I serve prefers that garage doors face out from the side of the house rather than the front.

Most architects with whom I've discussed garages would prefer that they be separated from the main house once again, perhaps connected by a breezeway for convenience. But homebuyers always prefer that they be incorporated into the footprint of the house, either in front, to the side or underneath.

I have no preferences about how or where to construct a garage or how to use it, but I always advise car owners to buckle up before backing out and, oh yes, make sure the garage door is open.

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## The Dilemma Facing Small Domestic Wineries Selling to Consumers



By Nick Antonaccio

Have you walked into wine shops across Westchester and noticed how many similar wine labels adorn shelves and displays? Especially for wines produced in the

United States.

How is it that the selections are so homogenous? Where is the diversity from the 9,091 wineries currently operating across all 50 states?

Retail shops are handcuffed in their choices of wines. Federal regulations have created a three-tier system of wine sales. Wineries must sell to distributors. Retail shops must purchase their wines from these distributors. There are very few exceptions.

This has been the structure since the repeal of Prohibition in 1933. Distributors are the fulcrum for sales of domestic wines. Large wineries, with plentiful product to sell into the retail markets, are the darlings of distributors, whose business models are built on scale. By definition, small wineries suffer the most.

For consumers, large-scale monolithic distributor channels deny a willing retail purchaser the opportunity to discover excellent wines that may not fit the large distributors' business model. It's economy of scale at work in a free market.

Allow me to present a framework around this consumer dilemma. Here are facts I've gleaned from several wine industry reports, notably the 2017 Directory & Buyer's Guide from Wines & Vines magazine.

—Over 81 percent of wine produced in the United States is centered in 65 domestic wineries. Do the math: less than 1 percent of the 9,091 wineries produce the overwhelming amount of wine on retail shelves today.

—At the other end of the spectrum, 94 percent of wineries produce less than 50,000 cases (typically much less) annually.

—The distribution channel of the three-tier system has experienced similar contraction. There are only 675 distributors serving wineries. Four of these companies control 60 percent of all domestic wine sold in the United States. Further, one company, Southern Glazer, accounts for over 50 percent of the sales of these four companies.

This imbalance has been creeping into the marketplace through roll-ups and consolidations. Today's market channels are inverted from traditional demographic relationships. Twenty years ago, there were 3,000 distributors serving 1,800 domestic wineries. That is 78 percent fewer

distributors serving a 505 percent increase in wineries.

So how is a small winery to survive, let alone flourish? Many small wineries are owned by entrepreneurial, and passionate, winemakers. They are constantly seeking ways to (legally) contravene the existing system. Twenty-first century technology has given a number of them the necessary tools.

Here are business models progressive wineries have adopted.

**1. Sell to brokers.** These intermediaries have greater influence distributors. This approach produces the lowest profit margin but greater capacity for higher sales volume.

**2. Sell in their tasting room.** This is more lucrative, as the winemaker sells wine directly to consumers at full retail price, producing the greatest margin. Increased costs include the capital investment of building a tasting room and staffing it.

**3. Sell via the internet.** This is the most lucrative: full retail price and the least incremental investment. Start-up wineries may resort to crowdfunding until they establish a solid customer base.

**4. Sell via wine clubs.** Another avenue to garner full retail pricing with an added benefit: a semi-captive, repeat

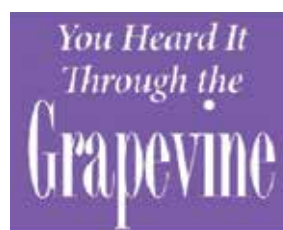
customer base.

Selling directly to consumers is increasing in popularity among small wineries. A number of wineries have adopted the second, third and/or fourth business models. To better understand the value of selling directly to consumers, it is necessary to understand the pricing structure of the three-tier system.

Consider a bottle of wine on a retailer's shelf selling for \$15. A winery typically sells the wine to a distributor for \$6, assuming one is willing to purchase the wine. By culling a direct-to-consumer following, the winery eliminates the other two components of the three-tier system, enjoying an additional profit of \$9, significantly greater than the profit generated in the traditional channels.

Just as technology has disrupted and transformed so many industries, so too the wine industry. Unlike other industries, however, wine consumers may be the beneficiaries of these changes. The choices are yours.

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LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to **208 West Street, Mount Kisco, NY 10549. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 926 SJA Realty, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on January 27, 2017. Office location: WESTCHESTER County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: **926 Wynnewood Road, Pelham, NY 10803. The principal business address of the LLC is: 926 Wynnewood Road, Pelham, NY 10803 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

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**PUBLIC HEARING 2017-18 TENTATIVE VILLAGE BUDGET PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 8:00pm, prevailing time, Village Hall, 80 Wheeler Avenue, 2nd Floor, Pleasantville, N.Y. for the purpose of hearing comments as it pertains to the 2017-2018 Tentative Village Budget. The proposed compensation for the Mayor is \$6,000 and each

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## Tuesday, March 28

**The Harlem Fine Arts Show.** One of the nation's largest and most prestigious collections of works (paintings, photographs, books and sculptures) by African-American artists both established and emerging, will return to the City of White Plains for its 6th year. This annual event will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Reckson Metro Center, located at 360 Hamilton Avenue in White Plains.

**Tuesdays at Dorry's.** This week Rev. Siobhan Sargent, Senior Pastor, Memorial United Methodist Church, joins us to speak about the Christian tradition of Lent and its purpose in the life of a community. She hopes together we can explore how this liturgical season might offer a helpful lens by which to navigate spiritually the current crises facing our political and social experiences. Tuesdays@Dorry's gathers conservation partners every

Tuesday to share a meal and learn from presenters invited each week. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. presentation 6 to 7 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, 914-682-0005.

## Wednesday, March 29

**Noontime Getaway Concert.** Downtown Music at Grace welcomes Cellist David Heiss is a member of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and is principal cellist of The New York Pops at Carnegie Hall. Featured as a concerto soloist and recitalist in a wide range of repertoire, he plays a John Betts cello, dated 1789. He is joined by the pianist Warren Jones, a member of the faculty of the Manhattan School of Music and the Music Academy of the West, who is Principal Pianist for the exciting California chamber music group Camerata Pacifica. Free Admission. Concert begins at 12:10 for 30 min. at Grace Episcopal Church in downtown White Plains at the intersection of Mamaroneck Ave. and Main St. This concert is made possible with the generous support of Dagher Engineering, PLLC.

**Lunchtime Meditation.** At the White Plains Library a weekly meditation program. No registration or equipment

necessary. Starts promptly at 12:15 p.m. with the first few minutes devoted to beginning instruction. For information please contact 914-422-1496 or [cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov). The White Plains Public Library is located at 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Panel Discussion:** The Uncanny Work of Leandro Erlich. Andrea Giunta, author of exhibition catalogue essay "A Gap in the Limits of the Possible" and Professor of Latin American Art, Universidad de Buenos Aires, discusses the work of Argentinian artist Leandro Erlich, 2017 Roy R. Neuberger Exhibition Prize awardee, with curators Helaine Posner and Patrice Giasson. Panelists will examine Erlich's large-scale installation, "Port of Reflections," his historical relevance and themes of the uncanny and trompe l'oeil. The artists will join the final half-hour of the conversation via Skype for a Q&A. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 6:30 p.m. \$10. Museum members and Purchase students, staff and faculty: Free. Info: 914-251-6100 or visit [www.neuberger.org](http://www.neuberger.org).

**Multi-Generational Passover Experience.** A fully catered dinner and an interesting exploration relating to the

Passover Seder. All community members and ages welcome. Scarsdale Synagogue, 2 Ogden Rd., Scarsdale. 6:30 p.m. Adults: \$36. Students through Bar/Bat Mitzvah age: Free. RSVP required. Info: 914-725-5175. RSVP: Visit [www.sstte.org](http://www.sstte.org).

## Friday, March 31

**"Shall We Dance?"** Pianist Eleonora Rotshteyn performs a recital of music arranged for piano, four hands and inspired by dance. Rotshteyn will be joined by guest artist, pianist Elke Velazquez. The program includes arrangements of "The Nutcracker Suite" by Tchaikovsky; Stravinsky's "Petrouchka;" Khachaturian's "Waltz from Masquerade" and "Sabre Dance;" waltzes from Disney Films; de Falla's "Ritual Fire Dance;" and the "Cantina Band" from "Star Wars." Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 8 p.m. \$18. Seniors (65 and up): \$15. Students (18 and under): Free. Info and tickets: 914-723-1169 or e-mail [hb@hbms.org](mailto:hb@hbms.org). Tickets also available at the door.

## Saturday, April 1

**Hike to the Quarry.** Enjoy a leisurely hike. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 11

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Trustee \$3,500. All persons interested in speaking on this subject will be heard. A copy of the Tentative Budget is available for inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30am to 4:00pm.-JUDITH WEINTRAUB VILLAGE CLERK, VILLAGE OF PLEASANTVILLE, WEST-CHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NIN-JACATSTUDIO, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/03/2016. NY office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 3700 Campbell Ct., Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Purpose/character of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF BEVERAGE MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC,** a foreign limited liability company ("LLC") Cert. of Formation filed with Sect'y of State of DE, Div. of Corps., PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903 on 3/7/2014. Cert. of Authority filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/16. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon

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Street, Elmira, (Holiday Inn), Elmira-Riverview, New York 14901, Parcel Open-House Inspections: **Saturday, March 18 & Sunday, March 19, 2017,** Pre- Auction Bidder Seminar: **Monday, March 20, 2017** Starts: 6PM, 100+ Parcels Available, For Details VISIT; [auctionsinternational.com](http://auctionsinternational.com) or CALL 800-536-1401 ext 110

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a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

**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. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday and Sunday except Apr. 9, 16 and 23. Info: 914-723-3470 or

visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**Linking Generations Against Alzheimer's.** A Symposium for Caregivers. Featuring six panelists – a neurologist, two millennial caregivers, one older adult caregiver, a social worker and an elder law attorney – each discussing their topic of expertise. Followed by a Q&A and discussion. Includes a complementary breakfast. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center Auditorium 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-253-6860 or 800-272-3900 or visit [www.alzhudsonvalley.org/caregiversymposium](http://www.alzhudsonvalley.org/caregiversymposium).

**The Orchestra Now.** An innovative pre-professional orchestra in residence at Bard College that is preparing a new generation of musicians to break down barriers between modern audiences and great orchestral music of the past and present. Led by TON's Associate Conductor and Academic Director James Bagwell, the program features a Bernard Hermann prelude to a Hitchcock film, Roy Harris' distinctly American third symphony and Philip Glass' wondrous symphony based on David Bowie's album "Low." The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$23.75 to \$75. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org).

### Sunday, April 2

**Engineering Expo.** Expo 2017 run by the Lower Hudson Valley Professional Engineering Society will be held at the White Plains High School from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is geared for middle and high school students to consider the wonderful world of engineering. The Rube Goldberg Contest has expanded to both the High School and Middle School levels. This year's contest will be how to apply a Band-Aid. You can go to [www.BeAnEngineer.org](http://www.BeAnEngineer.org) for further information. The bridge competition will be supported by the Cadets of US Military Academy at West Point; Sikorsky Helicopter Aircraft of Trumbull, CT will be there with their model exhibit; Go-Pros phones were raffled away to the students who attend and get a free raffle ticket. Students can talk with Young Engineers in a school room environment. For more info visit [www.BeAnEngineer.org](http://www.BeAnEngineer.org).

**"Let's Go to the Hop With the CUUC Choir!"** Get out your poodle skirts and leather jackets and join Lisa N. Meyer and pianist Georgianna Pappas with the Community Unitarian Universalist Church Choir, soloists, duos and trios for a concert full of popular Rock n' Roll from the '50s Sock Hop era. Dancers and listeners of all ages are welcome. Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains. 1 p.m. Suggested donation: \$20 person. Seniors and students: \$10. Children: \$5. Maximum for families: \$45. Info and tickets: Visit [www.cucwp.org](http://www.cucwp.org).

**Animal Forensics.** It's no secret that young children are thrilled by spending time connecting with animals. In this program, we will bring children closer to nature and give them a better understanding of the way the animal kingdom lives, eats and plays. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 p.m. Free. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**Piano Concert.** Pianist Raj Bhimani will perform in the sanctuary at West Center Congregational Church, 101 Pondfield Road West, Bronxville, at 2 p.m. The critically acclaimed Mr. Bhimani, will be premiering a new piece written for him by two French composers, Thérèse Brenet and Jean-Thierry Boisseau. Each contributed two movements to a work called Mixed Doubles (Double Mixte). Mr. Bhimani will also play two favorite compositions by Maurice Ravel, Sonatine and Valses nobles et sentimentales, both of which will be recorded on his next CD. Rounding out the program is Variations on a Theme by Handel written by Johannes Brahms, which Mr. Bhimani describes as being "full of joy and optimism." While there is no admission fee, there is a suggested donation of \$10. The sanctuary is accessible to wheelchairs and strollers, and there is parking on the street.

### LEGAL NOTICE

## SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Plaintiff designates **WESTCHESTER** as the place of trial situs of the real property **SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS** Mortgaged Premises: **6 DUNDERAVE ROAD WHITE PLAINS, NY 10603** Section: 7.350 Block: 175 Lot: 19 **INDEX NO. 63616/2015 JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. LESTER RILEY, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF VIOLA CARTER LESLIE**, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; **SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12,"** the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. To the above named Defendants **YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the

State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. **NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT** THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$712,500.00 and interest, recorded on August 25, 2009, at Instrument number 492180166, of the Public Records of **WESTCHESTER** County, New York, covering premises known as **6 DUNDERAVE ROAD WHITE PLAINS, NY 10603**. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. **WESTCHESTER** County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

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**Dated: February 27, 2017 RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff**

**BY: COREY ROBSON, ESQ.**

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# EXAMINER SPORTS

## Westchester Knicks Honor Detective Michael Perry on "Safety Night"

By Albert Coqueran

Although the Westchester Knicks (18-30) struggle to close-out their 2016-17 season on a positive note, the NBA affiliate of the NY Knicks community initiatives have brought enjoyment to many local fans throughout this season.

Despite three players finishing with double/doubles, the local Knicks lost to the Reno Bighorns, 118-108, on Friday. It was the Reno Bighorns, the NBA affiliate of the Sacramento Kings, first ever visit to the Westchester County Center.

Westchester Knicks guard John Jenkins continued to impress NBA scouts by scoring 35 points in the loss to the Bighorns. Jaylen Bond scored 12 points and snatched an impressive 16 rebounds. Keith Wright also had a double/double with 12 points and 13 rebounds and Travis Trice II netted 21 points and dished a remarkable 13 assists.

Nonetheless, at the Westchester County Center, on Friday, it was the pregame scrimmage that stole the show. The Westchester Knicks held "Safety Night" sponsored by the Metro-North Railroad's Office of System Safety.

The pregame scrimmage was played between the White Plains Police



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

The late White Plains Police Detective Michael Perry's father Patrick (right) and his brother Patrick, Jr. sit courtside at the Westchester County Center anticipating the start of the pregame scrimmage between the White Plains Police Department and White Plains Fire Department in tribute to their late son and brother on Westchester Knicks "Safety Night."

Department and the White Plains Fire Department. The WPPD Finest and the WPPD Bravest took the court in tribute to White Plains Police Detective Michael Richard Perry, who died in the line of duty on June 12, 2010, at the young age of 43. Perry was a seven-year veteran of the WPPD.

On June 12, 2010, Perry responded to a robbery at Macy's. After chasing and struggling with the suspect, he apprehended a career criminal, who had over 300 arrests at the time. However, after Perry transported the suspect to police headquarters, he

collapsed and passed away a short time later of a heart attack at White Plains Hospital.

"Two weeks ago would have been Michael's 50th birthday, on March 4, 2017," sadly stated Michael's father, Patrick Perry, who sat courtside at the County Center with his other son Patrick, Jr. "This night is wonderful, absolutely wonderful. It is very meaningful because this is virtually seven years later and he is still so well thought of."

The WPPD Basketball Team wore custom jerseys with Officer Perry's Police Car number 18, imprinted on them. As a tribute on "Safety Night" Perry's police car was parked in front of the County Center along with a WPPD fire truck. The custom jerseys dedicated to their fallen comrade were on sale during the Westchester Knicks game with all proceeds going to the Michael Perry Scholarship Fund.

Detective Marc Avery, a 17-year veteran of the White Plains Police Department, presently works with the WPPD Domestic Violence Unit. Avery attended the Police Academy with the late Michael Perry. "Michael was one of the nicest guys that I ever

met. He loved being a cop and he loved his twins. His twin boys were the joy of his life. This was a tremendous loss not only to his family but to the White Plains Police Department and the community," said Avery.

"It is an unbelievable opportunity to work with the White Plains Police and Fire Departments and sponsor an event like this for safety," commented Justin Vonashek, Vice President- System Safety for Metro-North Railroad. Vonashek tossed the ball for the ceremonial tip-off of the pregame scrimmage.

Also on hand for "Safety Night" was Allison Lester, Safety Education Program Specialist for Metro-North. Lester was promoting Metro-North TRACKS initiative, which stands for "Together Railroads and Communities Keeping Safe."

TRACKS is a Metro-North community outreach program that visits schools, community centers and any organization that wants a free presentation. "We promote safety at gate-crossings, on platforms and regarding trespasser safety, to educate people concerning safety around trains and train tracks," said Lester.

Westchester Knicks "Safety Night" was a memorable occasion for the 1,957 fans that attended. First Responders gained admission for only \$10 on the night of the game and the initial 1,500 fans received a First Aid Kit provided by Metro-North Railroad.



The late Michael Perry's number 18, custom White Plains Police Car decorated to commemorate him was parked outside the Westchester County Center, on Friday during Westchester Knicks "Safety Night" sponsored by the Metro-North Railroad.



White Plains Police Detective Marc Avery dribbles down court during the pregame scrimmage between the White Plains Police and White Plains Firefighters, before the Westchester Knicks hosted the Reno Bighorns on Friday. The pregame scrimmage was in honor of the late Michael Perry, a seven-year veteran of the WPPD, who died in the line of duty, on June 12, 2010.



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## Ice Hockey Battle of the Bravest to Benefit the Ronald McDonald House

By Albert Coqueran

On Saturday, March 25, White Plains Firefighters faced-off against the Westchester Firefighters in the 22nd Annual Battle of the Bravest Charity Cup Hockey Game to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley.

The Battle of the Bravest is organized by City of White Plains Professional Firefighters Local 274. The event has been organized by White Plains Firefighter Lieutenant Rich Servello, the Chairman of the Charity Cup Committee for the past six years. Servello is following in the footsteps of retired Fire Lieutenant John Donahoe, who originally organized the event into a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House.

On Saturday, at the Ebersole Ice Rink, about 250 people donated \$5 each for an entry fee to the Battle of the Bravest to support the philanthropic cause of Local Firefighters 274, while also enjoying some spirited and competitive hockey.

Local 274 also sold raffle tickets for \$10 each and held a raffle between the second and third periods, which was organized by White Plains Firefighters Lt. Brian Hickey and Lt. Sandro Dantona.

Prizes awarded included a N.Y. Rangers Ryan McDonagh autographed puck, Rangers J.T. Miller autographed jersey, N.Y. Islanders team autographed hat, N.Y. Yankees Mariano Rivera signed baseball and a 40-inch Big Screen Television, among other prizes. Signature Battle of the Bravest T-shirts were sold for \$20 each. Advertisements by sponsors in the Battle of the Bravest Program contributed a major portion of the proceeds contributed to the Ronald McDonald House. There was also a 50/50 raffle held at the Battle of the Bravest after party sponsored by Ron Black's, on Mamaroneck Avenue, which netted a \$500 donation.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

The 22nd Annual "Battle of the Bravest" Charity Cup Hockey Game to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley was held at the Ebersole Ice Rink, on Saturday. [L-r] White Plains Firefighter Lt. Rich Servello, Westchester Firefighters Tom Hensler and James Schroeder and White Plains Firefighter Clark Douglass accompanied the DiNovo Family to center ice for the Ceremonial Puck Drop.

Inclement weather hampered last year's event but the Firefighters still contributed over \$13,000 to the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley. In previous years, Local 274 donated as much as \$20,000 in 2014 and \$19,500 in 2013.

Local 274 is anticipating contributing another five-figure donation this year, but the overall contribution will not be released until all proceeds are counted.

"It was definitely a successful event again this year. The weather was good and people came out and watched a little bit of hockey and donated to a great cause," said Servello.

One of the families that has benefited from the charitable efforts of the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson

Valley is The DiNovo Family from Albany.

Alicia DiNovo, the mother of Niko DiNovo, has resided at the Ronald McDonald House located on the property of the Westchester Medical Center for five months while her son is recovering at the

Westchester Medical Center Burn Unit.

Niko, 16 years old, was admitted to the WMC Burn Unit, on October 29, 2016. On October 28, 2016, Niko was in a tragic car accident and the impact caused two explosions, which resulted in him having third degree burns on 95 percent of his body.

Niko's mother Alicia, his brothers Nino and Michael, his sister Bella and Michael's fiancée Morgan Drahushok were all in attendance at the Battle of the Bravest and participated in the Ceremonial Puck Drop at center ice.

"The Ronald McDonald House is just amazing. They provide me with a place to stay, food to eat and a place for my family to come and visit with Niko. Without them, I would not be able to be down here with Niko everyday," gratefully acknowledged Alicia DiNovo.

The White Plains Firefighters won the Battle of the Bravest Charity Hockey Game this year. The White Plains Bravest rang the emergency bell after the second period and scored five goals in the third period to win 6-4. Fourth generation White Plains Firefighter Jake Douglass led the attack with four goals in the game. But as Servello stressed, "It is The Ronald McDonald House who actually wins; they are the big winners each year."

## Stepinac Senior Dominic Procopio Selected for USL Experience

By Albert Coqueran

Stepinac Senior Dominic Procopio has been selected to participate in the United Soccer League (USL) Experience, which will be hosted by the San Antonio FC, from March 30-April 2, in San Antonio Texas.

Procopio was one of 72 players (36 Boys and 36 Girls) in two age groups selected from a field of thousands of players in the Super Y League. Procopio, who resides in New Rochelle, is a midfielder for the Westchester Flames FC of the Super Y League.

Also joining Procopio as one of the 36 boys chosen for the USL Experience is his Westchester Flames teammate Alec Jautz, who is a junior at Rye High School. Procopio and Jautz will join a team of 18 players on the USL Experience U15/16 Boys team that travels to San Antonio, Texas, from March 30-April 2.

"The USL Experience is an event unlike any other, providing the best Super Y League players with an opportunity to showcase their talent while in a professional environment, and we are excited to have a first-class organization in the San Antonio FC hosting the second edition of the event," said Christian Velasquez, Super Y League Manager of Operations.



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Stepinac senior soccer player Dominic Procopio is one of 72 players in the Super Y League to be chosen to attend the USL Experience hosted by the San Antonio FC, in San Antonio, Texas from March 30-April 2.

The USL Experience will provide the elite group 72 teenage soccer players with some of the highest-level of youth competition in the country and a unique look within professional soccer in the United States.



Ron Black's on Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains sponsored "Battle of the Bravest" after party. White Plains Firefighter Jeff Boettigheimer (left) presented the 50/50 Raffle Prize to retired Larchmont Firefighter Lieutenant John Veteri (center), who was accompanied by retired Scarsdale Firefighter John Daly.





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