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Columbus Monument Under Landmark Status Scrutiny

By Silas White

A public forum in White Plains on the potential landmark status of a Christopher Columbus statue sparked controversy over whether or not Columbus is a figure worth celebrating.

The forum, held by the Historic Preservation Committee in the Common Council Chambers on July 9, gave citizens of White Plains the chance to voice their approval or disapproval of the statue located in Tibbits Park on North Broadway at Lake Street.

Many Italian Americans voiced their approval of the statue and its potential chance for landmark status.

"Columbus made one of the most significant contributions to all history for all time," said one speaker, from the Antonio Meucci Lodge. "Let's make sure that this monument... one that has stood



The White Plains Christopher Columbus statue stands at North Broadway and Lake Street in Tibbits Park.

for over 100 years, remains untouched."

Mario Cermele, president of the Antonio Meucci Lodge, which was founded in the 20th century to help Italian Americans, said the statue was a "beautiful masterpiece," and that the statue is a part of the legacy of Italian Americans.

"For all the members of the Antonio Meucci Lodge, we just hope that your recommendation is a positive one, because it will be so well received, respected, and honored," Cermele said.

However, one White Plains resident expressed concern.

"I am somewhat troubled by this," he said. "Columbus was

a slave owner and a slave trader. He killed the natives... and I think about that every time I see (the statue)."

The statue itself was erected on October 12, 1915, by Italian Citizens in White Plains, whose signatures are carved into the back of the statue's base.

According to White Plains Historic Preservation Law section 9-6-3, a building or monument may be worthy of landmark status if it possesses special character or value as part of the cultural, political, economic, or social history of the city, region, state, or nation. It may also meet landmark status if it identifies with persons or events significant in local, state, or national history. Ultimately, it is up to the Historic Preservation Committee to decide if the monument meets or does not

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White Plains Mall to Become Hamilton Green

By Pat Casey

At the August meeting of the White Plains Common Council dual public hearings on a zone text change and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the site at 200 Hamilton Ave., the former White Plains Mall, opened with a dramatic presentation.

Bill Null, attorney representing the owners of the property and the development and design team working on the project, explained that the 3.4-acre site is located within the Central Parking District in downtown White Plains and a Business District zone that allows retail.

The goal of a conceptual plan for redevelopment of the site, is to request the creation of a new White Plains TD-1 District that corresponds to the transit

study recently conducted by the city in relation to its developing transit hub.

The new district would allow multi-use projects including residential as well as entertainment and retail uses.

If the zoning amendment is adopted, a future and separate site plan would be presented for approval that reflects the conceptual plan put forward at the public hearing.

Richard Heapes, co-founder of Street Works, a development and design company working on the project, said once all the paperwork is complete it would take 30 to 36 months to build the proposed project with a late 2021 to early 2022 grand opening.

The current building on the site is two

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BOE Asked to Show Cause for Invalidated Voter Signatures

By Pat Casey

Claiming that the Westchester County Board of Elections (BOE) invalidated hundreds of signatures of registered White Plains voters in the dispute between Democratic candidates endorsed by the White Plains Democratic City Committee and those forcing a September primary, a New York City based law firm Phillips Nizer LLP, has filed an application seeking leave to intervene and force the BOE to show cause for its decision.

The petitioners Alexis Greer Heidenberg, a White Plains resident, and Mark M. Elliott, the chairman of the City of White Plains Board of Ethics, in two disputes allege that White Plains voters' rights to free speech, due process and equal protection under the law were

violated by the BOE.

The action contests the invalidation of hundreds of petition signatures for the mayoral candidacy of Milagros Lecuona and her slate for three Common Council seats, candidates Alan Goldman, Michael Kraver and Saad Siddiqui, where "WP" was used in the address section of the petition, instead of writing out the words "White Plains."

In a deposition, Elliott a White Plains resident, registered Democratic voter and appointed official of the city, states, "My signature on one or more such nominating petitions has been challenged. I further understand that the purported basis of said challenge is that the city indicated next to my name was abbreviated as "WP"

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rather than “White Plains.” I learned this information on the evening of August 9, 2017. I received no such notification from the Board of Elections, nor do I have any remedy before that body.”

The action claims that New York Election Law §6-134(5) explicitly permits address abbreviations.

The White Plains City Committee had alleged fraud in the taking and submission of the signatures and had detailed page-by-page, line-by-line Specifications of Objections, which were filed with the BOE on July 14. The line-by-line challenges, identified irregularities including wrong city, wrong county, wrong address, one-third do not live in White Plains, not members of Democratic Party, as well as using the initials “WP” or misspelled the city name.

The White Plains City Committee endorsed slate includes Mayor Tom Roach, Councilmen John Kirkpatrick and John Martin and Common Council

candidate Justin Brasch.

Lecuona had filed with the court on July 25, asking for an outright dismissal of the claims, which was denied.

In a press release, Greer Heidenberg, daughter of the late and former White Plains Councilman Bob Greer, who as a Democrat was known for contesting the policies of the Democratic City Committee during his time in office commented, “My late father Bob Greer served on the White Plains Common Council for over 15 years. He would be as disappointed as the rest of our family is by these insider efforts to discourage civic participation through technicalities.”

Marc Landis, managing partner of Phillips Nizer, added in the same release, “Our government should not suppress the rights of voters to designate candidates for public office – an activity protected by the United States Constitution – on the basis of technicalities that are not supported by the law.”

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meet this criteria.

The decision has been tabled for now.

During the next meeting, which will be on September 13, the Historic Preservation Committee will hold a

public forum for the potential landmark status of the White Plains Presbyterian Church Cemetery and the landmark status of the Good Counsel Complex on 52 North Broadway.

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stories and 170,000 sq.-ft. The proposed project would include four buildings, two with 26 stories at 280 feet height and two at 120-feet to accommodate 900 rental apartments and 90,000 sq.-ft. of retail and restaurants with appropriate parking.

According to Heapes, 36% of the space at the site would be dedicated to privately owned and managed open space for public use.

The sidewalk along Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. would become a promenade and access for pedestrians to Cottage Place would be through a large food and crafts hall.

A terraced park would lead to an outdoor green space at the level of the



Screen shot of green space component at 200 Hamilton Ave. project with the red outline indicating the pedestrian sidewalk along Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

2nd floor of the current building.

During the comment portion of the public hearing, Michael Kraver, White

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Screen shot of rendering of the 200 Hamilton Ave. proposed project as it would look in the existing neighborhood.

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Westchester County DA Forms Office of Immigrant Affairs

By Anna Young

Days after the Westchester County Board of Legislators passed the Immigration Protection Act, a bill that will restrain Westchester from using its resources for immigration enforcement, Westchester County District Attorney Anthony Scarpino announced the creation of the Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA).

With immigrants throughout the county refusing to report crimes because they fear deportation, Scarpino revealed Friday that the new Westchester office would assist victimized immigrants report any type of crime including violent

crimes, human trafficking, domestic violence and fraud. The emphasis will be on making the process easier for immigrants to come forward to be a witness to a crime regardless of their immigration status.

"Too often, members of the immigrant community are victims of crimes of economic exploitation or crimes of violence," Scarpino said in a statement. "With the creation of the Office of Immigrant Affairs, there will be one point of contact within the District Attorney's Office where immigrants will be able to receive help."

Lila Kirton, Deputy Bureau Chief of

the Office's Bureau of Strategic Planning and Community Outreach will head the unit. Kirton will serve as a liaison to immigrant communities helping them better understand the criminal justice system if they fall victim to a crime.

Scarpino said with immigrants often defenseless and unaware of their rights, the OIA will combat crimes that target immigrants, including individuals pretending to be Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents, businesses that hire immigrant labor workers without compensation, and scammers who sell fake government documents and exploit immigrants with

false promises of legal citizenship.

The District Attorney's Office has also joined the New York State District Attorney's League of Immigrant Affairs (DALIA), an organization committed to protecting all the residents when they become victims of crimes.

"This office will provide better coordination of these prosecutions and provide greater outreach to the immigrant community," Scarpino said.

Anyone who believes they may have been the victim of a crime is encouraged to call the Westchester County District Attorney's Office of Immigrant Affairs hotline at 914-995-1616.

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Plains resident and Common Council candidate said the city needs to address the amount of luxury residences being built in White Plains at large.

Another resident commented about the lack of local union contractors on job sites within the city.

The public hearing was adjourned to the Sept. 5 meeting of the Common Council.

The Collection

Another public hearing during the August meeting discussed the project named The Collection on Westchester Avenue across from the Westchester mall.



Screen shot of rendering at Hamilton Avenue corner.



Screen shot of rendering inside the proposed food crafts hall.

Marc Weingarten attorney representing the developer explained that the new proposed design was smaller than the original plan, down from 4 to 3 acres, with 276 residential units including 160 one-bedroom units, 25 studios and 91 two-bedroom units, with the required number of affordable units scattered throughout the project.

Retail was also included in the proposed plan at street level with subterranean parking serving both uses.

The purpose of the public hearing was to address two zoning amendments. One would allow the density of the B-3 and RM-0.35 zones to be combined and the second addressed the need to develop the site as a single site, rather than as two sites in two separate zones.

Residents speaking during the comment period, expressed concern about traffic problems and pedestrian safety on Westchester Avenue and Franklin Avenue, which they indicated was already unsafe.

The public hearing was adjourned to the Sept. 5 meeting of the Council.



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Merits of Proposed Constitutional Convention Debated

By David Propper

Along with candidates for local elections this November, New York voters will have the chance to vote on a proposal that could potentially change the state constitution.

The proposition, which will be on the back of the ballot, will ask voters whether they want a constitutional convention. If voters approve the measure, delegates would be selected in 2018 and the convention would be held in April 2019 with possible amendments to the state's founding document on the ballot that year.

The state board of elections is required to put forth the question on the ballot every 20 years and for the last five decades voters have demurred with the last convention held in 1967. Delegates could include current lawmakers and the cost of the convention would be in the millions.

While the process might be straightforward, opinions from public officials, concerned citizens, and advocacy groups widely vary.

Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, a Republican, is against a constitutional convention because while a convention might look good, he doesn't believe it'll rectify the state's problems. Issues that plague New York could still be solved by the state legislature during session, Byrne noted, like the pension forfeiture bill for corrupt lawmakers that will also be on the ballot this fall.

He encouraged voters to educate themselves on the issue before going to the poll this November.

"Because it sounds really good at first glance," Byrne said. "But you're talking about a lot of taxpayer money out here that could ultimately just go to more special interests and politicians and could even make things worse."

He has sponsored a bill with a Democratic assemblyman that reads if there is a constitutional convention, NYS legislators couldn't collect an additional salary from their delegate duties.

The Lower Hudson Valley Progressive

Action Network's executive board voted unanimously to oppose the constitutional convention and vowed to work to defeat the proposal. The organization claimed the convention would roll back legislative gains that are already in place.

LHPVAN claimed a "People's Convention" would more likely be controlled by big money and special interests. The organization argued donors from right wing groups, for-profit schools, the fossil fuel industry, and big pharmaceutical companies could reap the benefits of the convention instead.

The group pointed to possibly losing money for public schools, less environmental protections, and loss of pension and benefits protection for union members.

LHPVAN co-chair Andy Falk, a Patterson resident, noted many rights New York citizens have are stronger than federal laws and it would be "naïve" to believe a convention would only yield positive outcomes. The funding for a convention would be better spent in other areas, Falk said, like education.

"Albany is infamous for its dysfunction," Falk, a Democrat who has run for the state legislature before, said. "Based on what we have, we should expect a similarly broken system in a constitutional convention."

Mahopac Teachers Association president Thomas McMahon said most unions in the state oppose the possible convention.

He noted that while unions might get some concessions, a convention could also lead to losing some of the hard earned battles they've won in the past. A convention could decimate laws that make New York one of the strongest union states in the country, McMahon said. "It's like playing a game of bingo. You might get four things that you really like, but you might also get four things that you really don't like. And that's the problem with a constitutional convention."

McMahon noted he and many union members across the state would be working to inform voters about

the convention vote and the perils surrounding it. "Our biggest obstacle is letting people know it's on the ballot," he said.

Two major statewide organizations that support a constitutional convention are the League of Women Voters and New York State Bar Association.

NYS League of Women Voters president Dare Thompson said state leaders have

includes voting reform, fair legislative redistricting, ethics reform, modernizing the court system, and strengthening the state bill of rights.

"Albany's been broken for a while now," Reilly said.

One concern Reilly has is the convention becoming a "partisan event," but she stressed voters have the final say over any changes in the state constitution.

"There are changes that are necessary to improve our lives and we can control it by staying involved and voting," Reilly said.

The state bar association house of delegates voted 111-28 to endorse the constitutional convention. Bar association president Sharon Stern Gerstman said there are shortcomings in the state constitution that need to be handled.

"A convention would focus public attention on ways to modernize and improve the operations of state government, especially our court system," Stern Gerstman said.

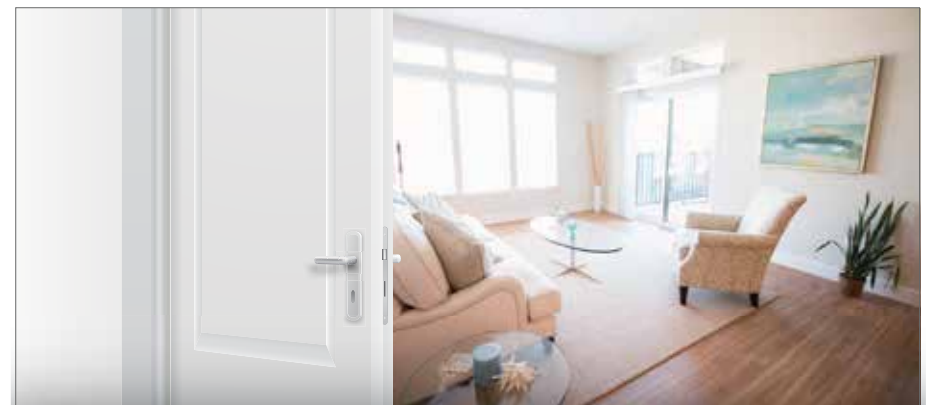
The chair of the committee on the NYS constitution, Henry Greenberg, called the state constitution "broken in significant respects."

"It is a 52,500-word behemoth, filled with minutia and obsolete provisions," Greenberg said, "and even (has) sections that the US Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional."

'It's like playing a game of bingo.'
-MTA president
Thomas McMahon

failed to enact meaningful reform to make democracy work in New York. If voters approve the convention, it would send a "strong message that they are fed up with corruption and dysfunction in Albany," Thompson said.

Eileen Reilly, the president of the Putnam League of Women Voters, said there are many laws that need repair. That



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Holocaust Survivor and Liberator Bring a Lesson of History to Today's Moment

By Anna Young

It was a special day at the Mount Kisco Hebrew Congregation on Friday as a Holocaust survivor met the World War II veteran who liberated him from the Gunskirchen concentration camp in Austria nearly 72 years ago.

Following the emotional reunion where former prisoner Nandor Katz and Army veteran Alan Moskin hugged and shed tears, both men, 91, sat side-by-side recounting their shared history, describing the harrowing journey that led them to each other on May 4, 1945.

"There was death as far as you could see, bodies and skeletal like bodies all over the place, and everywhere you looked was the stench of the dead and the dying. What we saw was so horrific that it defies description," Moskin said. "Anybody that survived the hell and the horror of that camp is a miracle and he (Katz) survived and is an example of a miracle to me."

Katz was 18-years-old when the Germans invaded Hungary where he was deported to the Mauthausen death camp in Austria as his family perished in Auschwitz. In 1945, Katz, along with thousands of starved and sick prisoners, marched on foot in the cold to Gunskirchen Lager, a slave labor camp with no sanitation, running water or food.

As the war was coming to an end, Adolf Hitler had ordered the execution of all the prisoners, but the guards failed to comply



Alan Moskin (left) and Nandor Katz, Holocaust liberator and survivor, met at the Mount Kisco Hebrew Congregation 72 years after liberation of the Gunskirchen concentration camp in Austria.

in fear that American soldiers were nearby. The SS guards soon deserted the camp leaving the prisoners to die.

While in combat through France, Germany and Austria, Moskin's division had liberated a nearby prisoner of war

camp where they first learned that Gunskirchen was housing thousands of Jewish prisoners.

"We didn't know anything about a camp for Jews, we thought it was a rumor until we came across this nauseating smell that any liberator will tell you they can't ever forget," Moskin said.

By the time the American 71st infantry arrived there were piles of decomposing bodies throughout the camp. The 15,000 who were still alive were emaciated, sick and starved.

"The most horrific site I've ever seen in my entire life, we weren't prepared for something like this," Moskin said. "Those poor souls were alive and so emaciated, they didn't look like normal human beings. Their arms and legs looked like broomsticks. Their cheeks were hollowed out, their eyes sunken back into their sockets. They had sores all over their body wearing filthy rags."

Moskin added that as soldiers began feeding the prisoners, many began choking and ultimately died because their bodies couldn't handle food after months of starvation.

"We were trying to help them, we didn't know," Moskin said. "What I witnessed there left a mark on me, a mark on my heart and soul. How did this civilized world let something like this happen?"

For the past 22 years, Moskin has traveled the country sharing his story

and making sure people never forget the Holocaust happened. While Moskin has made several public appearances, he said he continues to visit high schools encouraging young people to share his story of horror and dismay.

"I try to tell the kids the truth so this never happens again," he said. "We have a lot of hate going on today in the world and it scares me to think about what's going on. This was a crime against humanity and it can happen again if you don't keep your eyes open."

Following their testimonies, the nearly 50 people in attendance wiped away their tears as Mount Kisco Mayor Michael Cindrich and Westchester County Legislator Francis Corcoran presented both men with several proclamations.

Cindrich, who proclaimed Aug. 12 as Nandor Katz Day throughout the village, commended both men for their courage, stating that it took the country too long to come to its senses seven decades ago.

Corcoran added that both Katz and Moskin represent what it means to fight for the human spirit and the good of humanity.

"It's very hard to imagine what they've gone through and it's very difficult to sit through and listen to the atrocities they lived through and witnessed," Corcoran said. "There's a reason you're here and I thank God you're both here to tell your stories."

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Man Pleads Guilty in Taconic Parkway Crash that Killed Four

A 35-year-old Bronx man pled guilty Friday to four counts of criminally negligent homicide for his role in an August 2015 crash on the Taconic State Parkway that killed four people, including his two-year-old daughter.

Nerim Sinanovic could face a maximum of one to four years in state prison when he is sentenced January 24, 2018 following his plea before Judge Barry Warhit.

On August 15, 2015 at approximately 2:50 p.m., Sinanovic was traveling north on the Taconic in his BMW SUV with his wife in the front seat and two daughters, ages two and one, in the back seat when he told State Police he took his hands off the steering wheel, turned towards the back seat and steered with his knees, causing the vehicle to veer to the right.

His wife then grabbed the wheel and vehicle veered left, went airborne over the center median and crashed into a Toyota Camry that was traveling in the southbound lane. Two family members in the Toyota sustained massive internal injuries and were pronounced dead within hours. The third person died on September 15, 2015 at Westchester Medical Center.

Both of Sinanovic's children were ejected from the vehicle and the two-



Nerim Sinanovic

year-old was pronounced dead at the scene. Two other vehicles were also struck and those occupants sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

According to Westchester District Attorney Anthony Scarpino, Jr., a toxicology report indicated Sinanovic had a level of Xanax in his system over therapeutic levels at the time of the crash.

Man Indicted in the Murder of His Seven Year Old Daughter

Neil White (DOB 9/2/69) of New Rochelle was arraigned before Judge Anne Minihan on a grand jury indictment

charging him with one count of Murder in the Second Degree, a class "A" Felony in the death of his daughter, Gabrielle White (DOB 8/2/02).

On June 6, 2017, at approximately 3:05 p.m., the nanny who helped to care for the victim came to the address where both the victim and the defendant resided. She went to the third floor of the home and called out to both the victim and the defendant.

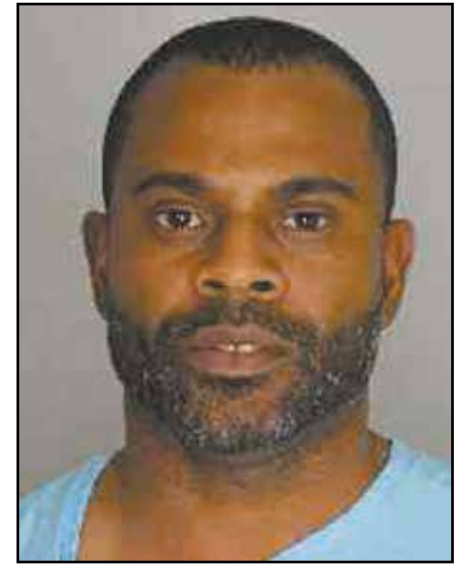
The defendant, who was bleeding from both his wrists from self-inflicted knife cuts, exited the master bedroom. The nanny became frightened and fled the home.

Once outside, the nanny immediately contacted the victim's mother and the police. New Rochelle Police Officers who arrived on the scene a few minutes later entered the home and found the defendant in the master bedroom. Other officers found the victim in her bedroom, under her blanket, cold and in a state of rigor.

Later, the defendant was taken to the hospital for treatment where the cuts to his wrists were closed with stitches, where he was also read his rights and questioned. Defendant was subsequently charged in the death of his daughter.

The Medical Examiner's Office determined that the cause of the victim's death was asphyxia from smothering.

The defendant pled not guilty. The



Neil White

defendant is remanded. His next court date is August 24, 2017. He faces 25 years to life in state prison.



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Vito Perri

Vito Perri, a White Plains resident, died on August 8 at the age of 95.

He was born April 21, 1922 in San Vito, Italy to the late Nicola and Caterina Perri. Vito served in the Italian Army for six years and was a POW for four years. On August 28, 1949 he married his wife Josephine.

Vito was a foreman for the White Plains Recreation Department for 25 years. He loved gardening, was a devoted member of Mt. Carmel Church, loved long walks, lottery tickets and was an avid sports fan.

Vito is survived by his wife Josephine,

his children Nicholas (Adele) Perri and Mary Sassone, both of White Plains, his seven grandchildren Jessica (TJ) Hill, Nick Perri, Jennifer (JR) D'Aprile, Marina (Josh) Sassone, Jacque (Rick) Sanchez, Michael Perri and Damian (Laura) Sassone. Also surviving are his seven great grandchildren Hailey Bonfiglio, Tahlia Sanchez, Kyla Hill, Julianna Sanchez, Dylan D'Aprile, Quinn D'Aprile and Luca Sassone. His sisters Catarina Delapa and Gina Bilotta also survive him.

He is predeceased by his brother Nicholas Perri and his sister Bettina Brancatella.

Vita was a loving husband, father

and grandfather who cared deeply for his growing family. With every new grandchild and great grandchild his heart grew bigger and bigger. He loved telling stories about his younger days, sitting outdoors with the sun on his face, taking care of his vegetable garden and having his family around him.

Joseph Fragano, Jr.

Joseph D. Fragano, Jr., a White Plains resident died on Aug. 8.

He was born in White Plains on Dec. 10, 1970 to Anna and Joseph Fragano.

He was a beloved son, brother, uncle,

cousin and friend. He loved NASCAR, being outdoors, being with friends, going to the gym and loved kids, especially his niece Gianna.

He graduated from White Plains High School in 1989. He was employed by Allstate Irrigation.

Vito is survived by his parents Anna and Joseph Fragano, brother Michael Fragano, Sister Karen Fragano-Conley (John), niece Gianna Fragano, aunts Mary Pilauskas and Patricia Cuoco and numerous cousins.



Local Navy Veteran in Search of Kidney Donor

By Rick Pezzullo

Henry "Hank" Goldberg proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam era and later with the Army National Guard at Camp Smith in Cortlandt, and now finds himself in need of someone to answer his call for help.

Five years ago, the 76-year-old Village of Buchanan resident learned his kidney functions were not normal. With the help of his wife, Viki, he made some dietary changes but the only permanent solution for his condition is a kidney transplant. Last week, he started dialysis three times a week.

"While I'm there it's depressing," Goldberg, a retired New York City correctional officer, said about his dialysis treatment. "There's a lot of diabetics and people without limbs."

"It's bad news (to have kidney disease), but dialysis will keep you alive," Viki said. "Once you have kidney disease, you have to be the one in charge. You have to be your own advocate. This has been my full-time job."

The Goldberg's have been aggressively



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

Viki and Hank Goldberg are hopeful a Good Samaritan with a healthy kidney will step forward

exploring their options. They joined the federally run United Network Organ Sharing (UNOS) program, where the wait time in New York State for an organ match is five to seven years.

"It's a bunch of names in a pot. It's a crapshoot," Viki said.

"It's like balls spinning in the lottery," Hank added.

Hank is also in transplant programs at

Mt. Sinai and Yale in New Haven, along with signing up with Renewal, a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting people suffering from various forms of kidney disease. In particular, Renewal has a multi-faceted, proactive team that is dedicated to saving lives through kidney donation.

"We are on the edge. It's like living two lives," Viki said. "We can't go anywhere because we might get the call."

With Hank's A blood type, he's compatible with both A and O blood types, keeping the Goldbergs hopeful. Viki happens to be an ideal match with the same blood type and tissue, but since she has kidney stones she was determined to be ineligible.

Two women stepped forward to donate but since they were considered obese, they also were ruled out.

"To have a perfect match isn't easy," Viki said. "There are also a whole lot of issues with being fair and equitable with distribution. We are determined to keep at it."

A former Emergency Room nurse, Viki is making a special appeal to families

with young adults to sign up as potential donors, especially with the opioid epidemic resulting in about 100 people a day dying from overdoses.

"It's all education," she said, noting one liver or kidney in a deceased person could live on in eight individuals.

Meanwhile, while the Goldberg's were seeking a kidney, they were fighting for medical benefits for Hank from the federal Veterans Affairs Administration since the cost of post-transplant medicine and treatment is about \$10,000 a month.

Viki said of all the elected officials she contacted, state Senator Terrence Murphy's office was the most helpful. Five months ago, Hank was assigned benefits from the VA.

"It's not just the individual that has it," Hank said of the toll his condition has taken on his wife. "As you're doing it, it wears you out."

Anyone interested in possibly donating a kidney to Hank Goldberg can contact Renewal at (718) 431-9831, ext. 209 or R2175@renewal.org.

Legislation Naming Community Centers as Public Places Passes

Legislation authored by Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale) as a response to bomb threats targeting Jewish community

centers across the nation earlier this year, was signed into law by Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Monday.

The bill amends the penal law to include

community centers in the definition of a "public place" as it relates to bomb threats and other offenses against public order. Paulin was spurred into action after bomb threats in February forced evacuations of two community centers in Westchester, including the JCC of Mid-Westchester of which she and her family are members. About 200 people were evacuated from the JCC of Mid-Westchester, including 100 children who attend the center's early childhood program.

There have been more than 100 bomb threats called in to Jewish community centers nationwide since the beginning of 2017, actions that coincide with the recent dramatic rise in anti-Semitic crime.

The series of bomb threats not only disrupted everyday activities and put strains on tight-knit communities, but also created questions about the role of government in addressing and stanching these threats of violence.

"Protecting our residents is my highest priority. The increase in hate crimes has shaken communities across the state and most recently here at home, the JCC of Mid-Westchester, where my kids went to nursery school. We must use every means possible, including legislation, to thwart acts of hatred everywhere," Paulin said.

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Lineup Announced for Weeklong Celebration of Jazz

Highly famed jazz musician Louis Armstrong once said, "If you have to ask what jazz is, you'll never know." And, to expand on that notion, ArtsWestchester has stated its intention to encourage all music lovers to experience jazz first-hand at this year's Jazz Fest, which will return for its sixth year in downtown White Plains in September.

A collaboration between ArtsWestchester, The City of White Plains and the White Plains Business Improvement District (BID), Jazz Fest is a five-day event that will spotlight top jazz musicians in Westchester County and special guests 14-time Grammy Winner Paquito D'Rivera and acclaimed New Orleans Saxophonist Donald Harrison, Jr.

The event will take place Wednesday, Sept. 13 through Sunday, Sept. 17, and will include established jazz and Latin jazz musicians, emerging artists and a tasty array of dining opportunities that promise a great cultural experience for everyone from jazz enthusiasts to families and casual listeners.

This year's featured musicians include an array of groups, from a small orchestra led by versatile Colombian pianist and composer Pablo Mayor to an ensemble led by local Peekskill-based jazz tenor saxophonist and jazz educator Ray Blue.

The last day of the festival provides a grand culmination of jazz sounds from Colombian, Puerto Rico, America and more.

The concerts are either free or affordably priced and the venues are conveniently located throughout White Plains and accessible by public transportation.

The 2017 White Plains Jazz Fest events include:

Wednesday, Sept. 13: Free, Outdoors, Downtown White Plains Noon: Downtown Music at Grace Concert – A performance by the Hiroshi Yamazaki ensemble with



Ray Blue

Glenda Davenport. 1 to 3 p.m.: Court Street Farmer's Market – Live Jazz TBA 6 to 11 p.m.: White Plains Jazz Stroll, a sampling of local jazz talent in restaurants in downtown White Plains.

Thursday, Sept. 14: General Admission, \$20 ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains One Ticket – Two Performances 7:30 p.m.: Ray Blue Quintet – Peekskill based jazz tenor saxophonist and jazz educator brings his ensemble to ArtsWestchester's gallery stage with a blend of classic jazz and original compositions. 10p.m.: SUNY Purchase Conservatory Faculty and Student Jam, hosted by pianist, Pete Malinverni, Director, SUNY Purchase Jazz Studies Program.

Friday, Sept. 15: General Admission - \$20 ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains 8 p.m.: Pablo Mayor Sextet – Versatile Colombian pianist and composer blends an exciting mix of traditional and

contemporary South American musical styles into the jazz idiom with a core group from his acclaimed orchestra, Folklore Urbano.

Saturday, Sept. 16: General Admission – Tickets starting at \$24 White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains 8p.m.: The Paquito D'Rivera Quintet – Iconic Cuban American virtuoso of the clarinet and saxophone, composer and fourteen-time Grammy winner in both jazz and classical categories brings his

unique blend of a global sensitivity to Jazz Fest.

Sunday, Sept. 17: White Plains Jazz and Food Festival Noon to 5:30 p.m., Free Outdoors along Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, 12 to 12:45 p.m.: SUNY Purchase Jazz Ensemble 1 to 1:50 p.m.: Kenny Lee All Stars – White Plains' own Kenny Lee (trumpet/flugel horn) – straight ahead jazz. 2:10 to 3 p.m.: Steve Kroon Latin Jazz Sextet. Puerto Rican percussionist extraordinaire to jazz, Latin and R&B icons lead his Latin jazz ensemble through a dynamic blend of classic and original music. 3:20 to 4:10 p.m.: Sage. An all-women's jazz, blues and contemporary ensemble, Sage creates a sound that transcends time and generation – part contemporary, part nostalgic and a whole lot of soul. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.: Donald Harrison – From the birthplace of American Jazz, New Orleans based saxophonist, educator, and "Big Chief" brings the festival to a close with the spirit of Congo Square – where it all started.

Plus, Jazz Fest is pleased to welcome Food Bank for Westchester's Empty Bowls event to downtown White Plains from noon to 5:30 p.m. Be sure to stop by their display to purchase an artist-made bowl with delicious soup served by local chefs – all to raise awareness for September's Hunger Action Month.

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“Rock Around The Clock”



By Richard Cirulli

For us Baby Boomers, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the release of the Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, and the Summer of Love. It was also the year of the “hippies” haj to San Francisco and the Monterey Pop Festival. And, to some degree, confirmed Andy Warhol's Axiom, “In the future everybody will be famous for 15 minutes.”

It was a time of clichés – ‘sex, drugs, and rock and roll,’ ‘don't trust anybody over 30’ and last but not least, ‘rebel against your parent's plastic world’ – a euphemism for contempt of cultural norms.

During the media coined phrase of, ‘The Summer of Love,’ it was also the summer of the Detroit uprising, that resulted in 1,400 buildings burned, 7,000 arrests, and 43 deaths. The Summer of Love, proved to be a repeating theme of contradictions that have plagued social planners throughout history. Since recorded time, humanity has sought to build the ideal utopia, though has only rendered the perfect dystopia.

What have we learned from these events with now 50 years of experience to draw on?

From a philosophical perspective, harmony is defined as the analogy of opposites. In political terms it is translated to mean harmony will have a better chance of succeeding via true and honest discourse. Regrettably, true political

discourse is no longer engaged in the main media, in our schools, and in higher academe. Discourse today is no longer an open dialogue between opposing opinions, but rather a monologue spoken from the mouth of political correctness.

As we Baby Boomers rocked around the clock, many had forgotten that we were being rocked by the hands of time. Today boomers are becoming sexagenarians at a rate of approximately 491 per hour. Though this has not stopped many of us, as can be seen by the statistics, 9 million Baby Boomers aged 65 and over are still working.

Many have already passed this unwelcome milestone.

For some of us who have reintroduced ourselves to Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, we find it quite painfully amusing that when listening to the Beatles' When I'm 64, we must accept the fact, this song is no longer about us getting old, but rather about our younger days. O yes, “Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away.” Sir Paul McCartney's words still hold true today.

What we should not lose sight of is the fact that the boomers are not aging alone. To place this in perspective, our nation's infrastructure of roads, bridges, tunnels, and lock sites on our waterways, share our boomers birthdays. Most of our nation's infrastructure was built in the post war years for the purpose of servicing our booming economy.

In 2016 drivers took nearly 1.2 billion trips across bridges considered

structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. Approximately 40% of the US's approximately 614,000 bridges are older than their 50-year expected life cycle. The estimated cost to repair these bridges is in the \$123 billion range.

Looking back, we Baby Boomers collectively left our mark on popular culture. What our present society now openly accepts – yoga, meditation, organic food, environmentalism and vegetarian diets – were originally side affects of our “Youthquake.”

Today, as many of us former radicals have become born-again capitalists, complete with our wallets

filled with a wad of plastic. We are still here, singing our swan songs of plenty. According to Visa and Moody's Analytics, Baby Boomer's comprise about half of all consumption, selecting to spend their discretionary spending on travel, entertainment, and apparel, and, not by choice healthcare. Our household spending accounts for about 70% of our nation's economic activity.

As good boomers, we were not destined to be thrown away, but rather destined to return like a boomerang, only with a bit more velocity and wisdom.

So, for this year's Boomerang awards, acknowledgment goes to the following shining stars who have returned from retirement to offer, once again, their contributions to society: Director Steven Soderbergh, actor Daniel Craig, chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov, and singer/

actress Cher.

A special thanks to all who nominated this author, but in good faith, I cannot accept. I never retired! “Dam the torpedoes full steam ahead!”

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When Does My Child Need a Guardian?



By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo, Esq.

A guardian is an individual (or sometimes an entity) appointed by the Court to handle the personal and/or financial affairs of a minor child. In New York, a child under the age of 18 is considered a minor.

Usually, the Court appoints a guardian for both the person and property of a minor, but sometimes, the appointment is for only the person or only the property. Once a guardian is appointed, the guardian and the Court jointly manage the minor's financial assets until the child reaches 18 years of age.

Any person may petition the Court to become the appointed guardian, even if the minor child's parents are living. To protect the best interests of the minor child, the law in this area is very broad. The appointment of a guardian might be necessary, for example, in cases of neglect and abuse. Any living parent of the minor

child is entitled to receive notice of the guardianship proceeding so that they may participate, if they choose to do so.

The appointment of a guardian may also be necessary where a minor child is entitled to receive property as a beneficiary of an estate. It is important to note that although a parent is the natural guardian of a minor child, the parent is not the legal guardian of the minor child's property. In New York, a minor child cannot personally receive property greater than \$10,000.00. If, for example, a minor child is to inherit \$20,000, the appointment of a guardian is necessary to handle the inheritance. This can happen where a relative, with the best of intentions, leaves property outright to minor children in their Last Will and Testament without proper planning. A similar situation can arise where a minor child becomes the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. In that case, the life

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insurance company would only pay out the proceeds to a guardian of the property.

A common scenario often necessitating a guardian, but one that can be avoided, is where the parent(s) of a minor child die(s) without a Will. Consider a family of two parents and a minor child.

One of the parents, having assets solely in her name, dies without a Will. Many people erroneously assume that the surviving spouse is automatically entitled to the deceased spouse's assets.

Under New York State law, however, part of the decedent's property will pass to the surviving spouse, and part will pass to the minor child. If the value of the property to pass to the child is greater than \$10,000, and even though the surviving spouse is the natural guardian of the child, a guardian will need to be appointed for the property of the child. This can be avoided by drafting a Will that creates trusts for minor children and nominates guardians over the person and

property of those children.

There are other situations in which a guardian is required. In a sad case, I was once involved in a matter where a single mother of minor children fell ill. Their father had predeceased her. In that case, the appointment of a guardian over the person and property of her minor children was necessary since she was unable to handle their affairs.

The need for a guardian also arises where a child is developmentally disabled. Disabilities must be permanent in nature or likely to continue indefinitely, and include cerebral palsy, epilepsy, neurological impairments, autism, and traumatic brain injuries. In these cases, the appointment of a guardian is necessary to handle the minor child's government benefits, financial assets, and health care decisions. We sometimes refer to these guardianships as Article 17-A proceedings.

For more information on guardianship matters visit www.plantodayfortomorrow.com or call 914-245-2440.

Is There Such a Thing as Too Darned Neat?

As I sit at my desk with my key ring, I remind myself that I want to color code my home keys with those little dots that I haven't been able to locate since I moved two-and-a-half years ago. It would help with that daily ritual I experience when I stand at my front door trying to locate which look-alike key goes in the top and bottom locks. But, no luck.

My desk drawers are as much a mess as my clothes drawers. I am once again reminded of my lifelong struggle to be a neatnik at home, believing that being neat translates into being organized, and that in turn translates into success at better living, both at work and at home.

While psychologists might classify personality types in two basic categories, introverts and extraverts, as an observer of home life, I would distinguish the two basic personalities as neatniks and messyniks, again with variations in the middle where I uncomfortably reside.

Are very neat people born that way or do they practice the skill of orderliness until they get it right, you may ask? From my own experience with friends and in my dealings in real estate, exploring many homes and how they are kept by their owners, I am convinced that neatness is indeed innate in some people with the way their brains are wired, but not in others.

Never knowing it until I was on my own, I discovered that my mother was a neatnik, though at that time, the term had

not yet been invented. She was the product of her time and didn't work outside the home, but devoted her high energy level to being a homemaker who raised her children, washed and ironed all the clothes, grew and canned her own tomatoes, cooked the meals and cleaned the house until the surfaces of our counter tops, our kitchen table oilcloth and linoleum floors wore out.

I thought everybody was well organized at home, but from the time I got my first apartment while in college, and in a couple of bachelor pads in New York, my home life became a constant struggle to get my act together enough to have my place look like some semblance of order.

When I learned in Psychology Today that extreme neatness is not necessarily a good thing and could cross the line into an obsessive-compulsive disorder, I thought, well, there's no chance that could happen to me.

But fortunately enough, I fell in love with a woman who is the personification of neat. I discovered it when we set up our first apartment, having just returned from our honeymoon (yes, marriage came first



By Bill Primavera

in those days). The evidence was the arrangement of the one long linear closet in our studio apartment.

We each claimed one half of the closet (I needed as much space as she because I too liked clothes), and with the louver doors open, it looked like the space was bipolar. Her side was organized by season and color, by dresses, jackets, tops and skirts, and my side was more a shotgun approach with everything helter-skelter wherever the hanger happened to fall, interspersing suits, sports jackets, slacks, and shirts. While she commented on the difference and tried to counsel me on how best to organize my side, she let me transition slowly from being a messy bachelor.

When we graduated to a larger house where we both had our own dressing rooms, she left me pretty much to my own devices in keeping things neat and organized in my closet and I did try my best, but any observer looking in her dressing room and in mine would think they are in different households, if not on different planets.

For many years, my wife excelled in

keeping a five-bedroom house perfectly neat, with meritorious performance in the kitchen where every meal was prepared almost magically with never a used knife, spoon, pot or plate in sight for more than a few seconds. In the wink of an eye, everything was placed in the dishwasher, and counters were always spotlessly clean. I sometimes felt guilty that I didn't do more in that vein, but I make up a feeble but true excuse that I didn't know where everything belongs and, besides, I tended to all the outside work.

When we downsized to a one-level condo, my wife no longer had to carry so large a burden to keep the place neat, just in terms of reduced space, and I experienced a lessened load of guilt.

Yes, guilt is the downside to living with a neatnik, but I do try to do my fair share, like hanging the towels the right way after a shower and putting the toilet seat back down, which for the past few years, I've remembered to do. I consider that a real sign that I'm on the road to recovery. Give me another 10 years or so and I may get to where I should be.

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Be Wary of the Slickster Offering Rare Wine investment Opportunities



By Nick Antonaccio

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Does this sound like a public service message to educate seniors on potential frauds? Not at all.

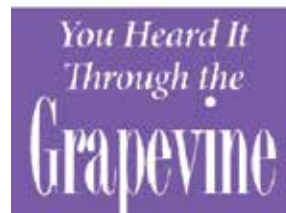
This type of scam is proliferating. Just last week, I read of such a scam perpetrated

on unsuspecting British seniors. Police arrested three men for telephone fraud. As you might expect, none of the touted wines were held by the scammers. While the extent of the fraud is still unknown, at least 39 victims have contacted authorities, reporting combined losses of \$1.2 million, and counting.

These are scams of the ultimate sort: scammers seeking to part a fool from his and her money. It's the ultimate expression of "dialing for dollars" - real dollars!

The irony in all of these successful scams is the gullibility of our seniors. In spite of exhortations from family and friends, the lure of supplementing fixed income or replenishing/replacing retirement nest eggs can trump financial sensibilities. Remember the ages-old adage about investing. If it sounds too good to be true ...

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Uncover the Hidden Costs of Sending Your Child to College

By Pat Casey

At about this time in August, college-bound students are preparing for the fall semester and their parents have received the first tuition bill of the year.

As a mother of three, debt attorney and financial advisor Leslie Tayne of the Tayne Law Group, P.C., with offices in White Plains and Mt. Kisco, has had her own experience with unexpected college costs and advises parents that there are several things they can do to avoid unnecessary and unexpected charges.

"The first thing to do," Tayne said during a recent interview with Examiner News, "is look at the bill carefully and read each line item."

Even if you have taken out a loan and the bill is paid directly by the bank, check the bill, she emphasizes. There can be optional student activity and housing fees as well as medical fees that you can opt out of if you already pay for medical insurance for your child.

"You can save as much as \$1,200 just by checking the line items and check them again each new semester," Tayne advised.

How you make payments is also important according to Tayne, who would prefer to pay her children's college costs

with a credit card so she can earn points. "Some colleges don't take credit cards; find out before you make the final decision," Tayne said.

Another important cost consideration is whether or not, the AP courses your child took in high school will be accepted as credited courses toward a chosen major. "You might think you are going to save money and then find that your student doesn't have enough credits to graduate with his chosen major and more courses, even an additional semester of classes might be necessary," Tayne said. "Changing a major mid-course can also add to tuition fees. I advise my clients to suggest their kids take one year of core courses before making a decision on their major."

Often parents don't consider traveling costs for colleges located an airplane ride away, which also includes hotel stays and local transportation for both parental visits and students returning home for vacations.

At some schools it becomes cheaper for students to move off campus as they progress toward graduation. "Check the school's policy on dormitory living, food hall fees and if there is a charge for having



Leslie Tayne

a car on campus, which can save a lot over time. Of course, this depends on where the school is located," Tayne offered.

Then there's the need to help your student budget while they are away on campus.

"I expect my children to find a job to cover their spending money. On campus, everything is covered, so anything extra is out of their pocket," Tayne said.

"A year before they go, I ask them to find out what type of budget will make the most sense and what type of job will

cover their expected costs. One of the best ways to find out about every day costs is to talk with the students who take you on a campus tour when you're looking at a school," she recommended. "They will know what local transportation is like, if there is a downtown with movie theaters and other activities and what the costs might be for a ski trip or study abroad."

"For both the student and the parent, the costs involved in a college education should be looked at as an investment," Tayne emphasized.

She also thinks students should have their own bank account with a debit card, not a credit card.

"Don't be swayed by the argument that your student needs a credit card for emergencies," Tayne said. "We are in touch regularly through our cell phones. If there is an emergency, the student will call and money can easily be loaded onto their debit card when needed."

And as a final note to parents looking over those tuition bills, Tayne said it is important to remember that financial situations can change over years, so keeping flexible and seeking alternative solutions, including refinancing and debt resolution is not uncommon.

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R-2, R-2A, R-3, R-4, R-PO, RO-2, RO-3, CO and A-1, and to clarify and add certain definitions; create development incentives in the A-1 Zoning District and modify certain parking requirements. Sections of the Chapter 185 which are the subject of the proposed Local Law are as follows: Article I. General Provisions, Sections 185-3 Definitions and Word Use; 185-7 Application of Chapter; Article II. Residence Districts, Sections 185-8 One Family Residence RRR District; 185-9 One Family Residence RR District; 185-10 One-Family Residence R District; 185-

11 One-Family Residence R-1 District; 185-12 Two-Family Residence R-2 District; 185-13 Two-Family Residence R-2A District; 185-14 Multiple Residence R-3 District; 185-15 Multiple Residence R-4 District; 185-16 Residence-Professional Office R-PO District; 185-17 Medium Density Residence/Office RO2 District; 185-17.1 Medium Density Residence/Office RO-3 District; 185-18 Campus Office C-O District; Article IV Business and Manufacturing Districts, Sections 185-19 Central Business A-1 District; Article VIII Bulk and Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations, Sections 185-38 Layout, Location and Ownership of Off-Street Park-

ing Facilities; 185-42 Waiver of Required Parking Spaces, Article IX Supplementary Regulations, Sections 185-46 Nonconforming Buildings and Uses; 185-48 Miscellaneous Regulations; Schedule VI and Schedule VII. Copies of the proposed local law containing all the proposed zoning text changes are available for inspection in the Office of the Village Clerk during regular business hours and are also available on the Village website. All persons having an interest in this matter are invited to attend the September 11, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees in order to express their views. **Judith Weintraub, Village Clerk, Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York**

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Tuesday, Aug. 15

Storycraft: "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. Enjoy listening to a story and make a craft; for ages 2 and 3 years with parent or adult caregiver; 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Stories & Stuff: "At The Beach." Preschool storytime, including a craft activity, for ages 4 and 5 without adult. Literacy connections are made where stories are centered around a theme and children listen and interact with corresponding rhymes, songs and/or finger plays. A final craft project ties in with the topic fostering a sense that stories are imaginative, yet lasting; 4:30 p.m. White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Wednesday, Aug. 16

Farmer's Market. The White Plains Downtown Farmer's Market is open for the season, Wednesdays, on Court Street between Martine Avenue and Main Street, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through November 22.

Lunchtime Meditation At The Library. A weekly Meditation program at the library. No registration or equipment necessary. Starts promptly at 12:15 p.m. Brief beginning instruction will be followed by silent meditation. An experienced guest teacher will attend the first Wednesday of each month. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains. For information call 914-422-1496 or email cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov.

One Earth Sangha: Meditation Group for Calming and Centering in these politically charged times, in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh. All are welcome; Wednesdays 7 to 8:30 p.m. Yogashine Studio, 7-11 Legion Drive, Valhalla, near Kensico Dam; Ample free parking; free will donation appreciated to defray costs of room rental; facilitated by Joan Indusi and Vitalah Simon. If you like, please let us know you are coming: vitalah@verizon.net or joanindusi1@gmail.com, drop-ins welcome too.

"Sunset Yoga in the Parks" at Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla; 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 17

Noon Day Concert on the Plaza. A White Plains concert series held on Thursdays from Noon to 2 p.m. at Renaissance Plaza located at Main Street and Mamaroneck Avenue. The event is sponsored by People's United Bank and New York-Presbyterian Westchester Division. This week features the music of Herve Alexander-Jazz & Salsa.

City Center Summer Concert. A weekly series in the Court Yard at City Center, White Plains; 6:30 p.m. Thursdays. This week, Gotham Kings – Evoking Louis Armstrong. Alphonso Horne leads this troupe to the courtyard for rousing New Orleans Jazz and maybe some second line breaking out at the fountains.

Royal Opera House's "Otello." World famous tenor Jonas Kaufmann makes his role debut in Verdi's passionate retelling of Shakespeare's great tragedy of jealousy, deception and murder. Soprano Maria Agresta will be his Desdemona and baritone Ludovic Tézier his nemesis Iago in a new production by Olivier Award-winning director Keith Warner. Tickets: \$20 (members), \$30 (nonmembers) Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Members: \$20.

Non-members: \$30. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Sunset Jazz at Lyndhurst Concert Series. Ayako Shiraski Quartet. The seventh of eight Thursday night jazz concerts. Presented by New York-Presbyterian, 635 S. Broadway, Tarrytown. 6:30 p.m. Free. (Concert is canceled by 3 p.m. in the event of rain.) Info: Visit www.jazzforumarts.org.

Friday, Aug. 18

Jazz at Pierson Park Concert Series. Vanessa Racci Quartet (Jazz Italiano!), the seventh of eight Friday night jazz concerts. Presented by New York-Presbyterian. Pierson Park, West Main Street, Tarrytown. 6:30 p.m. Free. (Concert will be moved to the senior center in the park in the event of rain.) Info: Visit www.jazzforumarts.org.

"Xanadu Jr." A production of this popular musical with youngsters who have been part of this summer's White Plains Performing Arts Center's Summer Theatre Academy. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 7 p.m. \$15. Children (16 and under): \$10. Also Aug. 19. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

Saturday, Aug. 19

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 through September except Sept. 17. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Artist Reception for "Fractured." In his first solo exhibition in the United States, Matthew Day Perez investigates the materiality of glass in cast and kiln-formed works. Eschewing the preciousness often associated with glass, Perez purposefully and aggressively shatters sheets of glass only to reform them with tinted adhesives or through kiln-forming and the cracks become lines. In this way, Perez sees his work in dialogue with printmaking, in which engraved or etched grooves in a matrix become the lines on the paper. Bullseye Resource Center New York Gallery, 115 Hoyt Ave. Mamaroneck. 5 to 7 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Oct. 21. Gallery hours Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 914-835-3794 or visit www.bullseyeprojects.com.

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New Rochelle Opera. The Small Town Theatre Company presents its final outdoor summer concert featuring the New Rochelle Opera. They have been thrilling audiences with imaginative full opera productions since 1985. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic basket. Wampus Brook Park, Maple Avenue, Armonk. 8 p.m. Free. (In case of rain, the concert will be moved to Whippoorwill Hall, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk). Info: Visit www.SmallTownTheatre.com.

Sunday, Aug. 20

Jewish Heritage Festival. Music and dance, arts and crafts and food vendors. Bring blankets and folding chairs. Rain or shine. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx Parkway, Valhalla. 12 to 6 p.m. Free admission and parking. Info: 914-231-4033.

Meet the Animals. Get up close and hands-on with some of the live animals. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Feeding Fun. Learn about the kind of care that goes into feeding the center's animals, both in the Live Animal Museum and outdoor barn in this hands-on program. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 p.m. Members: Free. Non-members: \$8. Also Sept. 3. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Jam Session. Sunday nights at The Haven at Lagond, each week spotlights a different genre and well-known guest musicians. This Sunday features Jazz/Latin. Anyone with a desire to play – 18+ over – can join the jam on stage and sit in with peers as well as have an opportunity to meet and play with professional musicians. Adult players of all levels are welcome as well as spectators. Doors open at 7 p.m. Musicians are brought up on a first come first serve basis. The Haven at Lagond Music School is located at 9 Haven Street, Elmsford. Visit www.lagondmusic.org to find out about special guest artists.



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..... EXAMINER SPORTS MOB Still Rules, Kenny Keeps Ron Blacks on Top

By Albert Coqueran

Mansion on Broadway pitcher Bill Davis, Jr. will not be participating in the White Plains Recreation Softball League Playoffs this season, which will commence on Thursday, Aug. 24. The MOB pitcher and slugger will have season-ending surgery on his knee, after the final regular season game against Dunnes Pub, on Thursday, Aug. 17.

Davis got permission from his doctor to finish the Men's A Division regular season despite a torn ACL and an injured Meniscus and calf. Therefore, he wore a brace on his knee and decided to go out with a bang. The MOB pitcher mixed deliveries and pitched his team to their 14th win of the season, against Dunnes, at Carl J. Delfino Park, on Thursday. Davis also slugged a two-run homerun over the leftfield fence.

Davis's dinger proved to be the deciding factor in the game, as MOB went on to beat Dunnes, 11-9. Regardless of his ailing right leg, Davis managed three hits and three RBI in the game. "I am having fun. I hurt my shoulder two years ago and could not play, so I know what it is to be out. I am going to come back next year and try and play even better," said Davis.

MOB is on top of the Men's A Softball Division with a 14-2 record and the loss by Dunnes (4-12), places them two games behind Bennett Funeral Home (5-11) for the coveted fourth and final playoff spot.

With only one game remaining in the regular season, Mansion on Broadway is assured the top seed in the Men's A. The second place finisher will be decided on Thursday, when Reptar (8-7) meets Riemann's Auto Body (8-8) in the first game and Bennett plays Reptar in the second game on Delfino Field 1.

Although, MOB will definitely be crowned 2017 Men's A Division League Champions and will certainly be the favorite to capture their second consecutive Men's A Playoff Championship, Manager



Bill Davis, Jr. the pitcher and slugger for Mansion on Broadway will end his season next week after the regular season concludes due to injury. Davis pitched MOB to their 14th win and slugged a two-run homerun over the leftfield fence, against Dunnes Pub on Thursday, Aug. 10.

Joe Pasqualini is not pleased with the setup of the Men's A Division this year.

The Men's A Division has a history of probably being the most popular and competitive Division in White Plains Recreation Softball. Nonetheless, the Men's A has been reduced to five teams this summer, after having seven teams participating last year.

Three teams from last year did not return to Men's A this summer. The competitive Plus 40 team sponsored by American Legion Post 135 did not return and 6th Boro, who won the League Championship last season, became a travel team and departed the league. Brazen Fox dropped to the Men's C Division and with the addition of Bennett Funeral Home, makes it five teams in the Men's A this season.

"It is a little disappointing to play in a league with five teams," commented Pasqualini. "You kind of just cycle through the same teams. It is good competition but at the end of the day, you would have liked to see a couple other teams stick around,"



John Bruno is one of the best contact hitters in White Plains Recreation Adult Softball. Bruno is one of the reasons that Mansion on Broadway stays in the "winner's circle" year after year in the Men's A Division.



Jerilyn Myers is one-half of a husband and wife team that plays for Quantum Technology. Jerilyn's husband Rich Myers hit a homerun in Quantum's, 8-4 loss to Lazy Boy on Thursday. "It is lots of fun; that is why we keep coming, it is a lot of fun," said Jerilyn. However, you can also tell by the expression on Jerilyn's face that she is also a serious competitor.

stated the MOB Manager.

Noteworthy, there still remain five Divisions in the Men's League with 39 total teams. But the Men's A Division has definitely taking a hit as far as the number of viable competitive teams.

The Women's League is also missed this year. However, the Co-Ed League has grown since it started with 10 teams in 2007. Presently, the Co-Ed League has three Divisions with a total of 26 sponsored teams.

Michelle Kilgallen was the manager of Brewskis, when they won the Women's League and Playoff Championship the past two years. She is now helping Lazy Boy/Whiskey Creek of the Co-Ed A Division stay competitive while playing rightfield.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Ray Gittings is owner of Quantum Technology in Greenwich, CT and the sponsor and pitcher of the team. Quantum is one of the top four teams in Co-Ed A challenging each other for top seeds in the upcoming Playoffs. "Every game has been a close game and every game counts. We will stay in there," commented Gittings.

"Only three teams were coming back to the Women's League, so I did not find it suffice to put a team in with three teams. Brewskis has moved on to the Yonkers League," stated Kilgallen, whose husband Peter, plays shortstop for Lazy Boy.

Lazy Boy/Whiskey Creek advanced their status in the playoff hunt by beating Quantum Technology, 8-4, behind a two-run homerun by Brain Hull. Quantum's Ray Gittings and Rich Myers had homeruns in the loss.

The Co-Ed A Division has to be the most competitive division this summer in White Plains Rec Softball with the top four teams seesawing back and forth for playoff seeding.

Nonetheless, when Manager and catcher Casey Kenny guided Ron Blacks to a 14-2 Mercy Rule victory over White Plains Collision/MC Hockey Skills, the Mamaroneck Avenue Pub separate themselves from the pack in first place with a 10-3 record.

"I feel like it is always that way every year, especially with Pete's Saloon, Lazy Boy and us. We always seem to be competitive in the top three. Also, I am (surprised), Quantum is doing very well this season," stated Kenny, who has been the Manager for Ron Blacks for six years.

The Co-Ed A Division Playoffs will commence on Wednesday, August 30, at Gillie Park.



Joe Brown, the Manager and pitcher for Lazy Boy/Whiskey Creek has been enjoying White Plains Recreation Softball for 25 years. "I like the league, it is fun; it has always been fun. I love it and do not ever want to stop," said Brown.



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