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## Congratulations WPHS Graduates, Class of 2018

By Pat Casey

White Plains High School celebrated the graduation of 500 students during its 121st commencement program at the County Center, June 21.

Decked out in the academic regalia symbolizing their own achievements, Dr. Joseph Ricca School Superintendent, Ellen Doherty WPHS Principal, WPHS faculty, and members of the Board of Education acknowledged the accomplishments of the students during the evening's program.

Rosemarie Eller, President of the School Board, addressed the graduates, wishing them well and sending them off to future endeavors. Members of the Board presented the diplomas.

Most of the graduates were set to take the next step in their academic careers by attending colleges and universities across the country, some to enter the Ivy League.

The student speeches acknowledged the



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Class Valedictorian Andreas Alexandrou addresses the 2018 White Plains High School commencement gathering.

growth experience offered by high school but also focused on community support and the need to advocate for others as well as yourself.

Brooke Falvey spoke on behalf of the General Organization and Senior Class President Samantha Carranza thanked parents, teachers and others who offered support throughout the school year.

Class Salutatorian, Anna Tender, spoke about learning to use her voice to express her ideas.

"I truly believe that it is the culture of White Plains High School, its diversity and its acceptance that encouraged all of us to speak up unapologetically. Without the support of our teachers and the availability of resources in this district that we are all so privileged to have, we might not have had the chance to find or to develop our voices," Tender said.

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## County Protests Swell Demanding End of Family Separation Policies

By Anna Young

Westchester residents, organizations and elected officials gathered on the steps of the county building in White Plains last Friday demanding policies that separate children from their migrant parents at the U.S. border be eradicated.

With the demonstration attracting more than 100 people carrying signs and chanting, "Keep families together" and "Abolish ICE," protesters stressed that the roughly 2,300 children already separated from their parents should be immediately reunited with their families instead of being housed in detention facilities throughout the nation.

"Children need to be protected and cherished and not placed in concentration



ANNA YOUNG PHOTOS

Protesters gather outside the county building in White Plains urging children be reunited with their migrant parents.

camps," said CarlLa Horton, executive director at Hope's Door in Hawthorne. "Our country has a history, a sad history, of separating children from their parents starting with the indigenous Native Americans right through slavery. This doesn't end well and we're better than this."

With the Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry, Leake & Watts in Yonkers and Lincoln Hall in Somers among the four facilities reportedly housing children within Westchester, County Executive George Latimer is offering that the county's Department of Social Services (DSS) assist federal officials with reuniting children with their families.

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## County Protests Swell Demanding End of Family Separation Policies

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Last Wednesday, the Yonkers-based Hudson Valley Community Coalition transported a busload of residents to Washington to meet with U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and Rep. Nita Lowey in hopes of reuniting children with their families. At the same time protestors held a day-long vigil outside the federal courthouse in White Plains.

DSS Commissioner Kevin Maguire said his department is prepared to support the federal government if they ask.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo also threatened to sue the federal government for detaining immigrant children and housing them in New York State, including the four locations in Westchester.

During the rally, Latimer harshly criticized President Donald Trump for a systematic attempt to isolate people from one another. He said elected officials have an obligation for the safe care of everyone and issues of race, gender, religion, ethnicity and jurisdiction shouldn't cause division.

"We're angry. We're tired of one part of the political spectrum saying how angry they are and saying how they want to make America great when they're ruining the America that makes us the difference in the world," Latimer said. "We don't want to be like Russia, we don't want a totalitarian leader. If we stand together we will win and we will turn this country back into what it has been before this



Hope's Door Executive Director CarLa Horton, holding an enlarged version of Time Magazine's controversial cover, at the protest demanding the federal government reunite children with their migrant parents.

administration decided to redefine what America is."

State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Yonkers) implored residents to use their anger to host demonstrations, vote for elected officials who represent their

ideals and fight back against the current administration's policies.

"This is not new for America. We know our history. We know that bodies have been dragged from parents. We also thought we've evolved and that we had transcended that history," Stewart-Cousins said. "We're not going back, we're going forward. No person in one office has the audacity, the mendacity, the craziness to take all of this sad and proud history of America and decide it's disposable."

Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) added that the country is at its best when it's welcoming to those who are looking for a way to improve their families' lives. He said the Trump Administration has closed the doors to the ideals the country represents, and that people must fight until every child is returned to their parents.


Demonstrators also took the to the

streets and gathered in front of the Martin Luther King Jr. statue in front of the county courthouse where they continued the rally.

Suzanne Sunday, a retired psychologist and trauma expert, explained the lifelong struggle a child could face when they are separated from their parents. She stressed that children of all ages need psychological counseling while they're incarcerated.


"We have to understand that we're not just doing damage to these children now, but we're very likely creating a lifetime of struggle and psychological struggle," Sunday said. "We need to think about all the children and get them reunited with their families."

The Hudson Valley Community Coalition is scheduled to hold a rally this Saturday, June 30 at 1 p.m. outside the federal courthouse on Quarropas Street in White Plains.



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# Protestors Call for Pipeline Shut Down After Risk Report Released

By Rick Pezzullo

Local activists and environmental groups called on Governor Andrew Cuomo Sunday to shut down the Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) pipeline following the release last Friday of a long-awaited Risk Assessment report.

Protestors gathered in Croton-on-Hudson at a fundraiser where Cuomo was scheduled to appear after the multi-agency completed report, which was due more than 18 months ago, confirmed arguments made by opponents that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) did not sufficiently consider risks and other concerns before allowing the expansion of the pipeline near the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan.

"For years we have been saying that none of the federal agencies were evaluating all the necessary risks when they granted permits for this pipeline. The Risk Assessment executive summary released on Friday is clear evidence that an independent contractor and four state agencies agree that there are too many unanswered questions to accurately assess the risk of running a high pressure, fracked gas pipeline right by Indian Point. The Governor must stop the flow of gas at



Local activists and environmental groups called on Governor Andrew Cuomo Sunday to shut down the Algonquin Incremental Market pipeline.

least as long as so many questions remain unanswered," said Amy Rosmarin, co-founder of Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (SAPE).

"This Risk Assessment could have been completed and released before the AIM Pipeline construction was finished," said Tina Volz-Bongar, from Resist Spectra. "Now we are in a situation where gas is flowing through a pipeline for which proper safety determinations were not made. We are calling on the Governor to

go to FERC and ask for an immediate stay to halt the gas flow alongside and under Indian Point."

In February 2016, Cuomo ordered the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), Department of Public Service (DPS), Department of Health (DOH), and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to undertake the Risk Assessment. Last year, construction was completed on the AIM Project, a

high-pressure, 42' inch diameter, fracked gas pipeline that runs under the Hudson River and within 110 feet of safety infrastructure for the aging nuclear plant that is slated to stop operating in 2021.

"While the probability of pipeline incidents is low, the proximity to the Indian Point nuclear plant makes the potential consequences of such an event very significant," the agencies stated in a press release. "Additional scrutiny and monitoring to better understand and reduce risks associated with the Algonquin pipelines is warranted. FERC must engage in further action to mitigate and investigate potential risks."

Cuomo did not attend the fundraiser Sunday, but activists spoke with Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, demanding the state act immediately now that it has evidence of the risks posed by the pipeline. Hochul said she wasn't well versed on the topic and couldn't speak to the state's next steps.

"We've been pressing the state on this for years. The fact that she was unable to speak to us about this is just more evidence that New York State isn't doing its due diligence to protect us," said Peekskill resident Courtney Williams.

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# Latimer Signs Law to Remove Politicians Names from County Signage

Surrounded by the beauty of Cranberry Lake Preserve in North White Plains, Westchester County Executive George Latimer signed a bill into law on June 20 that prevents the name and face of elected officials to be used on informational government signage, including at Westchester County parks, golf courses and other properties.

In January, Latimer signed an executive order after winning the November election, because he felt the practice was free political advertising



County Executive George Latimer signs a bill into law preventing the name and face of elected officials to be used on government signage.

for incumbents, and a waste of taxpayer money.

At the time, names of former County Executives going back through different tenures were removed and Latimer instructed that his name would not be added in their place.

"This has been something that I believe very strongly about," Latimer said. All of these facilities are owned by the people of Westchester County, they are not owned by the politician of the moment that may have the responsibility of being Chief Executive Officer. And I always felt it wasn't becoming to splash names on these properties."

Latimer emphasized that elected officials work for the people who own the parks.

Latimer further said County resources should be used to fund government services, to improve the health and safety of Westchester County residents. He thanked the Board of Legislators for writing the new law, debating it, holding a public hearing and voting 16 to 1 to put the law on the books.

Latimer hopes this will be the beginning of a trend. He noted that the County Executive in Nassau County had also signed a similar executive order.

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# County, Business Leaders Celebrate Job-Training Program Milestone

By Sean Browne

Business leaders and elected officials last week celebrated the success of a critical program in Westchester that provides retraining for the unemployed and matches their skills to businesses with job openings.

Jobs Waiting is a federally funded regional job training initiative designed to provide people who have been out of work at least six months with intensive training to change careers and land a job. Its 300th hire in the past three years was recognized at an event to promote the program was on June 18 at the County Building.

The program model is built around rigorous six-week boot camps, which offer specialized training in resume building, interviews, and social media skills. It is led by the county in partnership with the Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Board, career centers throughout seven Hudson Valley counties and the Westchester County Association.

"This is a program that is working," County Executive George Latimer said last Monday. "Today is an opportunity to talk about something that we hope to continue to be an asset as we grow our economic efforts here in Westchester County and because of our work that we are doing regionally in Putnam County as well."

Since its 2015 inception, Jobs Waiting

has enrolled 463 participants in 21 career readiness boot camps. More than 300 people have now found jobs through the program in the Hudson Valley.



SEAN BROWNE PHOTOS

Maribel Valencia-Barajas was recognized last week as the 300th job recipient of the federally funded program Jobs Waiting, which trains the unemployed in new careers.

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison), who assisted in securing a \$9.8 million Ready to Work grant from the U.S. Department of Labor that helped fund Jobs Waiting, said she's been impressed with how the program has been able to connect employers and job seekers.

"I have watched in awe as Jobs Waiting has trained hundreds of individuals for skills to match open jobs in (the) local healthcare and technology workforce," Lowey said. "I am so thrilled that over 300 job seekers have been employed by more than 200 employers throughout the region."

Healthcare has been the biggest job creator for Jobs Waiting, with more than 150 participants earning healthcare credentials.

Maribel Valencia-Barajas, a Jobs Waiting participant, said after completing the training she was able to land a job as a medical record specialist for Westchester Neurological Consultants in Yonkers.

After working a variety of retail and insurance jobs, Valencia-Barajas wanted more

of a profession but did not know how to get started. Jobs Waiting was able to help her, she said.

"I developed tools that I did not have before, a professional resume, a LinkedIn profile and a professional pitch," said Valencia-Barajas, who was recognized as the 300th Jobs Waiting member to get a job. "I learned how to put myself out there and gain confidence. Jobs Waiting helped me pay for my medical assistant training for 900 hours and I earned my credentials and got hired."

In the future, she wants to take classes in health management so one day she'd be qualified to oversee the operation of a doctor's office.

Jobs Waiting has also been useful to employers because open job slots are being filled by trained job seekers. In addition, human resource departments have found the program exceedingly beneficial.

"Jobs Waiting has saved us time and effort in our recruiting because the candidates are professional, polished, motivated and vetted before they even come through our doors," said Eric Saidel, director of human resources for the Tarrytown-based ENT and Allergy Associates, which has partnered with the program. "I love that the program gives qualified employers the talent they have."

More information about Jobs Waiting can be found at [www.jobswaiting.com](http://www.jobswaiting.com).

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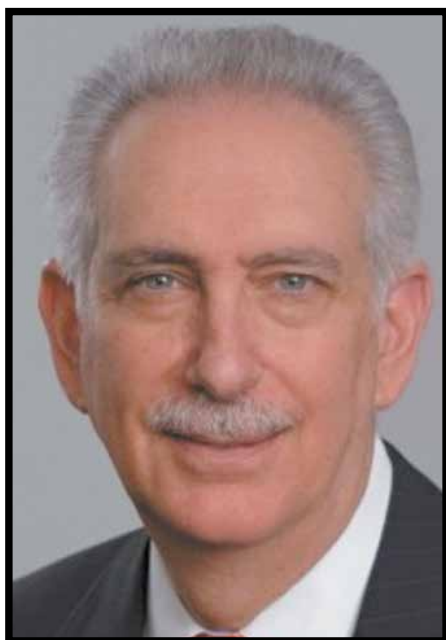
# CDC Rates Westchester With Lowest Gun Homicide Rate in New York

Westchester County District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr. has announced that based on a five-year average, Westchester ranks the lowest in gun-related homicide deaths in New York State and is the third and sixth lowest in two other categories, according to data released this month. Specifically, Westchester ranks first lowest death rate by gun-related homicide; third lowest in overall gun-related deaths; and sixth lowest death rate of gun-related suicide.

The data, provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and analyzed by the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence, measures the rates of overall gun-related deaths and separately, rates of suicide, and rates of homicide in each of New York's 62 counties between 2012 and 2016.

The analysis was released by members of the New York ERPO Coalition — a broad group of district attorneys, law enforcement officials, gun violence prevention advocates, mental health organizations, health care organizations and legislators calling for the adoption of the Extreme Risk Protection Order bill to allow school officials, loved ones and law enforcement to take guns away from individuals in crisis who may use a weapon to hurt themselves and others.

DA Scarpino, Jr. said, "While Westchester County has one of the lowest



Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr.

gun violence rates in the state, one death is too many when that death is often at the hands of someone in crisis. We continue to urge the legislature to pass the Extreme Risk Protection Order law immediately before our lawmakers go home for the summer. Every day without this law is a potential day for someone to die at their own hands or someone else's."

Using the rate of deaths — rather than the raw number of New Yorkers killed by

guns — accounts for New York's uneven population distribution and provides a clearer picture of how gun violence impacts communities. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, for example, 43 percent of New York State residents lived in New York City in 2016, which is made up of just five of the state's 62 counties.

The five counties with the lowest rates of gun-related death in New York during 2012-2016 were:

- 1) New York County (Manhattan) - 141 deaths for a rate of 1.73 deaths per 100,000 residents
- 2) Rockland County - 32 deaths for a rate of 1.98 deaths per 100,000 residents
- 3) Westchester County - 119 deaths for a rate of 2.45 deaths per 100,000 residents
- 4) Queens County - 286 deaths for a rate of 2.47 deaths per 100,000 residents
- 5) Richmond County (Staten Island) - 65 deaths for a rate of 2.75 per 100,000 residents

The five counties with the lowest rates of gun homicide in New York during that time period were:

- 1) Westchester County - 49 gun homicides for a rate of 1.01 per 100,000 residents
- 2) Suffolk County - 84 gun homicides for a rate of 1.12 per 100,000 residents
- 3) New York County (Manhattan) - 97 gun homicides for a rate of 1.19 per 100,000 residents

4) Nassau County - 86 gun homicides for a rate of 1.27 per 100,000 residents

5) Albany County - 21 gun homicides for a rate of 1.36 per 100,000 residents

New York State's overall gun-related death rate in 2016 was 4.4 deaths per 100,000 residents, while the national average was 11.8 deaths per 100,000 residents.

In non-US high-income countries, the rate of gun-related death is 0.8 per 100,000 residents, according to a study in the American Journal of Medicine.



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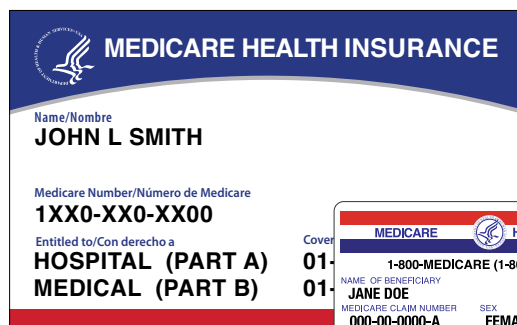




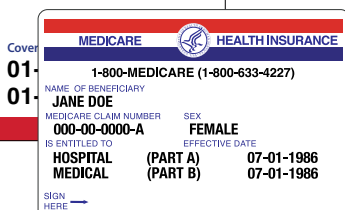
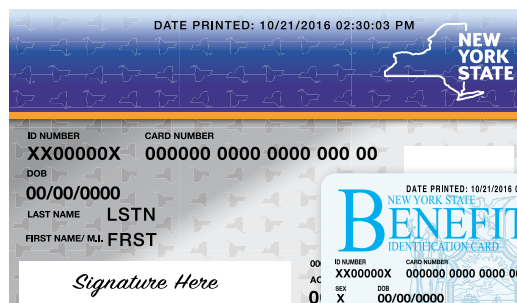
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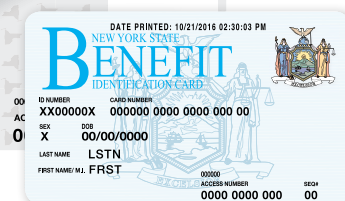
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## Westchester County Human Rights Commission Statement on Family Separation

"The Westchester County Human Rights Commission (WCHRC) finds the impact of the immigration and customs enforcement policy at our nation's southern borders dangerous to the human mind, soul and spirit of each child separated from their parents, and a breach of their human rights. On behalf of every child that has been relocated to Westchester County in this separation process, we demand that these children are quickly reunited with their parents and family.

The crisis situation at our southern

borders is increasing each day due to this policy. As a result of the detention process, children have been separated from their families and transported to facilities in Westchester County because there was no more room in facilities near the border. Though an executive order was signed to halt family separations, there is no plan to immediately reunite the children with their families. There is no plan to ensure families remain together in the immigration process. There is also no timeframe to end detention of individuals and families in

the current immigration process.

The WCHRC joins other local, national and international human rights groups in decrying the immoral practices of the indefinite separation of children from parents, and the indefinite detention of children, adults and families. We urge our lawmakers to work together to institute immediate family reunification, and end indefinite detention of all individuals and families in the immigration process. We need a humane immigration system for the children and residents of Westchester County and this nation.

The Westchester County Human Rights Commission seeks to promote dignity and respect by advancing justice and equality for the diverse community of Westchester County."

*-The board members of the Commission are John Baker, Hon. Eddie Mae Barnes, Jennifer Bernhard, Zenaida Bongaarts, Doris C. Capello, Dr. George Castellanos, Rev. Doris K. Dalton (Chair), Andre G. Early, Shahana Hyder, Farah M. Kathwari, Rev. Dr. Stephen Pogue, Thomas Koshy, Harry Singh and Gary Trachten.*

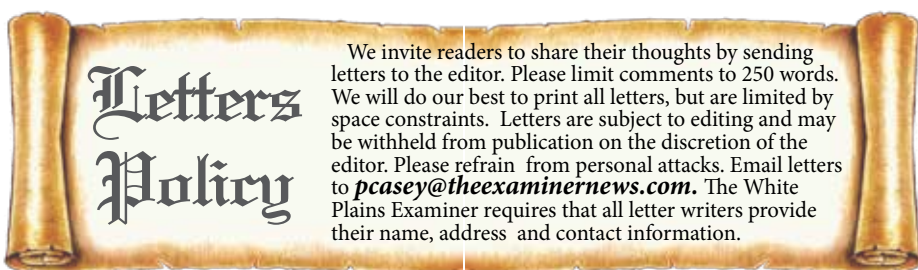
### Child and Parent Separation Is Not a Political Issue

"Americans pride ourselves on being a moral nation, on being the nation that sends humanitarian relief to places devastated by natural disasters or famine or war. We pride ourselves on believing that people should be seen for the content of their character, not the color of their skin. We pride ourselves on acceptance. If we are truly that country, then it is our obligation to reunite these detained children with their parents — and to stop separating parents and children in the first place. People on all sides agree that our immigration system isn't working, but the injustice of zero tolerance is not the answer." (Laura Bush June 17, 2018)

The Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center wholeheartedly agrees with the sentiments expressed by former First Lady, Laura Bush. As a human rights organization we view this not as political issue, but rather a humanitarian one.

We encourage all who agree with this view to contact their congressional representatives so that the former First Lady's vision for our country can be fulfilled.

*-Joseph Kaidanow, Chairperson;  
Millie Jasper, Executive Director  
Holocaust & Human Rights Education*



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### Money Is Being Wasted On Two Separate Primaries

Tomorrow, June 26, is primary day in Greenburgh for federal offices. Congressman Eliot Engel, who represents parts of Greenburgh, is being challenged by Joyce Briscoe, Jonathan Lewis and Derickson Lawrence. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the polling place you usually vote at.

There are primaries for other congressional seats being held around New York State.

On Sept. 13, a few months from now there is another primary contest for Governor, Lt. Governor, State Legislators, and Attorney General of NYS.

Every election is very expensive. Taxpayers have to pay significant dollars for election inspectors and all the costs of running an election. The county now oversees elections, but bills the cost of elections to the local governments.

Greenburgh budgeted over \$205,000 for primary and election day expenses in 2018.

The question I have is this: Why do we need two separate primary election dates for federal and state offices? In some years

past all primaries were held on the same day. I believe that all primaries — for both state and federal offices should be held on the same day. New York State taxpayers would probably save millions of dollars if the election dates for federal and state offices were consolidated by members of the NYS Legislature and the Governor.

There is absolutely no public policy benefit to the taxpayers to have separate primary elections. Having two separate elections probably results in reduced voter participation — not more participation ... a form of voter suppression.

Westchester has the highest property taxes in the country. Greenburgh taxpayers could probably have saved close to \$100,000 if the primary dates were consolidated into one. And, Westchester taxpayers would probably have saved over a million dollars.

NYS taxpayers are throwing out millions of dollars that could have been used to keep taxes down or for important services.

*-Paul Feiner,  
Greenburgh Town Supervisor*

### Retired Officer Receives Community Award

White Plains Police Officer Kenny Smith, right, receives an Award from the White Plains My Brother's Keeper initiative. Presented by Frank Williams, left, Executive Director, White Plains Youth Bureau. Officer Smith retired from the White Plains Police Department after 33 years of service to the City of White Plains.



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# Obituaries

## Mary Bournazos

Mary Bournazos, 78, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on June 21.

She was born on Oct. 20, 1939 in New York, New York to Sideris and Antonia (Moutafis) Politis.

Mary graduated High School in Corona, Queens and went on to work for Pan American Airlines as an Administrative Assistant. She often spoke about her two bosses who held her in the highest regard.

Mary married Aristotle Bournazos on Sept. 29, 1962. Together they had three children, Nicholas Bournazos, Steve (Angela) Bournazos, and Karen (Gus) Koutsoubis. They raised their children in Flushing, Queens, and would later move to White Plains where Mary and Aristotle have remained since.

Mary was a homemaker who took pride in taking care of her husband and all three children. Her guidance, love and nurturing quality was shown not only to her family, but shared with the many friends who have been with her for the greater part of her life.

In her early days Mary loved to play tennis, go bowling, paint pottery, knit, read and do crossword puzzles. Mary loved to cook for family and friends and prepared some of the best Greek meals you'd ever eat. Her signature dishes were spanakopita, souzoukakia, and loukoumades.

Mary was also a collector who took pride in her collection of Royal Doulton Mugs and Lladro, both of which you can still see displayed in her home. Mary also

collected stamps with her children and attended many stamp shows during her earlier years.

Mary is survived by her husband Aristotle Bournazos, her three children, Nicholas Bournazos, Steve (Angela) Bournazos, Karen (Gus) Koutsoubis, and by her four loving grandchildren, Christian and Angelica Koutsoubis, Alexa and Aristotle Bournazos, and her brothers Nicholas Politis (Richard Des Jardins), George Politis, and predeceased by her brothers Gus Politis and Frank Politis.

## Edward Steinberg

Edward C. Steinberg of White Plains passed away on June 19 after a battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Born on June 14, 1942 in Ellenville, NY, he was the proud son of immigrants Bella Barmak and Israel Steinberg, and loved to tell the detailed stories of how each of his parents came to this country.

He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Marian; son Joshua, wife Rachael, grandchildren Isaiah and Gabriel; son Alex, wife Esperanza; and daughter Jean Borrup, husband Kevin, and grandchildren Jonah and Noah. He is also survived by his sister Phyllis Greene and his brother Clarence Steinberg.

Ed earned a B.A. from Columbia College and an M.S. in Urban Planning from the School of Architecture & Planning at Columbia University. He began his professional career in 1966 as a planner for the N.Y. office of the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. He came to White Plains in 1970 to work

for the Urban Renewal Agency, where he was later named Director. In 1985, he was appointed Commissioner of Planning for the city. He worked closely with Mayor Al DelVecchio and the Common Council in managing many projects, including the Galleria, the Transportation Center, the Public Safety Building, the Westchester Mall, and the Federal Courthouse. He relished the challenge of complicated projects, such as the widening of Hamilton Ave. while maintaining traffic. He was involved in developing regulations protecting environmentally sensitive properties, dedicating land for permanent recreational open space, and permitting housing for homeless persons. Committed to excellence, he demanded the best in design and materials, as well as many extras, such as open space, attractive landscaping, and quite a few of the outdoor sculptures that can be viewed around town. He was often seen in his trademark Stetson hat walking the renewal areas to inspect the various projects and solve problems while they were still small ones. Following his service to White Plains, Ed became Director of the Stamford Urban Redevelopment Commission, and later did consulting until retirement.

Ed was active in the Men's Council of Kol Ami, chaired the Long Range Planning Committee for the White Plains Board of Education, and served as resource advisor to the More Able Student Program of the White Plains Schools. He was an avid photographer, and an enthusiastic participant in the hobby of model railroading, for which he authored dozens of articles in national magazines.

Donations may be made in Ed's memory to Congregation Kol Ami of White Plains, The Alzheimer's Association, The Nature Conservancy, or charity of your choice.

## Dorothy Blackwell Myles

Dorothy M. Blackwell Myles, of White Plains, passed away from COPD on June 15, surrounded by her family.

She was 82.

Dorothy was born Feb. 5, 1936 in White Plains to Dorothy Coleman McGowan and Thomas H. McGowan III. She was a member of the American Yacht Club, New York Yacht Club and Storm Trysail Club.

On Feb. 27, 1993 Dorothy married her husband John L. Myles Jr. in Narragansett, RI.

Besides her husband John, Dorothy is survived by her five children R. Lee Blackwell of Old Lyme, CT, Thomas R. Blackwell of Fairfield, CT, Helen C. Bland of Bedford, NY, Richard R. Blackwell of Riverside, CT, and Katrina Nethercott of Valhalla, and three step children Robert Myles of Jamestown, RI, George Myles of Upper Brookville, NY and Annie Myles of St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and five step grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers gifts in her honor can be sent to The Calvary Hospital, 1740 Eastchester Rd. Bronx, NY 10461; [www.calvaryhospital.org](http://www.calvaryhospital.org).



## State Senate Passes Bill for Compromise Name Change of Tappan Zee Bridge

Last week, the Senate passed S7671 as one of its final acts of the legislative session. Save Our Tappan Zee, Inc. has issued this statement:

"We are thrilled that the Senate listened to the people and passed S7671. Ten democrats voted with the republicans because they understand that the Tappan Zee name is meaningful and important to the Hudson Valley and that discarding it in order to honor the current Governor's father was inconsiderate and disrespectful, at best. We applaud the Senate, and especially those ten democrat Senators,

for their courage. Because the Assembly was unable to move their version of the bill out of committee, the Senate vote was largely symbolic. However, we are emboldened by the Senate vote and have vowed to our 110,000+ petition signers, with whom we communicate regularly, that we will continue to fight until the Tappan Zee name is restored to our bridge. This summer we will reorganize in preparation for the election season and will work to bring this issue to the attention of New Yorkers across the state who no doubt do not want

their important landmarks to suffer the same fate as our treasured Tappan Zee Bridge. We will remind New Yorkers that former Governor Mario M. Cuomo himself understood the importance of the Tappan Zee name, as demonstrated by his decision to keep the Tappan Zee name when he added former Governor Malcolm T. Wilson's name to the bridge in 1994. We will inform people that we support a compromise: "The Gov. Mario M. Cuomo /

Tappan Zee Bridge." As we continue to grow and build support, we expect

the compromise solution will be embraced by more and more people and we will encourage those people to contact their representatives. Further, we believe that any reluctance to accept the compromise on the part of Gov. Cuomo or our legislative bodies will be viewed as political, partisan and self-serving. We are very proud of the work we've accomplished and are inspired every day by the people of this great state that have joined this grassroots movement and are making their voices heard. The fight continues."

## Donate Prescription Eyeglasses and Change Someone's Life

White Plains Lions Club Changing Lives, One Pair at a Time.

In just about any home, one can find a pair of eyeglasses that are no longer being used. That same pair of eyeglasses can change another person's life. Recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in communities where they will have the greatest impact.

The White Plains Lions Club is holding a prescription eyeglass drive on July 3

during the White Plains Independence Day celebration at White Plains High School. Visit their table from 6 to 8 p.m. under the scoreboard in the field. Look for the Lions Club banner.

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## Congratulations WPHS Graduates, Class of 2018

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She continued, "Throughout my high school career, I observed this shared passion amongst our grade for making a difference in our communities."

"As freshman, our grade walked out to protest the murder of Michael Brown and other black men at the hands of the police. Throughout high school our grade rallied for peace during Peace One Day. Our voices were heard throughout our

fighting for students everywhere, using their voices to enact a change at our school walkout, in solidarity with victims of gun violence. To me, that experience felt surreal. All of our voices combined amplified our common beliefs and we, along with millions of students were able to grab the attention of a nation. Together, with our combined spirit of advocacy, we succeeded."



HILLARY MILLMAN PHOTOS  
WPS Superintendent Joseph Ricca (with Board of Education members) leads the high school graduation procession.



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"I was able to watch as countless student-run organizations raised money and awareness for causes that are important to them. I also saw our grade advocate to change a long-standing bus ticket policy, which forced all students to pay simply to get to school. We saw how unfair this policy was, and from the ground up, were able to

community, and we succeeded."

"Just this year, I was able to stand beside one thousand fellow classmates

get this issue on the ballot, and were able to change it. Now, all future White Plains High School students will ride to school



White Plains Mayor Tom Roach (second from left) applauds the graduates.



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free of charge. Together, yet again, we succeeded."

"From this, our ability to rally behind a single cause and fight for what we believe in, I can tell we are all well on our way to becoming advocates that will mold our future communities," Tender concluded.

Class Valedictorian Andreas Alexandrou looked back on four years of change and personal growth.

Reflecting on a generation that grew up with social media, Alexandrou commented, "... there is no single ideal that every human should aspire to. Different circumstances, different body chemistries, and different ambitions mean that everybody is their own unique individual. You can't rely on others to set your goals for you."

He continued, "...we are a part of the first generation to grow up with social media and nobody ever prepared us for it. We expose ourselves to a small, often manufactured, portion of somebody's life and internalize that misleading morsel into our needs and wants, distracting from our true desires that come from within."

"Part of what high school taught me about becoming my best self is



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the importance of finding yourself a community that cares and supports you as much as you do it. Placing yourself within a supportive community not only gives you the opportunity to propel others forward, but gives you others who are willing to do the same," Alexandrou said.

The White Plains Examiner wishes the Class of 2018 well. May you continue to grow and learn and your youthful enthusiasm, never expire.



WPHS Class of 2018.



# El Centro Hispano Honors Middle School Principal

El Centro Hispano, White Plains, recognized White Plains Eastview Middle School Principal Joseph Cloherty along with nine high school scholarship winners and 15 tutors and mentors during a ceremony on June 22.

Since 1980 Centro Hispano has rewarded high school students with scholarships to help them in a very modest way continue their post-secondary education. As of 2018, \$445,550 has been donated to 522 students, and since 2010 the essential work done by the tutors in the educational programs has also been rewarded.

Through the generosity of Alice Perkins, Key Bank, The Saiz Family, the Alfonso Tapia and Rose Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Schere Family and other anonymous donors, Centro

Hispano gave \$17,200 to the high school students and \$16,800 to the tutors/mentors this year.

During the scholarship ceremony, Joe Cloherty, Principal of Eastview Middle School, was recognized for being instrumental in the education of many students in the City of White Plains and a supporter of El Centro Hispano in the White Plains School system for many years.

"He has always been there to guide us and help us in anything we have needed. He has gone beyond the call of duty to accommodate the needs of our programs," a statement from Centro Hispano's co-founder Isabel Villar said. "Thanks to him we have at Eastview three of our educational programs, and for many years were able to celebrate our



The nine 2018 El Centro Hispano scholarship winners.

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heritage and culture at the White Plains Hispanic Heritage Festival, also held there.

Joe, we have no words to express to you

our gratitude for your commitment, hard work and dedication to so many children, and for your loyalty and friendship all these years."

## White Plains Student Art to Be Featured in Music Conservatory of Westchester Mural

The Music Conservatory of Westchester has announced that Ciara Sergi, 9th grader at White Plains High School and Mya Madison Davis, 9th grader at Pelham Memorial High School, are winners of the "Colors of Music" Student Mural Contest.

Numerous entries were submitted by middle and high school students around Westchester County with the hope that their artwork would be chosen as the basis for a mural to be painted on the Music

Conservatory of Westchester's building on Central Avenue in White Plains.

Four finalists were selected by an adjudication panel of art experts and creative community leaders from New York City and Westchester County.

In a tie, based on scores from all eight members of the adjudication panel, both Ciara Sergi and Mya Madison Davis were chosen as winners of the contest. They will collaborate with professional mural

artist, Jonathan Villoch, to adapt their winning designs as a large-scale mural representing the theme of "Multi-Cultural Music." Runners-up in the contest, Emma Farley of New Rochelle, 7th grader at Albert Leonard Middle School and Lucy Schwartzreich, of Chappaqua, 11th grader at Horace Greely High School will attend a mural art workshop over the summer with all four finalists. A new mural will be developed based on the winners' designs under Jonathan Villoch's guidance.

"Giving and getting feedback is so important to collaboration and having an open dialogue is essential for artists to communicate productively on any project," Villoch said of this once-in-a-lifetime artistic experience.

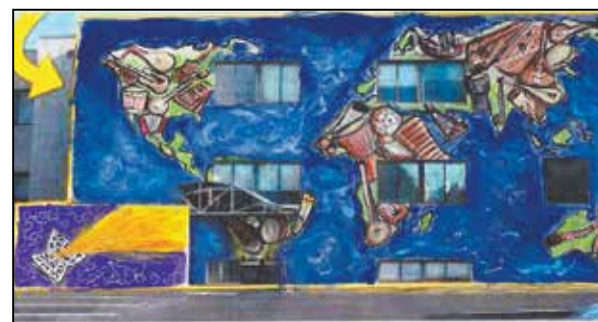
Ciara Sergi described her worldly entry titled "Musical Pangea": I drew the characteristic instruments from each of the continents as a product of their traditional culture, and used their instruments to depict each continent."

"Each artist brought his or her creative point of view. Some artists were quite literal in their interpretation; others took the theme to another level of graphic abstraction and conceptualization," Lynn Honeysett, former Executive Director of the Pelham Art Center said of the art entries submitted by local students for the contest. "I appreciated that all the student artists brought heart and soul to their work."

Submissions for the "Colors of Music" Student Mural Contest, supported by a grant from the National Endowment for



Winning submission by Mya Madison Davis, Pelham.



Winning submission by Ciara Sergi, White Plains.

## Coleman School Graduates Super Heroes

The John A. Coleman School in White Plains, a community-based special education program for young children, recently held its second "Superhero Training" Program Graduation during a ceremony on June 13.. This year, 31 children graduated from the unique strength and conditioning program that motivates students on their "epic quest" to achieve their physical therapy goals and develop their own inner "superhero." Graduates received a personalized cape and certificate to commemorate their success.

Rosie Puthiyamadham, a physical therapist at the Coleman School, developed the program last school year after a student shared that he didn't want to take part in an activity because he couldn't walk the same way as his peers. "I told him that Spiderman and Batman don't fly the same way, but that has never stopped either of them from flying!" she said.

According to Puthiyamadham, this year's grads have overcome countless obstacles, including enduring more than 150 surgeries, collectively. "Most have been fighters since the day they were born!" she said as she addressed the students, families and staff in attendance.

Together, the graduates participated in



"Super Mateo" proudly sports his cape at the John A. Coleman School's "Superhero Training" Program Graduation.

approximately 300 "superhero training" sessions. "They have inspired us all by how much they have achieved this year," Puthiyamadham continued. Maureen Tomkiel, Executive Director of the Coleman School, agreed. "Our children have taught us that super powers are within all of us," she said. "They are our role models for turning the 'I can't' into the 'I did!'"



# Summer Sky Brings Sky Gazers a Wonderful Martian Show



By Scott Levine

One night during the holiday season about 40 years ago, a family friend and I stepped outside. As long strands of incandescent bulbs flickered around us among juniper branches and dormant azaleas, he pointed to a reddish dot in the sky.

"That's Mars," he said with a long swing of his arm and a hand on my back, cigarette smoke swirling around his fingers.

I wasn't old enough then to truly understand what I was looking at. Some were stars, some were planets, sure, but to me they were just dots in the sky. Mars was that place people used to think had little green men, but the only one we knew of was in the Bugs Bunny cartoons.

In the years after, I fell for the solar system's moons. Mars is no match for the giant outer planets. It only has two, the tiny, lumpy Phobos and Deimos. Phobos orbits so close to the planet that it gets all the way around in about eight hours, fast

enough that future vacationers will watch it coast across the Martian sky and then reappear a few hours later.

It's doomed, though. Before long it'll spiral inward and be torn apart by Mars's gravity and rain down on the parched mountains below or become a gorgeous ring stretching across its sky.

Still, keeping an eye on Mars is like keeping in touch with those old friends. Earlier this month, when NASA announced that organic molecules, carbon-based chemicals, were found by the Curiosity rover, my eyes widened. These chemicals themselves don't mean there's life there now, or that there ever has been, but it's another piece of the puzzle. Little by little we're inching toward finding something, someone. Little green men? No, but this on-again, off-again hunt for life on Mars is always exciting.

As July's heat settles in, the orbits of Earth and Mars will line up so Mars will be closer and appear brighter than it has

since 2003. It'll be directly opposite the Sun in the sky – at opposition – toward the end of the month. Watching it move into the sky earlier and brighten a little each night until then will be an amazing show.

If you look toward the east after dark you can see it rise among the flickering, dim stars of Capricornus, the strange half-goat, half-fish sea creature. Mars reaches opposition about every two years. This time, we'll be only about 36 million miles apart, right next door as these things go.

Before then, it's Saturn's and our moon's turns. The Full Strawberry Moon is on Thursday, June 28. It's also called the Full Honey Moon, if you've ever wondered where the name of that vacation came from. The moon will look almost full for a couple of nights before and after, most notably tomorrow, June 27. That night, Saturn, its rings and its 62 moons will be bright and at their own opposition.

With Saturn and Mars joining Venus and Jupiter back in the evening's prime

time, the summer's heat gives us a great chance to see some old friends. If you're lucky, maybe you can catch Mercury, too. I hope you'll step out and let me know what you see. Clear skies!

Scott Levine has loved astronomy since he was young and now watches and writes about the skies near his Croton-on-Hudson home. You can read Scott's Sky Watch astronomy website, with its "Space, taken easy" approach to naked-eye astronomy, at [scottastronomy.wordpress.com](http://scottastronomy.wordpress.com). You can also find him at [astroscott@yahoo.com](mailto:astroscott@yahoo.com) or on Twitter @scottlevine13.

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# The Lowly Natural Cork is Raised to Lofty Heights



By Nick Antonaccio

Wine bottle stoppers. Much has changed in the last 10 years. Natural cork dominated the closures for bottles over many centuries. And, in spite of inroads from other forms of closure, they still do.

But in the end, natural cork is simply a choice made to seal a bottle of wine. Not a very high-tech concept. Well, maybe not.

Recent studies have uncovered a compelling influence that natural cork seems to impart on the contents of a bottle of wine. Modern science has changed our understanding of the composition and genetics of numerous products and processes in ways previously unimaginable. But a lowly cork?

In another example of the serendipitous anomalies found in science, a Portuguese cork producer striving to reduce the incidence of cork taint in wine has stumbled on a hidden benefit of corks. Their premise? Cork is not just a closure; it impacts the evolution of wine while in a bottle. And with a positive effect.

Natural cork has long been known to have desirable qualities, notably being breathable, thus enhancing the nature and quality of bottled wine over a number of years. These qualities partially contribute to the amazing ageability of individual

bottles of wine. Under ideal storage conditions, Bordeaux wines may continue to age for up to 50 years – and longer.

Ten years ago, the incidence of cork taint (an off-putting aroma like wet newspaper) was rather high and alternate forms of closure were developed. While these closures have risen in popularity over the cork taint concerns, the last few years have seen a measurable enhancement

by the cork industry to minimize and eventually eradicate this problem. Of the several alternatives that were introduced into the market (screwcap, glass, agglomerated, which is fused particles of natural cork, and synthetic), only the screwcap seems to have gained a modicum of sustained popularity among winemakers and the consuming public.

Today, after the Portuguese cork industry undertook a major effort to improve corks and lower the incidence of taint, cork is regaining its ages-old prominence. Annual production exceeds 12 billion, accounting for 70 percent of all closures. The latest competition has come from other natural material, notably sugar cane, on which I have previously reported.

The attraction of natural cork persists among winemakers. But in the end its

centuries-old use is basically as a bottle stopper. Well, maybe.

A recent study enhances the reputation of cork as the optimum natural closure. The trade publication *Drinks Business* recently reported on a research paper in the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry* concerning the impact of certain compounds in natural cork on the aging and quality of wine. It interviewed the director of research and development for Amorim Group, Dr. Miguel Cabral, for further insights. Amorim, the largest producer of natural corks in the world, has been conducting research on natural cork.

His premise: cork is cultivated from the bark of the *Quercus suber* tree, a genus of the oak family. Barrels from oak trees are used to store and age wine, imparting distinct aromas, flavors and structure to a wine. So naturally, one would expect, on a significantly smaller scale, a similar impact from corks.

Quotes by Cabral from the interview:

“Amorim was attempting to put the science behind the belief that wine matures ‘differently and better under cork.’ When we put wine in a barrel there is an extraction of phenolic compounds (sic) from a barrel into the wine, and it’s the same when we put wine in a bottled

seal with a cork.”

These compounds include tannins, phenols and polyphenols and “have been shown to reduce color deterioration and astringency in wine.”

Cabral has identified 40 different extractable compounds in a natural cork that may be beneficial to the aging of wine.

Wine is a living, breathing organism, constantly interacting with its environment. Amorim’s fascinating research may offer insights into wine’s future manipulation. I endorse this nature-based advancement of modern science.

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## NY Giants Make Donation to My Sisters' Place

The entire New York Giants organization, over 250 players, coaches, and staff, participated in a volunteer

of these donations will be distributed to adults and children impacted by domestic violence and human trafficking.



Players and Staff of the NY Giants organization packaging donations for My Sisters' Place.

event to support My Sisters' Place (MSP), White Plains, on June 13. At the event, participants assembled over 1,000 packages for the clients of MSP, which include toiletries, diapers, socks, underwear, and summer camp items. All

“This event was a wonderful way for the Giants to come together to make a tangible difference in the lives of the survivors that we support. The incredible donation will allow us to provide basic necessities to families who are receiving counseling,

legal support, and shelter from My Sisters' Place. I am so grateful for our partnership and for all the Giants have done to support our mission for more than 20 seasons,” Karen Cheeks-Lomax, CEO of My Sisters' Place.

The packaging project was the first volunteer event the Giants have ever participated in as an entire organization. The afternoon started with words from domestic violence advocate and Giants cornerback, William Gay. He shared his personal story about the death of his mother to domestic violence and his ongoing commitment to supporting

organizations like MSP.

My Sisters' Place has been serving Westchester County for over 40 years helping victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. Services include confidential emergency shelter, a 24/7-crisis hotline, one-on-one counseling, legal services, children's programs, teen and tween education programs, and community trainings. MSP works to create a world in which every individual has the basic human right to be free from gender-based violence and to engage in relationships that embrace the principles of respect, equality, and safety.

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# Have You Thought About Where You Want to Live After You Die?

There's some lucky stiff spending eternal life on top of Marilyn Monroe thanks to either his vanity or warped humor or his wife's open-mindedness or wealth.

Whatever the circumstances, it led to someone shelling out \$4.6 million through an eBay auction in 2011 to buy the crypt just above the blonde bombshell's final resting place at a Los Angeles cemetery.

When we are alive and kicking, we put so much thought into where we want to live – the community, the neighborhood, the block, the style of house, the amenities. Sometimes, but not always, we put just as much thought into buying that piece of real estate where our remains will stay after our souls have left this earthly plane, whether it's a plot of land with a headstone, a grand mausoleum, a crypt or an urn for the mantel.

From what I've observed of those who have passed among family and friends, we either totally ignore or obsess about that final piece of real estate in which we'll invest. My mother refused to consider that my father might die throughout his final illness and made no plans for a funeral or burial until after the mortician came for his body.

At that time, my family was living in Virginia, but my mother wanted my dad's body returned to their "true home," to be buried on the outskirts of Philadelphia. When we learned that it would be necessary to transport him by train,

involving an overnight layover in Baltimore, my mother said, "No, Al always hated travel and he's not going to spend his last trip overnight in a train station." She decided, perhaps somewhat capriciously, to bury him "here with the hillbillies."

So, my dad remains in Virginia for his eternal rest and I've been able to visit him only once in the past 40 years. When my mother died, she was cremated and her urn is buried next to him. Ultimately, a bad commute sealed the fate of my dad's last real estate investment.

Likewise, most of us will probably wait until the last minute to make burial arrangements for our loved ones and then ask a funeral director to make recommendations. From my local funeral parlor, Yorktown Funeral Home, I learned that, sure enough, that is frequently the case. A funeral director must recommend several cemeteries when last-minute decisions are made.

Interested as I am in historic properties,



By Bill Primavera

I'm very aware of the family plots we find on private properties throughout my region of Westchester and Putnam counties and, surprisingly, New York State still allows municipalities to make that determination. In an age of track developments, few of us think about on-site burials, but still, some of us with enough acreage might consider it.

In New York State, it was all laid out in the Burial Laws Amendment Act of 1880. It's kind of creepy to consider that a body comes within the definition of "clinical waste" and as such cannot be disposed of except under the provisions of the Control of Pollution Act of 1974 and the Environment Protection Act of 1990.

As for me, no thanks, I don't want to be buried in the traditional way in a metal box six feet under, unless I opt for a "green" burial, where it's natural in all respects. No embalming fluid, no concrete vault, just a biodegradable casket, shroud or my favorite fuzzy blanket, where I am reunited with the earth and recycled to new life.

Or better yet, I will choose cremation

to hasten the process foretold in Genesis 3:19: "For dust you are and to dust you will return." I've already suggested to my wife that she dump my ashes into the flowing Hudson. From there, I will be carried out to the great Atlantic and from there to the seven seas, covering the globe. In effect, my last home on earth will be without boundary – and totally tax free.

Here's an epilogue to the Marilyn Monroe story. For anyone who thought there wasn't some dark humor to the real estate deal on top of Marilyn Monroe's final resting place, consider that when the crypt was sold in 2011 for that princely sum it was disclosed that the occupant who had to relinquish his envied position above her was lying face down. You can't make this stuff up.

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# X20 Xaviars on Hudson Is a Tasty Panorama



By Morris Gut

Just a couple of weeks ago I ran into popular Chef/Restaurateur Peter X. Kelly at the raucous kick-off party for Westchester Magazine's annual Food & Wine Festival. It was held at Fortina in Yonkers this year, and it was a rouser. Little did I know that my companion and fellow gastronaut had made a reservation for my birthday dinner the following week at Peter's flagship X20 on the Yonkers waterfront.

It had been a beautiful big blue sky

we were escorted into the lofty 130-seat dining room and shown to a fine window table facing south. We were awestruck by the dramatic view of Manhattan in the distance. It was a lovely vantage point and we immediately settled in. I thought back a bit: it was just over a decade earlier that Peter Kelly brought his talents back to Westchester, to Yonkers, his original hometown.

Things got off to a fine start with our opening orders of Grilled Portuguese Octopus with baby arugula accented with Thai BBQ spice, and classic Pate Grand Mere with Foie Gras, wild duck, pork, pistachios, marinated vegetables, cornichons and a wonderful grain mustard with slices of French baguette. To compliment our meal, I ordered a fine Chardonnay from Washington State. It melded beautifully with the appetizers. Every element in the dishes made a tasty statement.

For mains we stayed with the French bistro theme Chef Kelly's kitchen does so well: Veal Sweetbreads with Roasted Figs, Parisian potatoes, hen of the woods mushrooms, with a Madeira crème fraiche on a bed of sautéed spinach. Sweetbreads are an indulgence for me, a real treat, and this dish was sensational! My partner went for the Sea Scallops on a bed of corn and vegetables. The scallops were big and sublime! She savored every bite. We enjoyed our side of Crispy Cauliflower with nuoc cham butter, too.

Ah, yes, dessert: we had to go with the house signature Warm Valrhona Chocolate Cake, Grand Marnier Ice Cream with orange confit. It oozed its creamy goodness with every spoonful.

The sun soon fell over the Palisades across the Hudson. As it did, we saw the big city in the distance light up and sparkle. It had been a remarkable meal.

**Caveat:** Our servers were fine but were pressed as the dining room got busy. My only real disappointment, though, was with our wine service. It came up short. After retrieving our Chardonnay for a tasting, they took it back to their central service station, saying: 'We will take care of it for you.' That would have been fine, except there were long

frustrating waits between refills. It was hard to get the staff's attention. Next time I will request the bottle be set up at our tableside.

Nice to be back at X20 Xaviars on the Hudson, along with all the memories.

X20 is located at 71 Water Grant Street, Yonkers. Open daily for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch; 914-

965-1111; [www.xaviars.com](http://www.xaviars.com).

**Good Food and Wine Alert: Ernie's, Bronxville**

I have been impressed with the great food, fine wines and hospitality I have encountered at cozy Ernie's Wine Bar & Eats in Bronxville. Out of Luisanna and Frank Scalera's tiny kitchen come laudatory renditions of American/Global dishes bursting with flavor. Oenophiles take note. The carefully selected wines served here, many from small-batch independent producers, can be heavenly. It is a wonderful place to unwind, take in some music on special nights, and indulge. The small bar is great for networking, too. Recent food tastings here have included Luisanna's amazing polpettina meatballs, a summery ricotta, prosciutto, arugula and fresh peach crostini; cheese & charcuterie platter, Duck Wontons, Duck Confit, Mushroom & Pea Risotto, and Baked Cod with Vierge Sauce. There is occasional live entertainment.

Ernie's Wine Bar & Eats, 7 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, across from Metro North. The restaurant is open for dinner Monday through Saturday. Phone: 914-652-7859; [www.ernieswinebar.com](http://www.ernieswinebar.com).

**Bronx Night Market to Begin June 30**

It took months of planning, but The Bronx is finally getting its own Night Market that will highlight culinary arts and crafts from all over the borough. At this writing, the Bronx Night Market 'Global Food Celebration' will kick off on Saturday, June 30 from 4 to 9 p.m. at Fordham Plaza, and each month thereafter through the fall: July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 22, and Oct. 27. There is no fee to enter, just come and enjoy.

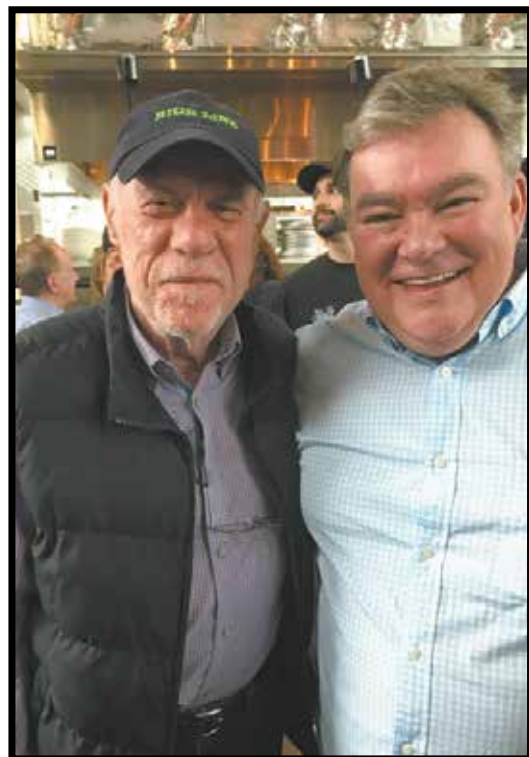
About 40 vendors include: Al Pastor Tacos, Bronx Food Co., Bronx Beer Hall, Born Juice, Crème and Cocoa Creamery, CaSpanish, Charlies Kitchen, City Tamale, Conti's Pastry Shop, Espresso State Of Mind, Empanology, Fiasco Arthur Avenue, Freshly



Summer crostini with ricotta, prosciutto, arugula and fresh peach at Ernie's, Bronxville

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Chef Peter X. Kelly with Morris Gut at Fortina, Yonkers.

when we arrived at the valet station adjacent to X20 and the area was buzzing with people chatting over cocktails at nearby al fresco tables. But we went right into the restaurant, took the elevator to the 2nd floor host station and announced for our 7:30 reservation. Within minutes



Appetizer at X20, Yonkers.



Sea scallops at X20, Yonkers.





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## Tuesday, June 26

**Tuesdays at Dorry's.** Immigration Policies and Practices - A Conversation about How to Respond. Michael Hackett will facilitate our conversation and asks us to bring information about what is already being done to change these policies, and whatever resources we know of that will help us learn about these issues and address their painful effects. 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, 468Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, 914-682-0005.

**Buying and Selling Commercial Real Estate.** Listen to finance, taxation and economic development experts. Presented by T Square Properties and whether their BEST practices (buying, exchanging, selling and tenant management) are best for you. 56 Lafayette Ave., Studio 10, White Plains. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Seating limited; RSVP required. Info and RSVP: Contact Toni at 914-328-7511 or e-mail [Toni@tsquareproperties.com](mailto:Toni@tsquareproperties.com).

## Wednesday, June 27

**Farmer's Market.** White Plains Outdoor Farmer's Market on Court Street at Main Street; open 8 a.m.

**Lunchtime Meditation.** At the White Plains Library. A weekly meditation program. 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. For information please contact: Christiane Deschamps at 914-422-1496 or [cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov).

**Mother Nature's Storytime.** Nature-themed stories, nature walks, live animals

and/or crafts. For children two to four years old; with a parent or caregiver. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. Meets six consecutive Wednesdays. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: \$50 for six-week session. Non-members: \$90. Pre-registration required. Info and registration: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**Dancing at Dusk.** Highlights music and dance from cultures around the world for children of all ages to explore with their families. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of this series, some of the favorite artists are returning, including Reena Shah, who will lead the instruction of dances from Bhangra to Bollywood, accompanied by Dhol, Indian Flutes and more. Move to the intricate rhythms of Indian music while learning the celebratory dances to accompany them. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 5 p.m. Adults: \$14. Children (12 and under): \$7. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.org).

## Thursday, June 28

**Noonday Concert.** Every Thursday 12 to 2 p.m. at Renaissance Plaza, White Plains. This week features River Dreams.

**City Center Concert.** Free concert in the courtyard at City Place, White Plains. Rain location, third floor of City Center. 6 to 8 p.m. This week features Matthew Hartnett and the Gumbo All-Stars

**Isabel Leonard and Sharon Isbin.** A Spanish program performed by Metropolitan Opera star Isabel Leonard and renowned classical guitarist Sharon Isbin in the perfectly suited setting of the enchanting Spanish Courtyard of the historic Rosen House. Featuring works by Enrique Granados, Manuel de Falla, Xavier Montsalvatge, Federico García Lorca and others. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 7 p.m. \$25, \$35, \$45 and \$55. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.org).

## Friday, June 29

**Ossining Waterfront Concert:** Out

After Curfew. This classic rock cover band plays music by artists such as Tom Petty, Fleetwood Mac, Pink Floyd, Counting Crows and many others. Concessions provided by some of Westchester's best food trucks are available. Louis Engel Waterfront Park, Westerly Road, Ossining. 7 p.m. Free.

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## Saturday, June 30

**Farmer's Market.** White Plains Outdoor Farmer's Market on Court Street at Main Street; open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday for the season.

**Butterfly Exhibit.** This exhibit in the enchanting Native Plant Meadow enables visitors to enjoy close encounters with butterflies and learn about their importance in nature. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore St., Scarsdale. Members: Free. Non-members: Adults--\$11. Seniors and students--\$10. Children--\$9. Children (under 2): Free. Includes admission to the Manor House Animal Museum and exhibits. Exhibit continues through Aug. 5 during regular nature center hours, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**Float Like a Butterfly.** Join a naturalist on a short walk to the beautiful Native Meadow. Learn about the life cycle of a butterfly and discover the epic migration Monarchs complete every year. Get up close and personal with the butterflies. If you're lucky one might even land on you. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore

St., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$10. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**Book Signing.** White Plains author Richard Cirulli has a new book out - The Songs of Roland. Book signing 4 p.m. at the Scarsdale Barnes & Noble, 680 Post Rd., Scarsdale.

**Lippi, Rosato and Pilc.** This incredible trio will perform in an evening of dynamic musical explorations and jazz improvisation with Jerad Lippi on drums, Rick Rosato on bass and Jean-Michel Pilc on piano. The opening act will be Lagond Music School graduate Henry Mermer, who will present a set of original compositions and poetry alongside his quartet. Featuring Mermer on drums, Adam Cordero on saxophone, Odin Scherer on guitar and Finn Carroll on bass. Lagond Music School's Gallery, 9 Haven St., Elmsford. 7 p.m. \$15 in advance. \$20 at the door. Info and tickets: Visit [www.lagond.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.lagond.brownpapertickets.com).

**Old 97's in Concert.** One of the pioneers of the alt-country movement, Old 97's tour behind their newest release "Graveyard Whistling," a release filled with raucous energy, deceptive cleverness and knockabout spirit. In 1996, Old 97's recorded "Too Far to Care." It was their major label debut following two independent releases and a year-long bidding war where the Dallas-based quartet had signed with Elektra Records. But rather than venture into some state-of-art studio in New York or L.A., the band went to Village Productions in Tornillo, Texas, a remote facility near the Mexican border with a mixing board acquired from an engineer who had worked on some of Queen's albums. Now more than 20 years later, they have returned to record their 11th studio album, "Graveyard Whistling." Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$30, \$35 and \$40. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

**Orchestra of St. Luke's.** Currently serving as music director of the Seattle Symphony, Ludovic Morlot makes his

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### Sunday, July 1

**Story Walk.** Take a stroll in the Native Plant Meadow and join children and families to read a favorite nature-themed story and walk among one of the short hiking trails. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. Open during regular hours. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends. Free. Continues through Sept. 23. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

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### Tuesday, July 3

**Independence Day Celebration.** White Plains residents are invited to celebrate Independence Day with a free community event and fireworks display 6 to 10 p.m. at White Plains High School on North Street. Residents are encouraged to come early, bring blankets and chairs and enjoy a fun-filled evening of music, games, entertainers, food, and fireworks. This year's celebration will feature a performance by West Point's Benny Havens Band on the main stage. The Benny Havens Band is a leading popular music ensemble in the armed forces, primarily serving the United States Corps of Cadets at West Point. Children and their families will enjoy a visit from the Animal Embassy, the Miz Liz variety show, Oceans Rock, DinoMan, Henry the Juggler and the Bubble Bus in the Kids'

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### Wednesday, July 4

**Independence Day Fair.** This celebratory, family-friendly event is in honor of America's founding and hosted by the Bedford-Armonk Rotary Club. Features readings of the Declaration of Independence, petting zoo, stilt walker, log cutting, an 18th century equestrian demonstration, pony rides, crafts, historic house tours, hayrides, live music, discovery centers, fishing, pet adoption, student art show and food from the grill and other refreshments. A festive way for families to explore the National Historic Landmark home of founding father and America's first Chief Justice John Jay. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Food and most activities available by ticket purchase. Info: Visit [www.bedfordarmonkrotary.org](http://www.bedfordarmonkrotary.org) or e-mail [bedfordarmonkrotary@gmail.com](mailto:bedfordarmonkrotary@gmail.com).



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