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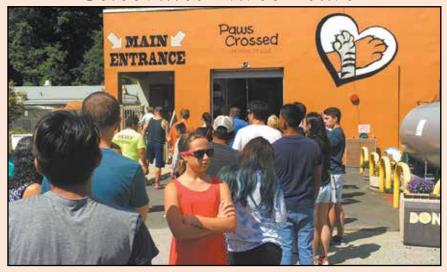


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Paws Crossed, the no kill animal shelter in Greenburgh, celebrated its third anniversary this Sunday. The celebration attracted many people who waited in line to adopt a dog. Inside the shelter the dogs were as eager to meet their new families. The Town of Greenburgh was instrumental in helping Paws

New Rules Proposed for Contractor Licensing in Westchester

On Monday, Westchester County contractors. These judgments will be Legislators Nancy Barr (D-Harrison) and Christopher A. Johnson (D-Yonkers) introduced proposed changes to county law for licensing home contractors. The new rules are designed to protect workers from being under-paid or not paid at all by the businesses employing them.

At a press conference announcing the proposed law Barr said, "Imagine putting in a full day's work and not getting paid for it. For many of us, it's unthinkable. How could an employer be so unscrupulous or we be so vulnerable? But sadly, in Westchester County, this is not an uncommon situation."

The proposed legislation would require an applicant for a home improvement license in Westchester to disclose any business-related judgments against them, particularly those involving non-payment or underpayment to employees or sub

taken into consideration when looking at contractors' new applications and renewals.

The legislation also specifies that workers in Westchester can file complaints concerning underpayment or nonpayment.

In addition, the proposed legislation has new protections for consumers who are hiring contractors, requiring disclosure about proposed work in writing.

Johnson said, "No employee should be exploited. If it happens once, it happens too often. This proposal will give the county an opportunity to identify contractors who take advantage of their workers, and create a level playing field for honest contractors to compete fairly."

Gonzalo Cruz, Executive Director, Don Bosco Workers, said, the changes

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Andrea Stewart-Cousins Wins District 35 Democrat Primary

New York State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins easily held off the challenge by Westchester County Legislator Virginia Perez in last Thursday's Democratic Primary for state Senate District 35, which includes Yonkers, sections of Greenburgh, sections of White Plains, Scarsdale and New Rochelle.

Stewart-Cousins was first elected to the State Senate in 2006. She was elected to serve as Leader of the Senate Democratic Conference in December 2012, becoming the first female leader of a legislative conference in New York State history.

When the polls closed in Westchester County at 9 p.m. Thursday, and the districts began reporting results, Stewart-Cousins quickly assumed a significant lead



NYS Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins

that she maintained throughout the night.

When the Westchester Board of Elections tally reached 100 percent of the voting districts having reported, Stewart-Cousins had 81 percent of the vote with 24,117 votes to Perez's 5,614 (19 percent).

With other party nominations already assured, Stewart-Cousins would have had her name on the November ballot no matter what. Having won the Democratic primary, she faces no opposition in the November election.

"Voters again made it clear that this is a new day and politics as usual are no longer acceptable. Now is the time for us to move forward as a strong progressive Conference. Democratic Republicans have held New York back for

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too long, and the oncoming #BlueWave will elect a functional Democratic Majority in November," Senator Stewart-Cousins said about her primary win.

In the run-up to the primary Stewart-Cousins received the endorsements of democrats serving in the municipalities she represents.

During an interview with The White Plains Examiner she said that while keeping taxes down is always at the top of her mind, she is in to fight for better voting laws, common-sense gun reform, criminal justice reform and a woman's right to reproductive freedom.

"My conference and I have proposed comprehensive legislative several packages. One of which would improve our State's voting laws. New York is one of only 13 states that does not allow early voting, so I am pushing for a bill to change that. I also sponsor a bill that would make voter suppression a crime and another that would consolidate federal and state primaries to reduce confusion about election dates and save taxpayer money."

"My conference and I also put forth a common-sense gun reform package. Among other things the package would extend the waiting period for background checks from 3 days to 10 and create extreme risk protection orders which would take guns out of the hands of people deemed

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"empower the county to deny home improvement licenses to any business with a history of failing to pay its workers the amount required by law. Importantly, the measure will help workers, their families, and their communities by creating new incentives for home improvement businesses to follow the law and pay workers the wages they have earned."

Board Chairman Ben Boykin (D- White Plains) said, "This no-nonsense solution to real problems protects everyone workers, contractors and consumers. It will make Westchester a fairer and safer place to work and do business in."

potentially violent by a judge."

"We have also put forth a criminal justice reform package. This included proposals to ensure defendants are not incarcerated for extended periods of time simply because they cannot afford bail, require criminal cases to go to trial in a timely manner, and require comprehensive and automatic discovery."

"Finally, my conference and I have been fighting to protect women's reproductive choices. This is a pivotal moment for women in this country with President Trump and the US Supreme Court threatening our protections but the New York State Senate Republicans refusing to stand up for women. When New York created its abortion laws in 1970, 12 Republican State Senators voted in favor of



Westchester County Legislators are joined by members of the Westchester Labor Alliance Monday to introduce new rules to insure workers are paid by contractors for the work they have done.

women's choice. But today, in 2018, not a single Republican Senator will cast a vote for the Reproductive Health Act, which would codify the protections guaranteed in the Roe vs. Wade decision into New York State's health code," Stewart-Cousins said.

If Democrats win a majority in the November elections, Stewart-Cousins will be the first female Majority Leader in New York history, which would give Westchester County a front seat at the decision-making table of our State, she says.





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County to Plan Memorial for Victims of 9/11-Related Illnesses

By Martin Wilbur

Westchester County is planning a permanent tribute at Kensico Dam Plaza to residents who have died from 9/11-related illnesses after having worked at Ground Zero in lower Manhattan in the months following the terrorist attacks.

County Executive George Latimer, who made the announcement last Tuesday after the annual 9/11 memorial ceremony, said over the next few months the families of those who have died from illnesses, along with county officials, will be asked for their ideas on what would be an appropriate way to honor those lost during the past 17 years.

"We're going to find a suitable way to try and recognize them at the site as well, and their families, to recognize the contributions they made because the people who served that day and who served all the rest of the days are Westchester residents who gave their life for us," Latimer said.

He said whatever form that any monument will take will be coordinated with Westchester's 9/11 memorial, The Rising, which includes engraved panels on a circular base with the names of all 111 county residents who perished on Sept. 11, 2001. The structure, designed by architect Frederic Schwartz, features steel rods extend from the base and rising



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

County Executive George Latimer, second from left, is accompanied last Thursday by Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins and the consultants who helped officials devise Westchester County's 2018 shared services plan. The plan was approved by representatives from Westchester's municipalities.

toward the sky.

During Tuesday's ceremony, the names of 15 Westchester residents who have so far been identified as having passed away from 9/11-related illnesses were read following the reading of the names of the

victims of the attacks.

Latimer said a challenge for the second memorial is that additional people who are now battling illnesses due to their exposure to toxins at Ground Zero are going to die from these diseases. "We're going to work through the specifics of it," he said. "We know this is the right location for it. We wanted it to be suitable and appropriate and we're going to have a wide amount of input of what it would look like and work with the families themselves to try and find something that's appropriate and dignified."

While there is no deadline for designing and constructing a memorial, Latimer said he hopes there will be consensus by the end of the year.

Any family that had a relative who died from a 9/11-related illness are encouraged to reach out to county officials to make sure they are accounted for, Latimer said.



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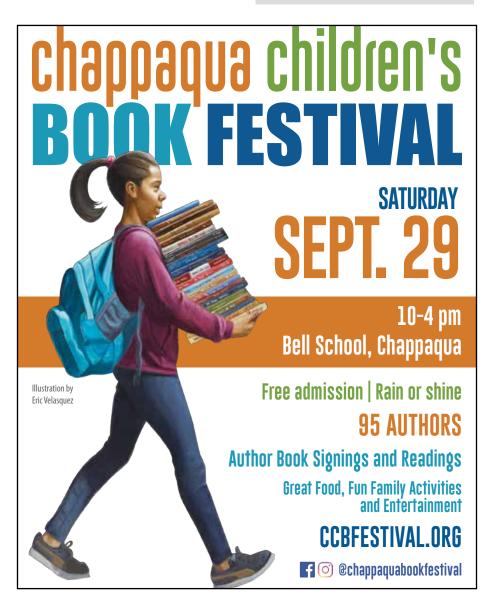
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Man Pleads Guilty in Taconic Parkway Road Rage Fatal Stabbing

Christian Walczyk (DOB 2/4/96), of Lagrangeville, New York, pleaded guilty to Manslaughter in the First Degree, a class B felony, in the stabbing death of Daniel Siino in a road rage incident in May 2017. Westchester County Court Judge Barry Warhit accepted the plea. The 22-year-old faces a maximum of 25 years in prison when sentenced Nov. 14, 2018.

On May 27, 2017, at approximately 10:25 p.m., Daniel Siino (the victim) and his wife were driving southbound on the

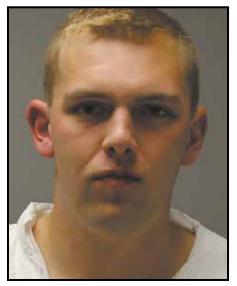
Taconic State Parkway in their Acura SUV when they encountered Walczyk who was also headed southbound in his BMW sedan. At some point, Walczyk's vehicle pulled in front of Siino's and braked suddenly, forcing Siino to brake hard as well. Siino then tried to pass, but Walczyk did not allow it. After that, both drivers pulled their cars onto the shoulder of the Taconic State Parkway just north of the Briarcliff Manor exit. Siino got out of his car and walked towards Walczyk's. Then

Walczyk got out of his car, brandishing a fake badge while concealing a folding knife behind his back.

When the two were face to face, Walczyk stabbed Siino twice in the chest. In the course of the attack, Walczyk accidentally sliced his own finger on the blade.

Siino got back to his vehicle and told his wife he had been stabbed. She helped him into the passenger seat, then drove away and called 911. He died further down the highway where the wife eventually ulled over.

Walczyk drove off and called 911 claiming he had been a victim of a stabbing. He was located and transported to the



Christian Walczyk

hospital where he received treatment for his injury. He was then taken to the New York State Police barracks in Hawthorne where he was placed under arrest.

Walczyk was later indicted by a Westchester County Grand Jury in October 2017.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nicholas DiCostanzo of the Superior Court Trial Division.







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Abinanti Threatens Suit if DOT Fails to Produce Grade Crossing Report

By Martin Wilbur

A local assemblyman who helped pass legislation to evaluate safety at each of the state's grade crossings threatened legal action unless the state Department of Transportation (DOT) and Gov. Andrew Cuomo complete and release the study.

Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville, Greenburgh) joined with state Sen. David Carlucci (D-Clarkstown) last week calling for the DOT to finish its work and share its findings publicly.

The legislation was approved by state lawmakers during the 2016 legislative session and signed into law by Cuomo later that year following the car-train crash at the Commerce Street crossing in Valhalla that killed six people.

"The Cuomo administration has been derelict in complying with the law that requires the Department of Transportation to do a study of railroad crossings," Abinanti said last Friday. "As a result, we've seen death after preventable death after preventable death. Frankly, my question is at what point does a lack of action become negligence and at what point do they share some of the blame for these accidents."

He said he and other legislators plan to continue speaking out publicly to make sure the study is completed. If that doesn't work, Abinanti said he will ask for a penalty in the next budget against the Cuomo administration. He and other lawmakers would explore litigation as a last resort, although the assemblyman was uncertain who could be able to file a suit.

The legislation required the DOT to examine all 5,304 grade crossings in the state by Apr. 1, 2017, and identify

"Frankly, my question is at what point does a lack of action become negligence?"

the crossings that require safety improvements. Nearly 18 months after the deadline has passed, there has been no update from the agency or the administration on the status of the report, Abinanti said.

"We're going to be pestering them and embarrass them in public, if necessary, because people's lives are at stake," Abinanti said. "We've got to takes action."

The governor's office and the DOT failed to respond to requests by The Examiner to provide an update on the report's status.

The latest comments from Abinanti came two days after a pedestrian was struck and killed by a CSX train in Haverstraw near the New Main Street and Conger Avenue grade crossing.

Pointing to Federal Railroad Administration records, Abinanti said the New Main Street crossing has had at least seven prior incidents involving trains in the last 40 years,.

In the two most recent incidents before last week, a truck was hit after getting stuck on the tracks last year. In 2003, a truck driver was killed while his vehicle was on the tracks and struck by a train.









White Plains Resident to be Honored by United Way

United Way of Westchester and Putnam's Emerging Leaders Alliance is honoring the efforts of Dante Hudson, a White Plains resident, at its United We Rock event, which is being held on Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Whitby Castle in Rye from 6 to 9 p.m. Hudson is one of five recipients of the United Way's Rock Star Award, which recognizes young professionals who are active for the good of their communities.

"Our Rock Stars epitomize the young professionals who are striving to be leaders in the workplace and make positive changes in our community," said Alana Sweeny, president and CEO of United Way of Westchester and Putnam. "They are the leaders who will take our mission into the future—of fixing the roots of poverty through early literacy, family financial stability and providing a point of entry to community resources through our 2-1-1 Helpline."

Hudson is the Chief Program Officer at the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester. In this role he is responsible for operations of programs at the North Street Activity Center. Dante has had over 15 years of non-profit experience. He has worked for at the YMCA of Greater New York, the Boys and Girls Club of Mt. Kisco and New Rochelle.



Dante Hudson, of White Plains, will receive United Way's Rock Star Award at its Sept, 20 event.

Hudson's passion has always been on programs that serve the community with a strong emphasis on the needs of the community. He is a committee member at My Brother's Keeper, White Plains Chapter and member of the Emerging Leaders Alliance through the United Way of Westchester.

Also being honored as a Rock Star are: Ryan Finch of Corporate Audio Visual Services, LLP; Noelle Wolfson of Hocherman Tortorella & Wekstein, LLP; Swati Goel-Patel of PURE Insurance and Laura Picone of TD Bank.

The evening includes a Feast of Nibbles, a 3-hour open bar, DJ, photobooth and an after party. Tickets are \$65 and can be purchased online at www.uwwp. org. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

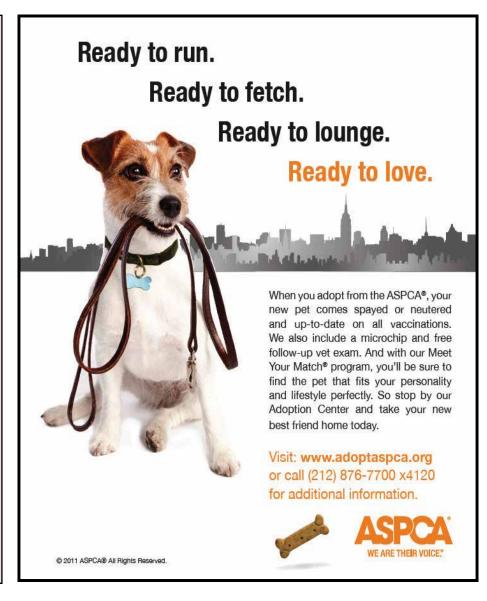
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Kidney Cancer Research Funding Is Making an Impact, Providing Hope



Bryan Lewis, president, Kidney Cancer Action Network, met with Congresswoman Nita Lowey at her White Plains District Office last month. The purpose of the meeting was to both thank Congresswoman Lowey for her instrumental support in helping to secure \$15 million annually in research funding for kidney cancer and review the resulting impact. This past year, an inaugural \$10 million program was launched that has awarded 22 meritorious research applicants with crucial funding for this disease. The research community has been reinvigorated and this infusion of research dollars has motivated and drawn a new wave of young researchers to the field. This, in turn, has created a renewed sense of hope for a cure in the patient community throughout Westchester County and beyond.



Former Dean of Pace Law's Environmental Programs Named to EPA Toxic Safety Office

Former dean of Pace Law's environmental law programs Alexandra Dunn, was nominated by President Trump on Friday to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for Toxic Substances (EPA). Dunn currently serves as the regional administrator for Region 1 of the EPA. At Pace Law, she served as dean of environmental law programs from 2007-2010 and taught Environmental Justice and Human Rights and the Environment as an adjunct professor.

In addition to her former role at the Law School, Dunn previously served as executive director and general counsel for the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS). Since 2014, Dunn has assisted state governments in shaping environmental policy and enhancing economic development. Prior to joining ECOS, Dunn served as executive director and general counsel for the Association of Clean Water Administrators. In addition, she has taught at the Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, and, most recently, as an adjunct



Alexandra Dunn

associate professor of law at the American University's Washington College of Law.

Dunn received a B.A. in political science from James Madison University and a J.D. from the Columbus School of Law. She is a member of the bar in Washington, DC, Maryland, and New York, as well as the United States Supreme Court.

National Voter Registration Day Sept. 25

The League of Women Voters of White Plains will take part in National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

The League will assist voters to register or update their registration if they have moved. Oct. 12 is the last day to register or update your registration in New York.

To volunteer go to the League's NVRD volunteer signup site: https://bit. ly./2Qt6x5D. The League will be at the following locations:

Berkeley College, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

College of Westchester, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Manhattanville College, 12n to 2 p.m. nd 6 to 8 p.m.

"This election is important, and every eligible American deserves to weigh in," said Stephen Cohen, President of the League of Women Voters of White Plains. "Voter registration is the key to helping shape the future of our country. We want to make sure everybody who wants the opportunity to vote on Election Day, has their registration up to date by October 12th."

The League of Women Voters provides election information at vote411.org.





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Byram Hills to Host Fifth Annual 'No Man Down' Lax Classic Nov. 4

Byram Hills will host its fifth annual No Man Down Lacrosse Classic tournament at Byram Hills High School on Sunday, Nov. 4. The tournament is held close to Veterans Day and raises money to benefit service-related charities.

All proceeds from this year's tournament – raised from team registration fees, concession sales and donations from local sponsors as well as Lax. com – will go to Building for America's Bravest

(www.ourbravest.org). As in past years, the tournament is expected to draw top youth and high school teams from around the tristate area.

"Our foundation was born on 9/11 out of the loss of Stephen Siller and so many other first responders," said Andrew McClure, national community engagement director for The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. "We are very appreciative of the efforts on the part of the organizers of the No Man Down Lacrosse Classic. For the past four years, this event has provided the participants with both a great day of competitive lacrosse and – more significantly – a way to give back and recognize the heroic efforts of those who have given their all to serve this country."



Since inception, the tournament has raised close to \$300,000 for various veterans charities. Last year, the organizers were recognized by Gov. Andrew Cuomo for their efforts. In 2016, the New York State Assembly commended the volunteers from Byram Hills High School and Byram Hills Youth Lacrosse for their efforts. In 2015, the Westchester County Board of Legislators formally acknowledged the group's work with a proclamation declaring Dec. 21, 2015, "The Byram Hills No Man Down Lacrosse Classic Day" in Westchester County.

Organizers are hoping to attract as many team in the region and to have them registered as soon as possible. To register your team or to learn more about how you might contribute, visit www. nmdlaxtourney.assn.la/.

Stepinac to Host 3rd Annual Crusader 5K and Family Fun Run

Stepinac High School's annual Crusader 5K and Family Fun Run, will be held at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 30.

A cross representation of Stepinac's community comprising students, parents, members of the faculty and administration, alumni as well as neighbors, friends and supporters of the

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school will gather at Stepinac's athletic fields for a morning of spirited competitive runs in two categories—the 5K and the Family Fun Run.

Now in its third year, the Crusader 5K and Family Fun Run is hosted by the Stepinac Lady Crusaders.

Refreshments will be available at registration and the awards ceremony. The registration fee for either run is \$25 for students, faculty, children under 12 years of age and adults over 65. For all others, the fee is \$35. To register, visit https://register.chronotrack.com/r/42659.

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Tanks for the Memories - Prague Spring

Guest



By Richard Cirulli

For us Boomers, 2018 is the year of many jubilees marking pivotal events of our era.

August 21, 2018 marked the 50th anniversary of the Soviet invasion of

Czechoslovakia to crush the movement known as the Prague Spring. The Moscow-led invasion was the reaction to Alexander Dubcek, leader of Czechoslovakia's communist party, who initiated a project of liberalization that he believed would offer "socialism with a human face." Under his project of liberalization there was a rebirth of political and cultural freedom long denied by party leaders loyal to Moscow. Where the free press flourished, artists and writers spoke their minds. Mr. Dubcek challenged Moscow's hegemony by attempting to create "a free, modern and profoundly humane society."

Dubcek's Prague spring was soon ended as Soviet T-54 tanks crushed the 'rebellion'. The numbers vary as to how many civilians died as the result of the invasion, with estimates ranging from 80 to several hundred. In the months following the invasion scores of civilians were arrested, and thousands were sent for "reeducation" under the normalization program. The result was that hope was replaced with despair, fear and resignation for the nation.

While the Czechs woke up to the sound of Soviet T-54 tanks, American Baby Boomers woke up to The Rascals hit song "People Got To Be Free" that debuted in August 1968. The Czechs did not offer any

resistance, knowing well how the Soviets had responded with brutal force when other satellite Soviet states fought back in East Germany in 1953 and Hungary in 1956.

The Czech dissidents were not alone in their protests. Across the western world students on college campuses from Berkeley to Paris were in revolt. America experienced the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert

F. Kennedy, the war in Viet Nam raged on, there was the infamous Chicago Democratic convention, Apollo 8 was launched, just to-name a few.

In this universal solidarity of protest against "repressive governments" there was

also a contradiction of sorts. The Czechs were protesting against a tyrannical and repressive form of Soviet socialism that silenced free speech, free-thinkers, artists, and a political system that afforded no democracy or say in electing its leaders. And, if ever challenged, discourse was never an option, the response to dissent was simply T-54 tanks and reeducation centers. In America, the founding nation of modern democracy with its numerous freedoms, the radicals of the sixties sought their own forms of protest in riots, sit-ins, bombings, demonstrations, the burning of draft cards and bras, and so on. Sometimes the National Guard was called in to restore order. Ironically, the Czechs were seeking the same freedoms that were so commonplace in America. We all chant the mantra of freedom, though often lose sight of the fact it is relative; and one

man's freedom is another man's bondage. A simple example just to illustrate the point is the playing of loud music of your choice in a public area without concern and total disregard for all within earshot.

This is a fundamental problem for free societies. Would society be better served if everyone was allowed to conduct themselves as such? Should governments enact laws as to what music we can listen to? Should governments be the teachers

of ethics, moralities and social protocols? Or should they simply enact decibel level laws?

America was in shock at the tyranny imposed by Moscow, with its reaction to and fear of Czechoslovakia's bid for freedom; and with

our saber-rattling bravado, the American establishment shouted, this would never happen in America.

What short memory spans we Americans have. Our national attention span is short and selective. And in this case, failed to make reference to a very sad footnote in America's history about an incident that occurred in January 1932, when President Hoover ordered General Douglas Mac Arthur to disperse a crowd of veterans by force from Washington, D.C.

When destitute WWI veterans along with their families marched on Washington to demand bonus money for serving in the armed forces, and the bonus money bill was defeated 62-18, the veterans were still camped out in Washington. President Hoover ordered the Secretary of War to disperse the

veterans and families. By the afternoon, General Douglas MacArthur lead an army of cavalry, infantry, tanks and machine guns to clear the destitute ranks; even the police joined in to shoot and kill a number of peaceful protesters. Washington resorted to guns and bullets to quell Americans.

This is no isolated event. A similar scenario occurred in 1893 with Coxley's Rebellion. After years of economic growth the bottom fell out of the credit market resulting in record levels of unemployment. Jacob Coxley, a successful Ohio businessman, along with his supporters, marched on Washington to assist a humanity in distress. Coxley's goal was to present Washington with his economic plan to have Washington hire the unemployed to work on much needed public infrastructure. When he arrived in Washington on May 1, 1893, his army was greeted by police who clubbed his supporters and Coxley was sent to jail. Did I here someone whisper "Tiananmen Square"? Coxley was fighting for the base needs of his fellow humanity. Adding insult to injury, it was President Franklin Roosevelt who plagiarized his idea, as history credited these lofty goals to him under his New Deal.

Where in all of this do we Boomers sit? Do we see history bent on repeating itself? Can we tell which side of democracy we see our futures focused on now?

Dr. Richard Cirulli is a retired Professor of Business, consultant, writer, Playwright, author, Innocent Bystander, Author of "The Songs of Roland" and critic at large. He looks forward to your comments as profcirulli@optonline.net.

A Medicaid Trust is the Best Way to Protect an Older Homeowner's House



By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo, Esq.

While your house is generally considered an exempt asset for purposes of Medicaid eligibility, it is not insulated from Medicaid coming after it later.

Once granted eligibility, Medicaid can file a lien against your house to preserve

their right to recover benefits paid on your behalf once the house is sold. Even if a lien is not filed, another method of recourse is for Medicaid to file a claim against your estate after your death.

In my experience, recovery efforts are becoming more aggressive. Thus, planning for your house is a necessity. That does not mean you should transfer your house to your children, however. Instead, transferring your house to a Medicaid trust is more appropriate and

offers better protection.

When you make an outright transfer of your house to your children, there are

unforeseen pitfalls. For instance, you will not be entitled to the STAR exemption or to deduct the real estate taxes paid on the house. If your child dies, the house might be lost to an in-law.

Often overlooked are the

creditor issues. If your child has debts or judgments, they may become liens on the property. One of the biggest creditors of a child is a divorced spouse. If a divorce proceeding is commenced, it is possible that the house could become the subject of an equitable distribution award.

From a tax perspective, there are adverse capital gains consequences. To illustrate, assume you purchased the house for \$150,000 and made \$100,000 of capital improvements. Your cost basis

is \$250,000. If you, as the owner, sell the house for \$750,000, there would be a \$500,000 capital gain. If you meet

certain use and ownership requirements, the tax law allows you to exclude all or a portion of that gain.

When you make an outright transfer of the house to a child, the child's basis is the same as yours – \$250,000 using the example above.

Unfortunately, a child is likely not entitled to exclude any of the capital gain. Thus, if a child sold the house for the same \$750,000, they would be subject to a \$500,000 capital gain and would have to pay taxes on that amount.

Another shortsighted planning technique is the life estate deed. So often we see non-elder law attorneys advising their clients to transfer their house to their children while retaining the right to live in the house. While this was a popular

planning technique prior to 2005, it is no longer the proper way to protect your house.

In 2005, the laws changed and the irrevocable Medicaid trust became more popular because of the many benefits it offers as opposed to a life estate deed. The differences between a life estate deed and Medicaid trust are too technical to discuss in this article, but I am willing to meet with you to discuss the issue.

A Medicaid trust is the proper vehicle for protecting your house. You can read more about the benefits of a Medicaid trust at www.plantodayfortomorrow.com.

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Everything You Need to Know About the Kitchen Sink

When you're at the kitchen sink cleaning lettuce or rinsing dishes in preparation for the dishwasher, do you ever wonder about the origins of this trusty staple in the heart of your home? Or did you ever wonder where the expression "everything but the kitchen sink" originated?

The answer to the latter question has a short history. The idiomatic expression developed at the onset of World War II when everything made of metal was collected, melted down and re-used for the war arsenal. The only objects omitted were porcelain kitchen sinks.

History tells us that the dishwasher was invented by a woman in Illinois in the 1880s, but nobody in my middle-class Philadelphia neighborhood had a dishwasher when I was a kid. Those were the days when children shared the chores of washing dishes over a kitchen sink that somehow seemed higher than necessary.

But then, since I was the youngest of three, I never really had to wash the dishes. I only dried them and my older sister and brother, who were tall enough to actually reach into the sink, did the washing. Then, of course, my mother probably trusted their coordination better than mine. I prided myself on drying the best dish and best glass, leaving no tell-tale drops or streaks.

My mother never had a dishwasher until she won one at an appliance store when I

was nine. I remember the great joy in learning that the new appliance in the house, which significantly diminished the open space in our eat-in kitchen (we had no dining room), both washed and dried the dishes. It was convenient, yes, but the dishwasher's bottom line effect was that my siblings and I probably spent less time together after its arrival.

Kitchen sinks probably have the longest history of all, starting with the Neanderthals. The first sink was simply a large rock that had eroded into a concave shape from centuries of rain. There was not much progress through the ages until the time that households

included rooms designated as kitchens. For centuries, most kitchen functions were performed around the cooking hearth or, for wealthier families, in a separate building, to reduce the chance of household fires.

During the early 1800s, our first kitchen sinks involved a process of pumping water from supply tanks or wells and collecting

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By Bill Primavera

it in bowls, which were placed into dry sinks made of metal troughs and built into wooden cabinets. Copper and nickel silver, an alloy of zinc, copper and nickel, were among the first materials used for butler sinks, usually found only in wealthy homes.

In the 1920s, indoor plumbing created the need for sturdy sinks, made of manganese silicon, carbon and iron, and since World War II, porcelain.

With the convenience of the dishwasher, homeowners spend less time toiling at the kitchen sink today, yet it has greater potential than ever as a decorative element, equal in interest to homeowners and decorators as is the

countertop and backsplash.

With less rigorous use, today's bowls come in a wide range of materials from the expected porcelain to the newest kind of granite composite. There is also a return to copper, which I think is the most interesting material of all in that it develops its own patina with age and proper care.

Kitchen sinks are always best installed

from below the countertop and at a lower level so that water and waste materials can be easily scooped from the counter into the bowl. More sinks are now available with the drains strategically placed at the back of the bowl so that there is more front storage space in the cabinet below.

More and more, I am seeing installations of the farmhouse kitchen sink, which features an apron that extends an inch or two from the countertop to show the full depth of the bowl. It is offered in a variety of stones, including granite, soapstone or limestone. They are also manufactured in cast iron, stainless steel, copper or fireclay, which has the finish of china.

Currently, the wisdom of attaching a waste disposal unit to the kitchen sink is being questioned. Sentiment now is that it is not the greenest way to dispose of kitchen waste.

While there are many options for the kitchen sink, there is a general sense about locating it directly under a window, to avoid a claustrophobic feeling and to enjoy the beauty of the great outdoors as we perform our chores.

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You Can't Always Blame Nature For a Disappointing Harvest

You Heard It

Through the



By Nick Antonaccio

I've been exploring the relationship of winemakers and nature for a number of years. The accelerated development of new technology and techniques in the

growing, cultivation and processing of wine grapes has imbued a sense of invincibility on man's growing dominance over nature. That is, of course, until nature wields her powerful hand and strikes a vineyard with a sometimes subtle, sometimes bold calamity.

It may be slow and debilitating weather patterns such as drought, prolonged rain spells or excessive heat. Or it may be sudden, such as hailstorms, lightning or

As much as these seemingly random weather phenomena are disheartening to stalwart winemakers, the vicious acts perpetrated by those intent on disrupting the orderly realm of winemaking and distribution are equally upsetting. I've reported on incidents of destruction of wine by disgruntled employees, dissident local winemakers and their ilk.

But last week, I read of an egregious act suffered by a winery in Virginia. And this time it wasn't nature.

Wineries along the East Coast have always struggled to produce fine wine. The vagaries of weather mentioned above on eliciting the best of the unique land and climate that influence their vineyards.

From Thomas Jefferson to Donald Trump, nature's dominance has been

daunting in attempts to produce fine wine in Virginia. Recently, a number of wineries from Maryland, south to Virginia, the Carolinas and even Georgia have been able to coexist with nature and are

producing the best wines to come from these states.

The 2018 growing season in Virginia has been promising. A number of the 250-plus wineries are in the throes of harvesting their crops. This is the most exciting, albeit tenuous, time of year in the growing cycle of a vineyard. The nurturing of the vineyards during the months-long season comes down to a key decision: when is the ideal day to harvest the grape crop. The goal is to pick the grapes at the precise moment of full ripeness. Too soon and the ultimate wine may be bitter or thin. Too late and the wine may be too high in alcohol with an off-putting fruit juice characteristic.

Such was the case at the small familyrun Firefly Hills Vineyards near the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia. Begun 12

seem particularly daunting to those intent years ago, the vineyard is owned, tended and harvested by the Dunkenberger family. Each year David Dunkenberger, his wife Allison, their daughters, his father and several friends, at the precise

> moment of grape ripeness, head to the vineyards. The harvest typically requires eight people working 12 hours over several days to pick the 2.5 tons of grapes from 2,500 grapevines.

> Last Sunday, the decision was made to begin the harvesting early Tuesday

morning. Allison checked the vineyard one more time on Monday in preparation of harvest day.

But the harvest never happened.

When David came to the vineyard on Tuesday morning, he was shocked. The grapevines were bare. During the night thieves had picked and carted off the entire crop of ripe grapes. No vines were destroyed or damaged. The bird netting covering the vines had been moved for picking the grapes and then put back in

"I can handle losing a crop to Mother Nature, but to come in and take my crop in the middle of the night and steal what we've worked for for eight months, that's disheartening," David said.

In the span of one night, Firefly Hill's entire crop disappeared. For the equivalent of 150 to 200 cases of wine lost, Allison estimated the value to be close to \$50,000. The Dunkenbergers have been forced to close the winery and are waiting anxiously for the next cycle of grape growing to begin in the spring. In the future, dealing with the vagaries of nature will be much more palatable.

The thieves had to be familiar with the winery and its operations. The local sheriff has asked that anyone with information contact him. My uninformed starting point for him: seek out former employees or someone with a known grudge. Stay tuned for updates.

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Tuesday, Sept. 18

Dads Take Your Child to School Day. White Plains Public Schools, sponsored by the White Plains Youth Bureau.

Do Gooders Meeting. Do Good in the Edge and join our community service group. Design opportunities to make a difference in your community and earn volunteer hours. This event, for teens in grades 7-12, is sponsored by the Allstate Foundation. 4 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Avenue, White Plains. No registration required.

Stories & Stuff. Preschool storytime, including a craft activity, for ages 4 and 5 without adult. Literacy connections are made at "Stories & Stuff" 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, and continue to enrich our creative thoughts and play. 4:30 p.m. White Plans Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Wednesday, Sept. 19

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

3D Printing For Adults. Come and learn about 3D printing and design using free software. Participants will have the chance to design an original object and print it out in physical form, to be collected at a later date. 11 a.m., White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

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.

Noonday Getaway Concert. Sounds of the Scottish Highlands. Celebrated piper Jonathan Henken returns to Downtown Music with a program of ancient airs and dances of Scotland. This outdoor concert will take place on the church lawn at 12:10 p.m. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in Grace Church. Free event.

Buttonmaking. Use our new button maker to design your own buttons. This event is for rising sixth graders and up on a first-come, first-served basis. 4:30 p.m. Registration is recommended. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

R&F Mixed Media Encaustic Demo. R&F mixed media demos are designed to give interested artists a brief taste of what's

possible when using R&F's two distinct paint lines: classic wax-based encaustic paint and linseed oil-based Pigment Sticks. Both traditional and alternative approaches with a focus on the variety of surface applications will be demoed and discussed. Topics will include equipment and tools, supports and grounds, layering and fusing methods, health and safety, surface effects, color line information, mono-printing, transfers, mark making and collage. Led by Kelly McGrath. For teens and adults. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 6 to 8 p.m. Suggested donation \$5. Info: 914-738-2525 or visit www.pelhamartcenter.org.

Thursday, Sept. 20

Department Of Labor Job Fair. The New York State Department of Labor Job Fair will host a job fair for adults. 11 a.m., White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

T(H)Ech Thursday. Minecraft For Teens. Enter our library server and virtually build worlds in either creative or survival mode. 3 p.m. White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

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Seasonal Flavors and Events



Bv Morris Gu

Autumn officially begins on Sept. 22nd and it turns on my palate. The air is a bit crisper. The apples falling to the ground at area orchards just waiting to be picked. The trees putting on their annual Technicolor light

show along highways and byways. Area markets selling their late season harvest of squash, apples, pumpkins and hearty root vegetables. Restaurant kitchens are geared up with the best the season has to offer. It always lifts my appetite to new heights. Walter's Hot Dogs Opens in White Plains

After months in the making, Walter's finally opened its latest hot dog emporium this past August on Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. They premiered another



Walter's Hot Dogs, White Plains.

satellite store in Stamford last summer, while the iconic original still rolls along on Palmer Ave. in Mamaroneck. When I passed by the White Plains shop on a recent afternoon, lines had already formed inside. Walter's hot dog truck has become a mainstay at many local events, including the White Plains Farmers Market.

Walter's historic Mamaroneck location, a must-stop for generations of hot dog lovers throughout the region, has been housed in a vintage Chinese pagodastyle building since 1928. Founder Walter Warrington began selling his signature split-in-half dogs grilled in a 'secret sauce', served on a toasted bun with mustard, relish and spices, in 1919. Katherine Warrington Woodward, a great granddaughter of Walter, is among the family members still operating the business.

Walter's White Plains can accommodate up to 50 guests for their popular Puffy Dogs, Bavarian Pretzel Dog, curly fries, potato puffs along with a variety of shakes and floats. There's also a New England Chowder on the menu as are Egg Creams, Malts and Floats.

Walter's Hot Dogs, White Plains, is

located at 186 Mamaroneck Ave. Phone: 914-397-9406. The original is located at 937 Palmer Ave., Mamaroneck. In Stamford: 200 Commons Park South. Hours vary. For further info: www. waltershotdogs.com.

It will be interesting to watch the dynamic between Walter's Hot Dogs, White Plains, and recently opened The Dog Den on the other side of town at the Metro-North Station.

Dunne's Pub Makes a Vintage Sale

Sean Dunne, personable operator of Dunne's Pub on Shapham Ave, White Plains, for the past 21 years, has announced the sale of his long-running restaurant and pub to Declan Farrell,

proprietor of Vintage Lounge & Restaurant on Main St., White Plains. I witnessed a

formal introduction of the new ownership a couple of weeks ago to the music of Dunne's weekly Wednesday evening Irish music session. Farrell picked up the mic as Sean Dunne looked on and told the crowd, and this reporter, he intended to keep the popular pub intact with few changes. It did have a calming effect on the regulars in the crowd who gave him a round of applause. On with the music!

Dunne's Pub, 15 Shapham Place, White

Plains. Phone: 914-421-1451; www. dunnespubandrestaurant.net.

Chef Peter X. Kelly Gets Back to Basics

If your palate has followed Chef Peter Kelly's stellar culinary career, you probably are also familiar with some of the signature specialties he advanced at his original haunts: Freelance Café and Xaviar's in Piermont (since sold). Chef Kelly has decided to serve a tempting cross-section of his old favorites at Restaurant X Bully Boy Bar in Congers, N.Y. and X20 Xaviar's on the Hudson in Yonkers. Thursday's Feast at the Dylan currently includes a 3-course Surf & Turf Dinner for \$35. Meanwhile, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Bully Boy will offer such dishes as: French Onion Soup Gratinee; Classic Caesar Salad; Coconut Shrimp with Dijon mustard sauce; Moules Mariniere with Pommes Frites; Roast Duckling for two with North African Spices; Wild Mushroom Ravioli Truffled Port Glaze; Breast of Chicken Stuffed with Brie, Baby Spinach Salad; and Jumbo Baked Stuffed Potato with Shellfish & Lobster Sauce. Cost is \$35 for 3 courses. For more info and reservations; www.xaviars.com.

Making Fresh Pasta at Pax Romana, White Plains

Partners Christian Runco, Alfredo Runco and Paul Russo have reopened Pax Romana at a new location along E. Post Road, White Plains. Talented Executive Chef Christian Petita is back, too. Caught him preparing fresh pasta recently. The heart of the menu is the section devoted to fresh pastas in the Roman style: 'Farinacei e Pasta Fresca/Grains and Fresh Pasta'. Signature specialties include: Spaghetti

a' Carbonara, with egg yolk, guanciale, black pepper, pecorino cheese; Chitarra ar Salmone Affumicato, with smoked salmon, zucchini, red onion, saffron; Pappardelle e Cacao con Sugo de Cinghiale, cocoa infused pasta with

wild boar ragu; Fettuccine ai Porcini, Spec e Panna, with porcini mushrooms, smoked prosciutto, cream (shared this one recently and it was delicious)T; and Ravioli a' Vaccinara, oxtail ravioli, celery stalk, tomato.

TVB by: Pax Romana, 171 E. Post Road, White Plains. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner. Phone: 914-831-3303; www.paxromanany.com.

Greenwich Wine and Food Festival 2018

The 8th Annual Greenwich Wine + Food Festival presented by PepsiCo will take place Sept. 21 & 22 at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park, 100 Arch St., Greenwich. This year's event will include special appearances by chef/culinarians: Daniel Boulud, Scott Conant, Mary Giuliani, Alex Guarnaschelli, and Adam Richman. Musical guest will be country music star Tim McGraw. There will be special tents devoted to food, wine, discussion and book signings and live interviews. For tickets and further info; www. greenwichwineandfood.com.

WCC Culinary Courses

Westchester Community College in Valhalla has posted its fall line-up of culinary courses and events. Host Chef Philip McGrath, Curriculum Chair of the college's Culinary Arts



Sean Dunne and Declan Farrell at Dunne's Pub, White Plains. Musician Brian Conway looks on.

and Hospitality Management Program, former chef/owner of Iron Horse Grill in Pleasantville, has assembled a tempting schedule. Courses and demonstrations will run through October and advanced reservations are required. Guest chefs and restaurants will include: Monday, Oct. 1 at 6 p.m., Scott & Heather Fratangelo of L'Inizio, Ardsley; Monday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m., Albert DeAngelis of Medieterraneo, White Plains; Monday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m., Christian Petroni of Fontina Restaurants in Yonkers, Rye Brook, Armonk, and Stamford; and Monday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m., Mike Anatastacio of Fin & Brew, Peekskill. Tickets for each event are \$150 and include food and wine. For more details: www.sunywcc.edu/greatchefs. Or contact Sue Mackey at: 914-606-6558.

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Chef Christian Petita prepares fresh pasta at Pax Romana, White Plains.

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Fitness and Fun at Armonk's Cider and Donut Festival This Sunday

Cider and Donut Festival will be held this Sunday, Sept. 23 from 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wampus Brook Park on Maple Avenue in Armonk. The festival is the chamber's biggest event of the year and is packed with fun for the whole family.

It includes the 5K Run for Love and two children's races, with t-shirts, goody bags and snacks for the runners. Registration is open at www. armonkchamberofcommerce.com.

There is also the Byram Hills Pre-School Association Carnival featuring fun rides, attractions and games. At the festival, local merchants will offer kid-friendly activities and giveaways; food trucks,



Pie-eating contests and the Run for Love, a 5K race, are two of the many attractions at the annual Armonk Chamber of Commerce Cider and Donut Festival, scheduled for this Sunday at Wampus Brook Park in Armonk.

cream; hot donuts by Beascakes and fresh apple cider; fun fall activities, including pie-eating contests and donut fishing; and live music by Vinyl Countdown.

The Donut Dash. for children two to eight years old, gets underway at 9:15 a.m. followed by the McIntosh Mile for children of all ages at 9:25 a.m. The 5K

The Byram Hills Pre-School Association Carnival and the Cider and Donut Festival is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fresh apples and cider are an Armonk tradition, dating back to 1951, when Ed and Mary Schultz opened their renowned cider mill in town. In 1965, they added hot donuts, and that recipe has endured, even after the mill closed in 2002. Locals still hunger for those memories and get to relive them at the annual fall festival.

Net proceeds from the event benefit children's programs at the North Castle Public Library, the Byram Hills Pre-School Association and the Armonk Chamber of Commerce.

Happenings

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"Love, Gilda." Gilda's Club Westchester will screen this acclaimed documentary about the award-winning comedian's life story with the help of rare home movies, newly found audiotapes and her personal journals read by the comedians she inspired. Produced and directed by firsttime feature filmmaker Lisa D'Apolito. Immediately following the film, Bedford Playhouse founder John Farr will host a Q&A with Saturday Night Live writer Alan Zweibel, one of the film's executive producers. Bedford Playhouse/Clive Davis Arts Center, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford. Cocktail reception at 6 p.m. Screening at 7 p.m. \$30. Info and tickets: Visit www. bedfordplayhouse.org.

Friday, Sept. 21

Lego Club. 1 - 3 Graders. Come build with the Library's LEGOs. 4:30 p.m., White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

"Frankenstein." The Aquila Theatre Company presents this classic, the first true science fiction novel. Years ahead of its time, the story has since become the inspiration for countless film and stage adaptations. Aquila Theatre's production will be bold and thrilling while paying homage to the original, frightening writing of Mary Shelley. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Matinee: \$14. Evening performance: \$25 to \$35. Also Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

Gayle K. Lee Health Awareness Luncheon. The Cancer Support Team

will host this 20th annual event. Keynote speaker, Dr. Wendy Chung, a clinical and molecular geneticist and the Kennedy Family professor of pediatrics and medicine at Columbia University, will discuss "What's New in Genetic Testing and Cancer." Chung directs NIH-funded research programs on human genetics of breast cancer, pulmonary hypertension, autism, neurodevelopment disorders and birth defects. Scarsdale Golf Club, Club Way, Hartsdale. 11:30 a.m. \$125. Info and reservations: 914-777-2777 or visit www. cancersupportteam.org.

Saturday, Sept. 22

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

Saxon Woods Garage Sale. Enjoy a day of roaming from seller to seller looking for some special finds and "shop 'til you drop" 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Saxon Woods Pool in White Plains. Nearly 100 individuals and families will be selling their unwanted items, such as clothing, household items, electronics, accessories, jewelry, furniture, $toys, books \, and \, sporting \, goods. \, Admission$ and parking for shoppers at the Saxon Woods Garage Sale are free. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 23. Saxon Woods Pool is located at 1800 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains.

Pond Exploration. Take a hike to South Pond to get up close and personal with aquatic critters. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard St., North White Plains. 1 to 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

Dare to Paint: A Whirlwind Workshop.

In this three-session workshop, students will work on executing a particular idea 4 p.m. \$149. Members: \$134. Sessions continue on Sept. 29 and Oct. 6. Info and registration: Visit www.pelhamartcenter.

Outdoor Movie. On Court Street, White Plains; "Big" starring Tom Hanks; 7 to 9 p.m.; Free; Bring your lawn chairs.

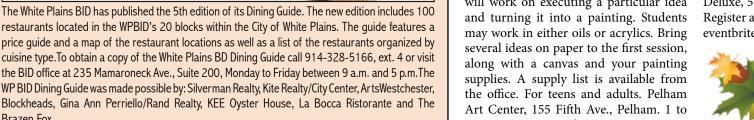
Sunday, Sept. 23

Animal Forensics. It's no secret that young children love animals. In this fun and exciting program, children will be brought closer to nature and they will have a better understanding of the way the animal kingdom lives, eats and plays. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Monday, Sept. 24

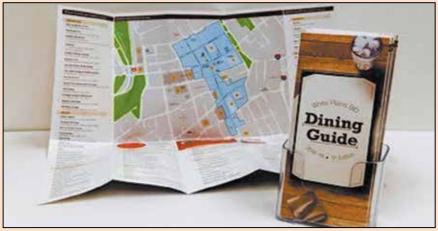
Kevin Young: A Reading and Conversation. Young serves as director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture at the New York Public Library and as poetry editor of The New Yorker. As the author of 12 poetry and non-fiction books, he has been a finalist for the National Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award. He has been named Purchase College's 2018-19 Roy and Shirley Durst Distinguished Chair in Literature and will be featured in a series of events at the college. Purchase College's Humanities Lecture Hall, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 4:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-251-6550 or visit www. purchase.edu.

Screenagers. Growing up in the digital age - a screening of the film Screenagers, preceded by a panel discussion and Q&A. Lite refreshments; \$5 for two; Cinema Deluxe, 5 City Place, White Plains; 6 p.m. Register at https://screenagerswhiteplains. eventbrite.com.





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