



Feb. 17 Marked the Final "Last Call" at Tighe's Tavern

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Just about a month out from St. Patrick's Day, one of White Plains' oldest businesses, a traditional Irish pub nestled in the city's downtown, officially closed its doors Sunday, with regulars and fellow residents celebrating until the last call for drinks at 4 a.m. Tighe's Tavern, a cornerstone in White Plains since 1935, currently owned and managed by John Tighe, has been a family business for the past 84 years. The pub's beginnings go back to an Irish immigrant named Patrick Tighe, John's father, who left the family homestead in County Galway, a milk dairy business, to start anew in America. Remembering back over the years, Robert Kennedy, Jr., Ed Brady and former Governor Pataki ate at the restaurant, which was known for its corned beef and cabbage dinner. As for the reason why the long-lasting pub closed is simply because "it's time," bartender Joseph said. Although Joseph felt sad about the closing, he added that it's also bittersweet. "This place will always be a national monument in White Plains."

White Plains Dems Endorse All-female Slate for Common Council

At a heavily attended meeting Feb. 13 at the White Plains YWCA, the White Plains Democratic City Committee endorsed what is believed to be its first all-female slate of candidates for seats on the city common council.



Nadine
Hunt-Robinson



Victoria
Presser



Jennifer
Puja

Incumbent Nadine Hunt-Robinson, an attorney who was appointed, and then elected, to the Common Council in 2014 and re-elected for a full four-year term in 2015, was endorsed for re-election by an overwhelming margin.

Also endorsed by an overwhelming margin was Victoria Presser, a career public-information officer for governmental and non-profit agencies, who is now the public-information officer for the Scarsdale Board of Education.

In a close contest for the third position on the slate, Jennifer Puja, Director of the Westchester-Putnam AFL-CIO Central Labor Body, was endorsed over Richard Payne, information-technology specialist at St Vincent's Hospital in Harrison.

The two open Council seats are currently occupied by Milagros Lecuona and Dennis Krolan. Both have said

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Latimer Proposes 1% Hike in Sales Tax to Help County Finances

By Martin Wilbur

County Executive George Latimer unveiled a proposal Feb. 14 to hike the county sales tax by 1 percent, cautioning that Westchester would face dire financial consequences unless it raises more revenue.

The pitch to increase the tax to 8-3/8 percent would stabilize Westchester's finances and help municipal and school district coffers through a share-back plan, Latimer said.

In exchange for the additional sales tax, which the administration estimated would raise about \$140 million a year, Latimer pledged to freeze county property taxes for 2020 and 2021. A higher sales tax would allow the county to remove the controversial proposal to



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

County Executive George Latimer was joined by mayors and town supervisors from around Westchester who support an increase in the county sales tax to 8-3/8 percent to raise revenue for the county and hold the line on property taxes.

lease the County Center parking lot from consideration, along with other "one-shot" deals, while largely eliminating the need to borrow to fund pension costs and tax certioraris, he said.

It has been estimated that leasing the County Center lot to an economic development corporation would raise about \$23 million this year to help balance the 2019 county budget.

A sales tax increase would require approval by the state legislature followed by implementation legislation by the Board of Legislators. An Assembly bill (A.4343) has already been filed on the county's behalf, Latimer said.

The county executive was surrounded

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by a bipartisan group of about a dozen Westchester mayors and supervisors at the county office building in White Plains who support the plan. He said the move is needed because the county's "financial picture is in a crisis situation and will only get worse if we don't take bold action."

"If we do not get additional steady forms of revenue outside of property tax revenue this county government will go under in due time and so will the municipal governments," Latimer warned.

The announcement comes several months after the county's bond rating was downgraded from AAA to AA1.

Last fall, Latimer and the Board of Legislators were forced to close a \$70 million budget gap. Westchester's depleted fund balance has sunk to about \$70 million, down from about \$170 million, which played a significant factor in the financial agencies' ratings, he said.

Under the plan, the county's municipalities would share 20 percent of the additional revenue raised by the increase while school districts would

receive 10 percent. The shares would be based on the population of each municipality. A similar formula would likely be devised for the school districts, Latimer said.

Should the county hit its estimate of raising an additional \$140 million, that would leave about \$98 million extra for the county each year. Of that, \$15 million would be placed into fund balance to start replenishing the reserve fund, Latimer said. Money would also be set aside to pay for capital projects, constantly escalating health care expenses as well as paying for pension obligations and tax certioraris rather than borrowing.

Latimer said Westchester has failed to take in enough revenue with years of flat tax rates before he came into office, putting the county into a precarious fiscal situation. Closing a \$70 million budget gap, as Westchester faced last fall, could be offset by a 0.5 percent sales tax increase alone. To raise that money would be the equivalent of a 12 percent property tax hike for the already overburdened

property owner.

"We are saying that that transaction, the sales transaction, is a more fair way to fund the programs of the government then to go back to the property taxpayers and generate more money through property taxes," Latimer said.

The county executive disputed any notion that the consumption tax would hurt poor residents. Latimer said Westchester's four largest cities, Yonkers, White Plains, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle, which have among the largest concentration of poorer residents, already have a sales tax of at least 8-3/8 percent, which would remain in place. (The sales tax for Yonkers is 8-5/8 percent.) Cities have the authority to set their own sales tax.

"When you look at the wealthier communities, they are the ones paying a less amount of sales tax as residents," Latimer said.

The local officials on hand shared the county executive's enthusiasm for the plan. Mount Kisco Mayor Gina Picinich

said it would not only help the county but municipalities and school districts would receive an infusion of fresh revenue.

"For us, to get the recurring revenue, we can work to hold the line on property taxes," Picinich said. "This is real important. We all know that. We all live here in Westchester County."

North Salem Supervisor Warren Lucas said while neither he nor any of his colleagues like to raise taxes, municipalities must provide certain services that cost money.

"We're not talking about grandiose things," Lucas said. "We're talking about very, very basic things that we need on a day-to-day basis, whether it's running a sewer system or taking out the garbage."

Latimer is hopeful that the state legislature can consider the measure in time for the Mar. 31 budget passage so the county could receive the additional revenue for the second half of the year. If it gets pushed to later in the session, the higher sales tax would likely go into effect for the year's final quarter.

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they do not intend to run again this year, partly due to the importance of giving others a chance, and also to pursue other interests.

In addition, the City Committee unanimously endorsed Ben Boykin,

Chair of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, for re-election as County Legislator for the 5th District and Alfreda Williams, Vice Chair of the County Board, for re-election as County Legislator for the 8th District.

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Amazon Reneges on NYC Deal, Westchester Groups Respond with Concern

By Pat Casey

The decision last week by Amazon to pull out of a deal to build a second headquarters in New York City, caused a ripple effect of concern across the region, with local business organizations and government officials expressing how they feel the change of plans affects their specific neighborhoods.

The debate took on political overtones as Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Bill DeBlasio worked a deal to award the business giant with \$3 billion in tax incentives and rebates to attract them to the area. According to CNN Business

the deal included the company creating 25,000 new jobs with an average salary of \$150,000.

On the one hand, the more moderate to conservative business voices praised the deal, seeing the entrance of such a large and formidable company to the region a boon for everyone and the retraction of the deal an unfavorable detraction to the overall economic attractiveness of the area for other potential business interests.

On the other hand, newly elected legislators with more socialist leanings from the district where the new facility would be built, claimed Amazon

should not be able to take public money while they "crack down on unions and workers' rights, increase deportations of our immigrant neighbors, and fuel gentrification and rising rents," according to a statement released by the New York City chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America (NYC-DSA) on Friday.

Taking a regional view, White Plains Mayor Tom Roach released the following statement on Friday: "The decision by Amazon to walk away from their proposed project in New York City represents a significant economic loss to the region. It is difficult to imagine a scenario in which

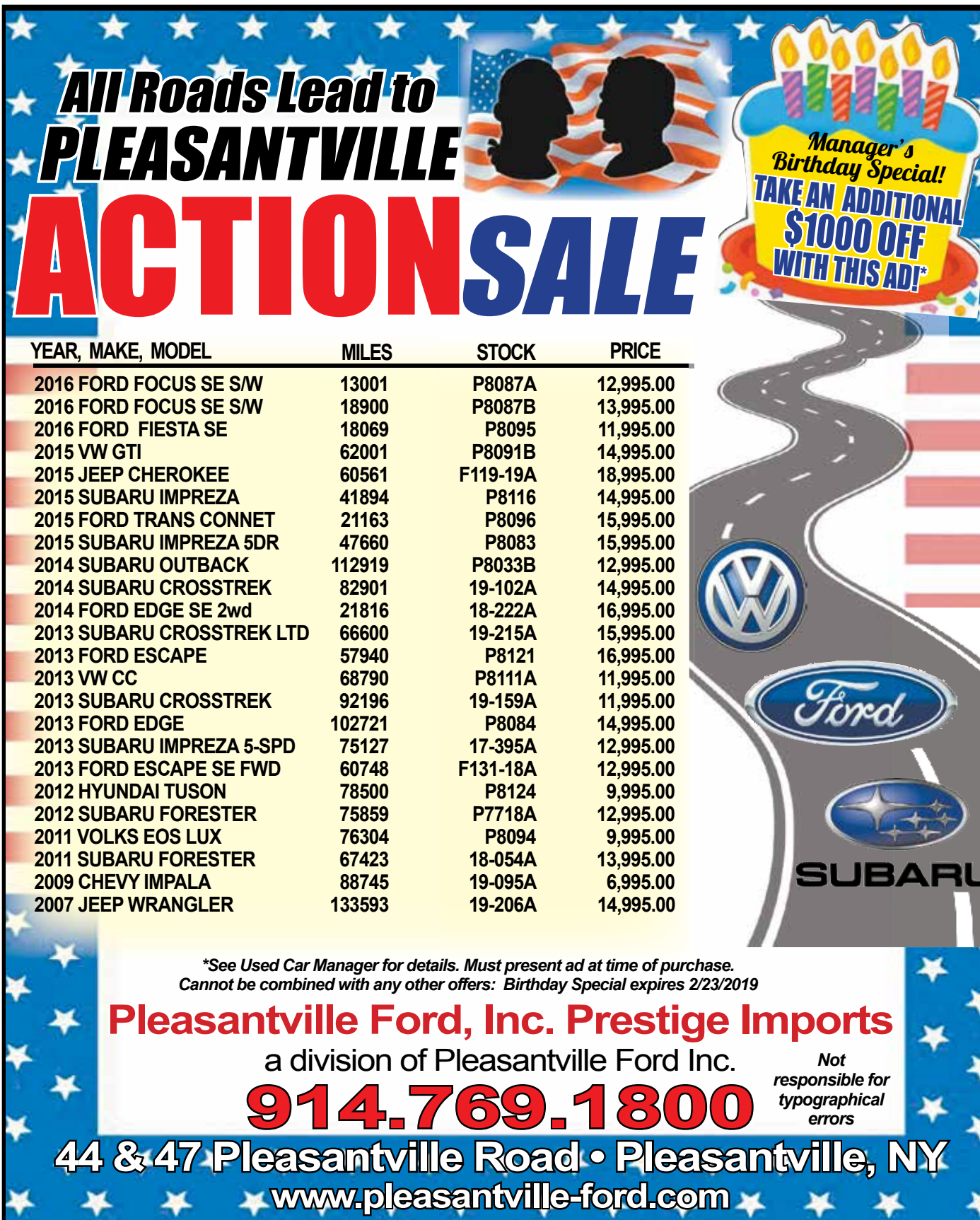
the tens of thousands of jobs created by Amazon directly and through the halo effect of their investment can be replicated in the near term. We have worked hard in White Plains to bring quality jobs to our city by creating an environment that attracts the talent pool sought by employers large and small, and we are seeing great results. We will continue to do that work despite today's setback."

In a later interview with The White Plains Examiner, Roach explained that with regard to NYC, "White Plains is like a moon of Jupiter. We have our own atmosphere, but we are impacted by what happens there; the entire region is."

Roach noted that White Plains' focus is to attract businesses of appropriate size to its community and that has been working out well for the city.

William Mooney, Jr. President and CEO, Westchester County Association, lamented the loss of the Amazon deal. "It is unfortunate that short-sighted politicians could not understand the long-term benefits and the performance-based nature of the incentives offered to Amazon. The lost opportunities for economic growth and new revenues in New York, including Westchester County and the Hudson Valley will further impact our ability to be competitive. It is incumbent upon all of us to work together and not miss out on future opportunities," Mooney said.

Mike Oates, President and CEO Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation said, "This is like fumbling the football on the one-yard line in the Super Bowl. This will have far-reaching effects in New York, including Westchester County and the Hudson Valley. New York will have to work even harder in the future to offset this negative outcome. As New Yorkers, we need to come together to embrace opportunities in the future."



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PORT CHESTER’S PROSWING UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT, BECOMES WARRIOR BASEBALL NY

By James Miranda

Port Chester’s ProSwing is under new management and is undergoing a rebranding in order to continue and tweak its programs to become a premier tristate baseball facility.

Principal Member Joe Messina and Managing Director Mike Skrapits purchased the facility on Jan. 9 and renamed it Warrior Baseball NY. A different ProSwing location in Mount Kisco will remain under the original ownership and operate separately from Warrior Baseball, according to Skrapits and Messina.

The building hits home for both. It has an “excellent footprint,” something they’d love to further.

“If you could pick a place and diagram what you would want to do with it, this is it,” said Messina, a 49-year-old Rye native who’s been bringing his children to the facility for about a decade. “We need to

be at the cutting edge of baseball. It has become a game where people measure how fast they’re running, how hard they’re throwing, how hard they hit the baseball. We need to help the kid that wants to excel in the game and help him get to his maximum level by training him in a way that baseball players need to be trained today. We need to do this without losing the fact that a lot of kids just play the game because it’s fun.”

The two want to keep the building and programs as familiar as possible, but they want to “tweak” certain things. Specifically, they want to expand youth sports offerings and partner with local communities more effectively than in the past, by offering a catered experience to all skill levels, and exploring opportunities and partnerships that will help augment training as the sport becomes more of a numbers game.

Certain things, however, are being kept under wraps until the time to announce comes and there are plans to re-work the space to make it more functional. But nothing’s set, according to Skrapits.

What was announced, however, was that the baseball and softball teams will be changing their team name and uniforms when the spring season begins and at the end of the summer season, respectively, to the Warriors.

“We think that a rebranding is an important way to establish a different product,” Messina said. “We think we can do things a little more efficiently.”

Much of the facility, a 22,000 square-foot building with two turf fields, seven pitching mounds and batting cages, and a two-floor gym on 36 Midland Ave., will remain the same. An extensive industrial cleanup including painting and repairs is underway.

Warrior Baseball will also continue some of the existing main programs like group and private lessons, hitting and pitching clinics, strength and conditioning programs, after school classes, and rentals to multiple outside competitive teams.



Batting cages at Warrior Baseball in Port Chester.

“Getting a kid to reach his potential is a different thing for different kids,” said Skrapits, who’s worked at the facility in the past in front desk, senior instructor, and general manager roles. “Some kids will get in here and their goal is to play Division-I ball. We’ll be prepared to help them do that. Another kid’s goal might be to get a little bit better in Little League and we’ll be prepared to help them do that.”

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The facility’s new owners have rebranded to the name Warrior Baseball NY and the team names will change as well.



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Why I support a Green New Deal

By Rep. Nita Lowey

It's time to move past questioning the existence of climate change and begin debating the best way to combat the drastic and well-documented change in the world's climatic patterns. That is why I am a cosponsor of the Green New Deal Resolution.

The resolution, introduced in Congress earlier this month, acknowledges two major crises related to rising greenhouse gas emissions: a climate crisis and an economic crisis of income inequality, socioeconomic immobility, and wage stagnation. At the same time, climate change threatens U.S. national security and undermines environmental, social, and economic stability around the world.

The resolution proposes bold, common-sense goals, including investing in infrastructure, upgrading power grids, expanding clean manufacturing,

overhauling transportation systems, and restoring ecosystems. Implemented in partnership with local communities, businesses, workers, and experts, the Green New Deal would transition the U.S. to a sustainable economy that expands financial security for all Americans, especially the most vulnerable among us, and promotes the health and safety of all communities.

The recent National Climate Assessment presented a grim picture of the future we will face if the United States continues on its current path. According to the report, "Without substantial and sustained global mitigation and regional adaptation efforts, climate change is expected to cause growing losses to American infrastructure and property and impede the rate of economic growth over this century." Even with the expansion of adaptation efforts in recent years, "they



Congresswoman Nita Lowey

do not yet approach the scale considered necessary to avoid substantial damages to the economy, environment, and human health over the coming decades."

Already we are seeing the consequences of inadequate action: more frequent billion-dollar disaster events, deteriorating infrastructure, increasing food and water insecurity, and displaced wildlife. According to NASA, 2018 was the fourth-warmest year ever recorded, meaning that 18 of the 19 warmest years on record have occurred since 2001.

We have not only the opportunity but also the responsibility to match the scope and scale of the climate change crisis and to avoid irreparable harm to the environment, economy, and public health. The federal government must use every available tool to combat climate change to protect the environment and public health for Americans and future generations.

Rep. Nita Lowey, a Democrat, represents New York's 17th congressional district and is the chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee.

County, Local Hospitals Launch Public Health Survey

The Westchester County Department of Health and local hospitals have teamed up to launch a survey that asks county residents 18 and older to assess their own health as well as the health of their community.

Available in English (www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019WCHHealthSurvey) and Spanish online and on paper from

now through March, the anonymous survey seeks to identify the top priority health issues for Westchester residents and their community, the most needed services and the largest obstacles that prevent access to care. The survey will be distributed to a diverse range of community groups and will be available in public locations such as local libraries,

hospitals, clinics and County offices. In late March, the County's Health Department and local hospitals will meet with health and human services providers to elicit their input.

The survey results will be used by both the County Health Department and local hospitals to help drive their community

service agenda for the next three years. Known as a Community Health Needs Assessment, the survey is required by the State Health Department and is an element in the Community Health Improvement Plan, which all local health departments must develop. The state requires that two priorities be selected, one of which must focus on health inequities.

White Plains Teachers, District Reach Contract Agreement

The White Plains School District and the White Plains Teachers' Association reached agreement on a three-year contract Feb. 8, providing a 1.5% salary increase in each of the three years, with

supplemental compensation for extra-curricular activities increasing similarly.

The new contract, which was ratified by the Board of Education at its Feb. 11 meeting, becomes effective July 1, 2019

through June 30, 2022.

Kara Lyons, President of the White Plains Teachers Association (WPTA) and David Acevedo WPTA Vice president, led the teacher's bargaining team.

Both the superintendent of schools and leadership team of the WPTA were pleased the negotiations went smoothly.

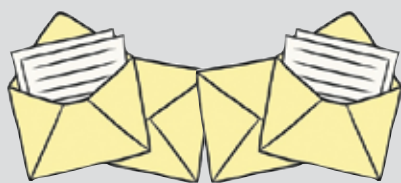
"The negotiations process was collegial and fiscally responsible due to the strong relationship between the parties and a mutual desire to provide for a sustainable future. There is a clear understanding of

the economic picture and of our mutual desire to protect and further the interests of the students and staff of our excellent school district," Superintendent Dr. Joe Ricca said.

Lyons agreed, "The Association appreciates the District's willingness to collaboratively negotiate a contract that treats all parties fairly," she said.

Board President Rosemarie Eller added, "The Board is very pleased with these results and congratulates the negotiating teams for their excellent efforts."

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White Plains Astro-photographer Presents “Treasures of the Night Skies”

By Pat Casey

Deep space and northern lights photos by White Plains resident Scott Nammacher will be on display at Larchmont Public Library, March 2 to 28. The exhibit is called Treasures of the Night Skies.

Nammacher, who works by day as a financial advisor perched in his office on the 51st floor of the Empire State Building, is an amateur astro-photographer during his free time.

His interest in astronomy, Nammacher said during a recent interview, began when he was a child, under the age of 10. He recalls going to a park where stargazers were partying, and looking up he became spellbound. From there things just accelerated.

Over the years Nammacher began going to “star parties” and he joined local astro-groups. He even took an astronomy course in college, but never wanted to be an astro-physicist or to deal with the math of studying deep space. His interest was purely in observing the sky at night. But Nammacher had an interest in photography as well, taking pictures during family vacations, even shots under water using specialized cameras.

Nammacher moved to White Plains in the 1980s to raise a family, and soon joined the Westchester Amateur Astronomers. For a while he took photos of comets



SCOTT NAMMACHER PHOTOS

A photo of star phenomenon from deep space.

and set up a telescope in his backyard in White Plains, dealing with the light from two street lamps adjacent to his property.

Nammacher remembers that while commuting to Manhattan every day he would pass a “Discovery” store in Grand Central Station that sold telescopes. In 2003, he recalls, when NASA began visiting Mars, he saw an 8-inch mirror telescope for sale that was able to track

an object’s progress. “You could program in what you wanted to see,” Nammacher explained.

Tired of dealing with the ambient light in his backyard, Nammacher started taking trips to upstate New York to get the photographs he wanted. That led to his purchase of property in Athens, NY, where he designed with the aid of architectural CAD software, and built, his



Recent shot of the Aurora Borealis in Manitoba, Canada.

own observatory called Starmere.

By this time, telescope software had become sophisticated enough to allow remote access and control. After determining the targets in the night sky he wants to photograph, Nammacher plots a trajectory and sets up a series of shots through color filters that are layered and

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Obituaries

Ralph L. Edwards

Ralph Lee Edwards, of Rye Brook, passed away Feb. 16. He was 91.

Ralph was born June 2, 1927 in Nitro, West Virginia to Herndon and Elizabeth Edwards. Ralph served in the US Army for two years, earning the rank of Sergeant. He worked for 40 years as an engineer – SVP Underground Storage for Columbia Gas.

On Jan. 27, 1951 Ralph married his wife, Victoria Edwards, in Morgantown, West Virginia.

A good man, dedicated to God, his family, who served our country proudly, and was totally devoted to his wife of 68 years, Victoria.

Besides his wife Victoria, Ralph is survived by his three children Arlene Wimperis of Sciota, PA, Kathleen Radice of Armonk, and Lee Edwards of Scottsdale, AZ; eight grandchildren Vicky, Jean, Jennifer, Jeff, Jimmy, Kim, Derek, Brooke, and Tim; and 11 great grandchildren Abbie, Emmie, Jaya, Leah, Gavin, Gabriella, Grayson, Lily, Delaila, Leo, and Jacob.

He is predeceased by his brother Herndon “Bud” Edwards, and his sisters Margie Smith, and Freda Tinsley.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Ralph’s memory to Union Mission P.O. Box 112 Charleston, W.VA 25321 or visit www.unionmission.com.

Henry Pollak

Henry Pollak II, aged 96, peacefully passed away Feb. 15 at home in White Plains.

He was born in New York City on Oct. 22, 1922.

Henry is survived by Jean deBeer Pollak, devoted wife of 70 years, four of his five sons and their wives: Tom (Meri), Bill (Georgia), John (Susan), Steve (Leslie), and June Wallace, widow of his son, Dick; 11 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren; sister Lois Broder of Tinton Falls, NJ. Son of the late Lucile and Maurice Pollak of New York City and West Long Branch, NJ.

A man of many talents, quick wit, ready humor. Graduate of the Taft School and Yale University.

During WWII, he served in the army in New Guinea and Pacific theatre in Office of Strategic Services (OSS). Third generation President and Chairman of importing firm, Henry Pollak Inc. (Pollak Import/Export).

Dedicated to his community, he served 50 years on the Board of White Plains Hospital, six years as its president, and 18 years on the Board of Jewish Home Life Care Sarah Neuman Center.

A numismatist driven by love of history, he started collecting ancient and early American coins as a young man, authoring “Coinage and Conflict” on historic significance of images stamped

on coins over the past 2,000 years.

Prolific painter, author of family history books and bridge player.

Summered over 40 years at Point Breeze in Wolfeboro, NH. Member Sunningdale Country Club.

His love and enjoyment of his close expanding family will remain his greatest legacy.

The funeral will be held Sunday, Feb. 24, at 11 a.m. at Congregation Kol Ami, 262 Soundview Ave., White Plains.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to White Plains Hospital.

Dezi Cong

Dezi Cong, of White Plains died Feb. 9. He was born Jan. 10, 1938 (Chinese calendar) in a small village in Wendeng, a town on the northeast coast of Shandong Province in China.

Born the eldest child to a family of humble farmers, he started working at a very young age in the fields to help support the family and 10 siblings. While most around him at the time were satisfied with feeding the family, he took the opportunity to pursue a college degree in electronic engineering in the nearby city of Yantai.

He stayed in Yantai after graduating and started work as a teller in a newly created local bank. He then joined the Yantai city government in 1966, and was one of

the early pioneers in establishing heavy industrial and chemical manufacturing for the city. By age 40, he had risen to the head of the Bureau of Chemical Industry. In 1978, he was tasked to build the first college focusing on transportation engineering for the entire Province. Over the next 20 years, the college supplied over 5000 students with technical and management skills to meet the explosive demand in bridge and road design and construction, constructive machinery, automobile parts, automobile repairs and many other technologies.

Over almost 40 years in Yantai, he dedicated himself to the communities he was serving, and inspired people to believe in themselves, and the kindness of people.

He was married to Xinliu Xie in 1969, and raised two daughters together in Yantai.

At age of 70, he took on a new adventure and migrated to America to live with his daughters. He loved caring for the vegetable gardens and meeting new friends in Chinese communities in Virginia and Westchester.

He’s survived by his wife of 50 years, Xinliu Xie; daughter Yuqing of Ashburn, VA; daughter Yujie of White Plains; and three granddaughters Kaitlin, Kelsey and Eva.



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Scott Nammacher at his observatory Starmere.

of light years away,” he said. “There are billions of stars in the Milky Way and neighboring Andromeda Galaxy, some with planetary bodies that might support life.” The enormity of the experience keeps pulling Nammacher “out there.” Back on Earth, Nammacher recently travelled to Manitoba, just south of the Arctic Circle, to observe and photograph the Northern Lights (aurora borealis), which he called an incredible experience.

A number of these photographs will also be on display during the March exhibit.

The artist’s reception will take place on March 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the gallery, followed by a lecture on March 3 at 2 p.m. Weather permitting, Nammacher will set up a solar telescope for attendees to get amazing views of the sun.

Larchmont Library is located at 121 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont; 914-834-2281; www.Larchmontlibrary.org.

combined in Photoshop to make a full picture. These are printed on aluminum to give them a dramatic and vibrant look.

The photographs in Nammacher’s exhibit were taken at Starmere and two other locations where he rents time – an observatory in Australia, and one in New Mexico.

What Nammacher says affects him the most in taking these photos is that he is looking into the distant past. “These stars and galaxies are tens of trillions

Crossword by Myles Mellor

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1. Right away
4. Cheat
7. Triangle part, for short
10. Lucy of “Charlie’s Angels”
11. Harsh and loud sounding
13. Emirates, for short
14. Strollers
15. Three-time Masters champ
17. Condense
18. Preoccupations

21. Starfish
24. Dismissed
27. Part of a nuclear arsenal, for short
31. Dale Earnhart Jr. e.g.
32. Kermit’s favorite deli in Somers
35. Man-mouse link
36. Transparent, modern-style
37. Reciprocal piece in a machine
38. Over, poetically
39. Internet provider, for short

Down

40. Bullfighter’s cry

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2. British princess
3. New Peekskill daycare center, Little Kings and
4. Developing little by little
5. Orange tuber
6. Suds source
7. Worked the soil
8. Cosmonaut Gagarin
9. Hey! Over here!
12. Largest OH airport
16. Youthfulness!
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22. Org. for fillers and drillers
23. Elaborate architectural style
25. Born in the wild
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28. Manitoba native
29. Dutch colonist in S. Africa
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North, South, East, West. Which Is the Best Way to Face?

The orientation of a home – which way it faces – is something to be considered when house hunting. My home buying history involves three purchases. The first was a wonderful town home in the historic district of New York City, Brooklyn Heights. The second was a large historic home in upper Westchester, and my current residence is in a high-rise building in the same town in which I have lived for more than 40 years.

In my first two purchases, I confess that I never considered the orientation of the front of the house. In my case, I just fell in love with both homes and wanted them, no matter which way they faced. As I think about it, both my home in Brooklyn Heights and my first purchase in Westchester faced south, while my current condo residence faces east. In my last purchase, I did consider its orientation, and being in a large building, I had only two choices, east or west. I chose east, preferring to have the morning sun and the afternoon shade. More importantly, I liked the views of woods offered by windows facing east.

The orientation of a home may not necessarily register with buyers as something of importance when buying or building a home, however, it is important to maximizing energy efficiency. And, as a realtor, I've learned that it can be much more than that.

My very first buyer client insisted that I show him only homes that faced east. That involved some extra consideration on my

part when researching listings. I just did as requested, but never considered the reasons why until recently. My research identified both the pros and cons of facing east. Here they are:

Pros: beautiful sunrises, lots of morning and early afternoon sunshine, rooms facing east in the winter mornings will be warmer, and windows facing west in the evening will have beautiful sunsets.

Cons: waking up early to sunlight if your bedroom faces that way, a lot of heat in summertime, rooms facing east will be darker in the late afternoon and evening so there would be a greater use of electricity.

If I were house shopping today, I would look for a home with a lot of windows in all directions, so I would be guaranteed good light and excellent cross circulation when windows are open. As I think about it now, when I was searching for a property in the country, I saw some homes that seemed dark inside, even with the lights on. Probably subconsciously I automatically rejected those homes. Now I know that orientation of the home can impact energy and how big my heating and air conditioning bills will be and how

I will enjoy comfort in my home.

As a realtor, I now know that a poorly designed and orientated house will have key living areas shrouded in darkness, increasing the cost of running the place with lights having to stay on longer during the day, and it will cost more to keep it warm in colder weather.

At the same time, a well designed home will decrease its energy costs by using as much natural light as possible, in other words using Mother Nature to her full advantages!

You can utilize the amount of natural light, which comes into your property through a number of ways including skylights as well as windows. All of which makes it a very good idea to have double glazed windows to help reduce heat loss.

Something else to consider if designing a two-story house is to have the stairs located on the northern side and large windows on the other sides of the house to capture as much of the sun's natural heat.

When buying or designing a new home, always consider orientation and you will save on energy bills, increase lifestyle

comfort and add value to your property.

Other considerations:

- Some people prefer front doors that face east or west so the north wind doesn't directly hit the front or back door.

- If you want to wake up with the sunrise, you'd want your bedroom window facing east.

- If you sleep in (because you can or because you work nights), you'll want your bedroom windows facing west, or you'll want to install blackout curtains.

- Some people prefer homes that face east so their backyard faces west and can be used later into the evening.

- Others prefer the opposite, having the house face west so the backyard is facing east and benefits from the shade on a hot summer afternoon.

- You might prefer a house that faces an ordinal direction (NE, SE, NW, or SW) to avoid direct sunshine onto the front or back of the home.

- A tree line or berm can also help relieve the effects of direct sun or wind.

In summary, there are pros and cons about any direction a house may face, and each can be either enjoyed or mitigated.

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By Bill Primavera

Comparing Best Picture Nominees to Representative Wines



By Nick Antonaccio

The 91st Academy Awards show airs this Sunday. This is my 12th year of presenting the Best Picture nominees, suggesting wine pairings with the top

contenders.

Due to space constraints, I've distilled my list to four of the eight nominees.

Roma. I appreciate artistic movies as a counterpoint to all of the titillating action movies that dominate the landscape these days. But I just don't get this movie – or the hype surrounding it. It presents a storyline that portrays the youth of its director, Alfonso Cuarón, in 1971 in the Mexican city of Roma, through the life of Cleo, a local family's maid. The film's primary focus is the end of innocence, adorned with cinematic imagery, as experienced by young and old alike.

I sometimes find myself in a similar quandary with obscure wines I encounter. Although well-made, they don't appeal to my personal sensibility of a balanced wine that lives up to the hype and accolades of the self-proclaimed cognoscenti. I've sampled orange wines, young Tannat and a number of Central European wines. But appreciate them as alternatives to other

expressive fine wines? Not for me.

Bohemian Rhapsody. Another biopic of the behind-the-scenes life of the famous, but with a vitality and insight I haven't experienced often. This Hollywood version of the band Queen's ebb and flow of family ties, sexual orientation and conflicting egos was compelling. Freddie Mercury is the natural center of attention but is loyal to his bandmates, until he succumbs to the lure of solo fame and fortune. In the end he is conflicted over his loyalties and sexuality, yet finds comfort in the broader relationship with his bandmates.

I find Zinfandel to have a similar arc over the last three decades. At its height of popularity, it was appreciated alternatively as an in-your-face fruit bomb and a sophisticated, thought-provoking star. At times misunderstood, at other times irrepressible but always enticing and never disappointing. And then it changed its role. It subsumed itself as a blending grape, bolstering the popular red blends coming out of California.

Green Book. What do a white New York racist Goomba and a classically

trained, world acclaimed black pianist have in common? Very little, at the outset of this "buddy road trip" movie.

It's 1962 and Dr. Don Shirley has decided to pursue his own brand of improving race relations in the Deep South. Ever the pragmatist, he hires Tony "Lip" Vallelonga as his driver-bodyguard on a concert tour of wealthy Southern enclaves. Based on a true story, it caroms from situations of expected racism to unexpected friendship building. Each of them is impacted by the other's morals and foibles.

Is there a wine that finds itself conflicted and the object of derision? In my opinion, Rieslings fit this profile. Although having similar DNA, each bottle is a unique expression of its environment; each is influenced by its surroundings. Rieslings can be simple or sophisticated, obliging to the palate or replete with conflicting aromas and flavors. One may be more acidic than sweet, another completely opposite – and each may change over time, revealing nuances we hadn't foreseen.

BlacKkKlansman. Only Spike Lee could create a story of overt racism in early 1970s Middle America and

present it through such a unique prism of entanglement and violence. A black police officer undertakes an undercover investigation of the local Ku Klux Klan chapter, enlisting a white Jewish detective as his "black" foil. Lee uses this movie about racism to shine bright lights on what we already know in 2019: racism continues to be a divisive social issue.

Which wine is emblematic of the twists and turns in life that result in an outcome that reconfirms the worst and best of 21st century America? California Pinot Noir. In the last quarter-century it has gone through numerous transformations, from insipid and backward to bold and fruit-forward to sophisticated and complex, and all the way back again in the hands of those seeking its true expression.

Which film will win the coveted Oscar? Tune in with a glass of your favorite wine and watch the drama unfold.

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Mardi Gras Reveling on Fat Tuesday, March 5



By Morris Gut

There are a number of eateries in Westchester catering to the Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday crowd. Here is a quick roundup and Laissez le bon temps rouler ...

Holy Crab, 32 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, serves

fresh Cajun-style seafood, as you would see in New Orleans. It is a long sprawling space with bustling bar/lounge during happy hours: 4 to 8 p.m. Check out such specialties as: Lobster Mac & Cheese, Po' Boys, Gumbo, Snow Crab Legs and Jambalaya. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Phone: 914-948-3888; www.holycrabny.com.

Freebird Kitchen & Bar, 161 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, opened at the former Elements location. They serve a Southern-themed menu that includes such specialties as: Pimiento Cheese Balls served with pecans and Ritz crackers; Fried Green Tomatoes; Shrimp & Grits; and Chicken Fried Steak. Look for

The Bayou Restaurant, 580 Gramatan Ave., Mt. Vernon. Proprietor Peter Van Cott has been serving up the spirited sounds and flavors of Cajun country since 1991, and the place is still funky and enjoyable. So, if you can't make it to New Orleans, this is the spot to revel in authentic blues and zydeco music while hunkering down to an overstuffed Po' Boy or such house specialties as: Big Muffulettas, Southern Fried Chicken, Grilled Peppered Catfish, Tender Pork Ribs Smothered in BBQ Sauce, Jazzy Jumpin' Jambalaya served with Louisiana Andouille Sausage, Alligator Sausage, and Crawfish Tails Smothered in Rich Creole Gravy. Their Annual Mardi Gras Bash will be held on Fat Tuesday, March 5, featuring live entertainment and a full-course dinner. Cost is \$55. Seating times are at 6, 8 and 10 p.m. If you just want to hang at the bar there will be a \$20 cover charge. Entertainment will be provided by Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas. Reservations are suggested. Phone: 914-668-2634; www.bayourestaurantny.com.

Rye Roadhouse, 12 High Street, Rye. On Fat Tuesday the fun starts at 4 p.m. with specialty cocktails, authentic New Orleans dishes and traditional King Cake. Beads and giveaways are also promised. Phone: 914-925-2668; www.ryeroadhouse.com.

Vibrant Brunch at Don Jito, Mamaroneck

I have been wanting to try Don Jito in Mamaroneck since they opened last year in the space that briefly housed Spice Kitchen. Don Jito is a sister restaurant to Popo Jito in Scarsdale, and serves a vibrant mix of Spanish, Mexican and South American cuisines along with a good dose of Mediterranean tapas. It turns out to be a tasty, colorful fusion.

We visited during their kick-off Sunday brunch. There was a DJ stationed in a corner of the bar area, and the crowd was a bustling mix of families and friends. We started with two items from the regular

menu: Hot Honey Spiced Brussels Sprouts (I had heard about this dish from friends), and Chorizo Flatbread with piquillo peppers, dollops of queso requeson and Oaxaca cheeses, and tomatillo. Both were very good. The portion of Brussels sprouts was large. Both were easy to share. We even took some home.

From the prix fixe, \$24.95, brunch menu we ordered the hearty Don Jito Bacon Jalapeno Chipotle Burger, which came with a side of potato chips, and a platter of Huevos Rancheros with two fried eggs,

cheese quesadilla with spicy rancheros sauce, guacamole, home fries, and a pico fruit bowl. It was a feast, for sure, and permeated with mild/spicy flavors. My compliments to the bar for one of the best Bloody Mary's I have had recently. Nicely spiced, with horseradish, bacon and jalapeno. Will definitely be back for dinner.

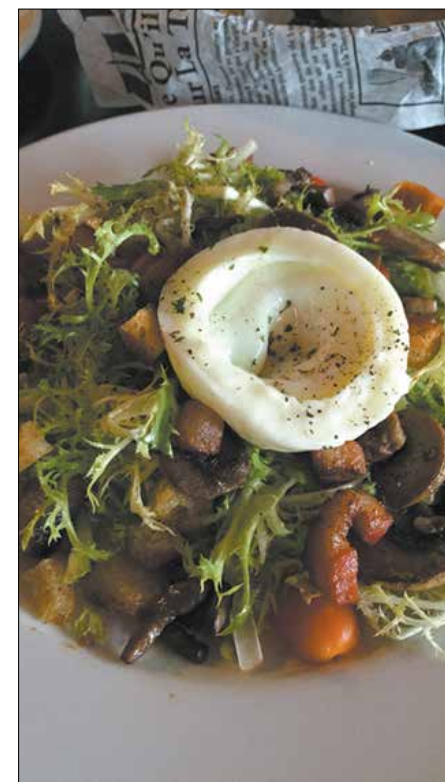
Don Jito Tacos & Tapas, 122 Mamaroneck Ave., Mamaroneck. Check winter hours. Phone: 914-902-5486; www.donjito.com.

Classic Bistro Fare at Encore, Larchmont

One of my favorite French eateries is bustling Encore Bistro in Larchmont where proprietor David Masliah and his team offer such hearty bistro favorites as: Country-style Pate Maison with cornichons, Moules Provencales, a fabulous Salade Parisienne, Truite aux Amandes, St. Jacques au beurre blanc and Steak Frites as a main course. (It's hard to stay away from their rendition of sweetbreads.) Plates du Jour, too. Great French fries, the real thing! For dessert there are classic versions of Tarte Tatin, Crème Brulee and Profiteroles.

Great deal: there is a 3-course lunch for \$17.50 served Monday through Saturday. Open 7 days for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. Cozy bar. A recent luncheon here confirmed that Encore is still in flavorful form. Compliments to Chef Erwin Perez.

Encore, 22 Chatsworth Ave., Larchmont. 914-833-1661; www.encore-bistro.com.



Salade Parisienne at Encore Bistro, Larchmont.

Winter Prix-Fixe Meals at the C.I.A., Hyde Park

Here's a good dining deal coming out of the beautiful Hudson Valley. Restaurants at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park are offering 3-course Winter Prix-Fixe Meals Monday-Friday through April. Lunch is: \$26. Dinner: \$39. Gratuity is additional. Participating restaurants include: The American Bounty, Ristorante Caterina De' Medici, and The Bocus Restaurant. Reservations are advised. For more info: www.ciarestaurantgroup.com.

Hudson Valley Restaurant Week, March 11 to 24

Time to start planning. It's being touted as 'the sequel' and it is an appropriate tag for this popular dining out promotion sponsored twice a year by The Valley Table Magazine that is also held later in the year. The early spring event will include scores of past participants and some new from all over the Hudson Valley even stretching the borders into Fairfield County, Scarsdale, White Plains, Mamaroneck and New Rochelle, with patrons anxious to cash in on the seasonal bounty at reasonable prices. Restaurants are expected to offer 3-course luncheons for \$22.95, and 3-course dinners for \$32.95. Sometimes there are caveats, so be sure to verify the hours and the menus that are being served. Reservations are advised. For additional information and an up-to-date list of participating restaurants go to: www.valleytable.com/hvrw.

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Big Muffuletta Sandwich at The Bayou, Mount Vernon.

a swarm of flying birds hanging from the ceiling. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Happy hours 4 to 7 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. Rooftop deck. Phone: 914-607-2476; www.freebirdkitchenandbar.com.

Southern Table Kitchen & Bar, 39 Marble Ave., Pleasantville, the newest of the pack, offers a big dose of Southern hospitality along with such house specialties as: Cheddar Biscuits, Grit Bowls, Cajun-style Seafood Boils, and Chicken & Waffles. Open daily. Phone: 914-618-3355; www.southern-table.com.



Chorizo Flatbread at Don Jito.

Happenings

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Wednesday, Feb. 20

Tech Wednesday for Adults. Learn about the current state of Augmented Reality and where it is headed. See it before your eyes. 12 to 1 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Lunchtime Meditation. A weekly meditation program. Brief beginning instruction will be followed by meditation. No experience or special equipment needed. A guest instructor will lead the program the first Wednesday of each month; 12:15 to 1 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains. For more information, contact Christiane Deschamps at 914-422-1496 or cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov.

Noonday Getaway Concert. Tableau Vivant - Karen Marie Marmer, violin, David Ross, flute, Arnie Tanimoto, viola da gamba & Dongsok Shin, harpsichord) perform Part Two of 'Telemann in Paris' featuring two of Telemann's masterfully beautiful 'Paris quartets'. 12:10 p.m. 30-minute concert. Free admission, donations accepted. Grace Church, 33 Church St., White Plains. This concert is made possible, in part, with a gift from the Law Office of Paul Bergins, White Plains.

Which Craft? Wednesday. Coloring book club. Come relax and explore your creativity by coloring. For grades 6 and up. 4 to 5 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Westchester Knicks. Basketball game at the County Center, 198 N. Central Ave., White Plains, 7 p.m. Westchester

Knicks vs. Maine Red Claws. Tickets: westchesterknicks.com.

"Chisholm '72: Unbought & Unbossed." Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and state Sen. Shelley Mayer will co-host a Black History Month celebration with a screening of this documentary about the late New York congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman elected to Congress and to seek a major party nomination for president. Presented in partnership with the Port Chester/Rye NAACP, White Plains/Greenburgh NAACP, New Rochelle NAACP, and the YWCA of White Plains & Central Westchester. White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains. 6 p.m. Free. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: www.eventbrite.com/e/free-screening-of-chisholm-72-unbought-unbossed-tickets-55979011731.

Oscar Talk 2019. Join Jacob Burns Film Center Board President Janet Maslin and the uncannily knowledgeable "Oscarologist" and noted film writer Mark Harris - also Burns board member - for what's always a lively and illuminating discussion. The major films a reflect a year of change and the wide range of cultural shifts they've inspired. This awards season has been divisive, full of surprises, exciting as ever and sure to make for a vibrant conversation. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$12. Non-members: \$17. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Westchester Wednesday Dance. French-American choreographer Carole Alexis and her Ballet des Amériques dance company bring a rich and sprawling repertoire to audiences in this three-performance series. These weekday evenings of dance offer audiences a break in the workday routine and a chance to witness the original work of the Tarrytown Music Hall's company-in-residence. Tarrytown Music Hall,

13 Main St., Tarrytown. 7 p.m. \$20 and \$35. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Thursday, Feb. 21

T(h)ech Thursday: LAN Gaming for teens. 4 to 5 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

STEM Buddies. Children grades 1 to 4 can sign up at the Compass desk in the Trove to work on STEM activities for 30 min. in small groups with teen volunteers or college students. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

"The Women's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote." Author Elaine Weiss will talk about her new books that tells the gripping story of the climax of the fight to ratify the 19th Amendment, replete with heroism, skullduggery and suspense. Weiss is also the author of "Fruits of Victory: The Woman's Land Army of America in the Great War." Part of the John Jay Homestead Scholars Lecture Series. John Jay Homestead Historic State Historic Site, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. Registration and light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Program at 7 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$25. Reservations recommended. Info and reservations: 914-232-8119, visit www.johnjayhomestead.org or e-mail friends@johnjayhomestead.org.

Friday, Feb. 22

Lego STEM Club. For children grades 4 to 6. Integrate science and technology related activities while utilizing Lego's to create unique and fun creations. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

"Lift the Lamp: Immigrant Stories." The Irvington Town Hall Theater Commission, which oversees the historic 117-year-old facility, will feature four immigrant speakers in a discussion moderated by Rev. Peggy Clarke, minister of the First Unitarian Society of Westchester in Hastings-on-Hudson. The second in a series of three diversity-related events. Irvington Town Hall Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.irvingtontheater.com.

Saturday, Feb. 23

Mother Goose Story Time. A half hour of rhymes, songs and stories that encourage early literacy skills for ages 0-2 with a caregiver. 11 to 11:30 a.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

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Sunday, Feb. 24

Friends of the Knicks. The Friends of White Plains Public Schools will host "Friends at the Knicks" at 3 p.m. at the Westchester Knicks - Lakeland Magic game at the Westchester County Center. The Friends raises funds to support academic and cultural enrichment programs in all White Plains Public Schools. Special ticket and food family

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CASA CORDOVA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/16/19. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **1251 Wilson Road, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER. CONQUISTADOR JY L.P., Pltf v. F & B FUEL OIL CO., INC. et al., Defts. Index No. 64165/2017. pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated November 26, 2018 and entered on January 15, 2019, I will sell at public auction at the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, White Plains, New York 10601, on February 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., prem. k/a 12 a/k/a 10 Ludlow Street, Yonkers, N.Y. 10705 (Section 1, Block 161, Lot 9) Approx. amt of judgment is \$427,401.90 plus costs, attorneys' fees and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Barbara Lerman, Esq., Referee. JACOBOWITZ NEWMAN TVERSKY, LLP, Attys. for Plaintiff, 377 Pearsall Ave., Ste

C, Cedarhurst, NY.

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FORMATION OF ETNA CAPITAL ADVISORS LLC FILED WITH THE SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 1/25/19. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to **Richard Imprescia, 1821 Casey Ct., Mohegan Lake, NY 10547. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Board of Trustees of the Village of Pleasantville will hold a Public Hearing on Monday February 25, 2019, 8:00pm, prevailing time, 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, New York to hear comments as it pertains to Local Law Introductory No. 1 of 2019 to amend Chapter 185 Article I, Section 3, Subsection B and create Chapter 185, Article IX, Section 45 of the Code of the Village of Pleasantville prohibiting the retail sale of marijuana in the Village of Pleasantville. *Eric Morrissey, Administrator/Village Clerk, Village of Pleasantville*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Board of Trustees of the Village of Pleasantville will hold a Public Hearing on Monday February 25, 2019 at 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, NY, at 8:00pm to accept comments on the Manville Road Corridor Improvement Project and Memorial Plaza Civic Space Project. Information about the projects is available on the Village's website www.pleasantville-ny.gov. *Noreen Regan, Deputy Village Clerk, Village of Pleasantville*

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Larchmont, NY 10538. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Invitation for Bids for supplying Open Top Containers for the disposal of Bulk Items, White Goods, and Metals for The Town of Putnam Valley. The Town of Putnam Valley will be accepting sealed proposals for performing the work and furnishing the equipment required for the disposal of Bulk Items, White Goods and Metals for The Town of Putnam Valley in accordance with the specifications and related documents which may be examined. Copies of the Bid Proposal can be obtained at the Office of The Town Clerk, Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York 10579. The Bids will be received by the Town Clerk, Sherry Howard until March 11, 2019 at 2 P.M., at the Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York 10579. At this time, the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M. on March 11, 2019.

NOTICE 2a/2019 Please be advised that the next meeting of the Planning Board will be held at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday **February 25, 2019** for the purpose of considering the following applications: **Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm AGENDA REVIEW1.**

Filho Residence, - 135 Bell Hollow Road(TM# 51.-1-4/File: 2019-0190)
The subject property consists of + 19.2acres of land and is located on 135 Bell Hollow Road and within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a swimming pool, terrace and outdoor kitchen. A Site Development Plan, Major Grading and Wetland Permit is required. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2.Approve Minutes of February 11, 2019**

TOWN BOARD MEETING TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY FEBRUARY 20, 2019 6 PM
1. **Pledge** of Allegiance
2. **Departmental Reports**
3. **Supervisor's Opening Comments**
4. **Three proclamations:** Zach Kuttruff, a resident, and a fire fighter.
5. **Legislators' Report**
6. **School Report**
7. **Approve minutes**
8. **Discussion** re: live streaming
9. **Discussion:** Appointment of Assessor
10. **Approve NYSEG** replacement of all Town-owned street lights with LED bulbs.
11. **Continued discussion** of de-icers.
12. **Continued discussion** of Airbnb Districts
13. **District property** grass cutting bid.
13A. Move to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Watershed and CSLAP Proposal contract for Roaring Brook Lake.
14. **Appoint** snow plow riders.
15. **Building Department**
16. **Daily fee** report for January, 2019.
17. **Parks and Recreation**
18. **Refunds**
19. **Budget Transfers**
20. **Public Comment**
21. **Audit** of Monthly Bills

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Putnam Valley Town Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm. to hear comments on a proposed local law to adopt the Natural Resources Inventory thereby enabling management and use of natural resources for present and future residents. **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING** the Putnam Valley Town Board will be conducting the regular work session Town Board Meeting. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD** Sherry Howard Town Clerk Dated: 02-14-2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to interested parties that a Public Hearing will be held by the Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday February 28, 2019 at 6:30 at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road for the purpose of considering the following petitions and requests together with all other matters that may properly come before the Board at this time. **AGENDA Held Over**
1. **Correia, Carlos, 1135 Williams Street-84.-2-48; CD** Request front yard setback variance and 280A variance for two lot subdivision.
2. **Lash, Alan, 33 Chipewa Road- 51.73-1-7; R-3** Request side yard and rear lakefront variance for steps, retaining wall and air conditioning unit.
3. **Bracken, William, 75 Floradan Road, - 84.9-1-28; R-1** Request side, rear and lot coverage variance for proposed shed.
4. **Spinola, Anthony, 16 Hanson Street,**

91.26-1-40; LP Request variance under Section 165-27 I 2 of the Zoning Code for fence.
5. **Levy, Noah, 280 West Shore Drive- 62.6-1-3; R-3** Request front yard variance for proposed generator and propane tank.
6. **Dosreis, John, 7 Geenhaven Road,-84.19-1-7; R-1** Request side yard setback variance for generator and propane tank.
7. **Homeland Towers, LLC, 265-273 Oscawana Lake Rd.-72.16-1-23; CN** Request variance under Section 165-61 I 1 setback from the property line 210 ft. Request variance under Section 165-61 I 12a2 setback 750 ft. from a dwelling and public assembly. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN**

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packages are available. More information and tickets at www.FriendsofWPPS.org, friendsofWPPS@gmail.com, or 914-860-4945.

Monday, Feb. 25

Young Onset Parkinson's Disease Support Meeting. Kathy N. Rosenthal, Esq. will talk about "Financial and Legal Planning" 7 p.m., The Rosedale Room, Billings Building, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, 785 Mamaroneck Avenue,

White Plains.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Tuesdays@Dorry's. Nada Khader has an interesting family history, with three Palestinian Christian grandparents and a Jewish grandmother. In this discussion, she will share some personal stories, talk about life for Palestinians in the occupied territories and offer suggestions for ways forward. Nada has been the director of WESPAC, a 45-year-old social justice organization, for the past 18 years. Weekly table talk, everyone is welcome. Food ordering begins at 5:15 p.m. Presentation 6 to 7 p.m. Dorry's Diner,

468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

Poetry Open Mic Night. Come with one of your own poems to read, a poem you love or just come to hear some great poetry. Poetry based on Martin Luther King, African- Americans, peace, nonviolence or related topics is preferred. Hosted by Quantah Moor, with music by DJ Gatsby. Special guest poets Lynn and Judy Beville are accompanied by Lester Harper on bass and Art Bennett on flute. Thomas H. Slater Center, 2 Fisher Court, White Plains. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info or to participate: 914-483-9496 or e-mail library@mlkwestchester.org.

Debut. 12:10 p.m. 30-minute concert. Free admission, donations accepted. Grace Church, 33 Church St., White Plains. This concert is made possible, in part, with the support of Carmen and Rafa Forte, and Linda and Robert Heath.

Brain Bee Student Competition. Ambitious high school students who aspire to careers as brain surgeons or neuroscience researchers will showcase their skills in the 8th annual Brain Bee competition, hosted by Burke Rehabilitation Hospital. The event will take place on Burke's campus (785 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains) at 4:30 p.m.



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Wednesday, Feb. 27

Noonday Getaway Concert. Scottish baritone Ivor Klayman has sung most of the major baritone roles in the 19th and 20th Century operatic repertoire, and the title roles in Nabucco, Macbeth, William Tell, The Pilgrim's Progress and Prince Igor. He has appeared as soloist in oratorio and concert works ranging from Bach to Walton and presented song recitals of Mahler, Schubert, Schumann, Vaughan Williams and Wolf. He's joined by pianist Svetlana Gorokhovich for this program featuring Ralph Vaughan Williams' Songs of Travel, and Gerald Finzi's deeply beautiful song cycle Let us Garlands Bring founded on texts of Shakespeare. A Downtown Music



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EXAMINER SPORTS

"Senior Day" A Special Occasion for High School Student-Athletes

By Albert Coqueran

"Senior Day" is a meaningful tribute to any high school student-athlete who is a member of a high school sports team. "Senior Day" celebrates the student-athletes efforts and contributions to their specific team over their years of membership in their final season as a high school athlete.

However, one student-athlete's "Senior Day" tribute stood out a little more than others this year. On Feb. 11, senior Matt Bambino, a feisty inside player for the White Plains High School Junior Varsity Basketball Team was honored during Boys Basketball "Senior Day."

Bambino has been diagnosed with cerebral palsy (low muscle tone in both legs and one arm), hearing loss at birth, auditory neuropathy (sound processing disorder), neonatal epilepsy with delayed cognitive skills and wears a cochlear implant. Therefore, for this young man to take on the challenge to compete at any level of high school basketball was quite an exploit.

Bambino was cut from the junior varsity team last year but worked out with a trainer three-times a week during the offseason to improve his skills. This year as a senior, he made the Tigers junior varsity basketball team.

WPHS Athletic Director Matt Cameron lobbied the Athletic Directors of Section 1 for Bambino to be able to participate as a member of the junior varsity team as a senior. "It was pretty easy, we just went



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

On Feb. 11, White Plains High Boys Basketball "Senior Day" was a special occasion for Matt Bambino of the Junior Varsity Tigers Team. With no seniors on the Tigers Varsity team, Bambino (center) pictured with his family and JV Head Coach Davon Wilson (right) was honored as the only senior in the WPHS Boys Basketball Program. Bambino has been diagnosed with cerebral palsy (low muscle tone both legs and one arm) but made the Junior Varsity Team this season.

to the Athletic Directors in Section 1 and based on Matt's medical history it was an

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Tigers Junior Varsity Head Coach Davon Wilson (right) reads his praises to senior player Matt Bambino (with trophy) on WPHS Boys Basketball "Senior Day." Matt Cameron, the Athletic Director at WPHS received permission from Section 1 for Bambino to play as a senior of the JV Team this season. Bambino made the junior varsity team despite being diagnosed with cerebral palsy, hearing loss at birth, auditory neuropathy and neonatal epilepsy with delayed cognitive skills.



On Feb. 13, the White Plains High School Girls Basketball Team held "Senior Day" and honored two senior players. Guards Kennedy Leak (front left) and Catherine Amodio (front right) are pictured with Head Coach Benjamin Carter (back center) and their families. The Lady Tigers finished the season 12-8 overall and 9-2 Conference 1B. They gained a ninth seed in the Section 1 Playoffs and will play at eighth seeded North Rockland in the First Round on Wednesday. Amodio has earned a full academic scholarship to College of Mount Saint Vincent and will play basketball for the Dolphins in nearby Riverdale.

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On Friday, Feb. 15, Stepinac High School Basketball Team celebrated "Senior Night" and honored four senior players, including (l-r kneeling) forward Sunil Fong and guards Eduard Minaya, Eddie Sanchez and Noah Small. The players were honored during a pregame ceremony with their families and Assistant Coach Rodney Swain (back row second left) and (right) Head Coach Pat Massaroni. The number five-seeded Crusaders went on to defeat Monsignor Scanlan, 72-60, in the Opening Round of the NYCHSAA Archdiocesan Playoffs and will meet number one-seed St. Raymond, on Tuesday evening, at Mount St. Michael Academy.

easy decision for all 20 Athletic Directors," explained Cameron.

"Matt is a senior in the program and since it is Senior Day, we felt it was the right thing to do to honor Matt Bambino and his family for his contributions to the Tigers basketball program," stated Cameron.

Tigers Junior Varsity Head Coach Davon Wilson praised Bambino for

overcoming his obstacles and meeting the challenge to be a formidable member of the Tigers junior varsity team. "Matt has been everything we needed in our basketball program. He is the epitome of toughness. He never misses practice, he never takes a play off, he does not talk back, he is always in tune and is just a great student-athlete to be around," praised Wilson, who nicknamed Bambino,



Although the White Plains High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team had no senior players this season they did win their last two games of the regular season and gained a share of the Conference 1B League Title with Fox Lane High School. Mekhi Woodbury (right) scored a team-high 19 points in the Tigers win over New Rochelle on Feb. 11. The Tigers are the number four-seed and will play the number 13-seeded Ossining High School in the First Round of the Section I AA Playoffs, at WPHS, on Wednesday, at 4:30 p.m.

"The Bam."

"Matt is a wonderful young man. Thank you for allowing us at White Plains High School to know him. Our school is an even better place because we count him among our students," wrote WPHS Principal Ellen Doherty, to Bambino's father Lawrence upon the announcement of his son's "Senior Day" Award.

"This is wonderful. I have thanked

them all for their efforts, Matt Cameron, Coach Wilson, Coach Spencer Mayfield, their assistants and Matt's teammates. It is wonderful to see them cheering for Matt. These guys have been phenomenal," acknowledged Matt's father, Lawrence Bambino. Also in attendance at the "Senior Day" celebration were Matt's mother Candace Turner and his stepmother Kim Bambino, among other family members.

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