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White Plains 12U Softball Team Battles in Tournament

The White Plains' 12-and-under softball team had an exciting stretch of games when it competed in the Little League District tournament last week. Pictured: White Plains' Kayla Wels hits against Harrison.

For more coverage of Little League Softball and Baseball see pages 18 and 19.



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTO

Greenburgh Wins Appeal on Massage Establishment Law

By Pat Casey

A NYS appellate court found that representatives of the American Massage Therapy Association "did not have standing" in their attempt to overturn legislation approved by the Greenburgh Town Board in 2015 to require massage therapists to apply for a town license on top of the state license they already have to perform massage therapy services.

The goal of the Greenburgh law was to permanently close down massage establishments being used for illegal activity including prostitution.

The licensed massage therapists filing the initial lawsuit against Greenburgh, which was dismissed in 2016, said that the pre-emptive law was unfair to professionals being singled out who were

already monitored by state licensing laws. They also did not want a law that lumped them into the same category as people using the term "massage therapy" illegally. They said they were offended by the use of the term "massage parlor" to define professional therapeutic massage.

In 2016 and 2017 several illegal massage operations were closed down and Town Supervisor Paul Feiner said in a recent email that the law has been successful and the illegal spas in Greenburgh have been permanently shut down since the legislation went into effect.

According to Feiner, "The law employs a novel three-pronged approach. First, the Town outlaws all "massage parlors," which are defined as massage businesses

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White Plains High School Student Sings National Anthem at Citi Field

By Neal Rentz

White Plains High School senior Ethan Donn has shared his singing talents at several venues.

Donn and fellow students from the high school have twice performed at Carnegie Hall. He has also sung the "Star Spangled Banner" at several occasions, including at games hosted by the St. John's, Seton Hall and Iona men's and women's basketball teams, the Westchester Knicks, the Long Island Nets, the Brooklyn Cyclones, the Staten Island Yankees and the Rockland Boulders, as well as for the City of White Plains.

On June 16 at the New York Mets game at Citi Field, Donn, who is autistic, sang "God Bless America." It was the second



White Plains High School senior Ethan Donn sang "God Bless America" on June 16 at Citi Field during the New York Mets game.

year in a row that his son sang at Citi Field, Ethan's father, Jeff noted last week. However, the June 16 performance was done in warmer weather than the 35 degree day in 2018. His son is a sports and Mets fan, Jeff Donn said.

Jeff Donn said he and other family members were proud of Ethan's recent Citi Field performance. "The reaction of the crowd to Ethan's performance was amazing," Jeff Donn said. "Ethan was very happy. I was near 'teary eyed' with the response from the crowd. My family's reaction was jubilation to the support that Ethan received."

"Ethan was asked to perform the National Anthem for the Yankees in July, but will unfortunately be away,"

Jeff Donn said.

Ethan, 18, will be performing the National Anthem for the Rockland Boulders on July 4 and performing the National Anthem and "God Bless America" for the Hudson Valley Renegades on August 19.

"Ethan almost always performs the National Anthem on his violin," Jeff Donn said. "He also plays the piano."

"Ethan loves to perform," Jeff Donn said, noting his son is in the chorus/orchestra/mariachi band at White Plains High School.

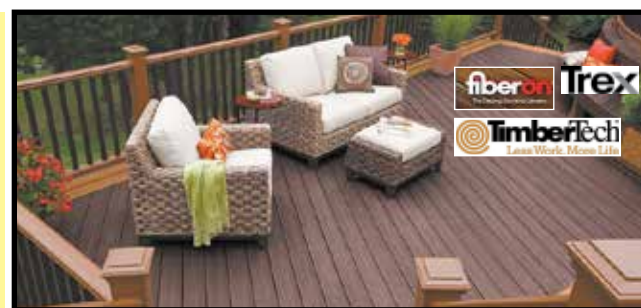
Aside from performing, Ethan recently had another achievement in the entertainment field.

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He wrote “Sad Song” for “Victims,” a film playing on Amazon Prime.

Ethan is graduating from the high school this month, but can return to the school next year as a student. Because of his autism he can stay at the school until he is 21 if his family agrees, Jeff Donn said.

Ethan will share his music skill in another way during the next school year. He will be working for an hour a day at the Mamaroneck Avenue School with the music department. The rest of the day he will be taking music and core classes at the high school, Jeff Donn noted.

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that employ unlicensed personnel. Second, the Town requires all massage establishments to apply for a license, which will give police the opportunity to conduct background checks to determine whether the applicants have a history of hiring unlicensed massage workers. Third, once licensed, all massage establishments in Town must then obtain a special permit in order to comply with the Town’s zoning code.”

The Zoning Code was rewritten to accommodate the change. If a business is found running a prostitution operation, once the massage license violation has been acted upon, the business is not able to

reopen because it has violated the Zoning Code and a court order to close operations of the entire business can be obtained.

Prior to the law, Feiner contends, some spas advertised on the Internet offering “adult entertainment.” These advertisements typically feature photographs of scantily clad young women with wording that strongly suggests sexual services could be obtained at these businesses.

In addition, according to police, patrons of these businesses would often publish online reviews, describing the various sexual services available and the prices for which they were offered, Feiner added.

Without the law police had to conduct undercover raids, but would only be able to target the people who work in these businesses, usually women, and not those who typically employed them.

“A prostitution charge is difficult and expensive to prove, but offering massage services without a license, is much easier to prove and is a Class E Felony in New York,” Feiner said.

“The town had worked with Edgemont community leaders and other civic leaders prior to enacting the legislation. I am pleased with this court ruling and feel that our law is a model for other communities,” Feiner concluded.

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Westchester Burglars Sentenced in 2018 Burglary Spree

Westchester County District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr. announced Christian Rosa (28) of Valhalla and Damien Williams (29) of White Plains were sentenced June 13 and June 14, 2019, respectively, for a series of burglaries throughout the county in early 2018.

Rosa was sentenced to 14 years in state prison on six counts of Burglary in the Second Degree, class C felonies to which he pleaded guilty. On each count the sentence will run concurrently.

Williams pleaded guilty to two counts of Attempted Burglary in the Second Degree, class D felonies, and will serve two 1-year terms in County Jail to run consecutively.

A third defendant, Vincent Cuccurullo (33) of White Plains pleaded guilty Sept. 17, 2018, in Westchester County Court to Burglary in the Second Degree for a burglary of a home in Scarsdale which he committed with Rosa. He was sentenced in October to nine years in state prison.

From Jan. 22, 2018, through Feb. 21,



Christian Rosa



Damien Williams



Vincent Cuccurullo

2018, Rosa burglarized multiple homes in Mount Pleasant, Eastchester, New Rochelle and Scarsdale. Williams was involved with Rosa in burglaries in New Rochelle and Mount Pleasant.

The indictment was the result of a joint investigation among the District Attorney's Office and police departments from Greenburgh, Mount Pleasant,

New Rochelle, Scarsdale, City of Rye, Eastchester and White Plains, which worked together to investigate and arrest these defendants. Rosa and Williams committed burglaries of homes throughout Westchester during the day while the homeowners were out of the house. They forced entry into the homes and stole numerous items including

jewelry, coins and credit cards.

They were arrested Feb. 21, 2018.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Laura Murphy, Chief of the Career Criminal Bureau, and Joseph DiBenedetto, Deputy Chief of the Patterned Crime Unit of the Investigations Division Organized Crime and Criminal Enterprise Bureau.

Local Author Jill Weisfeld Releases New Children's Book

By Natalie Chun

In a crowded nook at the back corner of a Scarsdale bookstore on June 22, Jill Mangel Weisfeld read her new book to a group of lively children.

The reading took place at Bronx River Books and attracted an audience of all ages. The book, *Riley the Retriever Wants a New Job*, is based on Weisfeld's therapy dog named Riley, who the children were able to play with as well.

Weisfeld's book teaches children about different working dog jobs through the eyes of Riley, as she searches for the perfect job for her. After trying different working dog jobs, Riley decides to become a therapy dog. The real Riley is called a reading dog, and Weisfeld takes her to different schools and libraries so children can read to her.

"Scarsdale Library, I've been to Tuckahoe Library, Briarcliff Manor Library, and kids will take turns one-on-one reading to Riley," Weisfeld said. "And she goes to Pace University and different schools, like Greenwich High School, for exam week, and she'll just ease their anxiety. They'll just come play with her."

Weisfeld decided to get Riley trained to be a therapy dog because it was something that she herself wanted to do and knew that Riley had a good disposition for. Weisfeld also saw, just during her lifetime, a greater variety of working dog jobs, and wanted to help teach that to others.

"I just wanted to really educate kids in a fun way that would be in a picture book," Weisfeld said, "so it wasn't boring like a textbook."

Weisfeld always loved children's books and the illustrations that came with them. While she has thought of different



NATALIE CHUN PHOTO

Jill Mangel Weisfeld read her new book, *Riley the Retriever Wants a New Job*, at Bronx River Books on Saturday.

storybook ideas for years, she hadn't had the chance to write her own until recently. Her first book, *Take a Peek with Peek-a-Bear*, was published in 2013, and *Riley the Retriever Wants a New Job* is her second.

Weisfeld is a graphic designer and has a very visual mind, but the writing was the part that came hardest for her.

"I'm a graphic designer by trade, but my grammar is terrible," Weisfeld said. "I had my two friends [and] I would send it to them, and they kept editing it. Even my nephew, he's 12, and he's like, 'There's a typo on the front cover.'"

In addition to receiving help from her friends and nephew, Weisfeld actually

wrote the book with her mother, Deborah Mangel, who the book is dedicated to. Mangel was a children's author herself but died before their collaboration got to print.

"It was hard," Weisfeld said. "After my mom passed away, it was really hard. I wasn't going to finish it. I just couldn't pick it up."

But after putting the project away for some time, Weisfeld decided to get it published and share what she and her mother had written with the world.

"I have three daughters [and] I wanted to show them that it's really important to finish what you start," Weisfeld said.

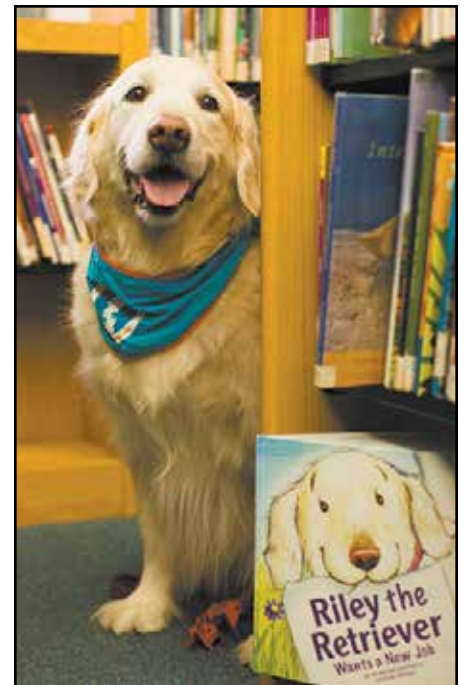


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Eleven-year-old Riley poses next to Weisfeld's book about her.

Going forward, Weisfeld would like to continue writing children's books. She founded her own publishing company, Peek-a-Bear Press, which gives her the creative freedom she wants, and the ability to pick her own illustrators and design her books.

Weisfeld's next project will be about Riley getting certified as a therapy dog. She says it is a difficult process but a rewarding one.

"I love working with people and I love children," Weisfeld said. "I knew I would enjoy taking her as a therapy dog. And I knew she would be really good."



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KOI CREATIVE SPACE AND KOI CREATIVE OFFICES, WHITE PLAINS

By Neal Rentz

The world of work is changing and KOI Creative Space is addressing the needs of the contemporary business world.

The duo of White Plains resident Ryan Doran and resident Jonathan Manierre (who lives in White Plains and Cologne, Germany) opened their first KOI location at 169 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains three years ago and recently opened their second location down the street at 31 Mamaroneck Ave. in the historical Arts Westchester building.

Doran said last week KOI Creative Space is for "open floor co-working" which includes a large open space and he and his partner's newest business is mainly "glass walled offices for teams (and) startups."

The name KOI came about because the partners also own the White Plains-based design development firm called Turkois, which they have owned for 11 years.

Doran said he and his partner work at KOI Creative Space. "We're our first members," he said.

The Mamaroneck Avenue locations of the KOI businesses are in a downtown transit orientated area, Doran said. "I couldn't imagine being more central to Westchester than in White Plains," he said, adding the city is near major highways and is an express stop for Metro-North, as well as having a large population.

Technology is a key to KOI, Doran said. "The speed of the Internet has allowed us to not have to be in these corporate centers," he said.

KOI brings a work/private life separation that workers may not have by working at home, Doran said. "It allows

Business
of the
Week



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

White Plains resident Stuart Levine is the owner of Le Vino Wine Merchants, which is located on Mamaroneck Avenue in the city.

people to get out," he said.

The persons who use the KOI services vary in how much they utilize the two locations, Doran said. Some customers may come to KOI twice a week, some use the facilities more often, while others prefer coming to the facilities to avoid a long commute, he said. Daily passes are available.

"Some of the people here are startups,

so it allows them to have a reasonably priced, flexible access to a professional space so they don't have to pay a lease somewhere for a year or two," Doran said. "Instead, they can pay month to month."

The wide range of clients who use the two KOI locations include lawyers, accountants, people who work in marketing and freelancers. "The flexibility pairs well with freelancers," Doran said.



White Plains resident Ryan Doran is co-owner of KOI Creative Space and KOI Creative Offices.

KOI also is available for event rentals after 6 p.m., Doran said.

"We're always interested in meeting the community. We're very focused on enabling smaller businesses and ideas to grow here instead of somebody having an idea growing to a degree at their home office and then driving their idea down to Manhattan to open a business," Doran said. "We want to make it clear that there's a possibility to grow businesses around here."

KOI Creative Space is located at 169 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains and KOI Creative Offices is located at 31 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains. For more information call 914-428-3195 or visit <https://www.koicreativespace.com/>.

Massachusetts Man Arraigned on Attempted Murder of Westchester Police Officer

The suspect charged in the attempted murder of a Westchester County Police Officer was remanded to the Westchester County Jail June 14 following his arraignment in New Rochelle City Court.

Kevin Santos, 22, of Springfield, Mass., was ordered held without bail at his arraignment on multiple felony charges, including: Attempted Murder of a Police Officer, Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st Degree and 3rd Degree (Intent to Sell) and Reckless Endangerment 1st Degree. He was due back in city court Monday, June 24.

Santos was arrested after he drove off at high speed as a County police officer was partially inside his car and attempting to take him into custody. The officer was able to climb inside Santos' Honda Accord to avoid being dragged and a struggle occurred as the vehicle reached speeds of up to 60 mph.

The driver's front door remained open during the harrowing incident. Santos is accused of swerving across both lanes of the highway and on to the shoulder, accelerating and then braking hard, in an apparent effort to eject the officer from the car.

The struggle continued for three-quarters of a mile, when the officer was able to bring the car to a halt. The suspect vehicle was then boxed in by a county police patrol car as the driver attempted to take off again.

Following the incident, the Honda was impounded and towed back to county police headquarters in Hawthorne, where 9,000 glassine envelopes of heroin were discovered inside the car. The narcotics were found in a bag on the floor of the front passenger side of the car.

"The actions of this driver put our officer in grave danger," Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason said. "It is fortunate

that he was not seriously injured or killed."

The incident began about 11:30 a.m. Monday when the officer pulled over the Honda for a traffic violation on the northbound Hutch at North Avenue in

New Rochelle. After determining that the driver did not have a valid license, the officer asked him to step out of the car. The driver initially complied but then jumped back into the Honda and the struggle ensued.



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Obituaries

Dean Couch

Dean Michael Couch, of White Plains, died June 17.

He was born Aug. 24, 1927 in Mt. Vernon to Elbert Dean and Annabelle (nee Scherer) Couch.

From 1950 to 1952, Dean proudly served in the United States Navy. He worked as a designer draftsman, both mechanical and architectural for Homelite (a division of Textron Corp). Dean's hobbies included model railroads, painting, and weather and sports stats.

In 1960 Dean married his wife, Antoinette, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. She predeceased him in 2010.

Dean is survived by his son James Michael Couch of White Plains, his daughter Patricia Anne D'Agostino of Chatham, MA, and four grandchildren: Michael J. Couch, Brian J. Couch, Danielle D'Agostino, and Joey D'Agostino.



Gene Ghari

Gene Ghari passed away on June 15 from a stroke. And in typical Gene fashion, he had attended parties, luncheons and played golf until the day before he died.

Gene was born May 24, 1927 in Elmhurst, NY.

He served in the Navy during WWII, and went to Hofstra University on the GI bill. He started his career in advertising at McCann Erickson when it was truly full of "Mad Men" antics. There, he met his beautiful wife, Diane. They were married in 1956, and several years later, he became the International Advertising Manager for Mobil Oil.

When he retired at age 62, he had been to every continent except Antarctica, escaped revolutions, made friends in every country he frequented, and courteously ate every local delicacy from lamb's eyeballs to dancing shrimp.

When Gene wasn't traveling the globe, he was Mr. Fix-it for friends and neighbors, who paid him in scotch and tennis balls. After retirement, he took

up golf and charged a small fee for his handyman services. He soon became popular at both the Scarsdale Golf Club and among homeowners in Westchester County who clamored for his handyman skills. He was thrilled when at 89 he shot his age at a golf tournament. He was a long-standing member of the Scarsdale Golf Club and played with the Westchester Eastern Seniors. He played 18 holes of golf whenever he could up until 2019 when he decided to scale back to 9 holes.

Gene had a zest for life and believed in always staying active. He adored Diane, his wife of 63 years, and enjoyed playing golf with his son, Chris Ghari, of Bronxville. He also loved visiting with his daughter, Jill Ghari Vellinger, of Pleasanton, CA, his son-in-law, Rob, and his two granddaughters, Kristen and Jamie Vellinger.

In all respects, his was a life well lived, and so he will be well missed.



Mercy College Seeking Qualified Veterans for Mathematics Education Program

Dr. William Farber, Director, Veterans to Math Teachers Program (MeirPro) and Associate Professor, Mathematics Education at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, has a mission. He needs to find 10 U.S. military veterans interested in teaching secondary school level mathematics for tuition free scholarships for an advanced degree at Mercy College.

Mercy College has been awarded a major grant of just over 1.16 million dollars from the National Science Foundation (NSF) Teacher Scholarship Program. The grant is for a project to advance mathematics education, with a particular emphasis on United States Military Veterans retraining for new careers as secondary mathematics teachers.

The funding from the National Science Foundation is earmarked for 10 veterans to complete a Master of Science degree in Mathematics Education.

The potential students need to be identified by May 2020.

"As a Veteran of the United States Navy who transitioned to teaching mathematics, I believe in the reciprocal strengths that Veterans bring to the profession and that teaching brings to Veterans' lives," says Farber. "I am convinced that these mature men and women will provide qualities of leadership, strength and team work to the profession, improve capacity- building in their schools, and act as professional and personal role models for secondary school students."

"If you are a Veteran who already has an earned bachelor's degree and have earned at least 21-24 credits in mathematics, a Master of Science in math education can qualify you for a career as a secondary math teacher and lead to State Certification," Farber continued. A GPA of 3.0 is also required.

The program runs from May 27, 2020 to Aug. 3, 2021.

The full scholarship is \$32,800 for 36 graduate credits and includes 140 days of clinical internship at a Yonkers secondary school.

To apply contact Professor William Farber, Program Director, Mercy College; email wfarber@mercy.edu or call 914-674-7675.

County Offers More Training in Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events

Westchester County is offering additional active shooter training for its employees and conducting updated security reviews of its buildings and facilities as ordered by County Executive George Latimer following a mass shooting at the Virginia Beach Municipal Building several weeks ago.

The County, which has previously trained hundreds of employees and members of the public in Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE), will offer another training session to employees in July. CRASE focuses on strategies and skills that people can use to survive if an active shooter event occurs in their place of work or other public venue.

Since the Virginia Beach tragedy on

May 31, Westchester County Police have reviewed all past security surveys conducted at County buildings and facilities. That review has helped the County Police to prioritize the order of the newest round of security assessments.

Latimer instructed Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason of the Department of Public Safety and Commissioner Hugh Greechan of the Department of Public Works and Transportation to work together to ensure that any needed security upgrades are implemented promptly. Security upgrades can include new safety protocols and additional cameras, doors, locks or other physical enhancements to make a building or facility more secure.

Gleason said the County Police

have reviewed the law enforcement intelligence from the Virginia Beach incident to assist it in the current security review of County facilities. "We always look for lessons learned following any real-world incidents regardless of where they occur," he explained.

The CRASE training being provided to employees is built around the principles of Avoid, Deny and Defend, Gleason said. The Westchester County Police officers who conduct the training provide practical guidance and actions that the public can take during each of these stages.

"CRASE is a proven plan to increase the odds of surviving if you are present during an active shooter incident," Gleason said.

A Mediterranean Sojourn Abroad: It's All Greek to Me!



By Brian McGowan

My wife and I just returned from a week in a country that claims justifiable bragging rights as the birthplace of Western Civilization. I am speaking, of course, of Greece.

Who doesn't know of the Parthenon, the Acropolis, ancient Athens and the Spartan's stand at Thermopylae? The ancient Greek gods are equally familiar – Zeus, Apollo, Aphrodite, to name a few.

Our guide, George, a native Greek with a degree in the ancient culture of his homeland, regaled us throughout the week with a fabulous blend of history and mythology as we roamed the Dodecanese Islands, ventured into Turkey and explored the Greek heartland.

But wait, isn't this a topic beyond the scope of a column whose focus is all things Irish? What possible connection could there be between Ireland and Greece?

Several, as a matter of fact. To begin with, there's the case of the Irish monks in the Middle Ages and the role they played in saving that very civilization that the Greeks began, the Romans enhanced and the dark times following the fall of Rome threatened to extinguish.

There's also the missionary tradition,

beginning particularly with Saint Paul, in whose footsteps our particular tour group strode. Like St. Patrick among the Irish Celts, Paul brought Christianity to this ancient region, and found ready converts wherever he trod.

There's the food, which is largely based on a diet of lamb meat, cooked to perfection in savory stews. I felt right at home. There's the music, lively, spontaneous and ideal for dancing. My feet were constantly tapping out a rhythmic beat. Street performers of bouzouki and accordion music were ever present, smiling for all, whether or not a donation filled the cap that was always ready to receive a few coins in exchange for a listen. I could have been on Grafton Street or at a seisiún in New York.

Sadly, it is a history of oppression that most broadly paints a parallel path between the two countries. George related the sad history of his land as it struggled following the fall of Constantinople and the Byzantine Empire to the Ottomans in 1453. For almost 400 years, the Greeks were, in George's words, "occupied" by the Ottoman Empire. He described the plight of the Greeks under Ottoman rule: little, if any, educational opportunities;

discrimination in employment, keeping the native Greeks at the very bottom of the economic ladder; and a systematic rooting out of Greek culture, causing many of the best and brightest to leave and the lower classes they left behind pushed further and further into the hardscrabble mountains of the interior.

Wholesale efforts abounded to convert the Greeks, largely Eastern Orthodox

Christians, to Islam that their oppressors practiced. Every injustice suffered by the Greeks was mirrored in the Irish experience, with the exception that the Irish suffered 800 years of it, while the Greeks suffered it for less

than half that time.

Resistance, as in Ireland, never ceased, and in 1821 the Greeks began a serious rebellion against the Ottomans, which would succeed in the establishment of an independent Greek state in 1829. In this effort they were roundly supported by none other than Great Britain, which lent men, material and naval might to the cause of Greek independence. Clearly, the interests of the British Empire favored a friend in the Aegean Sea, while they continued to put an imperial foot on the neck of their neighbor across the Irish Sea.

Throughout our trip I sought out any

evidence of a cultural affinity, and found it in the warm-hearted nature of our hosts, who live life to the fullest, with a boisterous voice raised at any and every occasion of note, and a rousing chorus of "Ooohah!"

Perhaps I found it also in a millennia-old stone carving in Corinth, pictured here, that to my mind's eye strongly resembles any of the animal motifs found in the texts and illustrations of the monastic Irish books of old.

So as the Greeks say, "Kali ola!" "Good every time!"

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Confessions of a Compulsive Weeder

It never fails. I'll be in a rush to meet a client, dashing to my garage across my parking area, covered with crushed bluestone, and I'll spy a tiny fleck of green peeking through the gravel. Another weed. I must stop to pull it out.

When I bend over, I drop my car keys, my glasses fall out of my shirt pocket and, if the weed is deep-rooted, like a dandelion, my hands get dirty, requiring that I return to the house to wash them after the deed is done.

Or I'm coming home late, exhausted and I notice that nasty grout weed has all but consumed a clump of perennial geraniums. It's getting dark but there I am, stooped over again, releasing those delicate flowers from the clutches of that hostile invader.

Worse yet, we might be entertaining guests on our patio and in my peripheral vision I detect another unwelcome visitor in a nearby flowerbed. Nonchalantly, I'll push myself out of my glider, perhaps in the middle of a sentence, and conduct an enemy attack without missing a beat. Annoyed, my wife later tells me that I must not have been giving full attention to our guests.

Yes, I confess. I'm a compulsive weeder.

When I first discovered the joys of gardening as a youngster, it was all about planting annuals and seeing quick results. But by the time I was in high school,

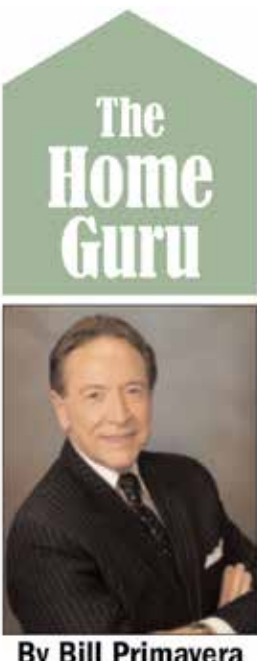
perhaps in dealing with my impetuous nature, I found that I equally enjoyed pulling weeds to help ease those first bouts of post-adolescent anxiety.

My weeding addiction became full blown as an adult when I moved to Westchester from the city and my responsibilities were upgraded from a small square patch of earth in front of my house to a verdant acre-and-a-half lawn and garden.

At the same time, I had started a new job and commuted a long distance every weekday to report to a boss who was the Mr. Hyde personality of all time. My weeding activity was especially intense during that period. Every time I yanked a weed, it was as though I was vicariously yanking his head bald, even though he was already bald.

Lest one think that I need intervention, I would say that there are good compulsive habits and this might be one of them.

Rather than considering weeding a chore or even therapy, it can be approached as an art, complete with its own techniques and disciplines, as I first learned many



decades ago when I read a joyous book called "The No-Work Garden" by Ruth Stout, sister of the detective fiction writer Rex Stout.

Recently, I was reminded of the healing art of weeding when I discovered that the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series now features an edition "For the Gardener's Soul" by Marion Owen. In her blog at www.plantea.com, Owen says that weeding can be a pleasant "Zen-like" experience, and I agree.

She also writes that regular weeding in the garden is like regular vacuuming in the home. We probably don't like either chore, but it's essential to a successful garden.

Considering that a single weed can produce as many as 250,000 seeds, and that those seeds arrive through a multilevel attack from the air, rain runoff and bird droppings, weeding would seem to be a losing battle. But there are preventative measures that can help diminish sprouting weeds.

1. Uproot the offenders and place them in the compost pile before they go to seed.
2. Mulch, mulch, mulch. A three- to four-inch layer of mulch applied between

plants or garden rows can slow down, or in many cases, prevent the regrowth of weeds.

3. In the spring, after preparing the soil for planting, let it set for seven to 10 days. Then work the surface of the soil with a hoe. This will slice off the newly emerged weed seedlings. If you have time before planting, let the soil rest another week or so and hoe again.
4. Cover the soil for a short while with black plastic, but don't leave it on for more than a couple of months because the soil needs air and water to remain healthy.
5. Use those vertical barriers, such as wood, metal or heavy plastic edging to prevent grass and weeds from encroaching from lawn to garden.

Be mindful of what William Shakespeare wrote: "Sweet flowers are slow and weeds make haste."

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1. Prep. test

7. Military rank, abbr.

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11. Experienced

12. Everlasting

14. Tint of color

15. An unkind nickname for Capitol Hill, or Yorktown nature preserve, _____ Mountain

17. Electromagnetic amplifier

21. Traversed a strait, e.g.

23. Cape Cod town

24. County in western Ireland

25. Sunset _____

26. Moray catcher

27. Blacker

29. Canadian neighbor

30. Weather

35. Automatic cash provider

36. National Security assistant to President

Down

1. Handheld

2. Avg., sizewise

3. Genesis outcast

4. Rapper prefix

5. Identical in all directions

6. Computer offering

7. Rounded

8. Swiss cheese

9. Foot extension

13. Food providers

16. Leafy green

17. High points, abbr.

18. Entertainer

19. Family tree entry

20. Estrada of "CHiPs"

22. _____ Spiegel (German magazine)

28. European river

29. Emirates, for short

31. _____ Butterworth's

32. Sensitive subject, to some

33. Decimal basis

34. Before, for Byron

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United Way to Honor LPGA Foundation Board Member

Hilary Tuohy, past president of the National Board of the Executive Women's Golf Association and a top-notch golfer, will be this year's honoree at the United Way of Westchester and Putnam's Day of Golf & Tennis. The event will be held Sept. 26 at the Mount Kisco Country Club.

Tuohy, a Harrison resident and originally from Northern Ireland, led the organization which is now LPGA Amateurs through a transition that reversed declining membership and ultimately led to a merger with the LPGA in April 2018. In her job as a financial adviser for Lumina Financial Consultants, she works to empower women through financial education.

She has an MBA in finance from Queen's University in Belfast and earned her undergraduate degree in financial services from University College Dublin.

Tuohy has dedicated much of her time to causes that promote inclusion and equality, serving on the boards of My Sister's Place as well as the LPGA Foundation.

"Hilary is an amazing person and a terrific golfer," said Alana Sweeny, president and CEO of the United Way of Westchester and Putnam. "Not only is she a competent leader dedicated to

empowering women, but she is someone who cares about the advancement of others. We are very fortunate that she has agreed to lend her time and talents to the United Way as this year's honoree for our Day of Golf & Tennis."

Raised in the small village of Moy in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, Tuohy said the political strife in her homeland during her childhood helped to shape her outlook on life. She credits her mother, who she refers to as "Mum," with her success, adding that her family mantra was always "I'll try" and never "I can't." Her mother also impressed upon her the value of education and the need to advocate for others.

For more information on the golf outing, to become a sponsor or sign up for a foursome, visit www.UWWP.org/golf, call 914-997-6700 ext. 753 or e-mail fbutcher@uwwp.org.

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A Perspective on the Evolution of the American Wine Industry



By Nick Antonaccio

The wine industry in the United States is thriving.

Consider this: The number of wine producers is growing, over 10,000 at last count; the amount of wine being produced is at a record high, and now ranks fourth in the world; the amount of wine consumed annually is at a record high, and now ranks first in per capita consumption.

The environment for this rising influence of American wine throughout the world is due in no small part to the emergence of gentleman (and lady) farmers and producers. Recent advances in technology and techniques, in the vineyards and the wineries, have culminated in new, high quality wines in every wine shop in the country.

And investors and entrepreneurs are staking claims throughout the United States, notably in California and more specifically in Napa Valley. For the last four decades, new wineries have been popping up in Napa Valley at an historic rate. And many have succeeded.

Yet the wine industry in the United States is quite young when compared to other wine regions around the world. Wine has been produced in the Middle East for 6,000 years. Its roots in Western

Europe date back to the Roman Empire, more than 2,000 years ago.

In the United States, the wine industry has peaked and ebbed several times since the first grapes were planted in Florida and California a mere 400 years ago by French Huguenots and Spanish monks, respectively.

A number of factors contributed to the fluctuations in wine's popularity. I've begun to think about the wine industry in an historical sense, rather than focusing on the boundless agricultural and economic aspects of winemaking. I decided the subject of this week's column would be a broad-brushed insight into the pioneers of Napa Valley winemaking.

Despite the legacy of early wine producers, the United States wine industry does not have the deep, sustained longevity of Western Europe. Legacy in the United States is rarely deeper than two generations. By contrast, in France, Italy and Spain, family wineries have been plying their trade for six, and sometimes more than 10 generations. The Antinori family has been continuously making fine wines for 26 generations, since 1385.

In the United States, winemaking began

in earnest in the mid to late 19th century. The wave of European immigrants to California, notably Napa Valley, in pursuit of a better life, brought with them generations of winemaking heritage. And they were modestly successful.

The next wave of winemakers, in the early 20th century, discovered the unique terroir of the Napa Valley. Pioneers like the Mondavi family, the Gallo brothers, Georges de Latour and Louis P. Martini introduced wine lovers to high quality wines and refined winemaking techniques. Americans began consuming wine as never before.

Then a tsunami hit our shores. In 1920, Prohibition shut down the wine industry for 13 years. Decimated, it would not fully recover for nearly 50 years.

The most recent wave of winemakers to Napa Valley comes from all walks of life and with a broad range of experience. This new breed includes wealthy individuals who made their fortunes in other industries and became enamored with wine. Many considered wine as a means to be one with nature, escaping the capitalist trappings of mainstream society. Others considered wine as the ultimate trophy, and a winery the pinnacle of bragging rights.

One of the prime differentiators over the years is the investment required to own and run a winery. In Napa Valley, the cost of prime wine property can be as high as \$300,000 per acre, compared to a more affordable \$100 in the late 1800s. Very few aspiring entrepreneurs, or the progenitors of pioneers, will be able to create, or sustain, a longstanding legacy.

Whether considering wine as a vocation or an avocation, today's California wine industry is a far cry from that of its early settlers.

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Register Now for Summer Basketball with White Plains Rec & Parks Education Program

The Instructional Program for children entering 2nd and 3rd grades takes place on Thursdays and begins June 27 at Kittrell Park on Fisher Avenue. The fee is \$75.

Basketball Co-Ed League Play for children entering grades 4 to 10 is scheduled by grade, with all programs at Kittrell Park, Fisher Avenue. Registration fee for the Co-Ed League is \$25.

Grades 4 and 5: Mondays, beginning July 8.

Grades 6 to 8: Tuesdays, beginning July 9.

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Popular White Plains Independence Day Event Returns July 2

By Neal Rentz

It has been a popular White Plains event for decades and it is returning on July 2.

The City of White Plains Independence Day Celebration will be held at 6 p.m. at the athletic fields at White Plains High School.

Admission and parking are free.

This year's event is being organized by Fran Croughan, deputy commissioner of the White Plains Recreation and Parks Department.

Croughan said last week the Independence Day event will feature family orientated programs and entertainment prior to the fireworks show. Live music will be performed by the Benny Havens Band, a popular music ensemble in the armed forces, primarily



serving the United States Corps of Cadets at West Point. The band represents the U.S. Army to millions in live and broadcast audiences yearly through the New York City area. The city is asking those planning to attend to bring a chair or blanket.

Croughan said Animal Embassy will be appearing. As stated on its Web site, "Animal Embassy specializes in hands-on, educational and interactive experiences" with animals.

Also appearing will be the Miz Liz variety show, Oceans Rock, DinoMan, Henry the Juggler and the Bubble Bus in the Kids' Corner.

Croughan said Inflatable Party Adventures will offer inflatable rides for \$2 per ride.

Some of the foods that will be sold are barbeque, fried dough, ice cream, burgers, Walters Hot Dogs and Kona Ice.

The fireworks show will be presented by International Fireworks. "Fireworks start at about 9:20 p.m.," Croughan noted.

In the event of inclement weather the city will make an announcement about the event by the afternoon of July 2 through its Website, www.cityofwhiteplains.com, and social media. There is no rain date for the event, Croughan said.

Parking will be available at the YWCA of White Plains and Central Westchester at 515 North St. and at business parking lots located across the street from the high school, Croughan said.

White Plains High School is located at 550 North St.

Sounds of Music to Fill the White Plains Summer Air

By Neal Rentz

The summer air will be filled with music in White Plains as a series of free concerts have been scheduled.

The annual events are being co-sponsored by the White Plains Business Improvement District. BID Assistant Project Manager Alison Malecot said

last week her group has been sponsoring the summer concerts since they began in 1998. "However, during the last three years we have significantly increased the number of summer concerts that we are involved in to over a dozen each year for the last three years," she noted. "We partner in these concerts with City Center, Ivy Realty Services Inc. and Doug Panero Presents."

"The concerts make the streets come alive and help to create a brand and image for the downtown as a lively and inviting place to live, work and shop," Malecot said. "They complement efforts to bring new residents, businesses and employees downtown."

The concerts are intended to bring people to the downtown and benefit the performers, Malecot said. "Our businesses benefit from an increase in foot traffic. Our business and property owners help sponsor many of these concerts thereby giving them a big opportunity to market themselves to a wide audience," she said. "The bands that perform at these concerts are not cover bands; they are talented musicians with their own original music and all are on

the upward arch of their careers. These bands are playing all over the country and abroad trying to establish themselves in the music industry."

The WPBID is producing 14 concerts this summer in collaboration with its fellow sponsors.

The multi-platinum band Smash Mouth will perform on July 23 during Rock White Plains.

The concert is free. "If you want to drink alcohol at Rock White Plains you will need to purchase a \$10 wristband," Malecot noted. "If you do not want alcohol and wish to attend and enjoy the music, it is free to enter."

Rock White Plains will be held from 6 to 9:30 p.m. in downtown White Plains. The entrance will be only at Mamaroneck Ave. and Martine Ave. All IDs and bags are subject to check.

"We also have three Summer Second Tuesday concerts at White Plains Plaza and a 10-program Summer Concert Series at City Center. Information on all of the bands that will be performing at these events can be found at wpbid.com," Malecot said, adding information can also be attained by calling 914-328-5166.

Downtown White Plains is filled with free music this summer!

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La Fattoria Brings Farm Plus Barn Italian Cuisine to Westchester



By Morris Gut

Veteran Restaurateurs Giancarlo Coco and Lorando Ionesco have brought Westchester a fine new eatery. La Fattoria Italian Kitchen has opened at the free-standing location that had previously housed Piatto, on Boston Post

Road on the New Rochelle/Larchmont border.

There is a big colorful rooster planted on the logo. The 75-seat restaurant and bar has been totally refurbished in a farm plus barn style with heavy wooden floors, tables, wood beam ceilings, contemporary lighting, with airy picture windows looking out onto Rt. 1. A wood burning pizza oven highlights one side of the dining room near the kitchen.

The restaurant has a great cast, too. Running the floor is veteran Lorando 'Lenny' Ionesco, who previously worked for such high-profile spots as Nello and Fresco by Scotto in Manhattan. He had owned Ferrante Restaurant in Stamford. Lenny and his staff know how to take good care of you.

The kitchen is in the talented hands of Chef Luis Caisagano, and his culinary

quinoa, almonds, parmesan, carrots, golden raisins, lemon vinaigrette.

Fresh house made pastas excel: delicious Lasagna with house made sausage, radicchio, bechamel mozzarella, parmesan; Gnocchetti di Spinachi, homemade spinach gnocchi, mozzarella, parmesan, pecorino, fontina; Paglia E Fieno, au gratin green and white pasta, prosciutto, green peas, parmesan and pecorino; and Pappardelle alla Bolognese, veal ragu, ricotta.

Beautifully-plated classic main courses include: Eggplant or Chicken Parmigiana; Veal Chop Milanese, breaded chop, arugula, tomatoes; Pork Chop Pizzaiola, double thick frenched chop, peppers, mushrooms, savory tomato sauce, over cornmeal polenta; Grilled Mediterranean Branzino; Mussels Marinara or Fra Diavolo; and Chicken Scarpariello, sausage, hot and sweet cherry peppers, pink sauce.

'Handhelds' served with shoestring fries and mesclun greens available all day include: Rapini, grilled sliced chicken, broccoli rabe, provolone, focaccia; Tuna Toscana, fresh tuna, artichoke, arugula,

La Fattoria Family Style Italian Restaurant is located at 55 E. Main Street, New Rochelle, next to the Mercedes Benz dealership. Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Main courses: \$10 to \$29. Cocktails/Bar. Outside catering. Take out. Major credit cards. Casual dress. Handicapped access. Free parking. Reservations accepted; suggested for larger groups. Phone: 914-813-8899. www.lafattoriarestaurant.com.

Special Hint: Owner Giancarlo Coco also owns Piatto in Long Island City: 1-50 50th Ave., Queens, N.Y. Phone: 1-718-361-2751. www.piattoolic.com.

Mario's, Arthur Ave. to Mark 100 Years

Just over 100 years ago, the Migliucci family began selling pizza in Harlem for 10 cents a slice. In 1919, the family moved to Arthur Ave. in the bustling 'Little Italy of the Bronx', just off Fordham Road, and grew into a full-fledged restaurant and caterer. Through the years Mario's became the centerpiece of the neighborhood and prospered, eventually receiving a James Beard Award for its historic culinary contributions.

Today, generations four and five, Joseph and Barbara Migliucci along with their daughter Regina run the business, sharing their robust stories and cuisine with generations of patrons who come from far and wide. I will report more about the celebration shortly. Congratulations to the Migliucci family and staff. Chindon, another 100 years! Phone: 718-584-1188 www.mariosrestarthurave.com.

Where to Celebrate Bastille Day, July 14th

It's good to plan ahead. If you enjoy French cuisine as I do, Bastille Day is Sunday, July 14th, and French restaurants in greater Westchester will be serving up their best Gallic specialties, fine wine and traditional festivities for days to come.

One of my favorite spots to indulge is the original Encore Bistro in Larchmont, 22 Chatsworth Ave. (914-833-1661). Proprietor David Masliah and his team offer such hearty bistro favorites as: a colorful and delicious Tartin de Tomates, Moules Provencales, my favorite Salade Parisienne, along with St. Jacques au beurre blanc and Steak Frites as a main course. (It's hard to stay away from their rendition sweetbreads, too.) Great French fries here, the real thing. For dessert, there are classic versions of Tarte Tatin and Profiteroles.

For a more formal French dining experience, you should check out Jacques



Tender sliced beef filet with Brussels sprouts at La Fattoria.

Lupiac's lovely, long running La Panetiere, 530 Milton Road, Rye (914-967-8140). Bastille Day will be marked from 6 to 9:30 p.m. with special Prix Fixe Dinners. There will be a live strolling accordionist playing traditional favorites, too.

D'Gabby, 434 White Plains Road, Eastchester (914-337-8447), offers such bistro favorites as Duck Leg Confit. Steak Frites two ways are a specialty at Saint George Bistro, 155 Southside Ave., Hastings-On-Hudson. (914-478-1671). Le Provencal Bistro, 436 Mamaroneck Ave., Mamaroneck (914-777-2324), does a wonderful Foie Gras service, Lobster Salad and tasty Moules Poulette. And, of course, there are the country French classics served by the Meyzen family at La Cremaillere, housed in a vintage 1750 house at 46 Bedford-Banksville Road, Banksville (914-234-9647). Check ahead for details. All have websites.

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Homemade Ravioli con Funghi at La Fattoria.



Delicious meatballs at La Fattoria.

palette is classic regional Italy, loaded with fresh contemporary house made flavors and presentation. Fine menu starters include: Escarole and Beans, bacon lardons, garlic, oil, grilled crostini; Roasted Clams, onions, bacon, capers, red peppers, crostini; Meatballs and Ricotta, tomato braised, ricotta, basil; and Arancini, crispy parmigiano ricotta balls, marinara sauce. A special house Antipasto Misto include: prosciutto parma, spec, bresaola, coppa sweet and spicy, finocchiona salami, feline salami, parmesan, pecorino, roasted peppers, kalamata olives, mozzarella, fried calamari.

You must try the signature Caesar Salad with hearts of romaine, Italian anchovies, shaved parmesan; Pomodoro, heirloom and Roma tomatoes, gorgonzola, capers, onions, field greens, vinaigrette; or the Kale and Quinoa, baby kale, tri-color



Unique Table setting at La Fattoria

lemon dressing, focaccia; and a juicy house Burger, short rib blend, tomato, fresh mozzarella, arugula, pesto aioli.

Tempting woodfired pizzas include: classic Margherita, with fresh mozzarella, San Marzano tomatoes, basil; Truffled Buratta, buratta, truffle oil, mushrooms; Capricciosa, baked with prosciutto and mozzarella topped with baby greens, balsamic; Solemare, shrimp, broccoli, sundried tomatoes, mozzarella, garlic; and Barbeque, grilled chicken, barbeque sauce, mozzarella and red onions. You can create your own, too. Save room for such fresh made desserts as: a stunning Crème Caramel and Tiramisu.

Special Hint: Small plates, large plates and family-style platters are available.

Happenings

The Examiner is happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event to pcasey@theexaminernews.com. For a full listing of the upcoming week's events, visit www.theexaminernews.com and click on Happenings.

Tuesday, June 25

Tuesdays@Dorries. Coach and Life Mastery Consultant Madiha Tubman was asked to act as a Mentor for YALI students and its Flagship, The Nelson Mandela Fellowship. YALI (Young African Leaders Initiative) a program of the United States Department of State, begun in 2010 by President Barack Obama. YALI is aimed at educating and networking young African leaders with activities including a fellowship to study in the United States for six weeks. Madiha, who has her own transformational story, has traveled the world, empowering mostly women and youth in their endeavors to build lives they dream of. Weekly table talk 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering begins at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome. Dorries Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

Talkie Tuesdays. Come and watch a different classic movie each week. For teens. 4 to 6 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Alphabet Books and Bingo. For families with children up to Grade 2. Listen to some unique alphabet books and play alphabet bingo. To ensure the comfort and safety of patrons, tickets are given out 30 minutes before the program starts. Program begins at 7 p.m. Arrive early. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

"Yesterday." An advance screening of this film, which closed out the Tribeca Film Festival with its world premiere on May 4, where it received a two-minute standing ovation. In this film, Jack Malik is a struggling singer-songwriter in an English seaside town whose dreams of fame are rapidly fading, despite the fierce devotion and support of his childhood best friend. After a freak bus accident during a mysterious global blackout, Jack wakes up to discover that The Beatles have never existed. Performing songs by the greatest band in history to a world that has never heard them, Jack becomes an overnight sensation with a little help from his agent. The Picture House Regional Film Center, 175 Wolfs Lane, Pelham. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Seniors, students and members: \$12. Info and tickets: Visit www.thepicturehouse.org.

Wednesday, June 26

Farmers' Market. Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains. Hours of operation each Wednesday are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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.

Which Craft Wednesdays. Mason jars. Create a colorful storage container with a Mason jar and tissue paper. For students in grades 6 and up on a first-come, first-served basis. 4 to 5 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

The Artists' Loft with Art Bennett. On the last Wednesday of each month through September, join Art Bennett and other guest teaching artists in the library's café space from 6 to 8 p.m. for evenings of fun, creativity, and community. Musicians are welcome every month, with all musical skill levels welcome. Bring your instrument and any tunes you want to work on, or just bring your ears to relax and listen. Art likes to run a workshop-style event, where you get a chance to see how musicians who have never played before work together to create! An electric piano and a PA will be available. White Plains Library.

Bumble Bee Movie. Transformer Bumblebee finds a new friend and must protect her from the dreaded Decepticons threatening Earth. Children, families, teens. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. White Plains Library.

Thursday, June 27

Noon Day Concert. Free concert at White Plains Renaissance Plaza. This week, Good Clean Fun.

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 Plains Library.

Transforming Yards and Landscapes. Learn about ways you can support wildlife and chat with other likeminded folks. The Native Plant Center will be among the organizations brought together by the Federated Conservationists of Westchester for this interesting get-together to talk about native plants, birds, pollinators and health yards. Bring you tasting glass. Captain Lawrence Brewing Co., 444 Saw Mill River Rd., Elmsford. 5 to 8 p.m. \$10. RSVP required. Info: E-mail fcwc@fcwc.org. RSVP: Visit <https://form.jotform.com/91537217330149>.

The Omer Quartet. The quartet returns for its final performance of its yearlong residency which included

classroom-based instruction and performance clinics in Caramoor's educational outreach program and concerts in Caramoor's fall and spring seasons. First Prize Winner in the 2017 Young Concert Artists International Auditions, the Omer presents the world premiere of a Caramoor-commissioned quartet by Gabriella Smith, whose work has recently been performed by the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Argentinian composer Osvaldo Golijov's "Yiddishbuk" and Brahms's lighthearted and cheerful Third String Quartet. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 7 p.m. \$26 and \$42. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

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Friday, June 28

Social Night. Join young adult friends for Select Human Services Friday Night Social. An unstructured social format, which includes pizza, dessert and DJ entertainment. In an effort to secure Direct Support Professionals, registration closes the day before each event at noon. Select Human Services, 17-19 Marble Ave., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 8 p.m. \$25. Info and registration: Contact Linda Tibaldi at 914-741-6300 ext. 118 or ltibaldi@selecthumanservices.org.

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Saturday, June 29

Farmers' Market. Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains. Saturday opening day with music and special events. Hours of operation each Saturday are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Family Concert: Decoda. A collective of dynamic young classical musicians, Decoda puts on an interactive performance based on the music from a lost ballet about the highs and lows of the circus. Explore thematic elements and listen for Prokofiev's subtle humor and insistent rhythms. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 1 p.m. \$8 and \$16. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

StoryStage: Pros(e) of Pride. Some of the region's most masterful raconteurs will share true personal tales of struggle, laughter, loss and triumph on their way to celebrating Pride. The evening, which will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and the launch of the modern LGBT+ rights movement, features an all-star lineup including Moth champions, RISK! regulars and celebrated authors. Stepping up to the mic will be Kevin Allison, host and founder of the RISK! show and podcast, Donna Minkowitz, author of "Growing Up Golem" and winner of a GLAAD Media Award, Calvin S. Cato, named one of the top Queer Comics of Color to Watch by "Time Out New York," and Colin Wilhm, Moth StorySLAM champ and producer of Catfish and the Peabody- and Emmy Award-winning documentary "The Jinx." Beer, wine and pies will be available for purchase. Philipsburg Manor, 381 N. Broadway (Route 9), Sleepy Hollow. Doors open at 7 p.m. Event at 8 p.m. \$25. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

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The WHITE PLAINS Examiner Sports

White Plains 12U Softball Team Battles in Tournament

By Rob DiAntonio

White Plains' 12-and-under softball team had an exciting stretch of games when it competed in the Little League District tournament last week.

The seventh-seeded Tigers started it off by upsetting Ardsley 11-6 on Monday, June 17, at Harrison Avenue Field.

White Plains scored just one run in the first three innings, but exploded for three runs in the fourth, three in the fifth and four in the sixth. Lily Onorato, Ava Galligani and Isabella Cummings each reached base three times and scored every time. Una O'Donnell got the win on the hill.

"We were down early in the game and they battled back," White Plains coach Stacey Cummings said. "Our pitcher held it together and we had some big hits from the middle of our lineup. But every single girl in our lineup did something to contribute to the win. We had some great catches in the outfield and some great base running. It was an all-around team effort to come back and win."

Two days later on a gloomy, rainy day, White Plains ran into a very strong Harrison team and fell 15-2 in four innings at Sherman Park's Volunteer Field (Hawthorne).

Harrison pounced for nine runs in the first inning off starter O'Donnell.

"You have to play clean ball all the time," Cummings said when asked what she wants the girls to learn from the loss. "You have to come out and do your best, every pitch and every at-bat. But I also think they need to learn that we have to shake this off and we have another chance. Go home and be ready to come back."

White Plains, which suffered its first loss in the double-elimination format, showed life in the top of the second inning. After reaching on a force out at second, Serena Gillen went to second and then third on passed balls, and scored on a wild pitch to get the Tigers on the board. Madison Delarosa walked and Adriana Cherico doubled to left field to set up second and third. Kayla Brogan walked to load the bases. Onorato singled home Delarosa but Harrison's relay throw caught Cherico at



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS

White Plains' Lily Onorato locks in at the plate last Wednesday against Harrison.



Ava Galligani hustles down the first-base line.



Una O'Donnell pitches last week at Sherman Park's Volunteer Field.



Madison Delarosa gets her lead off third base while coach Carlos Bonnet looks on.

home to end the inning.

Harrison tacked on a run in the bottom of the inning and scored five more in the third to make it 15-2.

White Plains bounced back last Friday with a 20-5 rout of Elmsford at Gedney Park (Chappaqua) to stay alive. But the Tigers fell to Eastchester the next afternoon to get eliminated from the tournament.

Rounding out the roster for White Plains is Antonella Capello, Abby Dorchak, Madison Medico, Natalie Ryan and Kayla Wels. Joining Cummings on the coaching staff are Carlos Bonnet and Lenny Medico.

"Some of the girls have been playing together since they were younger, like five and six," Cummings said. "But some of the girls are new, so they're just getting the feel for it. I think they're coming together."



Adriana Cherico heads for home.

EXAMINER SPORTS

White Plains 12U Eliminated in District 20 Tourney by Two One-Run Loses

By Albert Coqueran

The White Plains Little League 12U Baseball Team found themselves with a runner on third base with two outs in both District 20 Tournament games and could not bring a run home to tie the game.

The White Plains Little Leaguers were eliminated from the District 20 12U Baseball Tournament while going 0-2 in the local challenge. On Friday, they lost to Harrison 12U Team 2-1, at Francis X. O'Rourke Memorial Little League Field, in Eastchester.

The White Plains versus Harrison Little League game was as exciting as any high school or college baseball game with the two starting pitchers dueling on the mound. White Plains led 1-0, when a well hit ball by Mario Demaria got lost



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The White Plains Little League 12U Baseball Team stand on the third base line for the National Anthem before playing the Harrison 12U team in the District 20 Little League Baseball Tournament, at Francis X. O'Rourke Memorial Field, in Eastchester, on Friday.



First baseman/pitcher Luke Guerriere did it all for White Plains 12U in their two losses, which eliminated them from the District 20 Little League Baseball Tournament. Guerriere made a diving catch at first base and turned a double play to save two runs and pitched in relief vs. Harrison. He also pitched a complete game vs. Scarsdale with 12 strikeouts in WPLL second 2-1 loss in the



White Plains Little League 12U Head Coach Rich Kennedy (left) goes over strategy with his catcher Marc Rainone before the game against Harrison.

in the sun in leftfield which earned him a double. Then rightfielder Rocco Martinez hit an RBI single scoring Demaria.

However, the difference in the game, as Harrison's ace pitcher Dante Lanza battled pitch for pitch with White Plains starter Jayden Ritterman, was that Ritterman reached his 85-pitch count with two outs in the fifth inning and had to be relieved. Little League Baseball rules mandate that 11 or 12 year-old pitchers are only allowed to throw 85 pitches in a single game.

Eduardo Muniz entered in relief for Ritterman. The first batter Muniz faced, Harrison's catcher Sammy Rosemarin slammed a two-run double in the gap in right-centerfield. Harrison took the lead 2-1 and that was all the scoring in the game.

"For starting pitchers

you really have to tip your cap to Jayden (Ritterman). He pitched one of the best 12 year-old games I ever seen pitched," acknowledged Harrison Head Coach Anthony DiFiore. "My players battled him and worked the count. That was part our strategy to work the count and get his pitch count up and finally get him out of the game," revealed DiFiore.

"I was just pitching and trying to throw strikes to get people out. I thought that I could have been more efficient to be able to throw more innings in the game," commented Ritterman.

Nonetheless, Harrison also had a righty ace starting on the mound. Lanza, an 11 year-old, threw an array of accurate pitches, including a fast ball, curve and change-up to get the win. Even at his young age, Lanza's curve ball would freeze high school hitters. "This game was about pitching but also giving our best effort was helpful too," said Lanza.

Lanza was relieved by Mikey Petrillo with two outs in the fifth inning. Petrillo struckout two batters and stranded White Plains Luke Guerriere on third base in the last inning to save the 2-1 win for Harrison.

"Overall the game was great. Jayden pitched a phenomenal game; he kept us in the game. A couple of timely hits by Harrison and they produced two runs and we were only able to produce one run," said White Plains 12U Head Coach Rich Kennedy.

Harrison advances in the



White Plains pitcher Jayden Ritterman threw a gem of a game but had to be relieved in the fifth inning with two on base and two outs while leading 1-0, as his pitch count reached 86 pitches. Scarsdale scored two runs upon his departure and beat White Plains 2-1.

winner's bracket of the District 20 Tournament. They will play Elmsford 12U, at Grainger Field, in Rye, on Tuesday, June 25, at 6 p.m. On Sunday, White Plains played in the District 20 Tournament Loser's Bracket against Scarsdale and lost another one-run game by the same score, 2-1, at Brentwood Field, in Harrison.

White Plains loaded the bases in the bottom of the last inning while losing 2-0. Shortstop Jack Kennedy hit a sacrifice fly scoring Ritterman to make the score 2-1. But third baseman Nick Sexton grounded out to the pitcher to end the game. Luke Guerriere was the starting pitcher for White Plains. Guerriere pitched a complete game with an incredible 12 strikeouts in six innings in the 2-1 loss for White Plains.



Harrison 12U pitching ace Dante Lanza mixed up his arsenal of pitches to hold White Plains to one run in four and two-thirds innings to get the 2-1 win in the District 20 Little League Baseball Tournament.



White Plains Little League 12U first baseman Luke Guerriere hitting in bottom of sixth inning with Harrison leading 2-1, worked a walk, stole second base and reached third base on a wild pitch. However, Guerriere was stranded at third base with the tying run as the game ended.



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