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BOL Chairman Issues Mid-Year Report

By Pat Casey

On July 10, Westchester County Board of Legislators chairman Ben Boykin (D-White Plains) issued his mid-year report for 2019.

Emphasizing that the current BOL is guided by progressive values of fairness, transparency and inclusion, Boykin first noted actions taken to protect the environment. "We passed a law that will eliminate the use and sale of expanded polystyrene take-out food containers in Westchester. This material, which does not



Westchester County BOL
Chairman Ben Boykin.

biodegrade, clogs landfills, winds up in marine ecosystems, absorbs other pollutants and is difficult to

recycle economically once it has been used to hold food. We also adopted energy benchmarking policy and procedures. These will allow the county to track energy use and efficiency in county buildings and will help the county apply for state energy efficiency grants. We have joined a lawsuit against the manufacturers and users of firefighting foam once used during training exercises at

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White Plains Beats Elmsford in Weekend 10U Softball

It was a seesaw affair when White Plains and Elmsford met in District 20 summer travel 10U softball action Sunday evening. It was White Plains, however, that had the last laugh in a 15-12 victory over the hosts at Piccoli Field. The Tigers started the game off on the right note, jumping out to a 2-0 first-inning lead when MacKenna Austin scorched a double and later scored on a passed ball. Pictured: MacKenna Austin makes a catch at third base. For more on the Tigers win, see page 18.

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Lights for Liberty Vigil Protests US Detention Centers and Immigration Policy

By Natalie Chun

Armed with homemade signs and electronic candles, about 300 people gathered in Tibbets Park on Friday for White Plains' Lights for Liberty vigil to protest inhumane conditions at US detention centers and to stand in solidarity with those in fear of deportation.

The vigil was one of over 600 that took place around the world, less than two days before ICE raids were anticipated to begin. The event included live music and testimonials from members of the community, as well as statements from a number of politicians.

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison), spoke about plans to visit Homestead Detention Center in Miami, which holds around 2,500 children. She offered support for immigrants and spoke out against the "dangerous atrocities happening



NATALIE CHUN PHOTOS

Hundreds attended the Lights for Liberty vigil in White Plains on Friday.

in our backyard."

"Migrants who have crossed our border, desperate for a better, safe life for themselves and their children, face dangerous overcrowding and prolonged detention," Lowey said. "Holding facilities lack beds, showers, enough food and clean water, and diapers for babies."

Lowey shared some of what she has done and plans to do to help ensure better conditions for those held at the border. She criticized the inhumane treatment toward those at the border and to immigrants throughout the country.

"These are families, these are children," Lowey said. "We have to make sure that they have the opportunity that our forefathers and mothers had seeking a life here in the United States of America."

Tom Roach, Mayor of White Plains,

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applauded his city for coming together to support one another, calling White Plains the "First Amendment Capital of Westchester County."

After explaining the work he has to do to help protect undocumented immigrants in White Plains, he urged the hundreds in the audience to continue to support their neighbors and to never stop fighting for them.

"We need to fight to protect the rights of everyone," Roach said. "Immigrants, people who are here already, and people who seek asylum. They seek asylum, which is recognized throughout the world. They need to be treated with dignity and that is not happening at our borders and it's a shame on all of us."

New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Yonkers) also called for continued fighting and protesting.

"We who have voices will raise our voices, and we will say, 'Close the camps,'" Stewart-Cousins yelled, inspiring a "Close the camps" chant that resounded for minutes.

Stewart-Cousins criticized politicians for sacrificing living conditions for profits, saying that we should all be angry and should be a voice for the voiceless, especially now.

"On the eve of constant sort of terror, we're reminded that there is an insult to human dignity happening on the border, and everywhere they can decide money is more important than making sure human beings are treated humanely," said Stewart-Cousins.

Congressman Eliot Engel (D-Bronx, Westchester) visited one of these detention centers in Texas, and placed blame on one particular individual, Donald Trump.

"I don't want to get rid of these beautiful children, I want to get rid of Trump," Engel said. "We're here to say no to racism."

The evening closed with a prayer led by Father Gawain de Leeuw of St. Bartholomew's Church and Brother Luis Enrique Hernández Rivera, and a song led by Maria and Michael Hood of White Plains. They sang "We Shall Overcome," an anthem of the Civil Rights Movement with the last

verse sung in Spanish.

"The current situation faced by this community is horrendous," said MC and Translator Evelyn Santiago. "Though many of us are politically active, this is not a partisan issue. It is a humanitarian issue. We believe in the basic goodness of the American people, who refuse to bear witness to state-sanctioned child abuse and human rights violations that are occurring under the current administration."

As an ESL teacher in the White Plains Public Schools, Santiago is often reminded that any one of the children mistreated in these detention camps could be her own biological child or a student in her classroom.

Santiago has noticed parents afraid to come to school or work, or to their places of worship. Her students she said, are often afraid that their parents could be taken from them while they are at school.

"The Lights for Liberty vigil reminded us that the word 'immigrants' is not some impersonal political term," Santiago said. "These are people. These people are our family, friends, coworkers, neighbors. For me, these are children in my community and in my classroom."

Santiago was also one of the organizers of the event, along with Jenny Bernhard and Elizabeth Scafidi. The three wanted to do this event to bring the community together and show their support for their neighbors and to stand together and denounce the policies of the current administration, Bernhard said.

They also wanted to note that attendants came from all over Westchester County, not just from White Plains, and may have held different political views, but came to together to protest this issue of morality.

In her opening statements Santiago said to the gathered crowd: "We are here to speak up against the inhumane conditions that currently exist in detention centers. We condemn any system that allows children to sleep on cold, concrete floors, to be deprived of basic human contact, to be deprived of the care of a loving adult, to be torn from the security of their parents, to be denied access



The vigil was one of four in Westchester County and one of 43 in New York.

to basic hygiene, and to be deliberately emotionally traumatized by the current administration. And we are here to make several demands of our government right now." Santiago asked the crowd to repeat after her: "We the people of the United States stand up for the Constitutional and International Human Rights of every adult and every child detained at or within our borders. We demand (1) That every human being in detention be treated with dignity and respect. (2) That all separated children be reunited with their parents. (3) And, we want this administration to close the camps."

"We are all thrilled that this event went so well and continues to galvanize unity within our community," Bernhard said. "The power of the First Amendment was alive and well in the city of White Plains Friday night as politicians, immigrants, activists, and county residents came together to rise up and demand the same thing: close the camps."

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Signs saying "We are a proud nation of immigrants," "#EndFamilyDetention," "Close the Camps," and "Families Belong Together" were held proudly throughout the entire event.



Electronic candles and small flashlights lit up the night as protestors demanded humane conditions for migrants entering the United States and those detained in camps by the current administration.

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the County Airport. The foam has left behind pollutants, and we are seeking to recover the cost of cleanup and any other damages that the County may have incurred," Boykin said in his opening statement.

In a related vein, Boykin touched on the January announcement of a natural gas moratorium by Con Edison on new connections in most of Westchester. Since then, New York State has announced a \$250 million Clean Energy Action Plan for Westchester to provide local investment in clean energy alternatives and the development of incentives for developers, businesses, schools and homeowners to

include alternative systems like geothermal, and to enhance energy efficiency in new construction. Also, Con Ed has announced a deal with one pipeline company that should increase supply without construction of a new pipeline, but this deal is not expected to have an impact on the moratorium before 2023.

"As we increase conservation and our reliance on renewables, we need to ensure that Con Ed works to mitigate any hardship to Westchester residents, businesses and school districts," Boykin said.

In the past six months, the BOL passed legislation to protect victims of domestic

violence, which will entitle them to take up to 40 hours of paid leave to attend or testify in court proceedings related to their situations, to move from an abuser's residence, or to confer with lawyers or other advisers.

The BOL also approved a resolution supporting recently enacted laws that strengthen and extend rent stabilization protections. These measures end a practice that allowed landlords to raise rents for rent-controlled apartments by as much as 20 percent when new tenants moved in. They also do away with the practice of "vacancy decontrol" of such apartments. Additionally, they prevent landlords from using major

repairs to raise rents beyond the actual cost of the repairs, Boykin said.

In January, when New York State passed legislation to reform voting laws and the election calendar, including establishing early voting, Boykin established a Voting Reform Working Group to explore the effects of these changes on voters and candidates in Westchester, making the BOL one of the first government entities in the state to undertake such an effort.


Regarding Playland, Boykin noted the rehabilitation of historic rides at the park and County Executive George Latimer's decision in May to terminate an agreement with Standard Amusements for the management of the park, citing "material defaults under the contract." "Standard was set to assume management of Playland this November," Boykin said. "As part of the Board's oversight responsibility, I quickly convened a Committee of the Whole meeting to hear from the County Executive and members of his senior team to examine the administration's decision and explore future plans for Playland. Since then, Standard Amusements has filed for federal bankruptcy protection and the status of the Playland contract will be decided in court. Regardless of the outcome, it is important that we secure Playland's future as a jewel of Westchester's park system by making sure that the park continues to run properly and by making sure that the necessary investments are made."

Boykin capped off his statements by mentioning the recent one-percent increase in the county's sales tax rate that was legislated by a unanimous, bipartisan vote of 12-0.

Boykin explained that in 2019, the change is expected to generate about \$68 million, \$20 million of which will go to municipalities and school districts. In 2020, the change should bring in approximately \$148 million, with around \$45 million going to the local municipalities and school districts. "The change will not impact the four large cities – Yonkers, White Plains, New Rochelle and Mount Vernon, which are currently at the new county sales tax rate of 8 3/8 or higher," Boykin said.

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Burke Neurological Institute Receives Over \$2.3 Million in NIH Funding

By Natalie Chun

On June 27, Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) announced that more than \$2.3 million in federal funding would be awarded to Burke Neurological Institute (BNI) in White Plains.

The Institute was awarded a \$466,241 annual federal grant for five years from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to study rehabilitation after spinal cord injury.

Dr. Edmund R. Hollis II, Director of the Circuit Repair Laboratory, said that the money would go to the operation of the lab and their experiments, which rely almost entirely on grants.

"The way the academic lab, such as ours, works is that it relies on grant money for funding of everything in the lab and the costs associated with [our research]."

By studying motor learning of animals, Dr. Hollis and his lab are using a molecular approach to understand the plasticity of the brain and its ability to change and learn.

"We've designed new behavioral tasks testing of animals that will allow us to understand the specific effects of injury and rehabilitation on the way they use their forelimbs, so the equivalent of our arms and our hands, which is really a critical area of concern for people with cerebral spinal cord injuries," Hollis said.

"Current day rehabilitation tries to lessen the impairment as best they can," said Vice President of Institutional Advancement Christine Hughes. "Dr. Hollis and his lab, and the Institute as a whole, is not just trying to regain some function, we're actually trying



NATALIE CHUN PHOTO

Patient Rahil Arora works on one of Burke Neurological Institute's robots with Lower Extremity Robotics Programs Supervisor Amy Bialek.

to repair and restore. So we're not teaching them how to use a wheelchair, we're not teaching them how to use a walker, we're saying, 'Let's repair it so you have full function.'"

Heather Pepper Lane, who works with Upper Limb Motor Recovery Programs, said that many patients she works with come without any function in their arm or wrist, but through BNI's restorative strategies and tools, they can find success in everyday tasks.

"You think about all the things that you

use your arms and your wrists for and, you know, from getting dressed to eating, you know, to writing," Lane said. "These are all things that we all take for granted, that people are able to assume that part of their normal life."

Lane talked about several patients who started off in braces without any movement, and eventually are able to do things like brush their teeth or go to work.

"We kind of operate in a very unique space as I think you can tell by all of the NIH funding that we get," Hughes said, "just a lot

of confidence in the work that we do here."

Congresswoman Lowey has expressed personal investment in biomedical research, particularly in supporting the development of new treatments and cures for debilitating diseases and conditions.

According to a press release, "As Chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee, she has successfully negotiated an increase of \$9 billion for the NIH in the past four fiscal years alone."

While Burke Neurological Institute did receive a portion of that in grants, a representative for Congresswoman Lowey said that she plays no part in that process.

"NIH research grant applications are awarded through a thorough and competitive process and decisions are made by NIH alone," Lowey's Press Secretary Katelynn Thorpe said in an email.

The new grant is also not the only NIH grant that BNI is functioning under. Dr. Hollis alone has been awarded multiple grants including the NIH's New Innovator Award in 2017, which gave his lab over \$2.7 million in funding.

"The grants allow us to do our work and so we're very fortunate to receive funding from both the starting with the Burke Foundation, but then from the NIH, the grants from the NIH and the grants from New York State," Hollis said. "These allow us to do the science that we think is really critical for advancing our understanding of spinal cord injury and rehabilitation. But also, we hope the tools we develop and the science that we're doing is going to be applicable across disorders."



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Greenburgh Town Board Votes to Take Ownership of Odell House

By Natalie Chun

Over 50 people gathered at Odell House to watch as the Greenburgh Town Board voted to take ownership of the historic house on July 10. The town also plans to apply for a consolidated funding application grant for \$600,000 from the state for a \$1,200,000 rehabilitation project.

The Odell House Rochambeau Headquarters was constructed in 1732 and was a critical location for the Revolutionary War. It served as the headquarters for Count de Rochambeau and his French expeditionary forces from July 6 to August 18 in 1781. During that time, George Washington and General Rochambeau met for six weeks to plot the winning strategy of the American Revolution.

In 1965, the last Odell gave the house to the Sons of the American Revolution. The Odell family also has a rich history that the town is eager to share by restoring the house.

"Their stories and the stories of all who lived here needs to be heard," said Susan Seal, the chair of the Friends of Odell House Rochambeau Headquarters. "We will treasure their furniture, their pots and their China, their clothes and their diaries. Through our work with the Sons, the public will learn the lives they lead and share deep pride in our history."

The agreement between the Sons of the American Revolution and the Greenburgh Town Board to turn over the historic Odell House to the town also included plans to



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The Greenburgh Town Board plans to renovate the Odell House and open it to students and scholars.

make the house into a space that would be open for students and scholars.

"We're going to educate our youth so they understand the positive contributions people in power still make to American history and democracy," said Town Supervisor Paul Feiner. "And I think this is going to be a destination for many people who love American history."

In addition, the Friends of Odell House Rochambeau Headquarters have plans for the 250th anniversary of the revolution in 2026 to make the Odell House one of the

prime stops.

"A new and excellent future awaits the house with everyone's health," Seal said. "We will see it restored and filling its role

national treasure."

Robert Stackpole, President of the New York Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, signed the agreement with Feiner, and said the event was the culmination of 60 years of work that he has put in to save the house.

"The contribution that the town of Greenburgh has made to this house into this long term plan is just amazing," Stackpole said. "You should be very proud of the people behind you."

Councilman Francis Sheehan spoke to the importance in remembering Greenburgh's history. He talked about Carvel's first store that the town failed to preserve, and expressed desire to focus more on their history, as they are now doing with the Odell House.

"We have to remember our history," Sheehan said. "We're showing our children by doing what we're doing here today, and will continue with the restoration of this is that our history matters, it matters a tremendous amount... every one of you just by being here, showing your support, tells us that this is the type of thing that we need to do and need to continue to do."



Robert Stackpole signs the agreement on an antique desk that used to belong to the Odell family.

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Greenburgh Nature Center Opens Live Butterfly Exhibit

By Natalie Chun

Greenburgh Nature Center opened a special butterfly exhibit on July 6 that features monarchs from Folk's Butterfly Farm in Pennsylvania.

The butterfly exhibit is an annual event and is one of the most popular events at Greenburgh Nature Center. Director of Marketing and Communications Rebecca Snyder estimates that around 2,000 people will attend the exhibit this season.

"We want to get as many people to become more aware and educated about the magic of butterflies, and why they're important in nature," Snyder said.

The butterflies are kept in Greenburgh Nature Center's arbor which is screened off for the exhibit. Native plants are kept in the arbor so attendees can see the different stages of butterflies. The arbor also allows

for "a really intimate experience with these magical creatures," Snyder said.

In addition to the butterfly exhibit, Greenburgh Nature Center has a live indoor and outdoor animal museum which features around 100 animals and is open all year. There is also a Story Walk exhibit that is free and open to the public and features a nature-themed story told along one of the short hiking trails through the Native Plant Meadow.

Greenburgh Nature Center is also currently running summer camps for ages K-3 that gives campers the opportunity to learn from nature and take advantage of the center's resources.

"We impact close to 90,000 people each year through our community outreach, school programming, events, communications and press," Snyder said. "Our mission is to ignite passion, curiosity and respect for our natural world."

Greenburgh Nature Center's 100-year-old manor house also recently underwent major renovations from new shingles, windows and doors outside to new flooring and paint jobs inside.

"You can definitely see the change when you walk in," Snyder said, inviting those in the community to come and visit.

Coming up, Greenburgh Nature Center is hosting a Family Overnight Campout for members on August 3-4. At the end of the campout, the Bye-Bye Butterflies program will take place in which the butterflies from the live exhibit will be released.

"It's to kind of honor how much they taught us through the summer," Snyder said. "We will talk about their journey and identify stopping points around the US that are critical to their success."



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Greenburgh Nature Center's special butterfly exhibit is one of their most popular events and will be open until August 3.

In early September, the nature center will have their biggest fundraiser event, the Golf & Tennis Classic. There will be contests, food and beverages, as well as a round-robin tennis tournament. And in the evening, a

reception with cocktails, a banquet dinner, and silent auction.

The butterfly exhibit is open until August 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day except Friday.



Campers dig through the mud to look for worms that they plan on feeding to the nature center's chickens.

White Plains Hospital Golf Event Raises Over \$800,000

Over 250 people, including iconic sports figures, broadcasters, and celebrities, came out to support White Plains Hospital and the Mariano Rivera Foundation at the White Plains Hospital/Mariano Rivera Celebrity Golf Tournament & Party on June 24.

The annual event, this year raised over \$800,000, which will be split between White Plains Hospital, where the dollars will be used to improve access to healthcare for the underserved, and the Mariano Rivera Foundation.

Some of the celebrity guests found on the links were: Bruce Beck, Johnny Damon, Dylan Dreyer, and others from ESPN, NY Mets, NY Yankees and the NFL, who joined Mariano Rivera for a gourmet breakfast, followed by 19 holes at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, home of the 2020 US Open.

A sparkling cocktail reception and dinner capped off the day. And oh, the weather was perfect!

Pictured (left to right): Larry Smith, Chairman, White Plains Hospital; sports legend Mariano Rivera; Susan Fox, President & CEO, White Plains Hospital; and Jeffrey Menkes, CEO, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital.



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The Wolf & Warrior, and the Playwright - Raising the Bar of Mental Health Together

I want to share a well deserved and heartfelt thank you to the Wolf and Warrior Brewing Co. of White Plains for hosting the Demitasse Players' first fundraiser held on July 12. The fundraiser was a successful collaboration between a for profit and not for profit, to raise money for the treatment and awareness of mental health. On behalf of the Demitasse Players we are forever grateful to Michael and Jelena Chiltern for all their hard work and commitment for partnering with the troupe for such a worthy cause.

According to government statistics, only 17% of adults are considered to be in a state of optimal mental health. To place this in perspective, in 1955 there were 560,000 psychiatric-beds compared with only 35,000 today. One third of our nation's homeless are still comprised of the untreated mentally ill, who are at a far greater risk of being preyed upon than of harming someone else. Our dismal state of mental health policies, and our nation's lack of awareness -complete with our projected and biased taboos, can be attributed to a series of decisions made in the 1960s and '70s by a convergence of strange bedfellows consisting of fiscal conservative state officials, progressive reformers, former patients, and politically liberal civil-rights lawyers who formed a strong advocacy coalition for deinstitutionalization policies (Satel and Torrey 2016). Truly the road to hell is paved with good intentions.

I also want to extend earnest thanks to the



Richard Cirulli (right) with Jelena and Michael Chiltern.

Troupe's supporters, cast, and technical staff who contributed so generously to our cause with donations, and sharing of their talents. To the D'Avanzo family for their generous contribution, and son Vincent a member of the cast and a director of the troupe. The Demitasse Band, featuring Drew Caico, guitar virtuoso; Jonathan Bedard, Bass, percussion, and production director; Elena Clark, with her melodic and moving vocals. New York Comedians Doug Adler and Mick Diflo, and a special guest appearance by

recording artist Marissa Deltor, and her bass player Michael Brewster who performed a full set including her new hit single "Bad." All the talent performed pro bono to support mental health awareness. And last but not least to Eric Scholz, the troupe's web designer, Director of IT and Marketing; Nick Fiore cast member; and Walt Greiselle, the troupe's accountant.

Richard Cirulli, Port Chester resident, playwright, and author of the Boomerang Guest Column in The White Plains Examiner.

Farmers' Market Checkbooks Available to Qualifying White Plains Seniors

Seniors looking to increase their consumption of fruits and vegetables and stretch their food budgets this summer and fall may be entitled to a Farmers' Market Checkbook.

To be eligible, individuals must be 60 years of age or older and have a monthly income at or below \$1,926/month for a one-person household or \$2,607 for a two-person household.

The Senior Farmers' Market Program is funded through the Food and Nutrition Service division of the United States Department of Agriculture and Markets in

cooperation with the NY State Office for the Aging, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services.

The Farmers' Market Senior Nutrition Program is for eligible older adults on a "first come, first serve" basis. Eligible seniors should participate only if they are planning to use the coupons at the participating markets. Each checkbook has a value of \$20 and individual Farmers' Market Checks are worth \$4 each. Farmers will not give change. If a purchase is less

than \$4, farmers will add additional items of the recipient's choice to make up the difference.

The purpose of the Senior Farmers' Market Program is to provide resources in the form of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, and herbs from farmers' markets and community supported agriculture programs to low-income seniors; to increase the consumption of locally grown food by expanding farmers' markets and community supported agriculture programs. The program also serves a purpose in the development of new and additional farmers' markets and community supported agriculture programs.

The checkbooks will be distributed at the White Plains Community Center, located at 65 Mitchell Place, on Tuesday, July 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until supplies last. The White Plains Community Center will distribute only to eligible seniors who are White Plains residents. Proof of age and residency are required. Applicants must come in person to sign the statement of eligibility. Each older adult in a household is eligible to receive a booklet if they meet the age and income requirements.

The coupons are valid at any Participating New York State Farmers' Market and locally the checkbooks can be used at the White Plains Farmers' Market on Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Farmers Market is located on Court Street (between Martine Ave. and Main St.).

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Obituaries

Richard Douglass

Richard Edwin Douglass passed away unexpectedly on July 10 at White Plains hospital.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1947 in White Plains to Gladys Love Douglass and Harold Douglass.

Richard is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Helene Meleshkewich Douglass; children Jeff (Kathy) Douglass of Mahopac and Kelli Douglass (Mark Voeltz) of Katonah along with four beloved grandchildren Brooke/Jessica Douglass and Samantha/Jillian Voeltz, as well as his brother Stuart (Diane) Douglass. His brother Harold (Stephanie) Douglass predeceased Richard. He is also survived by his many brothers and sisters-in-laws and nieces and nephews.

Richard met his wife at the Purchase Community House in 1963 when they were just 15 years old. After graduating White Plains HS in 1967, he served his country by joining the United States Navy and spent two years on the USS Essex, CV-9. Upon returning home from the military he married Helene and started his family.

Richard continued to serve his community and city by joining the White Plains Police department in 1969 as patrolman and retired as Detective Narcotics and was "20NOUT" by June of 1989.

Richard was a devoted family man who loved being retired and having the time to spend with family. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.



Joyce Gapco

Joyce Marie Gapco, of White Plains, passed away July 10. She was 89.

Joyce was born Jan. 31, 1930 in the Bronx. For 20 years she worked as an executive secretary for the Dean of Social Sciences at SUNY Purchase College. In her retirement Joyce cherished gardening.

She was the devoted wife to the late John Gapco, whom she married May 22, 1948 in New York. She was the caring mother to Brian, Nancy, and Jason, and grandmother to four cherished grandchildren.

Besides her husband, John, Joyce was predeceased by her son Clifford.

Antonietta Martelli

Antonietta Martelli, a White Plains resident, died July 9 at the age of 84.

She was born May 22, 1935 in Argusto, Italy to the late Giuseppe and Maria Servello.

On Jan. 29, 1953 she married Luigi Martelli in Argusto, P.R. Catanzaro, Italy. He predeceased her in 1998.

Antonietta is survived by her children Clara (Robert) Fogel of Yorktown and Maria Rosenberg of White Plains; her brothers Felice, Roberto and Antonio Servello and her sister Rosa Maria Servello Pellegrino. Also surviving are her grandchildren Maria (Jason) Martinez, Danielle Rosenberg, Christine (Gary) Schuldt and Jennifer Fogel and her great grandchildren; Massimo P. Martinez, Matteo J. Martinez, Ariana M. Martinez and Christian J. Schuldt. She was predeceased by her son Joseph Martelli in 1985.

Antonietta was an excellent cook and her passion and joy was watching people eat her food. Family meant everything to her.

Katherine Bard

Katherine M. Bard, of White Plains, passed away July 7. She was 67.

Kathy was born Oct. 15, 1951 in White Plains to the late Alfred and Isabel (nee Hansen) Gabriele. She worked as a medical biller for the Westchester Medical Center for over 30 years, until her retirement in 2008.

Besides her parents, Kathy is predeceased by her husband Edwin Bard, whom she married in Elmsford, and her sisters Carolyn Rosskopf and Gloria Bard.

Kathy is survived by her brother Alfred Gabriele Jr., and several nieces and nephews. She was an amazing aunt, a sweet and caring person who was always looking to help others.

Nancy Strada

Nancy Ann Strada passed away suddenly on July 7 in Bangor Maine. At the time of her death, Nancy was returning from a tour of the Canadian Maritime Provinces with her husband of 50 years, Henry Curtis "Hank" Strada.

Nancy was born in Oswego on Feb. 25, 1947 to Clayton and C. Jane (O'Donnell) Fleischman. An only child, Nancy attended Saint John's Parrish School and later Oswego Catholic High School. During high school she played the organ for three morning masses before going to school.

After graduating high school, Nancy enrolled at Oswego State University where

she eventually earned both bachelor and master's degrees in History/Education. Perhaps more importantly, Nancy met Hank at OSU.

Nancy married Hank on June 28, 1969. They would have two children, Henry (b. 1973) and Edward (b. 1976).

Nancy began her career teaching Social Studies in West Genesee High School in Camillus. She would later teach at Scarsdale Middle School and Saint Anthony's School in Silver Lake. After staying home for Henry and Eddie's early years, Nancy returned to work in a new field – early childhood education. Beginning at Church in the Highlands School in White Plains and later at Holy Spirit School in Stamford, Connecticut. Nancy taught both pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. Finally, she found what was to become her professional home, Holy Family School in New Rochelle, first in pre-kindergarten and then kindergarten. For nearly 20 years Nancy was a fixture at the school.

Nancy was a regular volunteer at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital in White Plains. She was a member of the Women's Club of White Plains, the Our Lady of Sorrows Gadhatters, the White Plains chapter of "Stitch 'n Bitch" and Village Squares Quilting of Scarsdale, the Burke Auxiliary. She was a lector and Eucharistic minister for 30 years at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Nancy is survived by Hank, Henry, Edward and four grandchildren, Curtis, Rosabella, Marion and Pearl.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of your choice.

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In the Matter(s) of **Z. S. A Child**
Under the Age of Eighteen Years
Alleged to be **Neglected**

ZAIRE SMITH
Respondent(s)

**NOTICE OF SUMMONS &
NEGLECT PETITION**
Docket No(s): **NN- 13872-19**
E.U. No: **147277 & 124971**

**IN THE NAME OF THE
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK**

TO: ZAIRE SMITH
Respondent (s)

Petitions having been filed in this Court alleging that the above-named child has been neglected by you. **YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to appear before this Court at **111 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard,**

White Plains, NY 10601, on the **AUGUST 14, 2019 at 3:15 pm** of said day, to appear and answer the petition brought against you.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that if you do not appear the proceedings may commence in your absence without your consent or further notice to you.

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**Dated: White Plains, New York
June 19, 2019**
BY ORDER OF THE COURT
____ s/
COURT CLERK

Broadway Stars Come Out to Support Music Conservatory of Westchester

The Music Conservatory of Westchester celebrated its 90th Anniversary with more than \$335,500 raised at its 18th Annual Golf & Tennis Classic and Gala, held June 24 at Brae Burn Country Club in Purchase.

Iconic comedian and Westchester resident Robert Klein and award-winning music composer and lyricist Marc Shaiman, were honored for their illustrious careers with musical performances by Broadway stars Kate Baldwin, Jennifer Damiano, and Gizel Jiménez, emceed by WQXR radio host Elliott Forrest.

Performer Gizel Jiménez, currently starring in Broadway's *Wicked*, opened the Gala portion of the event with her impressive vocal talent with musical selections from *Frozen* and *Little Women the Musical*. Six talented Conservatory voice students, Nicole Cayales, Colin Dunskey, Tiana Kaga, Sophia Manalang, Leila Martinez, and Melissa Wang, sang with Tony Award-nominee Jennifer Damiano for a heart-felt rendition of "What a Wonderful World."

As thirteen-year-old Conservatory scholarship student who sang at the Gala, Leila Martinez stated, "The Conservatory has really encouraged me." She added, "I feel like being a singer would be really fun, because then I get to do what I love."

Broadway star Jennifer Damiano also performed the Oscar-nominated Marc Shaiman song "Where the Lost Things Go"



Jennifer Damiano with Music Conservatory of Westchester students at the gala benefit on June 24.

from *Mary Poppins Returns*. Two-time Tony Award-nominee Kate Baldwin's voice soared in her performances of "Ribbons Down My Back" from *Hello, Dolly!* and "New York, New York."

During his acceptance speech for the Conservatory's Legacy Award, Marc Shaiman amazed the audience with an unexpected, special performance of a song he wrote for the Emmy-nominated TV show *Smash* with surprise guest, rising star Sarah Rose Shaiman.

The White Plains nonprofit community music school raised funds for its Music Therapy Program for children and adults with disabilities, Healing Our Heroes music therapy program serving U.S. military veterans, and Scholarship Program providing financially-deserving students with the chance to achieve their musical dreams.

The Music Conservatory of Westchester was founded in 1929 and today serves 2,800 students each year from 4 months to over 80 years old. A Scholarship Program provides tuition assistance for financially deserving students. The Music Therapy Institute brings music into the lives of 2,000 children and adults with disabilities each year through on-site and outreach programs. Healing Our Heroes offers military veterans a specialized music therapy program to help with recovery after their service.

Will Tougher Opioid Rules Really Make an Impact?



By Yili Huang, MD

The FDA proposed tighter restrictions on opioid manufacturers to identify potential harms and risks. But many questions still need to be answered.

Despite efforts to curb the opioid epidemic, it remains a devastating issue. The Centers for Disease Control says more than 700,000 people died from a drug overdose from 1999-2017 and nearly 130 Americans die each day from an opioid overdose.

Meaningful change is needed. And the Federal Drug Administration may have taken a significant step in the right direction last week when it proposed tighter rules on opioid manufacturers. The proposal puts pressure on manufacturers to identify any characteristics that would mitigate the risks of overdose, abuse or development of addiction. It also offers guidance on the FDA's benefit-risk assessment framework and details how it will compare the effectiveness and safety of new drugs with existing drugs

on the market.

The FDA's proposal has some positive aspects but more needs to be hashed out.

Risk of addiction and overdose: In the draft, the FDA declares that companies should indicate whether their drugs have novel or greater risks than others on the market, and provide the potential public health implications of their products in terms of risks to non-patients, including members of the patient's household, visiting relatives, friends and others.

This leads to numerous questions: How could the risk be measured? By potency? Abuse deterrent formulations? The route of administration? What about opioids with multiple mechanisms of action that can potentially affect efficacy, but also affect safety profile/adverse events such as those that exist in Tapentadol or Tramadol? These work on additional neurotransmitters in addition to opioid receptors to treat pain but can themselves cause unique

adverse effects.

Ongoing evaluation: The FDA says its benefit-risk evaluation isn't completed when a product is approved, instead it continuously reevaluates the safety of approved opioid products based on post-market data required from companies. The proposal, however, doesn't mention existing medications that have been and already impacted the market, which is problematic.

If such risk profiles are to be applied to new medications, current opioids such as Oxycotin (Purdue) and Duralgesic patches (Johnson&Johnson) should be scrutinized too. After all, these medications have affected countless patients leading to lawsuits involving several states.

Be careful: Opioids have presented a unique challenge to health care providers. They have great benefits if prescribed to rightful people who endure legitimate pain, but they can pose significant harm if they are misused or abused.

While tighter rules may be necessary,

we should not minimize the many benefits associated with opioids because of potential risks. Statements from drug companies regarding risks should be pre-empted by a disclaimer of benefits in cases such as treatment of acute (postoperative/trauma) pain, pain associated with ongoing cancer, palliative care and hospice, as well as in cases of alternative drug shortages.

Companies should not be de-incentivized to pursue development of medications that treat pain. They should be incentivized to develop safer pain medications.

Patients should always have the right to choose the path of their own health care and our role as health care providers is to educate and inform. If implemented correctly, this new proposal has a chance of accomplishing just that.

Yili Huang, MD, is a licensed and board-certified pain management anesthesiologist and the founder and director of Phelps Hospital's Pain Management Center. He is also an assistant professor of anesthesiology at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.

Guest
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Port Chester Man Sentenced to Prison for Raping a Child

Antonio Olivarez, 41, of Port Chester was sentenced to 13 years in state prison before Westchester County Court Judge Susan Cacace for forcibly raping a 15-year-old. He pleaded guilty to Rape in the First Degree, a B violent felony, in May.

In addition to prison time, he will serve 20 years post-release supervision and will register as a sex offender.

On Nov. 12, 2017, while in the Village of Port Chester, Antonio Olivarez subjected a

15-year-old to forcible sexual intercourse. The victim disclosed the rape in school the next day and was taken to the Westchester County Medical Center. Testing revealed the presence of the defendant's DNA on the victim's pillowcase and blanket, the defendant was sought by Port Chester Police but he evaded capture.



Antonio Olivarez

In July 2018, U.S. Marshalls, with the help of Port Chester Police, located the defendant in Philadelphia. He was found hiding in a closet and resisted arrest. The defendant refused to waive extradition back to Westchester County. The case was indicted before a Westchester County Grand Jury in August 2018, and a Governor's Warrant was obtained

to extradite him back to New York.

Olivarez was arraigned on the indictment in October 2018. On May 3, 2019, hearings before trial were set to begin when the defendant instead entered a guilty plea to Rape in the First Degree.

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More Than 300 Students Awarded for Successful School Year at Playland

County Executive George Latimer commended students from across Westchester last Tuesday for their hard work and dedication during the school year with a ceremony at Playland Park.

The Do Well, Play Well Program, which is spearheaded by the Westchester County Youth Bureau, recognizes students who have attained high academic performance, excellent attendance or initiated significant improvements in their school community during the 2018-19 academic year. Youth who met the program's criteria were presented with a free season pass to Playland and a certificate acknowledging their academic performance.

The program has doubled in size, attracting more than 300 youths who achieved a final GPA of at least 3.5; a letter from the student's principal or guidance counselor indicating that the applicant improved attendance from the beginning to the end of the school year; or a recommendation from the student's principal or guidance counselor indicating a unique circumstance where a student made significant improvements in their academics or behavior in school or community.

"The Do Well-Play Well initiative



County Executive George Latimer joins Westchester students who were awarded free passes for the summer to Playland.

confirms that small gestures, such as the offering of a free season pass to Playland, may have greater impact on youth morale and agency," said Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden, executive director of the Westchester County Youth Bureau. "By encouraging young people to perform well academically and socially, Westchester County will benefit from the future generation of motivated and scholastically sound leaders."

The free season pass to Playland includes free admission to the park and unlimited rides.



A Day of Fun, Sun and Great Performers Mark P'ville Music Festival

By Martin Wilbur and Lindsay Emery

There was plenty of sunshine and cold drinks, the grounds at Parkway Field in Pleasantville were packed and the music flowed all day.

Those ingredients made last Saturday's 15th annual Pleasantville Music Festival one of the most memorable in the event's history.

"This is awesome," said Gary Cramer of Santa Rosa, Calif. who attended the festival for the first time with his girlfriend, Samara Geller, a White Plains native. "It's been a lot of fun. I mean, I'm trying to stay cool, trying to stay out of the heat a little bit. It's been awesome and everything it's been billed to be."

Nine hours of nearly non-stop music covering an assortment of genres, capped by headliner alternative rock band Everclear and preceded by Grammy winners Soul Asylum, and a warm but bearable day made it the place to be. Advance ticket sales were strong, according to organizers, and by mid-afternoon the field in front of the Main Stage was a sea of music lovers.

Not only were the roughly 5,000 spectators excited, but the performers fed off their energy. Folk rock/pop guitarist and violinist E'lissa Jones thought when she had been assigned to play in the Chill Tent that it would be a laid-back experience.

"It was so much fun!" Jones said after she completed her 35-minute set. "It was amazing. This was not what I expected when they said a chill tent. I was thinking there was a small little intimate (setting), where there's a couple of chairs and I was like this is lit. The audience was receptive. They were great."

Two acts that rocked the Party Stage were Mickey James with his contemporary rock 'n' roll and The New Respects, a Nashville-based family pop, soul and rock quartet comprised of twins Zandy and

Lexi Fitzgerald, playing guitar and bass, respectively, their brother Darius on drums and cousin Jasmine Mullen, the lead vocalist.

A huge throng gathered in front of the stage when both groups were performing. Zandy Fitzgerald said that inspiration and helping people feel hope, joy and love are their biggest motivators.

"So when we see it happen during a set, it kind of inspires us and it's a cyclical thing so we want to see it again," she said. "From an instrument-wise, Alabama Shakes was a huge inspiration, Michael Jackson's a huge inspiration. Emily King. People that were good at making music that was specific to them but also digestible to the masses."

"The heat was real," added Lexi Fitzgerald. "But just seeing any time we have people stand in like super uncomfortable situations and sing with us and dance with us, it's unreal. It's a good time."

The festival's executive director, Bruce Figler, said during the afternoon that he was pleased with how this year's festival unfolded. The crowd was large and enthusiastic and they were enjoying the music, the weather and the camaraderie.

"The only judge I can see is attendance and how many people are here and they're happy," Figler said. "Every year we have a somewhat different lineup and every year I'm going to roll the dice and see if I got it right. It's not always what I want, it's what's available. It's based upon reality and not imagination."

Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer was ecstatic at the turnout and the reaction. He said a good weather forecast in the days leading up to the festival help boost ticket sales, but it was the mood within Parkway Field that made it special.

"So it's really just a wonderful scene," Scherer said. "As you can see, you have a crowd of people around the stage feeling the vibe of the music and enjoying it in a gentle

and peaceful way. I've had people say to me 'You know there's something different about what goes on here,' and I think they're right. So that's what keeps us coming back."

The day wasn't only about music but about families. Parents with young children were able to enjoy various kids' activities toward the back of the field, there were arts and crafts vendors and more than 15 different food vendors with varied cuisine and treats.

Pleasantville resident Tony Delmastro said he has come every year the festival has been held and enjoys the scene regardless of who is performing.


"It's great people, great fun, great food," he said. "It's just a good day to be out, enjoy the weather, enjoy the music. It's fantastic."

Tony Miniaci and Julie Asher of Lyndhurst, N.J. look forward to the festival each year and it no longer matters who is playing. In fact, Miniaci said that he likes sampling the new, young bands because they have their "wide-eyed dreams."

"I buy tickets before they even announce

a lineup," Miniaci said. "I like live music and we see over 25 concerts a year. We love live music. Like I said before, I'm in my happy place."





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When Home Decorating Should Be ‘A Matter of Time’

Normally I don’t watch television in our living room, although there is one there just in case we want to tune in when our extended family visits. My wife and I prefer viewing in our master bedroom.

We are lucky to live in Trump Park in Yorktown where we decided to downsize from our six-bedroom historic colonial to a two-bedroom condo with all the expected features and services that make life easier. Sometimes that’s of benefit.

Not so long ago, having had an operation to remove a painful bunion, I was marooned at home, unable to drive or walk with ease for two months. The first time I was able to limp with crutches to the front desk in the lobby after the procedure, the wonderful concierge, Gina, asked how my recovery was going. Trying to be optimistic, I replied, “I’m getting there.”

Her response was almost epiphanic to me: “Well everything is just a matter of time, isn’t it?”

That message also applies to home decorating that comes together when we do it ourselves. Whenever I see a model home, I marvel at how a professional designer can throw together a beautiful living space with so many creative ideas so quickly. Some peoples’ minds are just wired that way; obviously mine is not.

I remember years ago when I invited a Good Housekeeping editor to my home. She surveyed my garden and asked how long I had lived at my property. When I responded, “20 years,” she said, “It shows.” It wasn’t until another 10 years that I was happy with

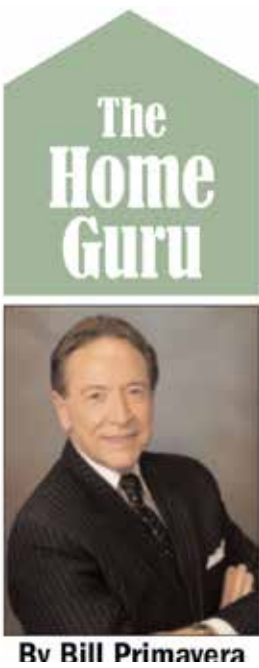
what I had done there.

I know I’m not alone. When the question “How long did it take for you to decorate your home” is asked online, most people respond “I’ve been in my house three years and I’m STILL not done.” Some will elaborate and share that they enjoy the “process.” Another response was “I just kind of bought things here and there, changed them out, changed my mind and now I am starting to fix it exactly how I want it.”

My wife’s theory is that when a decorator works on a model home, it’s easier because the assignment is impersonal.

With our last move, our biggest dilemma was dealing with too much “soul.” All of our belongings, which fit in nearly 4,000 square feet, needed to go to less than half that space. This time around, my wife wanted more open space than we ever had in our antique home. But after six months in our new condo, slowly adding this and that from many things we had previously vowed to sell or give away, we’ve definitely missed that opportunity.

There was a second problem, one that time helped solve. I had always resisted the idea of having a television in our living room, no matter where we lived. In our old



home, we had it only in the master bedroom and a small one in our library. When our whole family visited, we all would pile into the bedroom if we wanted to watch a show together, and my wife always hated that.

She insisted that in our new home there must be a large television installed above the fireplace/mantel that we were having designed and installed by master cabinetmaker Jan Efraimsen of Woodtronics in Yorktown. I had angst about that for months. It was probably the biggest decorating conflict my wife and I had ever had in our long marriage. I have always detested visiting beautifully designed homes costing over a million dollars to find a big “black hole” of a television over the fireplace in a living room. In a family room, fine.

When Efraimsen’s crew arrived to install the magnificent mantel with its gorgeous Carrera marble inset and rich baronial style design, I was inwardly balking at the idea of having the television on top of it. I stayed awake thinking about it. I knew that once the new TV and sound system was installed, I would be stuck looking at that big black screen, center stage, for the rest of my life.

With plenty of pleading, my wife gave me

one last stay of execution. We decided to place it on the far side of the room above a bookcase in the corner. Thank goodness it took some months to plan, design and build the cabinetry for my living room because it helped me avoid the bullet of a lifetime eyesore. Once again, time came to my rescue.

Moral of story: It’s not such a bad idea to take baby steps with decorating. You may be living with it for a lifetime.

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Trawler Sized Zupa Di Pesce on City Island and Al Fresco Dining in Harrison



By Morris Gut



Cold seafood platter for two at Artie's, City Island.

At Artie's, City Island, there are big combination platters to share all season long. Owner Spiro Chagares and his staff offer patrons a fine melding of traditional and contemporary dishes served with flair. Sit back in one of several dining areas and enjoy such changing specialties as: delectable Lamb Sliders; hearty Seafood Chowders; Smoked Salmon Roll-Ups; Wood Grilled Jumbo Shrimp and Scallops; hunks of tender Short Rib; a massive Zuppa Di Pesce; tender Oven Roasted Rack of Lamb; American Shellfish Jambalaya; Chardonnay Poached Salmon with seafood; and fresh Lobster prepared in a variety of styles. The trawler size Clam Bake served in a tub is a sight. There's a loaded Lobster Salad Roll at lunch and their Mediterranean style Pizzas are good to share, too. Check out the bar/lounge evenings for good networking. Enhanced selection of craft beers. Private party facilities. Off premise catering. Open 7 days. Free parking. Artie's Steak & Seafood, 394 City Island Ave., City Island (Bronx); 718-885-9885, www.artiescityisland.com.

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Al fresco dining at Trattoria Vivolo with chef/owner Dean Vivolo.

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lunch and dinner. Free parking; 914-835-6199, www.trattoriavivolo.com.

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A Concise History of Champagne and its Bubbles. How? When? Who?



By Nick Antonaccio

Ah, Champagne... Historically referred to as the wine of kings and the king of wines, Champagne has a storied and checkered past, often as much by happenstance as by astute winemaking. It has become a fabled, preferred beverage for special, celebratory occasions as a symbol of good fortune and happiness. More recently, chefs, sommeliers and gourmards alike have recognized its exceptional pairing abilities with most food groups.

The history of the Champagne region is replete with tales of regal royal dinners and nights of debauchery – all attributable to the allure (and alcohol content) of Champagne. Even in war, Champagne was held in high regard and copious amounts were consumed. When Napoleon reigned as the emperor of France, he was obsessed with Champagne.

"I drink Champagne when I win, to celebrate; and I drink Champagne when I lose, to console myself."

Often overlooked or shrouded in intrigue, the historical backdrop to its popularity is worthy of mention.

The Romans traveled through this region in northeastern France, east of Paris, before the time of Christ. In their wake they left a thriving still wine industry that continued for centuries as a major source of wine to Parisian citizens. Its proximity to Paris, and England, provided an advantage over other

French wine regions, in spite of the fact that regions such as Burgundy produced higher quality wines.

The birth of the French nation in the fifth century was celebrated in the heart of Champagne – the Reims Cathedral. The region flourished as a still wine producer for centuries. The Parisians and the British buoyed its financial success into the 17th century.

However, the wines were not of high quality, but rather of high alcohol and great quantity – for a number of reasons.

The northern climate was not conducive to warm weather or long growing seasons. Hence the wines were thin and austere.

Worse, after the grapes were harvested and fermented, the early onset of winter prematurely halted the full fermentation of the wines, leaving residual sugar and yeast when the wines were subsequently bottled. By the time these partially fermented wines were sold into the retail market, the weather had warmed and triggered a second fermentation, creating an effervescence that dismayed the French producers and their customers. After all, their goal was to produce still wines.

But not the British customers. Distributors purchased barrels of the still

wines to defray costs and bottled the wines themselves for onward sale to consumers, adding sugar to enhance the taste. British nobility and royalty developed an affinity for the sweet, bubbly style. But the wines were inconsistent at best. Worse, the built-up pressure in the bottles caused many to explode.

Enter Christopher Merret, a British scientist. In 1662, he posited that the natural (and added) sugars in the partially fermented bottles created the carbon dioxide-induced bubbles. The British began experimenting with methods to improve the wines during bottling. It is believed the British distributors were producing the modern-day version (Méthode Champenois) shortly thereafter.

At this time, back in Champagne, a Benedictine monk had been tasked with finding a way of improving the still wines being produced by his monastery. After numerous attempts to improve the poor quality and remove the bubbles, he gave up. Instead, the monk, Dom Pérignon, decided to cater to the British desire for the intentional bubbly style. Using the techniques he had developed to reduce the bubbles, he created a superior bubbly product, which was very successful and later emulated.

Therein lies the irony of modern Champagne. While Dom Pérignon was painstakingly seeking to prevent the

bubbles in Champagne, the British were busy enhancing them. Rather than being the widely believed father of the Champagne style, the good monk was rather the father of the refinement of Champagne.

Since the breakthroughs of the British and the French in the 17th century, Champagne's popularity has continued to grow in sales and esteem. Today, more than 300 million bottles are produced annually, receiving high accolades for their quality, complexity and finesse. A far cry from its feeble beginnings.

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Tuesday, July 16

Job Fair. Westchester County is partnering with local school districts to hold a job fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Eastview Middle School, 350 Main St., White Plains. The fair will feature a number of different school districts from all over Westchester who are looking to fill non-instructional positions including custodial, clerical, and substitute teaching jobs. There will also be information and assistance provided at the fair regarding civil service testing.

Talkie Tuesdays. Come and watch movie trilogies. Three great movie trilogies in July. For teens. 2 to 4 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Summer Concert. Matt Nakoa, a modern multi-instrumentalist and songwriting troubadour; 5 to 7 p.m. at White Plains Plaza, One North Broadway.

Neighborhood Nights. Kids Present Music, 7:15 p.m., Druss Park, South Lexington Ave., White Plains, followed by Small Foot Movie at 8:15 p.m.

Neighborhood Nights. Magic with Seth Dale, 7 p.m., Mitchell Tot Lot, White Plains.

Wednesday, July 17

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.

Tech Wednesday for Adults. Coding 101. Participants in this session will learn about coding. 12 to 1 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Which Craft Wednesdays. Sewing. Learn to use a sewing machine. Make a pillowcase to donate and a drawstring backpack to keep. Registration required and registrants must attend both sessions (July 17 and 24). This event is for teens who

will be in grades 6 through 12 in fall 2019. Beginners encouraged. 3 to 4 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Aging in Place. Speaker will address elder law; 2 to 4 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Neighborhood Nights. Kids Present Music, 7:15 p.m., followed by Small Foot Movie at 8:15 p.m. at Turnure Park, South Lake St., White Plains.

Wayback Wednesdays. Benson Scott Orchestra Big Band Sounds, 7 p.m. Court Street, White Plains.

Dancing at Dusk. Take the kids on a trip to the South Pacific through demonstrations of traditional dances in colorful costumes from Tahiti and Hawaii. Come celebrate ancient and modern hulas with Tabu's exuberant music of the ukulele, Tahitian auhuroa, apartima and fast-paced drums of the Otea. Performed by Lei Pasifika. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 5 p.m. Adults: \$16. Children: \$8. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

Wing Nite for Men Only. Open to men whose lives have been affected by a spouse or partner going through breast, ovarian or gynecological cancers. Relax and have a night out with the guys. Enjoy good food as well as the company of others who understand how you feel. Travelers Rest, 25 Saw Mill River Rd., Ossining. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Thursday, July 18

Noonday Concert. Free concert at Renaissance Plaza, White Plains, featuring Blues Budda.

City Center Summer Concert. Alexis Morrast Jazz vocalist, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., free at the Inner courtyard at 5 City Place, White Plains.

Neighborhood Nights. Magic with Seth Dale, 7 p.m. Gardella Park, Ferris Ave., White Plains.

Neighborhood Nights. Trolls movie 8:15 p.m. Chatterton Park, Chatterton Ave., White Plains.

Opening Reception for "Cool & Collected." This exhibit features Mark Bartkiw, Julie Maren, Siobhan McBride, Vicki Sher, Audrey Stone and Kit Warren. The show is an exciting opportunity for the gallery to explore new talent and to introduce a new group of artists to its collectors. The show is curated by Lani Holloway and Kenise Barnes. Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 947 Palmer Ave., Larchmont. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Sept. 7. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and by appointment. Info: 914-834-8077 or visit www.kbfa.com.

Milos: Guitar in the Garden. BBC Music Magazine named Milos as one of the "champions of the classical guitar who have shaped its sound in the last century." He has appeared at almost all major concert halls and festivals around the globe. The program will include works by Bach, Villa-Lobos, Granados, Duplessy, Lennon and McCartney and others. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 7 p.m. Adults: \$30. Children: \$15. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or www.caramoor.org.

Evening Howl for Adults Only. Enjoy visiting the wolves during their favorite hour – dusk. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolves in North America while enjoying a spread of wine and cheese. Guests will take a short sunset hike to howl with Ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and potentially behold the center's critically endangered red wolves and Mexican wolves, too. For adults 21 years old and up. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 7 p.m. \$20. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Friday, July 19

Double Feature. A double feature of movies each Friday in Galaxy Hall at White Plains Library. This week Gnomeo & Juliet (G, 2011). Garden gnomes Gnomeo and Juliet have as many obstacles to overcome as their quasi namesakes when they are caught up in a feud between neighbors. But with plastic pink flamingos and lawnmower races in the mix, can this young couple find lasting happiness? 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ossining Food Truck Fridays & Concert. KJ Denhart. Ossining continues its summer concert series with an evening

of food trucks, craft beer, wine and cider and music. Louis Engel Waterfront Park, 25 Westerly Rd., Ossining Food trucks at 5 p.m. Music at 7 p.m. Free admission. Info: Visit www.OssiningChamber.org.

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Saturday, July 20

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.

Basketball. New York Liberty vs. Los Angeles Sparks, 3 p.m., Westchester County Center, White Plains, 914-995-4050. Tickets and information at liberty.wnba.com or ticketmaster.com. Parking fees apply.

Sunday, July 21

Italian Heritage Festival. Music, entertainment, crafts and food vendors. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 12 to 7 p.m. Free admission. Info: 914-231-4033.

Feeding Fun. It's mealtime and see what's on the menu for the animals and learn how the critters are kept healthy. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: Free. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Arab-American Heritage Festival. Music, entertainment, crafts and food vendors. Ridge Road Park, 287 Ridge Rd., Hartsdale. 1 to 7 p.m. Free admission. Info: 914-864-PARK or visit parks.westchestergov.com.



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Rock White Plains with Smash Mouth

The White Plains BID and Doug Panero Presents are hosting an after-work concert on Tuesday, July 23 on Mamaroneck Ave. between Main St. and Martine Ave., with multi-platinum, California pop-rockers, Smash Mouth. This after work event will be special and unlike any outdoor concert ever held in the downtown. With 151 Million Streams on Spotify, 28 million fans and 7 million hours of streaming in 65 countries, Smash Mouth remains as hot as ever. In 2019, Smash Mouth celebrates the 20-year anniversary of their quadruple platinum, career-defining album *Astro Lounge*, featuring its legendary first single, "All Star." Southern rocker Nikki Hill will open the night. Nikki is a vocalist/lyricist/bandleader from New Orleans. AllMusic describes her performance as "impassioned... fiery soul and R&B with some rock and roll swagger thrown in for good measure." Gates will open at 6 p.m. and the event will run from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. with live performances all evening long. The event will be held rain or shine. Modelo, 26.2 Brew, Ballast Point Grapefruit Sculpin IPA, Captain Lawrence, and Pumphouse Wines will be on tap during this happy hour in the street. Purchase of \$10 wristbands are required for ages 21+ to drink alcohol outside. Special thanks to Cambria Hotels, City Center, Silverman Realty Group Inc., Southern Land Company, White Plains Hospital, The City of White Plains, Galleria White Plains, The Westchester Bank, Westchester County Government, and Party Line Tent Rentals for their support of the event.

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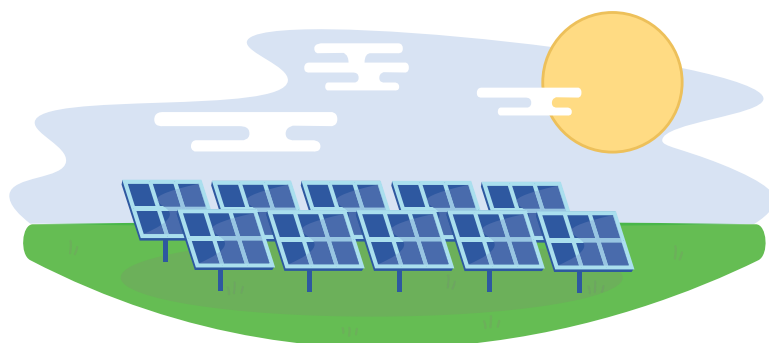
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NOTICE OF FORMATION AUTHENTIKA LLC: Application for Authority filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/29/2019. Office location: WESTCHESTER County. LLC formed in Delaware on 03252019. SSNY has been designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 399 West Street, Harrison NY 10528. The principal business address of the LLC is 1214 West Boston Post Road #125, Mamaroneck, NY 10528. Delaware address of LLC is 16192 Coastal Highway, Lewes, Delaware 19958-2677. Certificate of LLC filed with Secretary of State of Delaware located at 401 Federal Street,

Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF GOLAB LAW, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on May 31, 2019. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC served upon him/her is: 100 Fisher Avenue, Suite 118, White Plains, New York 10602. The principal business address of the PLLC is 248 West Street, White Plains, New York 10605. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Arts of Org filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/6/2019. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **Came o Home Inspections LLC, 2 Ann Place, Valhalla, NY, 10595.** Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DAYTON LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/30/2019. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail process to: David B. Petshaft, P.C., 222 Bloomingdale Rd. Suite 116, White Plains, New York 10605. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Putnam Valley Town Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm. to hear comments on a proposed local law to remove the moratorium on establishing Improvement Districts. **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: 07-11-2019

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AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING The following public hearings have been scheduled for July 22, 2019 at 6:00PM (or as soon thereafter as agenda conditions permit) at the Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, 10579. All interested parties are invited to attend and will be heard. A copy of the application materials and plans may be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Planning Board Clerk, Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall. **1. Bellamy, Jody- Watson Way (TM#51.19-1-1 & 2/File2019-0196)** The subject property consist of + 1.68 acres of land and is located on Watson Way and within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is Proposing to construct a single family residence, with well and septic system. A Site Development Plan and Major Grading Permit is required. **SKETCH 2. Orentreich, David, 855 Route 301 (TM#39.1-9/File 2019-0189)** The subject property consists of + 73.94 acres of land and is located on 855 Route 301 and within the PC Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a 2,200 sq.ft. improvement to be utilized for equipment storage. Amended Site Plan approval and Major Grading Permit are required. **3. Lamanna Residence- 39 Roberts Drive (TM#85.5-1-37/File2019-0194)** The subject property consist of + 1.0

acres of land and is located on 39 Roberts Drive and within the R-1 Zoning District. The applicant is seeking an Amended Site Plan for deviating from previously approved Site Plan and increasing the paved driveway area. **DISCUSSION 4. Filho Residence, - 135 Bell Hollow Road (TM# 51.1-4/File: 2019-0190)** The subject property consists of + 19.2 acres 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. **MINORSITE CHANGE 5. Cerar, John- 38 Butterfly Lane (TM#74.14-1-22/File2017-0163)** **6. Soloviev, Stacey- 52 Chapman Road (TM# 61.1-8/File 2015-0137) EXTENSION 7. Orentreich, David- 855 Route 301 (TM# 39.1-9/File 2018-0181) APPROVAL OF MINUTES 8. Approve Minutes of June 17, 2019**

Town of Putnam Valley Town Board Meeting July 17, 2019 6 PM 1. Pledge of Allegiance 2. Departmental Reports and presentation by Town Historian, Dan Ricci. 3. Supervisor's Comments 4. Legislative Reports 5. School Report 6. Set public hearing for De-Icer law. 7. Authorize Supervisor to sign a contract with Fireworks Extravaganza for Town Day fireworks display. 8. Authorize Supervisor to sign municipal advisor service

agreement with Sage Municipal Advisors, LLC. **Highway 9. Driveway Opening Permit for Bellamy. Parks & Recreation 10. Personnel changes. 11. Refunds Building Department 12. Daily Fee Report 13. Budget Amendments and Transfers 14. Public Comment 15. Audit of bills**

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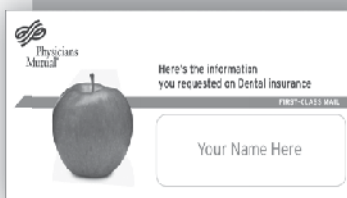
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The WHITE PLAINS Examiner Sports

White Plains Tops Elmsford in Back and Forth 10U Game

By Rob DiAntonio

It was a seesaw affair when White Plains and Elmsford met in District 20 summer travel 10U softball action last Sunday evening.

It was White Plains, however, that had the last laugh in a 15-12 victory over the hosts at Piccoli Field.

"Pitching and good defense," White Plains coach Patrick Tighe said when asked of the keys to victory. "Also, a lot of these girls have never played with 12U rules. Most of these girls have never experienced stealing home so that made a bigger difference. Then they realized exactly how to play the game and that'll help with development for the rest of the year. They were just really good today. There were some girls that I was very surprised about."

The Tigers started the game off on the right note, jumping out to a 2-0 first-inning lead when MacKenna Austin scorched a



Ava Ritterman bats during White Plains' game last Sunday vs. Elmsford.

double and later scored on a passed ball. Alexis Tighe then ripped an RBI single.

White Plains added three more runs in the top of the second inning when Ava Ritterman, Kaitlyn Seguso and Riley Keane scored runs.

The strike zone got away from the Tigers in the bottom of the second and they fell behind 5-4. Elmsford added to its lead with a run in the next inning.

White Plains had the answer in the top of the fourth when the Tigers pounced for five runs to take a 10-6 lead. Emily Ring and Juliessa Diclo-Cruz had RBI singles in the big inning.

Elmsford answered with five runs, the most a team can score in an inning, in the bottom of the fourth to take an 11-10 lead.

Angelina Spano walked, stole second and then scored on an overthrow to tie the game at 11-11

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Neela Older focuses on the ball.



Catcher Alexis Tighe talks with pitcher Neela Older on the mound.



Emily Ring locks in on a pitch.

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in the top of the fifth.

Elmsford reclaimed the lead in the bottom of the inning but White Plains' bats erupted in the top of the sixth. Neela Older started it off with a hard-hit double to right field. Ritterman roped an RBI double over the center fielder's head to tie the game at 12-12. Seguso followed with an RBI single and then scored on a poor throw to give the Tigers a 14-12 lead. Keane then scored to make it 15-12.

"They were attacking pitches and realized exactly what they were looking for," coach Tighe said. "In the first inning, the umpire was calling some very high strikes and the girls were very upset by it. The idea is to keep them calm and keep them understanding exactly what they have to do. And most of all, they had to stay focused on the ball as it came in. For the most part, they all put a bat on the ball."

Elmsford loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the inning, but White Plains pitcher Older was able to bear down. On a pitch that got past catcher Tighe, she rushed to the ball and Older covered home plate to tag out the charging runner. Older induced a pop out to Tighe to end the game.

"I think that was just a culmination of everybody paying attention throughout the game,"



Juliessa Diclo-Cruz heads home.



MacKenna Austin sends one for a ride.

coach Tighe said of being able to tag out the runner stealing home for a key out. "And then they realized, 'Oh my God, this actually going to happen.' The girls got to all see and experience everything, which I was very happy about. "White Plains improved to 3-0 on the young season with the win.

"One of the things that my

coaches and I try to stress all the time is the togetherness of it," coach Tighe said. "I will actually say to them, 'Alright, all of you go over there together.' And once they're together, they all kind of mesh which is very nice. Some of them are going into fifth grade and some are going into sixth, so half the team is mixed up between the two."

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