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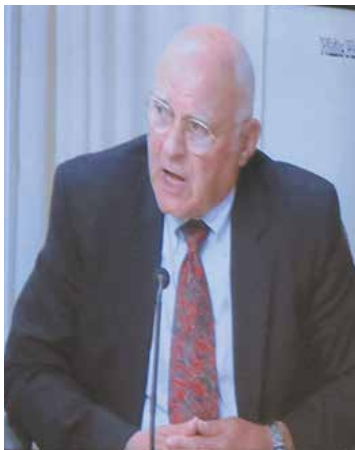
By Neal Rentz

A divided White Plains Common Council appointed John Collins Jr. as a city judge by a 4-2 vote on Aug. 5, following a roughly 55-minute debate.

Voting for the appointment of Collins were Mayor Tom Roach, Council President John Martin, Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson and Councilman Justin Brasch. Voting against the appointment were Councilmen Dennis Krolian and John Kirkpatrick. Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona abstained.

Collins replaces Brian Hansbury, who recently retired after his term expired.

A six-member Judicial Screening Committee appointed by the Mayor received 28 applications. The committee interviewed several



White Plains Councilman Dennis Krolian at the Aug. 5 Common Council meeting.



White Plains Common Council President John Martin at the Aug. 5 meeting.

candidates and the Common Council interviewed nine of the candidates.

At last week's meeting Krolian and Lecuona were highly critical of the process used to appoint the

new judge.

Krolian said he had nothing personal against Collins, but he did not agree with the selection process and the minimum requirements for the post of city court judge. "In no other place is confidentiality required at all between or among Common Council members," he said. He also indicated the interviews took only 10 minutes and were too short.

The selection process was flawed and unfair, Krolian expounded. There should have been an e-mail chain to allow councilpersons to express their opinion on the candidates they supported for the judge post. Krolian said he e-mailed his thoughts, but he did not know the opinions of all of his colleagues. There is nowhere in the local laws that requires confidentiality among the Common Council about their

opinions on who should have been chosen, he said.

"As a deliberative body" the Common Council should express their views to each other, Krolian said, adding he spoke to some, but not all of his colleagues. Confidentiality among the Council members has a "chilling effect on the free and open debate," he said.

Martin asked each councilperson to choose their three top candidates, but he would not allow them to explain why they made their choices, Krolian said.

He and Lecuona asked for a special meeting to discuss the judge opening, but that was denied by Martin, Krolian said. An additional meeting would have allowed members to come to a consensus by expressing their thoughts to one another and

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## End of an Era: Popular White Plains Restaurant Closing after 47 Years

By Neal Rentz

White Plains has experienced many changes since March 29, 1972, but there has been at least one constant – the popular Magnotta's Restaurant and Pizzeria at 192-194 Maple Ave.

An era will be coming to an end on Aug. 18 when the eatery will have its final day of operation after being a staple in the city for more than 47 years.

White Plains resident Angelo Magnotta Sr. is now the sole owner of the restaurant. Originally, he co-owned the eatery for seven years with his brother, John, the current owner of Sir John's Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge on North Broadway in North White Plains. Some of Magnotta's workers will move to Sir John's once his restaurant closes, he said.



Magnotta's Restaurant and Pizzeria, which has been in operation for more than 47 years, will be closing on Aug. 18. Shown above are the restaurant's owner, Angelo Magnotta, Sr. and his son, Angelo Jr.

Magnotta said last week he works with his son Angelo Jr.

Magnotta explained the reasons for closing his restaurant. "I wanted to retire and I bought a little real estate. So my son's going to manage all my real estate," he said. "And I want to spend my winters in Florida and travel a little bit and spend time with my family."

Magnotta expressed his feelings about closing his restaurant. "It's a big change," he said. Though he feels a little bit sad about ending his business, Magnotta said, "But it's time; I'm tired."

Though there are no plans to immediately fill his restaurant's space, the rest of the tenants in the building will remain, Magnotta said.

Seven days a week Magnotta both manages his restaurant and does some of the

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would have improved the selection process, Krolian said. The council should not have been told it was a done deal. The end product was everything," he said.

Martin defended the selection process and said Krolian made "wild accusations of impropriety."

Martin said he asked the councilmembers to choose their three top candidates, and that he was asked by some of his colleagues to keep the information confidential.

There is a procedure in the city code for Council members to call for a special meeting and that procedure was not followed by any of the councilpersons, Martin said. "There's no illegality here," Martin said. "Collins, who has many years of experience in the US Attorney's Office 'is quite qualified to be a City Court judge.'"

Kirkpatrick said the appointment of a judge was "a personnel issue" and there needs to be confidentiality so potential job seekers would not be harmed by seeking the post. Kirkpatrick praised Martin for seeking confidentiality.

Kirkpatrick said during the council's interviews Krolian "performed an absolutely fabulous cross examination" of the judge candidates. However, Kirkpatrick said he did not agree with Krolian's ideas about the process and what happened in executive session was aired during the meeting "like dirty laundry."

Lecuona shared Krolian's criticism of the selection process. Lecuona said she and Krolian sought a special meeting and there

should have been one. "We were not taken under consideration," she said. "We asked in the right way for the special meeting and it didn't happen."

There was "a lack of process" in the selection, Lecuona said. "We are the Common Council" and members should help each other to come to a decision, she said.

Lecuona said she was concerned "about the lack of transparency in the process" to select the new judge. Integrity is important in the judge selection process, she said.

Lecuona said Martin agreed with her idea to have each councilperson supply the names of their three top candidates for the judge opening in alphabetical order and he was supportive of her idea of potentially holding another meeting. But in an e-mail Martin said he wanted confidentiality among members on whom they supported at the request of some of the councilpersons. "We, the Common Council were making the decision," Lecuona said, adding she expressed her opposition to the confidentiality and the need for another meeting to Martin, but her e-mails were ignored by the council president.

Lecuona said she e-mailed the names of her top four candidates to each of her colleagues. "I couldn't make up my mind," she said, adding she could not support Collins because she was not convinced that he should have been chosen.

"The flawed process" was the fault of the Common Council, not the candidates for the judge position, Lecuona said.

Brasch said he spoke with every

councilperson except for one and he personally spoke with two of the candidates. "My first choice was not selected and that's the way politics goes," he said, adding the council's interviews took between 15 to 20 minutes. Even though he was not his top choice, Collins will make "an excellent judge," Brasch said.

Hunt-Robinson said, "I'm very comfortable with confidentiality" when the council discusses personnel issues among each other and she supported the selection process.

Collins has good educational and professional experience, including working for Sonya Sotomayor before she was appointed to the US Supreme Court, making him an appropriate candidate to become a judge, Hunt-Robinson said.

Roach said the city charter states the mayor should select a committee of attorneys who live or practice in White Plains to fill judgeship vacancies. After the committee's input, it is up to the Common Council to make the final determination on who should fill a judge vacancy, he said.

Roach said like many votes, some councilpersons chose not to speak to one another about an issue. Roach said he often does not know how his colleagues are going to vote on an issue. Council members can choose not to announce how they are going to vote on an issue before a meeting, he said.

The candidate interviews could have been as long as the councilpersons wanted, Roach added.

Collins has many academic and professional achievements, including 17 years as a US attorney, Roach said, further noting that Collins is active in the local community. "He is going to serve us well as a judge," Roach said. "He's very well qualified."

Lecuona questioned how Martin could have known that Collins had the majority of votes needed to be appointed since Brasch said during the Aug. 5 meeting that he was not his first choice to fill the judge opening.

Martin responded to Lecuona's comments, saying he would not discuss the deliberations of the Common Council, but that the four votes needed to choose Collins were there before the meeting. If Lecuona and Krolian wanted a special meeting they should have contacted the mayor directly, Martin said. "There is a formal procedure (to follow)."


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# State Champion White Plains Little League Team Honored by the City

By Neal Rentz

Having conquered the state, the White Plains 11 and Under Little League team was given a hero's welcome at the Aug. 5 Common Council meeting.

The team won the championship on Aug. 2 in Horseheads.

"This is a tremendous achievement," Mayor Tom Roach said at last week's meeting. Roach lauded the team which he said showed tenacity "in playing these games and always being on the edge of elimination."

"You made us all proud," Roach told the team. "Not only



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

The White Plains 11 and Under Little League team was honored for winning the state championship at the Aug. 5 Common Council meeting.

with the way you won, but the way you played the game, your professionalism, the team spirit."

Roach said he is familiar with Horseheads. When he was attending law school he stopped in Horseheads to get gas and a Dr. Pepper while driving home, he recalled. "It's a great part of the state," Roach said.

Roach gave the team a proclamation from the city. "Winning the championship of an entire state is like something that's incredibly remarkable," he said. He thanked the players and their parents and coaches.

The mayor proclaimed Aug. 5

to be "White Plains Little League New York State 11 and Under Champions Day" and provided certificates from the city to the players and coaches.

Following the presentation, the team's manager Jon Baumstark said in an interview, "It's been a real honor to go out and represent the City of White Plains. We've been making a big push the last couple of years to really bring Little League back to the forefront and the kids did a phenomenal job."

"Hard work and defense" were the keys to his team's success, Baumstark said.

# Captain Brian Ryan Named Greenburgh Interim Police Chief

The Greenburgh Town Board has named Captain Brian J. Ryan as the Greenburgh Interim Police Chief, replacing retiring Police Chief Chris McNerney. Captain Ryan's interim appointment will become effective Aug. 26. A permanent Police Chief will be appointed next year after the administration of a civil service promotional exam.

Captain Ryan is a 30-year veteran of the Greenburgh Police Department and has an outstanding record of experience and achievement. Captain Ryan has worked in every division of the department, and has excelled in every one. Captain Ryan's most



Captain Brian J. Ryan

recent assignment was the Commanding Officer of the Detective Division, according to Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner.

"The Town Board would like to thank the Greenburgh Police Community Advisory Commission for participating with the selection process, as well as the other outstanding Police Captains that were interviewed for the assignment. This was a difficult decision because the other two Captains are also highly accomplished and qualified. Captain Ryan will be formally introduced at the Aug. 28 Town Board meeting. We wish Chief-designee Ryan

great success and look forward to working with him to make a great Police department even better," Feiner said.

McNerney will pursue an opportunity with the Westchester County District Attorney's Office as their Chief Criminal Investigator.

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## Burglars Sentenced in Harrison Break-ins

Defendants Steven Santiago, 31, of Manhattan and Ivan Bonilla, 31, of the Bronx were sentenced to prison following a jury trial for breaking into homes in Harrison and New Rochelle. Westchester County Court Judge David Zuckerman presided.

The suspects were found guilty on four charges each by a jury in May to two counts of Burglary in the Second Degree, class C violent felonies, Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a class E felony and Attempted Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a class A misdemeanor.

Santiago, as a persistent violent felon, was given 20 years to life for each of the two burglary counts. The sentences will run concurrently. Sentences for the two lesser charges also will be served concurrently.

Bonilla was sentenced to 10 years in state prison for each of the two burglaries to run consecutively. Sentences for the two lesser charges will be served concurrently.

In court, the victim of the Harrison break-in, Sandra Lattanzio, read a statement that reflected the impact the crime had on her after she walked in on the men ransacking

her home. "Every time I put my key in the door I have a feeling of dread and I relive the whole experience. I have not felt safe in my home since you violated my space."

On June 11, 2018, Santiago and Bonilla broke into an apartment on Halstead Avenue in Harrison. The homeowner walked in on the burglary in progress and both burglars jumped out of a second-floor window. One defendant suffered a broken bone and both traveled to St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx. Harrison Police scoured town surveillance video and immediately identified the getaway car. This information led them to the registered owner who provided GPS information to this car. The GPS information, along with surveillance video and DNA evidence both at the scene and at St. Barnabas Hospital, helped identify these defendants.

A similar burglary took place in New Rochelle May 29, 2018, inside an apartment at 39 Fountain Place. The defendants entered through the front door but escaped using a rear fire escape where they were observed by an apartment dweller. GPS and license plate readers (LPR) in the City of New Rochelle corroborated the defendants' involvement in this

second residential burglary.

Detectives with Harrison Police led the investigations leading to the arrest and prosecution of these two defendants.

## Port Chester Man Arrested for Child Pornography

Defendant John Telesca, 38, of Port Chester has been arraigned in Port Chester Village Court on charges of child pornography. He was arrested at his home Aug. 8 by Westchester County District Attorney's Office Investigators High Technology Crime Squad, and charged with promoting an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, a class D felony and Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, a class E felony.

Telesca is a Patrol Officer with the New York Police Department (NYPD) in the Bronx.

The felony complaint alleges, Telesca was found to have at least 60 images of nude children approximately eight to 13 years of age on his digital devices and shared through email.

He was released on \$5,000 bail. His next court appearance is scheduled for Sept. 12.

The case is being prosecuted by the



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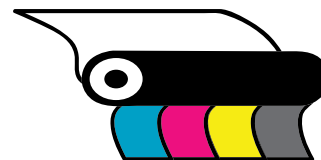
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# White Plains Author Releases New Memoir

By Natalie Chun

Author and White Plains resident Marlena Baraf released her first book, "At the Narrow Waist of the World," on Aug. 6. The memoir delves into Baraf's relationship with her mother as she battled mental illness, and her own journey in finding herself in new and unknown cultures.

The memoir is also a multicultural story, according to Baraf, and is named after the country her family is from. Raised in Panama, by a family of Spanish Jews, Baraf experienced what she calls an "insider-outsider feeling."

"We do have a little bit of the insider-outsider that we're very assimilated, and very integrated into the society in Panama, but I was still a little different from the Catholic majority," Baraf said. "I went to convent school as a Jewish girl."

After growing up in Panama, however, Baraf moved to the United States where she once again, had to find her place in a new culture and had to "understand the diversity that is the nature of this country."

In addition to her own exploration, Baraf also faced a strained relationship with her mother; the main motivation for writing this memoir.

"Daughter-mother is such a powerful relationship and I kind of pushed her away for a sense of survival of me," Baraf said.

While her mother was in an institution, and Baraf attended boarding school, she began writing letters, which is what led her to a career as a writer. She includes excerpts

of some of these letters in her book.

Baraf then began studying creative writing at Sarah Lawrence College where she was asked to dig into her earliest memories. Baraf said that was when she realized she had to discover who her mother was, especially coming from a new perspective as an adult.

"Then I saw her a little differently. I saw her as a woman like I am," Baraf said. "So in the end, it became a book about discovery of her and discovery of me."

While this book is incredibly personal, Baraf believes it to be universal as it explores her relationship with the rest of her family as well. The book also focuses heavily on multiculturalism which is something that defines this country, according to Baraf.

Having grown up in different places and with many cultural identities, Baraf calls herself a hybrid and believes the different cultures have worked together and changed her outlook on life.

"I feel it has given me perspective," she said of her multicultural background. "It's like you're on this bridge between two

cultures. And you can see maybe just a little farther. And you can see that we're all human, with the same kinds of concerns. So it's been something that I value deeply, having this exposure and people in this country."

Baraf has also sought out others with this same perspective in her blog series Soy/Somos. After writing an essay in the Huffington Post, Baraf was inspired to continue writing similar pieces in which she interviews members of the Latinx community in this country.

Baraf has interviewed people from Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, people who work as

chiropractors, carpet installers, storybook illustrators. Though she has traveled for some of these interviews, many are done locally, which she

speaks to the great diversity in Westchester County, according to Baraf.

"We do have a huge variety of people from different countries, different ethnic backgrounds, and racially diverse," Baraf said. "So I think that definitely New York and Westchester is just it just has so many different people that it is perfect for me is a place I love to live in because of it."

The interviews for Soy/Somos are conducted in both Spanish and English but Baraf writes them in English. Baraf says, though, that sometimes the Spanish "gets closer to the truth."

In her memoir, Baraf incorporated some Spanish into the English, and hopes that readers will enjoy the mixed phrasing.

"It's totally in English, but everyone tells me is very musical," Baraf said. "There's something in my original Spanish language and mixed with English, that that adds a little music to the book."

At the Narrow Waist of the World is now available in paperback and ebook at local bookstores, on Amazon, and at Barnes & Noble.

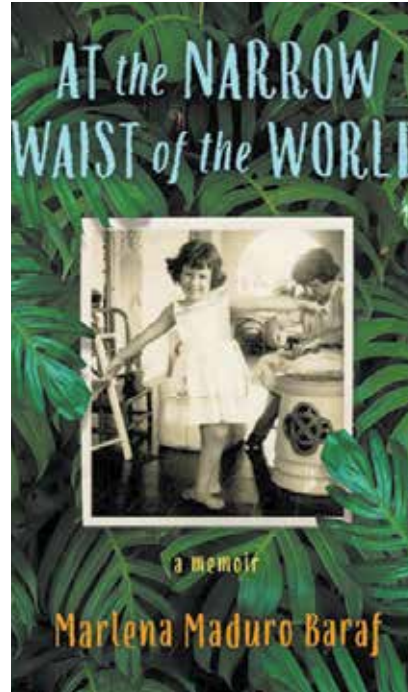


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## Obituaries

### Dr. Wolfgang Tretter

Dr. Wolfgang Tretter, of Purchase, noted pioneering obstetrician and gynecological surgeon, and devoted husband and father, died on Aug. 7.

Tretter was born Feb. 8, 1928, in Cologne, Germany.

After graduating Heidelberg University School of Medicine in Germany magna cum laude in 1952, he immigrated to the United States to pursue a richly successful and gratifying career as a physician and associate professor at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. In addition to his profession and family, Dr. Tretter enjoyed flying, world travel, opera, symphony, and bird hunting.

Dearly beloved by his wife, Elisabeth Tretter, of 44 years, Wolfgang Tretter is survived by his cherished family including: Bruce Tretter of Westborough, MA; Dr. Nicholas and Susan Tretter of Holden, MA; Mark Tretter of Salinas, CA; and Christina Tretter of Buffalo, NY. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Maxell, Zachary, Caroline, Lindsay, and Spencer Tretter.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Sloane Hospital for Women at New York Presbyterian Hospital, 654 West 170th Street, New York, NY 10032 and Doctors Without Borders.

### Josephine Brefere

Josephine Rose Brefere, Jo, age 92 of Fort Mill, South Carolina, formerly of Purchase, passed away on Aug. 4 at Carolinas Medical Center, Pineville.

Josephine was born on Aug. 13, 1926 in White Plains, daughter of the late Rose Portanova Del Mastro and Rocco Del Mastro. She graduated from White Plains High School and Wood Secretarial School. Josephine worked as an Administrative Secretary and as the Secretary/Treasurer at Purchase Fire District. She was a past member the Ave Maria Guild at St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Josephine was an avid crossword puzzle master and die-hard NY Yankees fan. Josephine loved cooking for her family, watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. She also enjoyed playing cards, reading and having fun playing slots at any casino.

She was kind and generous to everyone. She loved being with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her family was her life as she was a devoted wife of 62 years to Frank Brefere at the time of his passing. They were married on July 10, 1949. Josephine was also preceded in death by her daughter-in-law Karen Brefere and son-in-law Peter Russo.

Survivors include her devoted children Joanne Hicks (Gary), Joseph Brefere (Lisa), Frank (Rose), and Stephen; grandchildren Jody, Frank III, Jared, Joe, Jr., Julia, John, Jeremy, Veronica, Tommy, Kevin, and Erik; great-grandchildren Hayden, Emma and Cole. Jo loved all of her nieces, nephews, lifelong friends and her grand dogs Maizy, Gomez and Nella.

Memorials should be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children or to the ASPCA.



### David Segrue

David Larrence Segrue, 50, of White Plains passed away Aug. 3.

He was born on June 4, 1969 in Flushing to Carolyn (nee Lipton) and Daniel Segrue. David was a special education teacher and resource consultant for the North Rockland School District for 25 years. He loved the theater, art, music, high-end shopping, the beach, dinner with friends and family, traveling, and laughing; He was also a voracious reader.

David is survived by his mother, Carolyn, his sister, Lori Segrue-Martin, and his niece, Kylie Martin. He is predeceased by his father, Daniel.

David was a loving son, brother, uncle, friend, and teacher. He loved life and shared his gift of light, hope, and joy with everyone. David was truly a special man who will be greatly missed by so many. His sense of humor lives on in all of us.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Recanati/Miller Transplantation Institute at The Mt. Sinai Hospital NYC, <https://giving.mountsinai.org>.

### Thor Andersen

Thor H. Andersen of White Plains, passed away peacefully at Calvary Hospital with his daughter by his side on Aug. 2.

He was born in Brooklyn on Nov. 18, 1929 and grew up in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn with his Norwegian immigrant parents and two older brothers. He graduated Brooklyn Technical High School (Brooklyn Tech) in 1948. He then attended the University of Virginia on a Navy ROTC scholarship, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and a commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy in 1952.

After serving on both active duty and reserve duty in the U.S. Navy, he was Honorably Discharged with the rank of Lieutenant. He then volunteered to use his engineering skills in Africa to help build schools in much needed areas of Sudan and Kenya.

Thor later returned to New York City and began a long and distinguished career as a structural engineer. He was a lead engineer on such projects as the Egyptian Temple of Dendur exhibit room at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC, the renovation the Central Park Zoo, and the construction of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Thor was an active member of the White Plains Presbyterian Church for nearly 50 years. He served the church as an Elder in the Session, as a Deacon, and as a member on numerous church committees.

Thor was a board member of SHORE (Sheltering the Homeless is Our Responsibility) for many years. He served as President for one term and as First Vice President for numerous terms.

After his retirement from structural engineering in 1994, he increased his community service by enthusiastically volunteering to deliver food to less fortunate people in White Plains as a driver for Meals-on-Wheels and The Lord's Pantry. Among his proudest achievements was being awarded the Jack and Ina Marash Distinguished

Service Award in 1999 by the City of White Plains Commission on Human Rights.

In his final years, Thor most enjoyed being with his family, and especially being in the presence of his two young grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harald and Hjordis Andersen, his older brothers Haakon Roy Andersen and Leif Richard Andersen, his sister-in-laws Betty Andersen and Dorothy Andersen, and his nephew Richard Peter Andersen.

He is survived by his wife Heidi B. Andersen, daughter Christine B. Andersen, son Mark H. Andersen, daughter-in-law Tara R. Andersen, grandson Logan P. Andersen (age 7) and granddaughter Chelsea M. Andersen (age 5), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, and other extended family members.

He will always be remembered for his good sense of humor, his story telling, his charity and volunteering on behalf of his fellow human, and his love of his family.

We mourn his loss, but are we extremely grateful for the many years and much love we shared with him!

A memorial service will be held at White Plains Presbyterian Church, Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019 at 11 a.m.

### Rennie Halsband

Rennie Frances Halsband, of White Plains, died on Aug. 1.

She was born in New York City on April 13, 1937 and grew up in Scarsdale.

She was a graduate of Bennington College, where she studied dance and psychology.

She is survived by her son Craig Hansen-Sturm, a daughter, step-sons Kenneth and Michael Halsband, and her grandchildren.

Rennie led a full and varied life, first in Europe, and later settling in Westchester. She was passionate about pure-bred Bouviers, boutique cars, Yankees baseball, interior-design, and radio talk shows.

Her true love, however, was Raquette Lake Camps, where she was first a camper, and later a camp director.

Rennie and her second husband, Jerry Halsband, owned Raquette Lake Girls & Boys Camps for more than 25 years. She will always be remembered for embodying the true Raquette Lake Camp Spirit.

Rennie touched many lives, and all who knew and loved her will miss her dearly.

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# DELICIAS DEL JIREH PERUVIAN KITCHEN, WHITE PLAINS

By Neal Rentz

White Plains resident Nilton Mori said last week, "Cooking's my passion."

Mori first used that passion to operate a lunch takeout and delivery business that operated out of his home, beginning in 2010 after working for a moving business for nine years. With the success of the home business, four years ago Mori opened Delicias Del Jireh Peruvian Kitchen on Mamaroneck Avenue.

The name of his restaurant translated into English is delicious provider, Mori said.

Mori said he chose Mamaroneck Avenue for the location for his new business because he wanted "to be in the center of White Plains." Mori said he wanted to share Peruvian cooking with local residents.

Peruvian cuisine offers a variety of dishes, because immigrants from various countries moved to Peru in the 1980's and that has influenced what is served in his restaurant, Mori said. "We have Italian food. We have Chinese food," he said "We have our traditional food."

Mori said his restaurant's signature dishes are his ceviches, which he described as "fish salad" created using lemon and salt to marinate the raw fish and "cook" it. "In the summertime it's really refreshing,"

he said.

Other specialties served by his team of cooks include Peruvian style rotisserie chicken served with a variety of side dishes including French fries, and fried rice and beans, Mori said. From Monday through Saturday the lunch menu offers a \$9 special, which includes rotisserie chicken served with a choice of two side dishes and a can of soda. Another favorite is Peruvian pepper steak, Mori said.

His restaurant has catering and delivery services and appears at events in the local area including the White Plains Farmers Market. "We're at different places every week," Mori said.

At lunch, many of his customers are those working in the city, while on weekends many of his patrons are Peruvian people.

Mori thanked God for the success of his restaurant. "People like our food and like how we treat them," he said.

Mori's goal for the business is to franchise it into new locations.

Delicias Del Jireh Peruvian Kitchen is located at 206 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains. For more information call 914-437-5375 or visit <http://www.deliciasdeljireh.com>. It is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to midnight and on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Businesses  
of the Week



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

White Plains resident Nilton Mori opened Delicias Del Jireh Peruvian Kitchen in the city four years ago.

## SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

### FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

In the Matter of a Proceeding Under Article 10  
of the Family Court Act **LAIYA STOVER**

Docket Nos. NN- 16768-19

Children Under Eighteen Years  
of Age Alleged F/U No. 131936

To be Neglected by  
SUMMONS (Child Neglect Case)  
**DIVINE STOVER, Respondent.**

**NOTICE:** placement of your child(ren) in foster care may result in your loss of your rights to your child(ren). If your child(ren) stays in foster care for 15 of the most recent 22 months, the agency may be required by law to file a petition(s) to terminate your parental rights and to commit guardianship and custody of your child(ren) to the agency for the purposes of adoption. In some cases, the agency may file before the end of the 15-month period. If severe or repeated child abuse is proven by clear and convincing evidence, this finding may constitute the basis to terminate your parental rights and to commit guardianship and custody of your child(ren) to the agency for the purposes of adoption.

Upon good cause, the court may order an investigation to determine whether the non-respondent parent(s) should be considered as a respondent; if the court determines the child(ren) should be removed from his/her home, the court may order an investigation to determine whether the non-respondent parent(s) should be suitable custodians for the child(ren); if the child(ren) is placed and remains in foster care for fifteen of the most recent twenty-two months, the agency may be required to file a petition(s) for termination of parental rights of the parent(s) and commitment of guardianship

and custody of the child(ren) for the purposes of adoption, even if the parent(s) were not named as respondents in the child neglect or abuse proceeding.

A non-custodial parent has the right to request temporary or permanent custody of the child(ren) and to seek enforcement of visitation rights with the child(ren).

By order of the family court of the state of New York To the above-named respondent(s) who reside(s) or is found at [specify address(es)]:

**DIVINE STOVER (Mother)**

**161 South 2nd Avenue**

**Mount Vernon, New York 10550** and to [specify name(s) and address(es) and relationship to child(ren)]:

N/A

Petitions under Article 10 of the Family Court Act having been filed with this Court, and annexed hereto

**YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to appear before this Court at 111 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., 3rd Floor Annex, White Plains, New York 10601, on September 25, 2019 at 9:30 in the morning of that day to answer the petitions and to be dealt with in accordance with Article 10 of the Family Court Act.

Upon your failure to appear as herein directed a warrant may be issued for your arrest and/or the Court may proceed to Inquest and hear and determine the petitions as provided by law.

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# How to Help Your Child Deal With Back-to-School Anxiety

Returning to school in the fall can bring excitement as well as stress for many children. There are several things parents can do to help their children ease back into the new school year and deal with the anxiety that often accompanies that first day and even those first few weeks.

1. Help your child know that feeling anxious about going back to school is normal and don't minimize how they feel. Don't say, "don't worry, it will be fine." Instead stress how it is normal to feel some anxiety about going back to school. Everyone feels it to some extent. Anxiety is a protective emotion and it will help prepare children to get ready for school and it will pass when a child adjusts to being back to school.

2. Help them understand what the purpose of anxiety is and to listen to it rather than push the anxiety away. Anxiety is like an

unpleasant but helpful alarm, so the alarm will keep on ringing and get louder until a child figures out what it is alarming them.

3. Help children figure out what is making them concerned or anxious so they can talk to themselves in a way that will help them to cope.

Ask them to pay attention to what is going through their minds when they get anxious and come up with helpful things to say to themselves. If the anxiety, for example, is related to "I am starting high school and I will not do well and won't get into a good college," help them to say something like, "I am understandably anxious about starting high school and am worried that I won't do well but that doesn't mean I actually

won't do well. I just need to make sure I prepare in advance, organize my work, make sure I have enough time to study, take away all distractions when I study and get support when I need it."



By Dr. Lata K. McGinn

5. Do something academic to prepare because the brain drain is real over the summer. If a student has a weak subject, get a tutor for a few weeks or use online forums like the Khan Academy or Crash

course (a YouTube channel led by "Fault in Our Stars" author John Green and his brother Hank) to help them prepare. It will help them get a refresher and build their confidence.

6. Help children to focus on positive things about going back to school. Ask them if they are looking forward to any aspect of going back to school. If seeing their friends is something they feel good about, say things like, "it will be nice to catch up with Jane. You have so much to tell her." Of course, if seeing their classmates is anxiety provoking, pick another topic.

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## End of an Era: Popular White Plains Restaurant Closing after 47 Years

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cooking. "I do a little of everything," he said.

Magnotta explained why his restaurant has been so successful for so long. "You got to give them good quality, big portions of food, at the right price and work a lot of hours," he said, adding he typically works 70 to 75 hours per week.

The restaurant was recently honored by White Plains Police Commissioner David Chong, who gave the business a plaque and took photos, Magnotta said.

Though there have been many changes

in the city since the restaurant opened, the Maple Avenue area has stayed about the same, with the exception of the expanding White Plains Hospital, Magnotta said. "The hospital gets bigger all the time," he said.

"I have a lot of good customers," Magnotta said. Many of his customers work at the nearby hospital. "There's a big hospital trade," he said.

Magnotta explained why his pizza is so popular. "I buy the best ingredients and I make my dough fresh every day. I make my

sauce every day, so everything's fresh all the time," he explained.

The restaurant's most popular pizzas include Buffalo chicken, Margareta and pepperoni, Magnotta said. Among the popular non-pizza items are chicken parmesan wedges, the chicken with hot peppers and tomato sauces entrée, lasagna and veal parmesan, he said. The eatery's bar offers such beverages as wine and beer.

Magnotta said many of his customers have taken the impending closing of his restaurant

hard. "A lot of people started crying," he said. "I have original customers that came with their kids. Now their kids come with their kids."

"I had good time. I had a good run," Magnotta mused.

What Magnotta will miss the most about closing his business are "all the good customers, a lot of friends," he said.

Magnotta said he wanted the legacy of his restaurant to be: "That we had good food and good times."

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# Task Force Hearings Scheduled to Address Opioids, Substance Abuse

State Sen. Peter Harckham, chair of the Senate Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, announced last week the schedule of public hearings to be held by the Senate Joint Task Force on Opioids, Addiction & Overdose Prevention.

Harckham is co-chairing the Joint Task Force along with Sen. Gustavo Rivera, chair of the Senate Health Committee, and Sen. David Carlucci, chair of the Senate Mental Health Committee. Hearings and roundtables will be held in Madison County (Aug. 26), Buffalo (Aug. 30), Staten Island (Sept. 16), the Hudson Valley (Oct. 3), Long Island (Oct. 15) and Albany (Nov. 15). More details regarding the time and location of

the hearings will be released soon. Last Friday, the first hearing took place at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx.

The Joint Task Force will travel the state and learn about the issues surrounding opioid overdose and addiction facing all communities. The group will engage a variety of stakeholders to help identify gaps that exist in the system, develop solutions to address co-occurring disorders, learn how to better prevent overdose in people who are addicted, find more avenues to get people into

Several measures were approved during the Legislature's past session. Most notably, the minimum number of days for inpatient

substance abuse treatment was doubled from 14 to 28 before insurance companies may conduct their concurrent review.

Additionally, a new law reduces the number of co-pays a patient could be charged for outpatient treatment to a single co-pay at the rate of a regular doctor's visit. Frequently, patients had been hit with multiple co-pays for each specialist they saw in a single outpatient visit. With most patients needing multiple visits per week, outpatient Substance Use Disorder care became unaffordable.

Also, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) will be covered by all insurance plans, both public and private, and be

mandated in all correctional facilities throughout the state. Additional legislation was passed requiring physicians to discuss the risks associated with opioid prescriptions and possible alternatives, as well as Stephen's Law, requiring that treatment centers, at the consent of the patient, must inform their support network should they determine that a patient is in a life-endangering situation, such as a failed drug test.

Those who would like to participate at one of the hearings or roundtables may e-mail [nysoverdosetaskforce@nysenate.gov](mailto:nysoverdosetaskforce@nysenate.gov) or call Harckham's office at 914-241-2600 for more details.

## NYSERDA, Con Ed Offering Businesses Energy Efficiency Incentives

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Con Edison recently announced a partnership to begin a pay-for-performance pilot program that will leverage Con Edison's smart meter technology to measure energy efficiency savings at small- and medium-sized businesses in Westchester and reward the providers based on those measurements.

The program, Business Energy Pro, supports the mandate of the New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act of 100 percent clean electricity by 2040 and economy-wide carbon-neutrality.

"We support the state's environmental goals and want to be a leader in finding new approaches to create the clean energy

future those goals envision," said Matthew Ketschke, Con Edison's senior vice president, Customer Energy Solutions. "This pilot will help businesses reduce their energy usage and help keep our region clean and sustainable. We think this program can help us build on the success we have had with our energy efficiency programs the last decade."

Under the program, NYSERDA and Con Edison will work with energy efficiency service providers to seek out small- and medium-sized businesses and offer energy-savings packages that could include lighting, heating, cooling, refrigeration and building control systems.

For energy efficiency providers, Business Energy Pro will provide flexibility, minimizes

transaction and administrative costs and supports innovative solutions and services. The providers will receive payments based on the energy savings that are confirmed by the customers' smart meters.

Pay-for-performance models have begun to emerge nationally with significant potential benefits to customers, energy efficiency service providers and utilities. Pay-for-performance differs from more traditional energy efficiency incentive programs that provide rebates to business customers based on the type of upgrades installed rather than on actual savings. Business Energy Pro's model is intended to incentivize energy efficiency service providers and customers to choose comprehensive packages of energy-efficiency upgrades.

NYSERDA will make available about \$10 million from the Clean Energy Fund for the program under which competitively selected energy-efficiency service providers will be paid for demonstrated energy savings from small-to-medium businesses who implement energy efficiency projects.

Given the current natural gas constraint in parts of Westchester, Business Energy Pro places special emphasis on gas reductions by offering increased incentives during the peak winter months in this area.

Business Energy Pro will target about 60,000 Con Edison small- and medium-sized business customers in Westchester and Staten Island, the areas where Con Edison first began to install smart meters.

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### Crossword by Myles Mellor

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**Across**

1. Sign of summer

4. Achilles' weakness

8. Four-time Indy 500 winner Rick

10. Prefix with dextrous

11. Came to terms

13. Barbecue fare

14. White Plains shopping center

16. Skater Midori \_\_\_\_

17. Rousseau was one

19. Baseball's "Georgia

Peach"

21. Buccaneers star from their Super Bowl win

24. They're in the banks along the Seine

28. Day-\_\_\_\_

29. Mohegan Lake hair salon meaning "garden orchid" in Spanish

31. Monday to Sunday 34. Penetrating

35. "Rowan and Martin's laugh-in" actor, Johnson

36. Bleating beasts

37. Alcatraz escape vehicle

38. Real estate abbr.

**Down**

1. Smooth, musically

2. Ring locale

3. Hurler Hershiser

4. Hound

5. Beatles label, once

6. Go down

7. Sue Grafton's "\_\_\_\_ for Lawless" (2 words)

8. Wizardry

9. Sunflower or sesame

12. Dr. of rap

15. Second of a line of kings

18. Wrestling duo

20. Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman's list

22. Double agents

23. Fence poles

25. Egyptian Sun god

26. Evil warrior in "The Lord of the Rings"

27. Pollution mixture

30. Dr. Frankenstein's assistant

31. "\_\_\_\_ and Peace", Tolstoy

32. Time period

33. Mutual fund abbr.

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# Obsessing Over the Bathroom Scale

How many times, I wonder, have my wife Margaret and I targeted the next Monday to start a new diet? It would be impossible to calculate, but this time around, as I ponder all the reasons that I let my weight go, I suspect that where I live is a major contributing factor.

You see, I am happily ensconced in a luxury condo with our president's name sprawled across a sign at our entrance – although the letter “T” has been stolen several times – I can attest that, yes, where we live can affect our weight.

When I lived for nearly a half-century in a maintenance-intense single-family house, I was in much better physical shape and didn't tax my weight scale as much as I do today. There were incalculable chores to be done inside and out – especially out – that required energy expense that I now neatly tuck in a savings account called weight gain.

My living arrangement has made everything just too easy for me, starting with a one-floor spread on the top floor of a building with an elevator. No longer do I have to trudge down steps to the basement for tools or up to the second floor to sleep or to the attic to store things. And there is no outside yard work.

I hesitate to mention that my current residence affords a gym and indoor and outdoor swimming pools, as well as a quarter-mile track and a walking path that goes on for miles. And, I did avail myself of all these accommodations – when I first

moved in. But I have sluffed off as one tends to do when an activity isn't at the top of one's list of favorite things.

While my dietary efforts for the most part have been in vain, that doesn't mean that I don't try daily to beat the odds. Part of that process involves an almost unnatural relationship with my bathroom scale.

Every morning, I surrender myself to it just before I jump into the shower. If this simple act stopped there, it would be considered perfectly normal behavior, but there's a secret ritual that has developed over the years that may render normalcy questionable.

The ritual kicks in when my big toe steps lightly on the scale as I wait with baited breath as digital figures start their little dance. The final number pops up in excessively large digital display, the only reading I am able to achieve without my glasses.

Typically, I don't accept the preliminary hard evidence of my imprudence. Surely the scale must need to “warm up” before it gives me an accurate reading. I step off and onto the scale again, but this time, I lower my weight slowly as I lean on a shelf nearby.



By Bill Primavera

The result of this little trick may actually be higher than the first reading.

As I write this, I'm thinking to myself, okay, now the reader knows I'm weird, but considering that one out of three women and one in five men in this country are on a diet, surely other people's home scales get a workout.

With our distant ancestors, not fettered by body image issues, it was the need for measurement in commerce that created the first scale. Evidence of the earliest scales in Roman times shows that they were actually balancing systems, using two plates attached to an overhead beam fixed on a central pole, much like the smaller version held by Lady Justice. The weight of any object for trade, like

gold, was measured by placing it on one plate and weight-setting stones on the other, until equilibrium was reached.

Today, bathroom scales come in many models and range from the inexpensive and simple to the more elaborate, supported by technology, where we can also know our Mass Body Index.

Through the years, I've met a few people who have told me they never get on a scale

and don't have one in their homes. Their only weight monitoring system might be to cut back on dessert when they feel their pants getting a little snug. This system is so foreign, so unfathomable to me that I can only marvel at it.

But, judging from the number of bathrooms I've visited as a real estate agent, I would say that these lucky people are in the minority and that the bathroom scale is one home gadget that is here to stay.

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## NYSERDA, Con Ed Offering Businesses Energy Efficiency Incentives

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NYSERDA anticipates using data and experience from the program to design pay-for-performance energy efficiency programs for residential and commercial customers in other parts of the state with the potential to inform longer-term strategies statewide.

To access the Business Energy Pro RFP, visit [www.nyscrda.ny.gov](http://www.nyscrda.ny.gov). More information on the program can also be found at [www.coned.com](http://www.coned.com).

# The Pioneers of America's Surging Wine Culture



By Nick Antonaccio

Last week I explored the burgeoning dominance of wines produced in the United States. Traditionally wines from Western Europe have been considered the finest in the wine-growing world. While this may be disputed, the long history of these wines bears much truth to this general opinion. However, over the relatively brief history of winemaking in the United States, a number of wines have achieved international acclaim. The classic

Competition and prices aside, American winemakers are experimenting in unique fashions with grape varieties, unencumbered by strict regulations that can stifle such experimentation in other wine-growing regions. Last week I presented two of the factors that are creating a broad change in wine offerings now available to consumers for the first time – terroir and regulation. In the hands of American alchemists, who

continually experiment in their vineyards and wineries, American wines are winning accolades and exciting consumer palates across the world.

This new environment has called into question the very core of the profiles and deep-rooted belief system prevalent in Western Europe. American winemakers are consistently challenging the wine cognoscenti with the ethereal question: “What is the true expression of a grape?” Is Pinot Noir grown in Burgundy for over a millennium expressive of the underlying DNA of the grape or does New World Oregon provide a better environment to extract its true characteristics? Is Barbera grown in Piedmont, long considered the hallmark terroir of this Italian grape, the true expression of its DNA or does Sonoma County California inherently have the unique terroir that influences the strands of DNA to produce the grape's true bouquet and taste?

The world's winemakers are increasingly considering these esoteric questions. And

it's not simply terroir (as complex as the concept and definition may be). It goes beyond variations in soil, elevation, sun exposure and microclimate. It is also a function of particular clonal rootstock utilized for grafting; the vineyard manager's techniques in training vines; irrigation practices and the degree of modern technology employed.

Here are several examples of the winemaking revolution taking place in 21st century America:

Yorkville Winery in Northern California plants all six grapes permitted by the Bordeaux regulating body, bottled as Richard the Lion-Heart. Bordeaux winemakers typically include two or three varieties. Thus, Yorkville produces a Bordeaux-

style wine not found (to my knowledge) in the very region of the birth of Bordeaux wine. In addition, the growing environment in Sonoma County is quite different from that in Bordeaux, resulting in unique aroma and taste characteristics. My personal wine cellar holds a six-pack of Yorkville wines, one bottle of each varietal. I plan to hold a blend-your-own Bordeaux wine event in the near future.

Unti Vineyards in Sonoma's Dry Creek Valley grows grapes typically found in prime Italian and French regions. Continuous experimentation over the past 20-plus years by the father and son proprietors have resulted in unique expressions of Sangiovese, Barbera, Aglianico, Mourvedre,

Grenache and Syrah red wines. Their whites are just as unique: Fiano, Verdicchio, Grenache Blanc and Picpoul plantings. I am not aware of any other winery that vinifies such an expansive panoply of grape varieties.

Robert Sinskey Vineyard is a pioneer in Napa Valley organic and biodynamic practices. Like a scientist in his laboratory, the owner/winemaker seeks to produce wines that best express the terroir of the vineyards. Infatuated with the Alsace region of France, Sinskey produces a Napa Valley blend of typical Alsatian grapes: Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Riesling and Gewürztraminer.

As my knowledgeable wine buddy Peter says, “It is truly amazing what talented and imaginative winemakers can do when they are not told what they are not permitted to do.”

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example is the Judgment of Paris in 1976, a blind tasting judged by Frenchmen, in which American wines were rated higher than a number of the finest French wines. Today, a number of California wines, dubbed “Cult Wines” by the media, command the respect and prices of the finest Bordeaux wines.

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# Happenings

## Tuesday, Aug. 13

**Toddler Tuesday.** Toddler Tuesday is an early literacy story and playtime for ages 2-4 with a caregiver. Children and their caregiver will hear stories, play together, and increase their early literacy skills. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis beginning 30 minutes prior to the program. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

**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.

**Do Gooders.** A weekly opportunity for teens in grades 7-12 as of fall 2019 to earn volunteer service hours and make a difference in our community. Each week we'll work on a different project to benefit a local organization. Registration recommended; space is limited. This program is supported by the Allstate Foundation. 3 to 5 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

**Summer Second Tuesdays.** Free concert at White Plains Plaza, One North Broadway, 5 to 7 p.m. rain or shine. Featuring McClain Sullivan a sassy, jazzy, groove-propelled songstress.

## Wednesday, Aug. 14

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

**Veterans Community Day.** County Executive George Latimer and the Veterans Service Agency invite veterans who are Westchester residents for a community outreach day. Mount Kisco American Legion Hall, 1 Legion Way, Mount Kisco. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free.

**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.** 3D Printing. Participants will learn about 3D printing. 12 to 1 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

**Crafternoons.** The TROVE arts & crafts program for grades K-6. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. White Plains Library.

**International Film Festival.** "Life in Beautiful Italy." 6:30 to 9 p.m. Galaxy Hall, White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

**"Wattstax."** In 1972, Stax Records organized a benefit concert to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the riots in the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles. The epochal "black Woodstock," held at L.A.'s Memorial Coliseum, featured incendiary

performances by Stax artists Isaac Hayes, Albert King, Rufus and Carla Thomas, The Staple Singers, The Emotions, The Bar-Kays, and other greats of soul, R&B and gospel – plus biting humor from a then little-known Richard Pryor. It's more than a concert film, it captures a heady moment in mid-1970s African-American culture, when the community came together to celebrate its survival and renewed hope in its future. Part of the Sounds of Summer: Music Films Old and New series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 and 7:30 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15: Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

## Thursday, Aug. 15

**Noonday Concert.** Free concert 12 to 2 p.m. at Renaissance Plaza, White Plains, featuring Alive and Kickin – rock.

**Rock Out with Spencer.** Music and dance fun for toddlers ages 2 to 5; 11 to 11:45 a.m. Galaxy Hall, White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

**Tech Thursday for Teens.** Participants will experiment with various creative software programs called "maker" apps. 2 to 3 p.m. White Plains Library.

**Free Outdoor Concert.** The Rad Trads Jazzy Pop, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at City Center Inner Courtyard at 5 City Place, White Plains.

**"Big."** A screening of this 1988 blockbuster feature starring Tom Hanks. Visit the spot on the boardwalk where scenes from the movie were filmed. Playland Park, 1 Playland Parkway Beach, Rye. Movie tickets go on sale at 7:30 p.m. at the main beach booth. Movie at 8:15 p.m. \$5. Children (under 5): Free. Parking fees apply. (Does not include amusement park admission.) Info: Visit [www.parks.westchestergov.com](http://www.parks.westchestergov.com).

## Friday, Aug. 16

**Teen Titans Movie:** A double feature of movies in Galaxy Hall. Teen Titans GO! to the Movies (PG, 2018). The Teen Titans realize they're not "real" superheroes because there's not a movie about them. The five friends vow to do something heroic enough to warrant a big-screen adaption. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

**Aquaman Movie:** An action-packed adventure that spans the vast, visually breathtaking underwater world of the seven seas, Aquaman, starring Jason Momoa in the title role. The film reveals the origin story of half-human, half-Atlantean Arthur Curry and takes him on the journey of his lifetime—one that will not only force him to face who he really is, but to discover if he is worthy of who he was born to be...a king; 2 to 4:45 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

**Drop-in Coloring Club.** Come relax and explore your creativity by coloring. For students in grades Kindergarten to 6th grade. 3 to 5 p.m. White Plains Library.

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](mailto:pcasey@theexaminernews.com). For a full listing of the upcoming week's events, visit [www.theexaminernews.com](http://www.theexaminernews.com) and click on Happenings.

**Ossining Food Truck Fridays & Concert Series:** Taj Weekes & Adowa. 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](http://www.OssiningChamber.org).

**Westchester Photographic Society:** "Show Us How You Did It." Members show images explaining how they captured the image and the post processing techniques used. All photographers, beginner to professional, are welcome. Must be 18 years old and up. Westchester Community College's Technology Building, Room 107, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-827-5333 or visit [www.wpsphoto.org](http://www.wpsphoto.org).

## Saturday, Aug. 17

**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.

**Family Karaoke.** 2 to 3 p.m. at White Plains Library Galaxy Hall, 100 Martine Ave.

**Herb Garden Days.** The New York unit of the Herb Society of America is revamping its traditional Herb Fair for 2019 at John Jay Homestead. Instead of having the traditional fair in September, this year's event is a series of Herb Garden days, coinciding with the Saturday farmers market. This month's herbs are basil and lemon. (The July's lemon-themed herb day was postponed due to extreme heat.) Visitors will learn about every aspect of this popular herb and be inspired by its many uses and benefits. Herb Society member Wendy Podell is leading a children's activity for the day, making a bird of clay using sage as feathers. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission. The third Saturday of each month through September. Info: E-mail [hersocietyny@gmail.com](mailto:hersocietyny@gmail.com).

**Painting With Pan Pastels.** Pan pastels are professional artists' quality soft pastel colors packed in a unique (cake-like) format. They can be used on nearly any surface, and the colors blend beautifully, using sponge applicators to create an infinite palette. This workshop will introduce participants to this amazing medium and techniques on how to use it. Create a finished work of your own (maybe even two works) by the time the workshop is over. No prior art training is required; all levels welcome. Led by Jill Kiefer. (The instructor will have some resources, but feel free to bring an outline version and color version of something you really want to paint.) For participants 15 years old and up. Pelham Art Center 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 1 to 4 p.m. Members: \$59. Non-members: \$66. (Plus a \$20 material fee.) Registration required. Info and registration: Visit [www.pelhamartcenter.org](http://www.pelhamartcenter.org).



## Sunday, Aug. 18


**Jewish Heritage Festival.** Music, entertainment, crafts and food vendors. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 12 to 6 p.m. Free admission. Free. Info: 914-864-PARK or visit [parks.westchestergov.com](http://parks.westchestergov.com).

**Open Wide.** Join a naturalist to learn all about snakes and lizards during a lively hands-on presentation that is sure to engage and enlighten all ages. Stick around until the end and check out snack time for the snakes. Fun for the whole family. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**Spiderman Movie.** The Spider-verse (Rated PG, 2018). This Oscar winner for Best Animated Feature tells the story of how teen Miles Morales becomes the Spider-Man of his reality and crosses paths with five counterparts from other dimensions to stop a threat facing all realities. 2 to 4:30 p.m. White Plains Library.

**Valhalla Summerfest.** Explore downtown Valhalla with live music, local food and fun. Presented by the Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce. Broadway (at the gazebo), Valhalla. 3 p.m. Free admission. Info: Visit [www.mtpleasantchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.mtpleasantchamberofcommerce.org).

**Sunset Photo Session.** Join us for this special opportunity to photograph ambassador wolves Nikai, Alawa and Zephyr. Guests will also be given access to photograph the critically endangered Mexican wolves and red wolves from vantage points not generally available during regular visits. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 6 p.m. \$100 per person. Space limited; pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).



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# Happenings

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## Art Gallery at Rockefeller Center Presents "Reflections"



"Bird" - aluminum - by Edward Walsh



Southport Channel" - oil/linen - by Jarvis Wilcox

The Art Gallery at the Rockefeller State Park Preserve presents "Reflections," an alluring odyssey in landscape, still life and seascape images. Artist Jarvis Wilcox and sculptor Edward Walsh realize the poetry of our present world, creating impressionistic images that animate our transient quests.

As a student of Goya and Velasquez, Wilcox revels in the density of rich colors applying layers of oil paint in dynamic patterns. Shimmering seas vary from the peaceful to the monumental imposing compositions of unavoidable density of the paint upon canvas. The mysteries of landscapes rest in pictorial substance that are familiar depictions fraught with symbolism.

Edward Walsh experiences vivid impressionism that he translates in dense mediums manipulated in volume, shape and line suggesting both human and animal forms that excite the imagination. A personal aesthetic, which emerged from childhood drawings, reveals his passion for nature in a mature series of Bas-reliefs offering meditative visitation of islands and woodlands.

Curated by Audrey Leeds, the exhibit is open to the public and currently on display through Sept. 8. The art gallery is open daily, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

The Gallery is located at 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. Phone: 914-631-1470.

## Westchester Broadway Theatre Presents Mambo Italiano

Follow the dominating but lovable matriarch, Maria Barbieri, as she and her devoted husband Gino struggle to keep the family restaurant afloat while adjusting to the newly found independence of their New Jersey-born adult grandchildren who they have raised since birth. The show is family friendly and laugh-out-loud funny with clever humor and universal themes of adjusting and adapting and what it takes to keep a family together.

This Pre-Broadway New Musical, based on the play and screenplay by Steve Galluccio & Emile Gaudreault, features a book by Jean Cheever and Tom Polum, lyrics by Omri Schein and music by James Olmstead.

Between side-splitting funny and genuinely heartbreaking, the story will resonate with everyone who has ever been challenged by family loyalty, loss, and a desire to be understood. "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" meets "Fiddler on the Roof" in this hilarious new musical served with love. Just like mama used to make!

Starring: Joy Hermalyn as the Matriarch, Maria Barbieri, Bill Nolte as Gino Barbieri. The grandkids are played by Alex Drost (Angelo Barbieri), and Alexandra Amadeo Frost (Anna Barbieri), Diana DiMarzio (as Lina Paventi), Natalie Gallo (as Donna Lunetti), Zach Schanne (as Nino Paventi). With: Alexandra Adinah, Aaron Patrick Craven, A.J. Hunsucker, Stuart Marland, Corey Masklee, Laura Stracko,



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Directed and Choreographed by Tom Polum, The Associate Director/Musical staging is Jill Gorrie, Technical Direction by Steve Loftus, Lighting Design by Andrew Gmoser, Sound Design by Mark Zuckerman. Costume Design by Keith Nielsen. Wig design by Gerard Kelly. The Production Stage Manager is Victor Lukas, and Lisa Tiso is the Associate Producer.

The show runs through Sept. 29. Dinner and Show ticket prices range between \$61 to \$91 plus tax depending on the performance chosen. Beverage service and gratuities are not included in the ticket price.

For Reservations call 914-592-2222 or visit: [www.BroadwayTheatre.com](http://www.BroadwayTheatre.com).

## SPCA in Briarcliff to Take Part in National Adoption Day Aug. 17

The SPCA is once again teaming up with NBC NY Channel 4 of NBCUniversal for its fifth annual Clear the Shelters adoption event this Saturday, Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at its shelter in Briarcliff Manor.

During this special one-day extravaganza, many animals will have waived or reduced adoption fees (some exclusions apply).

Potential adopters are encouraged to submit an application in advance to help jumpstart the approval process. Walk-ins are welcome that day as well.

Pre-approval does not guarantee a specific animal and adoptions are on a first-come first-served basis. All members of the family must be present, including dogs to facilitate meet and greets with other dogs. Animals adopted through the SPCA of Westchester are spayed/neutered, have age-appropriate



Sarge is one of more than 100 dogs and cats that will be up for adoption this Saturday at the SPCA shelter in Briarcliff Manor on National Adoption Day.

vaccinations and are microchipped.

"We're very grateful to NBCUniversal for once again hosting this important event," said Shannon Laukhuf, SPCA's executive director. "Clear the Shelters has helped raise awareness about the importance of adoption, giving thousands of animals a second chance at a happy life."

The SPCA has more than 100 wonderful dogs, cats, puppies and kittens all looking for loving new homes. Since 2015, NBC's Clear the Shelters campaign has resulted in

more than 250,000 pet adoptions nationwide.

To preview animals for adoption at the SPCA of Westchester, visit [www.SPCA914.org](http://www.SPCA914.org).

The SPCA of Westchester is located at 590 N. State Rd. in Briarcliff Manor.





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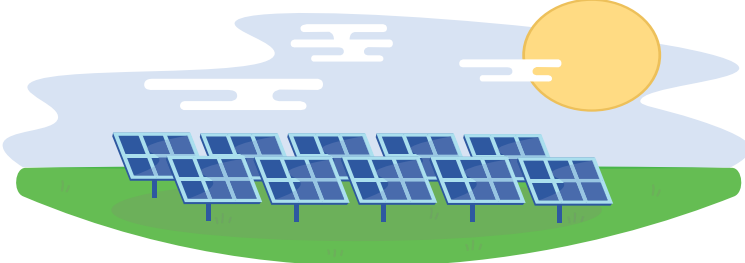
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