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Eastview Students Wear Blue to Stomp Out Bullying

"Blue Shirt Day" – the world day of bullying prevention – was observed Oct. 2 at Eastview Middle School in White Plains, to signify the importance of National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. The campaign began at the school in 2011 to raise awareness, end bullying and change the culture. Monthly activities are planned by the school's Anti Bullying Committee comprised of students and staff, to promote the power of inclusion, diversity and kindness. At an assembly students read quotes supporting the initiative and a video "Stomp Out Bullying," was shown.

Enhanced Bike Lanes Planned for Martine Ave.

By Pat Casey

At the Oct. 2 meeting of the White Plains Common Council, $1.53 million was authorized by a vote of five to two for White Plains Transit District pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

The funding for the project is a combination of a $1.2 million New York State TAP grant with the remaining $320,000 from the City of White Plains.

White Plains Planning Commissioner Christopher Gomez explained to the Council that the formulation of a strategic plan for the city's Transportation District with specific improvements for pedestrian and bicyclist safety had made the White Plains application for the grant very competitive. "We did well because of the Transit District Plan," Gomez said.

The money will be spent on a dedicated bike lane on Martine Ave. near the Library, which is undergoing improvements at the plaza, for the widening of the bike lane to 10-feet with a protective median to keep cyclists and traffic separated.

In what has lately become combative discussion from Councilmembers Milagros Lecuona and Dennis Krolian to programs presented by Mayor Tom Roach and members of city staff, Councilman Krolian said he could not support the program because of the "limited number of cyclists" using the bike lanes in White Plains.

Councilwoman Lecuona scoffed at the $1.53 million price tag for what she called a mere 1,200 feet of safe bike lanes. She said she would have preferred seeing the money spent on bicycle safety all over the city, not just in one area of the downtown. She voted against the appropriation.

Councilman John Kirkpatrick mentioned the White Plains Safe Streets policy that was enabling White Plains to make the city's streets safe for everyone. He thanked NYS Assembly members Amy Paulin and David Buchwald as well

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Local Officials Respond to Las Vegas Shooting, Seek Talks On Gun Control

By Pat Casey

As flags flew at half-mast in commemoration of those killed in the shooting massacre at a music concert in Las Vegas last week, local politicians mobilized quickly to take their stands on the ongoing issue of gun control in America.

The common thread: "Enough is enough."

A statement from Democratic Caucus of the Westchester County Board of Legislators (BOL) revisited the controversial gun show held at the County Center in White Plains.

Congresswoman Nita Lowey on the steps of the Capitol building calling for common sense gun control.

Calling for an override of County Executive Rob Astorino's veto on legislation banning gun shows on county property, the statement from the caucus echoed sentiments heard across the country: "Enough is enough. (Last) Sunday night, our nation again saw the horrific events that can occur in a country were the sale of military style weapons is just business as usual. We are heartbroken for the victims – but heartbroken is not enough anymore. We must take action. We must ban the practice of using taxpayer-funded facilities in Westchester County to assist the proliferation of guns in our communities."

Calling out Astorino for negotiating a backroom deal to bring a gun show back to the County Center without the input of legislators and residents, the statement calls for an Oct. 16 vote of the BOL to override Astorino's veto.

Then, following news that hate-group recruitment flyers were found at Westchester Community College the link between gun sales and hate groups in Westchester County was made. BOL Majority Whip Alfreda Williams (D-Greenburgh) commented, "It is no

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as State Senator George Latimer for helping to get the grant money focused in the direction of White Plains.

The $1.2 million grant is part of a $16 million program by Gov. Andrew Cuomo specifically for bicycle and pedestrian safety programs.

Screen shot of White Plains Planning Commissioner Christopher Gomez at the Oct. 2 Common Council meeting in White Plains.

Councilwoman Beth Smayda said the grant money had to be used for the programs allocated, which includes the Martine Ave. bike lane enhancements, and that the money could not just go to other projects or into the general fund.

Mayor Roach responded to Krolian's and Lecuona's comments by saying the elements of the plan are what got White Plains the grant in the first place and that $1.2 million from the state with $320,000 from the city is a good deal. "We are careful with how we spend money," Roach added.

Roach said that White Plains prides itself in being a progressive city that attracts Milennials who often prefer to take a bicycle to the train station, rather than driving a car.

Roach further said that White Plains was positioned well in the region to attract businesses that employ Milennials because of its progressive programs.

During the vote on the ordinance, both Krolian and Lecuona voted no.

During the Oct. 2 meeting a parking garage extension by New York Power Authority (NYPA) on Main St. was also approved.

Councilwoman Lecuona said she would like NYPA to go back to the table and produce a better plan. Right now the park in front of the building will disappear, she said. "If they are eliminating the park, they should bring something green to the city."

Lecuona recommended that the exterior wall facing Main Street could become a garden or a sculpture.

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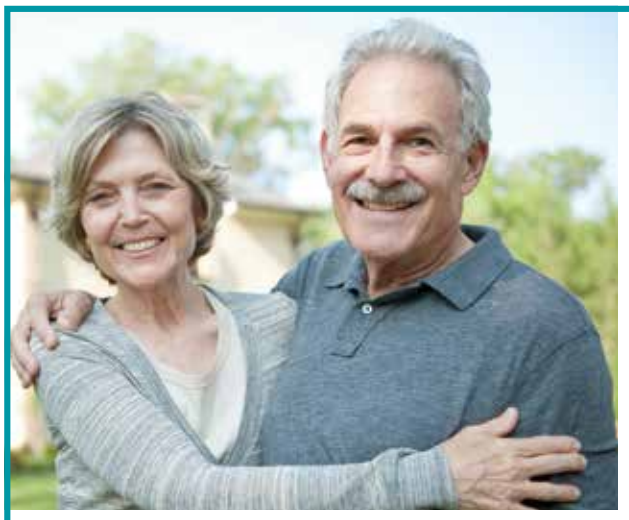

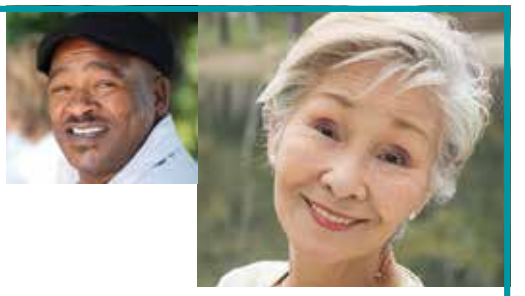

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surprise to me that in a county where symbols of hate are sold beside weapons on the floor of a taxpayer funded facility, that organizations whose sole purpose is to further divide us feel empowered to come here. The flyers, which were accompanied on social media with the hashtag 'Operation Siege', are a sign that those with hate in their heart intend to use Westchester County as a place to stake their claim."

Williams called on Legislator Ben Boykin (D-White Plains), to bring the Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission into his Committee on Public Safety & Social Services to discuss the incident.

"Westchester Community College is under our purview – and we only learned of these flyers through the media. Again, this is unacceptable," Williams said.

"In a country where our President says there are 'many sides' to a neo-Nazi rally, in a county where Confederate Flags and Nazi paraphernalia are sold alongside guns and are described as merely 'historical' - we must take a stand against the spread of hate."

Responding more specifically to the Las Vegas tragedy, New York State Assemblyman David Buchwald issued a statement on Tannerite developments in Las Vegas and Manhattan, and asked for a review of a bill already put before the NYS Legislature for regulation of the explosive compound.

"Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo reported that Tannerite, an explosive compound, was found at the Mesquite, Nevada home of Las Vegas gunman Stephen Paddock. Tannerite was used in the Chelsea, Manhattan bombing in September 2016, for which the defendant Ahmad Khan Rahimi went on trial (last week)," Buchwald said.

"There is no solace in learning the Las Vegas shooter not only had an arsenal of weapons in his home, but also the explosive binary compound Tannerite. I continue to worry that anyone can buy Tannerite in New York State and throughout much of the United States. Since 2014, I have proposed that New York State regulate Tannerite and similar compounds that the FBI has said can be used in improvised explosive devices. In 2016 and 2017, both before and after the Chelsea neighborhood bombing in Manhattan, the New York State Assembly overwhelmingly passed legislation on this topic, but the State Senate did not. As we grieve the loss of life in Las Vegas, it is time for the New York State Senate to pass this bill so that domestic terrorists do not have such easy access to these dangerous compounds," Buchwald concluded.

In Washington, DC, Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) joined Gun Violence Prevention Task Force colleagues in a letter to President Trump requesting that he meet with the task force to discuss commonsense gun reform.

In a prepared statement presented on the steps of the Capitol building Lowey said, "I'm pleased to stand here today to say enough is enough. I am tired of moments of silence. For the thousands of young men and women who were the victims of guns, we've got to do something now. There are too many members of Congress who are rushing to cash the NRA checks. We have to work together, Democrats and Republicans, form a select committee, see if we can put together legislation that will stop some of the murders, the pain, the suffering that is going on as a result of actions not taken. I can hardly believe that legislation is being proposed, and there's going to be a vote, on expanding concealed carry. How, in this day and age, when there are murders every day, are we going to allow more people to conceal guns? We have got to strengthen our laws, get together, and find an answer to it."

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Heart Transplant Recipients Celebrate W'chester Medical Milestone

By Anna Young

Former heart transplant recipients and their families joined physicians, nurses and administrative staff at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla last week to celebrate the hospital surpassing more than 200 of the life-changing procedures.

Nearly 50 former heart transplant patients from the hospital's heart transplant program gathered on National Organ Donor Enrollment Day last Wednesday, reflecting on their lives before and after surgery and sharing stories of heartache and success.

"It's a good feeling to have life back when it's almost taken from you," said Kim Guinta, a 63-year-old Bridgeport, Conn. resident who had his transplant in 2014 after spending six months in the hospital. "Before every step was an effort, I could barley walk my dog around the block. It's hard to explain what life is again because I took everything for granted before I was sick. Once you get sick, you don't know what's going on."

Guinta praised the hospital and its staff for treating the program's patients as individuals.

Since the heart transplant program was launched in 2001, Westchester Medical Center's Heart and Vascular Institute's heart transplant program helped the patients by combining clinical expertise and compassionate care.

ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Recipients of Westchester Medical Center's heart transplant program reunited with the hospital's medical staff on Oct. 4 to celebrate the more than 200 procedures that have been successfully completed.

Dr. David Spielvogel, chief of cardiothoracic surgery and surgical director for heart transplantation, said the medical center's program often admits patients that are often turned away at other facilities after qualifying as a poor transplant candidate.

"We really tried to find a way to help everyone that came to us," he said. "I think that was something that made us special."

The program also has a reputation of providing the best possible outcomes for patients, with higher survival rates and shorter wait times than the national average.

Dr. Alan Gass, director of cardiac, transplantation and mechanical circulatory support, reflected on the level of anguish patients and families feel before surgery. He said it's extraordinary to see patients given a new lease on life.

"In medicine it's rare you have a terminal disease, and there's a solution and (a) transplant is a real solution," Gass said. "When I look around this room I see people who made it to their kid's graduation, saw grandchildren born, went back to school, completed marathons. What you can accomplish after a transplant is pretty remarkable."

Montrose resident Maria Quizhpi was born with pyruvate kinase deficiency, a type of hemolytic anemia. She said her life has dramatically improved since her transplant last December.

"I was always tired, I didn't want to do anything and I had no energy," said the 26-year-old Quizhpi. "Now I get to do a lot of things on my own. I'm cooking and I spend a lot of time with my nieces. I'm young and I feel lucky my condition was caught in time. I feel blessed, really truly blessed.

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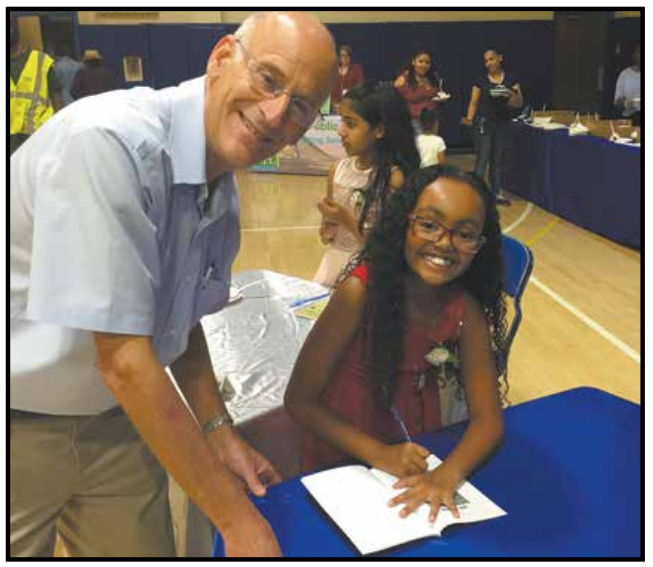
Local Students Write/Publish Book - "Journey of Heroes"

I would like to commend Dr. Tahira Chase, Superintendent of Schools for the Greenburgh School District and Tanya Johnson, Director of Education for the Lois Bronz Children's Center for a very innovative initiative. Last week I attended a book signing at the Theodore Young Community Center for a book written by children ages 8-12. The book "Journey of Heroes" can be purchased on Amazon.com and at Barnes & Nobel bookstore. The students (also known as authors) attend Greenburgh Central School District.



Author Kailani Ledesma, a 4th grader, signs her autograph with Paul Feiner. Kailani and other students wrote a soon to be bestseller "Journey of Heroes." Buy the book at Barnes & Nobel or online at Amazon.com.

Over a period of six weeks, "Journey of Heroes" has become a reality. During that time the students created characters, plotted stories and developed narratives. Some stories have illustrations drawn by the authors. This is education at its very best! The students are learning how to write and get published. They are marketing their book with a book signing and are interacting with the community. They are learning real-life skills at a young age. Who knows? Maybe one day one or more of these authors will win a Pulitzer Prize.

The student authors are Ann Alphy, Kailani Ledesma, Anyla Wright, Niya Gray, Bryan Hernandez, Jaythan Perez, Christopher Hernandez, Melany Fajardo and Nayla Gray.

If you want to purchase a copy of the book and want the book autographed by the authors, there will be a book signing table at the Greenburgh Town Board meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

–Paul Feiner,
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

Correction

In last week's edition of The White Plains Examiner the name of the team from Clarkstown North the White Plains Tigers played against was incorrectly reported as the Hawks. The Clarkstown North High School team is the Rams. The headline to that article should have read: "Tigers Trying to Find Their Way - Lose to Rams 42-7" and throughout the story where the Hawks were mentioned, the name should have been Rams.

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Social Program for People with Dementia Debuts in White Plains

In September the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter began a new social program for people with dementia and their family caregivers.

Held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays in White Plains, the AlzWell Social Club features creative activities for people in the early and middle stages of dementia and their family caregivers. Three separate breakout sessions are held simultaneously – one for caregivers, one for people with early-stage dementia and one for people with middle-stage dementia.

The program is directed by Debbie Marks Kahn, a board-certified licensed art therapist with more than 30 years of experience working with people with dementia. Kahn described the club as a warm and accepting environment.

"We are creating a place where everyone is going to feel that they belong. People are going to have friendship, a community where everything is OK and everyone belongs. There is no right or wrong way of doing things. It's going to be a relaxed atmosphere," Kahn said. "We're going to have art, music, dance, all kinds of creative endeavors as well as mentally stimulating activities. We will provide what our clients ask for. I want it to be a caring, kind and fun place."

Other activities include creative writing, trivia games, singing and dancing to live music, ice-cream socials, clay art making, choral groups and sing-alongs, guest speakers, discussions of current events and books, light yoga, dance instruction, art projects and conversations as well as stress-relief exercises.

"At the beginning of the day, we meet in the auditorium where we go over what we'll be doing for the day and say hello to each other. Then we break out for an hour activity, and then back for lunch with music, and then more music afterwards."

Kahn said the program's aim is to benefit the participants holistically.

The group is held on Saturdays. Next meetings are Oct. 28, Nov. 18, 25 and Dec. 16, 23, 30.

Preregistration is required. Prospective participants will be pre-screened by staff members. For more information about the AlzWell Social Club or to sign up for prescreening, call the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter at 800-272-3900.

White Plains Veterans Flags of Honor

As a tribute to Veterans, past and present, the City of White Plains will once again create an assemblage of American Flags along Main Street. Additionally, flags representing each branch of The Armed Forces will be displayed at City Hall.

In time for Veteran's Day, Saturday, Nov. 11, individuals, families and/or businesses can sponsor a flag in honor of a veteran who has served or is presently serving our country. The White Plains Recreation & Parks Department is accepting donations of $50 for the sponsorship of a flag. Your honoree and sponsor name will be included in a press release to media outlets and posted on the City website, displayed on signage at City Hall, and printed in the 2017 Veteran's Day program and the 2018 Memorial Day Program. Donations will be utilized to offset the cost of city sponsored Veteran's events and programs.

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Heelers and J. Crew Team Up for Dogs Misplaced by Hurricane Harvey

Heelers Made Fresh of Katonah and J. Crew, will team up this Saturday, Oct. 14 for a "Shop with Your Dog" fundraiser. The event will be held at J. Crew at 126 Greenwich Ave. in Greenwich, CT from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. A portion of all sales will be donated to the SPCA of Houston to help feed and care for misplaced dogs from Hurricane Harvey.

Dogs will receive free tastings of Heelers Made Fresh organic homemade dog food. Heelers Made Fresh owners Alexa and Sabrina Amoriello of John Jay High School in Katonah commented, "We are so thrilled to team with J. Crew to help these dogs in any way we can. Without J.Crew's help and generosity, none of this would be possible."

Obituraries

Pamela Rosinus

Pamela Ann Rosinus, a White Plains resident and former longtime Milford, CT resident, died Oct. 4 at the age of 73.

She was born Jan. 22, 1944 in Baltimore, MD.

Pamela worked at the Milford Hospital for several years. During her time there, she entered an essay contest and won the Healthcare Hero Award. She was also an enthusiastic member of the Milford Yacht Club along with her mother, Harriet Rosinus.

Pamela is survived by her sister, Alison Brown of Sarasota, FL, a brother, Ted Armstrong of White Plains and several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by a brother, Ned Rosinus.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Milford Hospital in Pamela's memory.

Marie Magnotta

Marie A. Magnotta died peacefully on Oct. 1 at age 80. She was born in Greenburgh to Antoinette and Joseph DelGrande. She graduated from St. John's High School in 1955. On Sept. 7, 1958 she married Charles Magnotta at Holy Name of Jesus in Eastchester. They settled in West Harrison where they raised their two children. Marie was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Her family meant the world to her. She worked many years at Combe, Inc. in White Plains. Marie had a strong, quiet demeanor and was a kind, generous and loving person. She enjoyed traveling, sewing, shopping at Kohl's and watching movies on the Hallmark channel. She loved jewelry, but most of all loved spending time with her family and friends. She was a gifted singer, cutting a vinyl record of Beautiful Dreamer when she was a teenager. As a young adult, Marie enjoyed bowling and once won a tournament winning the top prize; a trip to Florida. She was a member of the West Harrison Senior Center and a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. She is survived by her devoted husband Charles, her loving children Charles (Donna) Magnotta, Phyllis (Randy) Sauer, and her cherished grandchildren; Michelle, Erica, Eve and Jack. Also survived by a sister Angelina (Joe) Russo, and her brothers Thomas (Eleanor) DelGrande, Dominick DelGrande and a cousin Angie Troiano. Marie is also survived by her in laws; Edith and Peter Zuzolo, Josephine Montemurro, Margaret Magnotta, Angie Magnotta, Rose Magnotta, Mary Magnotta and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to especially thank Marie's dear cousin, Angie Troiano. She was a steadfast and loving presence in her life. She dropped whatever she was doing to lend a helping hand whenever Marie needed her. We would also like to thank Beverly Stith, her loyal aide, for her kindness and excellent care she provided.

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Man Pleads Guilty to Child Sex Abuse Charges

Luis Ortiz, 50, of Mamaroneck, pled guilty on Oct. 3 to one count of Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the First Degree, a class "B" Violent Felony.

The defendant had been extradited from Guatemala back in May of this year and returned to Mamaroneck Village Court on a bench warrant issued in 1998 when he failed to appear on two felony complaints.

Luis Ortiz

On Nov. 9, 1998 the then five-year-old victim told her mother that the defendant had sexually abused her while she was in the defendant's home the previous weekend. That same day the victim's mother filed a report with the Village of Mamaroneck Police Department. The defendant was arrested two days later on Nov. 11, 1998 and charged with Sexual Abuse in the First Degree after admitting to sexually abusing the child that weekend.

Ortiz was arraigned on the charge in the Mamaroneck Village Court and bail was set at $25,000, however that amount was reduced by a County Court judge to $5,000.

On Dec. 1, 1998, during a forensic interview of the child, she disclosed additional information, which indicated the defendant had engaged in several more serious sexual assaults against the child over a period of months, and the defendant was thereafter charged with Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the First Degree. The crimes are alleged to have occurred between March 1, 1998 and Nov. 8, 1998 when the victim was being babysat by the defendant's wife at their home in Mamaroneck.

He was arraigned on the new charges in Mamaroneck Village Court and this time bail was set at $50,000. After the bail was reduced in County Court to $10,000, the defendant made bail on Dec. 10, 1999. He failed to appear at his two next scheduled court dates and on Jan. 7, 2000 a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Local police questioned the defendant's family but the defendant could not be located.

On Jan. 20, 1999, Crime Stoppers offered a $10,000 reward for information leading to the defendant's whereabouts.

On March 7, 2000, the Westchester County District Attorney's Office requested that a Red Notice, an international alert, be issued by Interpol. Extensive paperwork was filed, which included a statement of facts and an agreement to extradite the defendant in the event he was ever located.

On July 5, 2000, law enforcement received a tip that the defendant had been seen in

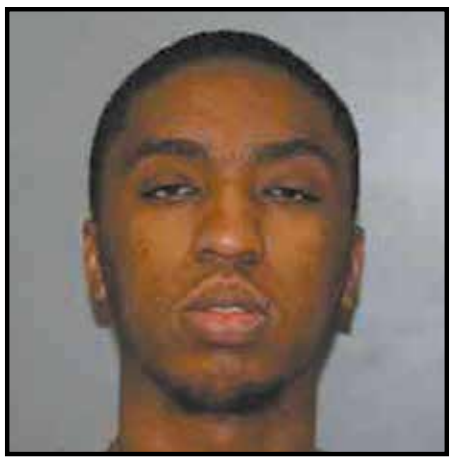
El Salvador but local police were unable to locate him. Because the defendant is a citizen of that country, efforts to locate him were concentrated there.

In 2012, the US Marshall's Service obtained information that the defendant was in Guatemala living under an assumed name. U.S. Marshall's contacted the Department of State, which requested that the Guatemalan authorities obtain a provisional arrest warrant from Guatemalan Courts. The provisional arrest warrant was obtained and the defendant was apprehended in Guatemala in August of 2016 by members of the Diplomatic Security Service of the State Department and the U.S. Marshall's Service. After exhausting attempts to avoid extradition, he was returned to the United States by federal law enforcement agents and turned over to Mamaroneck Village detectives at JFK Airport on Wednesday night, May 3, 2017. He appeared in Mamaroneck Village Court and was remanded by Judge Gallagher.

The defendant will be sentenced on Nov. 28, 2017. He faces a maximum possible sentence of 25 years in state prison.

Man Sentenced to Prison for Series of Financial Crimes

Nygel Joseph, 21, of Mount Vernon, was sentenced to two to six years in state prison after pleading guilty to one



Nygel Joseph

count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the First Degree, a class "C" Felony; one count of Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a class "C" Felony; one count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class "D" Felony; one count of Identity Theft in the Second Degree, a class "E" Felony; one count of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle in the Third Degree, a class "A" Misdemeanor.

The sentence is the culmination of a prosecution in which this defendant was originally charged via three Grand Jury Indictments and one Felony Complaint. In the course of his actions, this defendant possessed counterfeit money, perpetrated a $75,000 identity theft scheme, perpetrated another identity theft scheme to steal auto parts from an out of state vendor, and possessed a stolen car.

More specifically, on Feb. 10, 2016 at approximately 3:32 p.m., the Eastchester Police received a phone call from an employee of a Mobil Gas Station located on White Plains Road that the defendant had tried to pass a counterfeit one hundred dollar bill. The defendant was located by the police later that day and identified by the employee. He was subsequently arrested.

While that case was pending, in February of 2017, the Mount Vernon Police Department was contacted by the owner of an auto parts business in New Hampshire. A subsequent investigation revealed that the defendant had obtained personal identifying information of four victims whose names, home addresses and debit card numbers were used to illegally purchase $2,000 worth of auto parts from the New Hampshire business owner.

The investigation also revealed that between March 7 and 8, 2016, the defendant assisted in the theft of a 2006 Acura from a parking lot in Peekskill. The vehicle was transported to Mount Vernon where it was to be stripped for parts. The defendant was arrested by investigators from the Westchester County District Attorney's Office.

From Aug. 10, 2016 to Feb. 13, 2017, the defendant stole $75,962.74 from Capital One Bank. The investigation revealed that the defendant through a fraudulent scheme, caused Capitol One Bank to issue refund checks on various credit card accounts. Those refunds were predicated themselves on fraudulent overpayments made on low credit balances. Those overpayments were then returned for insufficient funds after the defendant had stolen the proceeds of the refund checks.

The defendant was remanded into the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections.

Economic Crimes Bureau Chief Gwen Galef and Assistant District Attorney Celia Curtis of the Investigations Division prosecuted the case.

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Just Because It's Fall Doesn't Mean Ticks, Lyme Disease Disappear

By Dr. Debra Adler-Klein

Many people mistakenly believe that the tick season ends at Labor Day, but in fact the danger of tick bites extends well into the fall and even the winter if the weather stays warm.

Last winter, for the first time since I began treating Lyme disease in the 1980s, I saw new cases of Lyme all winter, even in January and February. We won't get the final numbers until later this fall, but this year is shaping up to be one of the worst in recent memory for Lyme disease and other tick-borne infectious illnesses.

The combination of a mild winter with an unusually large population of mice led to an increased number of ticks this spring and summer, and it will likely continue into the fall. Along with an uptick in the number of acute Lyme cases this year, I am also seeing a spike in other tick-borne illnesses such as anaplasmosis, babesiosis, ehrlichiosis and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

It's not just gardeners and hikers who are coming down with these infections. Simply walking through grass to the mailbox can put you at risk. The agricultural stations in Connecticut and Westchester warned us in early spring that they were seeing unusually large numbers of ticks that were infected with Lyme disease.

Mice and deer are the primary carriers of the very small-blacklegged tick, which carries Lyme and these other diseases. They are also known as deer ticks. A single mouse can carry up to 100 infected ticks just on its face, ears and head.

Symptoms of Lyme disease include a rash, headache, flu-like illness, fatigue, neck stiffness, numbness and tingling in the face or hands and feet, a drooping facial palsy or Bell's palsy, dizziness and heart palpitations. Joint pain, especially in the knees, is a common Lyme symptom. Knees may be swollen as well.

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The best way to prevent Lyme disease is to avoid being bitten by a tick. Here are some prevention strategies:

•Avoid wooded areas and be vigilant about ticks even if you're not the outdoor type. If you are in grassy or wooded areas with ticks, wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts. Tuck long pants into socks. Wear shoes, not flip-flops.

•When you come indoors after being in areas where ticks may be living, do full-body tick checks on yourself and your children. Ticks like warm, moist areas of your body, including the groin, behind the knee, armpits and ar4ound hairlines.

•Shower within a couple of hours of coming indoors to wash off any ticks. Put your clothing and outerwear in the dryer for 10 minutes. Super-heating will kill ticks.

•The Centers for Disease Control recommends mowing your grass regularly. Consider putting wood chips or gravel around the perimeter of your property, about two to three feet deep. When mice run across the uneven, bumpy terrain, about 50 percent of the ticks they are carrying will fall off.

•Do tick checks on your pets, too. Try to keep them off areas where you sleep. When removing a tick from a dog, wear gloves or use a paper towel to avoid coming in contact with any blood, and wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water. Tick vaccines for pets are now available.

• Consider having your yard sprayed with chemicals that contain pyrethrins and other compounds that help kill ticks. There are also organic, less toxic sprays made of peppermint, lemon and citrus oils.

•Birds can carry ticks, too, so you may want to move bird feeders away from the house and outdoor decks.

If you are bitten by a tick, remove it promptly.

•Use a clean pair of tweezers to grasp the mouth parts of the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull it off in a steady upward motion. Avoid breaking the tick and releasing its blood.

•Clean the bite area thoroughly with soap and water, rubbing alcohol or hydrogen peroxide. For some people, the bite area will become an itchy red welt right away or within a day or two – this does not mean you have Lyme disease.

•Write down the date and location of the bite in case you develop Lyme disease symptoms later. Your medical provider will want to know when you were bitten.

•Watch for signs of the classic bulleye rash that may develop around the bite, but note that not everyone with Lyme develops this rash. The rash doesn't hurt and there is no itching or burning sensation with it. If you have the bullseye rash, you have Lyme and should seek treatment right away.

•Don't panic. It usually takes at least 24 hours for a tick to transmit Lyme and other diseases to humans. So if you removed the tick quickly, you are not likely to develop Lyme. If you have Lyme, it is generally treatable.

•Depending on your symptoms, your medical provider may want to do a blood test to look for Lyme disease or other tick-borne infections. Three antibiotics are used to treat Lyme disease: doxycycline, amoxicillin and cefuroxime axetil. Doxycycline has the added benefit of also treating ehrlichiosis and anaplasmosis.

Dr. Debra Adler-Klein, a board-certified internist and infectious diseases expert, recently joined NewYork-Presbyterian Medical Group Westchester and is practicing at a newly renovated location at the Vernon Hills Shopping Center at 700 White Plains Rd. in Scarsdale. To schedule an appointment, call 914-787-2242.

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America's New Love Affair with Hating Its Past

By Richard Cirulli

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself" –Franklin D. Roosevelt

This author will continue on with the topic addressed in the last article dealing with our nation's new obsession calling for the removal of public statues of America's past figures good, bad or indifferent.

As with many movements, which at times mimic an addiction, requiring more drugs to sedate them from the pain of truth, this new fringe group, Frightful Educated Adults in Retreat (FEAR), now requires larger doses of its politically correct Soma to sedate themselves from all of life's unpleasant realities. Some of the next victims slated for their inquisition include Christopher Columbus and Franklin D. Roosevelt – Columbus for being a slave trader and Roosevelt for his internment of Japanese/Americans during World War II.

Regretfully, the deceased are in no position to make a defense.

In respect for the former, Columbus sailed under the flag of Spain in the year 1492, just after the country was liberated from Moorish control that lasted 700 years. In essence the Iberians were slaves within their own country. In regard to the latter, Roosevelt was fearful of a Japanese invasion of the west coast of the United States after the attack on Pearl Harbor and the fall of the Philippines, with the atrocities inflicted on American soldiers during the forced death march of Bataan.

As we can see, the politically correct have already removed these facts of history from our conscience. The decisions of Columbus and Roosevelt were not made in a vacuum, and they are free from the harsh consequences of inaction and cowardice. It may be worth noting at this point the biblical saying, "he who is free of sin, cast the first stone."

Regardless, those who promote FEAR fail to take into account that there is no discourse in place today to discuss these figures' actions in a practical and truthful perspective. It does not matter if these fallen figures are heroes or villains. We still live in a free country that allows for free speech, though regretfully, we are as fearful of discourse as we are of the truth. The denial of free speech is a sign of a totalitarian government, regardless if it's labeled as fascism, communism or capitalism. What we also lose sight of is that all these "villains" share something in common with all of us, we are all humans dealing with our frail and flawed human condition.

If our country's addiction to a new form of political correctness is sincere, not discriminatory, and free of a bias agenda in addressing all of the injustices incurred in our nation's past, why have we forgotten about the 100,000 Irish children between the ages of 10 to 14 who were sold into slavery by James II of England in his proclamation of 1625. Under his proclamation the Irish were sold into slavery in the West Indies, Virginia and even New England.

Slavery and racism are unacceptable and a stain on any nation that has a history of it in its past.

We should conclude that the greater horror is to be a slave to one's own self-imposed ignorance, with chains that can only be broken with a true memory of our past. As a nation, we seem to forget humanity rarely learns from its mistakes.

The author will leave you with this quote from Winston Churchill: "Americans will always do the right thing, after they have exhausted all the alternates."

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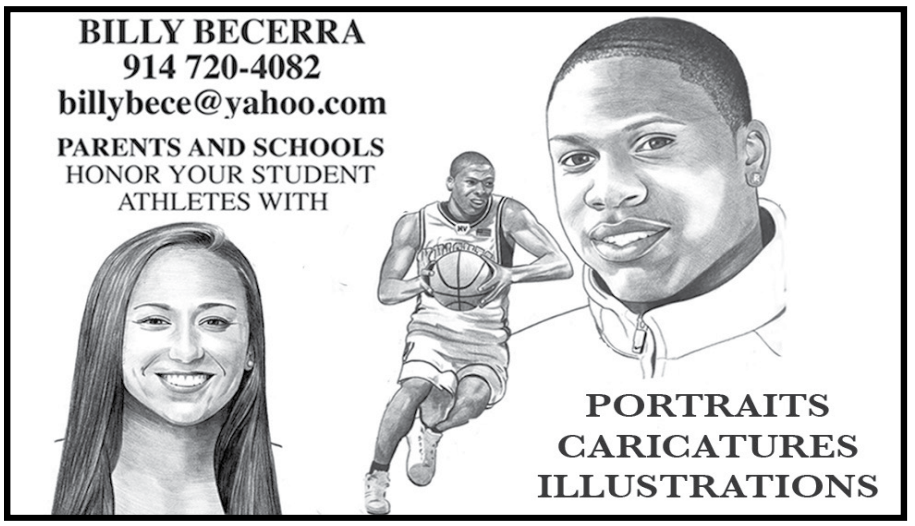

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Revisiting the Raised Ranch: Love it, Leave it or Change it

By Bill Primavera

Some years ago, I wrote about the demise in interest of the raised ranch, which held sway from the early 1960s to the 1980s as a ubiquitous house design that spread like wildfire across the country.

Since that time, the style has spawned even more opposing viewpoints. Some prospective homebuyers are drawn to it, perhaps because they grew up in one, while others say, "Show me anything but!"

"I don't know who exactly invented the design of the raised ranch, but whoever it was should be shot!" a noted architect once told me.

Actually, some architectural historians say that the design was created by none other than Frank Lloyd Wright.

The history of the raised ranch and its place in the American housing scene, rising from a clever idea to ubiquitous popularity, then to disfavor as a style, is a very interesting, strictly American phenomenon. While you see many ranch-style homes in the New York area, they originated on the West Coast in the 1920s. Once their influence reached the east, the foundation had risen a half-story and the one-level ranch was "raised" to create two levels.

The main complaints we hear about the elevated ranch are that the entrance platform between the main and lower levels of the house is normally foreshortened to the extent that it's difficult to close the door behind you without stepping up or down a step. Also, there is no provision for an entry hall closet and the lower level is cut off from the main flow of the house.

"When modernizing a raised ranch, it's not easy to modify the space," another architect told me. "It can become a more sizable project that's more complicated than re-doing a ranch, cape or colonial."

Yet, it's that cut-off feeling that some people find desirable for converting a raised ranch into a mother-daughter layout or for an accessory apartment.

Basically, the raised ranch is a one-story ranch propped atop a high foundation, creating a lower living space without really raising the construction cost appreciably. Normally that lower space is divided into one or two rooms, along with a half or full bath and a laundry room. The rest of the level is for the utility room and a two-car garage.

Another factor in the raised ranch debate is that its design has fallen into disfavor more quickly than any other house style. Certainly, the colonial design has been around literally since the founding of our country, and people still prefer it among all the styles.

Supporters of the raised ranch, particularly contractors who build them, have said that you get more bang for the buck by raising the house on a high basement and creating a whole new level at a fraction of the cost that the main level requires. Detractors would say that while the inside may offer more space at less money, the exteriors are devoid of any distinguishing features, so that large tracts of the design have tended to look alike.

Homeowners today are more sophisticated at all price levels and they want to distinguish themselves from their neighbors. On the longest block in my town with the most raised ranches, the transformation from having similar homes began in the late 1980s, first with the selection of new siding and windows, then with additions, which many times included revamping the two-car garage into living space and extending a wing with a new garage and a "bonus" room overhead.

A while back, I worked with some architects who first made me aware of clever ways to disguise the top-heavy look of the raised ranch with a front bump-out called an "entrance tower" that remedies at least two of the design problems associated with the house's design. The tower is basically a one and a half to two-story extension in the middle of the house, which solves the problem of the small entry platform.

The entrance now becomes expansive depending on the dimensions of the tower and provides more room for a coat closet, too. Also, the addition of the tower tends to make the raised ranch look more like a colonial. The tower can soar two stories to impress visitors or to create a second floor for a large elevated walk-in closet or another bathroom.

For anyone who's living in a raised ranch who wants to update or upgrade the design to a contemporary colonial look, I've researched and worked with a couple of architects and contractors who can help at a very reasonable cost. For contact information, just call my number below.

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Never Been to a High-end Wine Auction? Enjoy a Virtual Experience

By Nick Antonaccio

In the rarefied air of high-end auctions, the elite come together – in person or electronically – to bid against one another for sought-after rare collectibles. It is the thrill of one-upmanship that drives wealthy investors to bid against each other for the prestige to own and display these collectibles.

I've been fortunate to attend several wine auctions, mainly as an observer, but also as one seeking out "bargains" that pass under the radar of those caught up in the frenzy of the moment. Alas, I show nothing material for my efforts, although I have experienced a surge in my levels of adrenalin and endorphins.

As I pen this column, it occurs to me that many readers may not have had the opportunity to attend an auction house event. Allow me to regale you with my memories of the structure and excitement of attending my first Christie's auction a few years ago.

The preliminaries

The Christie's auction house event required a vetting process. I was required to first, complete an application to determine my financial worthiness, and second, establish a line of credit for bidding. All those who met these requirements were issued a catalog of the wines to be auctioned and a numbered paddle for tracking bids.

The event was billed as "The Finest and Rarest Wines Auction. Featuring the exemplary cellar of an esteemed collector." The wines were being sold post-mortem. The poor collector never had a chance to enjoy these fines wines. Or perhaps he never intended to. This collection may have been a legacy to pass on to his heirs, who instead chose to liquidate the holdings rather than perpetuate the collector's legacy. (I never found out the reason.)

With offering catalog in hand, I found a seat in the middle of the room of about 100 seats. The auctioneer's podium, with its time-worn gavel, was on the right-center of the room, next to a screen set up to display the information on the lots of wine to be offered. Along the side walls were banks of telephones manned by Christie employees. Above the seats were several blank monitors. This being my first auction, it wasn't clear to me how each of these elements fit into the auction process, but I was soon to find out.

The structure

The concept is simple. Bidders gather together, paddles in hand, to vie for a particular lot of wine specified in the catalog. It is assumed that each bidder has spent time poring through the catalog and is prepared to engage in the fast-paced bidding the auctioneer conducts.

As the bidding began, I quickly realized there were more participants than those present. As best I could discern, there were three groups of bidders other than those sitting around me: Those who had submitted pre-bids and were not in attendance; those who were on open phone lines with the Christie's employees; and those who were bidding online and whose bids were displayed on the aforementioned monitors.

I never found out how many ghost bidders were participating, but their presence was constantly felt as the auctioneer continuously acknowledged the back and forth competition.

The rush

As the auctioneer began in his familiar staccato voice, and remained in total control of the swirling proliferation of bids from the room and around the world, I was caught up in the subdued excitement. My eyes and head were in constant motion as I attempted to follow the flow of bidding.

Several of those around me were raising their paddles for every lot; others only sporadically. The gentleman seated to my immediate right bid on only one mid-auction lot, an offering of vintage Champagne, which he aggressively pursued, and won. He then summarily stood and walked out, his mission accomplished.

As for my participation? From the moment the auction began until the last lot was sold, my paddle was securely in hand – and under my seat. But my hands were sweating, my heart was racing and my face was bright red. The rush was incredible, and cost me not a penny – or a mortgage payment.

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Harley the Cyber Dog Will Take a "Byte" Out of Crime

The FBI and Westchester County police introduced their newest work partner – a cyber dog named Harley who is specially trained to sniff out thumb drives, SD cards, hard drives and other digital storage devices.

These storage devices often contain the critical evidence that law enforcement needs to investigate and prosecute a wide variety of crimes, ranging from financial fraud to child pornography to counter-terrorism cases.

"Harley, a 2-year-old Labrador retriever, is one of only a handful of electronic storage device detection canines in the nation," County Executive Rob Astorino said during a press event introducing Harley. "She is specially trained to locate hidden or discarded storage devices by detecting the chemical that is used to cool their memory chips."

Astorino noted that a hallmark of his Safer Communities initiative was communication, cooperation and collaboration to provide critically needed services and support to Westchester's communities.

Harley and her handler, county police Detective Brett Hochron, will support the work of the FBI Cyber Crimes Division. In addition to working with the FBI, Harley will be used in county police investigations and whenever needed by any municipal police department in Westchester.

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For the seventh year in a row, Vaughn College has been ranked among the first-tier top regional colleges in the North and moved up in the rankings to eight from nine last year. U.S. News & World Report results released September 12 again recognized Vaughn in its 2018 survey of the best regional colleges.

"Vaughn is committed to preparing graduates for a professional life of success and these latest rankings reflect that dedication to our mission," said President Dr. Sharon B. DeVivo. "This year, Vaughn has been consistently recognized for our educational value to students, most prominently as the number one institution in the country in economic mobility; the best at moving students from the bottom income levels to the top. US News is yet another opportunity to provide evidence to students and families about the value of investing in a Vaughn degree."

Vaughn College Dr. Shouling teaching robotics course.

In this year's survey, Vaughn also moved up in the "Best Colleges for Veterans" category, to third from fourth in the same category.

"Our support to our nation's Veterans is mission-critical," said President DeVivo. "With more than 10 percent of our students having served, we provide a transition from military to civilian life ensuring that the professional skills they have already acquired are enhanced and provide for long-term career achievement."

One of the variables used in the ranking is the predicted versus actual graduation rate. U.S. News calculates a predicted six-year graduation rate for Vaughn students based on economic and academic characteristics at the time of admission, and this year they predicted a rate of 43 percent and Vaughn achieved 53 percent.

Further evidence of graduates' success is the current career placement rate of 98 percent employed or continuing their education within one year of graduation. Eighty-one percent are employed in their field of study or a related field.

U.S. News & World Report began its annual rankings of American colleges and universities in 1983. As in years past, it used more than a dozen indicators to score its 2018 choices, including undergraduate academic reputation, faculty resources, student selectivity, graduation rates, freshman retention rates and alumni giving. Rankings were based on a weighted evaluation of all categories.

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Tuesday, Oct. 10

Stories & Stuff: Preschool storytime, including a craft activity, for ages 4 and 5 without adult. Literacy connections are made at Stories & Stuff where stories are centered on a theme and children listen and interact with corresponding rhymes, songs and/or finger plays. A final craft project ties in with the topic fostering a sense that stories are imaginative, yet lasting, and continue to enrich our creative thoughts and play; 4:30 p.m., White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Tuesdays at Dorry's. Michael Hackett on Better Angels – Working to Reduce Polarization. Tuesdays @ Dorry's gathers "conversation partners" weekly for informal table talk. There is no charge. Just order your food from Tracy and Gina, prepared by Chef Jeff, and enjoy the discussion and company. Join us. No reservations are needed. Tuesdays @ Dorry's is coordinated by Dorry's friends at Memorial United Methodist Church and Congregation Kol Ami, and brings participants from a cross-section of our communities. Weekly Table Talk 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering starts at 5:15 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains; 914-682-0005.

WPCNA Meeting. The October meeting of the White Plains Council of Neighborhood Associations will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Education House, 5 Homeside Lane, White Plains. Special Guest will be Dr. Joseph Ricca, who took over as White Plains Superintendent of Schools on July 1st. Light refreshments will be served. Open to the public.

"Ugetsu." A ghost story like no other, this is Japanese director Kenji Mizoguchi's supreme achievement. By the time he made the film, Mizoguchi was already an elder statesman of Japanese cinema, fiercely revered by Akira Kurosawa and other directors of a younger generation. And with this exquisite film, a fatalistic wartime tragedy derived from stories by Ueda Akinari and Guy de Maupassant, he created a touchstone of his art. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: $8. Non-members: $13. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Farmer's Market. The White Plains Downtown Farmer's Market is open for the season, Wednesdays, temporarily moved to the Court Street parking lot (located on Court Street between Quarropas Street and East Post Road) while improvements are made to Court Street between Main and Martine, its customary home; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Nov. 22.

Free Noon Concert. Downtown Music at Grace presents Downtown Sinfonietta. Grace Church's resident chamber orchestra, featuring members of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, playing a celebratory concert featuring works of Vivaldi, Schumann, Borodin, Gershwin and the Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 3. Vincent Lionti conducts. 12:10 p.m. Free, 30-minute concert. The concert will be held in Grace Church at Main St. and Mamaroneck Ave. and is made possible, in part, by a generous gift in memory of Steve Cohen and in honor of Renee Cohen.

Lunchtime Meditation At The Library. A weekly Meditation program at the library. No registration or equipment necessary. Starts promptly at 12:15 p.m. Brief beginning instruction will be followed by silent meditation. An experienced guest teacher will attend the first Wednesday of each month. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains. For information call 914-422-1496

Thursday, Oct. 12

Health Tech '17: The Opioid Crisis. Given the complexity and severity of the opioid crisis and the costs involved in treatment and care, there are multiple touch points needed to address solutions in a coordinated, collaborative approach. Hear directly from pharma, providers, insurers and a parent. Doubletree Hotel, 455 S. Broadway, Tarrytown. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Young professionals and Westchester County Association members: $195. Non-members: $225. Reservations: Visit www.westchester.org. Info: Contact Christina Barry at 914-948-6444 or e-mail cbarry@westchester.org.

Breakfast With the Hawks. A complementary breakfast at the HawkWatch, right around the peak of Cooper's Hawk migration. Perfect for families; children must be accompanied by an adult. Co-sponsored by Westmoreland Sanctuary. HawkWatch platform at Arthur Butler Sanctuary, 265 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Bedford Corners. 9 to 11 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Susan at 914-302-9713 or e-mail info@bedfordaudubon.org.

Friday, Oct. 13

Ghost the Musical. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. Runs through Oct. 29. Friday and Saturdays 8 p.m. Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets wppac.com.

Martin Sexton Trio. touring in support of his ninth studio release, "Mixtape of the Open Road," Sexton has one of the finest voices that has ever graced the stage. A Syracuse native, Sexton got his start singing in the streets and subways of Boston in the early '90s. Still fiercely independent and headlining venues from The Fillmore to Carnegie Hall, he has influenced a generation of contemporary artists. His songs have appeared in television series such as "Scrubs," "Parenthood" and "Masters of Sex" as well as numerous films. It's his incendiary live show, honest lyrics and vocal prowess that keep fans coming back for more. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. $35, $45 and $58. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

An Evening With Branford Marsalis. Known for the telepathic communication among its uncommonly consistent personnel, its deep book of original music replete with expressive melodies and provocative forms and an unrivaled spirit in both live and recorded performances, the Branford Marsalis Quartet has long been recognized as the standard to which other ensembles of its kind must be measured. Let by Marsalis on saxophone, the band features Joey Calderazzo on piano, Eric Revis on bass and Justin Faulkner on drums. The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. $32.50, $52.50, $62.50 and $72.50. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit http://www.artscenter.org/events/jazz-at-the-center-branford-marsalis-quartet.

"Shining City." The Hudson Stage Company's production of Conor McPherson's play about a man in present day Dublin who comes to a therapist seeking help. He claims to have seen the ghost of his recently deceased wife. But what begins as just as an unusual encounter becomes a desperate struggle between the living and the dead, a struggle which will shape and define both men for the rest of their lives. Directed by Dan Foster. Whippoorwill Hall, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 8 p.m. $40. Seniors and students: $35. Students a half-hour before show time (while tickets last): $10. Also Oct. 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 15, 22 and 28 at 3 p.m. Info: 914-271-2811. Tickets: 800-838-3006 or visit www.hudsonstage.com.

Saturday, Oct. 14

Legends Doubles Tennis Tournament. The White Plains Recreation and Parks Department will host the "Legends Doubles Tennis Tournament" on Saturday, Oct. 14 and Sunday, Oct. 15 at Gillie Park, located at 85 Gedney Way in White Plains. The Legends Doubles Tournament is designed to promote recreational tennis for players of all levels. It also provides the opportunity for many to experience tournament tennis play for the first time. The tournament is open to all White Plains residents and one guest. The tournament will have eight categories for men and women, including 45 and over, 65 and over, and mixed doubles open. The two-day event will be a single elimination tournament, with the first matches commencing on Saturday at 9 a.m. The fee for this event is $20 per team per category. Entry registration is ongoing at the Recreation and Parks Department, 85 Gedney Way in White Plains, until Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 5 p.m.

Bird Walk: Discover Migration. Join naturalist Tait Johansson for a walk around the historic grounds. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 8 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Susan at 914-302-9713 or e-mail info@bedfordaudubon.org.

Field Walk. Explore the meadow and woodlands surrounding Swan Lake. Learn about native plants and invasive species and what the Rockefeller Preserve is doing to promote and manage both. Rockefeller State Park Preserve Welcome Center, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 9 to 10 a.m. $6 per vehicle for parking.

Scarsdale Woman's Club Tag and Book Sale. Drop by for books galore, clothes you'll adore, jewelry and more. Proceeds will be donated to local charities in Westchester County. Carriage House, 37 Drake Rd., Scarsdale. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission. Also Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: Visit www.scarsdalewomansclub.org.

Chappaqua Children's Book Festival. Close to 90 renowned children's book authors and illustrators will participate. Families will have the chance to interact with their favorite authors and illustrators and have books signed, participate in arts and crafts activities and enjoy food from local restaurants and food trucks. Robert E. Bell Middle School, 50 Senter St., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free; books available for sale. Info: Visit www.ccbfestival.org or www.facebook.com/chappaquabookfestival.

Object Out Loud: Arman and Nick Cave. An exhibit featuring the bold pairing of two artistic leaders in a cross-disciplinary and cross-generational dialogue. Cave is a leading contemporary artist whose interest in performance and sculpture results in stunning, often fanciful works. Arman, who plucked his materials off the streets and sidewalks

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of the city, trolls in the familiar residue of everyday life. Featuring more than 20 works of sculpture, film and photography that exemplify two distinct, spectacular visions. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St., Katonah. 5 to 6 p.m. Curator's talk and walk-through at 5:30 p.m. Adults: $10. Seniors and students: $5. Members and children (under 12): Free. Exhibit continues through Jan. 7, 2018. Gallery hours Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. Info: 914-232-9555 or www.katonahmuseum.org.

Sunday, Oct. 15

American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Five-Mile Walk. When it comes to breast cancer, no one should walk alone. Form a team, join a team, walk as an individual or bring a friend. Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. Registration at 8 a.m. Walk at 9:30 a.m. No registration fee; contributions and donations greatly appreciated. Info, registration and donations: 1-800-227-2345, visit www.makingstrideswalk.org/westchester or e-mail WestchesterNYStrides@cancer.org or visit to sign up or donate today.

Catapult. As a finalist on America's Got Talent Season 8, this must-see show features a magical theatrical art form, shadow dancing, which combines dance, storytelling and sculpture. Fresh off their three-year European tour, Catapult is touring the U.S. for the first time. Westchester Community College's Academic Arts Theatre, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 3 p.m. $30. Students: $28. Children (under 13): $24. Info and tickets: 914-606-6262 or visit www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts.

Westchester Philharmonic's 35th Anniversary Season Opener. Jinjoo Cho, yet another former student and protégé of conductor Jaime Laredo, who went on to win first prize in a few major international violin competitions, followed by acclaimed solo engagements with the Cleveland Orchestra and Montreal Symphony. Cho, Laredo and the Westchester Philharmonic take on Dvořák's lyrical masterpiece, aptly celebrate the philharmonic's 35th anniversary season with Mozart's 35th Symphony, and close with Beethoven's monumental Seventh Symphony. The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 3 p.m. $36, $76 and $98. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.

Takács Quartet. The quartet makes its Caramoor debut with a program of Haydn, Shostakovich and Brahms. The first string quartet to win the prestigious Wigmore Hall Medal and the only one inducted into Gramophone's first Hall of Fame. The group's discography has been recognized with a Grammy, three Gramophone Awards, three Japanese Record Academy Awards, Disc of the Year at the inaugural BBC Music Magazine Awards and Ensemble Album of the Year at the Classical Brits. Caramoor Center for Music and Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 3 p.m. $66 and $91 (including service charge). Info and tickets: Visit www.caramoor.org.

Air Supply in Concert. This Australian soft rock duo with British-born singer-songwriter and guitarist Graham Russell and lead vocalist Russell Hitchcock are known for their heavily orchestrated sweet ballads. They had a succession of hits worldwide, including eight top 10 hits in the United States in the early 1980s, including "Lost in Love" and "All Out of Love." Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 7 p.m. $58 to $108. VIP Package: $179. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Jam Session. Sunday nights at The Haven at Lagond, each week spotlights a different genre and well-known guest musicians. This Sunday features Jazz/Latin. Anyone with a desire to play – 18+ over - can join the jam on stage and sit in with peers as well as have an opportunity to meet and play with professional musicians. Adult players of all levels are welcome as well as spectators. Doors open at 7 p.m. Musicians are brought up on a first come first serve basis. The Haven at Lagond Music School is located at 9 Haven Street, Elmsford. Visit www.lagondmusic.org to find out about special guest artists.

Chappaqua Children's Book Festival a Day of Fun, Excitement

By Martin Wilbur

Families from throughout the tristate area will descend on the hamlet's downtown this Saturday to meet their favorite authors and illustrators at the Chappaqua Children's Book Festival. The event will take place outside Robert E. Bell Middle School from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The fifth annual festival proves that books and reading can be fun and enjoyable for children.

"We always want to bring in the favorites that everybody loves like "Pinkalicious" and "Biscuit" and "Bad Kitty," but every year we want to bring in 15 or so new authors to shake things up a little bit and to stay really current," said Dawn Greenberg, one of the event's organizers. "I'm proud we were able to do that."

This year, Westchester's largest children's book festival will be the largest in its history. Greenberg said there will be 88 authors and illustrators on hand, who will not only be selling their works, but most importantly meeting their biggest fans. There will be books appropriate for all ages, from baby board books to the young adult reader and everything in between.

Highly anticipated authors and illustrators expected this weekend include the husband-and-wife team of Lesa Cline-Ransome and James Ransome, who have come out with their latest book, "Before She Was Harriet," and author Doreen Cronin and author and illustrator Betsy Lewin, who have collaborated on the "Click, Clack, Moo series."

In five years, the festival has become such an in-demand event, that there is now a large waiting list of authors that couldn't be accommodated, Greenberg said.

While the festival takes place locally, its reach has gone far beyond a Westchester event. Greenberg said posters advertising the festival have been placed in nearly every Metro-North station. Plus, among educators, word has spread like wildfire into Connecticut and New York City, that the Chappaqua Children's Book Festival is an event that shouldn't be missed, she said.

About 6,000 to 7,000 people are expected to attend on Saturday.

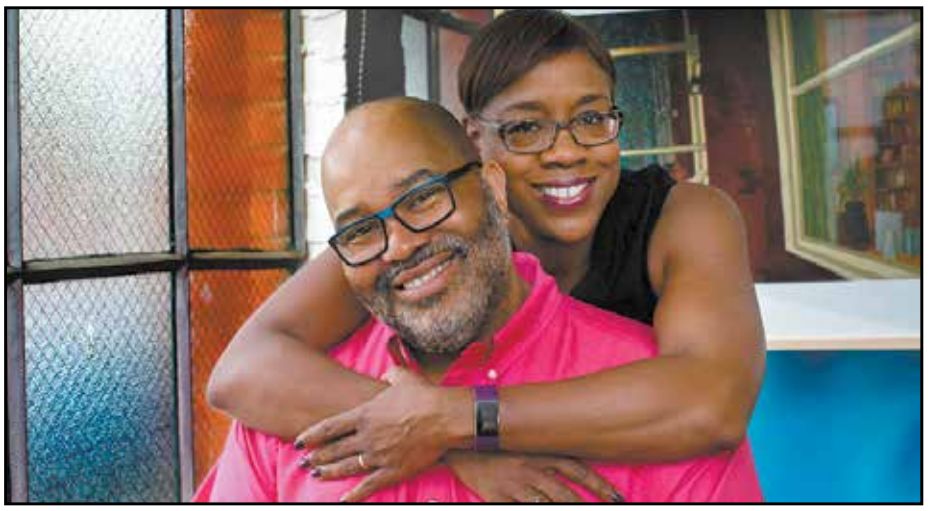
"It's probably grown a little faster than expected," Greenberg said. "I'm a little flummoxed by it all, but eventually, the town can't keep on accommodating more and more people and we'll find our settle-down point."

While the focus is on books, the festival is more than a big book sale with authors on hand. It's also a fun time for families who can spend several hours. Club Fit will bring an obstacle course that will be placed on the adjacent field and children can try their hand at various art projects brought by the Katonah Art Center.

There will be musical performers and if anyone gets hungry there will be several different types of food trucks. Those with a sweet tooth can buy goodies from the Great Chappaqua Bake Sale. All proceeds from the bake sale will be contributed to Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign.

"My emphasis has always been to make this a festival, to make it fun, to come and stay all day," Greenberg said. "You have the books but also to have meaningful activities that you can get into all afternoon."

There is also a benefit to the town in general, as it brings people from outside Chappaqua and New Castle to show everything the town has to offer, said Supervisor Robert Greenstein.



The husband-and-wife team of Lesa Cline-Ransome and James Ransome will be among the close to 90 children's authors and illustrators on hand this Saturday at the Chappaqua Children's Book Festival.

"It's been great since day one," he said. "Dawn should be very proud of what she's accomplished."

The event will be held rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, the festival will be moved inside the school. Otherwise, it will be in the parking lot in front of the school facing South Greeley Avenue.

For more information, visit www.ccbfestival.org.

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WBT Holding Clothes, Toiletries Drive to Help the Needy

SUE KATZ PHOTO

Bob Funking, left, co-owner of Westchester Broadway Theatre, and Dale Williams of Midnight Run are among those that have helped coordinate the theater's efforts to collect clothing and toiletries for the needy.

For 43 years, Westchester Broadway Theatre (WBT) has been committed to the community. As part of its continuing efforts to give back and support charitable organizations, now through Nov. 22, the public is invited to participate in the Share the Warmth Clothing and Toiletries Drive.

Clean out your closets and help WBT provide warm clothing and toiletries to those less fortunate. Men's and women's clothing in new or nearly new condition (no rips, stains, etc.) and unopened toiletries are being collected at the theater to benefit Midnight Run and Coalition for the Homeless. Collection boxes are in the WBT lobby until Nov. 22.

Men need coats, jackets, hats, gloves, jeans, shirts, t-shirts, tube socks, underwear, sweatpants and sweatshirts (particularly hoodies), sneakers and boots. Large sizes are preferred.

Women need coats, jackets, hats, gloves, jeans, underwear, socks, back-to-work clothing (pants suits, dresses, skirts, blouses, etc.), shoes and boots. Large sizes are appreciated.

Needed toiletries include bar soap, body wash, comb, hairbrush, dental floss, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, mouthwash, baby wipes.

For more information, visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

Stepinac Students Help Counterparts at Texas School Impacted by Hurricane Harvey

Archbishop Stepinac High School students (l-r) freshman Devlin Hose, senior John Skelton and sophomore Tyler Stewart proudly display some of the many school supplies they and their fellow students collected to help a high school classroom in Texas that had been impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Known as Adopt a Classroom, the initiative is the result of the all-boys Stepinac adopting a ninth-grade biology classroom at Klein Oak High School in Spring, Texas. With the start of the new school year Stepinac's students mobilized around a campaign to round up and ship school supplies including printer paper, colored pencils, markers, crayons, backpacks and spiral notebooks to their counterparts in Texas.

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