



Hundreds Walk to End Alzheimer's

Approximately 1,500 people participated in the annual Westchester Walk to End Alzheimer's event held Sunday at SUNY Purchase, including this young man, Jaden Silverman, and his father from Westchester County. Representative Nita Lowey also spoke at the event focusing on her commitment to fund more research to end this disease. To date, the Hudson Valley Chapter has raised more than \$400,000 for the Alzheimer's Association to fund research to end this disease, which impacts more than 5 million Americans. This year was one of five Hudson Valley Chapter's Walk to End Alzheimer's events held in the surrounding area including a fundraising walk to be held next month on Oct. 15 in Carmel. According to the Alzheimer's Association website, every 66 seconds someone develops Alzheimer's disease in the United States and one in three seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia.



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I'M LEADING THE WAY TO A WORLD WITHOUT ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.



Astorino Veto Stands on County Immigrant Protection Act

By Anna Young

The Westchester County Board of Legislators failed to receive enough votes Monday night to override County Executive Rob Astorino's veto of the Immigrant Protection Act, a bill that would restrain Westchester from using its resources for immigration enforcement.

Despite supporters filling the meeting with signs stating, "Vote yes on the Immigrant Protection Act," urging legislators to override the veto, legislators voted 11-6 squashing legislation. The bill needed support from 12 of 17 legislators.

Republicans James Miasano (New Rochelle) and David Gelfarb (Rye) supported the legislation. All nine democrats in attendance voted for it.

"While we are not surprised by tonight's outcome, it truly is disappointing for the people of Westchester County," members of the Democratic Caucus said in a joint statement. "Studies from all over the country show that our immigrant

neighbors are less likely to assist local police departments when they feel that it may result in immigration consequences. Upholding the veto makes none of us safer."

Following President Donald Trump's controversial executive order restricting travel by refugees and immigrants from seven predominantly Muslim countries, Majority Leader Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) introduced the bill in February hoping to reduce fear in Westchester's immigrant community.

"I was very pleased when the matter did pass and disappointed when it was overridden by the County Executive," Borgia said.

The Immigrant Protection Act, a measure that would prevent the county from expending resources to assist in federal investigations based on race, gender, religious, ethnicity or national origin, was approved 10-5 by the board on

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One North Broadway Facelift Continues With New Entrance, Signage

By Pat Casey

At its Sept. 19 meeting, the White Plains Planning Board agreed that additional renovations and enhancements to the building known as One North Broadway should go forward.

With work nearing completion on the plaza of the building off of Main Street, architects decided to take design elements from the plaza renovation to the front of the building facing North Broadway for a consistent look. The existing canopy over the entrance will be removed and a new, higher version, with improved lighting



One North Broadway is getting a new entrance. The existing building is shown above with the proposed new look below as presented to the White Plains Planning Board by the architect.

will be installed. New materials on the stairway, walls and ramp will give the front of the building a more contemporary look.

Glass elements are being added and older brick construction is being replaced with stucco and stone.

Efforts included consistency of signage elements and lighting to enhance the brand of the building

The interior lobby of the building is being redone as an

arcade to link the plaza with the North Broadway entrance, creating a welcoming aspect to the building as well as a pedestrian enhancement to the corner of North Broadway and Main Street.

The Planning Board also looked at signage proposals, including monument-style signs on North Broadway and panel signs on the retail facades in the plaza.

The Design Review Board has the final say on signage and the architect had a challenge creating a consistent look across numerous design elements and

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Aug. 7 and was later vetoed by Astorino.

"Our primary function of government is to protect the safety and well-being of residents regardless of their immigration state," Legislator Ben Boykin (D-White Plains) said. "We must be a welcoming county that welcomes all residents and protects all residents in this county."

While legislation didn't pass, Astorino issued an executive order last week stating that county law enforcement will cooperate with federal authorities in investigations and apprehending illegal immigrants involved in criminal activity. The order also prohibits officers from

inquiring about a person's immigration status unless they are required by law to do so or investigating illegal activity.

While the order echoes certain stipulations in the Immigrant Protection Act, Astorino assured that Westchester would not become a sanctuary county that hinders law enforcement protocol and provides a safe haven to criminals.

He added that creating a sanctuary county would not comply with federal laws and could put the county at risk of losing upwards of \$13 million in federal grants.

Lawmakers who approved the law said the act specifically states that the county would comply with existing federal and state laws.

"This is not a sanctuary city bill," Borgia said. "We had a lot of compromises to make sure it fully complied with federal

immigration policies."

Legislator MaryJane Shimsky (D-Hastings-on-Hudson) added that Astorino's executive order is a failure that needs to be redrafted.

"Like President Trump's Executive

Orders will make America less safe, the County Executive's Executive Order will do the same for us in Westchester," members of Democratic Caucus added. "This fight is not over."

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It's Thumbs Up for Mamaroneck Ave. School Dads



The White Plains School District in collaboration with the White Plains Youth Bureau celebrated 'Dad Take Your Child to School Day' on Tuesday, Sept. 19. Dads throughout the school district showed up in large numbers. It was thumbs up for a packed auditorium of Dads at Mamaroneck Avenue Elementary School.

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Legal Battle Over Indian Point Closure to Remain in Westchester

A state court judge has ruled that the lawsuit brought by Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino against Gov. Andrew Cuomo, New York State, Riverkeeper and Entergy, relating to the closure of Indian Point will remain in Westchester County.

Gov. Cuomo and state officials had sought to move the case from Westchester to Albany, arguing that it wasn't "material" that the plant is located in Westchester and that it would be more convenient for state officials to have the case heard in Albany. But Acting Supreme Court Justice Helen M. Blackwood rejected both arguments.

In her decision, Judge Blackwood wrote that Indian Point "is the facility at the very epicenter" of the case and that "it is erroneous to argue that no material events occurred in Westchester County."

"Were it not for the existence of the facility, the agreement, certification and permit would not even exist," she wrote. "It cannot be said that the acts which gave rise to the agreement and issuance of the

certification and permit did not occur in Westchester."

In May, Astorino sued the operator of the Indian Point plant, the state, and Riverkeeper over their agreement, reportedly reached in secret, to close the plant. Astorino's rationale for the lawsuit claimed the state had breached its own environmental laws, by failing to comply with New York's State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in making the closure decision.

Astorino's lawsuit seeks to invalidate the agreement to close Indian Point until a full environmental review is conducted; ensure the environmental impact statement includes a comprehensive assessment of the socio-economic, energy-replacement and environmental consequences of closing the plant; and guarantee any recommendations made by the state to mitigate the consequences of closing the plant will be subject to public review and debate prior to any final deal to close the plant.

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DACA Forum Endorses View – ‘DREAMers Are Us’

On Sept. 5, the Trump Administration announced its decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that protects some 800,000 young, undocumented immigrants, who were brought to the United States as children, from deportation.

An estimated 41,970 people in New York are DACA recipients.

The DREAM Act (H.R. 3440) would protect these young immigrants, known as DREAMers, from deportation and give them a path to citizenship. Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) is a cosponsor of the legislation.

A roundtable discussion last week at Pace Law School in White Plains hosted by Congresswoman Lowey discussed DACA and the DREAM Act.

Joining the congresswoman were Marvin Krislov, President of Pace University; Lisdy Contreras-Giron, a Pace Pleasantville undergraduate and DREAMer; Carola Otero Bracco, Executive Director of Neighbors Link; Karin Anderson Ponzer, Director of Neighbors Link Community Law Practice; Andrea Alarcon, a DACA recipient and Manager of Operations and Community Development at Neighbors Link; Jessica Young, Immigration Law Attorney at Westchester Hispanic Coalition; Vanessa Merton, Professor of Law and Faculty Supervisor at the Immigration Justice Clinic and the Elisabeth Haub

School of Law at Pace University; Tom McDonnell, Professor of Law at the Immigration Justice Clinic at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University; Miguel Sanchez Robles, Assistant Clinic Administrator at the Immigration Justice Clinic at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University; and Alyson Spindell, Director of Community Engagement at the Office of New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman.

All members of the panel supported passage of the DREAMer bill.

“With me choosing to come out, it’s because I am proud,” said Contreras-Giron, who announced her status as a DREAMer to the campus community during a “Campus Conversation on DACA” at the university on Sept. 12. “I’m proud of the decision that my parents made. I am proud of the jobs they hold to sustain my family, and I’m proud of who I am. Being a ‘DREAMer’ as we are identified, is not just being a ‘DREAMer.’ We are your neighbors, we are peers, we are your classmates, we are your children’s babysitters, your nurses. We are individuals who surround you in different aspects of you each and every day. For me it’s being my parents sacrifices, it’s being my parents struggle, a reflection of my parents’ work ethic, being my struggles, my sacrifices, my work ethic and my successes. I am the resilience that I’ve built through the hardships and adversity.

Everything that I am is because of that. I would never be ashamed to say I am undocumented, and I’m currently a DACA recipient because it has made me who I am. I am proud of who I am.”

In a strong statement supporting the DREAMer Act, Congresswoman Lowey said, “President Trump’s callous decision to end DACA is immoral and wrong. DREAMers like Lisdy and Andrea who were brought to the United States as children, are Americans in the eyes of their communities. They grow up alongside of us, pledge allegiance to our flag, have graduated from school with us or served in the military, pay billions in taxes, and contribute to our economic growth and competitiveness. DREAMers are us. The DREAM Act, to give DREAMers a path to citizenship, would pass if brought to the House floor, and Republican leadership should stop blocking it.”

“I firmly believe in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program as a path to education for immigrants,” said Krislov. “The program has served Pace, our community, and our country well. During my time at Pace I have already met impressive and highly motivated students, making amazing contributions to the community, who have benefited from DACA. Let’s continue to protect these students and let them focus on achieving their dreams. I hope that Congress and the

President can find a way forward that is inclusive and beneficial for all.”

“Neighbors Link is not completely surprised by the decision of the Department of Justice at the request of President Trump to cease and desist the program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival,” said Otero Bracco. “Data shows that those who have applied for DACA know no other country as their home but the United States due to their age when they arrived. Data also shows that DACA recipients are either working or in school - either way contributing to their communities and the economy. If these are not the values and activities that we believe in as a country, then what are? We are not surprised, but we are no less heartbroken with this irrational, illogical and indefensible decision by this administration. We are also even more determined to support and defend the rights of the almost 800,000 individuals who proudly call themselves DACAdmented Americans.”

Following the Administration’s announcement on DACA, 15 states, including New York, filed a lawsuit challenging President Trump’s decision to end the program.

Additionally, Pace University President Krislov issued a statement in support of DACA on behalf of the university.

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White Plains Business Owners Raise Funds for Cancer Support

By Barbara Cervoni

Maria "Rini" DeVito and Gina Barrios, co-owners of Salon 913 in White Plains, are raising funds to support women dealing with cancer by participating in Support Connection's Annual Support-A-Walk for Breast and Ovarian Cancer. Their reasons are personal, and it's something they've wanted to do for a long time.

DeVito had an aunt who died of breast cancer at a young age. She and Barrios also have had many clients over the years

thought about supporting a cause like this. Now that we own our own salon, we knew the time was right to team up and get involved." They set up an online fundraising page for Team Salon 913, which has raised \$645 to date. (<https://www.firstgiving.com/team/357222>) They've enlisted family, friends and clients to be part of their Team. They've even created tee shirts and other items to build excitement and show their support.

Gail Smilkstein of Mount Kisco, the client who told DeVito and Barrios about the Support-A-Walk, participates every

year and is delighted that the women from Salon 913 are taking part: "I really appreciate their support and their willingness to help Support Connection. They're very enthusiastic and spreading the word in different ways." Smilkstein, an eight-year breast cancer survivor, knows how important Support Connection's free counseling and other services are because she herself reached out to Support Connection when she was diagnosed.

DeVito and Barrios are happy to help: "We just want to do what we can to try to assist women going through this. If

everyone chips in, together we can make a difference."

To learn more about the Support-A-Walk, or to make a donation visit <http://supportconnection.org/support-a-walk-overview/> or call 914-962-6402.

Barbara Cervoni, is Director of Services and Communication, Support Connection, Inc.



Left to right, Maria "Rini" DeVito and Gina Barrios, co-owners of Salon 913, 445 Hamilton Ave Suite 100-Studio 8, White Plains.

that were survivors, or in treatment for cancer. One of those clients, a breast cancer survivor who received help from Support Connection, told them about the Support-A-Walk and they decided to get involved.

The Support-A-Walk, presented by Support Connection, Inc., will take place on Sunday, Oct. 1, at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights. The event was founded 22 years ago by local residents to bring attention to the needs of people affected by breast and ovarian cancer. People travel from across the Hudson Valley and beyond to take part in this uplifting community event. Proceeds fund Support Connection's year-round free support services and programs for people affected by breast and ovarian cancer.

Participants of all ages complete a three-mile walk, often in honor of loved ones. There's a Survivor's Welcome Area where volunteers greet and welcome cancer survivors. Along the Walk path, walkers are encouraged and cheered by local bands, cheerleaders and other community groups. Even those who can't attend can participate or donate. Supporters can also raise funds by creating personal online fundraising pages where friends and family can donate.

DeVito and Barrios say, "We've worked together for many years, and we've always

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Hundreds Pay Tribute to Hillary at Westchester Book Signing

By Martin Wilbur

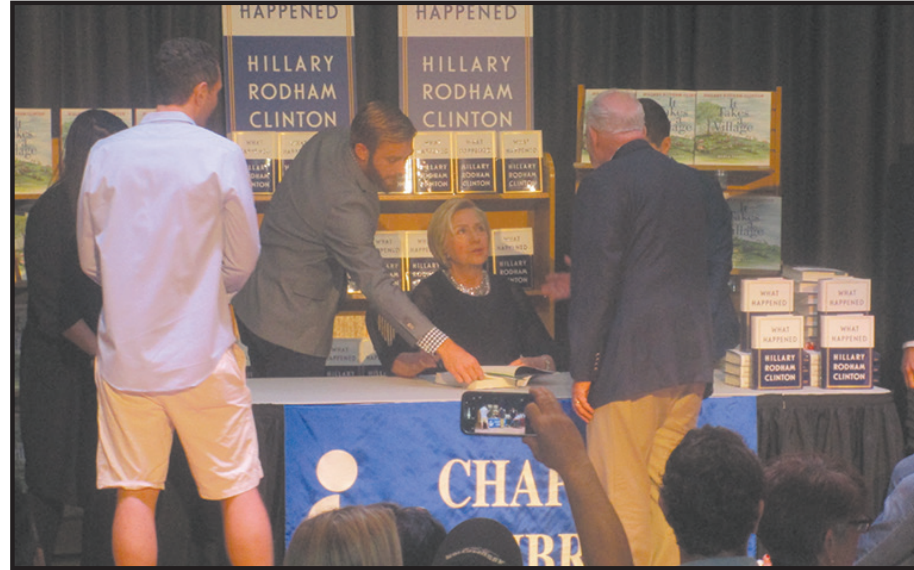
Despite the results of last year's presidential election, the reaction to Hillary Clinton at a Chappaqua Public Library book signing Saturday shows that sometimes you can go home again.

About 1,000 Clinton supporters lined up at the library in her adopted home community, some for several hours, to have a copy of her new book "What Happened" signed and get a chance to briefly meet the 2016 Democratic presidential nominee and former U.S. senator and secretary of state.

The book signing was part of Clinton's ongoing promotional tour for "What Happened," a 512-page post-mortem on last year's divisive and historic campaign.

With some in the long lines, which snaked from the entrance of the library's theater and around bookshelves, wearing 2016 campaign outerwear and several others outfitted in homemade shirt designs, visitors came from throughout the New York metropolitan area for their brief encounter with Clinton.

"It's important for my girls to see her," said Marie Short of Millwood, who stood with her two daughters. "They were big fans of Chelsea's book and they were very upset with the results of the election, and I think it's important (for them) to see that you get up, get out the door, move on, sign some books. So we came."



Hillary Clinton signed about 1,000 copies of her new book, "What Happened," at the Chappaqua Public Library on Saturday. MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Shortly before 3 p.m., Clinton entered the library's theater to a burst of applause. She then participated in a photo op on the theater's stage with dancers from Dance Artistry Project in Pleasantville, which made a video that paid tribute to her.

There were diehard supporters in attendance who either worked on Clinton's campaign while others wanted to meet one of the people who has served as an inspiration to countless women.

"I wanted to look her in the eye and tell

her that she has changed my life," said New Milford, Conn. resident Jill Reis. "She has persevered through gross misogyny and sexism, and nothing stops her. It makes me emotional to think about it because she does not waver from her past and that's inspiring for me, that's inspiring for my daughter, inspiring for my friend, my husband."

Alex Sanchez of Larchmont spent the last three weeks before Election Day campaigning for Clinton in Pennsylvania.

He said her loss was one of the most disappointing events of his life, in part because many potential voters he spoke to didn't believe she could lose and may not have voted.

"We felt like we let her down not helping her get Pennsylvania, which was key," Sanchez said. "We were telling people they are the most important people in America right now, Hillary support from you will affect the actual election."

Others said that they stood in line because they wanted to thank her for her having a positive impact on the lives of so many.

"My take on it is people came out to pay tribute to Hillary for service, and at least in New York State a lot of people are upset at the results of the election and this is their way of telling Hillary, job well done, we're still behind you," said Bill Kemps of Union County, N.J.

Chappaqua Public Library Director Pamela Thornton said 1,000 tickets went on sale and quickly sold out. In the first week of its release earlier this month, "What Happened" sold 167,000 hardcover copies and about 300,000 copies across all formats, according to published reports.

With Saturday's event, Clinton follows her husband, former President Bill Clinton, and daughter Chelsea with book signings in recent years at the Chappaqua Public Library.



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Greenburgh Hate Incident Under Investigation

On Friday, Sept. 22 at 9:30 a.m. the Greenburgh Police Dept. received a report of criminal mischief at a construction site located at Chauncey Circle, in the Ardsley section of the Town of Greenburgh. Officers discovered various pieces of construction equipment spray painted with racist and anti-Semitic wording, as well as other graffiti depicting male genitals. There was damage to heavy-duty equipment including a forklift with a shattered window. Greenburgh Police Detectives responded to the scene to photograph and search for potential evidence.

This incident is currently under investigation. The Greenburgh Police are asking for the public's assistance to provide any information that may lead to an arrest in this case.

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All calls will be kept confidential.

Bronx Man Indicted in I-95 Shooting in Harrison

Jamil Fields, 55, of the Bronx, was arraigned on an indictment Wednesday before Judge Helen Blackwood I Westchester County Court and charged

with one count of Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, a class "B" Violent Felony; one count of Assault in the First Degree, a class "B" Violent Felony; one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a class "C" Felony; and one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, a class "D" Felony.

On July 18, 2017 at approximately 5:45 p.m., members of the New York State Police and other emergency personnel responded to the area north of Exit 18B on Interstate 95 northbound in the Town of Harrison. There they found a 25-year-old male victim on the side of the interstate being cared for by civilians. The victim had sustained multiple gunshot wounds, including to his head, torso and left arm.

Investigators from the New York State Police immediately commenced an investigation. They ascertained that the victim had been in a U-Haul van when he was shot, just prior to exiting that vehicle as it traveled northbound on Interstate I-95. Further investigation led police to the defendant who had rented the U-Haul van in which the victim was shot.

On July 22, 2017 investigators located the defendant who was still in possession of the van. They placed him under arrest.

The defendant pled not guilty. His remand continues. His next court date is October 11, 2017.

The defendant faces up to 25 years in state prison.

Port Chester Man Sentenced in Child Pornography Case

Johnny Manjarrez, 46, of Port Chester was sentenced to two to six years in state prison after having been convicted by a jury of 21 counts of Promoting an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, a class "D" Felony and 29 counts of Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, a class "E" Felony.

Between February 24 and February 28, 2016, an investigator at the Westchester County District Attorney's Office downloaded 21 digital files depicting obscene sexual performances by children, from the defendant's computer via the Bit Torrent peer-to-peer file-sharing network.

The investigator used a law-enforcement specific program that allowed him to download files from a single source. On March 17, 2016, Westchester DA's Office Investigators executed a search warrant at the defendant's residence and recovered computer devices. Forensic analyses on the devices resulted in the recovery of additional files depicting children engaged in obscene sexual performances.

On May 6, 2016, the defendant was charged via felony complaint with Promoting an Obscene Performance by a Child and Possessing an Obscene Sexual



Johnny Manjarrez

Performance by a Child.

On May 12, 2016, the defendant voluntarily surrendered himself and was arraigned in Port Chester Justice Court. On that date he was released on his own recognizance.

After sentencing, the defendant was remanded into the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections. Upon completion of his sentence, the defendant must register as a sex offender.

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Obituararies

John Rogers

John D. Rogers, 56, of White Plains passed away suddenly Sept. 21. He was born Oct. 8, 1960 in Mount Vernon to Catherine (nee Doherty) and John R. Rogers. John and Sheila (nee Boyan) were married Nov. 30, 1985 in New Rochelle. He was Chief Building Engineer for CBRE and MTA for seven years.

John is predeceased by his father John R. Rogers. He is survived by his mother Catherine Rogers, his loving wife Sheila Rogers, and their two sons John B. Rogers and James D. Rogers of White Plains. John is also survived by his mother-in-law Maureen Boyan, his sisters-in-law Tara Boyan (Stephen Gallagher), Maura Toglia (Charles), and Darcy Bonaviso (Anthony), his nieces and nephews Gregory and Grace Gallagher, and Alison Bonaviso, and his cousins Donald Clark, Jack McArdle (Judy), and Tim McArdle (Kathy).

A memorial mass will be held Tuesday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in White Plains.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's memory to the Alzheimer's Association (2900 Westchester Ave. Ste. 306, Purchase, NY 10577 or online at www.alz.org).

Gloria Iodice

Gloria Iodice, a lifelong White Plains resident, passed away on Sept. 20.

Gloria was born on March 27, 1935 in White Plains to Vincent and Carmella Errico. On November 27, 1956 she married Joseph Iodice and together they raised their two children. Gloria loved her family and will be missed by her loving husband of almost 61 years, Joseph, her sons, Joseph and Edward, daughter in law, Pam, and grandchildren Eddie and Bethany. She is also survived by her sister, Carrie Mesisca, and was predeceased by her brothers, Jerry, Joseph and Vincent Errico, and her sisters, Antoinette Priolo and Catherine Tucci.

Services will be private, but the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.

Neil Philip Montesano

Neil Montesano of White Plains died Sept. 20.

He was born on Dec. 13, 1956 in Washington, D.C. and grew up in Italy, the Bronx and White Plains. He was an avid reader, loved music and was an accomplished piano player and

composer. He would often entertain at family functions and on holidays. Neil also loved his trees and enjoyed living in the Northeast so he could take advantage of the beauty of the seasons. He is survived by his brother Roger and many cousins and friends, who loved him very much.

Julia Pereira

Julia Maria Rosa Lopes Pereira, a long time resident of White Plains, passed away on Sept. 15, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Lisbon, Portugal on Nov. 12, 1927. She is predeceased by her husband, Manual Pereira on Sept. 18, 1990.

Julia had a zest for life, loved cooking, gardening, and most of all her family. She will be missed by all. She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Colabella and son-in-law, Onofrio A. Colabella, and her two grandchildren, Jay Colabella, Melissa Colabella, and her husband, Jesse Scraft.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Julia Pereira's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America at 322 Eight Ave, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001, www.alzfdn.org, 1-866-232-8484 "For Research" or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Tribute Department at P.O. 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148, 1-800-873-6983 using account #10632244.

Helen Minck

Helen G. Minck, 98, a lifelong resident of White Plains, passed away on Sept. 15. She was born Nov. 24, 1918 in White Plains to Edward F. Minck and Ellen F. Hoddinott. Helen attended Sisters of Charity Academy for Girls in White Plains. She was employed for 36 years by the City of White Plains Finance Department until her retirement in 1978. She was a member of Ladies of Charity and a parishioner of Saint Bernard's Church.

Helen is survived by her nephew Thomas J. Minck of White Plains and many grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces, and great-grandnephews. She was predeceased by her parents, her sister Mary Anita Minck, her brother Edward A. Minck, and her three nephews William E. Minck, Robert J. Minck, and Peter D. Minck.



Good Counsel Campus Development - Historic Designation or Historic Desecration

The Examiner printed only a brief mention of the Good Counsel property, from last week's Historic Preservation Committee. The article below includes many of the comments I made during that meeting.

As this sacred and once peaceful property moves through the City's historic and zoning process, I have learned that it is not the dumpsite on the back of the property that smells.

In a little-known deal, cut during the sale of the property, not only do the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, former owners of the property, have use of the Chapel for some 50 years, there is a legal

document called the "Chapel Parcel." This document is the agreed upon boundaries of a separate parcel of land that the Chapel sits on. The agreement calls for open space and restricts anything having an adverse effect on the character and appearance of the existing Chapel Building to be placed on or around the Chapel Parcel.

What exactly does this "Chapel Parcel" look like? Your guess is as good as mine. Sale documents related to the "Chapel Parcel" refer to two Exhibits. Exhibit A, a legal description of the parcel and Exhibit B, a Map of the "Chapel Parcel" and Chapel building. Documents filed for the sale of the property show these

exhibits with titles only, and the pages left blank. Documents filed for the Sister's lease of the Chapel include Exhibit A, but nowhere to be found is Exhibit B, the map.

The new property owners continue to pitch their proposal for a rezone asking the City for concessions to build large and high on the rear of the property, in exchange for giving the City a "gift" of the land that fronts North Broadway. Not only would this concession destroy the Stewart/Ross neighborhood, I am a bit confused as to how this property owner could be given a concession for the same land they have already made legally off-limits by the "Chapel Parcel" when they closed the deal.

At the same time, City Officials are working this from a historic angle, trying to designate what they call the "Good Counsel Complex" as a White Plains Historic Landmark. Yet, nobody can or will tell us what this "Complex" is comprised of.

A letter sent in advance of last week's public hearing to Committee Chair Mr. Hoch and the Mayor posed a few simple questions about the proposed designation - such as what buildings and what land are included? Is the designation for part of the property or the entire parcel? The Mayor told me that he could not comment and would defer to legal. The City responded to my letter stating "you are welcome to take part in the hearing, and you may ask the Commission to address questions about the Historic Preservation Law at that time as long as the questions or their responses do not in any way prejudice the Commission's actions on this matter".

Historic designation or not, it now appears that building anything on at least part of the North Broadway frontage is a done deal. Did the Mayor and his cronies really think that nobody would ever find this "Chapel Parcel" document? Did they really think that they would get away with giving concessions to the new property owners for land they already designated as off-limits to close their own deal? Just one question Mr. Mayor, can I borrow your copy of the "Chapel Parcel" map?

-Barbara Allen, White Plains

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County Bill Proposes Ending Salary History Questions From Employers

By Anna Young

Board of Legislators Majority Leader Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) announced new legislation last Wednesday that would prohibit employers from asking prospective employees about their salary history in an effort to combat wage discrimination.

With employers often inquiring about what a job seeker has previously earned in order to manage pay rates, Borgia said the new bill aims to reduce discrimination against women and minorities who historically earn lower salaries throughout their careers.

"This is a bill that does not advantage anyone, it just basically sets a level playing field that says every negotiation is a fresh negotiation," Borgia said. "The applicant who gets chosen should be the most qualified applicant regardless of the demographics...however, an applicant's salary should be based on the job for which they are being hired, not what they made in the past. Disclosing salary

history to employers contributes to wage inequality."

Borgia referenced a study that found women typically earn 6.6 percent less than men in their first job after college. In New York, women who work full-time make 89 cents for every dollar men earn while women of color earn 66 cents for every dollar.

Latina women earn 56 percent of what white men in the state earn, Borgia said.

Noelle Damico, co-chair of the Westchester Women's Agenda, said a 2014 study revealed that a woman with a bachelor's degree was making \$28,000 less than her male counterpart.

"What this legislation will do is put the power of law behind it to ensure that women continue forward in our quest for equality," Damico said. "By eliminating these questions, we remove discrimination not only for women but also the discrimination faced by people of color. Our value should be because of what we offer to prospective employers,

it's a matter of human dignity and human rights."

John O'Malley, legislative coordinator for the Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 1180, said the legislation would boost income levels for working families who depend on contributions from multiple household members.

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) has been successful passing similar legislation in the state Assembly, but it has received little interest in the Senate. The measure aims to erase the wage gap by eliminating one of its root causes, Galef said.

"The number of women-owned businesses are growing, the number of women on college campuses has soared to new heights, but we are still far from full equality," she said. "Westchester needs to be the lead on this."

The proposed law, which will prevent employers from relying on or asking job applicants or their previous employers

about salary history during the interview process, is co-sponsored by all seven members of the Board of Legislators' Democratic caucus.

"We must do this here on the county level to make sure someone has the back of the working families of Westchester County," said Legislator MaryJane Shimsky (D-Hastings-on-Hudson). "You are hired by a company to provide economic value. What you got paid before is completely irrelevant to what economic value you're creating. It's critical that we change the paradigm as to how people get compensated."

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White Plains YMCA in order to workout, swim and participate in a wide variety of exercise classes at no charge.

The Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley with its mission of keeping families close, provides basic temporary residential and respite support

services for families while their critically ill children are receiving treatment. Located on the campus of the Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, the house has 12 bedrooms and is filled to capacity almost every night, while being just steps away from the Maria Fareri Children's

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Fall Chores in the Garden, Yawning, Ready for Sleep

Autumn in the garden and yard can be the most gratifying time of year as deciduous trees and perennials start to yawn, preparing for a long winter's sleep. They can be accompanied by that sweet smell that comes from plants releasing their chemistry and the crisp, clean sound of decaying leaves falling to the ground.

It all tells homeowners that they can rest for a few short months of shorter days, much like when the children are asleep. The only outdoor chore that remains is clearing walkways of snow and ice.

While spring is probably everybody's favorite time in the garden, helping its rebirth after being pummeled by winter, I always liked fall for the very finiteness of garden chores. When I pulled a weed, it stayed pulled and didn't replace itself with double the aggression. When I deadheaded perennials, I knew that I could take a furlough from assuring that they were properly fed and watered, but would welcome them back in spring after we had both rested.

The very proportions of my garden would change as I whacked back the perennial and annual growth, which made the vistas more open from one bed to the other. Also, it eliminated many of my planning mistakes from one season to the next, as I abandoned errant plans and moved bulbs and perennial roots to other locations.

My more creative joy came from choosing which mums I'd feature as the color transition from fall to winter. While you will see drifts of mum plants on some properties that have every color in the fall palate, I stuck to one color, or at the most, two.

For the longest display of mum flowers, it's best to buy those where most of the plant is still buds. When the mums fade, just leave them where they are; they maintain a nice mound throughout the winter, and you can cut them back in the early spring. If you're lucky, they may return, but sometimes they don't, depending on winter conditions.

My most gratifying fall job, as well as a good aerobic/resistance training exercise, was building up the mulch beds to make them look well-tended as well as to keep the perennial roots from heaving. I would always ask my tree service to send me a truckload of wood chips if they were very clean (no leaves) and processed into



By Bill Primavera

smaller chips. Truly, it's as good as expensive mulch. In fact, I like it better because it offers more texture and somehow looks more natural to me.

Here are other garden tips at this time of year.

- Harvest any vegetables left on plants. It's important to pull out all of the crops because debris left over the winter can cause diseases to enter the soil and reappear the next spring.

- This is the time when you can add horse manure or compost to the soil, because that allows plenty of time for them to break down.

- For those who like to bring houseplants inside, they should all be gathered into a shady area for a few days to get them used to low levels of light.

- Perennials that are overcrowded or growing in a large ring with the center portion missing means that it's time to subdivide. You'll become popular with your neighbors if you share the excess. Cut back the remaining perennials to a height of three to six inches.

- Prepare for brilliant displays of

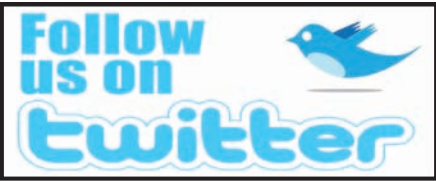
daffodils, tulips and crocuses in spring by planting bulbs now. Do not plant them in tidy rows but rather "broadcast" them in drifts on the surface, and plant them where they land for a more natural look.

- For those who have the patience to endure the rigors of rose maintenance, it is time to prune dead branches and cut off any old flowers. Rose bushes should be mounded using topsoil or mulch and the canes should be cut back to six to 12 inches. For even better protection, the bush can be covered with a bushel basket.

- Also, this is the best time to transplant shrubs or young trees to new locations.

Note that my advice from personal experience is in the past tense now that I live in a condo. Oh, how I miss my garden, but giving advice is good therapy for me.

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Tuesdays at Dorry's. On Responding to Violence 9/11, Charlottesville and more. Phyllis Rodriguez is a member of September 11 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows. Since losing her son, Greg, in the attacks of 9/11/01, she has been active in issues related to nonviolent solutions to war and violence; Islamophobia; constitutional rights for all; capital punishment and the Guantanamo Military Tribunals. In addition to the above, Phyllis is committed to undoing racism. She will review Peaceful Tomorrows' recent activities, 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.

Westchester County Airport Forum.

Two proposals to bring drastic changes to the Westchester County Airport are now being considered: privatization, in the form of a long term lease of the entire airport, and the airport master plan, which calls for major construction and expansions. To date, there have been no public meetings held by the County about privatization. Only one publicized public meeting about the airport master plan has been offered. Residents feel as though they have been shut out of an opportunity to publicly comment on the proposals. Six groups are hosting the forum to educate the public about the major changes and expansions proposed for the Westchester County Airport. Frasca, the county consultants in charge of privatization, will introduce the privatization process. A panel presentation by: Westchester County Legislator Catherine Parker of District 7, Carolyn Cunningham of Federated Conservationists of Westchester County, Marty Rogowsky of PEPA and former County Legislator for District 6, and Jonathan Wang of Citizens for a Responsible County Airport. Ellen Weininger of Grassroots Environmental Education, will moderate the panel. Following the panel, there will be an extensive question and answer period; 7 p.m. at Ethical Culture Society of Westchester, 7 Saxon Wood Road, White Plains.

Wednesday, Sept. 27

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 November 22.

Mother Nature's Storytime. Bring your little one to discover the forest. Children, along with a parent or caregiver, will explore nature on trail walks, through stories and nature-themed crafts. Dress for outdoor activity unless weather is extreme. Meets for six consecutive Wednesdays. For children two to four years old. Hart's Brook Park and Preserve, 156 Ridge Rd., Hartsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: \$50 per child for the six-week session: Non-members: \$90 per child. Info and registration: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Free Noon Concert. Downtown Music at Grace presents Pianist Juliana Han, who has been lauded not only for her thoughtful and inspired performances but also for her musical lectures, which have introduced classical works to diverse audiences. Ms. Han has been a featured artist in New York's major venues, including Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and Merkin Hall. She is a founder and

director of the Piedmont Chamber Music Festival. A Downtown Music debut. 12:10 p.m. Free, 30-minute concert. The concert will be held in Grace Church.

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

Opening Reception and Book Signing for "Bunnies, Birds and Butterflies."

A solo exhibit of recent works by renowned American artist, Hunt Slonem. Slonem's book, "Bunnies," is a treasury filled with enchanting full-color and black-and-white paintings. It features a foreword by bestselling author John Berendt and an essay by artist and gallerist Bruce Helander. The exhibit will debut a "fluffle" of Slonem's "Bunnies" alongside a selection of paintings of tropical birds and butterflies, subjects for which Slonem is best known. Madelyn Jordon Fine Art, 37 Popham Rd. Scarsdale. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Nov. 4. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Info: 914-723-8738 or visit www.madelynjordonfineart.com.

Friday, Sept. 29

Bad Boyz Comedy Tour. The funniest Italian-American standup comedy show on the planet. Featuring Mike Marino, Frank Santorelli, Tom Daddario and Joseph Anthony. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 7:30 p.m. \$40. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

The Rippingtons Featuring Russ Freeman.

Come listen to this pioneering Grammy-nominated group is celebrating its 30th anniversary with the release of True Stories, the band's 22nd CD. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$29, \$39 and \$49. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

Saturday, Sept. 30

Demystifying Medicare and Healthcare Coverage for Seniors. This engaging, interactive can help anyone trying to navigate their way through the complicated healthcare system for older adults. It will help those who already have Medicare, as well as people soon to be 65, planning their retirement or assisting relatives and friends with their medical decisions. The workshop outlines the various parts of Medicare and lays out the costs associated with health insurance provided by the government and private companies including original Medicare,

Advantage Plans, prescription drug plans (Part D), Medigaps (supplemental plans) and various cost-saving programs. West Harrison Library, 2 Madison St., West Harrison. 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Walk-ins welcome; pre-registration preferred. Pre-registration: 914-231-3236. Info: Visit www.westchesterlibraries.org/westchester-seniors-speaking-out.

Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education. Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own heat. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Most Saturdays and Sundays. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Yom Kippur Service. "Healing on our Journey to Self-Awareness" is the title and theme of the Westchester Community for Humanistic Judaism's Yom Kippur Service. Rabbi Frank Tamburello will explore how our actions and activities can help us with difficulties. Followed by the annual Break-the-Fast meal. Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains. 4:30 p.m. \$20 in advance. \$25 at the door. (Make checks payable to WCHJ). Info: Contact Dmitry at 914-713-8828 after 7 p.m. or e-mail info@wchj.org.

Sunday, Oct. 1

Blessing of the Animals. A free community event for pets of all religious backgrounds and their owners. All your pets, whether they purr, bark, fly, or slither, are welcome. This special ceremony, in partnership with the Humane Society of Westchester, takes place in the sanctuary at First Baptist Church of White Plains. Each pet will receive an individual blessing and a treat from senior minister Rev. Tim Dalton. Please bring either pet food or a monetary donation for the Humane Society. There is plenty of free parking in the church lots. First Baptist Church of White Plains, 456 North St., White Plains.

"400 Miles to Freedom." The Greenburgh Hebrew Center will be presenting this documentary about how in 1984, the Beta Israel – a secluded 2,500-year-old community of observant Jews in the northern Ethiopian mountains – fled a dictatorship and began a secret and dangerous journey of escape. Co-director Avishai Mekonen, then 10 years old, was among them. In this film, he breaks his 20-year silence about the brutal kidnapping he endured as a child in Sudan during his community's exodus out of Africa. Accompanied by a light breakfast and followed by a Q&A with Mekonen. Greenburgh Hebrew Center, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry. 10 a.m. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: Visit www.g-h-c.org/400miles or e-mail Robin at Sisterhood@g-h-c.org.

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..... EXAMINER SPORTS White Plains High School Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2017

By Albert Coqueran

The Third Annual White Plains High School Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held in the Media Center, at WPHS, on Friday, Nov. 3. The Tigers Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is a free event and all family members of present and past inductees, as well as alumni, friends and interested parties are welcome to attend. The event will kick-off with a reception at 5 p.m. with the Induction Ceremony commencing at 6:15 p.m.

The White Plains High School Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2017 will include 14 members. There will be two inductees from the well known Becerra Family of White Plains. The late Frank Becerra, Sr. ('45), the longtime and legendary illustrator, who was the chief artist and cartoonist for Westchester and Rockland Counties newspapers will be inducted posthumously this year.

Alongside him, his daughter-in-law Kristin Donahoe Becerra ('95), will also be inducted. Donahoe Becerra is the wife of Tony Becerra, the Head Football Coach at Pleasantville High School, who is the son of the late Frank Becerra, Sr.

"It is quite an honor to be inducted alongside my late father-in-law. Frank was the consummate sports fan. He appreciated the little nuances of sports and often captured those in his drawings," stated Donahoe Becerra.

Donahoe Becerra was a four-year



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

Kristin Donahoe Becerra (right) was enjoying the NY Liberty game with her daughter Madelyn, on Aug. 25 at Madison Square Garden. On Nov. 3, Donahoe Becerra will receive her own athletic distinction when she is inducted alongside her father-in-law Frank Becerra, Sr. into the White Plains High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

varsity starter and two-year Team Captain for the WPHS Girls Basketball Team. She is a member of the 1000-Points Scorer society at WPHS. She was also a three-time All-Section and All-League selection. Donahoe Becerra also gained All-Section honors in Field Hockey. She was selected as the Tigers Outstanding Female Athlete in 1995 and continued her basketball career upon graduation, while playing

four seasons at Division 1 Colgate University.

The Donahoe Family is also a longtime staple of the White Plains community with prestigious athletic pedigree. "My father along with my seven aunts and uncles all attended WPHS and were successful student athletes in football, track, basketball and field hockey. Once a Tiger, always a Tiger," pronounced Donahoe Becerra, who was nominated for induction by WPHS Athletics HOF Treasurer Sue Adams, of Tigers Girls Basketball fame as well.

Also being granted induction into the WPHS Athletics Hall of Fame, on November 3 are: Sam Bowers ('75), for football and basketball; Bill Cain ('66), All County center in basketball; Michelle Donnelly ('80), Cross Country and Track & Field; Ricky Edwards ('79), Section 1 Champion in the Long Jump and All County football player; Dick Gardella ('53), a former four-sport athlete for the Tigers, who played on three undefeated Tigers football teams (1950,'51

&'52). Gardella is presently the President of the WPHS Alumni Association.

Also receiving WPHS Athletics Hall of Fame status this year is: Jim Gray ('59), outstanding Tigers football player, who went on to play in the NFL with the NY Jets and Philadelphia Eagles. Gray is already a member of the University of Toledo Athletics Hall of Fame. Bob Horton ('60), will also gain induction this year. Horton, a star football player for the Tigers, went on to be a standout player at Boston College. He was drafted by the San Diego Chargers in 1964.

Track & Field star Dave Jackson ('66), will return this year to accept his induction as an outstanding individual athlete for the Tigers. In 2016, Jackson was inducted, as part of the famed WPHS 1966 Relay Team. Jackson, as an individual, was a New York State Champion in the 100-yard dash and was a member of the Tigers Basketball Team, alongside his Induction classmate Bill Cain, who won the Section 1 Title in 1965-66.

Completing the list of 14 members inducted into the WPHS Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2017 are Tigers alumni, Jermaine Johnson ('91), Frank Lyman (69), Lou Mark ('34) and John Messemer ('80).

For more information concerning the White Plains High School Athletics Hall of Fame, please contact Hall of Fame President Chuck Stogel, at: 914-428-6111 or e-mail: chstogel@aol.com

Crusaders Keep Marching, Beat Xaverian Brothers, 41-20, for 3-0 Start

By Albert Coqueran

Stepinac senior quarterback Michael Nicosia passed for four touchdowns against Xaverian Brothers, in the Crusaders, 41-20 win, over the Catholic Conference high school, from Westwood, Massachusetts, on Saturday.

It is the third straight game that Nicosia has passed four times for touchdowns in a game. Moreover, the Crusaders have only played three games so far this season.

Nicosia is passing at a rate of 36-for-50, while gaining 650 yards with 12 touchdowns in three games this season. On a hot and sunny afternoon on Saturday, which was more conducive for a baseball game, Nicosia threw for 242 yards on 10-of-12 passing with four touchdowns, against Xaverian Brothers, at Stepinac High School.

"Right now, the receivers are just getting open and I am hitting my throws, everything is firing on all cylinders," commented Nicosia.

Nevertheless, Nicosia would be the first to admit that he has had a lot of assistance achieving his remarkable statistics and leading the Crusaders to three



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Crusaders senior wide receiver Alexander Thomas (pictured) grabs a 31-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Mike Nicosia in the second quarter for his second touchdown in the first half. Stepinac went on to beat Xaverian Brothers, 41-20, on Saturday, at Stepinac High School.



Alex Thomas (left) celebrates with teammate Sergio Pinto (right) in the end zone after catching a 48-yard TD pass for his first of two touchdowns in the first half against Xaverian Brothers. Thomas's two touchdown grabs helped the Crusaders defeat the Hawks, 41-20, for their third win of the season.

consecutive victories so far this season. Stepinac has armed Nicosia with a potent and efficient offensive arsenal that

can strike at anytime from anywhere on the field.

Furthermore, the Stepinac QB has an offensive line anchored by senior center

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The 2017 Harvest: A Follow-up to Mother Nature's Spring Wrath



By Nick Antonaccio

The cycle of winemaking is as much in the hands of Mother Nature as in those of winegrowers. The timing of the harvesting of grapes ultimately can make the difference between a spectacular, unique wine and a bland, pedestrian wine; a bountiful harvest or a low-yielding, unprofitable crop.

In a number of previous columns, I expounded on a time-honored and well-worn axiom in the wine industry: 90 percent of a wine is made in the vineyard. This implies that the characteristics of a wine are primarily under the influence of nature, not man. It is the harvested grapes that contain the elements for a great or poor wine, not a winemaker's talents.

Some say it is the influence of Mother Nature that dominates all of man's efforts. In one fell swoop, nature can salvage a poor growing season with nourishing warm weather and/or a late rain to drench parched grapes struggling to mature on the vine. Nature may also lay waste to a burgeoning crop with adverse weather conditions.

I reported on devastating weather

in Western Europe during April that severely impacted the potential yield of 2017 grape crops. Throughout France and Italy, 20 to 50 percent of this year's potential crop seemed lost. This devastation took place unexpectedly and quickly. In only two days, in just a few morning hours, frost hit the affected vineyards, wreaking havoc on emerging vine shoots and buds. Earlier in the month, hailstorms, lasting mere minutes, exacted similar damage in several regions, including the Champagne and Burgundy regions of France.

Fast forward to this week. Reports of the 2017 harvest are beginning to come in from vineyards across the wine-producing world. Did the devastating weather patterns of the spring wreak the feared havoc on grape harvests?

It appears that nature, with the same fickleness that decimated large swaths of vineyards across Europe, so too has blessed a number of these regions with life-resuscitating rains and fair weather. While a number of affected regions were unable to recover from the spring

frost and hailstorms, others rebounded and are enjoying bountiful and high quality harvests.

Here are a few examples.

In France, early reports vary from region to region. In Bordeaux, crop yields are 40 to 50 percent less than last year, a 45-year low. In Burgundy, crop yields are surprisingly high, even higher than last year; alternating cool and warm summer weather patterns coddled ravaged grapevines and grapes, nurturing them to rebound and even flourish.

Not so in the Loire Valley and Alsace regions. An exceptionally dry and hot summer aggravated the spring conditions, placing greater stress on vines. Crop yields are estimated to drop 20 percent from the 2016 harvest. The reduced harvest could have been substantially worse but for the ingenuity of French winemakers to combat the effects of frost and hailstorms with fires and cloud seeding, which stemmed the further loss of vines and young fruit.

In Italy, quantity is lower but quality is higher in a number of regions. The beginnings of the 2017 harvest point to a 25 percent drop from 2016, to the lowest levels in 60 years. The smaller crops point

to more concentrated fruit, and therefore, higher demand for fewer bottles.

In the United States, harvest results are mixed. In northern California, a heat wave stunted grape growth and shriveled grapes on the vine as harvest was approaching. But then cooler winds came to the rescue of the ripening fruit. The quantity and quality of this year's harvest now seem very favorable. In Oregon, it remains unclear if the massive wild fires prevalent at the beginning of the harvest will affect the quality and aromas of the ultimate wines.

The next time you open a bottle of wine, take a moment to reflect on the agricultural aspects of winemaking, for it is foremost an agrarian industry. The successful grape growers and winemakers are those who understand this and are able to develop a symbiotic relationship with nature.

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Deuce Prince and senior tackle Ryan Cohowicz, which has protected him like a front bumper protects a Mack Truck. "It definitely takes a lot of pressure off my shoulders and makes my job a whole lot easier having so much talent around me," acknowledged Nicosia.

One of Nicosia's weapons is wide receiver Alexander Thomas, which is a name heard many times this season. Nicosia hit Thomas twice for touchdowns before the end of the first half against Xaverian Brothers. Thomas in three games this year has nine receptions for 276 yards and three TDs. The senior wide receiver is catching passes at a remarkable rate of 30.7 yards per reception.

"Mike (Nicosia) does a great job putting the ball in the right spot. I just let the game come to me and good things happen," commented Thomas.

Crusaders wide receiver Shawn Harris scored twice in the first half as well against Xaverian. In the first quarter, Nicosia hit Tyler Winston with a 40-yard pass play to the five-yard line of the Hawks. Then Harris put his strength and running ability on display when he propelled through the Hawks defensive line for a touchdown.



Crusaders running back/wide receiver Shawn Harris (center) seems to be denied the goal line by the Xaverian Brothers defensive line.

After, Nicosia and senior wide receiver Jalen Barger, executed a 45-yard pass play to the three-yard line of the Hawks. Harris caught a three-yard pass from, whom else, Nicosia, to end the first half. Harris has a team-leading seven touchdowns this season.

And just when you thought Nicosia had utilized all the weapons in his arsenal, against Xaverian, the Stepinac QB unloaded to another very potent weapon, Atrilleon Williams. Nicosia hit Williams with a 45-yard TD pass in the third quarter.

Nonetheless, the entire Crusaders offense is generated around running

back Jamal Dallas, who Stepinac Public Address Announcer Jordan Griffith has nicknamed, "The Beast." Dallas was the back-up running back behind Antonio Giannico ('17) last year.

"I know that I was under the radar last year being under Antonio Giannico, so I just had to step-up and be a leader this year on and off the field," said Dallas, who has been the "workhorse" for the Crusaders this season.

On Saturday, Dallas rushed for 105 yards on 12 carries, against the Hawks, which averages about nine yards per carry. This season in three games, Dallas



But the talented young junior plowed through Hawks defenders to score on a five-yard run in the first quarter. Stepinac remains undefeated this season at 3-0, while beating Xaverian Brothers from Westwood, Massachusetts, 41-20.

has carried the ball 36 times for 240 yards. "It feels amazing to have Jamal out there running because then we do not have to pass the ball that much, he takes a lot of pressure off the receivers and off Mike as well," stated Thomas.

Therefore, which team in the CHSFL can neutralize the multitude of weapons in the Crusaders arsenal? Well, Chaminade High School will get the opportunity to try next game, when they visit Stepinac High School, on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 1:30 p.m.



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