



## White Plains Brothers Together in Football



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White Plains High School Tigers senior lineman Taj Johnson (kneeling) and his younger brother Tyler celebrate White Plains Youth Football League Day, on Friday, at WPHS. Subsequent to the pregame festivities the White Plains upperclassmen beat Scarsdale, 34-14, to gain a Section 1-AA Playoff berth. **For more on the White Plains vs. Scarsdale game see page 15.**

## Coalition Submits Letter to IRS to Fight SALT Deduction Cap

By Anna Young

A growing coalition of municipalities and school districts partnered to challenge proposed regulations created by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that would prevent residents from deducting state and local taxes (SALT) on their federal tax returns.

The Coalition for the Charitable Contribution Deduction, comprised of close to three-dozen Westchester municipalities and school districts, submitted a letter to the IRS before the deadline for comments requesting the proposed regulations be withdrawn. The regulations would deny a full charitable deduction for donations to the charitable funds.

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale), who spearheads the coalition, said it was necessary to protest the IRS' actions with the potential threat

to taxpayers struggling to remain in their communities.

"Charitable reserve funds serving a public mission and encouraged by tax credits have proven to be a critical tool for taxpayers and local governments alike," Paulin said. "These proposed regulations break IRS precedent and undermine the effectiveness of the new charitable fund established."

The coalition is comprised of Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties and 34 Westchester school districts and municipalities, including New Castle, Bedford, Ossining, North Salem, Lewisboro and White Plains. Local school districts include, the Pleasantville School District, White Plains, Ossining, Briarcliff Manor and Byram Hills.

The Brewster Central School District in Putnam County has also joined the coalition.

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## Crisis Stabilization Team Created to Serve White Plains and Local Area

Westchester County Executive George Latimer has announced the creation of a Mental Health and Substance Use Crisis Stabilization Team in White Plains. The team, to be operated by People Inc., a not-for-profit health and human services agency, is the initial step in creating Westchester's first Crisis Stabilization Hub.

The Stabilization Hub was recommended by Latimer's Transition Team, which prepared a report in 2017.

Consistent with the 2017 Transition Report, the Department of Community Mental Health (DCMH) has undertaken the establishment of four Crisis Stabilization Centers (CSC) around the County, beginning with this first one, serving White Plains and the surrounding communities.



County Executive George Latimer has announced the first Westchester Mental Health and Substance Use Crisis Stabilization Team in White Plains.

The program is funded by the New York State Office of Mental Health, which provided five grants across the state, utilizing federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration dollars. The purpose of the funding is to underwrite one-year innovative programming, to reduce incarceration and hospitalization of individuals with complex mental health and substance use needs.

"Westchester County has seen the deterioration of the safety net for our most vulnerable people.

The Transition Team, which consisted of leaders from across the County, recognized this problem and called us to action, urging for the creation of four Crisis Stabilization Hubs. I am proud to announce that in just nine months, my office, Westchester County DCMH and our colleagues within Westchester, as well as our community partners, have come together to begin making the first hub a reality," Latimer said in a statement announcing the White Plains team.

The stabilization teams are modeled after the staffing of the Dutchess County Stabilization Hub, and will serve people in mental health and/or substance use crisis who are often homeless and facing arrest or emergency hospitalization.

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The submitted letter takes aim at the legal reasoning and abandonment of past IRS precedent that underpins the proposed regulations. The group hopes to persuade the Treasury Department and the IRS to withdraw the regulations and preserve full deductibility for voluntary contributions.

“This letter reminds the IRS that they do not have the authority from Congress to upend longstanding principles of tax law and, in the process, harm so many New Yorkers and the local governments and school districts that serve them,” Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) said.

If the proposed regulations become final, the coalition, which is currently working with the law firm of Baker McKenzie, is threatening to file a federal lawsuit.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said the proposed regulations will significantly harm county residents. Roughly 38 percent of taxpayers would be negatively affected by the SALT proposal and could see an estimated 25 percent increase on their federal taxes.

“While the federal government claims only 5 percent of the nation will be impacted by the new limits on charitable deductions, we know here in Westchester that is not the case,” Latimer said. “These regulations will hurt our working families, our property values and our way of life.”

The new federal tax code signed into law last year by President Donald Trump puts a \$10,000 cap on SALT deductions. State lawmakers passed legislation in March that was designed to help residents who were disadvantaged by the new federal tax law. This allowed municipalities

and school districts to set up charitable reserve gift funds to which taxpayers would contribute to government or school districts instead of paying their property taxes.

In return, they would receive tax-deductible credits equal to 95 percent of their donations.

But the IRS issued proposed regulations in August that would severely restrict homeowners from taking advantage of the deduction. Under the proposed regulations, a taxpayer who makes payments or transfers property to an entity eligible to receive tax deductible contributions must reduce their charitable deduction by the amount of any state or local tax credit the taxpayer receives or expects to receive.

Pleasantville Superintendent Mary Fox-Alter said the proposed regulations

are illogical, place an undue burden on the states' ability to provide public education and public services and greatly diminish the federal government's fiscal responsibility. She said officials have a fiduciary responsibility to families and taxpayers to explore a voluntary contribution system.

While White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach and Bedford Supervisor Chris Burdick are hopeful the coalition's concerns will prompt the IRS to withdraw the proposed regulations, North Salem Supervisor Warren Lucas stressed that the law needs to allow full deductions for all individual taxpayers.

“This is double taxation at its worst,” Lucas said. “Taxing people on money they already paid in taxes with no income thresholds protecting those who are vulnerable is bad government.”

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People, Inc. was the driving force behind the development of the Dutchess Hub, and showed through the County's RFP process, that they are prepared to develop a similar model in Westchester.

CEO of People, Inc. Steve Miccio said: “I believe our model is an exemplary fit for the County. We focus on person-centered trauma informed assistance, with staff who recognize that our customers are important, and we are here for one purpose; to help them.”


The \$489,000 funding, running through September 2019, will allow the service team to become operational. At the same time, the County, People, Inc., New York State and community providers will work together to develop a sustainability plan. Part of that plan includes a physical location with 24-hour access and services, through which a person's medical needs (both physical and behavioral) will be identified, and within 24 hours they will be stabilized

and connected to the appropriate level of services.

Commissioner of DCMH Michael Orth said: “DCMH has been working to develop such a model for several years; the recognition of this great need in the Transition Report has brought the community a greater awareness. Through the support of the Office of Mental Health, the County Executive’s office, and our partners in the community, we are taking a major step to bring needed crisis

stabilization to Westchester.”

The catchment area for the White Plains CSC includes White Plains, most of Greenburgh, Scarsdale, Mamaroneck Town and Village and Harrison. These communities typically utilize hospital emergency services in White Plains. Through detailed analysis of each step in developing the White Plains model, the County intends to map out a replication plan for similar crisis centers in other communities throughout Westchester.



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# League of Women Voters Reschedules Cancelled Candidates Forum

The League of Women Voters of White Plains has rescheduled the previously canceled Candidates Forum for candidates in the New York State Assembly District 93 election “now that both candidates have accepted the League’s invitations to participate,” said LWVWP president Stephen Cohen.

Incumbent, Assemblyman David Buchwald (D) and challenger John Nuculovic (R) will answer questions and discuss issues of importance to NYS Assembly District 93, on Tuesday Oct. 23



David Buchwald (D-incumbent)



John Nuculovic (R-challenger)

from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at the White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Avenue.

“In accordance with League policy and in order to ensure that a wide range of issues are addressed by the candidates, questions may be submitted in writing by email in advance of the Forum or



in person at the auditorium prior to the start of the Forum,” Cohen said.

The Forum will be recorded by White Plains Community Media for subsequent viewing.

The League of Women Voters takes no position on candidates for public office or on political parties. The League works to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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## WPHS Sports Hall of Fame Seeking Contacts for Two Inductees

The White Plains High School Athletics Hall of Fame, which is set to hold its 2018 Induction Event on Friday, Nov. 2, is having difficulty locating any relatives or friends in association with two of its 13 inductees: Dominick “Monk” DePalo, Class of 1931; Tony Mazziotti, Class of 1932. Both star athletes passed away many years ago.

Anyone with contact information regarding these two outstanding alums is asked to contact WPHS Athletics Hall of Fame president Chuck Stogel in White Plains (telephone: 914-428-6111; e-mail: chstogel@aol.com).

DePalo, a scholastic star in both football and basketball, and a member of the Westchester County Sports Hall of Fame, was the father of New York Yankees minor league prospect Jim DePalo. Co-owner of the DePalo’s Dugout restaurant in White Plains for many years, the younger DePalo passed away in 2017 in Naples, Fla., and the WPHS Athletics Hall of Fame committee also has been unable to locate any of his relatives or friends.

Mazziotti was an outstanding football player who went from White Plains to star at fullback for Notre Dame and then had a brief career playing professionally.



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# Board of Legislators Reactivates County Oil Prices Tracker

One of the biggest seasonal expenses that Westchester families face is the cost of heating their homes. In recent years, the Westchester County Board of Legislators came up with a tool to help Westchester families get the best price available – the Oil Prices Tracker.

The Oil Prices Tracker is for informational purposes, and is intended to provide consumers with choices and the opportunity to “price shop” among the heating oil providers in their area.

The Tracker is a voluntary program.

Only those companies wishing to participate and forwarding pricing on a weekly basis are included. As prices may change daily, consumers are encouraged to contact providers for current pricing.

“Anything we can do to provide Westchester residents a resource that could lead to savings for homeowners is a no-brainer,” said Chairman Ben Boykin (D-White Plains). “Numerous constituents have already reached out to my office asking for the Oil Prices Tracker to continue. I agree with them that this

is a great tool and I’m happy to start it up again for the 2018 fall/winter season.”

The Oil Prices Tracker is posted on the legislature’s web page at [www.westchesterlegislators.com](http://www.westchesterlegislators.com) and is currently up and running. Prices will be updated weekly.

“The Oil Prices Tracker, started in 2016 by then Chairman Michael Kaplowitz, is a survey of home heating oil companies’ price per gallon. Although it will only be updated once a week, there will be links to most of the providers listed so visitors can

click through to each provider’s website for a daily price,” Chairman Boykin said.

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## Con Ed Called to Greenburgh Meeting to Explain Current Roadwork Plan

Calling the situation a quality of life issue, the Greenburgh Town Board has asked Con Edison to send representatives to its next meeting to explain why the utility company is tearing up roadways and working in numerous areas of the township.

Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner has received numerous questions and complaints from residents about road conditions, in particular in the College Corners area, where gas work is being done.

The meeting will also address other neighborhoods in unincorporated Greenburgh and in the villages where Con Ed has roadwork underway.

Feiner has asked Con Ed representatives to address the type of gas infrastructure work being done and why it takes so long for roadwork to be completed. He wants to know why the work is so important at this time, how neighborhoods are selected for infrastructure repairs and what the repaving plans are.

Feiner noted, “Some people have complained to me that the roads are left in poor shape and they don’t always see crews working. How come?”

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m. at Greenburgh Town Hall.

For residents who cannot attend the meeting, Feiner suggests they watch the meeting streamed live on the web at [www.greenburghny.com](http://www.greenburghny.com) or on Optimum channel 76 and Verizon channel 35.

Feiner also welcomes resident questions by email at [pfeiner@greenburghny.com](mailto:pfeiner@greenburghny.com).

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## Port Chester Man Arraigned Following Shotgun Incident in His Home

Abe Massa (DOB 12/30/88) of Port Chester was arraigned Oct. 11 following an incident the previous night at his home where he fired a shotgun and his family called police. Massa is charged with Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree, a class D felony.

Westchester County Court Judge Larry Schwartz presided over the arraignment in the Westchester County Medical Center where Massa was taken last night.

Massa was remanded into custody and the matter was adjourned until Oct. 15.

The felony complaint alleges, around 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, Massa pointed a loaded shotgun at the ceiling and fired one shot while in the presence of his mother. He later pointed the loaded shotgun at her, and fired a second shot into a wall.

Port Chester Police responded to the location on Willet Avenue and safely removed three children and an adult from the house. While police were inside the building, they heard a gunshot from somewhere inside. Police located Massa and his mother. They were able to disarm Massa and place him under arrest without incident. Massa was subsequently transported to the Westchester County Medical Center.

## Inmate Pleads Guilty to Jailhouse Assault on County Corrections Officer

John Wooten (DOB 08/28/81), an inmate at the Westchester County jail, pleaded guilty Oct. 11 to assaulting two Westchester County Correction Officers, one in December 2017 and one in January 2018.

Specifically, Wooten pleaded guilty to two counts of Assault in the Second Degree, class D felonies.

He is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 14. Upon sentencing, he faces up to seven years in state prison for each charge.

At the time, Wooten was being held at the Westchester County Jail on a charge of Criminal Mischief, a class E felony, for an incident committed at 25 Operations Drive, Mount Pleasant, Dec. 19, 2017.

Following this guilty plea, DA Scarpino said: "Corrections Officers do a dangerous and important job. They should know that any attack on any one of them within the County Jail will be prosecuted and we will see that justice is done."

Westchester Department of Correction Commissioner Joseph K. Spano stated: "Today's plea sends a strong message --



John Wooten

assaulting any member of our correctional staff is unacceptable and will be dealt with swiftly. It will also carry serious consequences, including a lengthy prison sentence. Further, the handling of these two assaults on correction officers demonstrates the continued collaboration between all sectors of Westchester's law enforcement community."

## Two Bronx Men Indicted for Mail Theft in Tarrytown



Sean Dash



Jade Williams

Sean Dash (DOB 2/24/97) and Jade Williams (DOB 5/14/99), both of the Bronx, were arraigned Oct. 4 in connection with mail theft in Tarrytown. They were arraigned on a 32-count indictment before Westchester County Court Judge Barry Warhit. Each man

has been charged on the following two felonies: Grand Larceny in the 3rd Degree, a class D felony and Criminal Possession Of Stolen Property in the Third Degree, a class D felony.

And the following misdemeanor charges: 14 counts of Criminal Possession Of Stolen Property In The Fifth Degree, 13 counts of Petit Larceny and 1 count of Attempted Petit Larceny.

Jade Williams alone is charged with two vehicular violations.

The indictment alleges on May 18, 2018 at approximately 2:35 a.m., Tarrytown Police observed a man acting suspiciously in front of a mailbox located just blocks from the Post Office. A second man was in a vehicle acting as a lookout. On investigation, police found a "garbage bag" full of assorted mail and a mailbox key in their car. The garbage bag contained 14 separate victims' mail, which had been stolen from a second mailbox located directly in front of the Post Office. One victim was the Village of Tarrytown School District, which had \$44,380.91 worth of checks in the mail.

The two were arrested by Tarrytown Police.

Bail was increased to \$25,000K cash or bond for Dash and bail remained at \$10,000 cash or bond for Williams.

Their next court appearance is scheduled for Oct. 16.

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# Obituaries

## Marylin Bennett Michell

Marylin E. Bennett Michell passed away on Oct. 13 at the age of 82.

She was predeceased by her husband Clarence "Mickey" Michell, to whom she was married for 57 years.

She was the oldest daughter of Stuart and Camilla Bennett of Johnson City, NY.

She was also predeceased by her three sisters, Elinor Slavick, Elaine Brearly and Diane Hasley. She is survived by all four of her children, Gary, Wendy Mulhall, Glenn and Gregg.

Marylin and her husband lived and raised their children on Battle Hill in White Plains. She leaves behind eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren whom she loved very much.

In addition to raising four children, she worked for Readers Digest, PepsiCo and Swackhammer Lumber. She was an avid reader and loved spending time at her summer home in the Southern Tier if the Catskills on Silver Lake.

Friends may call on Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Ballard-Durand Funeral Home, 2 Maple Avenue at South Broadway, White Plains.

Funeral Service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. followed by entombment at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Putnam Valley.

## William C. Smythe III

William Carson Smythe III passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on Oct. 4.

He was born on April 12, 1943 to Velma Ehrhardt and William Carson Smythe Jr. in Pittsburgh, PA where he grew up with his sister, Suzy.

He attended Thiel College in Greenville, PA where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree. He went on to attend Lehigh University where he received a Master's degree and finally, a Professional degree from Fordham University.

William met and fell in love with his wife of 51 years, Eileen Torba, while attending Thiel College. They were married in Our Lady of Sorrows Church

in White Plains in 1967 and became the proud father of four children, Jennifer, William IV, Melissa, and Eric.

Bill who was affectionately known as Mr. Bill to family, friends and students, was a teacher in the White Plains Public Schools for over 40 years teaching fifth grade at Battle Hill School and fifth and sixth grade math at Highlands. In addition, Mr. Bill worked closely with colleagues as a co-founder of the Architecture in Math Program (AIM), to develop and implement a program that taught students math skills through design and hands on experiences. He was a pioneer who went above and beyond to help his students reach their potential. He also spent many summers working for the City of White Plains Youth Bureau. In addition he extended his teaching to adults, teaching English as a second language at St. Bernards Church in White Plains where he was admired and loved. Mr. Bill considered these students extended family. Even after retiring in 2005, Mr. Bill continued working at Highlands as a substitute teacher. He found joy in teaching.

He was an adored father-in-law to Jeff, Katina, Jhon, and Brigida. Bill was a devoted grandfather known as Pa, to his 11 grandchildren, Hannah (13), Kate (13), Johnny (10), Luke (8), Emma (6), Jake (6), Olivia (5), Logan (4), Addison (4), Eric Jr. (3), and Billy V (3). He loved being with his family on the beach in Montauk every Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Bill was an avid sports fan. He could be found on Sundays in the Fall wearing his Steelers jersey watching his favorite team, the Steelers, play.

Mr. Bill was a fan favorite at Mr. C's deli and Roosters Market. He was considered a celebrity to his grandchildren as he was recognized wherever he went. Mr. Bill put the needs of others before his own and was a beloved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and friend. He will be greatly missed by all those whose lives he has touched.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the WP Public Schools, specifically the students of Highlands Middle

School. Please include in the donation the following.

"This donation in the name of William C Smythe III, should go to the students of Highlands middle school in White Plains, New York." <http://www.friendsofwpps.org/>.

## Candelaria Ruiz

Maria Candelaria Ruiz, called Cande by family, passed away peacefully on Oct. 4 in White Plains.

She was 95.

She is survived by her son, Rafael Ruiz, step-daughter, Migdalia Reluzco, and three granddaughters, Arianna, Alexis, and Raquel Ruiz.

She is predeceased by her step-daughter Caridad Caro.

She was born in Tapaste, Cuba on Feb. 2, 1923, to Alberta Martinez-González, and Manuel Dominguez-López. She had six siblings Manolo, Pablo, José, Rosa, Pilar, and Felicia.

She married Silverio Ruiz-Diaz on Aug. 30, 1961, in Jaruco, Cuba.

She was widowed in 1973, in Madrid, Spain, but continued to love Silverio for the rest of her long life and never remarried. She immigrated to the U.S. in 1974 and devoted herself to the church and making a good life for herself and her family. She worked at St. John the Evangelist Church in White Plains for many years as a caretaker.

She enjoyed crocheting, sewing, and cooking for her family. She was a kind person who will be remembered for her thoughtful and gentle nature and her love for her family. We will hold her memory in our hearts and minds forever.

Carol Brown Laufer

Carol Brown Laufer, aged 69, passed away Oct. 3 in White Plain Hospital, 12days after an in-home accident.

Carol was born Oct. 1, 1949, in Brooklyn, to parents Raymond and Elisabeth (Mason) Brown, who lived in Scarsdale.

She graduated from Scarsdale High School in 1967 and graduated from William Smith College in Geneva,

NY, in 1971.

She was married to Richard Laufer in March, 1978. They have resided in Hartsdale since 1985. Carol was a producer of commercial and educational films before joining Blue Sky Studios as a producer and later as Executive Producer.

In 2002 she and husband Richard bought the Bridge Deck on Central Avenue in Scarsdale, making a business of their passion for duplicate bridge. In 2013 they sold the Bridge Deck, and Carol had been retired from the work world since.

In addition to her husband, Carol is survived by siblings Leslie Palmieri of Somers, Alison White of South Salem, David Brown of Middletown, CT, and Blakeley Crevoiserat of Glastonbury, CT, 15 nieces and nephews and 16 grand nieces and grand nephews.

The family held a private funeral and plans a public memorial for late October, the details of which will be posted on the Ballard-Durand website.

## Marie A. Riviezzo

Marie A. Riviezzo, a West Harrison resident, died Oct. 3 at the age of 89.

She was born Jan. 19, 1929 to the late Ferdinand and Carmella Sciliano.

On June 14, 1953 she married Nicholas G. Riviezzo. He predeceased her in 2006.

Marie worked for 43 years as a School Aid in the Harrison Central School District, retiring in 2013.

She is survived by her children Ann Marie (Michael) of White Plains, Nicholas of Port Chester, Robert (Kimberly) of Valhalla and Lisa of West Harrison; her brothers Constantino and Frederick; her grandchildren Stephanie, Nina Marie, Robert and Ryan; and her great grandchildren Madilynn and Arielle. Also surviving is her pet Jr.

Marie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was a baker, homemaker animal lover and Atlantic City enthusiast.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association.



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# A Comfortable Mattress is Critical to Happy, Healthy Living

As a thankfully busy realtor, I operate best with a good night's sleep. Sometimes that can be elusive.

Some years ago, there was a television commercial for Sealy, the world's largest mattress manufacturer that made me smile each time it ran. Its slogan was "No Matter What You Do in Bed, Sealy Supports It."

It reminded me of the first story I heard about mattresses – "Princess and the Pea." Even as a naïve child, I thought, "Yeah, right, she could feel that pea under 20 mattresses!"

But during my lifelong experimentation with mattresses, some delightfully comfortable and others deplorably torturous, I fashion myself somewhat an expert on them. Today, I might run a close second to the princess about being finicky.

And why not?

Our relationships with our mattresses vie with any kind of personal liaisons we might ever have, considering that if you survive the average life expectancy, you will spend 36,000 nights with your body snuggled up to your most supportive companion.

When it came time for me to buy my first mattress, however, I found that, as a college student, I was far from sensitive about comfort. To create a modern sofa and a bed, I bought a six-foot-long piece of foam rubber and laid it over a hollow door, supported by four cinder blocks. To keep my handyman special from looking completely primitive, I attached a pleated skirt to hide the cinder

blocks. As a bed, it was indeed torturous.

For my first apartment in New York City, I bought an inexpensive mattress from Macy's and, as I recall, it was the superstore's own brand. Although inexpensive, it was dreamily comfortable. When my future wife came to my apartment for the first time, I showed her my antique sleigh bed, bragging that I probably had the most comfortable mattress ever.

"Why don't you give it a try?" I asked. She refused. Things were different back then.

There is evidence that people have been seeking softer sleeping surfaces for more than 10,000 years. Since the Egyptian Pharaohs had beds of ebony and gold, it is assumed that they devised something soft to place in them, but common people simply slept on palm bows heaped in a corner.

By Roman times, mattresses were stuffed with reeds, hay, wool or feathers. During the Renaissance, they were made of pea shucks or straw and covered with sumptuous velvets, brocades and silks. Their filling, however, became a banquet for bugs.



By Bill Primavera

In the 16th and 17th centuries, the term "sleep tight" was coined when mattresses were placed on a web of ropes that needed regular tightening to prevent sagging. The second part of that saying, "don't let the bedbugs bite," expressed a condition that was common then and seems to have recently resurfaced with a vengeance. By the late 19th century, cotton mattresses that were less attractive to vermin dominated.

In 1900, James Marshall invented and patented the "pocket coil." A coil was placed inside a pocket made of cotton and individually suspended, with materials placed on top that provided comfort. By the 1930s, innerspring mattresses with upholstered foundations gained the prominent position they still enjoy.

Futons were introduced in the 1940s, foam rubber mattresses appeared in the 1950s, followed by waterbeds in the '60s and airbeds in the '80s. But most of us still rely on innerspring mattresses.

In selecting a mattress, you might consider the suggestion of the International Sleep Products Association that you spend at least 15 minutes lying on it. Then again,

you might not. The last time I bought a mattress, I tried six different models and can't imagine that I would have spent an hour-and-a-half dozing off at Sleepy's.

The primary choices in selecting a mattress are the degrees of firmness and the size. Much of the firmness debate is solved by the new options for adjustability, even for each side of the bed.

Then there is the question of how big the mattress should be. Widths range from 39 inches for a twin to 76 inches for a king. Lengths range from 75 to 84 inches.

While the square footage of homes and the size of bedrooms are shrinking, anyone sharing a bed may think twice about diminishing the size of the bed proportionately. If you share a simple double bed with a partner, you have as much personal sleeping space as a baby in a crib.

Then there's this story from when my wife took her 88-year-old mother to buy a new mattress. The salesman noted that it came with a 20-year guarantee.

"At my age, I only need a five-year guarantee," my mother-in-law replied. "Can I get a better price for that?"

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Evolution or Revolution? When the World of Beverages Converges



By Nick Antonaccio

Over the past few weeks we've explored the science of winemaking. In one column I delved into the evolving creation of four new grape varieties in a French laboratory.

Last week I presented the natural science – the evolution of a bottle of wine from the vineyard through fermentation and aging in barrels.

I'm beginning to notice the manipulation of natural science and laboratory natural science more and more, including crossover products in wineries and breweries.

There is a natural relationship between the production of wine and that of beer. Both products are dependent in their aroma and flavor on the agricultural profile of the grapes and barley/hops grown for specific traits and characteristics. Both products are crafted in a winery/brewery utilizing various strains of yeast; these will affect the fermentation intensity and duration of the finished product. Both products can be manipulated by the use of the numerous options available for storing and aging the end product, be it stainless steel or wood barrels.

I'm noticing more breweries adopting and adapting winemaking techniques and recently I've noticed wineries combining

the raw ingredients of the two core components. Much of this is the creativity of young entrepreneurs appealing to a changing demographic desire for new products.

Today's young adult alcohol consumers are enamored with products that veer from the tried and true of previous generations and are willing to spend their disposable income accordingly. Producers are carefully treading into new territories to satiate this burgeoning predilection.

The crossover of brewing into the arena of wine techniques and production has been on the fringes of the craft beer world for several years. A number of brewers are aging select beers in neutral oak barrels (not possessing any distinct aromas or tannins). Exposure to a wood vessel rather than one of stainless steel allows oxygen and the fleeting aromas of oak staves to impart a unique profile to a craft beer. And they have been very popular, although quite limited in production.

However, several craft brewmasters have advanced this crossover. I read of a beer stored and aged in wood wine barrels fresh from this year's winemaking. The barrels were still moist with grape juice absorbed by the wood staves, thereby

imparting a unique style during beer fermentation. A stout ale with hints of Sauvignon Blanc? Perhaps. Check with your local craft beer reseller.

Another crossover beer product is one in which fermenting barley (or other grain) is mixed in vats with fermenting grape juice, again blurring the lines between the two products. Sold as a beer, this hybrid product is still seeking a core market. A stout ale with clear and perhaps competing characteristics of Sauvignon Blanc? I'm not sure in which type of retail shop it would be sold.

The crossover of winemaking into the previously exclusive domain of beer making is quite recent. Taking a page from craft brewers' production trends, several wineries are mixing grapes and grain. Hops used in beer production are fermented and then added to fermenting grapes at the winery, resulting in a wine with unique floral aromas and a bit of hoppy bitterness. A Sauvignon Blanc with hints of stout ale? Sounds refreshing.

And crossover hybrids don't seem isolated to beer and wine. How enticing is the latest offering from Hangar 1: rosé wine-flavored vodka? I'll never know.

Now that my head is swirling from the hybridization and competing aromas

and flavors of this emerging beer-wine, wine-beer sub market, I feel compelled to embark on a round of market research to ferret out the crafted, refined products from the lesser, market-hyped offerings. Wish me luck.

Note: I will be hosting a fundraising wine and food-pairing event, featuring little-known Italian wines, to benefit A-Home, a provider of local affordable housing. It is Friday, Nov. 9 at the Holy Innocents Church social hall in Pleasantville at 7 p.m. For tickets (\$75), contact Barbara Coleman at 914-741-0740 or at bcoleman@a-homehousing.org.

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## A Cornucopia of Fall Flavors and Events Part 2



By Morris Gut

The Food Bank for Westchester will host 'An Evening in Good Taste' on Thursday, Oct. 18 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at 1133 Westchester Ave. (the former IBM archives building) in White Plains. The event will showcase the culinary talents of such Westchester restaurants, bakeries and beverage emporiums as: Xaviar's Group; Abigail Kirsch Catering, Lulu Cake Boutique, Sam's of Gedney Way, Moderne Barn, Broken Bow Brewery, Rivermarket, Saltaire, Crabtree's Kittle House, Ladle of Love, L'Inizio, Chutney Masala, Tredici North, Longford's Ice Cream and more. Tickets start at \$250. Reservations can be made online: [www.feedingwestchester.org](http://www.feedingwestchester.org) or contact: Tamar Jacobson@FoodBankForWestchester.org or by calling the Food Bank directly: 914-909-9612.

**Rooftop Indian Summer at Freebird.** Proprietor Nick Fusco has done a fine job renovating his multi-level, Southern-themed Freebird Kitchen & Bar in White Plains. Check it out for Happy Hour brews and comfort foods served from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. On one recent Indian summer day the rooftop was a pleasant venue offering its own bar

and a mini-cityscape of White Plains/Mamaroneck Ave. Talk is they are planning to enclose the rooftop for use throughout the year. Try the creamy Shrimp & Grits, \$3. Sliders, Chicken & Waffles, Mac N' Cheese, House Wings, fresh Oysters and Burnt Ends Chili. Weekend Brunch is now being offered, too. Entertainment schedule. Freebird, 161 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 914-607-2476; [www.freebirdkitchenandbar.com](http://www.freebirdkitchenandbar.com).

**Big Juicy Steaks at Magno's Grill.** This newcomer to the county is now serving Jurassic Tomahawk Steaks, and a fine version of Parrillada, hearty mixed grill with chimichurri sauce. They are as tender as can be. Chef/owner Angelo Magno had put his talents to work at such lauded kitchens as Tango Grill, Milonga and Gaucho Grill. He has joined forces with his family at his own 60-seat spot featuring fine versions of Italian and Argentinean classics. Look for such house specialties as: fresh Empanadas, Chicken or Veal Parmigiana, hearty Paella, and hefty Pork Osso Buco. Cocktail bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Municipal parking nearby. Reservations accepted. Magno's Grill, 108 Centre Ave., New Rochelle. 914-235-0008; [www.magnosgrill.com](http://www.magnosgrill.com).

**Fall Dishes to Make You Swoon at Le**

**Sirene.** Recent tastings of Octopus Carpaccio, Ai Tre Formaggi Pizza, house made stuffed Stromboli, and Pumpkin Cheesecake made my palate swoon. Owner Cosimo Bruno is general manager and host, but also shares kitchen duties with talented Executive Chef Alberto Pepe. Let their signature flavors guide you into the pastel dining room. The bar/lounge is a good spot for

cocktails and a snack. The Brunos know their wines. Cosimo is a Certified Sommelier. The 'pizzaoli' is at his wood fired pizza oven at the end of the bar ready to prepare over a dozen of his tasty individually styled pies. Le Sirene, 1957 Palmer Ave., Larchmont. 914-834-8300; [www.lesireneristorante.com](http://www.lesireneristorante.com).

**Giant Empanadas at Nutmeg Café.** I spotted those big empanadas stuffed with chicken, beef or veggies in the display case and had to have one. Fresh, warmed, and so good! Proprietor and creative force behind Nutmeg is Cindy Bothwell. The Café is warm and inviting. There is seating for up to 25, soft background music, exposed brick walls and display cases filled to the brim with the tempting daily larder. Bothwell calls her way of cooking



Magno's Grill Tomahawk Steak.

and baking: "American home-style rustic" and insists on keeping up with the seasons. Custom Cold Brew coffees, teas and smoothies on-site. Fresh made soups, salads and sandwiches have been added to Nutmeg's menu and posted daily on the blackboard. Open daily 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nutmeg Café, 64 Main Street, Tuckahoe. 914-779-1328; [www.thenutmegcafe.com](http://www.thenutmegcafe.com).

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**MARK WHALING** being a natural person of at least eighteen years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York certifies that the name of the limited liability company is Whaleshark, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the State on August 31, 2018. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful act or activity within the purposes for which limited liability company companies may be organized pursuant to Limited Liability Company Law. The office of the limited liability company is to be located in Westchester County. The address of the limited liability company is **10 Ormond Place, Rye, NY 10580. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.**

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# Happenings

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## Tuesday, Oct. 16

**Tuesdays@Dorries.** Moving Forward after Kavanaugh, A Conversation about Consequences and Actions. Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation and lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court has many possible political consequences. It also raises numerous questions about the way forward. With a much more conservative Supreme Court, what can be done at the state and local levels to counteract this huge shift in agenda? Will Kavanaugh's appointment energize the Democratic base or the Republican base more? Educated white women were moving away from Trump before Kavanaugh. Will this trend accelerate? What about men? Please join us for

a discussion, facilitated by Michael Hackett, of these and other issues related to our current political climate. Everyone is invited to join the table talkers. Food ordering begins at 5:15; speaker 6 to 7 p.m. Dorries Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

**Elder Law, Estate Planning.** Please join us at the Wainwright House on the evening of October 16 as Salvatore M. Di Costanzo, Esq., a leading elder law attorney and his colleague Joanna C. Feldman, will answer questions and speak about his extensive experience assisting clients with estate planning, wills, trusts, Medicaid and long-term care planning and related areas of interest. Please RSVP at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/elder-law-estate-planning-special-needs-planning-a-family-conversation-tickets-50622987719>; 6:30 to 8 p.m., Wainwright House, 260 Stuyvesant Ave., Rye.

## Wednesday, Oct. 17

**Farmer's Market.** White Plains

Outdoor Farmer's Market on Court Street at Main Street; open 8 a.m.

**Noonday Getaway Concert.** Uncommon Practice/Open Studio - Cellist David Heiss is a member of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and is principal cellist of The New York Pops at Carnegie Hall. Featured as a concerto soloist and recitalist in a wide range of repertoire, he plays a John Betts cello, dated 1789. He is joined by pianist Warren Jones, a member of the faculty of the Manhattan School of Music and the Music Academy of the West, who is Principal Pianist for the exciting California chamber music group Camerata Pacifica. The music of Gabriel Faure is featured. This concert is made possible, in part, with the generous support of Scarsdale Medical Group. 12:10 p.m. at Grace Church, Main and Church Streets, White Plains. Free event, donations accepted.

## Thursday, Oct. 18

**Interfaith Council/Fall Luncheon.** Scarsdale-Hartsdale Women's

Interfaith Council/Fall Luncheon at Greenville Community Reformed Church, 270 Ardsley Road, Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Sanctuary Talk; 12 Noon, Luncheon and Program; \$20. Speaker Bill Meyer, Chair of the Lower Hudson Chapter of the Sierra Club will talk about using the visual arts to bring hearts together to focus on climate issues. RSVP: [vfbergen@aol.com](mailto:vfbergen@aol.com).

**Common Ground Group Discussion.** "Civic Engagement and Voting" sponsored by the League of Women Voters of White Plains and the White Plains Library; 6 to 8 p.m., Community Room, White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave. Free.

**Thou Shalt Not Kill.** Gun Violence, American Culture and Religion; 7:30 p.m. Every day, 96 Americans are killed with guns and hundreds more are shot and injured using the more than 300 million firearms that exist in this country. The murder rate in the United States using guns is 25 times higher than the next

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## EXAMINER SPORTS

# David Fizdale Era Begins with NY Knicks

By Albert Coqueran

The NY Knicks gave the organization a 2018-19 Opening Season present when they waived center Joakim Noah, on Saturday. However, the Noah waiver, although a relief for the Knicks, was far from a gift of any nature.

The Noah signing two years ago will forever be known as the biggest blunder by former President Phil Jackson, who inked the former Chicago Bulls center to a 4-year, \$72 million contract in July 2016.

Jackson noted when introducing Noah at the Knicks 2016-17 Media Day that

it was a "gamble" signing Noah, who was trying to come back from a dislocated shoulder he sustained in January 2016.

Well the "house" certainly won that gamble, as Noah will walk away with the Knicks still owing him \$38 million, which they will stretch over a three-year period. The Noah waiver, although extremely expensive is a waiting to exhale moment for the orange-and-blue. President Steve Mills, General Manager Scott Perry and first year Head Coach David Fizdale can now officially begin to rebuild the Knicks program.

The Knicks were 29-53 last season and missed the Playoffs for the fifth straight year, which led to the firing of Head Coach Jeff Hornacek. Some in New York may think that Mills and Perry grabbed Fizdale's name out of a hat or that they were downsizing in some manner. Nothing would be further from the truth considering Hornacek's successor.

Fizdale has a basketball resume fitting for the position and his coaching breed hails from the tutelage of Miami Heat President Pat Riley. Fizdale tenured eight seasons with the Heat as an assistant coach (2008-2016) with his final two seasons as assistant head coach under Head Coach Erik Spoelstra.

Before coming to the Knicks, Fizdale led the Memphis Grizzlies to a 50-51 record in two seasons (2016-18) as their Head Coach, including one Playoff appearance in 2017.

Fizdale's production as a Knicks Head Coach is a matter yet to be evaluated. However, he personifies a demeanor of



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

NY Knicks first-year Head Coach David Fizdale answers questions from the media last week at practice in Tarrytown. The Fizdale era will begin with the Knicks Home Opener, on Wednesday, at Madison Square Garden, against the Atlanta Hawks.



NY Knicks point-guard Trey Burke admits he evolved as a person and a NBA player while playing with the Westchester Knicks last season. Burke received a Call-Up to the NY Knicks, on January 14.

unpretentious authenticity, which are qualities much needed in Knicks-land.

Nonetheless, if the 44-year old Fizdale is to be successful on the court this season, he will have to accomplish it without his biggest asset, Kristaps Porzingis. The Knicks 7'3" forward/ center could possibly miss the entire season due to a torn ACL, dating back to last February.

The Knicks will definitely miss their versatile shooting tall man but they do have inside presence in the spirited 6' 11" center Enes Kanter and the young 7' 1" center Mitchell Robinson, who was their 36th overall pick in this year's NBA Draft.

Robinson was a steal for the Knicks in the second round, who they drafted out of Chalmette High School, in New Orleans. The shot-blocking machine dropped in the draft while opting to forgo his commitment to Western Kentucky and focus on his NBA career. He has a 9' 2" reach and 7' 3" wingspan, which he used to average four blocks per game in the Summer League.

However, if Fizdale is to have even marginal success this season, he will have to utilize his biggest assets to date: speed and penetration to the hoop. And those are the roles of University of Michigan alumni duo Tim Hardaway, Jr. and Trey Burke.

Burke burnt up the G-League last season with the Westchester Knicks, before he earned a Call-Up to the NY Knicks on January 14. He averaged 26.6 points, 5.3 assists, 3.3 rebounds and two steals per game in 26 games last season with Westchester.

"I enjoyed my time with the Westchester

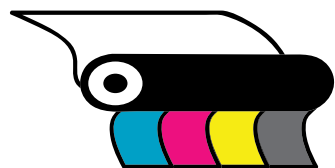
Knicks. That was a make or break point of my life and my NBA career was in jeopardy. I learned a lot about myself, during my time with Westchester. It will always be in the back of my mind and that is what continues to push me," revealed Burke.

As the Knicks await the emergence of last year's first round pick Frank Ntilikina, it should be Burke and another former Westchester Knick Ron Baker with Emmanuel Mudiay pushing the point. The Knicks ninth overall pick this year, Kevin Knox is also displaying he can play with the big boys.

"We are a young team but as a veteran beginning my sixth year, I know my voice speaks volumes," stated Burke. "I am continuing to try and grow as a leader and lead by example both on and off the court."

Also, Fizdale has forward Isaiah Hicks and guard Alonzo Trier has added bonuses to his 15-man roster. Hicks and Trier are the Knicks NBA Two-Way Players. Trier averaged 14.2 ppg. this preseason. Westchester Knicks fans will be seeing a lot of Hicks and Trier at the Westchester County Center, this season, as NBA G League Two-Way Players.

The Fizdale era begins at Madison Square Garden when the NY Knicks host the Atlanta Hawks, on Wednesday, Oct. 17. The Westchester Knicks open their 2018-19 season on the road against the Maine Red Claws, on November 2. The local Knicks Home Opener is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. against the Delaware Blue Coats, at the Westchester County Center.



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# ..... EXAMINER SPORTS .....

## Tigers Beat Raiders to Gain Section 1-AA Playoff Berth

By Albert Coqueran

On Friday evening, it was as if the White Plains High School football team had just won the Super Bowl. The fans



WPHS quarterback Marcus Andre crosses the goal line in the first quarter for one of his three rushing touchdowns in the Tigers, 34-14 win over Scarsdale, to capture their first Section 1-AA Playoff berth since 2013.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Strike up the Band! The Tigers football team has made the Section 1 AA Playoffs for the first time since 2013. They earned a seven-seed with a 5-2 overall and 4-2 Section 1-AA record.

rushed the field and celebrated with the players, after the Tigers beat Scarsdale High School, 34-14, to secure the seventh seed in the Section 1-AA Playoffs.

The Tigers finished the regular season, 5-2 overall, 4-2 AA. It is the first time the Tigers have made the Section 1-AA Playoffs since 2013. "It is great to see them win, they deserve it! I am very happy for them," said White Plains High School Principal Ellen Doherty.

White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach was busy texting and taking pictures after the win. He hardly ever misses a Tigers gridiron contest. "You see how hard these young men work and they are a great group," commented Roach.

The Tigers will face the second seeded New Rochelle High School and try to blemish their perfect, 7-0, 6-0 AA season. White Plains did not play New Rochelle during the regular season this year. However, they lost to New Rochelle, 48-0 during the regular season last year.

Over the past three years the Tigers have lost to the Huguenots by a total score of 133-12. But that was before QB Marcus Andre matured as a running and passing threat, wide receiver/linebacker Josiah "The Beast" Harris transferred from Ossining High School, Zyon Poteat began leaping and grabbing passes out of the sky, wide receiver/defensive back Otis "Big Hit" Allen transferred

from Stepinac, Johnny Pasqualini and Taj Johnson helped push the offensive line, linebacker Caleb Gillen kept the Tigers defense in check and Israel Perez-Martinez was kicking through the uprights.

Andre had three rushing touchdowns against Scarsdale. Allen excited fans with a 74-yard kickoff return to setup Andre's third TD. Harris had a 60-yard touchdown reception. He also made a huge interception in the fourth quarter that all but sealed the game.

Can the Tigers upset the Huguenots, who arguably could have been granted a number one seed over John Jay East Fishkill? The Tigers have an array of offensive weapons and their defense can handle all comers; either way it is a good season for White Plains football.

"I am so proud of the players! We talked all offseason that if we worked together good things would happen. It was all about putting them in the right mindset. Confident players do good things," said Head Coach Mike Lindberg.

In his third season, Lindberg, his staff and his streak of Tigers not only attained a seven-seed in the Sectional 1 AA Playoffs. They developed a White Plains High School Football Program.

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closest country among the 22 high-income nations. Join us for an examination of how our faith traditions grapple with the need to maintain safety and security with the religious imperative against killing. This program is part of the ongoing "Shared Roots, Divergent Paths" interfaith series between AJC Westchester/Fairfield and Iona College. It is free and open to the public and will take place at Iona College in New Rochelle. Registration is required. For information: westchester@ajc.org or 914-948-5585.

**Howie Mandel.** Mandel has remained a constant force in show business for more than 30 years. He's executive producer or numerous shows and currently serves as a judge on NBC's "America's Got Talent." Mandel's versatile career has encompassed virtually all aspects of the entertainment spectrum, including television, film and stage and wrote his funny, frank no-holds-barred memoir "Here's the Deal: Don't Touch Me," which revealed his ongoing struggle with OCD and ADHD and how it has shaped his life and career. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$58, \$68 and \$78. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusicall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusicall.org).

**Friday, Oct. 19**

**Concert.** Wali Ali, Daniel Obadia, Daïd

Livolsi, Joel Rosenblatt featuring Porter Carroll, Jr. 8 p.m. at the Bean Runner Café, 201 South Division St., Peekskill; \$15. For reservations call 914-737-1701.

**"The Unsilent Picture."** An immersive theater experience through a screening of the original black and white silent film starring Tony Award winner Bill Irwin and directed by Alex Harvey. Accompanied by live musicians and a special effects "Foley artist." Historic Hudson Valley commissioned the film, which is based on the Washington Irving short story "The Adventure of the Mysterious Picture." Shot on location in Croton-on-Hudson. Recommended for children 10 years old and up. Philipsburg Manor, 381 N. Broadway (Route 9), Sleepy Hollow. 6:15, 7:15, 8:15 and 9:15 p.m. \$18. Historic Hudson Valley members receive a \$5 per ticket discount. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 21 and daily from Oct. 25 to 31. Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org).

**Dinner Discussions:** National Refugee Shabbat. A series of Friday evenings featuring a Shabbat Service, dinner and a topic of importance and interest. Tonight, speaker Dan Janison, a Newsday columnist covering the White House, will discuss the national political scene with an emphasis on immigration policy and refugee-related issues. Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont and Emanuel, 2 Ogden Rd., Scarsdale. Service at

6:15 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. Discussion at 7:45 p.m. \$25. RSVP required. Info: Visit [www.sstte.org/upcoming-events.html](http://www.sstte.org/upcoming-events.html) or contact Dan Alpert by e-mailing [brotherhood@sstte.org](mailto:brotherhood@sstte.org). RSVP: E-mail [programs@sstte.org](mailto:programs@sstte.org).

**"Fun Home."** A story centers around graphic novelist Alison. When her father dies unexpectedly, she dives into her past to tell the story of the volatile, brilliant, one-of-a-kind man whose temperament and secrets defined her family and her life. Leading the cast are three Broadway veterans, Robert Cuccioli, Lauren Cohn and Rita Harvey. Based on the graphic novel by Alison Bechdel. Directed by Amy Griffin with musical direction by Stephen Ferri and choreography by Lexie Fennell Frare. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 8 p.m. Starting at \$35. Also Oct. 20, 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 21 and 28 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit [www.wppac.com](http://www.wppac.com).

**Saturday, Oct. 20**

**Farmer's Market.** White Plains Outdoor Farmer's Market on Court Street at Main Street; open 8 a.m.

**The Year of the Bird Celebration.** This year has been declared the "Year of the Bird" by the National Audubon Society, National Geographic and many others, including Westchester County. Bronx River Sound Shore Audubon is joining

this effort to spread awareness and make the connection between the well-being of birds and the natural world. This program is filled with hands-on activities that are fun and educational for the whole family including a mini bird walk, a feeding of our birds of prey and a discussion about the importance of the Endangered Species Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which have saved countless species from extinction. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 a.m. to noon. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: E-mail Sandy at [brssaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:brssaudubon@gmail.com).

**Cirquetacular: Spooktacular.** Spooks, specters and scaredy-cats contort and cavort through a high-flying circus of scare. Vampires soar, skeletons stagger and acrobatic cats romp through a humorously haunted bazaar of the bizarre. Indulge your inner eerie via this family-friendly, bone-chilling delight. Come in costume or bring something Halloween worthy and participate in the costume parade. Westchester Community College's Academic Arts Theatre, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. \$24. Students: \$22. Children (under 13): \$18. Info and tickets: 914-606-6262 or visit [www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts](http://www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts). Tickets will be on sale at the box office 30 minutes before the performance.



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