



## Bike Riders and 5K Walkers Support Autism Research at Saxon Woods Park



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALAN BARNETT AND THE AUTISM SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Hundreds of bike riders embarked on a scenic and meaningful journey in Saxon Woods Park, White Plains, at the fourth annual Wall Street Rides FAR (For Autism Research) in support of innovative, life-changing autism research and the Autism Science Foundation (ASF). Participants were given a choice of four scenic routes through the beautiful fall foliage of the Lower Hudson Valley: 4 miles, 20 miles, 30 miles, and 62 miles. New to the event this year was a 5K Walk, co-chaired by Westchester residents Paul Morris, a self-advocate with autism spectrum disorder, and his mother Robin Morris. At the end of the day the event raised \$353,460 for the Autism Science Foundation. Pictured are 2018 Ride and Walk FAR participants.

## Bank Street Developer Seeks Site Plan Change for Added Units

By Pat Casey

Citing changes in the rental apartment market, LCOR 55 Bank Street LLC, presented a Site Plan Amendment proposal to the White Plains Planning Board at its October meeting last week. The amendment seeks to add 36 apartments to the Phase II Tower, already partially constructed at the ground level, and to change building dimensions on the upper floors to facilitate the added units.

The review is a referral from the Common Council.

William Null, attorney representing the developer said the second tower would not be identical to the first, with a slight change in the height (10-ft 5-in), a decreased width by 6 feet, and 200 sq. ft. less overall.

Null said the common entry to the two buildings would remain the same,

although there are different owners for each of the two buildings.

Null noted that occupancy is currently at 80% and the changes would help to make the building more efficient by offering more options in terms of different unit types. The current apartments are too large and too costly for the current market, Null said.

Responding to requests made by the Common Council when the original Site Plan was approved, Null explained that at the back of the building along the train line there is stacker parking. A screen is being added to the wall facing the train tracks so the view for passengers will not be of stacks of cars when they begin entrance to the White Plains station.

A stucco wall had been suggested, but

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## Con Edison to Implement New Storm Preparation Steps

By Anna Young

With winter rapidly approaching, Con Edison announced last week a series of initiatives that its representatives say will improve storm response and preparation after back-to-back nor'easters in March left thousands of residents without power for days.

Reacting to the deficient response by Con Edison and New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) to the dual winter storms, United Westchester, a group of elected officials advocating for utilities to change how they handle severe weather, issued a 49-page response on the ways storm response can be improved.

Of the 11 key recommendations made by United Westchester in May, County Executive George Latimer said he



Last week County Executive George Latimer announced changes to storm preparation agreed to by Con Edison. Pictured with Latimer, from left, are county Director of Operations Joan McDonald, Assemblyman David Buchwald, who led the effort to have the utilities make changes, and Con Edison President Tim Cawley, along with other officials.

was satisfied that eight of them will be implemented by Con Edison.

"We all know that we had a very difficult experience last March and for a subsequent period of time after," Latimer said at the Oct. 16 press conference. "Storms Riley and Quinn devastated Westchester, and the time and effort it took to recover from that created quite a dialogue over where we are and what we can do together to make this better."

Con Edison President Tim Cawley said the utility will be investing \$100 million in Westchester over the next four years to fortify its overhead electric delivery system against severe storms. A pilot program will also be created to remove hazardous trees on private

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property, have advance storm staffing and improve communication with the public by ensuring the accuracy of information provided to customers and how it's transmitted.

Cawley added that customers can sign up to receive pre-storm reports and information about outages and restoration via text messages.

The utility will seek earlier access to contractors and mutual aid crews to come into the area and help with repairs, including the ability to fly crews in rather than have them drive from more distant locales in widespread regional storms; work with municipalities to identify critical roads and community facilities that would receive priority clearing

and restoration; and provide additional training for municipal liaisons to better inform local and county officials during outages.

Cawley credited United Westchester for its report and for providing a list of improvements the utility needed to make. He added that Con Edison is keenly focused on continuous improvement.

"With weather patterns changing and storms becoming more devastating, we want to take every step possible to fortify our equipment and make sure customers have the best restoration information possible so that they can make plans," Cawley said.

Following the storms, Latimer called for Con Edison and NYSEG to fire

its senior management after both utilities failed to adequately prepare, and struggled to restore power and provide accurate information to customers and officials regarding outages and estimated restoration times.

Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains), who spearheaded United Westchester, said the prolonged outages were unacceptable and stressed to the utilities the need to make substantive changes. While he acknowledged Con Edison's implementation of improvements would be a long-term process, he said the initiatives will restore some level of confidence for county residents that progress is being made and officials

are working together to ensure the implementation is robust.

"There is no way to predict the weather, but we know that if we are working in advance and cooperatively we have the best possible chance to not repeat some of the instances that happened last year," Latimer said. "We approach this time with a certain vigilance, but a certain cooperation and understanding that it takes local municipalities and the professionals of Con Edison together cooperatively to deal with what's coming."

During last week's announcement, no mention was made regarding any potential changes in NYSEG's response to future severe storms.

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could not structurally accommodate the wind in the area. Null said the screen would allow wind to blow through.

Null also said the developer was requesting a waiver to additional parking for the 36 units. "It would be a temporary waiver," Null said. "We don't think we need them, but will add spaces if that

changes. We expect it will not."

The addition of easier to rent units is expected to increase building occupancy and also to add more cars to the existing stacker parking, which at this time is under utilized and therefore not able to sustain full time parking staff that would make the operation run smoother.

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# Court Overturns Ruling for Edgemont Village Incorporation Referendum

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York ruled last week that the petition to incorporate the Edgemont section of Greenburgh as the Town's 7th village was invalid.

This ruling overturns a Feb. 1, 2018 determination that ordered a referendum be scheduled to decide the matter of incorporation of the proposed Village of Edgemont.

The Court ruled in support of an

appeal by Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner that the petition for incorporation did not include an accurate list of the regular inhabitants of the proposed village and failed to include a description of the territory to be incorporated that was sufficient to identify the location and extent of the proposed village with "common certainty," as required by Village Law.

In a LoHud report, Robert Bernstein,

an Edgemont attorney whose name was on the incorporation petition, said the incorporation committee was considering its options, which could include an appeal to the state Court of Appeals, New York's highest court.

The Edgemont Incorporation Committee used the boundaries for the Greenville Fire District. "The town has used these boundaries for 95 years," Bernstein said. "There is

no uncertainty."

Members of the Edgemont Incorporation Committee said they did not agree that listing the names of all the children in the proposed village as inhabitants was appropriate.

Feiner noted that New York state law was written to prevent wealthy communities from incorporating and breaking away from the rest of their municipality.

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SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

## County Board Approves New CSEA Contract

The Westchester County Board of Legislators voted unanimously Monday night to approve a new contract with Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA).

The county's largest union represents about 3,000 workers, roughly two-thirds of the county's workforce. The members had been working without a contract for seven years.

CSEA members ratified the deal on Oct. 5.

The contract is expected to cost the county a little more than \$37 million in retroactive pay increases this year, although reimbursements from federal and state sources are expected to reduce that cost by \$9.3 million.

"Make no mistake about it, this contract is a good deal for both the dedicated workers

who make up our county's workforce and the hardworking taxpayers of Westchester County," said county Executive George Latimer, who complimented the CSEA for negotiating in good faith.

The new contract has no retroactive pay for 2012 and 2013, annual retroactive 1 percent increases for 2014 through 2017, a 2 percent increase for 2018 and 2019 and a 2.25 percent raise for 2020 and 2021.

Starting in January, employees hired before 2019 will contribute between 5 and 10 percent to their health care premiums depending on salary scale. Employees hired starting in 2019 will contribute 10 to 20 percent. Previously, members did not contribute to their health care costs.

-Martin Wilbur

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# Westchester Men Arraigned for Burglarizing Homes Throughout County

Defendants Christian Rosa (DOB: 6/13/91) of Valhalla and Damien Williams (DOB 1/8/92) of White Plains were arraigned Oct. 16 before Westchester County Court Judge George Fufidio on a multi-count indictment related to a series of burglaries last winter throughout the county.

Rosa is charged with six counts of Burglary in the Second Degree, class C felonies, six counts of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree, class E felonies, and 10 counts of Criminal possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree, misdemeanors.



Christian Rosa



Damien Williams



Vincent Cuccurullo

Williams is charged with Rosa on two counts of Burglary in the Second Degree, class C felonies.

Both men were remanded into custody. Their next court appearance is scheduled for Oct. 30.

The indictment alleges, from Jan. 22, 2018 through Feb. 21, 2018, Rosa burglarized multiple homes in Mount Pleasant, Eastchester, New Rochelle and Scarsdale. Williams was involved with Rosa in burglaries in New Rochelle and Mount Pleasant. Rosa also is charged with possessing stolen property including credit cards from these homes and from a home in the City of Rye.

The indictment was the result of a joint investigation among the County District Attorney's Office and police departments from Greenburgh, Mount Pleasant, New Rochelle, Scarsdale, City of Rye, Eastchester and White Plains that worked together to investigate and arrest these defendants.

Rosa and Williams committed burglaries of homes throughout Westchester during the day when the homeowners were out of the house. They forced entry into the homes and stole numerous items including jewelry, coins and credit cards. In addition, from a home in New Rochelle, Rosa and Williams are charged with stealing a handgun during the course of the burglary.

They were arrested Feb. 21, 2018.

A third defendant, Vincent Cuccurullo (DOB: 4/24/86), of White Plains, also was arrested Feb. 21, 2018, by members of the multiple police department investigation team. He pleaded guilty Sept. 17 in Westchester County Court to Burglary in the Second Degree for a burglary of a home in Scarsdale he is charged with committing with Rosa.

Cuccurullo is scheduled for sentencing Oct. 25.

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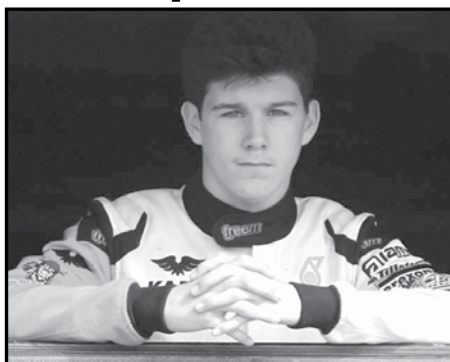


## Hartsdale Native Selected to Compete in Lucas Oil Karting Scholarship Shootout

Hartsdale native, Nicholas d'Orlando has been selected by Lucas Oil Race School as one of only 30 finalists worldwide, for a chance to win a full scholarship to compete in the 2019 Lucas Oil Championship Series. This honor will be Nicholas' first opportunity in a racecar as he moves from the world of karting to the next step in his 10-year career.

The panel of judges at Lucas Oil Race School carefully reviewed all the entries for their Lucas Oil Karting Scholarship Shootout and selected the 15-year-old former U.S. national karting champion, to compete in the three-day event.

Previously a factory driver for the Kart Republic karting race team in Italy at the world's highest level of karting, d'Orlando's opportunity with Lucas Oil Race School is the perfect start for a career in open-wheel race cars, with the ultimate goal of becoming a professional driver in the Verizon IndyCar series, and the Indianapolis 500.



Nicholas d'Orlando

Selected competitors all have no previous competitive car racing experience, and will descend upon Sebring International Raceway on Dec. 12-14, for on- and off-track activities in the Lucas Oil Racing School fleet of Ray GR-RSC race cars, and additional training to determine who will earn one of the top-5 prizes, with the Champion earning a full season in the 2019 Lucas Oil Championship Series worth over \$75,000.

## WPHS Swim Team Holds Annual Swimathon



PHOTO COURTESY WHITE PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

The White Plains High School Varsity Women's Swimming and Diving Team held its annual Swimathon, on Oct. 13. The team swam for a cause, raising close to \$1,000 for hurricane relief. The money raised was donated to "World Central Kitchen" to help provide food to those in need after Hurricane Florence.

## White Plains Seniors Recognized in National Merit Competitions

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White Plains High School Seniors Daniel R. DeGenaro, Eli S. Lichtblau, Kristina Z. Radulovic and Aaron J. Weiner

were named Commended Students in the 2018-19 National Merit Scholarship Competition. They placed in the top five percent of students who entered the competition.

Isabela M. Kent and Samuel D. Brown were honored in the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation, a not-for-profit organization,

was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Program, to honor the nation's scholastic champions and encourage the pursuit of academic excellence.

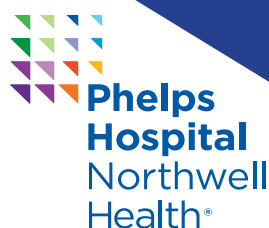
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# Board of Legislators Approves Funding for Miller House Restoration

By Martin Wilbur

The Board of Legislators unanimously approved \$700,000 in spending last week to restore Miller House/Washington's Headquarters on Virginia Road, believed to be George Washington's location during the October 1776 Battle of White Plains.

The money will help rebuild the 280-year-old house's roof, fortify its walls, chimneys and foundations, improve drainage at the site and update systems in the building, among other work.

The board also approved use of another \$250,000 from a New York State grant secured by Assemblyman David Buchwald, which will be used to erect a separate, small classroom/visitors center on the property.

The new funding, in addition to a previously approved \$1.3 million by the county, will finally move the project forward after well over a decade of inertia. Design work is about 80 percent completed and is expected to be finished in the next few months. Mold abatement and other work has already begun on the site.

"As an educator, I believe that we must continue to maintain the Miller House –



The final hurdle to restore Miller House/Washington's Headquarters was cleared Monday evening when the Board of Legislators unanimously approved \$700,000 to restore the landmark in North White Plains.

not just for current residents but for future generations," said County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant),

whose district includes the site. "I want to thank everyone involved who made this happen; working together, we have saved

a piece of history."

The house was acquired by the county in the early 20th century and it was opened as a park and museum in 1918. But the house has been closed to the public for years as it fell into disrepair. Funding initially was approved to begin restoration back in 2010, but the project was stalled for nearly a decade until now.

In a statement released shortly after the vote, County Executive George Latimer said he was happy to hear that the Miller House will be restored "to its rightful glory."

This long-languished project will now enter into the next phase of the remediation work, which includes mold removal, restoration and construction of the visitors' center announced in April," Latimer said. "I look forward to the completion of this project so it can once again serve as an educational and historical hub for Westchester residents."

The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, New York State Register of Historic Places and the Westchester County Inventory of Historic Places. The site is also a Town of North Castle landmark.

## New Farm Fresh Restaurant Opens at 19 Court Street



Locally grown, artisan fresh food has officially made its place in White Plains. Owner and chef, Rahsaan White (center-left) celebrated the grand opening of his restaurant, 19 Court along with Mayor Roach (center), wife and co-owner Shelly White (center-right), and other friends and family. Even though 19 Court has only been open for a little over a month, the Whites already have plans to introduce a jazz weekend brunch and happy hour menu, in addition to extended hours. —Jade Perez

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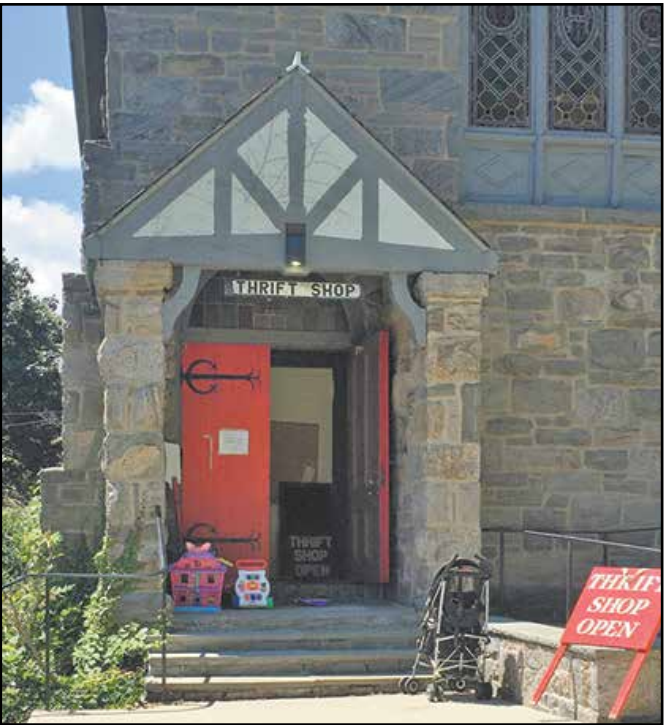
# 100th Anniversary of The Thrift Shop in White Plains

By Colleen Fay

It is fitting that the precursor to The Thrift Shop in White Plains opened on Armistice Day in 1918. The idea of salvage and reusing items (aka recycling) became very popular in the late 1910's as the United States became involved in the "Great War" and Westchester County formed a Thrift Committee. One of the ideas they came up with was a Thrift Exchange. The proceeds went to support local charities.

The first Thrift Exchange opened in the old Tod Market (the building still exists on the southeast corner of Martine Avenue and Court Street) on Nov. 11, 1918, under the auspices of the Westchester County Thrift Committee and the Red Cross. During the first week, the Exchange was run by the Contemporary Club (the precursor to the Woman's Club of White Plains) and the second week largely by the Scarsdale Woman's Club. They sold second hand "treasures" of all kinds. Among the items sold that first week were a pedigreed spinning wheel owned by Cyrus Field (the founder of the Atlantic Telegraph Co.) for \$1 and a silver-headed umbrella owned by one of the workers, which was sold by mistake! Another item sold in the early days of the shop was a hand carved bed belonging to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's sister.

During the first week, the Exchange netted \$2778 and the second week just



The Thrift Shop today, located at the Presbyterian Church on North Broadway, White Plains.

over \$3000. (That is over \$50,000 in today's money.) In addition to the Exchange, there was a tearoom and daily musical programs were offered for the customers' enjoyment.

In February 1919, the County Thrift Committee established the Home Bureau, an organization designed to assist women in the management of the home. The

Thrift Exchange was turned over to the Home Bureau and Jane Weise of the Contemporary Club was appointed director. The Exchange moved into the old Preudhomme homestead at 243 Main Street (this later became Lyon and Hartnett Funeral Home). The Thrift House, as it was known, included the Thrift Exchange, a tearoom and a library. In 1921 the local newspaper described it as "One of the City's Most Popular Institutions." Needing more space, that same year it moved to the barn in the back of the property

at 10 Church Street where it remained for almost 50 years.

In 1922, funding for the Home Bureau was cut. In 1923, many of the Exchange's supporters withdrew. Thus, The Thrift Shop in White Plains was born. The shop continued to operate out of the barn at 10 Church St., which eventually became

30 Church St.

The Thrift Shop was the major source of philanthropic funds for the Contemporary Club at that time. Early on, the Girls' Work program, which later morphed into the YWCA was the major beneficiary but, according to Ethel Kent, President of the Woman's Club in 1950, practically every social and welfare organization in White Plains were recipients.

Although the Thrift Exchange was initially managed by Jane Weise, the early days of the Thrift Shop were most closely associated with Mary Hubbard. She took over as a salaried manager of the Thrift Shop in 1921 and served till 1959. Then, as now, club members were encouraged to bring "thrift bundles" to various club functions for sale in the shop. The motto was "Philanthropy is Everybody's Business."

In 1945, the Shop officially incorporated as a 501c3 charity. The three co-owners were the Contemporary Club, the Scarsdale Woman's Club and Hitchcock Presbyterian Church.

The early 1960's were not as profitable for the shop as previous years. Several discount and bargain stores had opened in the area and competed with it for customers. In addition, donations from Club members had dropped off and for a few years, the Shop was in the red. At one point, the Woman's Club of White

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# Obituaries

## MaryAnn Marra

MaryAnn Marra, 88, of W. Harrison, passed away on Oct. 15.

She was born on Feb. 28, 1930 to the late Teresa (Verano) and John Chiaravallotti.

On Oct. 23, 1949 she married Russell Marra, Sr. who predeceased her in 1999 after 50 years of marriage.

MaryAnn was a devoted daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and is survived by her brother, Michael Chiaravallotti of W. Harrison, her three children, Russell (Diana) Marra, Jr. of W. Harrison, JoAnne (Craig) Kohn of Elmsford and Michelle (John) Bellantoni of Brewster, her six grandchildren, Jason (Kelly) Marra, Liz (Ray) Anderson, Suzanne (Dave) Calabrese, Lauren Kohn, Teresa and Marissa Bellantoni and her three great grandchildren, Colin, Dylan and Quinn and many other friends and family. She lived her entire life in Silver Lake and graduated from White Plains High School. MaryAnn worked as a secretary for the Battle Hill Westchester Community College location, a legal secretary, a homemaker, a school volunteer and will always be remembered for her superb bookkeeping, typing and organizational skills.

She was a former member of the Ave Maria Guild, the W. Harrison Senior Citizens and VFW Ladies Auxiliary as well as a life-long Yankee fan. Over the years she enjoyed travelling, sewing, bowling, bingo, visiting close family members and most of all cooking for her family, especially on holidays and family pasta nights where all the generations were present.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations

in MaryAnn's memory to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's disease at [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org)

## Rose Jamgochian

Rose 'Serpoui' Jamgochian, 89, passed away peacefully on Oct. 17.

She was born on March 20, 1929 in New York City to Mardiros and Altoon Azarian who were survivors of the Armenian Genocide.

Rose grew up in the Greenwich Village section of Manhattan with her brother Martin Azarian (deceased). After graduating from Textile High School, Rose held various secretarial positions at law firms in NYC. During her single days she was known as "Mombo Rose" as she loved to dance at the ballrooms in NYC such as the Palladium Ballroom, Roseland Ballroom, Audubon Ballroom, Copacabana and Port Said.

Rose met her husband George in Asbury Park at an Armenian singles weekend. They got married in 1954 in Detroit, where George is from, and moved to NYC with Rose's parents for a short while until they found their home in Elmont, to raise their three children.

Rose spent as much time as she could visiting her mother and father in Rockaway Beach. She was happily married for 62 years to George whom she referred to as "my man." While living in Elmont, Rose got her cosmetology license and cut hair at several local hair salons. She turned that into a social and entertaining event for her customers with lots of fun and laughter. These customers eventually became her good friends.

Rose and George moved from Elmont to Hartsdale in 1996 and became members

of St. Gregory The Enlightener Armenian Church in White Plains. Rose lived with George in Hartsdale up until the time she was stricken with Alzheimer's and had to be put in a nursing home in Mamaroneck in 2015. She was loved and cared for at the nursing home with daily visits by George until his death in June 2016. Rose's biggest enjoyment was being with her family. She loved being a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a cousin and an aunt. She also loved her friends and was there for them anytime. She loved life.

Rose was preceded in death by her husband George and her brother Martin (Vartan) Azarian. She is survived by her three loving children, George B. Jamgochian and his wife Kim; Karen Turrisi and her husband Larry, and Lynn Aslanian and her husband Rich. She is also survived by her eight grandchildren, Lauren, Marielle, Lily, Michael, Vanessa, Georgie, Brian and Lia as well as her niece Carol Bratter and son Alexander.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in Armonk.

## Hans Kyzivat

Hans Kyzivat passed away peacefully at home with his loved ones at his side on Oct. 9, two days short of his 90th birthday.

He was born in Vienna, Austria on Oct. 11, 1928, the son of Olga (Keberle) Kyzivat and Julius Kyzivat.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Carry and his devoted children, Tom Kyzivat and Susie Kyzivat, his daughter-in-law Laurie (Edelman) Kyzivat and his grandchildren, Ethan Kyzivat, Sam Kyzivat and Emma Kyzivat. Other survivors include his sister, Eva Safar, nephews Paul Safar and Philip

Safar and their families, his predeceased sister, Olly Kyzivat, as well as his cousin, Peter Keberle, and other family members in Vienna, Austria.

He obtained an MBA from the Vienna University of Economics and Business in 1950. While pursuing those studies, he also apprenticed as a goldsmith. In 1951 he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for further studies at Washington University in St. Louis. He subsequently embarked on a varied and successful business career in the U.S. in marketing. In 1952 he married Carry Altman and, from 1956 on, they lived and raised their two children in White Plains.

He was Vice President of the Austrian-American Council in New York for several years, an organization that promotes US-Austrian relations. He was also a member of the New York Mycological Society, enjoying the outdoors and the hunt for mushrooms. After he retired, he drove for and supported Meals on Wheels White Plains for many years. He loved music, skiing, tennis, travel and reading the New York Times, and took great pride in the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren.

In 1978 he was suddenly paralyzed from the neck down by Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a form of polio. He spent some time first in a hospital and then 10 months at the Burke Rehabilitation Hospital. He slowly recovered and eventually was able to continue his business career. However, muscle weakness continued to limit his life until the very end. He was incredibly brave throughout his ordeal and his patience with his fate was exemplary.

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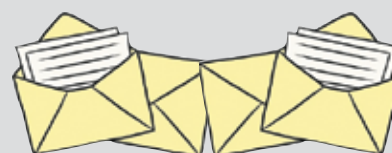
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## The Name Game



By Richard Cirulli

*Katie, Katie, bo-batie, Bonana-fanna fo-fatie, Fe Fi mo-matie, Katie!* –Shirley Ellis, 1964

The Baby Boomers were inventive enough to come up with the novelty song “The Name Game,” written and recorded by Shirley Ellis, which made it to #3 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1964. Since 1964 the song has been rerecorded by Laura Branigan, and has been used on television commercials for Little Caesar’s Pizza, and has also made its appearance on American Horror Story, and in one episode of the Big Bang Theory. Now, as the Baby Boomers advance in their golden years, many are asking the question: “How should we be addressed at this stage of our lives?”

Over the years such appellations as

golden-ager, elder (not elderly), vintage, perennials, and aged, which in turn, evolved into senior citizen, which then evolved into older adult, and then having matured into ‘geezer’.

The 60-plus generation includes the so-called Greatest Generation, the Silent Generation, and the Baby Boom generation, referring to those born between 1946 and 1964.

Dr. Carstensen, age 64, director of the Stanford Center on Longevity, has for years advocated for people to simply call themselves old and to be proud of reaching advanced age. This off course took off like a led zeppelin. Enough said about academe. After all, who would actually claim they feel proud knowing full-well to function with some sense of normality they have to rely on replaced

body parts, eye glasses, hearing aids, and require medications to perform most body functions.

Some have suggested the moniker of sage. The author of this one was surely experiencing a senior-moment; for if we will learn anything in life, the aging process offers no guarantee that wisdom will arrive along with your AARP card. And just remember, this is the generation that took to the streets chanting their mantras: “I hope I die before I get old,” and “don’t trust anyone over 30.” For sure, this truly is the new name game for the 60-plus crowd. Some other options to consider are youth challenged, time travelers, or extended shelf lifers.

The author takes the position the sobriquet that is the least offensive and places a positive view on the Boomers should be to address them as “The

Classics.” After all, classics are timeless, respected, and even coveted. Just think of classic Ferraris and Lamborghinis. When these classics hit the road, they turn heads, and most people don’t even know just how old they are, and does it really matter. Just think, these exotic time pieces are also recipients of their AARP (Ancient Automobiles of Respected Performance) cards, still capable of outperforming most of the cars rolling off the assembly lines today; still red-lining at full-throttle, and accelerating faster than the Boomers are aging. Now, this is a moniker to age with!

Classic, Classic, bo-bombastic, Bonana-fanna fo-fantastic, Fe-fi mo-classic!

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## Samhain: When Two Worlds Converge on Oct. 31



By Brian McGowan

A recent article in a religious publication described Hallowe’en as an event deeply rooted in Christian tradition.

Grafting might be a better term, implying that any Christian tradition associated with the occasion is an applique on something much older, much as a tree bearing fruit may be grafted onto the trunk of an older tree, one whose fruit was very different and equally vibrant.

True, the term in use today – Hallowe’en – signifies the Eve of All Hallows, and the first of November is rightfully celebrated as All Saints Day, also referred to as All Hallows Day. But let’s look more deeply at the roots of the tree, which still may delve deep into the nourishing earth below.

On the Celtic calendar, Oct. 31 is the feast of Samhain (SOW-in, with the “ow” pronounced as in “how”). Well, the feast really spans both the last day of October and the first day of November, since the Celtic day of 24 hours begins and ends at sunset rather than at midnight. Samhain marks the end of the harvest season and the beginning of the Celtic winter, as well as the passing of another year.

We move from the “light” half of the year to the “dark.” It is one of the four major Celtic seasonal festivals, the others being Imbolc (Feb. 1), Beltaine (May 1) and Lughnasa (Aug. 1). Samhain, or Hallowe’en, continues to have the most magnetic hold on the popular imagination and has morphed into an almost universally celebrated event throughout the Western world.

At Samhain, the boundaries between our world of the living and the other world,

that of the dead, are lifted and free passage is afforded to the spirits inhabiting the far side, whether good or not. It is a time for honoring ancestors, inviting them to the hearth and enlisting their aid in warding off malevolent spirits who might be their unwitting companions, aiming to wreak havoc among the living for the duration of the feast.

One way of doing this would be to don evil-looking garb, bizarre costumes and ghoulish masks to fool evil spirits that someone was already at work spreading mayhem and dismay. Food was prepared, both for the living and the dead. Portions left uneaten would be shared with the less fortunate. A scary night, certainly, but one with great purpose and a stronger chance of calling protection upon oneself and one’s family than most others offered.

Enter Christianity and a convenient transformation occurs. November 1 becomes the Feast of All Saints (or All Hallows), and the day after becomes the Feast of All Souls. Why Oct. 31 wasn’t similarly commandeered is a mystery but may speak to the depth of its presence in peoples’ psyche – strong magic not to be toyed with.

On these days we honor the dead, just as the ancient Celts did. And on the eve of these Christian feasts, the custom of wearing costumes to ward off evil spirits endured, carried to America and other parts of the world with the Irish diaspora, where it has nicely blended with other customs appropriate for a harvest festival and is a solid favorite of young and old alike.

Lastly, if you are looking for some good Irish Christmas cheer (it’s never too early to start planning), at least two opportunities are on the horizon. On Dec. 11, at Schoen Hall in New York City, Lunasa takes center stage. They’ve got other stops as well on a Northeast tour, but that’s where I’ll be seeing them. On Dec.

22, at Tarrytown Music Hall, Cherish the Ladies graces the stage once again, warming our hearts and feet with music that the band’s founding member Joanie Madden promises won’t be Celtic Women.

Looking for some cold weather staples to soften your journey into winter? Stay tuned, as Irish Eclectic will soon roll out “the real deal” in Irish baking: brown bread.

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## Seller's Remorse: There Are Those Who Regret Moving On

It happened again a few nights ago: I dreamt that my wife and I were experiencing an issue with our old home, which we moved from more than three years ago in downsizing.

When I awoke, I had a slight feeling of loss and regret. While both my wife and I feel that we made a good decision to move from a six-bedroom house that no longer served our circumstances, we sometimes share feelings of sadness and/or nostalgia when we think of our former home. At least I do. My wife had no problem letting go of the old place but for some reason I did, especially immediately following the sale and our move to new quarters.

As a realtor I have occasionally heard the term buyer's remorse. But what about seller's remorse?

One might think that any seller would be glad to find a buyer, especially in the current market, which has somewhat stalled. But sometimes sellers lose their enthusiasm for selling for a variety of reasons listed below. I have heard it said that if a homeowner is experiencing seller's remorse, it is probably because he or she is really not motivated enough to sell.

Readers who are aware of my history would know that a couple of years ago my wife and I sold a home in which we had lived for many years. It barely appeared on the Multiple Listing Service when I received a call from an agent asking if she could bring a client to the house that same

afternoon.

As it happened, I couldn't show the house that day because one of our suppliers was delayed in finishing a carpentry job in a bathroom. That part of the house was somewhat in disarray. I asked for a one-day delay. During that time, as I continued my last-minute touch-ups, I suddenly realized that I was experiencing a certain sense of sadness. Oh my, I thought, is this the feeling of seller's remorse?

I have observed the phenomenon just once when making an offer to a seller on behalf of a client. At the height of the market, I had found a perfect buyer who offered full price for a house but the seller dragged his feet in accepting the offer until, finally, his agent told me that he was just unable to deal with selling at that time. He withdrew the listing.

A while back I read something about seller's remorse on About.com. It attributed the cause of seller's remorse



By Bill Primavera

to the homeowner just not being motivated enough to sell because they don't have a good enough reason. The site suggested that a prospective seller check the list of reasons most homeowners sell to see if the motivation is really there.

**Here are the top reasons homeowners decide to sell.**

1. The home is too small for a growing family.
2. To upgrade, based on the premise that people long for a bigger, more expensive and grander home.
3. To fix a mistake in buying the wrong kind of house.
4. A job transfer.
5. Personal relationships, i.e. divorce.
6. Neighborhood changes.
7. Empty nest.
8. To be closer to family.
9. To be further from family.
10. Retirement.
11. Health problems.
12. Deferred maintenance. Some homeowners prefer to buy a new home rather than fix what needs to be fixed.
13. Home improvement perfection. A segment of the population loves to fix up a home. Once it's perfect, they grow restless and want to start the process over again. (Not me)

14. Some people can't stand sitting on equity without having all that money in their pockets.

15. Lifestyle change. Some mature Americans want to cash in and buy a co-op or condo with less maintenance and then travel or find some worthwhile work.

As I survey the reasons that most homeowners decide to sell, there were only two out of 15 that applied to my wife and me. Especially since we like our new home so much at Trump Park in Yorktown, we could hardly classify ourselves as having seller's remorse when we decided to take the big step.

But I think it was a normal reaction to having sweet memories of our long-term living experience in our special, former home.

So, as Martha would say, it's a good thing.

While Bill Primavera has enjoyed careers as a journalist and publicist, he is now a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate, specializing in upper Westchester and Putnam Counties. To engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.



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# Embarking on an Exploration of Spanish Wines



By Nick Antonaccio

In my research and travels as your wine adventures columnist, I have the opportunity to attend several wine showcases offered exclusively to the wine trade during the year.

Recently, the Foods and Wines From Spain consortium presented its 25th annual "Spain's Great Match." My invitation was enticing: "meet the winery representatives, importers and distributors of Spanish wine, while discovering new wines, varieties and regions." My impression of the event? ¡Viva España!

My day-long sojourn of walking from the tasting floor to seminar halls re-inspired my appreciation of Spanish wines and food, so much so that I've decided to reprise and update a series of column themes I wrote several years ago in this space.

My continuing – and growing – affinity for Spanish wines is largely attributable to the progress made by a new breed of pioneering winemakers. The Spanish wine industry is an amalgam of the old and new. The older generation of today's winemakers are emblematic of their forebears, staying the course of old-world techniques. The younger generation, as they transition into and assume decision-making roles, have embraced 21st century

techniques and technology in their pursuit of more modern expressions of the 100-plus indigenous grapes of Spain.

Yet the centuries-old wine industry and its recent growing popularity in the United States is more than a wine-centric phenomenon. It is the combination of wine, food, culinary innovations, passionate people, art, architecture, design and a deep-rooted geopolitical history. It is this broad influence on the American palate that has formed a cultural profile that is the foundation for a rich culinary experience.

I began experimenting with Spanish wines in the 1980s. Typically, the wines were produced from a region I was unfamiliar with (Rioja), a grape I was unfamiliar with (Tempranillo) and wines that were nondescript. In the past decade, I've thoroughly enjoyed the arrival on the American shores of high quality, unique wines, grown from previously unknown grapes.

A brief history: Phoenicians planted vines over 3,000 years ago. It wasn't until the 12th century that winemaking surged as French and Italian monks, banished from Catholic Western Europe for political power-brokering, migrated to Spain, planting vines they brought with them. In the 19th century, French vineyards were

devastated by the Phylloxera insect and the French ventured over the Pyrenees to save their vines. While there, they introduced modern techniques and the Spanish wine industry began to gain legitimacy. Fast forward to the 21st century and we see the confluence of these factors in the wines available in the states.

Today, Spain has the most acreage dedicated to vines anywhere in the world and is third in wine produced. The spectrum of Spanish wines runs from sparkling wine to whites to rosés to young reds to full-bodied, aging-worthy reds. There are

69 designated wine-producing regions bearing the highest classifications. Two bear the highest (DOCa) and 67 the next highest (DO). The next tiers, DO de Pago, VdIT and VdM are subsets of the 69 regions. The premier wine-producing regions and the dominant grape in each region are listed below. It is these regions we will explore in depth in future columns.

1. Rioja (DOCa, Tempranillo).
2. Priorato (DOCa, Garnacha).
3. Ribera del Duero (Tempranillo and Garnacha).
4. Penedès (Cava, Macabeu, Xarello and Parellada).
5. Rueda (Verdejo).
6. Rias Baixas (Albarino).
7. Navarra (Tempranillo).
8. La Mancha (Airen, Garnacha).
9. Jumilla (Monastrell).
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Jerez (Palomino).

Don't be intimidated if you're unfamiliar with one or more regions or grapes. Within a few columns you'll have sufficient familiarity to feel comfortable with the vocabulary, and most importantly, to walk into your local wine shop and begin experimenting with these hot wines. Soon you too will be chanting ¡Viva España!

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 scheduled for Friday, Nov. 9 at the Holy Innocents Church social hall in Pleasantville at 7 p.m. For tickets (\$75), contact Barbara Coleman at bcoleman@ahomehousing.org or 914-741-0740.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HENRY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2018-CV-1751-AM REMONNE JOSEPH Plaintiff v. JOSEPH PIERRELUIS Defendant** NOTICE TO: JOSEPH PIERRELUIS BY ORDER of the Court for service by publication dated September 12, 2018 you are hereby notified that on, June 18, 2018 REMONNE JOSEPH filed suit against you for divorce. You are required to file with the clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, EMMETT J. ARNOLD, 30 Woodruff Street, McDonough, Georgia 30253 an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the above-referenced order. Witness the Honorable Arch W. McGarity, Chief Judge of the Henry County Superior Court, McDonough, Georgia. This 12th day of September, 2018. Barbara A. Harrison, Clerk Henry County Superior Court.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CTP CONSULTING LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/25/18. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to **7 Mid Place, Chappaqua, NY 10514. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BB GRANT EDUCATORS, LLC,** Filed with SSNY on September 18 2018. Office: Westchester County. SSNY is designated

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as agent and shall mail process to **BB GRANT Educators, LLC 465 S. Lexington Ave., White Plains, NY 10606** **Purposes: any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 255 EAST 45 STREET LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 9/28/18. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **255 EAST 45 STREET LLC 4 New King Street, Suite 140, White Plains, NY 10604.** **Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF VAST VIDEOGRAPHY, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 8/10/18. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **Vast Videography, LLC, 24207 Town Green Dr., Elmsford, NY 10523.** **Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCE LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 08/03/2018. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **Alternative Energy Resource LLC 36 Primrose Ave, Mount Vernon NY 10552.** **Purpose: Alternative Energy Consulting.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE: AT&T** proposes to modify an existing facility (new tip heights 153.7') on the transmission tower at Con Ed Tower #K236 - 29 Lake Secor Rd, Putnam Valley, NY (20181139). Interested parties may contact Scott Horn (856-809-1202) (1012 Industrial Dr., West Berlin, NJ 08091) with comments regarding potential effects on historic properties.

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## Legal Notice

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

In the Matter of a Proceeding Under Article 1022 REMOVAL 10 of the Family Court Act **ADAM BLUM** (CIN#EE59025F) Docket No. NN-10843-18 NN-10844-18 F/U No. 155793 A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age Alleged To be Neglected by **SUMMONS PHYLISS TABER BLUM** and (Child Neglect Case) **JOSEPH BLUM** Respondents.

**NOTICE: PLACEMENT OF YOUR CHILD IN FOSTER CARE MAY RESULT IN YOUR LOSS OF YOUR RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.** IF YOUR CHILD STAYS IN FOSTER CARE FOR 15 OF THE MOST RECENT 22 MONTHS, THE AGENCY MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO FILE A PETITION(S) TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO COMMIT GUARDIANSHIP AND CUSTODY OF YOUR CHILD(REN) TO THE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADOPTION. IN SOME CASES, THE AGENCY MAY FILE BEFORE THE END

OF THE 15-MONTH PERIOD. IF SEVERE OR REPEATED CHILD ABUSE IS PROVEN BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE, THIS FINDING MAY CONSTITUTE THE BASIS TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO COMMIT GUARDIANSHIP AND CUSTODY OF YOUR CHILD(REN) TO THE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADOPTION. UPON GOOD CAUSE, THE COURT MAY ORDER AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE NON-RESPONDENT PARENT(S) SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A RESPONDENT; IF THE COURT DETERMINES THE CHILD(REN) SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM HIS/HER HOME, THE COURT MAY ORDER AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE NON-RESPONDENT PARENT(S) SHOULD BE SUITABLE CUSTODIANS FOR THE CHILD(REN); IF THE CHILD(REN) IS PLACED AND REMAINS IN FOSTER CARE FOR FIFTEEN OF THE MOST RECENT TWENTY-TWO MONTHS, THE AGENCY MAY BE REQUIRED TO FILE A PETITION(S) FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THE PARENT(S) AND COMMIT-

MENT OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CUSTODY OF THE CHILD(REN) FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADOPTION, EVEN IF THE PARENT(S) WERE NOT NAMED AS RESPONDENTS IN THE CHILD NEGLECT OR ABUSE PROCEEDING.

A NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUEST TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT CUSTODY OF THE CHILD(REN) AND TO SEEK ENFORCEMENT OF VISITATION RIGHTS WITH THE CHILD(REN).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, THAT IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE TIME AND PLACE NOTED ABOVE, THE COURT WILL HEAR AND DETERMINE THE PETITION UPON INQUEST, ON THAT DATE OR AT ANY ADJOURN DATE, AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

BY ORDER OF THE FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT(S) WHO RESIDE(S) OR IS FOUND AT PHYLISS TABER BLUM (Mother) JOSEPH BLUM (Step-Father) Last Known Address: Last Known

Address: Coachman Family Center Coachman Family Center 123 East Post Road 123 East Post Road White Plains, New York 10601 White Plains, New York 10601(Current Whereabouts Unknown) (Current Whereabouts Unknown)

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

**YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to appear before this Court at **131 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10701, on November 14, 2018 at 9:30 o'clock in the morning of that day to answer the petition and to be dealt with in accordance with Article 10 of the Family Court Act.**

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

Dated: October 12, 2018.



*The Examiner is happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event to [pcasey@theexaminernews.com](mailto:pcasey@theexaminernews.com). For a full listing of the upcoming week's events, visit [www.theexaminernews.com](http://www.theexaminernews.com) and click on Happenings.*

## Tuesday, Oct. 23

**Tuesdays at Dorry's.** Previously a social worker at White Plains Hospital and Westmed, Mia Shapiro will discuss the challenges of being a childless Jewish woman in Westchester County through both a professional and personal lens. She will take the group through some of the experiences common to women in this community who don't have children, and will explore the phases women go through as they age and begin to process their choices and emotions through a psychological, religious and social environment. She will also discuss [www.alreadyhere.org](http://www.alreadyhere.org), a website she created to connect childless women and men with therapeutic resources to recover from the grief associated with this experience and ways to pass on their values to future generations. Everyone is invited to join the table talkers. Food ordering begins at 5:15; speaker 6 to 7 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

**"I Shall Not Hate: Seeking Peace in a Difficult World."** A lecture and fundraising dinner on behalf of four Daughters for Life Foundation (DLF) scholars. DLF was founded by acclaimed author and physician Izzeldin Abuelaish who will deliver the lecture, followed by recipients of the I Shall Not Hate Awards. Proceeds from the fundraiser dinner will support scholarships for Manhattanville College DLF students. Manhattanville College's Reid Castle, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. Lecture at 5 p.m. Awards dinner at 7 p.m. Lecture: Free. Dinner: \$125. Info and registration: Visit [www.alumni.mville.edu](http://www.alumni.mville.edu).

**Candidates Forum.** The League of Women Voters of White Plains has rescheduled the previously canceled Candidates Forum for candidates in the NYS Assembly District 93 election. Incumbent, Assemblyman David Buchwald (D) and challenger John Nuculovic (R) will answer questions and discuss issues of importance to District 93 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at the White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Avenue, White Plains.

## Wednesday, Oct. 24

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

**Noonday Getaway Concert.** Woody's Children at Grace. With 26 recordings and hundreds of songs in his repertoire, Tom Chapin serves up a tasty mix of story songs, ballads, comedic and political songs, family music, sing-alongs, old-time folk classics and a favorite song or two of his late brother Harry's. Tom accompanies himself on guitar, banjo and autoharp for this special program curated by celebrated radio personality Bob Sherman. A short audience Q and A session follows the concert. A Downtown Music debut. This concert is made possible with a generous gift from John and Hannah Nelson in memory of Hannah's father Benjamin Massey and his love of Americana and folk songs. Additional support has been provided by Nick Wolff and Daniel Luckner, Better Homes and Gardens/Rand Realty, White Plains. 12:10 p.m. at Grace Church, Main and Church Streets, White Plains. Free event, donations accepted.

**Modern Warrior Live.** Join the Mental Health Association of Westchester as it partners with Modern Warrior Live for a theatrical musical performance that promises to captivate audiences and aims to destigmatize veterans' experiences. Through a tapestry of storytelling and breathtaking music, veterans will share their personal and emotional journeys to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and healing in all our communities and provide inspirational hope for all. An eye opening evening that shares the powerful story of former infantry Staff Sgt. Jaymes Poling, who spent three years in Afghanistan with U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division. Poling wrote and created Modern Warrior Live, along with renowned jazz trumpeter Dominick Farinacci. Followed by a talk and Q&A with Poling. Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. Pre-performance reception at 6 p.m. Performance at 7:30 p.m. \$150 (includes reception featuring drinks and dinner by the bite and the performance). Veterans and military members: \$50. Info and tickets: Contact Connie Moustakas at 914-265-7511 or e-mail [development@mhawestchester.org](mailto:development@mhawestchester.org) or visit [www.mhawestchester.org](http://www.mhawestchester.org).

**The First Amendment.** What it is. How it is interpreted. Why it is important today. The First Amendment is central to any discussion of freedom of the press, freedom of speech, and freedom of religion. Come hear Professor Bennett Gershman, Professor of Constitutional Law Pace University, 2 p.m. at White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains, Second floor, Room B. Presented by Aging in Place in White Plains.

## Thursday, Oct. 25

**Heroes of Horticulture.** Hear about the people who have made a major impact on the American landscape from author Barbara Paul Robinson. Based on her book of the same title, the talk is hosted by The Native Plant Center in partnership with The Garden Conservancy and Westchester Land Trust. A light reception precedes the lecture. Books will be available at a special event discount for signing. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-606-7870 or visit [www.nativeplantcenter.org](http://www.nativeplantcenter.org).

## Friday, Oct. 26

**"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. 28 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit [www.wppac.com](http://www.wppac.com).

**Hoff-Barthelsson Concert.** "Debussy and Friends" – a celebration of the music of Debussy on the centenary of his death. 7:30 p.m.; 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. Works to be performed include Debussy's Petite Suite for 2 flutes and piano; Sonata for violin and piano, L. 148; Lia's aria from L'Enfant Prodigue; Noël des enfants qui n'ont plus de maison; Sonata for cello and piano, L. 144; Fauré's Sonata for violin and piano in A, Opus 13-1; and Lutosławski's Grave (Metamorphoses for cello and piano 1981). Admission to the concert is \$20, \$15 for seniors (60+) and free of charge for students. Tickets can be ordered by calling 914-723-1169, or e-mailing [hb@hbms.org](mailto:hb@hbms.org) and are available for purchase at the door. Program and performers subject to change.

**My Sisters Place Annual Fall Luncheon:** Connections Between #MeToo and Domestic Violence. A panel of experts will take an in-depth look at the intersection of domestic violence, human trafficking, harassment, and assault to discuss how agencies are responding to the #MeToo movement. The program will discuss what is happening, help connect the dots between these issues for the community and talk about what others can do to help. Hosted by My Sisters Place, an organization that has been working to end

domestic violence and human trafficking in Westchester County for more than 40 years. Brae Burn Country Club, 39 Brae Burn Drive, Purchase. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$175. Info and tickets: Contact Carly Levine at 914-683-1333 ext. 105 or visit [www.mspny.org](http://www.mspny.org).

## Saturday, Oct. 27

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

**Howl-o-Ween.** Dress your dog in costume. Prizes awarded. Ball park at Delfino Park, White Plains, 11:30 a.m. Free.

**Zombie Walk.** Galleria Mall, White Plains. Noon to 5 p.m., sponsored by the White Plains Business Improvement District.

**Nat'l. Prescription Drug Take Back Day.** Drop off unused prescriptions and OTC meds at White Plains Public Safety HQ, 77 So. Lexington Ave. (use night entrance on side of building), White Plains.

**Velvet Caravan.** Gypsy swing and European redneck music? Why not! Savannah-based Velvet Caravan is one of the most eclectic ensembles in the music business today. Combining gypsy, honky-tonk, swing and Latin, this band plays upbeat tunes from all over the world with thunderous virtuosity and a relentless sense of humor. This unorthodox, high-energy, acoustic-based quintet of guitar, violin, stand-up bass, percussion and keyboards (including accordion) will make you want to get up and dance. Purchase College; Black Box Theatre, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 7 p.m. \$97.50 (includes dinner). 914-251-6200 or visit [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org).

**The Grand Slambovian Halloween Ball.** Called everything from "hillbilly Pink Floyd" to "surreal Americana," the Hudson Valley's own Slambovian Circus of Dreams is bringing its legendary annual Halloween musical costume ball to Irvington. Formed in Sleepy Hollow over a decade ago, it's a "riveting, mesmerizing, crazy, amazing machine of music." (Chronogram Magazine). And this year's Grand Slambovian Halloween Ball theme is "Legends of Sleepy Hollow," so break out your finest Headless Horsemen, Rip van Winkles or other skeletons in the style closet in honor of Washington Irving (or any of your other favorite literary icons, real or imagined). Irvington Town Hall Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 8 p.m. \$27. Info and tickets: 914-591-6602 or visit [www.irvingtontheater.com](http://www.irvingtontheater.com).

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# Bet Am Shalom Judaica Craft Show Nov. 3 and 4

A dazzling array of contemporary Judaica including works of craft, art and jewelry will be shown and sold at the 24th Bet Am Shalom Judaica Craft Show in White Plains. Among the items featured are ultra modern menorahs, blown glass dreidels, traditional and contemporary Kiddush cups and gold and silver jewelry – at prices to fit any budget. The only show of its kind in the Northeast, it opens at Bet Am Shalom Synagogue on Saturday, Nov. 3, 8 to 11 p.m., and continues on Sunday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The juried show features hundreds of one-of-a-kind works created by 46 artists, including 12 who are new or returning after a hiatus to the show this year. 12 of the artists who are exhibiting will travel to Westchester from their



Jewelry by Sheila Beatty.

homes in Israel; the others are from many parts of the United States. A jury of Judaica art curators selected the artists from a large pool of applicants. Several



Candleholders by Amy Reichert

of the artists' works are collected by museums worldwide.

A sampling of the work can be seen at: [www.betamshalom.org/judaicacraftshow](http://www.betamshalom.org/judaicacraftshow).

Live musical entertainment for the Saturday night festive opening event will be provided by Proof (aka The Moody Jews). Kosher food is available for purchase on site on Sunday at Café Shalom.

Admission to the Bet Am Shalom Judaica Craft Show is \$12 per person for the Saturday night event and \$8 on Sunday (Sunday re-entry free if paid Saturday night). Children under 13 are free. A discount voucher can be found online.

Bet Am Shalom Synagogue is located at 295 Soundview Avenue in White Plains.

## Happenings

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### Sunday, Oct. 28

**Frightfully Fun Festival & Parade.** Show off your costumes! Court St. in White Plains, 1 to 4 pm. Most activities free.

**Commemorate the Battle of White Plains.** The White Plains Historical Society commemorates the 242nd Anniversary

of The Battle of White Plains at the Jacob Purdy House (Washington's Headquarters), a National Historic Site, 60 Park Ave., White Plains, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a Revolutionary War encampment and 1 p.m. flag-raising ceremony. Free admission. The Society will also be celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the Purdy House's location. On Aug. 9, 1973 dedicated members of the White Plains Monument Committee had the House

moved from Spring Street to its current location in order to preserve the building.

**Ted E. Bear Fair.** Kids of all ages can bring their teddy bear or other stuffed friend to be treated by White Plains Hospital experts. Children will tour the hospital and meet staff with the goal of helping them become more comfortable about a hospital visit. There will be ambulance tours, giveaways and pre-Halloween treats. Costumes are encouraged. This event is

free and open to the public. 9 to 11 a.m. White Plains Hospital, 41 East Post Road, White Plains; 914-681-2628.



## Ebersole Ice Rink Opens for the Season

The City of White Plains Ebersole Ice Rink is open for the 2018/2019 season. Public skate sessions are held Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.; Fridays 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays 12:30 to 3:15 p.m.;

Sundays 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. (adults only) and general public skating 1:15 to 3:45 p.m.

Skate rentals are available at the rink for \$5 per pair. Rink admission is \$8 for

youth, \$10 for adults and \$.005 for senior citizens.

Registration is open for learn to skate programs with classes offered for beginner to advanced skaters.

The Ebersole Ice Rink is located at 110 Lake Street in White Plains. For additional information, visit [www.cityofwhiteplains.com](http://www.cityofwhiteplains.com) or call 914-422-1390.



## SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

### 100th Anniversary of The Thrift Shop in White Plains

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Plains considered divesting themselves of the Thrift Shop as some thought it was becoming obsolete. However, since there were three owners and no provisions had been made for the dissolution of the business, they did not pursue it.

In June 1966, after more than 45 years in business, the Thrift Shop was forced to close its doors. The building that housed the shop was scheduled to be demolished during the urban renewal project in downtown White Plains. On Sept. 1, 1966, the shop reopened at 16 Grove Street. In May of 1969, the shop moved again to 158 Main Street.



The Thrift Shop at 30 Church St., White Plains 1921 to 1966.

During the 1970's, the days of operation were cut to three due to competition from garage sales and the difficulty of getting volunteers to staff the shop. The Woman's Club of White Plains started its WICS (Women in Community Service) program in the 70's and this provided a steady source of workers for the shop. However, the Shop was forced to move a third time to the Presbyterian Church on the corner of North Broadway and

Barker and to reduce its days and hours of operation. It remains at that location today.

Today, the Thrift Shop in White Plains continues to serve the community and offers quality merchandise for bargain prices. The Thrift Shop is always nicely decorated, and the changing displays reflect the season or upcoming holiday. The Shop's Facebook page highlights the latest additions. The shop is open every Tuesday and the first and third Saturdays of every month. It closes for one month at the end of the summer to refurbish and clean the facility.

## "Painting the Town Red" White Plains Beautification Gala

Thursday, Oct. 25, 6 to 10 p.m. at Westchester Hills Golf Club, 401 Ridgeway, White Plains. White Plains Beautification Foundation's annual gala features cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner, plus a Silent Auction and Raffle. This year's honorees are Barbara A. Ramsdell, current director

and former president, and Cuddy and Feder, legal counsel and major sponsor. \$145 per person in advance, \$165 at the door. Make checks payable to White Plains Beautification Foundation, and send to Deborah Donahoe, WPBF, PO Box 1624, White Plains, NY 10602.



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