



Doc Gooden Cheers on Players at Sports Fundraiser



More than 150 basketball aficionados, monster-jammers, and amateur buzz beaters teamed up earlier this month at the Westchester County Center for Backyard Sports Cares (BYSC) 5th annual 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament and fundraiser. This year's event was highlighted by legendary NY Mets pitcher, Dwight (Doc) Gooden, who cheered on the players, signed autographs, interacted with special needs athletes, and communicated a strong message to at-risk teens about the importance of valuing second chances. This year's event raised \$80,000. Backyard Sports Cares (BYSC) is a nonprofit provider of community team sports programs for more than 3,000 at-risk and special needs youth in Westchester County.

IDA Approves Incentives for Two White Plains Projects

The Westchester County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) unanimously approved financial incentives for two mixed-use residential developments in White Plains at its Oct. 25 meeting.

Saber Chauncey WP, LLC was approved for \$3,348,609 in sales tax and mortgage

recording tax exemptions for The Collection, a \$136.2 million mixed-use project consisting of 276 residential units in two buildings on Westchester Avenue and Franklin Avenue.

Located across from The Westchester mall, The Collection includes 24,526 square feet of retail space and 716 parking spaces of which 275 will be for municipal parking. Seventeen of the residential units will fall under the White Plains affordable housing program.

According to the IDA, the project is expected



Architect's rendering of The Collection, a mixed-use project in White Plains.

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White Plains Judge Files ADA Lawsuit Against State Court System

By Pat Casey

White Plains judge Elizabeth Shollenberger filed a lawsuit against the state court system last week, claiming she was discriminated against and humiliated by employees of the court.

The suit is filed under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the New York State Human Rights Law and the Rehab Act.

Judge Shollenberger was suspended of her duties and was placed on forced leave a few months after appointment for 10 years to the White Plains court by a unanimous vote of the city's Common Council in December 2016. She was sworn in during January 2017.

As City Court Judge, Shollenberger presides over traffic court hearings, small-



Hon. Elizabeth Shollenberger takes the oath of office as White Plains City Court Judge on Jan. 3, 2017.

claims court cases involving claims up to \$5,000, landlord-tenant and other housing cases, other civil cases involving claims up to \$15,000, criminal arraignments of felonies (including weekend and evening arraignments), and criminal trials of misdemeanors.

In accepting the judgeship, Shollenberger was required to retire from the practice of law. Accordingly, she gave up her 35-year career as an attorney and embraced her new role as judge with eagerness and commitment, according to the complaint. In December 2016, immediately after receiving the news of her appointment to the judgeship, she closed her law practice, resigned her position with the White Plains

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Democratic City Committee, and began the work of notifying the clients of her law practice, changing her attorney contact information, and disbanding her office lease.

The lawsuit, which names Lawrence K. Marks, Chief Administrator, New York State Unified Court System, said he suspended Shollenberger because he caved to demands of employees at the White Plains Courthouse. The suit claims those employees were driven by irrational phobia in their demand to have her removed and that there were political issues associated with her appointment, which were highlighted in a nasty news story aimed at causing the judge humiliation and that actions by court

employees in her presence were also done to cause her humiliation, such as wearing yellow rubber gloves and hazmat suits (as reported in a story published by the New York Law Journal).

Judge Marks authorized two suspensions of Shollenberger from performing her judicial duties and from entering WPCC in her judicial capacity, totaling more than 16 months. The first suspension was in effect from May 2, 2017 to July 15, 2018. The second suspension was ordered on August 15, 2018, just one month after she had returned to the bench from the first suspension and is currently in effect at the time of the filing of the complaint.

According to the complaint, Judge

Marks's alleged justifications for these two suspensions were based on medical and public safety grounds.

Shollenberger is diagnosed with obesity, pulmonary hypertension, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and immune thrombocytopenia and other health issues that require her to use a walker for mobility as well as oxygen. Her prescribed medications cause stress to her gastrointestinal system, requiring her to have quick access to restrooms.

According to the suit, Shollenberger was not given a key to an accessible restroom in a timely manner and the court employees took an excessive amount of time to install handrails in courtrooms behind the bench to aid in climbing the

stairs to the judge's seat.

"The ADA and other disability discrimination laws are intended to foster dialogue and restraint, so that a disabled person is not shut out of a public accommodation or suspended from doing her job without a discussion and examination of whether she can do her job with a reasonable accommodation," Anthony Consiglio one of Shollenberger's attorneys said. "That did not happen here."

Shollenberger, who draws a \$187,200 annual salary, said there was no discussion about her health issues before her suspension.

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to create 250 construction jobs and 91 permanent jobs.

The other White Plains project, Westmoreland Lofts, LLC, received approval from the IDA for \$867,000 in sales tax and mortgage recording tax exemptions for a mixed-use project located at 138-158 Westmoreland Avenue.

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Buchwald Looks to Make a Difference in Fourth Assembly Term

By Martin Wilbur

Before he was elected to the state Assembly in 2012, David Buchwald was a practicing tax attorney. He likely never thought it would come in as handy as it did this year.

He was part of a group of lawmakers during this year's session that crafted bipartisan legislation designed to help New York taxpayers facing a much steeper federal tax bill because of the loss of the state and local income tax deduction above \$10,000.

The legislation, which allows taxpayers to make their payment a charitable contribution so it can be tax deductible, was approved although the IRS has issued proposed regulations that would nullify the attempt.

"I know there are more opportunities and I know I'm making a difference in Albany," said Buchwald, 40, a former White Plains councilman.

Perhaps Buchwald's most notable accomplishment was his pension forfeiture bill. The measure now allows a judge to strip a state public official's pension if he or she is found to have committed a felony related to their job. A constitutional amendment was overwhelmingly approved by voters last November.



David Buchwald

When it comes to ethics reform, Buchwald, a Democrat, said there is still much more work to be done to regain the public's trust in Albany. Closing the LLC loophole to limit exorbitant campaign contributions would be one step, he said. If there can be contribution limits for corporations – about \$5,000 – in state races, then exploiting the loophole shouldn't be allowed, he said.

"I'm a believer in a political system that is more focused on people in New York State," Buchwald said. "It's not just a matter of reform, it's also making it easier to vote in New York State."

He wants to encourage greater turnout

and remove New York from the list of 12 states that does not allow for some form of early voting.

Buchwald is in favor of a mandate relief law, one of a minority of Assembly members to support such a measure. While Buchwald said he's worked with his district's municipalities when local officials need legislation from the state such as for implementation of a hotel tax, the state must do its share to reduce the burden on taxpayers, he said.

The largest portion of a property taxpayer's bill is schools and finding a more equitable formula for the Regional Cost Index for Westchester and other lower Hudson Valley counties is critical, Buchwald said.

"You can update the formula that doesn't hurt other parts of your region but does recognize the injustice to the lower Hudson Valley," he said.

Buchwald said he was proud that the first vote he cast as an Assembly member in January 2013 was to support the SAFE Act, the strongest gun measure in the country. It instituted universal background checks and banned assault weapons, among other restrictions.

Buchwald wants to see passage of the red flag bill that would remove firearms from those individuals deemed to be a

threat to themselves and others and safe storage laws, among the steps that the Assembly passed last session but didn't come up for a vote in the Senate.

"What's clear is that the Republican Senate on a host of issues would rather stifle the debate than bring forward topics that they know a vast majority of New Yorkers are on the other side from them," Buchwald said.

Despite recent changes pledged by Con Edison representatives, the assemblyman said when the next major storm hits he lacks confidence that the utilities will be as prepared as they should.

However, ongoing public scrutiny of their performance has been intense, he said. Buchwald, along with County Executive George Latimer, organized officials from different levels of government to write a 48-page report that makes specific recommendations.

He said the issue is too important for public health and safety reasons and the region's economy.

"There's not enough redundancy in the system, there's not enough manpower to address what now are predictable consequences of intense storms, nor is there a communications plan in place that allows people to believe what they're

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"I really feel that having 130,000 constituents means that I have 130,000 bosses," he said. "If one of my bosses has a question, it's my job, as well as possible, for me to answer that question."

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First-Time Candidate in Long Shot Run for 93rd Assembly District

By Anna Young

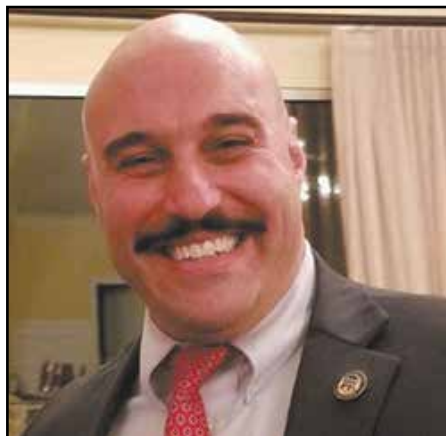
John Nuculovic has maintained an energized and enthusiastic attitude striving for commonsense solutions in his first bid for public office in the race for 93rd Assembly District.

He plans to use his extensive background as a veteran, law enforcement official, first responder and educator to help his district and New York.

After spending his professional life serving in various public service positions, Nuculovic, a Republican from Bedford, said he's running against Democratic incumbent David Buchwald because he has seen the negative effects government can have on the public. He hopes to restore the standards of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness into the decision-making process.

"I know what government looks like from multiple perspectives inside and out," Nuculovic said. "Whether the bars close behind you or you are given a ticket to go overseas, things get very real and you can see the government from both sides."

Nuculovic, 40, began his career in public service as a corrections officer at Rikers Island and was a military police officer with the United States Army. While he



John Nuculovic

devotes his time to volunteering with the Bedford Hills Fire Department and the Westchester County Special Operations Hazmat team, he currently serves as the asset manager for Putnam County.

Under the leadership of Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell, Nuculovic said his understanding of fiscal responsibility for taxpayers has only heightened. He is focused on reducing taxes, promoting infrastructure and revitalizing downtowns in municipalities throughout the district. Increasing jobs will also ease the tax burden, he said.

Nuculovic said he wants to eliminate unfunded mandates and waste in the state budget, citing how money could be saved by overhauling the Scaffold Law. The law holds developers and contractors liable for accidents on their sites, even if the injury is caused by worker negligence.

He also noted the need for welfare system improvements that would more effectively help people move forward and restoration of the Star Program to ensure the middle class, the handicapped and seniors can afford to live in Westchester.

"Fiscal responsibility is a huge thing for me. If you're doing what you're supposed to do, you really should think of the secondary, tertiary effects of what you do," Nuculovic said. "It's what you're supposed to do, it's part of the oath you take."

Nuculovic said he is pro-life but believes a person has the right to choose what they do with their body. Despite his personal views, he said it's important to balance constituents' needs and represent their views and would consider support of the Reproductive Healthcare Act.

Nuculovic said the SAFE Act, considered one of the toughest gun laws in the nation, was approved with good intentions but is arbitrary and capricious legislation. While he would

support defunding the SAFE Act to protect citizens' constitutional rights, he said he would favor enacting aggressive vetting laws for gun owners, more robust databases, safety courses and aggressively address mental illness issues.

"You have legislation that is really borderline ineffective that comes from a good place, but makes felons out of people who aren't felons," he said. "It's something we have to tackle with the increase of violence and you have to balance that increase in criminality versus making people criminals that aren't."

As severe storms periodically impact the region causing extended power outages, Nuculovic said the utility companies must devise a plan to monitor trees and power lines. As a volunteer firefighter, he has spent many hours babysitting downed trees and power lines until personnel from the utilities arrive.

Nuculovic, who has a background in cyber security, said he would support extending the statute of limitations to prosecute a reported a sex crime. As technology continues to advance, he said it's necessary to extend the statute to certify law enforcement officials keep up with technology.

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Local Incumbents Face Little to No Challenge

By Pat Casey

The 2018 mid-term elections have been mentioned in the national news almost daily for months now, with several areas of the country in heated debate over what's right for the country – the challengers lining up between the Republican and Democrat parties. In several of the districts served by this newspaper, however, an overwhelming lean to the Democratic side of politics has left many incumbents with little to no challenge on next week's ballot.

New York Congressional District 17

Incumbent Democrat, Congresswoman Nita Lowey, has served the local community for 30 years as a strong proponent of Democrat Party values.

She was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1988 and served in the Democratic Leadership in 2001 and 2002 as the first woman and the first New Yorker to chair the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. She is also the first woman to lead either party on the House Appropriations Committee.

Lowey was appointed to the Select Committee on Homeland Security and has been recognized for her leadership in securing over \$20 billion for recovery efforts after September 11, 2001. Lowey is a strong advocate for women, children,



Nita Lowey

and families. She has been a champion of education throughout her career, fighting for school modernization, teacher development, and literacy programs. Under Lowey's leadership, federal funding for after-school programs has increased from \$1 million in 1996 to \$1 billion today.

Lowey is one of the Appropriations Committee's leading advocates of increased federal investments in biomedical research on diseases like cancer, diabetes, and Alzheimer's at the National Institutes of Health.

A strong public safety advocate, Lowey supported the Brady Law and supports

reinstating the Assault Weapons Ban. Lowey was named Mothers Against Drunk Driving's (MADD) "Legislator of the Year" for her leadership in authoring the nation's "Zero Tolerance" law, which made it illegal for minors to drive after consuming any alcohol, and the national DWI standard of .08 BAC. She is the author of legislation to prevent repeat drunk driving offenses.

Lowey was former Chair of the Congressional Women's Caucus and the House Pro-Choice Caucus. She has also been a leader in the fight against domestic violence, securing record increases in federal funding for battered women's shelters.

A longtime champion of human rights and enhancing the role of women in development, Lowey has taken a key role in fighting for democracy, justice, and economic opportunity around the world.

In addition to running as a Democratic candidate, Lowey is running in the 2018 election as a Working Families Party and Women's Equality Party candidate.

Lowey has no Republican or Conservative Party challenger in the Nov. 6 election, but is being confronted by a little-known newcomer to politics on the Reform Party line (see story on page 7).

New York State Senate Districts 35 and 37

Andrea Stewart-Cousins is a Democratic member of the New York State Senate, representing District 35. She was first elected to the State Senate in 2006 and currently represents Greenburgh, part of White Plains, part of New Rochelle, part of Yonkers and Scarsdale, and serves as state Senate minority leader.

Stewart-Cousins is running in the general election on Nov. 6 after advancing from the Democratic primary on Sept. 13. She is also running as a Working Families Party, Women's Equality Party, Independence Party and Reform Party candidate.

Stewart-Cousins faces no challenger in the coming election.

Shelley Mayer is the Democratic incumbent in the NYS Senate representing District 37.

Mayer is running in the general election on Nov. 6 after advancing from the Democratic primary on Sept. 13. Mayer is also running in the 2018 election as a Working Families Party, Women's Equality Party, and Independence Party candidate. She won a special election for the seat on April 24, 2018, replacing George Latimer when he was elected as Westchester County Executive

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Rockland Candidate is 'David vs. Goliath' in Race Against Lowey

By Martin Wilbur

For the past 15 years, Joe Ciardullo has been involved in local politics around Rockland County, managing campaigns and being active in the Republican Party. This time he's doing it for himself on a much bigger stage.

The nearly lifelong Clarkstown resident is Rep. Nita Lowey's little-known opponent, appearing on only the Reform Party line, the ultimate underdog against the 30-year Democratic incumbent.

Ciardullo, 49, entered the race after he was notified earlier this year that he would be laid off after 28 years at IBM, where he last worked as infrastructure manager. Once he lost his job at the end of June, it was too late for him to gain entry on the Republican line so he settled for the Reform Party.

"I'm just fed up with a lot of stuff that goes on in Washington, and also frankly, that we have candidates running unopposed," Ciardullo said. "In 2016, Nita Lowey was

unopposed. I was adamant about this. I was like how can the (Republican) Party not put up a candidate? Then again, in 2018, nobody's going to be running."

So Ciardullo took on the challenge because he's "got nothing to lose" and that he doesn't have to adhere to litmus tests.

"I'm like the David versus Goliath here," he said.

"I'm telling people that I'm not beholden to either major party," he said. "I say right on the front (of my palm card) Washington is broken and it's not broken because of one party, it's broken because of the two parties. They won't work together at all. No matter if one side has an idea that makes sense or not, either side they fight each other."

Ciardullo's campaign pitch is calling himself "an average Joe," and pocketbook issues are front and center. He said he would fight for more federal funding for public school districts in the region, by far the largest portion of residents' tax bills.

Ciardullo is a proponent of emphasizing traditional trades for those students who by high school may show an interest in them or may not be as academically inclined as some of their peers.

He said he understood why President Donald Trump and lawmakers from around the country signed onto the tax reform package that hurts high-tax states like New York. More representatives, including some Republicans, should have supported the legislation, because then they would have had a more willing negotiating partner to raise the limit on state and local tax deductions or scrap it altogether, Ciardullo said.

He would scrap the Affordable Care Act, instead favoring Healthcare Savings Accounts. For those with pre-existing conditions, they would be entered into the large federal government insurance pool.

He favors stronger borders and would support President Trump's funding for a wall separating the country's border



Joe Ciardullo is Rep. Nita Lowey's opponent next week but appears only on the Reform Party line.

with Mexico.

"I'm all for legal immigration," said Ciardullo, who did not provide numbers for recommended annual immigration and refugee acceptance levels. "I think we need to speed up that process when people come to this country."

First-Time Candidate in Long Shot Run for 93rd Assembly District

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"I don't care if it's 32 years, 32 seconds, 32 months, it doesn't mean it didn't happen," he said.

Nuculovic acknowledged he's the underdog in the race. If elected, he wants to be a citizen politician and apply his life experience to every situation, review

issues analytically and do what's right for his constituents and the state. But for now, Nuculovic said he's leaving his fate in God's hands.

"I want this bad, I want to help, but

my life wouldn't fall apart if I didn't have it and it's a good place to be," he said. "Even if you can bring something to the community, elected or not, it's wonderful to help people."

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Our hearts break for the families of those killed and injured, and for the entire Jewish community of Pittsburgh. This is likely the deadliest attack on the Jewish community in the history of the United

States and comes at a time when anti-semitic hate crimes are surging, rising 57% last year. What makes the shooting even more egregious is that the Jewish victims were targeted during Shabbat services echoing the 2015 massacre at Charleston's Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, which similarly found a minority community attacked in their house of worship.

Earlier this week, a man attempted to enter the Jeffersontown First Baptist Church in Kentucky before going to a

Kroger Grocery Store and shooting two African American patrons. Also this week, Americans, especially those in Westchester County and New York City, were terrified as we watched the story of a serial letter bomber, who was targeting those whose political views he disagreed with.

We are reminded of the poem, "First they came.. for the Jews, and I did not speak out --...then they came for me -- and there was no one left to speak for me." We must all speak out against the

atrocities of hate and intolerance. Enough is enough. Now more than ever, the YWCA remains steadfast in our mission to eliminate racism, empower women and sends our heartfelt condolences, hope and commitment to end violence and build a more just world.

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—Joseph Kaidanow, Chair and Millie Jasper Exec. Dir. Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center, White Plains

Buchwald Obvious Choice to Continue Serving 93rd Assembly District

Assemblyman David Buchwald is one of the more unassuming public officials in the area.

He holds few press conferences and limits his photo-ops, yet is quite visible in the communities that he serves, often seen at local events and periodically at board meetings.

Never mistake his understated approach for lack of engagement. In fact, quite the contrary. In his nearly six years in the state Assembly, Buchwald has quietly put together an impressive record of accomplishment in a body where it's so much easier to stand out for all the wrong reasons.

Perhaps Buchwald's signature achievement is introducing and getting near unanimous support among lawmakers for his pension forfeiture bill, a measure that strips pensions for state officials convicted of a felony related to their job. Last year, by a more than a 2-1 margin, voters approved amending a portion of the state constitution that puts that plan into action.

Not satisfied that ethics reform is complete, he is now pushing to close the LLC loophole and hopes to bring early voting to New York.

He was tabbed by County Executive George Latimer earlier this year to put together a report of recommendations for Con Edison and NYSEG on preparation and response to severe weather events. Although NYSEG has displayed intransigence, Con Edison has incorporated some of those recommendations.

Buchwald's professional background as a tax attorney before his 2012 election was helpful to the legislature in crafting a bill to offer relief to property taxpayers who

will be hurt by the new federal tax law. The IRS has released regulations to negate the legislation but a coalition has been assembled to fight the agency.

He has delivered for communities that have asked to have legislation passed to institute a hotel tax and worked on a bipartisan basis with state Sen. Terrence Murphy for there to be EpiPens on school buses.

His opponent, Republican John Nuculovic, has run one of the odder campaigns in recent memory. Having gained entry on a major party line in July, he wasn't seen or heard from until early October, and then canceled two League of Women Voters forums with Buchwald.

It's a curious way to run for public office. As it turns out, Nuculovic is hardworking and affable with relevant experience in law enforcement and government. He was a corrections officer at Rikers Island, teaches cybersecurity courses and is currently Putnam County's asset manager. He is also a dedicated volunteer with the Bedford Hills Fire Department and the Westchester County Special Operations Hazmat team, someone with all the credentials needed for public office.

It's a shame because in his interview he certainly identified many of the issues that need to be addressed. Perhaps he didn't have the time to wage a credible campaign but we would have liked to hear more about his plans to address infrastructure needs, revitalize downtowns and eliminate unfunded mandates, among other issues.

Despite Nuculovic's absence on the campaign trail, the district has a strong advocate in Buchwald and we strongly endorse him for a fourth term in the Assembly.

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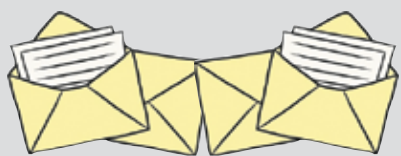
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Obituaries

Eleanor N. Mogavero

Eleanor N. Mogavero, 84, passed away Oct. 27, surrounded by her loving family. She was born Dec. 1, 1933 in White Plains to Rocco and Elizabeth (nee Rabasco) Pellegrino. Eleanor is survived by her three children Mary (Steve) Mogavero, Ellie (Joe) Pizzarello, and Phillip (Barbara) Mogavero, her sister Ursula Ciulla, grandchildren Jessica, Michelle, Lisa, Lila, Ava, Gemma and Kaylie, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Theodore Mogavero, brothers Carmine, Samuel, Peter, and Frank Pellegrino and her sisters Mary Gervasi, and Elizabeth Fromm. A life filled with love, laughter, and music will be greatly missed.

We should all try and be a little more like Eleanor.

Antonino Giannola

Antonino Giannola, a West Harrison resident, died Oct. 22 at the age of 84. He was born Aug. 2, 1934 in Naples, Italy to the late Francesco and Virginia Giannola. On June 4, 1967 he married his wife Concetta in the Bronx. Antonino worked as a Furniture Finisher for Froelich in the Bronx for 20 years. He is survived by his wife Concetta of West Harrison, his children, Virginia Pesce of Oceanside and Francesco Giannola of Deerfield Beach, FL, and his sisters, Elena Maisto and Pina Giannola. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Francesca, Michael and Anthony.

He will be remembered as a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Soccer was his passion and he was a jokester who was loved by everyone!

Edwin N. Preiser

Edwin N. Preiser, age 96, a life-long resident of White Plains, passed away on Oct. 21. Edwin was born on Jan. 6, 1922 to the late Albert and Genevieve (Coombs) Preiser. He graduated from White Plains High School in 1940. Edwin worked for decades in the Preiser family Trucking and Rigging business founded by his father. Edwin loved the Catskill Mountains and since childhood spent many weekends and vacations at the Preiser-family property in Andes, NY. During his spare time, Edwin enjoyed

listening to country music and searching out bargains at tag sales, frequently purchasing garments to give to charities. A long-time hobby was an interest in antique vehicles, particularly trucks. For the past 17 years, Edwin and his nephew Andrew have shown their antique Brockway trucks at the Annual National Brockway Truck Show held each August in Cortlandt. Edwin was predeceased by four brothers, Albert, Adrian, George and William, and two sisters, Genevieve and Gloria (Cartledge). He is survived by his sister-in-law Ella, 13 nieces and nephews, and numerous grand-nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Edwin's memory to The Andes Fire Department, Andes, NY 13731.

Local Incumbents Face Little to No Challenge

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and took that position in January 2018. District 37 includes: Armonk, Bedford, Eastchester, Harrison, Mamaroneck, New Rochelle, North Castle, Rye, Yonkers, and White Plains. Mayer faces no challenger in the 2018 general election. New York State Assembly Democrat Amy Paulin has served

NYS Assembly District 88 (Scarsdale, Eastchester, Tuckahoe, Bronxville, Pelham, Pelham Manor, and parts of New Rochelle and White Plains) since 2001. Paulin chairs the Assembly Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, and serves on the Committees on Rules, Education, and Health. Her diverse legislative agenda

includes state government reform, children and families, domestic violence, sex trafficking, education, health care, animal welfare, and preventing gun violence. She served as the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Energy from 2013-2017. To date, 204 of her bills have been signed into law. Paulin is running in the general

election on Nov. 6 after advancing from the Democratic primary on Sept. 13. She is also running as a Working Families Party, Women's Equality Party, and Reform Party candidate. Paulin faces no challenger in the upcoming general election.

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True Confessions of a Compulsive Weeder

For the past several years, I've been without a garden of my own to tend, living as I do in Trump Park where the landscape is beautifully managed as part of my maintenance fee. I can enjoy the beauty of the shrubs and flowers, the latter of which are changed according to the season, without any work on my part.

But I still have fond memories of gardening chores, especially – don't be surprised – pulling weeds. I particularly miss this chore at this time of year because when you pull a weed, it stays pulled.

When I first discovered the joys of gardening as a youngster, it was all about planting annuals and seeing quick results. But by the time I was in high school, perhaps in dealing with my impetuous nature, I found that I equally enjoyed pulling weeds to help ease those first bouts of post-adolescent anxiety. I must have been very anxious because my family's garden was always weed-free. It seemed to have been a healthy addiction for me.

That addiction became full blown as an adult when I moved to Westchester and my responsibilities were upgraded from a small square patch of earth in front of my house in Brooklyn Heights, where a sickly ginkgo tree sprang from the concrete sidewalk, to a verdant acre and a half of lawn and garden.

At the same time, I had started a new

job and commuted a long distance every weekday to report to a boss who was the "Mr. Hyde" personality of all time. My weeding activity was especially intense during that period. Every time I yanked a weed, it was as though I was vicariously yanking his head bald, even though he was already bald.

Lest one think that I need intervention, I would say that there are good compulsive habits and this might be one of them. At a time when many parents are concerned about violence in video games, I might suggest that as an antidote they require their children to weed in the garden for an equal amount of time that they would spend playing those games of virtual destruction. Put the quest for the elimination of villains to practical use, I say.

For adults, rather than considering weeding a chore or even therapy, it can be approached as an art, complete with its own techniques and disciplines as I first learned many decades ago when I read



By Bill Primavera

a joyous book called "The No-Work Garden" by Ruth Stout, sister of the detective fiction writer Rex Stout.

Recently, I was reminded of the healing art of weeding when I discovered that the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series now features an edition "For the Gardener's Soul" by Marion Owen. In her blog at www.plantea.com, Owen said a while back that weeding can be a pleasant "zen-like" experience – and I agree.

She also writes that regular weeding in the garden is like regular vacuuming in the home. Most people probably don't like either chore, but it's essential to a successful garden, as vacuuming is to a clean home.

Considering that a single weed can produce as many as 250,000 seeds, and those seeds arrive through a multilevel attack from the air, rain runoff and bird droppings, weeding would seem to be a losing battle. But there are preventative measures that can help diminish sprouting weeds.

Just keep up with the following:

* Uproot the offenders and place them in the compost pile before they go to seed.

* Mulch, mulch, mulch. A three- to four-inch layer of mulch applied between plants or garden rows can slow down, or in many cases, prevent the re-growth of weeds.

* In the spring, after preparing the soil for planting, let it set for seven to 10 days. Then work the surface of the soil with a hoe. This will slice off the newly emerged weed seedlings. If you have time before planting, let the soil rest another week or so and hoe again.

* Cover the soil for a short while with black plastic, but don't leave it on for more than a couple of months because the soil needs air and water to remain healthy.

* Use those vertical barriers, such as wood, metal or heavy plastic edging to prevent grass and weeds from encroaching from lawn to garden.

And be mindful of what William Shakespeare wrote: "Sweet flowers are slow and weeds make haste."

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What Sets One Wine So Far Apart From All Others?



By Nick Antonaccio

Remember the heady days before the Great Recession? Irrational exuberance. C o n s p i c u o u s consumption.

For some these were forewarnings of economic turmoil ahead. For others these became the mantra for sustained hedonism.

Then it all came crashing down around our feet. Some fared better than others, while a significant number experienced career, if not life-altering trauma.

Well, here we are, fully a decade on from those dark days. And the mindset of the pre-recession era is evidenced again in small pockets. Notwithstanding the shifts in personal wealth and economic growth, the polarization of wealth in our nation and the globe has become startlingly disparate. I read somewhere that the aggregate wealth of the 85 richest individuals in the world is greater than that of 50 percent of the global population.

Recently, I've seen pockets of this exuberant consumption in the auction marketplace. A few months ago, Da Vinci's Salvator Mundi sold for \$450 million, shattering all previous records for paintings. Then last week I read of another auction that I feel compelled to report to you. And it relates to wine. Therefore,

I've decided to digress from the next installment of my Spanish wine series to bring this to your attention.

Sotheby's auction house, which has sold its fair share of rare and highly sought-after wines, auctioned a collection of French wines from the famed cellars of Robert Drouhin. One of the wines set a record in grand style, far surpassing its estimated sale value and far exceeding the previous world record.

One bottle of 1945 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (DRC) was sold in a frenzied bidding war to an Asian investor for \$558,000. That equates to \$111,600 for one glass, assuming the bottle will ever be opened and served. It also is the cash price for a comfortable three-bedroom house in most housing markets in the United States.

By comparison, the previous record for a bottle of wine was \$310,700 for a jeroboam (equivalent to six standard size bottles) of 1945 Mouton-Rothschild sold in 2007.

The auction value of a particular wine is derived from several factors. Its scarcity, desirability amongst competing collectors, unique attributes and storage history all contribute to the ultimate value

and hammer price.

Let's focus on the three criteria that I believe contributed to this record-setting sale.

1. The wine. DRC is the most famous vineyard/winery in the world. Nestled France's Burgundy region, it historically commands the top price for wine in every release and in every auction. It is farmed biodynamically on a small plot of land. Its small production (5,000 to 6,000 bottles on average) guarantees a high price. The current release, not readily available, sells for about \$25,000 per bottle.

2. The vintage. Of all its vintages, the 1945 DRC is the most prized. The staying power, aromatics and flavor profile are legendary. And only 600 bottles were produced. The vines were pulled and the vineyard replanted after harvest; the next DRC wasn't produced until the 1952 vintage.

3. The provenance. Rare wines may change hands multiple times as they pass from one collector's cellar to the next. Thus, the consistency of its quality and aging profile may vary over its life. If storage in a credible owner's cellar cannot be verified for every year of its life, a rare wine's value may diminish. Not to mention that counterfeit wines proliferate

in the marketplace.

The 1945 DRC came from the cellar of the 85-year-old Drouhin, one of the most reputable winemakers in Burgundy. His father, Maurice, was the distributor of DRC from 1928 to 1964. The 1945 DRC had been in the Drouhin cellar since release, a rare occurrence in the life of such a storied wine. This factor may have contributed most to the record-setting auction price.

As incredible as the bidding was for this bottle, just as amazing is that there was another bottle of the 1945 DRC sold minutes later. For \$496,000, to a New York real estate developer. Exuberant consumption for certain.

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Where to Hold Your Special Fall/Winter Event



By Morris Gut

It might be a holiday gathering, wedding, birthday, anniversary, or a functional space for a business meeting. We're always on the lookout for venues to hold that special event and be well catered to. Here are a

few suggestions in the Bronx/Westchester area.

Tesoro D'Italia, 160 Marble Road, Pleasantville, 914-579-2126

Heading the day-to-day operation is Peter Lucaj who had been general manager of Ciao Ristorante in Eastchester. Chef de Cuisine is seasoned Dan Pennacchio whose family from father Paolo and siblings on down have been in the restaurant trade for many years. The restaurant is divided into a main dining room for 100 guests, a semi-private fireplace room for up to 40 guests, and a lovely glass enclosed wine room seating up to 25. A spacious banquet room can accommodate 130 for all types of parties and private events. There is an inviting color-tiled bar/lounge area for networking and spirited conversation, and casual dining too. A dramatic wine wall highlights the dining room along



Shrimp Francaise at Mario's, Arthur Ave.

with smoked glass dividers and white tablecloths. Open 7 days. Ample free parking. www.tesoroditaliany.com.

Mulino's at Lake Isle, 660 White Plains Road, Eastchester, 914-961-7800

From the same well-heeled crew that has been serving patrons at Mulino's of Westchester in White Plains for the past 25 years comes Mulino's at Lake Isle, a major state of the art multi-sectioned catering facility that underwent a multi-million-dollar renovation on the grounds of Lake Isle Country Club. Louis Gigante, proprietor of Mulino's Restaurant, and Louis Gigante Jr. are in charge. When operating at full throttle Mulino's at Lake Isle can accommodate up to 300 guests for all types of catered events and functions. Gigante, their contemporary a la carte restaurant, recently opened next door. www.mulinosgroup.com.

Luka's Italian Cuisine, 130 W. Post Road, White Plains, 914-607-3535

Luka's Italian Cuisine, a multi-section 150-seat restaurant and bar/lounge, opened on West Post Road, White Plains, at the former site of Ernesto's. The restaurant serves Italian/American & Continental specialties for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch 7 days a week. The restaurant has undergone a major renovation, antique white and pastel walls surround the enclosed sparking bar area from the main 55-seat dining room. Tastings have included: a fine Hot Antipasto for two, chocked full of baked clams, fried calamari, eggplant rollatini and stuffed mushrooms; a refreshing Insalata di Pere, arugula salad with pear, goat cheese, walnuts and shaved parmesan cheese with a balsamic dressing; hearty Fettuccine Bolognese in a tasty meat sauce; and a classic version of Vitello Saltimbocca, medallions of veal topped with prosciutto di Parma and melted mozzarella in a rosemary wine sauce over a bed of spinach. Catering facilities for up to 100. www.lukasitaliancuisine.com.

Mario's Restaurant, 2342 Arthur Ave., Bronx, 718-584-1188

Since 1919 five generations of the Migliucci family have worked the front and back-of-the-house making sure patrons are well served at this venerable Little Italy institution. There are private party and meeting facilities for 20 to 145 guests overlooking bustling Arthur Ave. Amiable Joe Migliucci, the current patriarch, is there with his wife Barbara, daughter Regina and sons Michael and Mario. Joe's mom, Mama Rose Migliucci, was considered to be 'the first lady of Arthur Ave.' This

restaurant has a long 99-year history full of colorful chapters. The flavorful sauces and gravies produced in this kitchen are the stuff of Italian 'foodie heaven'. And for those in the know, the old-world menu also holds many surprises. Through the years, celebrities from all walks of life and politicians galore have passed thru. Open Tuesday through Sunday. Free parking lot and valet service. www.mariosrearthurave.com.

Artie's Steak & Seafood, 394 City Island Ave., Bronx, 718-885-9885

There are three dining rooms, each with its own color and flavor, along with a bustling bar/lounge. Private parties and meetings for up to 75 guests. ArtEvents, their special off premise catering arm, can help you create a special function right in your home or office. The Zagat N.Y.C. Restaurant Survey designated Artie's Steak & Seafood one of the best in the Bronx. Owner Spiro Chagares and his staff

offer patrons an inspired melding of traditional and contemporary dishes served with flair. Sit back in one of several dining areas and enjoy such changing specialties as: hearty Seafood Chowders; Smoked Salmon Roll-Ups; Wood Grilled Jumbo Shrimp and Scallops; hunks of tender Short Rib; a massive Zuppa Di Pesce; tender Oven Roasted Rack of Lamb; Chardonnay Poached Salmon with seafood; and fresh Lobster prepared in a variety of styles. Craft beers. Open 7 days. Free parking. www.artiescityisland.com.

Mamma Francesca, 414 Pelham Road, New Rochelle 914-636-1229

When Nick DiCostanzo was growing up on the Island of Ischia on the Coast of Naples in Italy, his earliest memories where of the simple seaside meals he would enjoy with his family, farm-to-table and of course sea-to-table. As proprietor of Mamma Francesca for over 30 years, located on the banks of Long Island Sound with 6-story views of the 'Queen City's' seafaring boat clubs, this culinary philosophy still holds true, albeit with a sprinkling of contemporary taste. There are private and semi-private party facilities for up to 100 guests and catering packages to suit your needs. There is a talented new kitchen staff preparing a seasonal menu of robust Italian/American specialties. Daily Happy Hours. Off-premise catering. New woodburning pizza oven. Free parking. www.mammafrancesca.com.

La Panetiere, 530 Milton Road, Rye, 914-967-8140.

La Panetiere in Rye with its lush seasonal landscaping and the charm of the beautifully decorated dining rooms is a lovely spot for your event. Jacques Loupiac's long-running bastion of French cuisine on Milton Road in Rye will help you create an unforgettable experience. Your special event can be held in the small private room for up to 20 guests, yet another larger room for up to 55, and even the main dining room which can accommodate up to 100. The professional staff and Chef Dean Lupiac will help customize your gathering. Each course will be artfully plated. It feels nice to be pampered a bit in the Gallic way. It's the best way to visit Paris without leaving Westchester. The dress code has been relaxed so smart casual is fine. La Panetiere is open for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch Tuesday thru Sunday. Lovely private party facilities. Catering. Bar/lounge. Take out. Major credit cards. Ample parking. Reservations advised. www.lapanetiere.com.



Short rib with ziti at Mamma Francesca.

Dubrovnik, 721 Main Street, New Rochelle, 914-637-3777

Founded by Jerry Tomic, Dubrovnik became a sensation: Westchester's first restaurant devoted to Croatia, a multi-level 85-seat establishment with seasonal outdoor patio, state of the art temperature-controlled wine cellar, al fresco wood fire rotisserie BBQ, lush seasonal herb garden and bar/lounge. Talented Chef Selendic mans the kitchen and he will transport you to the beautiful Adriatic in flavorful style. Veteran restaurateur and operating manager Nada Bernic (previously of The Terrace in upper Manhattan), insists they use the finest ingredients in the seasonal marketplace. Most everything is house made from the bread to desserts. Pristine fish and seafood. Open 7 days for lunch and dinner. Handsome private party and meeting facilities for up to 120 guests include a wine cellar room and garden room for banquets. Valet parking. www.dubrovnikny.com.

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Red beets and Granny Smith apples at La Panetiere.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF STAR-DUST ADVISORS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with SSNY on 08/02/2018. Office location is New York County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **70 Pine Street, Apt. 3204, New York, NY 10005.** Purpose: Distribution of educational products and services to all NYS schools.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE ART CLOSET LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with SSNY on 09/26/2018. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **50 Old Roaring Brook Rd., Mount Kisco, NY 10549.** Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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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

Legal Notice

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.

Singer Returns to W'chester to Help School Drama Program

By Anna Young

Rising country singer Jessica Lynn never misses the chance to use her success to give back to her home community and provide opportunities to young performers.

This Friday evening, Lynn will be returning to Westchester County for a special concert at Port Chester Middle School's Archie Jacobs Auditorium to benefit the middle school drama program and its winter musical, "Mary Poppins." Growing up as a lover of theater and performance, Lynn said she wanted to help the students any way she could.

"I'm a really big believer that when you're lucky and blessed and you get to live this great life that it's important to give back," Lynn said. "I grew up volunteering, so I love giving back."

Raised in Yorktown and surrounded by a musical family, it was inevitable that Lynn found her way into the music business. While she began singing at four years old and started writing her own music as a teen, it wasn't until Lynn was 21 that she decided to pursue a solo career as a country music artist.

Trying to jumpstart her career, Lynn and her family, who are also members of her band, paid to tape a live performance



Jessica Lynn, a Yorktown resident and Lakeland High School graduate, will perform this Friday night at Port Chester Middle School to raise money for the school's drama program.

at The Winery at St. George in Mohegan Lake. The live show was picked up by PBS stations across the nation and aired to millions of viewers in 2014.

That led the Lakeland High School graduate to be signed to a songwriting and artist's contract in Nashville where she landed her first national tour sharing

the stage with country heavyweights Brad Paisley, Jake Owen and Chase Rice.

She followed that with a second PBS special in 2015 that was taped at the Paramount in Peekskill, which attracted more attention. From there, Lynn rocked her way onto another national tour sharing the bill with some of the biggest names in the genre, including Keith Urban, Tim McGraw and Jo Dee Messina.

Last summer, Lynn released her EP "Look at Me That Way" followed by the single "Crazy Idea," which was her first song to break into the Top 50 on the country charts. During her recently completed international tour that kicked off in May, Lynn released another single, "Let's Don't."

"It's been a really exciting year," Lynn said. "But we're really excited because the single just reached the country charts."

During this Friday's performance, the 28-year-old singer said the audience can expect to hear the hits that catapulted her career along with some covers. She said the 90-minute show will be a full-band show filled with high energy that will leave fans with a memorable experience.

"We're going to treat this like any other performance we've done around the world," Lynn said. "I'm really looking

forward to it, we've never done anything like this before in a school."

Lynn will be performing with her seven band members, including her father, bassist Peter Calamera; her mother, backup vocalist Victoria Calamera; and her husband, guitarist Steven Sterlacci.

While Lynn is no stranger to charity events and is excited about the upcoming performance, she said meeting the students, raising the money they need and being a role model for them is what's most exciting.

"There's no better feeling than knowing you've done something good for somebody else," she said. "When I see photos or I'm sitting there watching all the sets and costumes come together, it's going to be the coolest feeling knowing I had something to do with that. I know how much fun those kids are going to have in that production, and to be able to contribute and make a positive difference, is really, really special."

Port Chester Middle School is located at 113 Bowman Ave. Tickets for the concert are \$40 for adults and \$30 for students and seniors. Show time is 7:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the middle school drama department. For tickets and more information, visit www.showtix4u.com.



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. For a full listing of the upcoming week's events, visit www.theexaminernews.com and click on Happenings.

Tuesday, Oct. 30

Tuesdays@Dorries. Nadine Hunt-Robinson, White Plains Common Council Member on "White Plains: Vision 2025." Communities throughout the nation are concerned about the loss of brick and mortar stores, which includes loss of jobs. Successful cities also have to worry about skyrocketing rents and gentrification. Nadine Hunt-Robinson's discussion will include these topics and how White Plains has grown and continues to grow in the first quarter of this millennium. Nadine feels strongly that we must all reflect on the important question, "How do we make room for everybody?" 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.

Between Violence and Peace: Land Struggles and Internal Migrants in Colombia. From different disciplinary

perspectives, this panel will explore the social tensions and political fractures that underpinned a 50-year conflict between the Colombian state and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia that have far from subsided despite a cease fire and peace agreement. 5:30-7 p.m. Heimbald Visual Arts Center, Donnelley Film Theatre, Sarah Lawrence College. The series is open to the public. To RSVP please e-mail collegeevents@sarahlawrence.edu.

Manhattanville Distinguished Lecture Series. Implementing the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) as it Relates to Equity; 4:20 p.m., in the West Room, Reid Castle, Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase Street, Purchase. Speaker: Betty A. Rosa, Chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents and Regent for the Twelfth Judicial District (Bronx County). This is a free event and open to the public. Registration is appreciated, 914-323-3153.

Wednesday, Oct. 31

Happy Halloween!

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

Noonday Getaway Concert. Pianists Svetlana Gorokhovich and Irena Portenko join forces for an extraordinary

concert which features the Symphony No. 6 in B minor of Peter Ilych Tchaikovsky (Pathetique) as arranged by the composer for piano four hands. This concert is given in appreciation and thanks to Joanna D'Addario for her sustained volunteer work in the field of Music Education with the young people of White Plains and Westchester; and her inspired leadership with the Daffodil Program of the White Plains Beautification Foundation. 12:10 p.m. at Grace Church, Main and Church Streets, White Plains. Free event, donations accepted.

Thursday, Nov. 1

Trove Time. Trove Time is an early literacy playtime for children ages 2-4 with a caregiver. Children and their caregiver will play together, hear stories, and learn about enriching a child's life and increasing their early literacy skills. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis beginning 30 minutes prior to the program; 11 a.m. Sponsored by Frog Rock Foundation, the Friends of White Plains Public Library, and the White Plains Public Library Foundation. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Thursday Cinema @ The Trove: "Coco" Aspiring musician Miguel, confronted with his family's ancestral ban on music,

enters the Land of the Dead to find his great-great-grandfather, a legendary singer. Rated PG 105 minutes; 7 p.m. White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Friday, Nov. 2

Mexican Consulate On Wheels. The Consulate General of Mexico will be processing passports, consular IDs and birth certificates. Make your free appointment using MEXITEL: Telephone: 1.877.639.4835 Internet: <https://mexitel.sere.gob.mx/citas.webportal/>. For more information about requirements, prices and other information visit: <https://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/nuevayork>; 10 a.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains. Also 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3.

Comic Book Club. Discuss new titles and learn drawing and sketching techniques from a local artist. Pizza will be served; 4 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Saturday, Nov. 3

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

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Tales & Toys – Vehicles. Families with children ages 2-5 are invited to hear some terrific tales of cars, trucks, planes, boats and things that go followed by free play with the Trove's vehicle toys! Storytime at 11 a.m. followed by free play. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Autumn Bird Walk. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Playland Park, Rye, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Light the Night. Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Westchester/

Lower Hudson Valley, Light The Night, 5 p.m. at Kingsland Point Park in Sleepy Hollow. To join the walk, register at: <http://www.lightthenight.org/events/westchester-and-lower-hudson-valley>.

Judaica Craft Show: The only show of its kind in the Northeast, opens at Bet Am Shalom Synagogue 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. 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. Bet Am Shalom Synagogue, 295 Soundview Avenue in White Plains.

Sunday, Nov. 4

Christine Ebersole in Concert. The White Plains Performing Arts Center (WPPAC) will celebrate its 15th Anniversary with Broadway's own Christine Ebersole gracing the WPPAC stage for the Crystal Anniversary Gala. There are tickets available at every level - including a post-show VIP reception. The White Plains Performing Arts Center is located on the third level of City Center, White Plains. For tickets visit the theatre box office Monday-Friday (11 a.m. to 6 p.m.), purchase the tickets online at wppac.com or call 914-328-1600.

Fall Survival Skills. And shelter building at Marshlands Conservancy, Rye 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Diwali: A Celebration Of Light. A program with stories, traditional Indian dances and other activities to celebrate the triumph of good over evil; 2 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

What Should We Read Next? An Event for Book Groups and Other Passionate Readers. Come hear Carol Fitzgerald, publishing insider extraordinaire, discuss the new fall books (and the stories behind the books), recommend authors not to miss, and suggest titles that will work with your book group. With refreshments and plenty of fun giveaways; 2 p.m.; White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Monday, Nov. 5

Mother Goose Time. 11 a.m. Rhymes, songs and stories that encourage early literacy skills for the littlest library-goer from birth to 2 years old with caregiver. At 11:30 am, age-appropriate toys are brought out for a half-hour playtime encouraging socialization skills. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Meditation/Reflection Room. 12:15 p.m. Stop in for a few minutes or longer to re-group during your lunch hour. The

Library provides a quiet place for self-guided meditation and reflection. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Match-Up Mondays. 4 p.m. Card games, board games and retro video game tournaments. Each week will have something new. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Game On! 1 - 3 Graders Join us to have fun playing awesome board games To make sure everyone is safe and comfortable, tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis 30 minutes before the start of the program. We suggest you arrive early. Begins at 4:30 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Chess Club. Play Chess! All skill levels welcome, ages 9+, teens, and adults; 7 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

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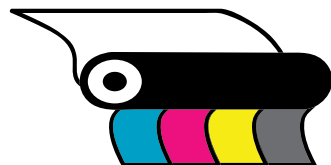
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