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### WP Middle School Students Perform Shakespeare



"Breaking Down the Bard," brings Shakespeare to Eastview Middle School in White Plains, in a program directed by Artist-in-Residence Wendy Baker. Pictured, sixth graders present a scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

### **Bikeshare Launches in White Plains**

By Pat Casey

In step with plans to encourage more cycling in White Plains along with increased and safer bike lane construction and racks in public places, ofo and Lime, two bikeshare companies, were introduced to the city on Monday during a ceremony at Renaissance Plaza.

Ofo, which started in China in 2014 and now has over 10 million bikes deployed globally, is making its first entry into the region with the program in White Plains.

Lime was initiated in 2017 in the United States and has expanded to Europe.

Both systems are dockless – you can take a bike where you want and leave it when you are finished riding, as long as it is left legally and safely, not in the public right-of-way. Existing bike racks in parking facilities and outside buildings are suitable deposit locations.

The White Plains Common Council adopted a dockless bike share ordinance

in March. The ordinance creates a oneyear pilot program and authorizes the city to establish a permit process through which dockless bikeshare operators can operate within the city. The ordinance includes detailed operating standards as well as standards for the bikes themselves. Permitted operators will be able to deploy up to 150 bikes in the first 30 days of operation. Additional bikes would need the approval of the city.

The ofo bikes are yellow and Lime's, obviously, a lime green.

The operators will be responsible for maintaining their fleet of bikes and for "rebalancing" the bikes around the city on a regular basis.

To join, you download either app to your smartphone to locate the bikes nearby. They are fitted with GPS and a unique identification number.

Riders need to be 18 to participate and must follow local helmet laws.

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# **Progress in Mail Service Quality, But Some Problems Persist**

By Pat Casey

The severe drop in the quality of mail service over the past year in Westchester County has been mirrored in communities across the nation. In many cases the problem has not been merely a lack of service, but outright criminal activity as mail is stolen from post boxes and some postal service employees have been implicated.

Customers have been advised to use online banking rather than sending written checks through the mail and to bring their outgoing mail directly to the post office rather than dropping it into an outside box.

Just last week, Yonkers was hit with a series of mailbox thefts and

Congresswoman Nita Lowey's (D-Harrison) office released a statement demanding that the United States Postal Service (USPS) explain and remedy the causes of the loss of 20 passport applications in Tappan.

In this instance, a Rockland County resident informed Lowey's office that the Connecticut Passport Agency in Stamford, told him that his daughter's passport application was among 20 applications lost in the mail following an April 20 passport event at the Tappan Post Office.

The Connecticut Passport Agency confirmed that it never received the applications and was making emergency appointments for every case.

In September 2017, Lowey met with United States Postal Service Deputy Postmaster General Ron Stroman to discuss the postal issues in Westchester and Rockland, bringing to his attention dozens of specific cases and demanding action

Then in May, Lowey was joined by Lower Hudson Valley elected officials and residents at the White Plains postal center to further demand long-term solutions to the systemic issues of mail delivery that seemed to stem from mismanagement and a reduction in the number of postal employees.

Most of the Westchester complaints until last week were focused on mail being delivered to the wrong address and packages not arriving, not outright theft.

Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner also has reached out to the USPS for action. He recently contacted the new Westchester Postal Service Operations Manager, Roxanne Hosein, for her comments.

The Westchester District serves 1.1 million delivery addresses.

"Returning to the Postal Service's Westchester District is like a professional homecoming for me. My postal management career was launched in Westchester over 20 years ago in positions focusing on customer relations, marketing and postal operations. Living in Westchester, obtaining my MBA at

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Mercy and now returning to work in Westchester, I have a personal interest and committed in making a positive influence for my neighbors, colleagues and residents of Westchester. It is genuinely gratifying to return to be part of the 5,327 USPS

"Customers have been advised to use online banking rather than sending written checks through the mail." Westchester team who are committed in strengthening and delivering our brand," Hosein wrote in an email to Feiner.

Over the June 2 weekend many "We're Listening Weekend" events were held in local post office lobbies where managers talked with customers.

Hosein suggests that unsatisfied customers who were not able to speak directly with managers, call the toll-free Customer Care Center at 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777) or send an email by visiting USPS.com, clicking on "Contact Us" at the bottom of the homepage, and following the prompts.

#### Bikeshare Launches in White Plains

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In the app, you tap an "unlock" button and scan the QR code on the bike to automatically unlock. When you arrive at your destination, use the app to lock the bike and your trip is ended.

The ofo rental cost is \$1 per hour and begins once the bike is unlocked and ends when it is locked.

Ofo's CEO David Dai and his partners first introduced the bikeshare concept to students at Peking University where they convinced 2,000 students to add their bicycle to their registry. The registry was accessed through a mobile app and allowed participants to use any registered bike, anywhere, any time.

The platform became so popular that it expanded to five more campuses within three months. Building on this momentum, the company revised its operating model to offer users standardized bicycles and expanded to major cities across China and then internationally. The company estimates that every mile traveled by bike



SOURCE: OFO WEBSITE.

Dockless bike sharing was introduced to White Plains on Monday.

lowers carbon emissions by .77 lbs (as compared to driving) and that to date ofo riders have reduced aggregate carbon emissions by over 13,500 tons.





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# **Burke Unveils First-ever Caregiver Center at Rehab Hospital**

**By Anna Young** 

Burke Rehabilitation Hospital held a special ceremony last Wednesday as officials unveiled the first-ever caregiver center at the White Plains facility.

After Bryan Marsal underwent knee replacement surgery last year, he quickly realized during his stay at the rehab center that while he would soon recover others wouldn't be so lucky.

"I had some dark days, but it finally dawned on me that I was going to get better," Marsal said at the May 30 unveiling. "But what I witnessed when I was here was that while I was going to get better, and I knew I was going to get better, I sat around and watched people who were victims of a stroke or amputees. People who had much worse problems than I had, particularly from a standpoint that I was getting better."

After receiving constant love and patience from his wife, doctors and his own caregiver, Marsal was inspired to donate to the hospital to help those who needed it most.

When someone experiences a lifechanging illness or injury, it affects not only the patient, but also their family, friends and support system. With patients often staying longer at Burke to receive the adequate treatment necessary for recovery, the Marsal Caregiver Center will provide a great level of support for the patient's family.

The 1,657-square-foot facility is a bright, calm and open space equipped with a kitchenette, a conference room, a work area with tables and computers, a private tranquility room and a special space reserved for professional care.

Caregivers too experience the emotional, mental and physical anguish associated with their responsibilities and often display symptoms of depression, stress related disorders or diminished immune responses, hospital officials said.

"Burke is opening the Marsal Caregiver Center to expand the definition of caring beyond our primary patients to the care of their dedicated family members and loved ones,"

vice president of patient experience Colleen Borrelli said. "Caring for the caregiving will enhance the recovery of our patients, and help caregivers be in a better physical and mental place, themselves, enabling everyone to adapt to new physical challenges, limitations and demands."



Jeffrey Menkes, president and CEO, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital; Dr. Philip Ozuah, president and COO, Montefiore Health System; Moses Osafo, Burke employee and the Marsals' inspiration for helping fund the center; Dr. Steven M. Safyer, president and CEO, Montefiore Medicine; Bryan and Kathleen Marsal, donors and caregiver advocates; John R. McCarthy, chair, Burke Board of Trustees; and George Latimer, Westchester County Executive.

Carla Assenza will be the director of the new caregiver center and will soon be joined by a team of highly trained volunteers who will undergo training that will focus on active listening and rapport building.

While the facility is the first caregiver center at a rehabilitation hospital in the country, it joins the Montefiore Health System as the fifth caregiver center.

"Having the nation's first caregiver center in a rehabilitation hospital will enable Burke to strengthen our ability to improve the lives of patients, their families and the community," Burke president and CEO Jeffrey Menkes said. "Resources like this will help keep Burke at the forefront of rehabilitate care."





## NYS Is Gearing Up for a Dramatic Rise in Ticks

New York State has some of the highest numbers of disease cases from ticks in the U.S. From 2004 to 2016, these numbers totaled 69,313, second only to Pennsylvania with 73,610, according to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention. So it was a timely announcement last week from New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo who unveiled a statewide tickborne disease control plan. Details include expansion of tick control methods on public lands; increased education aimed

at hikers, hunters and others at high risk; and a charge to the NYS Department of Health to pursue research partnerships to develop better diagnostic tests. A summit will be held this summer to advance the necessary research on Lyme and other tick-borne illnesses as part of this new state initiative.

More than a dozen tick-borne illnesses have been identified by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention, including five that infect residents in the Hudson Valley region. Lyme disease is

the most common and the most well-known, but anaplasmosis, ehrlichiosis and babesiosis are increasing as well. Powassan disease, a rarer and potentially deadly infection, is also carried by the same blacklegged tick, or "deer tick," that transmits Lyme disease, anaplasmosis and babesiosis.

Testing for Lyme disease is currently challenging. If a blood test is performed too early, the results may come back negative even though the person is really infected. The test is most accurate a full

week after the suspected bite so that a person's antibodies have risen enough to be detected. A physician makes the final diagnosis based on a combination of available tests, observation of the patient, and the patient history and description of symptoms. Currently the only way Lyme disease can be diagnosed with certainty is when the patient has the telltale bullseye rash. However, this only occurs in 70 to 80 percent of infected individuals. This summer, academic institutions, local health departments and professional organizations will gather at the summit to strategize about advancing diagnosis, prevention, and other best practices.

Another challenge is that a small percentage of patients who get Lyme disease have continuing symptoms after completing treatment with antibiotics. They may complain of fatigue, joint pain or muscle aches. However the cause of these lingering symptoms is not completely understood. Sometimes this is called "chronic Lyme disease," but the accurate medical name is "post-treatment Lyme disease syndrome."

Residents who have been bitten by a tick and develop symptoms within 30 days should visit their healthcare provider. The most common symptoms include fever/chills, aches and pains, and a skin rash. Providers will evaluate symptoms and order diagnostic tests if indicated. For more details, visit the CDC's webpage on "Symptoms of Tickborne Illness."







# White Plains Lawyer Hears Europe Court's Future

Personally invited by Slovenian Supreme Court Judge Jan Zobec, John Vorperian, a lawyer residing in White Plains, recently attended Nova University, Ljubljana, Slovenia for an exclusive talk by European Human Rights Advocacy Centre Director and Middlesex University Professor Philip Leach about "The Future of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR)."

One of Europe's foremost authorities on Human Rights Law and an active solicitor who has brought claims against Russia, Turkey and the UK for such violations, Leach detailed the multiple stresses being imposed upon the ECHR by Russia and the West.

Leach stated, before an audience of Slovenian law

professors, law students and solicitors, Russia has begun withholding funding to the Court, and has ignored or declared certain Court rulings as void, while in Western democracies like Britain, the



Jan Zobec far left; Vorperian 3rd from left; Philip Leach 4th from left; 5th from left Dr. Jernej Cernic; 2nd from right Milder Vorperian, others are Slovenian attorneys.

media regularly runs sensationally hyped news stories against the ECHR that are factually inaccurate.

"Jan, aware of my personal activities for global recognition of the Armenian Genocide and concern for human rights,

felt I had to hear first-hand Professor Leach's critical and timely assessment," said Vorperian.

Later, the sole American lawyer in attendance found he was asked by some attendees various questions about President Trump. Vorperian noted, "The White House better understand a fractured Europe is a dangerous thing. Keeping and improving our transatlantic alliance is imperative for the USA and our country's interest."

Based in Strasbourg, France, the International Court established in 1959 is charged with supervising the enforcement of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, which was ratified by the Council of Europe comprised of 47 nations



# **Legislators Support Push for Creation of Westchester Veterans Court**

Westchester County could be on its way to establishing a dedicated Veterans Treatment Court.

The Westchester County Board of Legislators' Committees on Budget and Appropriations and on Social Services addressed the value of such a court in a joint meeting last Wednesday.

Although there's no set date for the launch of the special court, Judge Kathie Davidson, administrative judge for the Ninth Judicial District, affirmed to the committees that she is a strong advocate for the establishment of one.

Such a court could provide alternatives to incarceration for veterans. It also directs veterans who find themselves caught up in the judicial system to a variety of services including treatment for Post Traumatic Stress, brain injury, substance abuse and other services.

Budget and Appropriations Chair Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) and Legislators Nancy Barr (D-Rye Brook), Damon Maher (D-New Rochelle) and Majority Leader Catherine Parker (D-Rye), were joined by Judge Davidson and Westchester County Judge David Everett on a visit to a Veterans Treatment Court in the Bronx on Friday.

"Our visit to the Bronx Veterans court gave Westchester judges and elected officials a powerful example of how a



Pictured left to right: Robert E. Torres, Administrative Judge, Criminal Term (Bronx County); Leg. Nancy Barr; Majority Leader Leg. Catherine Borgia; Leg. Catherine Parker; Assemblywoman Sandy Galef; Westchester County Judge David Everett; Bronx County Supreme Court Justice- Nicholas J. lacovetta; Dwayne Gathers, Program Coordinator of Bronx Veterans Court and President/CEO of Bronx Veterans Court Mentors, Inc.; Martha Lopez, Office of Westchester County Executive; Leg. Damon Maher; Crystal Collins, Office of Westchester County Executive; Kathie E. Davidson, 9th Judicial District Administrative Judge (Westchester Co.); Moe Mohanna, Bronx Veterans Court Program Mentor

Westchester Veterans Court can impact the lives of veterans," said Borgia. "We owe the brave men and women who served our nation every opportunity to succeed. I'm so grateful to all who created this model for us to replicate and also to Administrative Judge Kathie Davidson and Judge David Everett for their commitment to bringing such a court to Westchester."

Also on hand for the visit was State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining), Bronx Administrative Judge Robert E. Torres, Bronx Supreme Court Justice Nicholas J. Iacovetta, Dwayne Gathers -- program coordinator of Bronx Veterans Court and president and CEO of Bronx Veterans Court Mentors, Inc.; as well as Martha Lopez and Crystal Collins from the office of Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Moe Mohanna, a Bronx Veterans Count Program Mentor.

On Wednesday, the committees also heard from Dr. Betty Campbell, Commissioner of Jurors Westchester County and Director 9th JD Problem Solving Courts, about the current County Veteran's Treatment Track programs in courts in New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, White Plains and Yonkers. The programs steer veterans who have become involved in the criminal justice system towards services, and connect those veterans with veteran mentors. The program was described as the first steps along the way to a full-fledged Veterans Court program.

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### **Obituaries**

### Umberto Puja

Umberto Puja, a retired general contractor and White Plains resident, died June 2 at the age of 86.

He was born April 20, 1932 in San Vito, Calabria, Italy to the late Nicola and Felicia Puja.

Umberto came to the United States in 1967. He and his brother Joseph were partners in U & J General Contractors in White Plains. They completed such jobs as the Purdy House, Mapleton House, White Plains Rural Cemetery and the White Plains Senior Center.

He will be deeply missed by his wife of 50 years, Victoria, and his children Felicia (Rich) Lotito and Nick (Nicole) Puja and his grandchildren Michael, Daniel, Nicholas and Nessa. Also surviving are his loving in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is predeceased by six siblings.

Umberto will be remembered as a hardworking, respectful and generous man.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to White Plains Hospital, Calvary Hospital, or St. Jude's in Umberto's memory.

### **Dorothy Keegan**

Dorothy M. Keegan of White Plains and North Beach Haven, NJ, formerly of Passaic, NJ, died peacefully May 29 at White Plains Hospital. She was 95.

Born December 31, 1922 in Passaic, she was the daughter of Dora Dyt Mitchell and William P. Mitchell.

Dorothy graduated from The Berkeley School with a secretarial certificate and worked at U.S. Rubber Company in Passaic for several years.

She married her kindergarten sweetheart, Joseph M. Keegan, on Nov. 3, 1945. They were married for almost 62

years until his death, October 21, 2007. Joseph was an attorney who served in the New Jersey State Legislature for 10 years.

She enjoyed spending summers on Long Beach Island with her family and was a long-time volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital in Passaic.

Survivors include her daughter, Patricia Keegan Abels; grandson, Kevin; granddaughter Kathleen and her wife, Emily Temple; sister Eileen M. Fitzpatrick and many nieces and nephews. A brother, William C. Mitchell, predeceased her.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter or a charity of your choice.



#### Clara Harmon

Clara M. Harmon, a longtime White Plains resident, died May 28 at the age of 98.

She was born Oct. 26, 1919 in Mount Vernon to the late Richard and Mary Holley.

On June 29, 1941, she married Richard Harmon. He predeceased her in 1988.

Clara was a longtime member of Grace Episcopal Church in White Plains where she was a member of the Altar Guild and the Episcopal Church Women's Club. Clara also volunteered her time in both the church offices and the Thrift Shop.

She is survived by her children; Linda Harmon of Hartsdale and Marilyn Scimia of Pawling, NY and a grandson, Edward Scimia Jr. of Bethel, CT.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to either the Alzheimer's Association or to Grace Episcopal Church.

### Westchester Bank Named a Best Company to Work for in NYS

The Westchester Bank has recently been honored as a 2018 Best Company to Work for in New York State. This is the second consecutive year the Bank has been so recognized and the first time as a "Top 10" Best Company in the small-sized employer category (ranking #9).

These annual awards are hosted by The New York State Society for Human Resource Management.

John Tolomer, President and CEO of The Westchester Bank stated, "A Top 10 selection as a Best Company to Work For is a great reflection on the character and quality of people working here at the Bank. We view each team member as a valuable contributor to the Bank's success. It's personally rewarding to see a staff that not only enjoys what they do but also appreciates the camaraderie that makes the work environment that much more



John Tolomer, President and CEO of The Westchester Bank

# Fighting Against a Proposed Title X Rule Change m shocked to find myself needing accurate information from your doctor.

I am shocked to find myself needing to fight for the care of my neighbors. The Trump-Pence administration has issued notice of a proposed rule change that would strip affordable health care from millions of Americans. It is a domestic gag rule, one that would limit available information and options necessary for the health of an individual. I will not stand for this attempt to take away women's basic rights. Period.

Title X is our nation's program for affordable reproductive health care, and more than four million people depend on it. The proposed gag rule would make it near impossible for patients to receive birth control or preventive care from reproductive health centers like Planned Parenthood. Under this rule, health professionals could no longer refer their patients for safe, legal abortion. Most importantly, this change removes the guarantee that you're getting full and

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accurate information from your doctor. For nearly two decades, Title X law has been clear: Health care providers cannot withhold information from you about your pregnancy options. This rule means they can.

All women deserve access to vital health services such as STI testing and treatment, affordable contraception, and routine women's health exams. I am lucky to be interning with Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic, as it has shown me all the good that we can do when we advocate for our health and the health of our neighbors. This is not a popular rule, and by no means should it pass by us silently. I am asking you to stand together. Speak loudly, for your children, your spouses, your friends, and all those who deserve proper care.

-Becca Marcus, Westchester Resident and Intern, Public Affairs, Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic

### Bronx River Parkway Closure Tuesday, June 5

The Westchester County Dept. of Public Works and Transportation has announced that Exit 1 (Chatterton Ave./ Route 119) on the Bronx River Parkway southbound will be closed for paving operations between 10 am and 12 noon on Tuesday, June 5.

Motorists will be able to reenter southbound Bronx River Parkway at the Main Street entrance ramp.



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### **Next Executive Director at Westchester Children's Association Selected**

The Board of Directors of the Westchester Children's Association (WCA) announced last week the selection of Allison Lake as the organization's new executive director.

Lake's appointment, which is effective July 1, comes after a four-month executive search process. She replaces longtime executive Cora Greenberg, who is retiring.

Lake joined the 104-year-old advocacy organization in 1998 as program director and was promoted to deputy director, her current position, in 2008. As deputy director, Lake oversaw all of WCA's programs and also managed a number of core, administrative functions.

"I feel empowered by the unanimous decision of the board to offer me this significant position and am grateful for the chance to lead WCA into its second century," Lake said. "I am also grateful to current (executive director) Cora Greenberg for her leadership. She has been an outstanding mentor through the years. I am awed by her vote of confidence and support in my transition."

One ofher most important contributions to youth development was the leadership role she played in the successful effort to raise the age of criminal responsibility in New York, known as the RTA campaign. The statewide RTA coalition worked for years to convince New York lawmakers to pass a bill that would end New York's



Allison Lake will take over as the executive director of the Westchester Children's Association this summer.

status as one of the last two states in the nation to automatically prosecute 16- and 17-year-olds in the adult court system.

Finally, late last year, state policymakers agreed that the Fiscal Year 2018 budget would include legislation that raised the age of criminal responsibility to 18. Now, under Lake's experienced hand, WCA is well positioned to influence the complex process of implementing the new law.

Lake has deep experience working in

the youth development field. Prior to joining WCA, she held positions with the YWCA of White Plains and Central Westchester, Associated Black Charities and the National Civic League. Her volunteer work speaks volumes of her commitment to giving back, starting with her Peace Corps service in West Africa and extending to a wide range of groups, including REACH Prep in Stamford, the Greenburgh Public Library, the Lois Bronz Children's Center in White Plains and Greenwich Academy.

Lake holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Amherst College and

an MBA with a focus on finance and international business from NYU. In her junior year at Amherst, she studied at The Institute for American Universities in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Since 1914, Westchester Children's Association has remained steadfast in its mission to improve the lives of Westchester's young people by shaping policies and programs to meet their needs and by keeping their well-being at the top of the public agenda.

For more information about the WCA's mission, initiatives and events, visit www. wca4kids.org.



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### Your Home Colors Depend on Whether You're Moving or Staying

For many years, I lived in a large, 14-room colonial that presented many opportunities in selecting paint colors. Now that I live in a gorgeous condo but with a quarter of the space, I live with only one wall color: off-white, and having to choose an exterior color is not an issue.

Color is the most arresting, yet economical way to identify a home's character. While the exteriors of houses tend to subscribe to an unwritten code of neutral colors to conform to the sensitivities of the neighborhood, this is not always the case. Much to the consternation of some of my former neighbors, there was a bright sunflower yellow house in my community not far from an unabashed purple house, complemented by a pink stone driveway. One realtor told me they were both spite jobs to disagreeable neighbors, but I prefer to think that the homeowners just happen to be winsome and expressive.

Beyond personal expression, paint serves the practical purpose of being the cheapest, most effective picker-upper to a house's appearance, especially at sale time.

"It's the easiest way to upgrade a home," said Joe Pascarelli, a longtime house painter.

Pascarelli knows a lot about paint. He said that the selection of color for either a house's interior or exterior is determined primarily by whether owners plan to "hunker down" for a long spell or to put their home up for sale.

"When they want to move, I suggest a lighter palette of mostly neutral colors, like off-whites that will appeal to the most people," Pascarelli said. "Mostly, they want their home to look clean and bright to put on the best face to the buyer."

If you're not selling, the whole rainbow is your spectrum and certain colors can create illusions beyond the actual dimension of a room. Tips I learned in a realtor's decorating course are that cool colors (any that contain the primary color blue) make rooms feel

larger and also bring a feeling of calmness. Warm colors (containing yellow or red) are stimulating and inviting and are good for making large rooms feel cozier and warmer. While softer or muted colors are preferred for the body of the house, deep or bright colors are best used for accents and trim.

For determining the cost of painting an exterior, Pascarelli said that he listens to the

The Home Guru



By Bill Primavera

customer's requirements and factors in all characteristics of the home: the number of windows, doors, shutters and the amount of preparation that must be done. That preparation includes a power wash, checking for and correcting any rot, caulking, sanding and a prime coat. If the house is being painted the same color, it may require just one top coat, but a change in color may require several coats

Asked for the cost to paint the exterior of an average sized house in Westchester or Putnam, Pascarelli estimated \$5,000 to \$7,000. Inside painting for the average house also depends on a number of factors, such as whether the color of every room is being

changed, whether there are crown and base moldings and whether windows are vinyl or wood.

"Here, costs are lower because most clients don't paint the entire interior," Pascarelli noted, "but if the entire house is being re-painted, it tends to be a larger job and costs toward the higher end of the cost for painting the exterior."

Painting a single room usually costs

between \$400 and \$500, he said.

If you decide to paint yourself, here's a neat trick to determine how much paint you'll need. For a ceiling, let's say, multiply the length by the width and divide that number by 350 to determine how many gallons of paint you will need. The 350 number is derived from the fact that most gallons of paint will cover 350 square feet. Do the same thing for the sidewalls. Add the length of each wall, multiply that number by the height of the wall and divide by 350.

If you don't want to go through the trouble yourself, leave it to a pro like my longtime buddy and service provider Joe Pascarelli. He can be reached at 914-330-3889.

By the way, I eventually got to meet the owners of both the sunflower yellow house and the purple house in my community. I found them both to be very happy people who were delighted with their color choices. In fact, the owner of the purple house chooses that color for all her fashion, including her eyeglass frames.

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# Hollywood Classics Get Big Screen Treatment in New Burns Series

#### **By Neal Rentz**

Film fans can view classic movies at home. But even home theaters showing Blu-ray discs are not the same as experiencing beloved classics on the big screen, said Jacob Burns Film Center Senior Programmer Andrew Jupin.

Jupin and Burns Programming Director Brian Ackerman have put together a new eight-film series that begins this week, "Back on the Big Screen: Hollywood Highlights 1952-1982." It runs from June 6 through June 28.

He said while the Burns presents many contemporary "cutting edge" films, it also has a mission to show classic movies as they were originally meant to be presented – in a theater on the big screen. Jupin said that his most important job is arranging for revival film screenings at the Pleasantville film center.

The films in this series are meant for the big screen and are intended to be a fun way to kick off the summer season, Jupin said. Two of his favorites in the series are "Vertigo" and "Blade Runner."

"Vertigo" is the 1958 Alfred Hitchcock masterpiece starring James Stewart and Kim Novak that was called the greatest film of all time in a critic's poll conducted



JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER PHOTOS

"Singin' in the Rain," starring Gene Kelly, is the opening film in the "Back on the Big Screen, Hollywood Highlights 1952-82," scheduled for June 6-28 at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

by Sight & Sound magazine. It will be presented on Thursday, June 14.

"Vertigo" is considered one of Hitchcock's best films and is "beautifully shot" from its memorable opening credits sequence, Jupin said.

Another strikingly filmed movie that

Jupin admires is "Blade Runner." Though the futuristic sci-fi movie was originally released in 1982, the Burns will be presenting director Ridley Scott's 2007 version.

"We are screening the definitive version of Ridley Scott's groundbreaking vision, complete with additional footage and upgraded special effects," Jupin said.

While "Blade Runner" is a cult film, spawning a sequel released last fall, the movie, starring Harrison Ford, was

considered a commercial failure in its initial release, Jupin said.

The series kicks off with "Singin' in the Rain," starring Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor. The 1951 musical comedy was co-directed by Kelly and Stanley Donen.

Other films in the series are "The French Connection," the 1971 Academy Award winner for Best Picture directed by William Friedkin that features one of the most famous chase sequences in cinematic history; the 1957 Best Picture "The Bridge on the River Kwai," directed by David Lean; Lean's 1962 Best Picture honoree "Lawrence of Arabia," the film that brought Peter O'Toole international acclaim; Stanley Kubrick's 1960 epic "Spartacus" and the director's cut of the 1977 Steven Spielberg science fiction classic "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

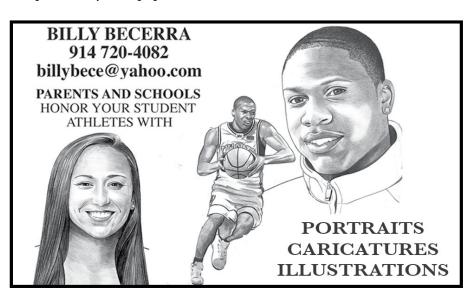
While the movies featured in the series are enjoyed by film buffs and students of the art form, the Burns offers a place for filmgoers, including younger audiences, to be introduced to classics they may not have seen, Jupin said.

"It is really important to look back," he said.

The Jacob Burns Film Center is located at 364 Manville Rd. in Pleasantville. For more information, including movie schedules and tickets, call 914-747-5555 or visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.



Alfred Hitchcock's "Vertigo" starring Kim Novak will be presented on June 14 as part of the "Back on the Big Screen, Hollywood Highlights 1952-82" series.





### The Virtual Tour of Northern California Continues With Old World Focus



By Nick Antonaccio

week, continued our virtual tour to another small winery in California. I left you with the allure of Unti Winery and Vineyard, a

family-owned operated winery in the Dry Creek Valley appellation in Sonoma County.

A reader asked how I came upon this gem, amongst the hundreds of small wineries in northern California. My wife and I had visited George and Mick Unti by happenstance in the late 1990s.

I had become enamored with Zinfandel wines from northern California. On one of our many trips to California wine country, we decided to immerse ourselves in one of the sweet spots for producing Zinfandel. We focused on Sonoma County. We were able to meet and share wine with the folks who had dirt under their fingernails, the dirt of the true essence of their wines. It was exhilarating. During that trip I developed an ardor for the Dry Creek Valley and two wineries: Unti and Bella Vinevards.

When my wife and I found ourselves heading to Sonoma County again last year to seek out small wineries, Unti was at the top of our list.

In the late 1990s, the small tasting counter at Unti was in the equally small storage warehouse in the middle of the

Zinfandel vineyard. was king then; today it plays an important but less dominant role at the winery. This is not a function of Mick Unti's diminished passion for the grape, but rather expanding love of French and Italian grapes.

The philosophy of father-and-son the team has evolved over quarter-century of living the family dream. Savoring one of his latest releases in the new standalone tasting room, the family's selection

criteria for planting grapes became clear. Anchored in their Old World heritage and a sustainable approach to nurturing the land and climate of their 60 acres of vineyards, Mick energetically stated his mindset: "Which grapes and wines do we love that can viably be grown in our local terroir?"

The expression of the Unti wines is in their genes. You can sense their heritage in palpable ways. George's Tuscan-style home; the entrepreneurial passion that is not consumed with popularity or branding - it's for themselves and if others

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appreciate it, they're more than happy to spread their passion and their wines.

Here's an insight into Mick's focus on which grapes to grow and how to sell them. I asked him about his wine club, the lifeline of other small wineries with limited distribution means.

"I don't have one," he said. "Yes, I probably should have a subscription club, but it's more intimate send our current releases and offerings to our email customer list for their non-obligatory consideration."

Mick's passion is evident

and comes through in every description and narrative of a particular wine. In conversation, his pride and commitment to the Unti winery and philosophy is at times effusive, other times a subtle understatement.

"We identify the grapes to grow based on the affinity of our favorite grapes for our environment," Mick explained. "Yet we've experienced the many trials and tribulations of a small winery."

The European grapes grown at Unti are a classic example of American proclivity for experimentation. Why not grow Barbera grapevines, grown almost exclusively in the Piedmont region of Italy? Why not experiment with Picpoul grapevines, grown in Southwest France?

And the results are stunning.

The driving element that influences grapevine plantings is Mick's preference for acidic wines. This led to the Unti decision to supplement Zinfandel plantings with those of Sangiovese, Barbera, Aglianico, Mourvedre, Grenache and Syrah. Then, in 2004, in his "constant pursuit for high-acid wines," Mick decided to plant white varieties. Today, he gushes about the Unti expression of Fiano, Verdicchio, Grenache Blanc and Picpoul plantings. I am not aware of any other winery that vinifies such an expansive panoply of grape varieties.

The Untis have experimented with numerous grape varieties. Consumers benefit from George and Mick's diligence and perseverance over a quarter-century of passion. I encourage you to experiment. Join their mailing list today. I have.

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mediation by the court when the son refused to see his father. After discussions with the parents and step-parents, and speaking separately with the son, the mediator uncovered that the boy missed his dog when he was at his father's house, and that he did not like the way his stepmother reprimanded him.

The mediator worked out an agreement that let the son take his dog when visiting his father, and the mother and step-mother agreed to reprimand the son the same way. When the mediation ended, the son happily told the counselor, "I didn't know so many people loved me."

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#### Tuesday, June 5

Tuesdays@Dorry's. Cornell "Lord Judah" Carelock introduces True He(Art) Academy at Dorry's. Experience the "Super Hero Song Writer's" workshop, and journey through an adventure in Visual Art, Mindfulness, Heart-Focused Meditation, Healing and Creativity! Tuesdays@ Dorry's gathers conservation partners every Tuesday to share a meal and learn from presenters invited each week. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. presentation 6 to 7 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, 914-682-0005.

Grandpas United. The White Plains Youth Bureau, in collaboration with the North American Family Institute (NAFIA), will launch Grandpas United at 6 p.m. at the White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains. Grandpas United is a newly formed grandfathers group that has been established to provide inter-generational support opportunities to youth. Grandpas who volunteer with Grandpas United will serve as mentors and offer guidance and support to improve the lives of our youth, and ultimately, our community. Grandpas United will work to improve the educational and career outcomes and strengthen the overall life path of our youth. There are many grandfathers - both working and retired who are looking for ways to give back to the community. Grandpas United will provide a terrific opportunity to do just that. White Plains grandpas are encouraged to attend this kick-off meeting.

The Drifters and Tribute to The Platters. Enjoy your favorite music in a nostalgic night of fabulous hits. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. \$89 per person (plus tax). Show only: \$55 per person (plus tax).

Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

#### Wednesday, June 6

**Farmer's Market.** White Plains Outdoor Farmer's Market on Court Street at Main Street; open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Wednesday for the season.

Living Longer, Staying Stronger: A Day Designed for You. This conference will feature a presentation by the Executive Director of Generations United, Donna Butts, an internationally renowned expert, author and advocate from Washington D.C. who will speak on "Reaching Across Generations: Building a Longer, Stronger Life." The program will also include workshops, resources and a fitness activity. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Mercy College, Mercy Hall Rotunda, 555 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-813-6407 or e-mail cmn9@westchestergov.com.

Noonday Getaway Concert. The Musicians of the Westchester Philharmonic: Distinguished cellist Eugene Moye. 12:10 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church St., White Plains. This 30-minute free concert is open to the public, and is made possible, in part, with the generous support of Brian Wallach Agency, White Plains.

Lunchtime Meditation. At the White Plains Library. A weekly meditation program. No registration or equipment necessary. Starts promptly at 12:15 p.m. Brief beginning instruction will be followed by silent meditation. An experienced guest teacher will attend the first Wednesday of each month. For information please contact: Christiane Deschamps at 914-422-1496 or cdeschamps@whiteplainsny. gov.

Mother Nature's Storytime. Naturethemed stories, nature walks, live animals and/or crafts. For children two to four years old; with a parent or caregiver. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. Meets six consecutive Wednesdays. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: \$50 for six-week session. Nonmembers: \$90. Pre-registration required. Info and registration: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

#### Thursday, June 7

Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center Spring Luncheon. The luncheon will also feature a screening of the 18-minute documentary "The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm" followed by a discussion. Bet Am Shalom Synagogue, 295 Soundview Ave., White Plains. 12 to 2 p.m. \$36. Info: Contact Mille Jasper at 914-696-0738 or e-mail mjasper@hhrecny.org.

Armonk Lions 44th Annual Fol-de-Rol and Country Fair. The annual fair begins with rides and continues through the weekend with food, crafts, vendors, music and entertainment. Raffle tickets available for purchase to support the Lions' community service projects. Wampus Brook Park, Maple Avenue, Armonk. 6 to 10 p.m. Free admission. Also June 8 from 6 to 10 p.m., June 9 from 12 to 10 p.m. and June 10 from 12 to 5 p.m. Info: Visit www. armonklions.org.

"Hearts Beat Loud." In the hip Brooklyn neighborhood of Red Hook, single dad and record store owner Frank (Nick Offerman) is preparing to send his hardworking daughter, Sam (Kiersey Clemons) off to college, while being forced to close his vintage shop. Hoping to stay connected through their shared musical passions, Frank urges Sam to turn their weekly "jam sesh" into a father-daughter live act. After their first song becomes an Internet breakout hit, the two embark on a journey of love, growth and musical discovery. Filled with endless amounts of humanity and laughter, the latest from acclaimed writer/director Brett Haley is the kind of feel-good film we need right now. Followed by a Q&A with Haley. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$12. Nonmembers: \$17. Info and tickets: Visit www. burnsfilmcenter.org.

#### Friday, June 8

Hoff-Barthelson Music School Early Childhood Open House. Learn about all that the school's Early Childhood Program

has to offer. Children ages 9 months to 5 years and their parents and caregivers are invited to join in the fun of a music and movement class followed by a brief Q&A with faculty and a reception during which you can socialize with other families. Exercises and games during classes involve singing, moving and improvising; using small percussion instruments to promote inner hearing and rhythmic sensitivity; and working with a variety of whimsical materials to inspire the imagination. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 10 a.m. to noon. Demonstration class at 10:30 a.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: Contact Kathryn Kitt at 914-723-1169 or at kkitt@hbms.org.

Opening Reception for "Crazy Beautiful." The third iteration of this exhibit features paintings and sculptural objects that are celebratory and expansive. Each work a conscious offering of pleasure and outright, unabashed beauty. Luscious painting in a variety of media ranging from oil to encaustic to resin and powdered pigment by an array of artists. Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 1947 Palmer Ave., Larchmont. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through July 28. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and by appointment. Info: 914-834-8077 or visit www.kbfa.com.

"Phantom Thread." A screening of this Academy Award nominated film set in 1950s London. Reynolds Woodcock is a renowned dressmaker whose fastidious life is disrupted by a young, strong-willed woman who becomes his muse and lover. Followed by a discussion led by author and film buff Carol Durst-Wertheim Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

"Shock and Awe." An advance screening of the political docudrama written by Rob Reiner's "LBJ" screenwriter Joey Hartstone. It tells the politically charged story about real-life Knight-Ridder journalists Jonathan Landay (Woody Harrelson), Warren Strobel (James Marsden), John Walcott (Reiner) and Joseph Galloway (Tommy Lee Jones), who first looked into

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What's the Buzz With Honey Bees. Learn why honey bees are critical players in our lives and in the global economy. Observe and meet some of our resident pollinators out in the meadow. Includes a honey tasting direct from the hives on the property. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www. greenburghnaturecenter.org.

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the Bush Administration's attempts to tie Saddam Hussein to the 9/11 terror attacks despite a lack of true evidence to support the claim. The film follows the team's efforts to defend their journalistic integrity against a raft of misleading stories from the White House. Followed by a Q&A with Reiner, moderated by film critic Marshall Fine. The Picture House, 175 Wolfs Lane, Pelham. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Seniors, students and members: \$12. Info and tickets: Visit www.thepicturehouse.org.

"Vanities." The Small Town Theatre Company presents this staged play reading written by Jack Heifner. The story centers on the lives and friendship of three Texas cheerleaders starting from high school in 1963, continuing through college as sorority sisters in 1968 and ending with the dissolution of their friendship in 1974 in New York and their interests and livelihoods change and they are no longer as compatible with one another as they had been in their school days. Directed by Tom Kramer. Hergenhan Recreation Center, 40 Maple Ave., Armonk. 8 p.m. \$20. Also June 9. Info and tickets: Visit www. smalltowntheatre.com

Sinatra and Sextet Starring Frankie Sands. Recent inductee into the World Famous "Friars Club," Sands is one of the top Frank Sinatra tribute artists on the East Coast and will re-create "Mr. Sinatra's 1962 World Tour for Children's Charities." The 1962 tour featured 32 concerts in two months accompanied by a handpicked sixpiece band playing arrangements created specifically for this tour. Sands will be joined by Gary Pace (piano), Jeff Newell (woodwinds), Steve Lamattina (guitar), Ken Rizzo (bass), Gil Chimes (drums) and Bryan Carrot (vibraphone). White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 8 p.m. Adults: \$40. Seniors and students (high school and younger): \$35. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

#### Saturday, June 9

Farmer's Market. White Plains Outdoor Farmer's Market on Court Street at Main Street; open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday for the season.

Ponding Exploration. Learn about the critters that inhabit South Pond during a hands-on searching experience. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

Garden Show" Reception. This exhibit and fundraiser will showcase one-of-a-kind useable artwork continues through June 22. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 12 to 5 p.m. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www. mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

Op. 86," arrangements of harpsichord pieces by Couperin for orchestra; Mozart's "Concerto for Piano No. 24, K. 491, C minor" featuring faculty member Hélène Jeanney as a soloist; and concludes with Beethoven's majestic "Symphony No. 3" (Eroica). Recital Hall at the Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 7 p.m. Suggested admission: \$20. Students may attend free of charge. Info: 914-723-1169,

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# **Stepinac Season Ends in Final Eight of CHSAA Championship Tournament**

#### **By Albert Coqueran**

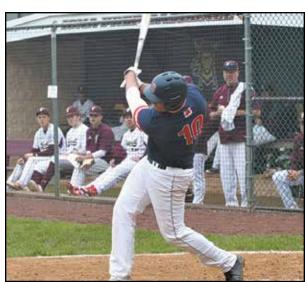
It was an emotional ending for the Stepinac Varsity Baseball Team, as Monsignor Farrell High School defeated the Crusaders, 4-2, in the Final Eight Elimination Game in the CHSAA AA Championship Tournament. Stepinac ends its 2018 season with a 17-10 overall record.

The CHSAA AA Opening Round and Championship Tournament is a double-elimination competition. The Crusaders beat St. Francis Prep, 2-1 in the Opening Round best two-out-of-three games series, to advance to the Championship Round.

On May 27, the Crusaders lost to the Terries, 4-3, in Game 1 of the Opening Round. But they bounced back to sweep a double-header against St. Francis, 4-2 and 10-4 on May 28.

Stepinac drew the seventh-seed in the Championship Round and faced the number two-seed Xaverian High School, at the neutral site of St. Joseph by the Sea High School, in Staten Island, on May 30.

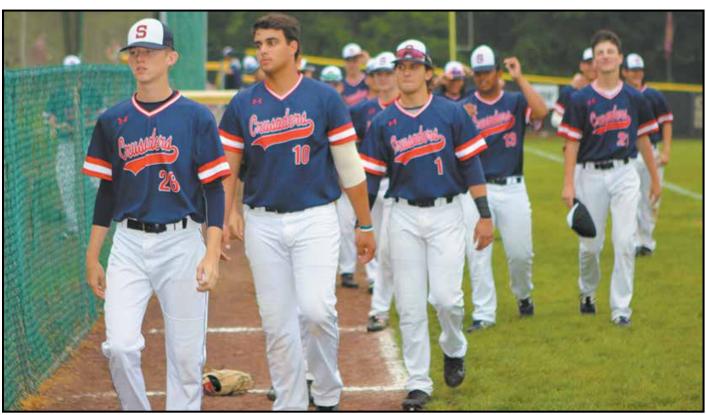
Despite two hits each by seniors Joey Cappiello and Matteo Falcone and seniors Johnathan Taps and Andrea Casabianca adding a RBI each, Stepinac fell to the Clippers, 5-2, in Game 1 of the Championship Tournament. Senior Ryan Ragone took the loss for the Crusaders, while manning the mound for five innings, with three strikeouts and four earned runs.



Crusaders senior Richie "R-Rod" Rodriguez slams a two-run double in the sixth inning to produce Stepinac's only runs in the game.

The very next day, the Crusaders packed their equipment and headed to Iona Prep High School to challenge the number three-seed Monsignor Farrell High School in the Round of Eight Elimination Game, on Thursday, May 31.

Farrell brought senior Jonathan LaPointe to the mound, who had previously beaten them on April 30, this season. LaPointe, who will pitch for Wagner College next season, allowed only



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

The Crusaders marched onto the field at Iona Prep to play Monsignor Farrell High School in the Final Eight Elimination Game in the CHSAA AA Championship Tournament. However, the number seventh-seeded Crusaders could not walk away with the victory as the number three-seeded Lions won 4-2 to end the season for Stepinac.

three hits, one walk, a hit-batsman and two runs, as the Clippers defeated the Crusaders, 4-2, ending their 2018 season. Farrell stifled the Crusaders efficient

hitting line-up, while allowing only one hit and no runs through five innings. But a costly walk to leadoff hitter Frankie Gomez and a hit-batsman to Falcone in the sixth

to even the score.

Then Senior Richie "R-Rod" Rodriguez came through as he has done all season and slammed a tworun double, which nearly cleared the right-field fence at Iona Prep. However the next batter Izaiah Walker grounded out to strand Rodriguez and end the scoring threat.

inning by LaPointe, gave the

Crusaders an opportunity

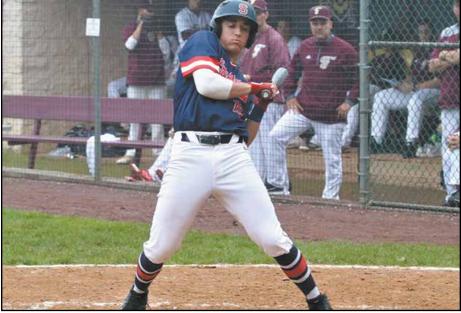
"He (LaPointe) is good. It took me a while to get used to him but I adjusted well towards the end," said Rodriguez, who will no doubt be a star for the Dukes of James Madison University in the coming years. Jonathan Taps also had two hits in the game for Stepinac.

"I am proud of the effort the team gave in this game. I loved that we kept going even in the last inning and made them earn the win," said Crusaders Head Coach Keith Richardson, completing his third season at the helm.

Stepinac had a winning season in 2018. The Crusaders just did not win the CHSAA AA Baseball Championship as planned. The Crusaders finished the regular season with a 15-7 overall record and 12-6 CHSAA AA NY/Bronx/ Man/ Westchester.

Besides Rodriguez, the other seniors committed to furthering their education and athletic talent in the college ranks include: Gomez committed to Hofstra University; Falcone, Ursinus College; Ryan Ragone will attend SUNY Maritime College; Michael Becchetti committed to Fairfield University; Robert Arciola, Bard College; Vincent Orrico, Clark University; and Joseph Cappiello will play football at Trinity College, while Johnathan Taps will attend Elon University for academics, in North Carolina.

"I told them, I would miss them," said continued on next page



Crusaders leadoff hitter senior Frankie Gomez is brushed back with a high and tight pitch in the sixth inning against Monsignor Farrell, in the CHSAA AA Final Eight Elimination Game. Gomez held on for a walk, which lead to a two-run inning for the Crusaders. But the Lions prevailed, 4-2, eliminating Stepinac from postseason play and ending their 2018 season.

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# **Former Tiger Kyle Adams Named** to A-10 All-Championship Team

On Friday, May 25, Kyle Adams, a 2013 graduate of White Plains High School, concluded his collegiate baseball career when the University of Richmond lost to George Washington University, in the Semifinals of the 2018 Atlantic 10 Championship Tournament.

Adams played four years for the University of Richmond (2015-2018), a NCAA Division One College. He was named to the A-10 All-Rookie Team in 2015. Adams was a versatile player for the Spiders, while being positioned as an outfielder, catcher and first baseman during his

four-year collegiate career at Richmond.

On May 9, 2018, Adams reached a career-milestone with the Spiders when he hit his 200th college-career hit against Longwood University. This season in the A-10 Championship Tournament,



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

Kyle Adams, a 2103 graduate from White Plains High School, batted .500 for the University of Richmond in this year's Atlantic 10 Conference Championship Tournament. Adams was the only player from Richmond named to the 2018 All-Championship Team.

> Adams batted 7-for-14, which is .500 for those that are counting and was named to Atlantic 10 Conference All-Championship Team. Adams was the only player from Richmond named to the A-10 All-Tournament Team.

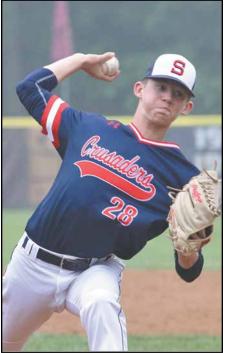
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Richardson, after the final game of the season. "We ask a lot of our players and when somebody has a great experience and moves on to the next level whether

they are playing or not and has success in college, we feel like we are a part of it. It is sad to see them go," said a somber



Monsignor Farrell's senior pitcher John LaPointe threw a three-hitter allowing only two runs with eight strikeouts, one walk and one hit-batsman to beat the Crusaders, 4-2, in the CHSAA Final Eight Elimination Game, thus ending the Crusaders season. The two runs, the walk and the hits-batsman did not come off LaPointe until the



Stepinac sophomore righty Colin D'Arcy will be a welcome addition to the Crusaders rotation next season. D'Arcy pitched two and one-third innings in relief, while holding Monsignor Farrell to oneunearned run and two hits to give the Crusaders a chance to win. But the Lions beat Stepinac, 4-2.

## How Playing Outdoors Nourishes Children

Guest

Column

#### **By Joanne Witmyer**

When my brothers and I were children, our parents would often suggest that we go outside to play. There was no structure to that plan, other than to explore and find adventures with our fellow neighborhood kids until dinner was ready. I think that led to us developing our creativity and sensory experiences.



I've certainly found that immersing myself in nature has been influential to helping me feel more peaceful. I get my hands in the soil while gardening or lose myself in the woods with my dog and find a sense of balance afterwards.

In a time when children may be more drawn to indoor activities or be more computers and tablets and homework, there is a greater need for them to appreciate the wonders of

nature.

Some thoughts that I would invite anyone to consider:

• In many Scandinavian children countries. don't begin their formal schooling until they have completed time playing

and being physically active. This nurtures their creativity. In Finland, teachers are required to give students 15 minutes of play for every 45 minutes of classroom instruction. Studies show that students who are provided at least one recess period a day for 15 minutes behave better in school and they perform better on

- One of my favorite books is "I Love Dirt" by Jennifer Ward. It offers various activities to help children explore nature, whether by active discovery or more quiet observations. The book is organized by season. It's a delightful way to appreciate natural offerings throughout the year.
- · After interviewing two of my nephews, Matthew and Ben, sometimes children decide to play outside based on factors such as the weather; whether

preoccupied with afterschool activities, neighbors ask them to participate in certain outdoor activities; how much homework and afterschool activities they

> have that day; whether their parents have suggested they "go outside and play;" if teachers have organized fun field trips that involve outdoor exploration; and if their Boy Scout troops have camping or other activities planned.

I think all of us can benefit

from the ways that being outside can be beneficial. Adults might be delighted by a childhood sense of wonder if they aim to experience that themselves or encourage it for the children in their lives.

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