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White Plains School District to Create Equity Committee

By Neal Rentz

The White Plains School District is seeking residents to serve on its Equity Committee.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Ricca said last week the committee will consist of students, teachers, support staff, school leaders, district office administrators, Board of Education trustees, parents and guardians, and community leaders who will work with the district's consultant on the project with the NYU Metro Center for Research on Equity and The Transformation



White Plains Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Ricca.

of School. Ricca said the district is serious about analyzing its educational organization and environment regarding inclusivity for all students, faculty/staff members and parents/guardians.

"The mission of the committee will be to identify any structurally embedded policies, practices and/or beliefs that may generate and/or sustain instances of educational inequity," Ricca said. The committee will consider all aspects of equity, including such factors as race, ethnicity, language, culture, gender identity and expression,

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Stepinac Crusaders Beat St. Anthony's Friars 42-7



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

Stepinac wide receiver Matt Halas (center) leaves Friars defenders behind as the Crusaders orchestrated a trick play, whereas QB Joey Carino pitched to running back Kevin McKenna who then hit a wide open Halas with a 32-yard touchdown pass. Stepinac went on to beat the Friars, 42-7. Read more about the game on page 18.

Officials, Experts Brainstorm on Curbing Opioid Abuse at Hearing

By Neal Rentz

Officials and mental health experts called on the state last week to provide additional funding for mental health and opioid abuse programs and give counties and municipalities greater flexibility in how those funds are spent.

Discussions on these topics were held during the daylong Hudson Valley hearing on opioid and substance abuse and mental health issues on Oct. 3 at the Putnam County Training and Operations Center in Carmel. The hearing was conducted by the Joint Senate Task Force on Opioids, Addiction and Overdose Prevention, co-chaired by state senators Peter Harkham (D-Lewisboro), David Carlucci (D-Clarkstown) and Gustavo Rivera (D-Bronx).

Last week's forum was one of seven

hearings that the task force is holding throughout the state. The group will compile a report on suggestions to curb the growing problems connected to opioid and substance abuse and mental health and submit it to the state legislature early next year.

The morning session was a roundtable discussion featuring officials from throughout the region. State Sen. Sue Serino (R-Hyde Park) said substance abuse and mental health were personal for her; she lost her brother to suicide, and drugs were believed to be the cause of death.

Serino, whose brother was bullied as a child, said more mental health services must be made available for young children.

"Our kids are crying for it," she said.

Michael Orth, commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health, said Westchester "is trying to create a true system of

care," which is a top priority for County Executive George Latimer. Deaths resulting from opioid abuse have risen significantly in Westchester, Orth said. In 2010, there were 27 opioid deaths; in 2016 that number rose to 126.

Every year Westchester conducts a forum attended by 400 high school students who return to their respective schools to provide their peers with information on substance abuse and how to get help, Orth said.

Furthermore, when state grants expire, it is difficult for his department to plan for services, he said. One initiative Orth hopes to develop is a comprehensive crisis services plan to deal with substance abuse and mental health issues in Westchester.

Jacqueline Johnson, deputy commissioner of the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health, was among those who told state senators that

local governments should be allowed more flexibility in how they can use state funds.

Harkham said he agreed with a suggestion from some of the speakers that the public needs somewhere that they can call for help with substance abuse and mental health issues.

The afternoon was devoted to a public hearing. Ashley Brody, CEO of the Valhalla-based Search for Change, a nonprofit organization that works in the mental health community, said state government needs to ensure that changes in Medicaid that are placing more individuals in managed care do not diminish the care and treatments for people with mental health issues.

Susan Salomone, an executive board member of the Westchester-based Drug Crisis in Our Backyard organization,

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sexual orientation, religion, disability and socioeconomic status, he said. The committee will develop strategies to eventually eliminate inequities and change policies, practices and/or beliefs in order to reduce and eventually eliminate any inequities, he said.

"This is a very natural outgrowth of the work we have been doing in the district," Ricca added. "The committee will be 'looking at the district as a whole.'"

NYU Metro Center was founded in 1978 by NYU Professor LaMar P. Miller. Miller's vision was to examine and find solutions for the problems facing the country's public schools, especially as they affect low-income

and minority children. Today, NYU Metro Center is nationally and internationally renowned for its work on educational equity and school improvement. It brings together scholars, educators, and innovators from diverse backgrounds to collaborate on a range of projects to strengthen and improve access, opportunity, and educational quality across varied setting, but particularly in striving communities.

The Center also boasts a broad and bold research agenda that touch topics ranging from girls and juvenile justice to the education, language, and literacy of men and boys of color. Research activities also include (but are not limited to) topics


on the impacts of poverty on student learning, multilingual education, school climate and discipline, disproportionality, gender identity and gender presentation, restorative justice, PBIS, RTI, culturally relevant education, "over-the-counter" students, SIFE/SLIFE, abilities and

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through teacher development, 11,484 through programs designed to promote understanding and implementation of standards and academic content, and over 20,000 through conferences, workshops, and special events.

The only requirement to become a White Plains Schools committee member is the willingness to attend seven monthly, full-day meetings (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) from November through May and keep an open mind, Ricca said.

Residents seeking to join the committee are being asked by the district to send an e-mail to Liza Torres at lizatorres@wpcsd.k12.ny.us. The deadline is Friday, Oct. 18.




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provided several suggestions to the task force. She pressed for requiring that anyone who has survived a drug overdose stay in a substance abuse treatment facility for at least three days, opening more community outreach centers for those who abuse drugs, and providing more peer recovery programs for substance abusers.

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NEAL RENTZ PHOTO



The Hudson Valley Opioid Hearing was held last Thursday at the Putnam County Training and Operations Center in Carmel. Shown above from the left are state senators Peter Harcham (D-Lewisboro), left, and David Carlucci (D-Clarkstown), co-chairs of the Joint Senate Task Force on Opioids, Addiction and Overdose Prevention.

★★★★★ VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 ★★★★★

ANNEMARIE ENCARNACAO (AKA Hockey Mom)

AnneMarie Amabile Encarnacao has lived in White Plains for 52 years. She and her husband Rui have been married for 32 years and have two adult children, Ashley and Rui, who attended White Plains Public Schools K-12. AnneMarie was very involved in PTA at Post Road School in various things. She was the Hospitality Committee Chair for several years and was awarded the Jenkins Award for her outreach and involvement at the school. She has her businesses in WP as a licensed insurance agent and real estate associate broker in White Plains.

AnneMarie is very involved in the community. She is the President of The Highlands Civic Association and also the VP of The Council of Neighborhood Associations! She has worked with the Commissioners of each of the city's departments on various issues that were communicated to her by the residents in the city and gets the job done! She recently got the city to have the Post Office clean up the corner at Fisher and So. Lex-

ington. She also has been working on the dismissal at Post Road School that is on Soundview, which is a busy street. She is working with the Commissioner of Traffic in trying to have a crosswalk put in at the middle of the hill where dismissal is done.

A traffic survey will be completed and reviewed to address the issue. The quality of life issues that AnneMarie feels need to be addressed are as follows: More affordable housing is needed, especially for seniors. There is a 3 year waiting list for senior affordable housing. Through her career as a Realtor, she has noticed that seniors cannot afford to live in their homes that they own outright because of the ever increasing taxes. AnneMarie would like to see a WP Senior STAR Program instituted to help address this.

Small businesses need to be brought to the downtown. AnneMarie sug-



gest a possible PILOT Program should be given to small businesses instead of developers, in order to help them grow and stay in our downtown.

The aggressive parking violations need to be addressed, as it is the main reason for the decline of our downtown and all the empty storefronts. Small businesses and people do not want to come to our downtown due to the fear of a \$25 ticket! The decline in our downtown is the reason why our sales revenue has declined, thus resulting in increases to our real estate taxes. AnneMarie would like to see a Resident's Parking Pass established that would allow residents to patronize our small businesses.

AnneMarie would also like to see the downtown utilized more for community involvement and activities helping to bring people to the downtown to patronize the small businesses.

AnneMarie frequents the downtown to give Blessing Bags to the homeless. The homeless and mental ill that walk the downtown need something other than being dropped off and food. They have communicated to her that they do not want to stay in the shelters because they are unsafe and they get robbed. They are woken up throughout the night from this and they say the employees do not help to stop it. This needs to be reviewed and addressed.

AnneMarie is running for Common Council because she loves our city and community and wants to work together with the residents to make the city the best that it can be for everyone!

**So please vote on Nov.5 for
AnneMarie Encarnacao and
put her commitment and
your voice on the
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White Plains Youth Bureau 50th Anniversary Kicks Off with Local Love

The Friends of the White Plains Youth Bureau, a not for profit organization, which supports the White Plains Youth Bureau, celebrated the Youth Bureau's 50th anniversary kick-off at the Ritz Carlton with more than 250 guests. The theme of the evening was "Soaring to New Heights."

Guests were invited to test a flight simulator provided by STEM Pilot. Last year more than 300 youth flew on the Youth Bureau's flight simulator at 11 Amherst Place in White Plains. Proceeds from this event will help the Youth Bureau purchase a mobile flight simulator and encourage more youth to consider careers in Aviation and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math).

The Friends of the Youth Bureau also kicked off the Youth Bureau's 50th Anniversary Campaign, "Local Love." The goal is for 1,000 individuals to invest in empowering kids in White Plains to



White Plains Youth Bureau Executive Director Frank Williams (center) is surrounded by friends and supporters at the Youth Bureau's 50th Anniversary kick-off.

participate in technology, science, financial literacy, and law, while guiding teens towards opportunity and wellness by making a donation of \$50.

The 50th Anniversary celebration will be held Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020 at the Ritz Carlton, Westchester.

You Are Invited to Coffee with Grandpas United

All grandfathers are invited to attend the next White Plains Youth Bureau's Coffee with Grandpas United gathering at the White Plains Library, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 8:30 to 10 a.m. The topic of conversation is "Engaging Our Community with an Eye Toward the Future," with guest speaker, Dr. Joseph Ricca, Superintendent of Schools. He will be speaking about White Plains' community and civic engagement as core pillars for the healthy development and academic achievement of its students.

In addition, James Kenny, Executive Director of the White Plains Public Access Channel, will be facilitating a discussion of the upcoming U.S. Census and the importance of being counted.

This free monthly speaker series is hosted by Grandpas United, an inter-generational initiative of the White Plains Youth Bureau, in collaboration with the White Plains Library. Refreshments will also be served free of charge.

To register or for more information, contact the White Plains Youth Bureau, at 914-422-1378 or email GrandpasUnitedWPYB@gmail.com.

The mission of Grandpas United of the White Plains Youth Bureau is "to utilize the talents, skills and experiences of our Grandpas to improve our community. We aspire to serve as male role models and mentors to enhance the growth and

development of our youth, while sharing our talents and experiences with one another, enabling us to maintain our dignity, self-respect and self-worth."



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Pace, WCC Announce New Transfer Agreement for Students

Westchester Community College (WCC) and Pace University announced last week the two schools have signed a new transfer agreement, allowing students who complete their studies at WCC to matriculate into Pace with junior standing.

The new agreement covers students in 12 WCC majors.

The community college's students who graduate from those programs with an associates' degree and a minimum 2.5 grade-point average will be guaranteed acceptance to Pace. All students graduating from WCC's A.A. or A.S. degree programs will have their general education/core requirements waived

if they transfer to Pace.

For these students, all courses that receive a passing grade at WCC will count toward degree completion at Pace. For the transfer students, a maximum of 68 credits will be applied toward the completion of the relevant Pace bachelor's degree programs.

"The college is deeply committed to helping our students succeed," said WCC President Belinda S. Miles. "This includes strengthening our transfer pathways and forging new agreements with four-year institutions. Such agreements truly help our students move on toward real opportunities in the classroom and the workplace as they



From left, Westchester Community College President Belinda S. Miles with Pace University President Marvin Krislov and Pace Provost Vanya Quiñones recently signed a new agreement that allows WCC students with an associates' degree in one of 12 majors to transfer to Pace with full academic standing.

transition from graduation here to bachelor's degrees at Pace and subsequent careers in their chosen fields."

For nursing students in particular, those graduating with an A.A.S. from WCC's programs are eligible to enroll in the Pace Registered Nurse Bachelor of Science Online Degree Program. Those with a grade-point average of 2.75 or better will be guaranteed admission with junior standing.

"I'm thrilled to deepen Pace University's partnership with Westchester Community College through this innovative agreement," said Pace President Marvin Krislov. "Westchester Community College is our county neighbor and our partner in the mission to open doors and provide opportunities for our students. This partnership helps our future graduates strengthen their skills to compete in an ever-changing global economy."

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Lowey Announces \$500G Grant for School Violence Prevention

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison), chair of the House Appropriations Committee, has announced \$500,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice to Westchester County for the STOP School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program.

"Violence and hate have no place in our schools, and our students, teachers and police officers are critical to creating safe, nurturing education institutions," Lowey said. "This federal funding will give students an active role in the implementation of school safety training and mental health programs, supporting a community-driven approach that reflects the diversity of Westchester's schools."

The funding will help threat assessment teams respond in real-world situations and give students facing mental health issues access to school-based resources, Lowey added.

Depending on the results of the state Education Department's recent study on violent and disruptive incidents in schools, Westchester aims to use this federal grant to work with school resource officers and designated school districts throughout the county to help prevent school violence and address related mental health issues. The grant will be administered with the ongoing support of the Westchester Coalition for Drug and Alcohol Free Youth, the Westchester County Office of Drug Prevention, STOP-DWI and the Westchester County Department of Public Safety.

"The safety of our students in classrooms

all across Westchester County is paramount, and parents and families need to know that their child's school is safe and secure," County Executive George Latimer said. "The STOP School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program will improve school security by providing teachers and students with the tools they need to respond quickly to violent attacks and school threats, as well as specialized training to help intervene and respond to students who may have a mental health issue."

Lowey led the House in passing a Fiscal Year 2020 spending package that includes \$125 million as authorized by the STOP School Violence Act and \$100 million for youth mentoring programs. If enacted, these investments would continue to build upon critical safety and mental health initiatives to stop school violence and address mental health issues as soon as they arise.

White Plains Crisis Response Teams Conduct Joint Training

On Oct. 3, The City of White Plains Crisis Negotiations Team and The City of White Plains Special Response Team conducted a joint training at The Highlands Middle School. The teams worked together to resolve a simulated armed barricaded subject incident. This training tested response, logistics, and cooperation between the two teams, the school resource officers, and the school district.

We are very appreciative of the hospitality received from The White Plains City



SOURCE: FACEBOOK

White Plains crisis response teams took part in a simulated incident at Highlands Middle School on Oct. 3.

School District and especially the support from Superintendent Dr. Joseph Ricca and Highlands Principal Mr. Ernie Spatafore, White Plains Public Safety said on its Facebook page. "This is a fine example of

the continued partnership that we share with each other."

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Red Flags Raised Over Radioactive Waste at Indian Point Plants

By Abby Luby

The closure and dismantling of Indian Point plants 2 and 3 in 2020 and 2021, respectively, have raised red flags about the storage and handling of more than 1,700 tons of dangerous radioactive waste.

At a public meeting last Wednesday, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) answered questions about the decommissioning process. About 90 people crowded into the Morabito Community Center in Cortlandt to ask Bruce Watson, NRC chief of the reactor decommissioning branch, about the regulatory agency's oversight role during the plant closures.

For three hours, many were frustrated with the unreliable audio system that made it difficult to hear the speakers. A major concern was about Holtec International, a family-owned corporation based in Camden, N.J., slated to purchase, dismantle Indian Point and manage the irradiated nuclear fuel. Although Holtec has more than 30 years' experience handling radioactive waste, it has come under scrutiny for fast-tracking decommissioning of nuclear plants.

Holtec proposes to dispose of the waste in as little as eight years; the NRC allows 60 years for the process.

"Holtec is a company with a record of bribery, lies and risk-taking. We know the NRC allowed the company into plants in New Jersey and Massachusetts even before objections by citizens' groups were heard," charged Richard Webster, legal director for Riverkeeper.



ABBY LUBY PHOTO

Left to right, John Sullivan, Marilyn Elie, Margot Frances, Manna Jo Greene and Jeanne Shaw, members of the Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition, in front of an inflatable, life-size nuclear waste cask last week.

"Can you describe the NRC's role in approving and selecting companies like Holtec for decommissioning?" asked Peekskill City Councilman Colin Smith during the meeting.

Watson replied that the agency is not privy to contractual details or sale agreements.

"Our sole responsibility is to ensure the applicant is licensed and has the technical and financial ability to own a particular plant," he said.

When Smith asked for an estimated timeline for transporting the spent fuel rods, Watson said, "Congress promised to take care of high-level waste when they encouraged all these plants to be built. It's in their ballpark to facilitate the disposal of the spent fuel. It's way below my pay grade to make that kind of policy. I wish I had an answer for you."

NRC's oversight role with Holtec directly ties into the formation of Community

Advisory Boards (CABs) as stipulated in a federal law under the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act. Watson indicated that the NRC would be checking in regularly with the progress of the decommissioning, but acknowledged that a heavier oversight role would be put on the Community Advisory Boards.

Many have questioned the authority of the newly formed local CAB, chaired by Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker with Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi serving as vice chair.

"We are all in this together," said Puglisi in defense of the CAB. "We created a task force two years ago when we learned of the decommissioning and have been meeting monthly. We have a large membership including business people, environmentalists, school officials, chamber of commerce, county executives from Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Orange, along with state representatives." Puglisi told the NRC to officially recognize the group as a Community Advisory Panel rather than a board.

Knickerbocker said the Community Advisory Panel was a diverse group with Indian Point supporters and critics.

"We are the eyes and ears and the voice for our community," she said. "Our agenda is the safe decommissioning of Indian Point. This panel will drive the bus for decommissioning."

The watchdog group Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition (IPSEC) has supported a

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POLE POSITION DANCE STUDIO, WHITE PLAINS

By Neal Rentz

West Harrison resident Taylor Starke was a customer of the Pole Position Dance Studio in White Plains long before she decided to take ownership of the business.

Starke said last week the dance studio opened six years ago and she became its owner three years later. "I always wanted to be a dancer" and she watched dancing shows on television, Starke said. But many dance forms need to be mastered by taking classes as a youngster as young as seven, she said. "Pole dancing is a technique that can be mastered by adults."

Starke started pole dancing after seeing a Groupon for it at Pole Position. Three years later the former owner asked if she was interested in purchasing the business and Starke took her up on the offer.

"It's an aerial-based dance studio. So it's mostly pole dancing," Starke said.

Though pole dancing had been around for years, its popularity took off after the release of the 1996 film "Striptease," starring Demi Moore, Starke said. Moore portrays a stripper in the film. "People started picking it up and then it became more of a fitness thing," Starke said.

Though pole dancing can help you become physically fit, Starke stressed her business is not a gym. "It's more a dance

and it's a great kind of side effect that you get in greater shape and you feel good about yourself," she said. "Students leave the class really feeling good about themselves because they achieved more than they ever thought they could."

Pole dancing is a great confidence builder, Starke said. "It seems very difficult" and students feel it will be difficult to master the techniques, she said. But much of the instruction is about mechanics. "As long as your hands are in the right place and your legs are in the right place, you can get a lot done," she said.

Pole dancing can be done for fun and confidence building and some pole dancers are professionals who perform in shows and events.

Starke also offers classes in aerial dance, which is like a stretching class using a cotton hammock "We have hooks in the ceiling and the hammocks are actually hooked to the top," she said.

The school also provides chair-dancing lessons. Sometimes a chair can be twirled or ticks can be done off the chairs, Starke said.

Pole Position Dance Studio is located at 110 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains. For more information call 914-882-642, send an e-mail to info@polepositionstudio.com or visit <https://polepositionstudio.com/>.

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Obituaries

Robert Donnelly



Robert Donnelly of White Plains died on Oct. 3 at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx. He was 72 years old.

Robert was born on Dec. 9, 1946, in Brooklyn to the late Helen and Joseph Donnelly.

His brother Joseph passed away in 2001. He was a graduate of the College of Santa Fe in New Mexico and received a Masters' Degree in Public Administration from Fordham University.

He attained a rank of Captain in the United States Marine Corps, serving in the Vietnam War from 1970 to 1972.

After discharge from the Marines, he became a Criminal Investigator for the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. He went on to become a Senior Investigator. After his retirement, he worked for Glock, Inc. as a Regional Sales Manager.

Robert was a member of the American Legion Post 135 in White Plains. He served as Commander, Chaplain, and performed community and volunteer work on their behalf.

Robert Donnelly founded the girls' Youth Soccer program in White Plains. He coached the girls from first grade through high school, and then continued working for the White Plains Department of Recreation as a referee for many years.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. More important, Bob was a loyal friend. His support of his buddies in good times and bad is unsurpassed.

Bob is the beloved husband of Rachel and the loving father of Allyson Hatten of Porirua, Wellington, New Zealand, and Danielle Donnelly of White Plains.

He adored his grandchildren, Cassidy and Sierra Hatten, Anthony Astorino and Callie

Pereira. He is also survived by his son-in-law, Doug Hatten, and his sister-in-law, Mary Donnelly.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, White Plains.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Drug Crisis in Our Backyard: www.drugcrisisinourbackyard.org.

Shirley Pastore

Shirley Pastore of White Plains passed away on Oct. 3, while surrounded by her family.

Shirley was born in Chelsea, MA on March 16, 1931 to the late Frank and Fanny Gootar.

Shirley relocated to the Bronx and then ultimately to White Plains, where she raised her family and lived for the past 50 years.

She is survived by her children, Joseph Civita of White Plains, Fran Civita and son-in-law Daniel Rosenthal of White Plains.

She is also survived by her two greatest joys in her life, her two grandchildren Marina and Marc Rosenthal.

She was predeceased by her husband Joseph, her daughter Melanie, her brother Harry, her sister Lillian and her longtime companion of 36 years, William Gagliardo.

Shirley worked as a switchboard operator at Gannett Newspapers in White Plains for 15 years. She then moved on to work at Blythedale Children's Hospital in Valhalla for the next 30 years, before retiring in 2012. She was well known at Blythedale for her ever-present smile, warm, helpful demeanor, and steady supply of lollipops for the children.

Shirley was a devoted mother, grandmother, and friend, who always put others needs before her own. She enjoyed

vacationing in Las Vegas, weekends in upstate New York, dining out, and regular visits to the hair salon. She loved to cook and was especially well known for her eggplant Parmesan and cheesecake. Shirley had a tremendous heart and a giant beaming smile. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to Blythedale Children's Hospital.

Susan Morgulas

Susan Hermine Morgulas (née Spies) died in Scarsdale on Sept. 29. She was 78.

Susan is survived by her husband Jerrold (New York City); children Elisabeth (mother of Amara and Jonah, New York City), and Colonel Seth (father of Max and Samuel, husband of Margreta, Scarsdale, New York). She is preceded in death by her father Shephard H. Spies and mother, Rosalinde Schmetterling.

Susan was born on Dec. 27, 1940, in New York City. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in English and later obtained a Ph.D. in psychology from the City University of New York.

Susan married Jerrold in 1967 in a ceremony held in New York City. From 1969-1971, Susan and Jerrold welcomed their two children, Elisabeth and Seth, in New York City and subsequently relocated to Scarsdale.

Susan is remembered by her children as a passionate and patient mother and academic, who loved the challenge of completing the New York Times crossword puzzle as much as a long stroll with her beloved children and grandchildren. Susan's love of education and learning inspired her children, both of whom have advanced degrees in fields that they are likewise passionate about.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to alz.org.

The family would like to thank the lovely and caring men and women at The Kensington White Plains for their care and dedication to Susan in her final months of life.

Nature Walk Through the Jack Harrington Greenway Trail

On Saturday, Oct. 12 at 2:30 p.m. the White Plains Dept. of Rec. and Parks invites residents to enjoy the fall foliage on an informative hike through the Jack Harrington Greenway Trail. A naturalist from Westmoreland Sanctuary will lead the hour-long hike.

To register for the Nature Walk, call the Recreation Office at 914-422-1336. There is no cost to register.

Hikers will meet at the Gedney Way entrance of the trail, located directly across the street from Roosters Market.

The Greenway provides a rustic path for individuals to enjoy a walk in a protected natural setting. The trail between Gedney Way and Ridgeway is .8 miles long. The trail continues .5 miles to the Scarsdale border.

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is surrounded by wooded countryside and suburban areas. Its 640 acres offer opportunities for environmental education, conservation, and recreational programs and events. The Sanctuary serves nearly 15,000 visitors every year. Through these facilities and programs Westmoreland encourages a deeper understanding and engagement with nature and our environment.

League of Women Voters to Host White Plains Council Candidates Forum

The League of Women Voters of White Plains (LWVWP) will host a Candidates Forum for the candidates for three seats on the White Plains Common Council on Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Church Street School, 295 Church Street, White Plains. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

This year there are six candidates vying for election to the Council and one incumbent Councilmember Nadine Hunt-Robinson seeking re-election. The two

remaining open Council seats are held by Councilmembers Milagros Lecuona and Dennis Krolian, who have decided to step down at the end of 2019.

Kat Brezler, Andrew Custodio, AnneMarie Encarnacao, Brian Peroni, Victoria Presser and Jennifer Puja are the six new candidates.

Audience questions must be submitted in advance and will not be taken from the floor during the Forum. LWVWP will solicit questions via email and they may also be

submitted in writing at the event.

The Forum will be recorded for subsequent viewing. It is not certain if it will also be streamed live. For additional information and to submit questions contact lwvwp.candidatesforum@gmail.com.



A Rock and Roll Heaven

If you believe in forever
Then life is just a one-night stand
If there's a rock and roll heaven
Well you know they've got a hell of a
band, band
--Johnny Stevenson/Alan O 'Day

I value and respect the talents, success, and the musical legacy the Righteous Brothers have left on popular music over their illustrious career. Though I will admit I am no fan of their 1974 hit song "Rock and Roll Heaven." It is a bit too hokey and mawkish, although offers us an excellent eulogy and musical memorial for all those late great rockers.

Since the untimely passing of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and the Big Bopper in their fatal plane crash in 1959, a total of 102 rock stars inclusive of the recent passing of Ric Ocasek and Eddie Money have passed to date. That averages out to 1.7 rock stars per year.

Looking back in true Boomer style, I thought it would be fun to take a humorous romp through this rock and roll heaven – with no disrespect intended, of course.

First of all, if there is a Rock and Roll Heaven with one "hell of a band," what should the band be named? The Grateful Dead? Sorry, Jerry Garcia holds an eternal copyright on this. Besides, the band will

never be able to release a live and farewell CD. Can you imagine a 102-piece rock band – hell, oh sorry, heavens no, it is now an orchestra. And, who would be the maestro of this super group? With egos larger than the litany of their sins committed while partying on the Earth plane, the competition for this vaulted title, along with its royalties, and book deal, and even a spot on a TV special with Oprah would certainly light a fire under their feet. Well, for some of these rockers the temptation might be worth selling their souls to the Devil. We are certain one hell of a ruckus would follow this caucus, requiring the Hell's Angels to quell, knowing full well neither heaven nor hell is large enough for two souls to front a rock and roll band. Simply, hey man, get off of my cloud. They really harp on this.

As the flames climbed high into the night
To light the sacrificial rite
I saw Satan laughing with delight
The day the music died
--Don McLean

Let's not forget the conundrum old Saint



By Richard Cirulli

Guest
Column

Pete must confront as the recently departed arrive at the Pearly Gates petitioning to enter. Well, paradise can be heaven or hell depending on one's definition and actions. There is always the standard placement exam to determine their standing in either heaven, hell, or purgatory.

For those who don't make the cut, there will surely be tears in heaven. Or when all else fails, poor old Saint Pete can defer to the battle tested AC (Accept Conversion) or DC (Dam Conversion) free choice method. It is rumored that Jim Morrison just landed an eternal gig at the Inferno a Go-Go, singing Light my Fire, with Hendrix's adding a few hot licks.

Hey Satan, paid my dues
Playing in a rocking band
I'm on the highway to hell
--AC/DC

The recent passing of Eddie Money and Ric Ocasek, two rock stars of the Baby Boomer generation, seem to place things in perspective:

I've got two tickets to paradise
Won't you pack your bags, we'll leave tonight
I've got two tickets to paradise
--Eddie Money

We are certain Eddie did not have Ric

Ocasek in mind when he wrote these lyrics, though it may be a wake-up call of sorts. Boomers maybe it's time to buy the Porsche convertible with your 401(k) money, redline down the highway with two tickets to paradise; couples get a discounted rate. Or take the toll-free road to hell. With our grey hairs flying in the wind, just crank up the volume and sing along to Ric Ocasek's songs.

Let the good times roll
Let them knock you around
Let the good times roll
Let them make you a clown
Let them leave you up in the air
Let them brush your rock and roll hair
Let's go
I like the nightlife baby

P.S. It's rumored Porsche offers senior discounts.

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What Has Happened to the Public's Interest in Antiques?

A half-century ago, when I was furnishing my first apartment in New York City, it was in an old apartment house and I considered it appropriate to seek out the wares of antiques shops for décor and interesting accessories.

While all the functional pieces like the living room sofa and my bed were brand new, I looked for antique pieces for tables, chairs, wall décor and accent pieces. For a time after I married, my wife and I lived in antique houses, one in Brooklyn Heights, built in 1826, and the second in Yorktown Heights, built in 1734.

While my wife had formerly been contemporary in her furnishing outlook, I converted her by planning half our honeymoon in Colonial Williamsburg where I had gone to school at the College of William & Mary and where I first developed my interest in antiques. By the time we set up our first apartment, our entire home environment was a throwback to the 18th and 19th centuries.

Besides buying for practical use, my wife and I started collecting for the mere pleasure of finding and possessing items of interest, everything from antique pill and snuff boxes to children's playing marbles. In both Brooklyn and Westchester, antiques were easy to come by with a good number of shops dotting the city and country landscapes.

Even my wife and I got into the act when we bought our Brooklyn Heights house and it happened to have an antiques shop on the first floor. Because we both had regular jobs during the week, our antiques shop in Brooklyn was open only on Saturdays and Sundays. Appropriately, it was called The

Saturday Shop.

When I got the job as director of public relations at The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, we moved to Yorktown Heights, and there we opened the country version of our antiques business in our home, which happened to be an antique itself. We didn't experience the success we had in the city and closed it after a year. However, we were left with all the inventory and, today, some of the collectibles that were once for sale are now the accent pieces in our very modern home.

While antiques shops flourished a half-century ago, they are hard to come by today. My favorite haunt locally for years had been The Yellow Shed, but today it sells only estate jewelry. Surely eBay has something to do with it.

When I was downsizing four years ago from a 4,000-square-foot antique home to a brand new 1,800-square-foot condo, my challenge was to dispose of many of my antique furnishings that had filled my house. When I called not one, but two antiques businesses, hoping one of them would offer me a good price for my treasures, I was very disappointed to find that neither of them had any interest in acquiring them. They didn't



By Bill Primavera

even offer to take my antiques on consignment. "Antiques are dead," one of the dealers told me.

What is the reason for this lack of interest today? There are probably several reasons. First, I believe that as a nation, our interest in our past waxes and wanes. It was at an all-time high in the early 1940s when national pride soared during World War II. But it waned in the 1960s around the time of the World's Fair in New York, when the home of the future was all the rage.

However, when our nation's bicentennial arrived in 1976, our past became relevant again, and we went through two decades of renewed interest.

But since the turn of the 21st century, antiques have lost their appeal for most of us. Further, living space is more costly than it's ever been and there is less room for anything in the modern home that isn't functional.

There is one conundrum to consider about all of this: Why is "Antiques Roadshow" so popular on television? My theory is that the general public is still interested in knowing about the oddities featured on that show – but that doesn't mean people want to spend any money purchasing them. Or perhaps this is just a low ebb in the cycle of interest.

I really shouldn't worry about whether other folks are as into antiques as I am. I should just enjoy looking at some lovely old things that grace my home as accents today, or relish the tactile experience of rolling some end-of-day glass playing marbles in my hand, imagining the children's joy of playing with them 150 years ago.

Especially now that I'm older, I have as much appreciation as ever for older things.

Bill Primavera enjoys a dual career as a publicist and a realtor with William Raveis Real Estate in Yorktown. As a realtor, he engages in residential and commercial real estate. To employ the services of The Home Guru to market and promote your home for sale, call Bill directly at 914-522-2076.

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How Winemakers Are Coping With Warming Trends



By Nick Antonaccio

We are experiencing a new economic order, unlike any before it. We are experiencing a new era of technology, the fastest growing and most advanced in the history of the world. We are experiencing a time of uncompromising, polarized ideologies. We are experiencing an era of new monetary and fiscal policies. And we are experiencing an era of changing wine characteristics, as crops are maturing earlier and sugar levels are rising. But I'll stop short of calling it global warming, even in the face of major upheavals in the wine industry. All of the above phenomenon are intertwined and having an effect on our personal lives. Earlier this year, wine industry experts and renowned winemakers attended a symposium in Portugal called Climate Change Leadership Porto Summit –Solutions for the Wine Industry. Certainly, many presenters offered the typical gloom and doom forecasts for the climate. Yet, there were also first-hand experiences presented and discussed by a number of winemakers. The issues they are facing can be distilled into two major categories:

1. An increase in mildew on grapes and grape leaves. This can cause fruit rot and impair overall production. If the mildew spores are then carried into the fermentation and aging phases of winemaking, the style

and characteristics of the resulting bottled wine may be compromised.

2. An increase in alcohol levels. As seasons become warmer, more sugar is developed in grapes. When crushed and fermented, these grapes tend to produce higher alcohol at the expense of aromas and tastes. What's a winemaker to do?

On the micro level, certain winemakers have begun to harvest earlier in the season. But there is a downside: the sugar levels may be optimal, but the alcohol and tannins may be out of balance in the ultimate wine. Other winemakers have been forced to change the blend of their wines. In Bordeaux, a number of vintners have reduced the amount of Merlot (the dominant grape grown in the region) in their wines due to higher sugar and alcohol levels, adding additional amounts of the other grapes permitted in the region, notably Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. This has changed the traditional profiles of those wines. On the macro level, certain governments and trade groups have banded together to address their concerns. In France, a Plan National D  p  rissement du vignoble (National Plan for the Decline of Vineyards) has been promulgated, prioritizing and addressing the issues facing winemakers. Whether global warming is a near, intermediate or long-term threat, the French

are feeling the effects today and have decided they can't wait for fate to take control of their future livelihoods. They have decided to act now. Last month, Bordeaux producers startled the wine world by announcing a major change in the grapes authorized to be grown and vinified in this, the largest wine producing region in France. The conservative, tradition-bound Bordelaise will now permit seven additional grapes to be included in their wines. The four red and three white varieties are highly regulated in their plantings and use yet are a clear signal that the French are committed to preserving their reputation for fine wine production. The grapes? The list is startling for its relative obscurity. There are four reds, Touriga Nacional (popular in Portugal), Marselan, Arinarnoa and Castets, and three whites, Alvarinho (popular in Portugal), Petit Manseng and Lillorila. Each is noted for its heat-resistant qualities. As you might expect, as radical as these changes are, the French are slow to permit mainstream use of these varieties. They are permitted only in the lower classes of wines, not the high-end, classified wines. Production is limited to 5 percent of plantings, may constitute no more than 10 percent of any blend and may not be mentioned by name on a bottle label. As an experiment this is far reaching. These lower classified wines

represent 55 percent of Bordeaux vineyard area and 42 percent of total production. Regardless of one's viewpoint on global climate changes, it is heartening to see the wine industry is facing its warming trends head-on with innovative solutions. Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.

You Heard It Through the Grapevine



Red Flags Raised Over Radioactive Waste at Indian Point Plants

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funded Citizens Oversight Board comprised of impartial members, independent scientists, experts, first responders, plant workers, environmentalists and other informed stakeholders. "The board should have a budget to hire experts and have appointed environmentalists and volunteers who hold monthly, open meetings," said IPSEC member Marilyn Elie. IPSEC maintains a CAB made up of local politicians who might have financial or economic agendas is problematic. IPSEC has drafted citizens' oversight board legislation that is expected to be introduced to state, county and local lawmakers in January. Assemblywoman Sandra Galef (D-Ossining) told Watson the NRC should fund the CAB. "The NRC allowed the nuclear plants to be here, and now that they are being

decommissioned, you should be sponsoring and funding the CABs using money in the federal government budget," Galef said. Although Indian Point units 2 and 3 generate about 2,000 megawatts of electricity, Con Ed no longer gets electricity from Indian Point. In 2017, the contract between Con Ed and Entergy expired and was not renewed, according to the utility. Up to that point, Indian Point supplied only 560 megawatts to Con Ed. With competing solar and wind markets offering cheaper energy, Entergy's high price for electricity has priced the company out of the market. Today, Entergy is closing its aging plants across the country. An upcoming forum on decommissioning Northeast nuclear plants is scheduled for this Thursday, Oct. 10 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at Hendrick Hudson Free Library in Montrose.



Crossword by Myles Mellor

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22. Away from shore
24. Basketball score
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33. This legacy Yorktown grange will never go out to "pasture," ___ Farm

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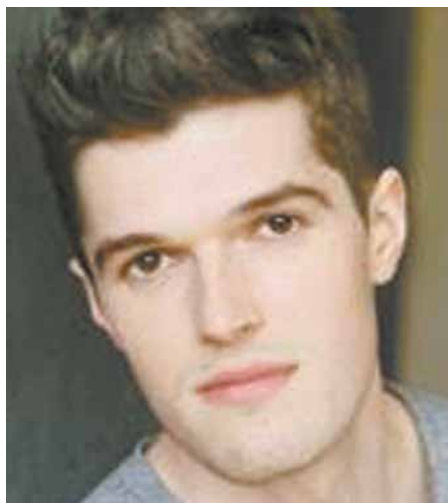
Elton John & Tim Rice's AIDA to Play White Plains Performing Arts Center, Oct. 11-27

The White Plains Performing Arts Center (WPPAC) has announced the cast for Elton John and Tim Rice's AIDA, playing Oct. 11-27.

Winner of four Tony Awards, Elton John & Tim Rice's AIDA is an epic tale of love, loyalty and betrayal, with an exhilarating Tony and Grammy Award winning score by Elton John and Tim Rice.

An enslaved Nubian princess, Aida, finds her heart entangled with Radames, an Egyptian soldier who is betrothed to the Pharaoh's daughter, Amneris. As their forbidden love blossoms, Aida is forced to weigh her heart against the responsibility that she faces as the leader of her people. Aida and Radames' love for one another becomes a shining example of true devotion that ultimately transcends the vast cultural differences between their warring nations, heralding a time of unprecedented peace and prosperity.

Leading the cast is Kim Onah as Aida, with Jordan Bollwerk as Radames and Kristin Wetherington as Amneris. The show also stars Andrew Foote (Zoser), Devin J. Hall (Mereb), John Anthony Lopez (Pharaoh), Kevin Brooks (Amnorsor), Blair Beasley (Nehebka). Completing the cast are Shante Clark, Charley Coyle, Meghan Deeley, Mike Ferlita, Chelsea Ann Jones, Thomas Knapp, Cameron Loyal, TJ Newton, Matthew Oster, Dayna Marie Quincy and Kristina Walz.



Jordan Bollwerk (Radames)



Kim Onah (Aida)



Kristin Wetherington (Amneris)

"We are thrilled to have Aida in our Mainstage season, said Stephen Ferri, WPPAC Executive Producer. "This show has been one we have wanted to bring to our audiences for years and the shows timeless love story and unforgettable score makes the show a perfect fit to kick off a season."

Elton John & Tim Rice's AIDA is directed by Amy Griffin with musical direction by Stephen Ferri and choreography by Anthony Murphy. Scenic design by Christopher and Justin Swader, lighting design by Jamie Roderick, sound design by Jon Weston, stage managed by T. Rick Jones. Music by

Elton John, lyrics by Tim Rice, book by Linda Woolverton, Robert Falls and David Henry Hwang.

Elton John & Tim Rice's AIDA will play the White Plains Performing Arts Center Friday, Oct. 11 8 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 12 8 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 13 2 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 17 2 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 18 8 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 19 8 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 20 2 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 23 2 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 25 8 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 26 8 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 27 2 p.m.

The White Plains Performing Arts Center is located on the third level of City Center

off Mamaroneck Avenue in downtown 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.

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Tech Tuesdays. "Tech Tuesday" is a series of classes for children, specifically in grades 1-6. Each week, a particular topic related to digital technology is presented. Participants of this week's session will use various library robotics equipment and learn about the evolving world of robotics. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., White Plains Library.

Genealogy Workshop. This four-week introduction to genealogy is intended for those who have recently started to explore their family's history or those who want to and don't know how to begin. The first session will look at why to study one's ancestry, how to begin gathering and organizing information (including working with computer programs) and working with primary and secondary resources. Presented by Dr. Alan Steinfeld. Dr. Steinfeld has been exploring his family's genealogy for over 40 years. A native of New York City, he traces his ancestry to Russia and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. His studies have turned up over 2500 relatives and have stimulated a book on the subject as well as a family newsletter, now in its 30th year. His support of the larger genealogy community includes participation in the indexing of records for the JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry and the American Jewish Historical Society. Registration is required. Participants are encouraged to attend all four weeks. Registering at the October 8 calendar entry registers you for the full four-weeks. 2 p.m., White Plains Library.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Farmers' Market. Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains. Hours of operation each Wednesday are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Storybook Dancing. 11 a.m. Steffi Nossen School of Dance presents Storybook Dancing, a creative movement class for 3-4 year olds. Each week dancers will go on an adventure into a classic story book and dance their way through the pages while learning fun, creative dance. Explore literature, music and dance in this fun and engaging workshop! Space is limited to 24 dancers, tickets will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis starting 30 minutes before the program. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Tech Wednesday For Adults. Robotics 101. 12 p.m. Tech Wednesday is a series of classes focusing on different advanced

digital technologies each week. The topic on this particular date is robotics technology. Participants will have the opportunity to practice using related software and discuss various related topics. Beginners and professionals alike are encouraged to attend. White Plains Library.

Noonday Concert. Downtown Music at Grace 30-minute concert will present the musicians of the Westchester Philharmonic, who return for one of their exciting chamber music concerts. 12:10 p.m. The concert will be held in Grace Church, 33 Church St., White Plains. There is no admission fee, donation suggested. This concert is made possible, in part, with the generous support of the Brian Wallach Agency, White Plains.

Lunchtime Meditation. A weekly meditation program. Brief beginning instruction will be followed by meditation. No experience or special equipment needed. A guest instructor will lead the program the first Wednesday of each month; 12:15 to 1 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Which Craft? Wednesday. Use paint to express your creativity. For students in grades 6 and up on a first-come, first-served basis. 4 p.m. White Plains Library.

Reading Buddies. Practice reading with a teen Reading Buddy. Reading Buddies will be available to read one-on-one with children in grades 2 to 5 Wednesday evenings for 15 minute sessions, 4:30 p.m. Sign-up will start 30 minutes before the program time. White Plains Library.

Battle of The Books Mock Battle. The Trove and Edge teams will each battle in preparation for the Battle of the Books county-wide event on Oct. 19. Teams will field trivia questions in a "Jeopardy," buzzer-style contest based on the five books that they've all read. Families, friends, and anyone interested in Battle of the Books are welcome to come and cheer on the teams. 7 p.m. at White Plains Library.

Yom Kippur Service and Break the Fast. The Westchester Community for Humanistic Judaism invites the community to a Jewish Humanist-inspired Yom Kippur service. Rabbi Frank Tamburello will conduct a meaningful approach to the traditional holiday. The service will also feature special music with Professor Ruth Levy-Schudroff and the choir. Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains. 6 p.m. Non-members: \$20 in advance. \$25 at the door. For children 10 to 12 years old: \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door. Children under 10: Free. Make checks payable to WCHJ c/o O. Turovsky. Info: 914-218-8535 or visit <http://www.wchj.org>.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Trove Time. Trove Time is an early literacy playtime for ages 2-4 with a caregiver. Children and their caregiver will play together, hear stories, and learn about

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enriching a child's life and increasing their early literacy skills. 10:30 a.m. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis beginning 30 minutes prior to the program. White Plains Library.

T(h)ech Thursday For Teens. Robotics. T(h)ech Thursday is a weekly meetup for teenagers who wish to learn more about various aspects of digital technology. From coding to 3D printing, there are many opportunities to learn and have fun. The particular topic of this week's session is music making. 4:30 p.m. at White Plains Library 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

STEM Buddies. Children in grades 1-4 can sign up at the Compass Desk in the Trove to work on STEM activities in small groups for 30 minutes with teen volunteers or college students. Sign-up will start at 4 p.m.. STEM = Science Technology Engineering Math. White Plains Library.

Stories & Stuff. Preschool storytime, including a craft activity, for ages 4, 5, and 6 without adult. Literacy connections are made at "Stories & Stuff" where stories are centered around a theme and children listen and interact with corresponding rhymes, songs and/or finger plays. A final craft project ties in with the topic fostering a sense that stories are imaginative, yet lasting, and continue to enrich our creative thoughts and play. 4:30 p.m. White Plains Library.

One Book, One Movie: Teen Talk. Extend your One Book reading experience by coming together to watch a film with related themes to "Everything I Never Told You" by Celeste Ng. Join in a meaningful discussion afterwards. Light refreshments will be served. Film schedule: October 10 - The Blind Side; October 17 - The Sun is Also a Star; October 24 - A Dog's Journey. 5:30 p.m., White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Score Counseling Sessions. Individual counseling sessions for SCORE clients. 6 p.m. at White Plains Library.

Gallery Nite Out. Happy Hour and Gallery Tour. Take a look at The Chair Show after hours during a curator's tour and artist talk. Part of a series of artistic and engaging networking events. ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$25. Info and tickets: Visit www.artsw.org/galleryniteout.

Friday, Oct. 11

Hoff-Barthelson Music School's Great Composers Lecture Series. This year's series begins with the program Appalachian Spring at 75: Celebrating "A Legend of American Living." Three-quarters of a century ago this fall, two of America's most formidable artists – modern dance pioneer Martha Graham and "dean of American composers" Aaron Copland – undertook their only collaboration. Together, they created an enduring tale of struggle, survival, renewal, friendship and faithfulness that

immediately became a beloved landmark in 20th century American theater – the Pulitzer Prize-winning ballet "Appalachian Spring." Copland House Artistic and Executive Director Michael Boriskin brings special insights into this extraordinary work, which has continuing resonance and relevance today through what Graham once called its "inner frame that holds together a people." Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 11 a.m. \$10. Space limited; reservations strongly encouraged. Info and reservations: 914-723-1169 or visit www.hbms.org.

Dungeons and Dragons For Teens. Join a band of adventurers on a Dungeons and Dragons campaign. Attend every session, or drop in when you can; no registration required. For grades 7-12. Beginners encouraged. 4 p.m., White Plains Library.

Day of the Dead Workshop. Following ancient Day of the Dead traditions, children and their families will make an altar to honor the lives and times of beloved deceased family members. 4:30 p.m., White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

The Sleepy Hollow Experience. This outdoor immersive theater event will now be seen for the first time in the tristate area, staged at the estate of Washington Irving, just in time for the bicentennial of his publication of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." The production features live professional musicians and singers, who will perform the scenes in various locations around the estate and engage with audience members. Theater-goers will be guided by storytellers from scene to scene, meeting Ichabod Crane and Katrina Van Tassel, imbibing and snacking during the famous party scene at the Van Tassel', and, in a thrilling climax, encountering the Headless Horseman himself. Washington Irving's Sunnyside, 3 W. Sunnyside Lane, Tarrytown. 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$45 for adults and \$25 for children. Historic Hudson Valley members receive a 10 percent discount. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Nov. 3. Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

Saturday, Oct. 12

Farmers' Market. Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains.

Local History Tour. White Plains will participate along with hundreds of other communities throughout NY State in presenting its local history to the public. Jacob Purdy House will be open for visiting with authentic displays of what life was like in White Plains in the mid and late 18th century. Guides will be on hand to offer information on the 1776 Battle of White Plains and also how local families prepared food, furnished their home and made their own candles, brooms and household implements. Gifts for children under 12. Light refreshments will be served. All with no charge. 12 to 4 p.m. Park Ave. and Kirby Terrace, White Plains.

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Movie: Coraline. PG, 2009, 100min. 2 p.m. Stop-motion animation tale of a daring youngster who finds a magic portal that whisks her into a seemingly perfect, parallel world. White Plains Library.

Veronica Swift in Concert. Swift returns after her rousing and lively performance at Caramoor's 2018 Jazz Festival. Just 25, she has performed all over the world with the top names in jazz, and has won prestigious awards such as second place at the Thelonious Monk Jazz Competition in 2015. A night of exhilarating vocals with a range you are going to have to hear to believe. Also

featuring the Emmet Cohen Trio. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 8 p.m. Adults: \$40 to \$75. Children: \$15 to \$75. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

Sunday, Oct. 13

Oktoberfest. White Plains 11th annual festival will have German beers and food, with live music provided by Alpine Squeeze, along with a DJ. There will fun competitions and games, sponsored by the Galleria all day long. Come and join us. \$10 Wristbands and proof of age is required for the outdoor purchase of beer and cider. Cash only. 1 to 6 p.m. on Mamaroneck Ave. between E. Post Road and Maple Ave., White Plains.

Feeding Fun. It's mealtime for our animals! Come see what's on the menu and learn how we keep our critters healthy. 2 p.m. Free for members, \$8 for non-members. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale.

Movie: Hocus Pocus. PG, 1993. 2 p.m. Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Kathy Najimy star in this classic funny film, about three 17th-century witches, hanged for their murderous crimes, who are resurrected on Halloween in modern-day Salem by an unsuspecting boy, and must now figure out how to get them back in the ground. White Plains Library.

Sketching Safari. Learn to sketch wolves with wildlife and conservation artist Alison Nicholls. Nicholls is a member of

Artists for Conservation, the Society of Animal Artists, the Explorers Club and the Salmagundi Club. Her work has been featured in wildlife art magazines in the U.S. and United Kingdom, has been exhibited at the Botswana Mission to the United Nations and has been used by the U.S. Department of State to promote the Coalition Against Wildlife Trafficking initiative. Nicholls will explain some of the special challenges she has faced when sketching wildlife in the field and will talk about how to overcome them, whether you are sketching wolves in Yellowstone or elephants in Africa. With her guidance, try hand sketching the center's ambassador wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 9 a.m. \$70 per person. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Are We Alone? Hudson Valley UFOs. The Hudson Valley may be the number one hot spot for UFO sightings in the country. From the "Mysterious Airships" of 1909, to the massive wave of triangular craft in the 1980s, to the present day, this presentation will highlight eyewitness accounts that will make you think twice about whether or not we are alone. A Q&A to follow. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 to 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

"Fantastic Fungi." This film depicts a vivid journey into the mysterious subterranean world of mycelium and its fruit - the mushroom. A story that begins 3.5 billion years ago, fungi makes the soil that supports life, connecting vast systems of roots from plants and trees all over the

planet. Through the eyes of renowned scientists and mycologists like Paul Stamens, best-selling authors Michael Pollan, Eugenia Bone, Andrew Weil and others, experience the power, beauty and complexity of the fungi kingdom. Narrated by Brie Larson. Followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Louie Schwartzberg and Dr. Tony Bossis, NYU professor and clinical researcher, with Jacob Burns Film Center founder Steve Apkon. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 5 p.m. Members: \$12. Non-members: \$17. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Monday, Oct. 14

Apple Cidering. New York is the second largest producer of apples in the country. In this seasonal program, children will use an old-fashioned screw press to make apple cider. Participants will also learn about the colonial experience of cider making and get a taste of fresh, tangy apple cider. Fun for all ages. 1 to 2 p.m. \$5 for members, \$8 for non-members. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale.

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White Plains Routs Mamaroneck on Homecoming

By Rob DiAntonio

Coming off their first loss of the season at Arlington, White Plains' football team was looking to bounce back in a big way when they hosted Mamaroneck for their homecoming last Friday.

They did just that, cruising to a 39-6 win to improve to 4-1 on the season. They also are 8-0 at home dating back to the 2017 season.

"This year we're 3-0 at home, last year we were 4-0 and we won our last home game the year before," White Plains coach Mike Lindberg said. "Winning eight in a row at home, our crowd does a good job and they're very supportive and the kids just have a little bit of extra energy at home I think."

White Plains, which outgained Mamaroneck 453-125, had five different players score touchdowns and nine different ball carriers.

"It's awesome because it keeps everybody engaged and shows that we're a true team," Lindberg said of having nine different players receive carries. "We don't have to rely on one or two kids. All different kids can participate type deal."

Senior quarterback Ben Finkel was 9 of 11 passing for 183 yards and two touchdowns. Josiah Harris and Caleb Gillen had touchdown catches. Christian Young rushed for 115 yards on 15 carries and two scores. Brandon Artis and Chris McGuire added rushing touchdowns.

White Plains led 12-0 after one quarter



From left: White Plains seniors Ben Finkel, Caleb Gillen, Johnny Pasqualini and Josiah Harris head to midfield for the coin toss.

and had a 26-6 lead at halftime.

The Tigers had a strong scouting report for Mamaroneck and went with man-to-man coverage in the secondary. Harris had one interception in the win.

"We did a great job of doing our job,"

Lindberg said of the defense. "They understood the game plan really well. We put kids in positions and they just followed the game plan really well. We decided that we were going to plan man (coverage) and just have our athletes play like athletes. We left



Christian Young carries.

seven in the box to stop the run."

White Plains goes on the road in Week 6. The Tigers head to Ossining for a 6 p.m. game on Friday, Oct. 11. They'll then close the regular season at Port Chester the following week (Oct. 18).

The Tigers are looking to gain a top seed in the Class AA sectionals.

"The hope is that if we win out, we'll be league champs," Lindberg said. "And then from there it'll sort itself out. But if we can stay home (throughout the playoffs), obviously that's a good situation for us."



White Plains quarterback Ben Finkel tucks and runs for the sideline against Mamaroneck.



Tiger running back Christian Young breaks through two Mamaroneck defenders.



Chris McGuire looks for a hole.

EXAMINER SPORTS

Crusaders Bounce Back in Big Way, Beat Friars 42-7

By Albert Coqueran

St. Anthony's High School came to town without their top quarterback. He transferred to another high school just a couple of weeks ago. The Friars are also starting a new era under Head Coach Joe Minucci, who succeeded legendary Head Coach Rich Reichert, who retired at the end of last season after 32 years at the helm.

Nonetheless, St. Anthony's is still the Friars from Melville, NY, whose history in the CHSFL AAA is envied by many opponents. Nobody knows that better than Head Coach Mike O'Donnell, who has been leading Stepinac for 32 years. "It is a difficult thing when the quarterback leaves a team, any team, whether he gets injured or leaves for some other reason, it is always a blow," said O'Donnell.

Regardless of any adversity or adjustment period St. Anthony's was experiencing at the time, the Crusaders knew one thing and one thing only; they needed a win, especially after their devastating one-point loss to Iona Prep last week, 36-35.

The Crusaders performed in just that manner on both sides of the football, beating the Friars, 42-7, while improving their record to 4-1, as St. Anthony's drops to 1-4. "We needed this win badly after the tough loss last week. We are playing tough opponents every week and to come back and play well and get a big lead in the first half, it felt good, it was good for our players," stated O'Donnell.

The Crusaders surely did get "a big lead" in the first half, in fact they dominated the first half 35-7. The Crusaders defense got their offense good field position twice in the first quarter and both times they capitalized on it.

Crusaders cornerback Zachery Barnes made a huge stop on third down on the Friars first possession on their own 33-yard line. A penalty brought the ball back to their 18-yard line for the punt.

Carino walked onto the field for his initial offensive possession with a trick play up his sleeve. After the old hook-and-ladder play worked for Iona against Stepinac last week. Crusaders Offensive Coordinator Joe Venice decided, hey, I got some tricks of my own.

Carino pitched to McKenna, who abruptly stopped running and threw a 32-yard



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Stepinac Defensive Coordinator Jonathan Demarco (center) huddles with his defense before the game. His instructions must have been very constructive, as the Crusaders defense held the St. Anthony's offense to one touchdown in their 42-7 win on Sunday.

touchdown pass to wide receiver Matt Halas. "We were working on that play all week. We were really excited when coach called it on the first play of the game," revealed Carino.

The Crusaders defense stepped-up again while positioning their offense for their second possession on the Friars 45-yard line. This time the run game was implemented, as Kyle Benjamin rushed 15 yards for the score.

The Friars showed some life as quarterback Greg Randall, doing all he can in his new found starting position, threw a 68-yard pass to wide receiver Jaden Jernigan, who fought his way into the end zone.

But that was all the scoring there was from



Stepinac running back Jayden Jenkins (center) steps on the foot of Friars defensive back Dante Antoine (#5) as he enters the end zone on a two-yard touchdown run. Stepinac went on to beat St. Anthony's 42-7, for their fourth win this season.

the Friars in the game. Crusaders running back/linebacker McKenna was dominant on both offense and defense. Carino found him with a 16-yard touchdown pass to start the second quarter and it was all Stepinac from that point of the game.

The Friars fumbled on the kickoff after Jayden Jenkins scored on a two-yard run and Stepinac recovered and scored again. Carino got wide receiver Quentin McCauley in the game with a six-yard TD pass. When the two CHSFL AAA rivals headed to the locker room at halftime, Stepinac was leading by 28 points, 35-7

The final Crusaders touchdown was scored by their defense, as defensive tackle Nick Tulipano scooped up a Friars fumble on their 15-yard line and ran into the end zone.

"We knew after last week's loss that we just had to pick each other up and work hard in practice to come back. This is how we expect to play every game," emphasized McKenna.

Next week the Crusaders travel to Middle Village in Queens to challenge the undefeated 5-0, Christ The King High School, on Sunday, Oct. 13, at 3 p.m.

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NY Knicks Open Training Camp with Media Day in Tarrytown

By Albert Coqueran

The NY Knicks launched their 2019-20 campaign with Media Day at the Madison Square Garden Training Center, in Tarrytown, on Monday, Sept. 30.

Steve Mills, the President of the Knicks, General Manager Scott Perry and Head Coach David Fizdale took center stage to answer questions for the initial time together since missing out on the “big three” free agent prospects, Kawhi Leonard, Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving.

Rendering it even more disappointing to Knicks fans while being ignored by the “big three” was that Leonard and Durant signed with the neighboring Brooklyn Nets. “One thing we know, it is important to control the things that you can control. Players make decisions about where they want to play and those are decisions that they come to on their own,” stated Mills.

Nonetheless, Mills feels with the signing of their first round draft pick guard/forward RJ Barrett, who was the third overall pick in the 2019 NBA Draft and six free agents including Julius Randle, Marcus Morris, Taj Gibson, Elfrid Payton, Bobby Portis and Wayne Ellington, that he now has a product worthy of Knicks fans appreciation.

“This is a team that New Yorkers are going to like, the grittiness and the toughness of these guys. Also, these are a group of guys that had other places they could go but they made a decision to come here to New York and play for the Knicks. These are guys that our fans are going to like,” expressed Mills.

When adding the Knicks top draft pick and free agents with returning youngsters point guard Dennis Smith, Jr., center Mitchell Robinson, forward Kevin Knox, guard Frank Ntilikina and former Westchester Knicks Damyean Dotson, Alonzo Trier and Two-Way Player Kadeem Allen, the Knicks have potential. However, there are some questions that need to be answered early in



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Devon Matos (second left) of the Garden of Dreams Foundation was anointed as an honorary Training Camp roster member of the NY Knicks by (l-r) President Steve Mills, General Manager Scott Perry and Head Coach David Fizdale, during Media Day, at the MSG Training Center, in Tarrytown.

the season.

How productive will free agents Julius Randle and Marcus Morris be running the floor with Mitchell Robinson and Kevin Knox? Furthermore, will point guards Smith, Jr., Ntilikina or Payton, for that fact, be able to penetrate and distribute the ball to them in a timely fashion. Also, how quick will the rookie Barrett adjust to life in the NBA?

“I do not see us being a team that is

running everybody out of the gym. But at the same time, I would like to see us have a hard-nose defensive mentality that can get us out into the open court. We signed some guys that can really rebound the basketball and that is a big part of getting out and running in the open court,” said Head Coach David Fizdale, starting his second year at the

helm.

Fifth year player Randle is a 24-year old quick powerful 6’-9” forward who averaged 21.4 points, 8.7 rebounds and three assists per game with the New Orleans Pelicans last season. He also shoots 34.5 % from three-point range.

Morris snubbed his nose at a two-year deal with the San Antonio Spurs to sign a one-year deal with the Knicks. Morris is a type of enforcer player who averaged 14 points and six rebounds per game last season with the Boston Celtics.

Randle and Morris are quite aware that much is expected of them regarding leadership of this young team. “This team has a good mixture of veterans and a good mixture of young guys that are willing to learn. On this team there are a lot of guys that want to prove something and we do not have any expectations – just go out there and compete at the highest level and win games,” said Morris.



NY Knicks free agent acquisition, Julius Randle answers question from the media on Media Day, at the MSG Training Center, in Tarrytown, on Sept. 30. Randle is a 24-year old, 6’-9” 250-pound power forward who runs the floor well. He will certainly be a leader and impact player for the Knicks this season.

Section One High School Basketball to Return to Westchester County Center

The Westchester County Center in White Plains has been selected as the venue for the semifinals of the Section One Boys and Girls High School Basketball tournament in 2020. The exciting news means that the entire Section One finals week will take place at the County Center.

County Executive George Latimer said: “I remember fondly driving up from Mount Vernon when I was in high school to see the Section One games. I’m so thrilled that young people in this County will now get to experience the same thing I did – going to the County Center under the lights and hear the cheers. Today’s decision marks another great day for Westchester County high-school basketball players and their families, friends and fans. Get ready for some great basketball this spring!”

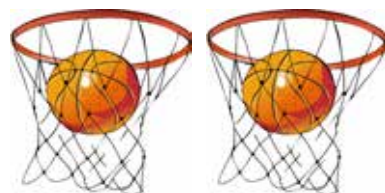
The County Center had been chosen as the venue for the tournament’s finals earlier this year, and the selection

regarding the semifinals was made based on the County’s proposal in response to a Request for Proposals by the Section One Athletics executive committee.

The Section One championship games had taken place at the County Center since 1933.

“The County Center, with its convenient central location, excellent amenities and conveniences, and most of all, its legendary status in the county’s basketball community makes it an ideal location for Section One championship week,” Latimer said.

The games will take place March 2 through 9, 2020.



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White Plains Tigers Bounce Back During Friday's Homecoming Game



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White Plains High School Tigers cruised to a 39-6 win to improve to 4-1 on the season during their homecoming game against Mamaroneck on Friday. They also are 8-0 at home dating back to the 2017 season. Pictured, Josiah Harris carries on a sweep. See page 17 for more on the homecoming game.