



White Plains GrandPas United Gather to Discuss Sports Impact on Youth



Men from GrandPas United in conjunction with the White Plains Library, White Plains Youth Bureau and the White Plains My Brother's Keeper gathered to discuss the impact of sports on our youth. The discussion theme was character versus talent. Panelists included former NFL Houston Oiler and New York Jets Football player Rev. Albert Burton, former Boxer Peter Woods, former Yale University Hall Famer Jim Morgan (who outscored Pete Maravich in a college basketball tournament) and Wagner College Hall of Famer Daymon Yizar. What a great conversation.

FASNY Selling Three Undeveloped White Plains Parcels

By Pat Casey

The French-American School of New York (FASNY) on Mar. 21 announced its decision to divest part of its Ridgeway property in White Plains with the sale of three parcels that are not part of the final approved reduced Site Plan forced by a court-ordered Stipulation Agreement between the school and the City of White Plains.

FASNY retained Stamford-based CBRE, a commercial real estate services firm, to market and sell the three undeveloped portions of the property, while retaining the 28 acres that are approved for construction of its Secondary School campus (grades 6 to 12) and a 51-acre nature conservancy.

Construction of the controversial project is anticipated to begin soon.

Residents in the immediate neighborhood and in other White Plains



Screenshot of FASNY properties for sale. Yellow: Parcel B. Green: Parcel C. Blue: Parcel D. The property outlined in red above Parcel D is the area planned for the conservancy. The area outlined in red below Parcel B is Parcel A and the site for the FASNY Secondary School.

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Greenburgh Planning Board Supports Four Corners Study, Mar. 27 Public Hearing Slated

By Neal Rentz

The Greenburgh Planning Board made a positive recommendation to the Town Board related to a land-use study associated with the Four Corners Study Area at a meeting earlier this month. The study will be the subject of a March 27 Town Board public hearing. At the public hearing Planning Commissioner Garrett Duquesne will present the plan and discuss the process for the Four Corners revival.

The study contains revitalization-based goals, objectives and policies related to a unified vision for the area. The study area plan is the first of several planning phases to address challenges in the area, such as commercial vacancies,

parking, stormwater, and traffic; through a planning and rezoning process to create a vibrant neighborhood center and gateway to the Hartsdale Train Station and surrounding residential communities, according to the Planning Board.

The Four Corners is located at the intersections of East Hartsdale Avenue, Central Ave and West Hartsdale Avenue.

At the March 6 meeting the Planning Board made changes to the cover note of its recommendations to the Town Board. Chairperson Walter Simon said. As part of their recommendation, the Planning Board came to a consensus to request that the Town Board include the area of the Hartsdale Metro-North station to

the revitalization effort and the planners also agreed that the type of housing that should be encouraged for the area not be limited at this point in the process.

The town has provided \$150,000 in funding for traffic and stormwater studies which will be coordinated through a single request for proposals.

Supervisor Paul Feiner said recently, "This technical analysis is an integral component in the process of improving Four Corners and areas impacted by flooding along E. Hartsdale Avenue. Subsequent redevelopment at Four Corners consistent with the study will require significant private investment, likely exceeding \$200 million, with potential funding supplements from

infrastructure/redevelopment grants."

"The 4C study, which complements and will supplement the Town's 2016 Comprehensive Plan, identifies the many challenges faced at Four Corners (traffic congestion, parking inadequacy, unsafe pedestrian conditions, poor aesthetic conditions, commercial vacancies and periodic flooding)," Feiner said. "The study identifies potential solution concepts for these challenges and plans for revitalization through significant investment, which would result in redevelopment at Four Corners that includes combinations of commercial, office and residential space with attractive architecture, pocket parks, plazas, open spaces and buffers.



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communities began fighting the project from the moment the property was purchased, citing environmental and traffic concerns and that the plan was contrary to the goals of the White Plains Comprehensive Plan and would destroy the existing neighborhood. Once the Stipulation Agreement was made, the Gedney Neighborhood Association sued both FASNY and the City of White Plains on several counts related to improper procedure.

FASNY is selling what are known as Parcel B (14 acres between Gedney Esplanade and Heatherbloom Road); Parcel C (15.5 acres between Heatherbloom and Bryant Avenue); and a portion of Parcel D (18.4 acres starting from Hathaway Lane and heading towards Ridgeway) that is not part of the dedicated nature conservancy.

The CBRE website describes the parcels as approximately 48 acres in the prestigious Gedney Farms neighborhood

of White Plains.

The Property is located in the White Plains R1-30 Residential One Family zoning district which allows one-family dwellings on lots over 30,000 sq. ft. as a permitted principal use under the City's zoning ordinance.

According to CBRE, "recent professional land planning studies contemplate that 42 homes may be constructed on lots ranging from .69± acres to 1.87± acres."

The Stipulation agreement between

FASNY and White Plains concerns only Parcel A for building of the school and the conservancy, leaving the remaining property FASNY purchased from the Ridgeway Country Club in 2011 with residential use in effect for the balance of the property.

CBRE has not yet returned a request for information on the sale price for the parcels and whether the parcels would be sold as one unit or could be purchased individually.



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White Plains Resident Wins First Place in Poetry Contest

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White Plains Redefining Recreational Facilities in Zoning Ordinance

By Pat Casey

A proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Definition of "Recreation Facilities" to include "Electronic Games," Laser Tag, Esports, and Virtual Reality Games/Rides in the B-6 Business District in White Plains was considered by the Planning Board at its March 19 meeting.

Eileen McClain, Board secretary and also on the Planning Dept. staff, explained that the proposed changes are in response to recent applications for video gaming, golf simulation, and Egaming applications and other uses that have emerged with changing technology.

The proposal was submitted by the City of White Plains and is a Common Council referral. It is expected the Common Council will hold a public hearing on the ordinance changes at its April 1 meeting.

McClain said the proposal has two components. One is to eliminate the exclusion of stadia and arenas because these are covered elsewhere in the Zoning Ordinance. The other is to specify where these new uses will be located.

Currently recreation facilities are permitted in almost all commercially zoned districts in the city's downtown, on Central Avenue and Westchester Avenue. The proposal expands use in enclosed malls in the B-6 District.

"This seems to be where these businesses want to go and the City is supportive of that, believing it will help the businesses

there and keep the malls vital," McClain explained.

McClain also suggested the Board might want to suggest to the Council that the B-1 (Restricted Business District) that includes 120 Bloomingdale Rd., The Source, Bloomingdale's, the Container Store, and Whole Foods also be added to the proposal.

The suggestion to include the B-1

"Adding electronic gaming could help to keep the malls vital."

District came when a business wanted to open a golf simulator with bar operation at one of the malls in the B-1 District.

McClain said that golf-simulation and electronic gaming were the applications being made at this time, not game arcades.

Board members noted that many White Plains children go to other communities to play electronic games and that it would be nice to keep the business as well as the kids in White Plains.

Board chairman John Ioris noted that it seemed like a win-win for the malls if the parents shop and the kids are occupied,

obviously monitored at the same location.

McClain noted that the electronic gaming applications were not just for kids, but for adult entertainment as well.

Board member Lynn Oliva said that when a similar change to the Zoning Ordinance was made several years back, there was public outcry. "Churches came out against it. Schools came out against it," she said, adding video games are still mind numbing. "What has changed?"

The Common Council will hold a public hearing, McClain said. "Maybe people will come out. We have not heard anything against it. I think that the nature of electronic gaming has changed. I think the aversion to it is less pronounced. I think we will find out more about it at the hearing."

McClain noted that the types of applications being proposed are not the same as those that were protested in the past.

While the Planning Board ultimately agreed to recommend to the Council that the B-1 District be added to the current proposal, they did discuss their reservations about compatibility of uses.

Oliva said she had always thought of the B-1 District as more high-end. "We have Dannon headquarters there. Would something like this really fit in?"

Ioris said it would be a foolish landlord that did not discuss the change with tenants before moving a new use in.

"You almost would have to trust that the businesses would sort it out," he said.

Board member Leonard Gruenfeld said he had been at the Source earlier in the day and that most of the businesses were retail.

The Board agreed to recommend the Council go forward with the public hearing and members said they were curious about what the public would have to say.

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ArtsWestchester Announces Seven Honorees for 2019 Arts Awards

ArtsWestchester has announced seven individuals and organizations who will be honored at its annual Arts Awards Luncheon on April 11. Spanning a range of disciplines, the honorees are: John Shearer, of Katonah; Victoria "Vickie" Morris of Mount Vernon; PJS Jazz Society, of Mount Vernon; Pace University Professor Maria Luskay, of Holliston, MA; David Rocco, of Yorktown Heights; and community groups Pro Bono Partnership, based in White Plains; and Rehabilitation Through The Arts, based in Purchase.

"The arts are very much alive and well

in Westchester, and each year we like to pause for a moment to honor those individuals and organizations who are so vital to the cultural fabric of our county and communities," said ArtsWestchester CEO Janet T. Langsam.

John Shearer (Artist Award) has illuminated social disparity for more than half a century. As a photographer, he bore witness to some of the most significant events of the 20th century, including the Attica riots, anti-war protests in Chicago and Dr. Martin Luther King's memorial. Raised in Greenburgh, Shearer was

mentored by two photography legends: Westchester neighbor Gordon Parks and Arthur Rothstein. When he was a 17-year-old assistant at "Look Magazine," he captured one of the most recognized photos of the 20th century – toddler John F. Kennedy Jr. saluting his father's casket at the President's funeral. With his own father, illustrator Ted Shearer, he also created African-American child detective Billy Jo Jive, a children's book series that later became animated spots on "Sesame Street."

Victoria "Vickie" Morris (Emily &

Eugene Grant Arts Patron Award) and her late husband Steve, supported the arts and the environment. Some of the commitments that they made together were to Parsons Dance Company, New York Public Radio, and the Bedford Playhouse, where they were enthusiastic donors. On her own, Vickie fell into a lifelong love affair with the Katonah Museum, its mission and its people.

For nearly 40 years, Mount Vernon-based organization PJS Jazz Society (Arts Organization Award) has cultivated an unparalleled legacy of bringing well-known professional musicians to the stage during eight performances each year. PJS was founded in 1980 by ardent jazz fan, the late Reverend Clinton C. Glenn Jr., who dreamt up the idea of bringing masters to Mount Vernon at affordable prices for the community.

Through Pace University's Media, Communications and Visual Arts Department, Yonkers native Professor Maria Luskay (Sophia Abeles Education Award) gives students the opportunity to study abroad and learn documentary filmmaking.

Pro Bono Partnership (Community Award) has provided free legal services to nonprofit organizations in Westchester County and throughout suburban New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The Partnership mobilizes hundreds of attorneys from major corporations and law firms to donate their time in order to meet the needs of more than 800 charitable organizations – a value of about \$10 million per year.

Begun in 1996 by Katherine Vockins at Sing Sing Correctional Facility, arts organization Rehabilitation Through the Arts (Community Award) uses the transformative power of the arts, helping prisoners to develop the social and cognitive skills needed for successful reintegration into society.

After a workplace injury forced David Rocco's (Lawrence Salley Photography Award) early retirement from his job with the New York City Housing Authority, the self-taught photographer turned to his art with focused passion. His photography has been exhibited at ArtsWestchester and the Robeson Gallery, among others. Presentations of his work are scheduled this year at the Warner Library in May and the Ossining Library in June. Among other Hudson River-related bodies of works, Rocco is perhaps best known for his six-year project documenting the destruction of the Tappan Zee Bridge and the construction of the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge. He has traveled hundreds of miles to document material manufacturing and assemblage, has flown in helicopters to shoot aerial perspectives and has ridden on various boats along the river under and beside the two bridges. In that time, Rocco has taken more than ten thousand images as part of this project.

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The Loola Doola Boutique in White Plains is not the first business city resident Lauren Morris has owned.

She previously owned a boutique located on Post Road in White Plains, which she opened in 2010. Morris said last week she did not know everything she needed to about running her own business. "I opened and closed quickly. It was like nine months," she said. "I really needed to perfect my craft and really figure out what I wanted to do. And I took on various jobs and I learned how to work under other entrepreneurs in the boutique business. And here it is, seven years later I got the courage and confidence up again to open up another boutique and I found the perfect location in downtown White Plains."

Morris explained how she came up with the name of her boutique. "My dad (Erwin Gilliam) called me that as a child, Loola Doola," she recalled. "I couldn't stand the name, but he passed in '06. When I opened the store in 2017 I decided to call the store Loola Doola."

The boutique offers such women's clothing as dresses, blouses, and skirts not found in mall stores, Morris said.

She also sells jewelry, which is mainly handmade in Westchester, and accessories.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

White Plains resident Lauren Morris opened Loola Doola Boutique in the city in July 2017.

Morris designs the handbags sold in her boutique. Her handbags received a "Best of Westchester" award from the editors of "Westchester Magazine" in 2018.

Morris said she began designing handbags in 2008. "I began to doodle and it turned into a handbag," she said.

It takes less than a month for a handbag she designs to be manufactured and be

ready for sale, Morris said.

Morris has many goals for her business. She wants to expand to men's clothing and bring in her own line of clothing in the near future. In addition, Morris said she wants to expand the store.

Morris said it is not difficult competing with larger stores. "If you shop at boutiques and you like boutiques you come in

looking for that boutique experience," she said. "The boutique experience is one-on-one service. When you come in you know you're going to find something different."

Morris said she has a special relationship with her customers. "You really do become a friend," she said. "You're no longer a customer."

Loola Doola Boutique is located at 206 Martine Ave. in White Plains. For more information call 914-468-1168 or send an e-mail looladoolainfo@gmail.com. The store also has a Facebook page.



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Obituaries

Alvin Kutka Sr.

Alvin Robert Kutka Sr. died March 18. He was 81.

Alvin was born June 25, 1937 in Yonkers to the late Paul and Helen (nee Senitta) Kutka. On Sept. 19, 1959 he married Josephine (nee Cordelli) Kutka at Mt. Carmel Church in White Plains. She predeceased him in 2018.

Alvin was a graphic artist and President of Cutter Graphics, Inc. He was also a member of The New York Nut Growers Assoc.

Alvin is survived by his three children David Kutka and his partner Karin Ryan of Hartsdale, Karen Hessel and her husband John of New Rochelle, and Alvin Kutka Jr. and his wife Kristin of Elmsford. He is also survived by his brother Richard Kutka of Arkansas, and four grandchildren Jack Hessel, Anne Hessel, Kayla Kutka, and Katrina Kutka.

A sister Susan Kutka predeceased him.

Alvin was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was generous with his time and talents. A true "Jack of all trades," he would help anyone with renovation projects and was very giving with advice and knowledge. Alvin enjoyed fishing, tomato gardening, his Ithaca farm, woodworking, and was a voracious reader. He enjoyed his grandkids and always brought them goodies.

In lieu of flowers please send donations in Alvin's name to Hospice of Westchester, 1025 Westchester Ave., Suite 200, White Plains, NY 10604; hospiceofwestchester.com.

Larry Powell

Larry Powell, of Greenburgh, died March 16.

He was born June 23, 1948 in Bartow, GA, to Ms. Ella Mae Powell (deceased).

He is survived by his wife Alice Hudson Powell of Greenburgh, son Kobie Powell (Dena deceased) of Greenburgh; from his first marriage (Idella Powell), two grandchildren, Amari and Aleah Powell, sister Gloria Jean Powell of Briarcliff, niece Sophia A. McCallum (Dwayne) of Briarcliff Manor, two great nephews

Marcus and Maison McCallum, mother-in-law Marie H. Chambers (Wilber deceased) of Elmsford, sister-in-law Debra Chambers (Luis Arzu) of Valhalla, nephew Kamari L. Arzu, brother-in-law Curtis B. Chambers of Elmsford, brother-in-law Keith Austin, sister-in-law Louise Ashton (Willis), Tammy Austin, sister-in-law LaTanya Johnson (Robert).

He was raised as siblings with two first cousins, Johnnie L. Tennerson Jr. (Patricia) and Louise Williams. He is also survived by a host of additional family and friends.

Larry attended elementary school in Bartow, Georgia and attended T.J. Elder High School. He was an "A" student throughout elementary, middle, and high school, graduating in the top of his class with honors in June of 1966.

He was inducted into the U.S. Army on April 22, 1968 at age 19. He successfully completed the US Army Infantry School and served in combat in the Vietnam War. He was awarded multiple awards and medals. Most significant among these honors being the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze star, the Purple Heart (received on June 1, 1969 for wounds he received in action), and the Silver Star (received on Sept. 29, 1969 for gallantry in action). Larry was honorably discharged on April 21, 1970, ultimately completing his reserve duties in 1974.

He was hired by the USPS in September 1972. He was promoted to Supervisor of Transportation and Network Operations in 1998. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2006.

Larry possessed an extensive array of interests and hobbies that could have served as careers. He was a licensed locksmith, an undertaking he started purely out of curiosity and mechanical inclination. Despite possessing no official training or schooling he was an incredible motor vehicle mechanic, possessing the knowledge to disassemble and reassemble an engine, and the ability to make whatever repairs it needed. However, he only worked on cars when the weather was between 69 and 74 degrees

Fahrenheit, or so it seemed. He loved the outdoors and being by the water, but was particular about the temperature. He could fix almost anything and understood how virtually everything worked. He was always in search of knowledge, whether it came from an encyclopedia, biography, or documentary. For someone that knew so much and often loved to share it, he could be quiet, private, reserved, and introspective. He was a notoriously straight shooter (literally and figuratively) and didn't go out of his way to engage just everyone and anyone in conversation. But he believed in treating everyone that would allow him, with fairness and kindness.

Maria Russo

Maria Pia Russo, 75, passed away March 15.

She was born Oct. 23, 1943 in Villa San Giovanni, Reggio, Calabria, Italy to Pasquale and Antonia Bevacqua.

A homemaker and seamstress, Maria enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing and gardening. On Sept. 23, 1967 Maria married her husband Rocco in Italy.

Besides her husband Rocco, Maria is survived by her three daughters Graziella Kaufman of Armonk, Antonella Mackarey of White Plains, and Anna Gual of New Rochelle; her sons-in-law Ross Kaufman and Augusto Gual; and two grandchildren Cassandra and Brett Kaufman.

She was a wonderful wife and best

friend cherished by her husband. Loving mother adored by her children. Adoring grandmother treasured by her grandchildren.

Sheldon Eisenman

Dr. Sheldon (Shelly) Eisenman, 86 years old, of Scarsdale, died March 21 peacefully at White Plains Hospital, after a brief illness.

Sheldon was born Oct. 2, 1932 and raised in the Bensonhurst neighborhood in Brooklyn, to Rabbi Saul and Zipora Eisenman.

He graduated from New York University, received a medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and completed a residency in psychiatry at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

He married his beloved wife Katherine July 28, 1961.

From 1963 to 1965 Shelley served as a captain in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Verdun, France. He returned to build a private practice in psychiatry in Manhattan and Hartsdale. He was also an attending and taught at the New York Hospital, Westchester Division, the NYU Student Health Service and the Westchester Jewish Community Services.

Shelly is survived by his wife Katherine, his children David (Julia Pistor), Nicole, and Joshua (Kristin Hatfield), his brother Rabbi Bernard Eisenman (Billie), and six grandchildren Thomas, Anna, Michael, Zachary, Jean George, and Frederick.

\$1 Million for Small Business Loans in Economically Distressed Areas of Westchester

The Westchester County Office of Economic Development has announced that \$1 million in loans for small businesses in economically distressed areas of Westchester County are available through a revolving loan fund from Empire State Development (ESD).

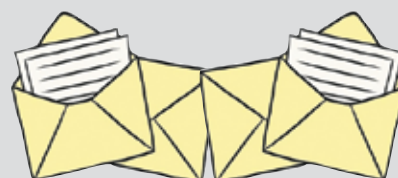
The focus of the funding is to provide loans to small business owners who have historically had difficulty accessing regular credit markets, particularly minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBEs). The loans can be used for improving land and or buildings, construction and renovation, and for machinery and equipment purchases.

A total of \$4 million in funding is being provided by ESD's Metropolitan

Economic Revitalization Fund (MERF). The MERF program makes loans to organizations investing in projects that retain or create a significant number of private-sector jobs in economically distressed areas. The loans are being disbursed through four Community Development Financial Institutions including Community Capital New York, Inc. of Elmsford.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said the majority of the County's workforce is employed by small businesses. "It is vitally important that we continue to encourage the growth of small businesses through loan programs such as these which target economically distressed areas," Latimer said.

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In memory of
Richard Anthony
Monsour

Before the term diversity became the politically correct lingua franca for defining multiculturalism, Baby Boomers were taught in school that America was the melting pot of races, nationalities, and ethnicities. The greatness of the American dream would be achieved through the synthesis and gelling of all our unique characters and abilities that would forge a true American Manifest Identity.

It was also a time of contradiction, as the image of the typical All-American boy was blond, blue-eyed, and surfing on the west coast to the music we have come to know as surf music. What most Americans are unaware of – this all-American surf sound with its driving guitar lines fueled with high amp reverb was created by Richard Anthony Mansour (May 4, 1937 to March 16, 2019) born in Boston, MA, of Lebanese descent.

Mansour was taught how to play the oud, a Middle Eastern stringed instrument and precursor to the modern guitar, by his uncle. He retained his strong interest in

Arabic music, and learned to surf, when his family moved to California when he was teen. This combination later played a major role in his development of surf rock. While playing in local country bars, Mansour was given the name de plume “Dick Dale” by Texas Tiny.

Dick Dale was a truly gifted guitarist who played the guitar left-handed with a right-handed guitar, without restringing the guitar, and while playing the guitar upside down.

Dale also employed non-western scales in his songs, reverb, heavy gauge strings, and cranking his amp to the limits. He is also credited with being the “Father of Heavy Metal.”

Leo Fender, the inventor of the solid-body electric guitar and manufacturer of amps, partnered with Dale to test his equipment. He is known to have quipped, “When it can withstand the barrage of punishment from Dick Dale, then it is fit for human consumption.” This partnership led to the creation of the Fender Showman Amp. This behemoth was complete with two 15-inch speakers united with Leo Fender’s Stratocaster guitar, which allowed Dale to attain significantly louder volume

levels unobtainable by the conventional equipment of the day.

Dick’s signature song, Misirlou, was originally recorded in 1962, and it gained a new audience in the 1994 Quentin Tarantino film “Pulp Fiction.”

Dick Dale’s discography is as impressive as it is long, though pales when compared to the list of guitarists and musicians he has influenced, the Beach Boys for one. Dick also performed on the Ed Sullivan Show. His band,

Dale and the Del-Tones, songs can be heard on the 1963 movie “Beach Party,” starring Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello, and in the 1964 film “Muscle Beach Party.”

In 2009, Dale was inducted into the Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville, and was also inducted into the Surfing Walk of Fame in Huntington Beach, CA in 2011.

Dale, who just recently passed away while on tour, claimed he was forced to keep touring at the age of 81 because of his inability to afford his medical costs for the treatment of his colorectal cancer.

In closing, we can now reflect on how the music of foreign lands was united

in the international surf that breached our shores and created a truly unique All-American sound. For you music aficionados, especially guitarists, I encourage you to acquaint yourselves with Dale’s body of work, or revisit it to gain a better appreciation of his guitar acumen.

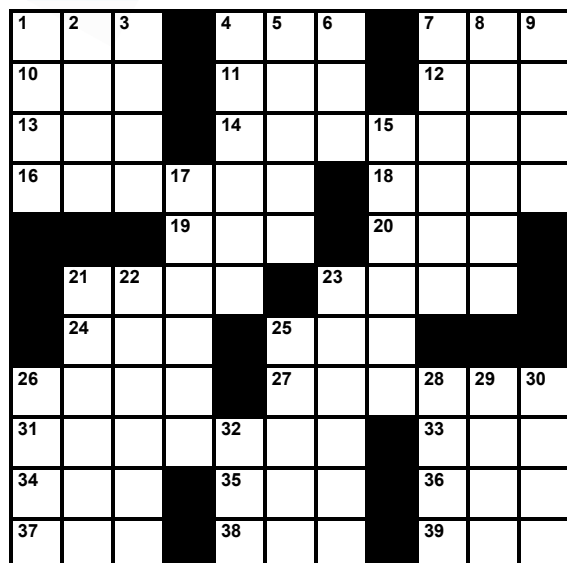
For non-musicians and axmen, Dale’s music offers some rather nostalgic memories of our musical and cultural past. But, as all musicians know, it’s not the mortal death we fear so much as the death of our name mentioned for the last time. So, let us keep Dale’s name alive with just a click and a download of his music. We owe it to Dale and ourselves.

May you rest in peace. Thank you Dale. Dr. Richard Cirulli is a retired Professor, columnist, playwright, author, songwriter, and author of “The Songs of Roland”. You can view his website at Demitasseplayers.com. He looks forward to your comments at profcirulli@optonline.net.

Guest Column



Crossword by Myles Mellor



Across

1. “Game of Thrones” network
4. Afternoons and evenings, briefly
7. Chat room “I think ...”
10. Summer mo.
11. A as in Austria
12. Road material
13. Compass point
14. Tell tales
16. “Mission Impossible” character or Croton hospital
18. Eclectic collection

Down

1. “I think, therefore ...” Descartes
20. Lidded container
21. Giant computer company founder
23. Abbreviations for certain companies
24. Cartridge contents
25. Recognize
26. Foe in the first Indiana Jones film
27. Rock star Prince would be partial to this White Plains restaurant, _____ Corn
31. Coveted medal
33. 1984 Summer Olympics host
34. Male cat
35. Inseparable
36. Taxi or limo
37. No one can be rejected on the basis of this
38. Mogul Turner 39. Gold units, abbr.

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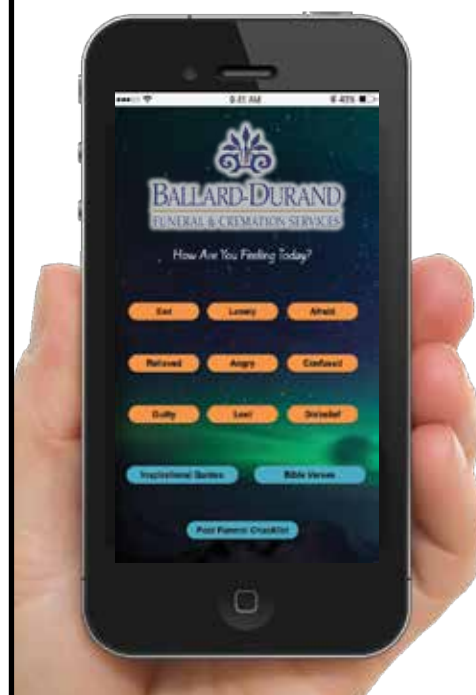
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The Story Behind the Doorknob and its Many Styles

Except for those dastardly swinging doors, which I never liked and think, are one of the world's most dangerous inventions, every door needs something to grab on to in order to be opened and closed.

It's that round or oval device that you rarely think about, even though you wrap your hand around it at least 100 times a day.

After I read recently that there are about two million germs per square inch attached to the average doorknob and the experience of showing too many houses during flu season, I became very aware of every doorknob I touched. I really started to scrub my hands down many times a day.

Readers of this column know that I'm a movie buff and much of what I learned about home life started from make-believe home life in old movies. One of these was a Judy Garland film called "Presenting Lily Mars," which was an adaptation of a Booth Tarkington novel by the same name. It was a silly enough storyline with a subplot that really galled me involving Garland's character's younger brother who had a strange hobby of collecting doorknobs that he would steal from people's homes.

Where was the moral compass of that Midwestern family, I thought, in dismissing the criminal behavior of that rascal as something cute, especially since it involved stealing an essential item in

providing access and egress around the house?

The doorknob is an ingenious little device actually. The traditional knob has a bolt or spindle running through it that sits just above a cylinder, to which the spindle is connected. Turning the knob pulls the cylinder in the direction of the turn. The end of the cylinder is a latch that protrudes into a space that is carved out of the doorframe and prevents the door from being opened if the knob is not turned.

The mechanism is a little more complex than I'm describing it here, but I'll leave further understanding to the technicians among us.

Interestingly, America didn't produce doorknobs or any hardware at all until well after the American Revolution because of England's stranglehold on manufacturing and restrictive trade practices. The colonies were permitted only to supply the motherland with the raw materials needed to produce the finished manufactured products that would be sold back, including door latches, doorknobs and all other hardware.



By Bill Primavera

After the Revolution, America's ingenuity came into play and its agrarian society was balanced with rising industrialization. The first major invention influencing the production of doorknobs in America was the invention of the glass-pressing machine, patented in 1826. It permitted the first truly decorative mass-produced pressed glass doorknob made in America.

I love how history influences our use of materials. For instance, by Victorian times, the popularity of glass doorknobs was overtaken by the use of metals – iron, brass and bronze. But in 1917, with the outbreak of World War I, glass became wildly

popular once more since all metals were allocated for the production of planes and other wartime materials. Glass knobs remained popular throughout World War II, but by the 1950s preference reverted back to metals.

Today, the choices are nearly limitless in the styles and shapes of knobs and levers, as well as finishes to suit every décor, such as satin nickel, aged bronze, bright brass, antique brass, bright chrome, brushed chrome, antique pewter, distressed nickel,

matte black, oil-rubbed bronze and satin stainless steel.

And how's this for a look into the future? The doorknob may disappear altogether. In Vancouver, all new construction since 2014 mandates only lever-style door handles be installed. While existing structures were grandfathered, the levers accommodate individuals with physical disabilities who might find doorknobs difficult to manipulate.

I am reminded of a personal story that relates to the fact that my wife Margaret's native tongue is Lithuanian, though few people would detect any trace of an accent today. Within that ancient language are some quaint expressions that don't translate very well into English, but Margaret still unconsciously uses some of them on occasion. For instance, if one were expecting to visit a friend but found no one home, the Lithuanian expression would be that you were able only to "kiss the doorknob."

Considering that there are two million germs per square inch attached to the average doorknob that is not the healthiest response to missing someone at home!

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Exploring the Italian Wine Renaissance in the Campania Region



By Nick Antonaccio

Italians have been lauded and derided for their affinity for a unique sensibility concerning life and their pursuit of a philosophical, religious and hedonistic lifestyle. Throughout Italian history, this approach to life, this engrained pursuit of all things expressive of La Dolce Vita, has influenced the Western World in lasting ways.

From the literary works of Dante, Boccaccio and Machiavelli, to the artistic brilliance and innovation of Michelangelo, Bernini and Raphael, to the centuries of Papal rule over the Roman Catholic church, to the countless contributions to high fashion, architectural design, gastronomy and all things sensory, Italians have indelibly etched their imprint on today's society.

Years ago, I came upon a term that encapsulated the underlying theme that runs through these contributions – Sprezzatura, the art of effortless mastery.

How ironic in the 21st century that a significant source of Italy's influence comes not from within the cultural city centers but from those areas not known for their historic influence – wine regions. Not from the famous wine regions such

as Tuscany and Piedmont, but from the agricultural underbelly that has been feeding Italians for centuries, including Campania, Veneto and Sicily.

Here, I'm reprising an earlier column that focused on Campania, the region just south of Rome, incorporating Naples, the Amalfi Coast and Pompeii. In the next few weeks, I'll be exploring a personal connection to the region (through my heritage) and the wines (through a recent wine tasting event). Stay tuned.

Before the Italian Renaissance, there were wines produced in Campania. Revered wines date back two millennia to Greek and Roman settlements. Then came a long period of neglect and the near extinction of grapevines planted as early as 1,000 B.C.

In the mid-20th century, winemakers from northern Italy rediscovered the coveted volcanic soil and temperate climate of the Campania region. They applied modern techniques and technology to the production of wines from the sparsely scattered ancient grapevines of the land. The result: a southern Italian Renaissance in winemaking that is just now gaining popularity in the United States.



This is the meaning of Sprezzatura. The new winemakers of Campania, plying their trade, their craft, but with a distinct elegance and aplomb that had been submerged for generations. Fine, distinct wines emerged, seemingly as a genetic trait rather than through an arduous and lengthy trial-and-error process.

What are they planting? What grapes from this forgotten agricultural paradise are creating a stir?

There are three white grapes and one red from Campania that are gaining a foothold in the United States.

Greco. It is the oldest cultivated grape in Campania. Its mild aroma and flavor profile make it perfect as a quaffing wine, but paired with a light seafood dish or a simple vegetable recipe, it seduces you with its almond and pear aromas. This is the wine the Greeks cherished for its ideal balance between fruit and acid.

Falanghina. If you like the fine Pinot Grigios from northern Italy for their light, balanced bouquet, but you're looking for a suitable substitute, try this palate pleaser. Crisp and highly aromatic, it pairs well with Mediterranean white fish and light chicken and pork dishes.

Fiano. In my opinion, this is the

most interesting of the Holy Trinity of Campanian whites. It has an intensity not found in the other white grapes of Campania and is redolent of nutty and spicy aromas. Try it with shellfish; you may prefer it to several entry-level white Burgundies.

Aglianico. The red grape that is ascending to stardom next to its esteemed brethren, Barolo (Piedmont) and Brunello di Montalcino (Tuscany). Aromas of black cherries are juxtaposed with firm tannins and earthy flavors with a hint of chocolate. Not surprisingly, Aglianico pairs well with typical Southern Italian cuisine. This wine is made for aging; I rarely drink one that is less than five years old. These are wines I will place in my wine cellar to enjoy with my young grandchildren on their 21st birthdays.

Campania's winemakers are practicing their craft with Sprezzatura – it's in their heritage and defines their destiny.

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Wednesday, Mar. 27

Noonday Getaway Concert. A presentation of Downtown Music at Grace. Piano team Duo Lontano plays music from South America including works by Gottschalk, Lecuona, Piazzolla, and Villa-Lobos. Pianist Babette Hierholzer's debut with the Berlin Philharmonic was followed by numerous performances with this famed orchestra led by renowned conductors Klaus Tennstedt, Colin Davis, and Leopold Hager. Jurgen Appell, a three-time prize winner of the prestigious Berlin Steinway Competition, made his concert debut, at age sixteen, in Berlin's Philharmonic Hall. In 2010, the Duo performed the Mozart Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra with the celebrated Orquesta Juvenil Simon Bolvar conducted by Maestro Gustavo Dudamel. 12:10 p.m. Grace Episcopal Church at Main and Church St., White Plains. 30-minute free

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Thursday, Mar. 28

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The Harlem Fine Arts Show (HFAS). A collection of works (paintings, photographs, books, and sculptures) by African-American artists, both established and emerging, will return to the City of White Plains for its 8th year, at the Reckson Metro Center, 360 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains, from 6 to 9 p.m. Live music will be provided by Jasper Cain and the Rhythm Collective. Admission is \$30 per adult, \$10 for students with College ID.

Great Books Forum Series. "The Remains of the Day" by Kazuo Ishiguro will be discussed. Discussion led by Professor Joanne Lackey. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center,

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Westchester Knicks Wrap-up Regular Season-Clinch Third Seed in Playoffs

By Albert Coqueran

The Westchester Knicks will play a NBA G League Eastern Conference Playoff Game at the Westchester County Center, against the Windy City Bulls, on Wednesday, March 27, at 7 p.m.

The Westchester Knicks, the NBA affiliate of the NY Knicks, completed their 2018-19 season with a double-overtime loss to the Erie Bayhawks, 123-122, in Erie, on Saturday. Nonetheless, on Thursday, March 21, the Westchester Knicks clinched a home playoff game with their 105-94, victory against the Maine Red Claws at the Westchester County Center.

The local Knicks clinched the third seed in the Eastern Conference G League Playoffs with a 29-21 record in 2018-19. The First Round of the G League Playoffs as well as the Conference Semifinals and Conference Finals are single elimination contest with the NBA G League Championship being the best of three-game series.

Therefore, on Wednesday, the Westchester Knicks have to beat the six-



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Head Coach Mike Miller (left) has led the Westchester Knicks to the NBA G League Playoffs this year for the third time in his four seasons at the helm. Miller is interviewed by NY Liberty legend Teresa Weatherspoon, who is presently the Color Analyst for the local Knicks. On Feb. 15, it was announced that Weatherspoon (right) is a Finalist this year for induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame for her WNBA playing career.

seeded Eastern Conference Bulls (27-23), the NBA G League affiliate of the Chicago Bulls, in the First Round, to advance to the Eastern Conference Semifinals. If the local Knicks get past the Bulls, they will face the number two-seeded Lakeland Magic, the NBA G League affiliate of the Orlando Magic, in the Eastern Conference Semifinals, on Friday, March 29, in Florida.

"We try to put ourselves in a position to win every game. Although, the Playoffs are different with the one game sudden death type of thing, so we will be ready to play and try to play like we do every game," said Head Coach Mike Miller, who has led the local Knicks to the G League Playoffs three times in his four years at the helm.

Miller has a 108-92 regular season career-record with the Westchester Knicks. He has led the NY Knicks affiliate to their first ever Eastern Conference and Atlantic Division Titles in 2017-18, while being awarded the NBA G League Dennis Johnson Coach of the Year Award.

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Crystal Collins (left), the Assistant to the Westchester County Executive for Advocacy, Community Liaison and the Faith Based Program Initiatives, has been an ardent supporter and fan of the Westchester Knicks. Collins pictured with Colin Micek, Westchester Knicks Business Operations Associate, is often seen at games interacting with fans and local Knicks personal.



Can you believe with 50 games on their schedule including 25 road games, the Westchester Knicks still found time to have a Monopoly competition among the players. Knicks guard Billy Garrett (right) won the board game contest as announced by Westchester Knicks Play-by-Play Broadcaster David Resnick (center) with his First Place Certificate of Recognition presented by Color Analyst Teresa Weatherspoon.

EXAMINER SPORTS

White Plains Lacrosse Team Looks to Get Over .500

By Rob DiAntonio

In Mark Armogida's 18 seasons coaching the White Plains boys lacrosse team, the Tigers have had just three seasons with a record under .500.

But two of those three seasons have come the last two years. White Plains finished 7-10 last year and fell to Lakeland/Panas in the opening round of the Class A sectionals. The Tigers suffered a key injury with 2018 graduate Miles Tillman going down and they proceeded to drop their final six games of the season.

Heading into the 2019 campaign, Armogida and the Tigers are hoping to reverse their fortunes and get on the other side of .500.

"We have a pretty competitive league



Junior Sean Larkin will be a key midfielder for the Tigers.

and we always want to be competitive in our league," Armogida said. "But we just want to get better game by game. My



Luke Leone is White Plains' leading returning scorer.

personal goal is always to be above .500. We don't want losing records."

Senior captain Luke Leone and senior Bryan Figueiredo will lead the Tigers at attack. Leone is the Tigers' leading returning scorer.

"Leone's been on the team since his sophomore year, so he has the experience," Armogida said. "He had an older brother that played and he's been around lacrosse his whole life. He's like having a coach on the field. Bryan, we brought him up at the end of his sophomore year and we started him. We inserted him into the lineup because we knew that he'd be a solid player for us. He's basically a two-and-a-half year varsity player, so he brings some experience too."

Senior captain Patrick Harnaga will be a key player at midfield and is the team's top scoring midfielder.

Junior Sean Larkin was more of a long pole last year but is moving to midfield



Jared Stiebling, left, is a senior captain and leader on defense.



Senior attackman Luke Leone.



Freshman goalie Nicolas Spista looks to clear during a scrimmage against Guilderland last Saturday.

in 2019. Armogida said he expects "good things out of him being a leader in the midfield, even though he's a junior."

"He's definitely got the skill to be our best midfielder," Armogida added. "He can go righty or lefty."

Freshman Jack Herman will be the primary face-off guy heading into the season.

"That's where we've struggled the last two years," Armogida said. "The last two years we've been like 35 percent on face-offs. We figured that we're going to solidify that spot for the next four years (with Herman). He's pretty good and he's only going to get better. We're kind of throwing him to the wolves a little bit. But he's a battler and a three-sport kid."

White Plains' defense is the backbone of the team with three senior starters returning: captain Jared Stiebling,

Devin Burns and Justin Bertrand. Two newcomers should also make a big impact in juniors Ben Finkel and Dominick Gould.

"We're pretty deep at the long pole situation," Armogida said. "We think that's going to be our strength; those five guys. They're all athletic."

Nicolas Spista, a freshman, will be the starting goaltender.

"I don't know about this year, but definitely down the line he's going to be our best player," Armogida said. "I've been coaching him since sixth grade. He's excellent. If we put a short stick in his hands, he'd probably be our second or third best midfielder. He's that good and he's got great vision. He's the quarterback of the defense."

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Jack Herman will take the face-offs for the Tigers this season.

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"We have been so fortunate to have the players that we have had during the time that I have been here (in Westchester)," humbly stated Miller. "I think the credit goes back to the Knicks organization for having the vision for what they wanted with this team in Westchester and putting the players in place," continued Miller.

On Thursday, Westchester Knicks guard Billy Garrett addressed the fans from center court in the County Center, before their last home game of the regular season. Garrett thanked the fans for their support throughout this season, before the local Knicks rewarded them with a win over the Red Claws, while clinching a first round home Playoff game.

The Westchester Knicks played 25 home games during the regular season at the Westchester County Center. The local Knicks drew 32,293 total fans to the arena in White Plains and averaged 1,532 fans



Ethan Donn, a 17 year-old senior at White Plains High School, played the National Anthem on his violin at center court in the Westchester County Center, before the Westchester Knicks played their regular season home finale on Thursday, March 21. Dunn received a rousing ovation from the fans at the conclusion of his rendition of the Anthem.

per game this season.

"It was fun. I have been fortunate to see this organization grow and I think every year it has gotten better. The atmosphere and the fans this past month or so during our string of home games has really been fun and that is good for the brand," stated Miller, who logged his Westchester Knicks 100th career-victory, on Feb. 8, at the Westchester County Center.



Erik Lora looks to get the ball out of the Tigers' end of the field during a scrimmage with Lakeland/Panas.

Clarkstown South on March 27 at 5:15 p.m. It then takes on Harrison in its home opener at 4 p.m. on March 29.

"Our defensive skills are a little bit better than our offensive skills right now," Armogida said. "We're hoping that our offense will start to jell a little bit. We're

looking to keep the score close going into the fourth quarter and win some tight games. The difference between winning and losing last year was our two-goal games. If it was a two-goal game we were only 2-4. We're looking to win those close games."

Sean Kilpatrick Wins Greek Cup Championship

Sean Kilpatrick joined the elite of White Plains High School Athletes when he was inducted into the White Plains High School Athletics Hall of Fame in October 2018. Kilpatrick played four seasons of varsity basketball for the Tigers before graduating in 2008 as their second All-Time Leading Scorer with 1289 points.

He was voted a NCAA First Team All-American in 2014 upon graduating from the University of Cincinnati but went undrafted in the NBA Draft that same year. Kilpatrick worked his way through the NBA G- League before playing three seasons in the NBA with the Brooklyn Nets, Milwaukee Bucks, LA Clippers and Chicago Bulls.

However, even after averaging 15.4

points per game in nine games with the Bulls last season, he was waived by Chicago during the offseason. When the NBA teams did not call during the 2018-19 season, Kilpatrick took his talents to Greece and joined Panathinaikos.

On Sunday, Kilpatrick added a Greek Cup Championship to his resume as he helped Panathinaikos win the Greek Cup Title. Panathinaikos is led by former Louisville University Head Coach Rick Pitino, who was fired by Louisville in 2017, after his program was named in an FBI investigation into corruption. Also, on the Panathinaikos roster is former Westchester Knicks star Thanasis Antetokounmpo.

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Becchetti to Lead Stepinac's Baseball Team Into 2019 Season



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03	@ KENNEDY
05	VS KENNEDY
06	VS HORACE MANN
09	VS REGIS
10	@ ST. FRANCIS
13	VS HOLY CROSS
15	@ ST. JOE'S
17	VS ALL HALLOWS
18	@ HAYES
23	@ MOUNT
24	VS MOORE
26	VS MOLLOY
29	VS IONA
01	VS SALESIAN
03	VS FORDHAM
06	@ SPELLMAN
07	@ CLARKSTOWN N.
10	VS XAVIER
11	VS SCANLAN
13	@ XAVIER
15	@ IONA

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Mike Becchetti

By Rob DiAntonio

Coming off a successful 2018 season, Stepinac's baseball team enters a new season with some holes to fill due to graduation along with some players battling nagging injuries.

But Stepinac coach Keith Richardson is optimistic that their youth will step right in and make an impact.

"We graduated several quality players from last year's team and are also battling some early injuries carrying over from other sports," said Richardson, who enters his fourth season as head coach. "We are looking to integrate newcomers from a successful JV team. Overall, we expect to have pitching depth and solid defense. We will be relying on some newcomers to the varsity level to fill the void offensively."

The Crusaders are coming off a 17-10 season where they went 12-6 in league play and advanced to the championship tournament. They fell to Monsignor Farrell, 4-2, to end their season.

Mike Becchetti, a senior shortstop committed to Fairfield University, is a team captain and was named first team all-league last season. He'll lead the Crusaders both in the field and at the plate. The senior had six home runs and 23 RBI last season.

"Becchetti is an excellent defender

and one of the best hitters in the league," Richardson said. "He has big pop in his bat."

Becchetti and senior first baseman/pitcher Izaiah Walker will be counted on to be the main run producers in the heart of the lineup.

Walker, a left-hander who is committed to Southern Connecticut State University, will also lead the pitching rotation along with junior right-hander Colin D'Arcy.

"D'Arcy and Walker are well-rounded pitchers with good velocity and secondary pitches," Richardson said. "They both have very good command of the strike zone and the ability to strike guys out."

Richardson added that they should have solid depth behind Walker and D'Arcy. Chris Antonelli, a junior, is one of those pitchers who will provide the depth along with junior newcomer Aidan McDonough.

Senior Dom Nicolo will be a leader in the outfield and is committed to Southern Connecticut State University.

Anthony Pires and Anthony Pressimone are battling for the starting catcher spot,

PHOTO COURTESY OF STEPINAC ATHLETICS

Izaiah Walker

Richardson said.

Other key newcomers for Stepinac include juniors Matthew Mercado (infielder/pitcher) and Anthony Saputo (infielder).

Stepinac opens the season when it hosts Suffern at 11 a.m. on March

30. It then travels to St. Raymond's for a 4 p.m. contest on April 1. The Crusaders follow that up with a home-and-home series with Kennedy Catholic (Somers). They travel to Kennedy for a 4:15 p.m. game on April 3 and then host the Gaels at 4 p.m. on April 5.

"We always look to be very competitive in an extremely tough league," Richardson said. "We hope to battle for the top seed in the division and give ourselves the best possible chance to advance deep into playoffs."

WPHS Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline is April 2

The deadline to submit nominations of candidates for the 2019 White Plains High School Athletics Hall of Fame induction event has been finalized as Tuesday, April 2. Anyone who has previously been nominated but not inducted does not have to be resubmitted. Those candidates automatically will be reconsidered. To access the criteria for eligibility and a nomination form, please go online to: www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/Page/16127. Nominations may be submitted either via regular mail sent to the WPHS Athletic Office or via e-mail to Chuck Stogel (chstogel@aol.com). For a full list of previous inductees, please contact Chuck Stogel. The fifth annual WPHS Athletics Hall of Fame induction event is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 15, 2019. The roster of inductees for this year will be announced in late spring.



Take a Taste, Vote for Your Favorite During White Plains Wing Walk

By Neal Rentz

What better way to get into the swing of spring than with some wings.

The first Downtown White Plains Wing Walk has been scheduled for Saturday, April 6 from noon to 5 p.m.

Alison Malecot, assistant project manager for the White Plains Business Improvement District (BID) explained last week how the Wing Walk came about. "The Mayor (Tom Roach) had attended a Wing Walk in upstate New York and loved the idea," she said. "With the numerous highly-rated wings in downtown White Plains, it only made sense for us to host a Wing Walk in our area."

The new event is being organized and



managed by the city and the BID.

"The Wing Walk is all about finding the most preferred chicken wings in downtown White Plains and showcasing all of the great options," Malecot said.

A wide variety of flavors will be available for wing lovers, Malecot said.

"There will be an eclectic selection of flavors from several different kinds of restaurants," she said. "Flavors include cilantro lime, lemongrass and garlic, passion fruit Sriracha, Thai peanut, and, of course, a variety of Buffalo. There are 17 restaurants participating with 40 different wing flavors."

Aside from providing tasty treats, the event will provide greater exposure to the restaurants and other businesses in downtown White Plains, Malecot said. "The Wing Walk is a fun way to spend a

Saturday, tasting delicious chicken wing flavors and strolling through downtown White Plains. Our goal is to showcase the numerous and varied restaurants, shopping, and activities that are available in our downtown. You didn't think we were just winging it did you?

Visit wpbid.com/wingwalk to learn more about the event and to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$12 for ages 16 and up, \$8 for ages five through 15 and free for children under five.

Online ticket sales end on Friday, April 5 at noon. Tickets purchased at the check-in tables on Saturday, April 6 are priced at: \$15 for general admission, \$10 for children five to 15 and are cash only.

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interpersonal relationships are encouraged to attend. The event will include the film, a four-year follow-up on the students participating in a week-long digital "cleanse" and a candid conversation with the filmmaker and audience members. Manhattanville College's Berman Theater, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. Reception at 6:30 p.m. Screening and Q&A from 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Joni Siani at 781-864-7233, e-mail joni.siani@mville.edu or visit www.noappforlife.com.

Friday, Mar. 29

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

Opening Reception for "Staging Nature: A World Unto Itself."

An exhibition showcasing landscape painting by a diverse group of artists. The selected artists include modernists Milton Avery and Wolf Kahn and contemporary artists Gregory Crewdson, Katharine Dufault, Purdy Eaton, Abigail Goldsmith, Elissa Gore, Adam Handler, Larry Horowitz, Sandrine Kern, Yangyang Pan and Susan Wides. Madelyn Jordon Fine Art, 37 Popham Rd., Scarsdale. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through May 11. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Info: 914-723-8738 or visit www.MadelynJordonFineArt.com.

Big Night Out at Kanopi. One of the Junior League of Central Westchester's largest fundraisers, this event will provide essential financial support for its educational and charitable projects. Over the past 72 years, the Junior League of Central Westchester (JLCW) has been committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women,

and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The evening includes cocktails, a silent auction, music and food. No Child Wet Behind co-founders Debbie Aglietti and Randy Patterson will be honored. All proceeds to benefit the JLCW. Ritz Carlton, 3 Renaissance Square, White Plains. 7 p.m. \$150. Two tickets: \$275. Info and reservations: 914-723-6130, visit www.jlcentralwestchester.org/bno or e-mail jlcw@verizon.net.

Saturday, Mar. 30

Bravest vs. Finest Hockey Game. White Plains 24th Annual Bravest (Local 274) versus Finest (PBA) hockey match to benefit Ronald McDonald House; 5 p.m. Ebersole Ice Rink, White Plains. Tickets \$5 per person.

Opening Reception for "Hidden Masters." Work by exceptional aging artists hidden in plain sight. Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Mamaroneck Ave., Larchmont. 2 to 5 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Apr. 11. Gallery hour are Tuesday through Saturday 12 to 5 p.m. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

Common Ground Coffeehouse

Concert: Don Flemons. Flemons is known as "The American Songster" since his repertoire of music covers nearly 100 years of American folklore, ballads and tunes. Flemons is a music scholar, historian, record collector and a multi-instrumentalist. He is considered an expert player on the banjo, fife, guitar, harmonica, percussion, quills, and rhythm bones. In 2005, Flemons co-founded the Carolina Chocolate Drops who won a Grammy Award for Best Traditional Folk in 2010. He left the group to pursue his solo career in 2014. First Unitarian Society of Westchester, 25 Old Jackson Ave., Hastings-on-Hudson. 7:30 p.m. In advance: \$25. At the door: \$30. Info and tickets: Visit www.commongroundconcerts.org.

Cyrille Aimee. This French-born, Dominican-raised jazz star began her musical life in America at Purchase. As part of the 25th anniversary celebration of the school's Jazz Studies program, Aimee

returns, leading a band of alums and professors in what will be a scintillating evening of music. Purchase College's Performing Arts Center, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$13.75 to \$62.50. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.

Sunday, Mar. 31

Engineering Expo. Lower Hudson Valley Engineering event for high school and middle school students. 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at White Plains High School, 550 North Street, White Plains.

Research Walk. Check out a trail camera at the preserve and view videos of animals that have been seen in the park, such as deer, raccoons and bobcats. All ages welcome. Pre-registration required. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-428-1005.

"Requiem." Taconic Opera presents Verdi's greatest work and one of the greatest pieces of music of all time. Conducted by Taconic Opera Director, Maestro Dan Montez, the work will feature the fully-professional orchestra and lead singers, along with a chorus. \$27. Seniors: \$20. Students: \$15. White Plains Presbyterian Church, 39 N. Broadway, White Plains at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 855-886-7372 or visit www.taconicopera.org.

Muslims in America. The History of and the Resistance to Islamophobia." The Westchester Coalition against Islamophobia is holding this program featuring Munira Ahmed, the iconic face of contemporary Muslim resistance to Islamophobia, and Dr. TA Bashir will talk about how Muslims in the U.S. have historically resisted prejudice and discrimination. Panel discussion followed by a Q&A. Ethical Culture Society of Westchester, 7 Saxon Wood Rd., White Plains. 3 to 5 p.m. Free. Info: 914-261-0468 or e-mail wcai@socialjusticepartners.net.

Women's Model Seder. Be part of a creative, spiritual and contemporary Model Seder led by members of the

Greenburgh Hebrew Center and Cantor Janet Leuchter. Relevant readings, uplifting songs and gender-neutral blessings are some of the features. Dinner is included. Please bring new kosher for Passover packaged food to donate to the Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights-Inwood. Recommended for ages 13 and up. Greenburgh Jewish Center, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry. 4 to 6:30 p.m. \$40. Ages 13-21: \$20. (Checks or cash accepted.) Info or RSVP: Contact Robin at sisterhood@g-h-c.org. For a specific list of staples to bring for donation, visit www.g-h-c.org.

Musical Voyage. Enjoy "Brazilian Jazz: From Samba to American Standards" presented by Artistic Director of Tarrytown's Jazz Forum and Brazilian Jazz expert Mark Morganelli. Discover the cross-fertilization between Brazilian music, illustrating the genres of bossa nova, samba, and toada, and American Jazz influences, accompanied by Morganelli's latest recorded work, Brasil! Lecture attendees will also be treated to a live musical performance by trumpeter/flugelhornist Morganelli demonstrating the unconventional, "new wave" rhythms that continue to move music lovers around the world. Music Conservatory of Westchester, 216 Central Avenue, White Plains; 914-761-3900; www.musicconservatory.org.

Hoff-Barthelson Music School's Annual Benefit Concert. The school's largest fundraising event of the year featuring 2019 Grammy Award winner John Patitucci and his Jazz Trio. The concert will include special appearances by the school's advance jazz and chamber music students and honor longstanding board member and Morgan Stanley executive Dorothy Lee Han. Westchester Reform Temple, Scarsdale, 255 Mamaroneck Rd., Scarsdale. 6:15 p.m. Tickets start at \$35. Info and tickets: 914-723-1169, e-mail mariaad@hbms.org or visit www.eventbrite.com/e/hbms-2019-spring-benefit-tickets-55710541730.



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