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Community Leaders Urge Verizon to Save Hyper-Local News Outlet

By Neal Rentz

Local clergy and representatives of several organizations held a press conference at Calvary Baptist Church in White Plains on Sept. 12 to urge Verizon to not drop the FiOS1 local news channel from its cable television service as scheduled.

In November the FiOS1 local cable news channel will end its 10-year contract with RNN in Rye Brook, which produces the news on the channel. The move will cost 150 employees their jobs. News12 will be on a second cable channel beginning on Nov. 16 to replace the FiOS1 channel.

On Thursday, the Ministers Fellowship

Council held a press conference to express its concerns about losing the local news channel, which speakers said would mean a loss of local news coverage. The Rev. Lee Trollinger, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church and the president of the Council, said the loss of the FiOS channel would "be a detriment to our communities." Without the channel Trollinger said he would not be able to be informed about local news. "We need to have the outlet from Verizon."

Kenneth Chamberlain Jr., who represented the Urban League of Westchester, said, "Hyper local news is as vital as ever in this community."

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White Plains Moves to 2-0 with Win over Yonkers Brave



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTO

Tim DuBois (No. 24) leaps in the air to celebrate with Elijah Pierre after his touchdown against the Yonkers Brave Friday night. Read more about the Tigers' win on page 17.

Renovated White Plains Library Plaza Opens with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

By Neal Rentz

Karen Pasquale, senior advisor to White Plains Mayor Tom Roach, recalled last week what the White Plains Public Library Plaza was previously.

"I would venture that most of you will remember what this plaza looked like for years," she said. "It was all concrete and it was devoid of any distinguishing features. It was open to the public but it wasn't a particularly appealing place to be."

However, after several months of renovations, the refurbished plaza was celebrated during a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept. 14.

The new plaza features elevated gardens, including an eight-foot high grass-covered knoll, benches, trees and new energy efficient lighting. Other new elements include a Discovery Garden for younger children with herb plantings, wind chimes,



NEAL RENTZ PHOTOS

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the renovated White Plains Library Plaza was held on Sept. 14 with government officials, Library Board trustees and patrons in attendance.

talking tubes and other interactive features and a small performance area for concerts and programs. Additional drainage and waterproofing were also part of the project to reduce water infiltration into the library garage below the plaza.

"With the renovation project this space has been completely transformed," Pasquale said. "The city's goal was to enhance this space so that the public, whether they were office workers from nearby buildings, patrons of the library, residents, members of the public, young, old, that anyone would feel welcome and comfortable here."

Mayor Roach said he has been coming to the library for 30 years. The concrete had been aging and water from the plaza was penetrating to the indoor parking lot below, he said. In response, the city's Department of Public Works was charged with renovating

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Information and knowledge would be lost if the channel is taken off the air. We have these big news media outlets that may come in from time to time and they may cover a story or two but you get about maybe 60 seconds and then it's over," Chamberlain said. "Without the hyper local news it will just disappear."

Chamberlain said the FiOS news coverage was credible and reputable and the information is fact checked. "They present the facts in an unbiased way," he said.

Allison Lake, the executive director of the Westchester Children's Association, said, "We depend on diverse media to get our issues and concerns in front of the voting public, our elected officials and our decision makers."

Westchester is seeing demographic changes "that warrant really different media outlets so that all voices are heard," Lake said.

Westchester People's Action Coalition Executive Director Nada Khade said, "We definitely need strong independent media that is covering these serious issues in an intelligent, substantial manner."

Lena Anderson, president of the White



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Representatives from several local organizations held a press conference at Calvary Baptist Church in White Plains on Sept. 12 to urge Verizon to not drop FiOS1 local news channel from its cable television service in November.

Plains/Greenburgh NAACP, said the local chapters of the organization need the news channel. "We are very much concerned that you would even think about pulling away because we need more than one source."

Messages left last week with the Verizon public relations department were not returned.

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the area. The goal was to make the plaza "a space that is more than just functional," Roach said. "It brings warmth and humanity to this vacant space."

"What we have effectively done is bring a park to the middle of our downtown in an area where it wouldn't have been thought possible," Roach said. "I'm very proud of our people for making that happen." Roach added that the project included the county plaza and it became a joint project.

Westchester County, which owns a small piece of the plaza near the court house, contributed \$600,000 to the project cost, which totaled approximately \$6 million.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "This city is doing an exceptional job of presenting itself in every single way for the residents of this community. And when I travel the state and people talk about Westchester County the first thing they talk about is White Plains. They talk about what a dynamic community it is."

"This is a fabulous plaza and it's next to this terrific institution which I have called the Library of Congress for county government," Latimer said.

"The driving force and vision behind this project was really our Department of Public Works, Commissioner (Rick) Hope and his



A portion of the newly renovated White Plains Library Plaza contains interactive elements to engage children.

Deputy Commissioner Stefania Mignone," Pasquale said.

Hope said he was very proud of the new plaza and thanked everyone involved with it. "This project was born out of necessity," he said. "It's beautiful now but it's hard to remember almost how bad it looked a year ago. It was a barren, windblown stark concrete slab."

Pasquale said one of the important features of the renovated plaza is the native plant species placed in the garden. Nancy Giges, a member of Pollinators of White Plains, said the native plants "will bring back the bees, the butterflies, the birds and other pollinators."

"It is so great that this space has been reinvisioned," Library Board of Trustees President Paul Schwarz said. "This was just a wasted space of barren, broken concrete."



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County Pauses to Remember Victims and Reflect During 9/11 Anniversary

By Martin Wilbur

Officials from across Westchester joined with the families last Wednesday of many of the county's residents who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to remember their lives during the annual 9/11-memorial ceremony.

Speakers during the hour-long commemoration at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla, which included elected officials, clergy and a retired New York City police officer-turned-victims advocate, also recalled the sacrifices of the first responders in the months following the attack and urged



Westchester County's memorial to local 9/11 victims, The Rising.



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS

One of the many family members of the 123 Westchester residents who died on Sept. 11, 2001, places flowers and an American flag by their loved one's name.

everyone to find the unity that Americans shared after the tragedy.

"They were humans just like us and they faced a test we hope we never face," said County Executive George Latimer of the nearly 3,000 who were killed. "My theology teaches us that they're at peace, it teaches me that they're in paradise, whatever paradise is. I have to believe that. We can't believe that the evil that was done that day was the final word. We have to believe that this day of voluntary service is there to change the narrative of 9/11."

During the ceremony, held under a large tent a short distance from the county's 9/11 memorial The Rising, officials read each one of the 123 names of Westchester residents lost that day. Family members of first responders who died after falling ill by breathing in the toxins while working at Ground Zero, read the names of those victims.

So far, 21 county residents have been identified as having died from 9/11-related illnesses.

Last year, Latimer revealed that the



Family and friends comfort each other at the Rising memorial.

county was going to commission a memorial to commemorate the Westchester residents who died from those illnesses. Plans for that memorial, which will be placed near The Rising, continue to move forward. A committee was formed earlier this year consisting mainly of family members of victims to help design an appropriate memorial.

Matthew McCauley, a retired New York City cop who worked in the recovery efforts at Ground Zero and is now an attorney fighting on behalf of victims and their families, said the memorial will be a symbol that Westchester will never forget those

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who sacrificed everything.

He has also made 18 trips to Washington along with other former Ground Zero workers to urge Congress to continue funding the 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund.

"We were all where we wanted to be," McCauley said. "We were showing the world that we would not back down from terrorism and that we would work together – no races, no color, no politics. I can tell you that was how every 9/11 responder felt on that day and every day after that."

Board of Legislators Chairman Ben Boykin (D-White Plains) told the victims' families that Westchester will always stand

with them and honor their loved ones' memories.

He said a legacy of those lost should be to confront hate and intolerance.

"The attacks of September 11, 2001 changed us," Boykin said. "They stole our loved ones, stripped us of our innocence, shook our sense of security, and, unfortunately, too often, have made us more suspicious of one another. As we recognize the sacrifice of the first responders and commemorate the lives of those who were taken from us, let us honor them by holding ever tighter to our values."

Following the ceremony, family members made the short walk to The Rising, many



County Executive George Latimer speaks during the 9/11 ceremony.

with flowers to place by the plaque that contained their loved one's name while fighting back tears.

Latimer said the 9/11 memorials that have sprung up in communities across the nation are done for a purpose. There will come a time when those who remember Sept. 11, 2001, will no longer be around and it will be up to future generations to keep alive the memory of those who perished.

"We created things that are dramatic, breathtaking even, so that we won't forget and that we have a visual remembrance of it, so when this generation of Americans are gone, the next generation of Americans, the next generation of Westchester people will remember that once there was this moment in time and the people who made this sacrifice in that moment in time," Latimer said.

Anthony Tyndal, whose brother Niell Tyndal Jr., a Yonkers firefighter, died of a 9/11-related illness two years ago, said he hoped for greater unity in the future.

"Just be together, let's remember that not just one day a year but do it every day of the year," Tyndal said. "This country and the world shouldn't be divided."

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New Comedy Club Ready to Take White Plains By Storm-y

By Martin Wilbur

White Plains is about to get in on the comedy scene in a big way.

This Friday night, Z Prime Steakhouse, located at 189 E. Post Rd., is kicking off a weekly White Plains Comedy Club, where Frank Pellegrino is banking on attracting significant names in the industry.

Ironically, while the initial show will feature a significant appearance, the headliner isn't a comedian. Adult film actress Stormy Daniels will tell stories and answer questions from the audience. (Spoiler alert: Daniels remains fully clothed.)

The following weekend will feature Golden Globe and Emmy Award winner actor, comedian and producer Jeremy Piven.

"It's an exciting week," said Pellegrino, founder of NoMa Comedy (North of Manhattan Comedy), who five years ago brought a successful comedy series to Lucy's Lounge in Pleasantville. "We're calling this first week with Stormy Daniels and Jeremy Piven the opening week. They all bring something really exciting to the table. There's something for everybody."

Pellegrino said while there have been occasional pop-up shows in White Plains, there has been no regular venue that comedy lovers can turn to.

He said the owners of Z Prime Steakhouse, which has a downstairs private room for parties that can seat between 110 to 130 people, were interested in offering some sort of regular comedy night.

With there being a comedy void in White



Although not a comedic actress, Stormy Daniels is the opening show for White Plains Comedy Club Sept. 20

Plains, Pellegrino thought it was the right time to develop a regular weekly series. No more than about 40 minutes outside of Manhattan and with a larger venue, he said he believes bigger names will be attracted to White Plains.

For the first two weeks, he hit it big with Daniels and Piven.

"It's years of connections at this point, which is such a weird thing to say, but it's just knowing the people, knowing the managers and the agents, networking at the clubs in the

city, shaking hands and kissing babies," said Pellegrino, who also serves as tour manager for a couple of comedians.

To start, the comedy night will be Friday, although in Piven's case he will be performing both Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28. Most nights there will be two shows, an early seating at about 7:30 p.m. and a second show at 10 p.m. (Daniels will be only doing one show this Friday.)

Pellegrino said the programs will run for roughly 90 minutes with a traditional comedy

format, with a host to warm up the crowd for 10 or 15 minutes, a feature performer for 20 to 25 minutes and the headliner on stage for 45 minutes to an hour.

The cover charge for all scheduled shows at this point are \$20 to \$35 per person. There is a two-item minimum, which could be an appetizer and a soft drink, less prohibitive than the standard two-drink minimum comedy club. Pellegrino said the minimum includes patrons who want to come down to Z Prime Steakhouse early for dinner, not just in the showroom.

The restaurant has also developed a showroom menu if someone wants to have dinner but not a heavy steakhouse meal.

"We want to make it as easy for people as possible," Pellegrino said. "Lucy's is down the block from the train station. (This) is about five blocks from the train. There's plenty of parking all around. So, yeah, we're saving you about two-and-a-half, three hours all around and you're getting just as good a show with us as you're getting in Manhattan."

The other announced shows will feature Judy Gold on Oct. 4 and Fred Rubino on Oct. 11. There have been additional weeks booked, although due to agreements with some of the performers, the lineups will be rolled out closer to the show dates.

"I built these two things up here," Pellegrino said of Lucy's Laugh Lounge and now the White Plains Comedy Club. "We wanted a comedy community, so it's nice. It feels good."

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White Plains Seniors Recognized in National Merit Competitions

Six White Plains High School Seniors were recognized in the 2019-2020 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

Uriel M. Korin and Owen S. Kris were named Semi-Finalists, and in the Commended Student category are: Olivia R. Duvanich, Ella M. Einstein, Miya I. Haynes and Lily Nguyen. Semi-Finalists will now compete for the Finalist category which will be announced in February. Scholarships will be offered in April.

In the National Hispanic Recognition

Program seven White Plains High School students were honored: Esteban J. Barrero-Hernandez, Renzo F. Chunga, Camila De Valencia, Uriel M. Korin, Emmanuel Pena, Stanley F. Plaza and Matthew A. Salonich.

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Burlington Donates Funds for School Supplies to Eastview Middle School

In a surprise to staff members, Eastview Middle School teachers in White Plains received a \$10,000 AdoptAClassroom donation in celebration of a new Burlington Store in White Plains.

Burlington Store Manager Henry McCadden presented a check to School Principal Daisy Rodriguez and Superintendent Dr. Joseph L. Ricca, in a surprise ceremony today at the end of a schoolwide "9/11" assembly. The



funds will be divided among the classroom teachers to purchase supplies for their classrooms through AdoptAClassroom.org.

Photo, left to right: Eastview Principal Daisy Rodriguez, Superintendent of Schools Joseph L. Ricca, Burlington Store Manager Henry McCadden, Board of Education Member Rose Lovitch and

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Debbie Hand.

Four Alumni to Be Inducted into WPHS Hall of Fame

Four White Plains High School alumni will be inducted into the WPHS Hall of Fame on Oct. 24.

The 2019 inductees are: John Davidson, Class of 1959, well-known entertainer and television personality; Lesley Tompkins, class of 1972, retired WPHS teacher and administrator; Jay Saldi, class of 1972, professional football player for the Dallas Cowboys and Chicago Bears and Super Bowl team member; and Mea Hobby Kring, class of 1981, outstanding athlete who has had a varied career in national service.



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SERENDIPITY LABS COWORKING, WHITE PLAINS

By Neal Rentz

Rye resident John Arenas, chairman and CEO of Serendipity Labs Coworking, said last week his company has grown substantially since it opened its first location in Rye in 2013. Since then, about 30 other locations have opened across the country, he noted.

A ribbon cutting ceremony to honor the new White Plains location, which opened recently on South Broadway, was held on Sept. 9.

"Serendipity Labs is a shared workplace environment where a person or a team of people can have a place to meet and work as much or as little as they want," Arenas said last week.

Some of the features of Serendipity Labs are shared conference rooms, cafes, work lounges and dedicated work spaces including offices, Arenas said. The workspaces are shared among several companies. "As an added bonus, you get the interaction with a lot of other people from your business community and from your community in general," Arenas added. "That's why we call it Serendipity Labs because there's an opportunity for happy accidents and innovation and creation and inspiration."

Arenas said there is a need for the facilities offered by his company in the contemporary work environment. "There's been a transformation in the way people want to work and how they're able to work," he said. Many employees, with the assistance of modern technology, are trusted by their companies to work where they need



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A ribbon cutting ceremony for the White Plains Serendipity Labs Coworking was held on Sept. 9.

to be, he said.

Serendipity Labs helps out workers who want to work close to home but not at home and avoid the need for a long commute, Arenas said. "Why go all the way into the city every day?" he said. "Maybe one day a week you say hey I'm going to get stuff done close to home."

"Work is not really a place anymore," Arenas said. "Work is just a set of activities

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and you can do them wherever you have the right amenities."

White Plains Mayor Tom Roach welcomed Serendipity Labs to the city during last week's ribbon cutting ceremony. "I want to say how happy we are to have Serendipity in White Plains," Roach said. "I've already toured the space a few weeks ago. It's really remarkable and very innovative."



One of the rooms in the White Plains Serendipity Labs Coworking.

"The location is fantastic with all this natural light and the opportunities for collaboration," Roach said. "(It is) a great amenity for the city. We're really happy to have you."

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Obituaries

Martha Collins

Martha Louise "Petty" Collins (nee Dolan), 92, of White Plains, passed away on Sept. 12.

She was the loving spouse for 66 years to the late Thomas E. Collins.

Loving mother to Patricia (Terrence) McLaughlin of Tennessee, Mary Ann Collins (Larry Magargal) of Philadelphia, Fr. Thomas, John (Mary), Joseph (Sherry) Collins all of White Plains, and Regina (Robert) Thomson of Eastchester.

Proud Granny of Sheila Ann (Richard) Metzner, Sean (Audrey Newsom), Brendan

(Meghan) and Kevin McLaughlin. Joseph (Jillian), Michael (Marissa Degaetano), and Christopher Collins, Christian, John Paul, Gabriella, and Ashley Collins. Peter, Bridget, Mathew, and Daniel Thomson. Great Grandmother to Delaney Metzner, Luke, and Jake Collins. Aunt to a multitude of Collins and Dolan nieces and nephews.

Dear daughter of the late Edward and Meta Dolan and youngest sister of the late William, Joseph, John, Sr. Catherine CSA, Edward Dolan, Beatrice Bohmert and Lou Geckler.

Petty was a loving spouse, mother, and granny. She shared her love of God and the Rosary with her family. She taught them

all unconditional love and self-sacrifice. Petty volunteered at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, was a member of Mother of Priests Society and was very involved at Our Lady of Sorrows Church as a Eucharistic Minister and a long-time member of the Rosary Altar Society. She will be greatly missed by all her family. The family would also like to thank Carmelita, Rose, and Val for their loving care of Petty over the last five years.

Mass of Christian Burial Sept. 19, 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 920 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations are sent to Archbishop Stepinac High School.

Long Island Man Arraigned on 53-Count Indictment on Weapons Charges

Matthew Bonanno, 47, of Great Neck, Long Island has been indicted on 53-counts for criminal possession of weapons found in Tuckahoe last month. Bonanno appeared in Westchester County Court before Judge George Fudidio last week.

Bonanno is charged with 11 counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon related to assault rifles and other firearms found in his possession Aug. 12, 2019; 38 counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon-

related to illegal high-capacity magazines and ammunitions found at the same time; and four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree, misdemeanors, for possession of metal knuckles.

The indictment handed up by a Westchester County Grand Jury alleges, on the night of Aug. 12, 2019, that Matthew Bonanno was found to illegally possess a cache of weapons and ammunition while in the Village of Tuckahoe.

Village of Tuckahoe Police responded to

a call by a concerned citizen who reported seeing the defendant armed with a weapon and in possession of other weapons in his car parked outside a Tuckahoe residence.

Police arrested Matthew Bonanno outside 25 Main Street, Tuckahoe. The nine seized weapons included assault rifles with high-capacity magazines and ammunition, some with adjustable stocks.

Charges against Bonanno are still pending in Nassau County.

Ways to Get the State's Attention to Filling Potholes on the Roads

Many New York State roads continue to be full of potholes and in desperate need of repaving. Unfortunately, the state does not have adequate funds to repave roads in a timely manner or to promptly repair all potholes.

A constituent of mine, Jeff Bogart of Hastings-on-Hudson, came up with a great

idea. New York State should authorize local governments or residents to paint a circle (in a bright color) around the potholes located on state roads so motorists would be warned, in advance, of the dangers of the pothole. This could help other motorists avoid flat tires and could help the state Department of Transportation locate the potholes quickly.

Another option that the state should consider: entering into contracts with local governments. Enable localities to fix the potholes and to be reimbursed.

I would welcome readers thoughts. My e-mail is pfeiner@greenburghny.com.

-Paul Feiner

Supervisor, Town of Greenburgh

Tuesday is Dads/Special Adults Take Your Child to School Day

The City of White Plains anticipates that more than 2,000 dads will attend the City's 11th Annual Dads/Special Adults Take Your Child to School Day on Sept. 17. White Plains Youth Bureau and School District staffs have been busy planning the day.

The national campaign is designed to encourage fathers and father figures to actively engage in a student's academic experience from preschool through college. Research shows that when dads are involved with student learning, students perform better academically, have less discipline problems, increased confidence, and demonstrate better management and problem solving abilities.

"Fathers in White Plains are paying it forward with their sons and daughters in terms of school involvement. As a result of this involvement we are seeing higher graduation rates and students who are better prepared to compete in the global economy," said Mayor Tom Roach.

Dr. Joseph Ricca, Superintendent of Schools said, "In White Plains, we look forward to this special day each year. We know how important it is for our children

to have strong positive relationships with their fathers, parents and significant adults. "The Dads/Special Adults Take Your Child to School Day" program provides our children with the opportunity to celebrate their education with a loved one in a very special and memorable way."

"Dad/Special Adults Take Your Child to School Day has become a special day in White Plains. White Plains has one of the highest participation rates in our region," said Frank Williams, Jr. Executive Director of the White Plains Youth.

The program is also supported with help from the White Plains School District, White Plains PTA, MVP Health Care, The Ministers Fellowship Council of White Plains and Vicinity, the African American Men of Westchester, Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the GrandPas United group.

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Chill Bucket Presents a Stage Reading of “The Bridge in Scarsdale”

By Pat Casey

There’s always an uncanny feeling when synergies are activated and events just seem to fall into place. That is how producer Dakota Martin feels about a theatrical reading of the unpublished play “The Bridge in Scarsdale” by Robert Remington Wood happening this Friday at 8 p.m. at The Church of St. James the Less in Scarsdale.

Martin and her partner Jeff Rocco established Chill Bucket Productions in February this year and were looking for something local and meaningful to bring to the community.

As the office manager at St. James the Less, Martin was already taken with the unique acoustic and intimate spaces provided by the 1851 stone church. When Wood, a member of the congregation, passed away in November 2018, Martin was responsible for some aspects of the funeral. Upon reading his obituary she discovered he had penned a few plays and contacted the family for copies.

Although unpublished, The Bridge in Scarsdale was produced Off-Broadway in 2002 to rave reviews. “Practicality and poetry wrestle for possession of a soul in the eternal triangle formed by a father, mother and son that is at the heart of The Bridge in Scarsdale,” wrote Lawrence Van Gelder of The New York Times.

The copy of the script Martin received was well-worn and had notes and markings by the author’s own hand, which she said in an interview last week, felt almost like having a conversation with Wood himself.

As the play opens, Phil is meeting his



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHILL BUCKET PRODUCTIONS.

Cast members read from their scripts during a rehearsal for The Bridge In Scarsdale by Robert Remington Wood.

father, Henry, for lunch. What swiftly becomes clear as the martinis, wine and fish are ordered is that although Henry’s professional life has been devoted to building bridges, his personal life is not as well engineered as his bridges. Phil is hoping to persuade his father to join him on one of his regular visits to see Regina, the wife whom Henry has never divorced. Currently, she

resides in the hospital where she is being treated for mental illness. The subsequent visit rekindles feelings, reveals secrets and brings past betrayals to the forefront of the action for a family who has spent a lifetime in conflict.

Martin said the Wood family is thrilled that Chill Bucket chose to feature The Bridge in Scarsdale in their 2019 season. Several



Dakota Martin is co-founder of Scarsdale-based Chill Bucket Productions.

family members will take part in a talk back with the audience after the show. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Members of the cast are local actors, involved with Community Theater in Westchester.

The staged production, which is a fundraiser for the new production company, will take place in the church’s chapel. Seating and parking are limited. Tickets are \$15.

Reservations and donations can be made at: chillbucketproductions.com.

 **Crossword by Myles Mellor** 

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1. “Keeping families afloat” in Mahopac, MacDonald ____

7. S.F. hours

10. “Aha!”

11. Car followers

12. Rock band ____ Mode

14. Earl Grey for one

15. Many, many years

16. A Chaplin

17. Good luck symbol

20. Star turn

22. Part of R.S.V.P.

23. Down’s a drink

27. Nephew of Abraham

28. Poppycock

29. Small guitar

30. Thug

35. “To __, with love”

36. Where to go for “proper choppers” in northern Westchester, Mohegan

37. Fellows

38. Scant

Down

1. Between

2. No one can be rejected on the basis of this

3. Pitcher, of a sort

4. Suffix with Manhattan

5. More likable

6. Body of belief

7. Where you get fido’s food

8. “Later”

9. Swaps

13. Hurricane heading, abbr.

17. Batters

18. Nosebag tidbit

19. Law and Order ____

20. Red-faced

21. Tyro

24. Dot follower, perhaps

25. Emotional tones

26. Sore throat cause briefly

31. All ____ day’s work

32. Paper size

33. Musical syllables

34. Microbrewery output

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A Bit of Nostalgia: When Homes Came in a Big Box From Sears

Recently I read a reference to a “Sears home” and was reminded of my experience with this bit of nostalgia in the American home sketchbook.

As a realtor who works very much in the present, I nevertheless always seek out the history of older homes, having owned one for some years from the 18th century. And, the history of the Sears home is one of some interest.

A while back, I received a call from a 92-year-old man telling me that he had read every one of my articles since I started writing as The Home Guru. I was quite flattered. When he told me that he wouldn’t consider having anyone else sell the house that he had lived in since he was married, I was delighted.

But, when he told me it was a Sears-Roebuck house, built from a kit, I was thrilled. I couldn’t wait to see it.

My enthusiasm dampened a bit when he added, “But I warn you, to reach my home you must climb exactly 50 steps up from the street!” Okay, I’m game, I thought. If this 92-year-old can cut it, certainly I can too.

When I arrived at the home in the quarry neighborhood in North White Plains, we ventured the climb to the flat plateau in the sky where the charming home was perched, almost exactly as it was constructed in 1930.

Having been married to his first wife for more than 60 years, then left a widower for a while, he had just remarried and was heading to New England. The home he was leaving behind for another generation of home adventurers is also delightful as a

piece of Americana.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. first conceived of selling ready-to-assemble homes by mail order in 1906 in response to a financial dilemma. High inventory costs threatened to close their building supplies department, until a new manager named Frank W. Kushel had the idea of letting the factories ship supplies directly to the buyers in the form of complete home kits.

The trustworthiness of the Sears catalogs already helped the buying public become comfortable with the idea of buying items sight unseen. By the time the first Book of Modern Homes and Building Plans was printed in 1908, customers were ready to trust Sears with what was likely to be the biggest purchase they would ever make.

Kits weighed 25 tons and were shipped by a combination of railroad boxcar and sometimes truck. Often families would wait at the train station in a state of high anticipation. Like Ikea today with furniture, the innovations and efficiencies Sears brought to its home kits made home ownership affordable to families who previously could only dream of having a place of their own.



By Bill Primavera

The innovative “balloon-style” framing helped reduce the hours needed to assemble a house by 40 percent compared to standard construction methods. In fact, the process of assembling the homes from kits was simple enough that neighbors sometimes pitched in to do the job themselves, barn-raising style. All the major pieces were numbered, every beam, shingle and clapboard, and there was just the right number of nails so there would never be any guesswork for the novice builder.

Today, that attention to detail helps owners identify their houses as being authentic Sears Modern Homes. The numbers are still visible on many of the untreated pieces.

Modern Homes incorporated the newest technologies for comfortable living, gradually adding central heating, indoor plumbing and electricity to most of their designs. They also utilized the newly invented drywall and asphalt shingles, which were light weight, easy to install and fire resistant.

From 1908 to 1940, about 75,000 homes were sold through the mail-order Modern Homes program. There were 447 different

housing styles available that branched into three distinct lines: Honor Bilt, the most expensive line with the highest grade materials; Standard Built, recommended for warmer climates; and Simplex Sectional, the smallest and simplest designs.

Not only did prospective homeowners have many designs to choose from, but the designs allowed for customization. Floor plans could be reversed, breakfast nooks and ironing board cabinets added and trim customized. Sears even assembled home kits based on any other home design.

Sears offered mortgage financing for a few years, but the Great Depression caused many loans to go into default. The company ended the service soon afterward.

It’s not always easy to identify a Sears home, especially as homeowners were given such freedom in customizing the designs. To determine if a home is from Sears, check to see if it was built between 1908 and 1940. (A few old kits were sold through 1942.) Then check if there are any shipping labels or the aforementioned printed numbers in the home framework.

Another good sign of a Sears Modern Home is a record of a mortgage issued by Sears.

Even after all these years, Sears homes are still prized by collectors and are known for being of high quality in even their most humble variations.

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It’s Time to Experiment With Those Other Wines



By Nick Antonaccio

Are you stuck in a wine rut? Still drinking your go-to wine from last year? Or worse, from the last decade?

In today’s pressurized work and social environment, thinking outside the box may not seem all it’s touted to be. There’s a certain comfort in reaching for your favorite wine, knowing that it will generally meet your expectations every time.

Worse, are you intimidated each time

at prices that meet everyone’s price point. And there is a simple path to take.

I’ve found that one of the best ways to acquire a “wine-sense” is to simply buy a case of mixed wines, take them home and start drinking. It’s fun and you’ll be amazed how quickly you’ll hone your preferences and gain an understanding of the basics of wine. Here are three easy steps to follow:

First, visit your go-to local wine shop. Purchase a case of six white and six red wines from around the world. Yes, you may prefer red or white, but notwithstanding any allergic reaction to a particular grape, you may find your palate favors a wine your psyche doesn’t. Remember those steamed Brussel sprouts you avoided in your youth? Remember how your opinion changed when as an adult you first tasted Brussel sprouts roasted with garlic in extra virgin olive oil and aged balsamic vinegar?

Graeme Goldstein, the wine guru at Art of Wine on Bedford Road in Pleasantville, has a customer-friendly approach. He tastes a significant number of the wines he sells.

“I think it’s important to be able to describe a wine from first-hand experience,” Goldstein said.

Be sure to set a suitable price range for your budget. I suggest an average price-point of \$15 per bottle and a range of \$8 to \$20.

**You Heard It
Through the
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Try wines from grapes with which you have familiarity, but break away from the region of origin you’ve been consuming. Like Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand? Why not South Africa, Napa Valley, Chile or Bordeaux and the Loire Valley in France?

Try wines from grapes you may never have heard of. Like big, bold Cabernet Sauvignons?

Consider experimenting with Tannat, Touriga Nacional and Barbera. The possibilities proliferate on wine shop shelves.

The fun begins in the second step. Each time the opportunity arises at dinnertime, open one of the bottles and pair it with your meal. This may

seem daunting at first, but fear not. Certain guidelines will help you through the maze. Try the opened bottle without food. Do you detect certain aromas of flowers, berries or fruit? Do the aromas and taste overpower your individual palate? Conversely, are they too bland?

Next, and most important, try this same bottle with the meal at hand. You will notice a perceptible change in your opinion of the wine.

The third step: Jot down the particulars of the wine you just tasted. Record country, vintage, grape variety, your food pairing and what you liked and didn’t like about it. Simple notes are the best.

Once you’ve exhausted your case of wine, review your notes. Return to your wine

merchant and have him or her select another case of wine that focuses on your newly developed wine palette and repeat the three steps.

As you continue this refining process, you’ll feel more comfortable each time you walk into a wine shop or are presented with a restaurant wine list.

Be gone intimidation! Welcome self-confidence!

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*‘Today, there
are more well-
made wines
available than
ever before’*

you have to make a decision on what wine to drink? Do you think it takes some innate DNA gene to truly appreciate wine?

If you are nodding your head right now, then it’s time to venture into today’s plethora of excellent wines. Today, there are more well-made wines available than ever before,

Route One Family-Style Ristorante Premiers in Larchmont



By Morris Gut

Dario Gaité has opened Route One Family Style Ristorante on Boston Post Road in Larchmont. It is at the same site that previously housed La Riserva, the long-running classic Italian restaurant. Gaité also operates La Spezia, a four-year-old family-style Italian restaurant in Sea Cliff, Long Island.

The dining rooms at Route One have been beautifully refurbished, resplendent with new white tiled bar, artworks, plush new dark wood floors, seating, chairs and tabletops. The ceiling is a lush red with new lighting fixtures.

According to Gaité, the kitchen prepares all orders "at the moment" to assure freshness. All dishes can be ordered for one, with larger platters for two or more, as if it was "Sunday afternoon at Grandma's." Be seated in the lovely multi-section dining room and let the staff suggest such starting specialties as: Zuppa di Clams or Mussels in a red or white sauce; Antipasto Salad,

Luciano, white wine, garlic, butter, touch or tomato sauce, served over spinach. A variety of supplementary sides are available, too.

Carnivores might enjoy such house specialties as: Prime Aged Porterhouse, for one or two; Boneless Shell Steak, for one or two; Lamb Chops, or American Grilled Veal Chop, all served with vegetable.

Special Hint: Route One will be holding their first Wine Dinner featuring vintages from Luigi Bosca on Thursday, Oct. 2, starting at 6 p.m. A representative from the company will be there to offer historical background. A multi-course dinner will be paired with Bosca's Rose, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet, Malbec and Malbec Doc. Cost is: \$49.95 per person, includes tax and gratuity. For info and reservations, call the restaurant.

Route One Ristorante is located at 2382 Boston Post Road, Larchmont. The restaurant is open for dinner only: 5 to 10 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday; 4 to 9 p.m. Sundays. Closed



com; La Spezia, Long Island: www.laspeziafamilystyle.com.

New Prix-Fixe Lunch and Happy Hours at Tesoro D'Italia, Pleasantville

A veteran restaurant team has pooled their years in the hospitality business and opened Tesoro D'Italia Ristorante, a casual family-friendly Italian eatery on Marble Ave. in Pleasantville. Heading the day-to-day operation is Peter Lucaj. The restaurant is divided into a main dining room for 100 guests, a semi-private fireplace room for up to 40 guests, and a lovely glass enclosed wine room seating up to 25. A spacious

banquet room can accommodate 130 for all types of parties and private events. There is an inviting color-tiled bar/lounge area for networking and spirited conversation, and



Route One, Larchmont.

for dessert. Cute spot. Expanded menu pending. Happy Hours 3 to 7 p.m. featuring specially priced cocktails and appetizers. Minis is open Tuesday through Sunday. Closed Mondays. Free parking. Website



Baked Clams and Fried Calamari served with two sauces, Route One.

chopped lettuce, tomatoes, onions, roasted peppers, artichoke hearts, salami, provolone, fresh mozzarella, prosciutto, black and green olives, house dressing; Fried Calamari with dipping sauce; or Seafood Salad, calamari, scungilli, shrimp, mussels, clams in a house dressing.

Signature pastas include choice of Linguine, Capellini, Spaghetti, Rigatoni, Fettuccine or Penne prepared in a variety of styles. Vodka: creamy pink sauce; Red or White Clam Sauce; Meatballs and Sausage, available Sundays only; Amatriciana, pancetta, onions, red sauce; Paccheri del Giorno, fresh pasta pillows, sautéed shallots, prosciutto, assorted mushrooms, cream sauce.

Hearty main courses include: Chicken Limone, pounded thin with lemon sauce; Veal Sorrentino, topped with prosciutto, eggplant, mozzarella, brown sauce; Shrimp alla Spezia, battered, served over burnt string beans; Chicken Scarpariello, on or off the bone, homemade veal sausage, roasted potatoes, onions, broccoli, roasted red peppers, with garlic, fresh herbs, olive oil, lemon juice; Veal Chop Valdostana, pounded thin, breaded and topped with prosciutto, mozzarella and marsala sauce; or Shrimp

Mondays, except for private parties. Main courses at dinner: \$20.75 to \$48 (Family-Style). Bar and Cocktails. Kid's Menu. Private catering facilities for up to 60 guests. Take-out. Major credit cards. Free parking. Proper casual dress. Handicapped access. Reservations accepted. Phone: 914-834-5584. Fax: 914-833-0652; www.route1restaurant.com.



Tesoro D'Italia, Pleasantville.



Dining room view at Route One, Larchmont.

casual dining too. Happy Hour specials at the bar served Monday through Friday, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., including half-price appetizers. A dramatic wine wall highlights the dining room along with smoked glass dividers and white tablecloths. Grey and white hues help polish the space. Check out such delightful specialties as: Eggplant Rollatini; Rotelli Melanzana, Chicken Payard, and Broiled Veal Chop. A special 3-course complete lunch is served Monday through Friday, noon to 3 p.m. for \$23.95. *Tesoro D'Italia, 160 Marble Ave., Pleasantville. Phone: 914-579-2126. Open 7 days. Ample free parking. www.tesoroditaliany.com.*

Minis Latin Fusion Opens in New Rochelle

Nicole Pirraglia-Piparo has opened Minis Latin Fusion, a charming new restaurant in the same strip mall that previously housed Fratelli's at 237 E. Main Street, New Rochelle. From Chef Christian Miranda, who previously worked at Asia de Cuba in Manhattan and Madison Kitchen in Larchmont, the starting menu includes such fresh made 'Picaderas' as Cuban Spring Rolls, Shrimp Tostones, and Pollo and Waffles. 'Plato's Fuertes' include Minis Burger, Pernil, Mofongo, and Churrasco with rice and beans. The new lunch menu served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. includes Minis Carne Hero, with flank steak, pepper jack cheese, pickled onions, served with choice of yuca fries or French fries and can of soda. There is Tres Leches Cake and Passion Fruit Cheese Cake

under construction: www.minislatingfusion.com. More to follow. Phone: 914-355-5609.

Greenwich Wine & Food Fest, Sept. 21-22, Greenwich

Martha Stewart will be honored at the 9th Annual Greenwich Food & Wine Festival to be held at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park on Arch Street, Sept. 21 & 22. A celebrity culinary cast from New York, Westchester and Connecticut will be on hand, along with tastings galore from 300 vendors. For info and tickets: www.serendipitysocial.com/greenwich-wine-food/.

New York Times Food Fest, Oct. 5 & 6, Manhattan

An email from Sam Sifton, food writer/reporter for The Times, mentions the upcoming New York Times Food Festival to be held at different venues on Oct. 5 and 6. Bryant Park will be the site for a fine selection of artisanal vendors and restos, including the best of the popular 'Smorgasburg' out of Brooklyn. There will be 'The Talks' a series of discussion groups with major culinarians on hand, and 'The Nights', a curated series of dinners in some of restaurant critic Pete Wells' favorite spots. Tickets are available in advance: www.nytfestival.com.

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Happenings

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

Tuesday, Sept. 17

Dental Story Time. An introduction to the dentist and dental health for young children featuring a story time and puppets. For children ages 3 to 5; 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Talkie Tuesdays. Come and watch a classic movie each week. For teens. 4 to 6 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Tuesday's at Dorry's. Personal Perspectives on the US Immigration Process. Fardin Ghafoor will speak about his and his family's experiences while qualifying as refugees from Afghanistan. Fardin, his wife Mahnaz, and their three children arrived in November 2017 and are living in White Plains. Sam Wiseman will provide a longer perspective; in 1987 Sam immigrated from Iran alone. His family immigrated a few years later. Sam, his wife Jody and their four children live in White Plains. Sam is a cardiologist at Montefiore Hospital. Weekly table talkers meet up at Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, for informational conversation and socializing. Food ordering begins at 5:15 p.m. Weekly presentation 6 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 18

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

Noonday Concert. Downtown Music at Grace 30-minute concert. Sounds of the Scottish Highlands – celebrated piper Jonathan Henken returns to Downtown Music with a program of ancient airs and dances of Scotland. 12:10 p.m. No set fee, \$10 donation recommended. This outdoor concert will take place on the church lawn. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in Grace Church, 33 Church St., 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. Drawstring bags. Make a small drawstring bag for special keepsakes, for yourself or as a gift. For students in grades 6 to 8 on a first-come, first-served basis. 4 to 5 p.m. White Plains Library.

Family Game Night. Join us to have fun playing awesome board games with your whole family. 7 to 8 p.m., White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Thursday, Sept. 19

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 to 5:15 p.m., White Plains Library.

STEM Buddies. Children in grades 1-4 can sign up at the Compass Desk in the Trove to work on STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) activities in small groups for 30 minutes with teen volunteers or college students. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., White Plains Library.

Friday, Sept. 20

Back to School Dance Party. For White Plains residents in grades 6,7 and 8 (must have school ID card). 7 to 9:30 p.m. DJ rocks Ebersole Ice Rink to celebrate fall, friends, and back to school. Ebersole Ice Rink, Delfino Park, Lake Street, White Plains.

Opening Reception for "Art Heroes iPhone Paintings." A collection of two dozen portraits of the local artist Stuart Vance's heroes painted on the iPhone 7 using the Brushes Redux app and printed on Vibrachrome aluminum. The Radius Gallery at Arc Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues throughout Oct. 25. Info: 914-747-6206.

Westchester County Crossword Puzzle Tournament. Registration at the door the night of the event. Includes a reception following the event. Westchester Table Tennis Center, 175 Tompkins Ave., Pleasantville. 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Solo contestant: \$40. Duos: \$50. Spectator: \$8.

Westchester Photographic Society. An entertaining evening as members exhibit images of their photographic adventures. A fun night for members and guests. Must be at least 18 years old to attend. Westchester Community College's Technology Building, Room 107, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-827-5333 or visit www.wpsphoto.org.

"The Bridge in Scarsdale." Local theater company Chill Bucket Productions memorializes the late author Robert Remington Wood with a theatrical staged reading of his unpublished play, which was produced Off-Broadway in 2002 to critical acclaim. The venue for the reading, an 1851 stone church, will allow the audience an intimate setting to experience this rarely-performed gem. Followed by a post-reading talk-back with the cast and creative team and refreshments. St. James the Less, 10 Church Lane, Scarsdale. 8 p.m. \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.chillbp.com.

Caleb Teicher and Nic Gareiss. Among the most celebrated contemporary dancers of our day, the pair adds innovation to America's rich music and dance traditions in a captivating performance.

They blur the boundaries of different genres by exploring song, improvisation and percussive dance. Fusing jazz, tap, lindy hop, Appalachian clogging, Irish step dance and swing, they create a breathtaking evening of expressive movement rooted in time and place, yet uniquely their own. The dancers host a Q&A session following the hour-long performance. Irvington Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 8 p.m. \$25 to \$40. Info and tickets: Visit www.riverarts.org.

"The Wait Room." The Sing Sing Prison Museum and Bethany Arts Community present this production's East Coast premiere, an outdoor dance program honoring the lives of women whose loved ones are incarcerated. Commissioned by San Francisco's Flyaway Productions. Louis Engel Park, 25 Westerly Rd., Ossining. 8 p.m. \$25. Also Sept. 21 at 3 and 8 p.m. and Sept. 22 at 3 p.m. Info: 914-236-5407 or e-mail info@singsingprisonmuseum.org. Tickets: Visit <https://thewaitroom.eventbrite.ca>.

LoHud Comedy Presents Brian Scott McFadden. McFadden, a comedian and stage actor, is a regular on the New York comedy club circuit and has been seen on "The Late Show with David Letterman" and "The Late Late Show" with Craig Ferguson. Also, as a voiceover artist, he has a vast range of accents and character voices in his repertoire. McFadden was recently seen on the big screen in "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" with Ben Stiller. Followed by a wine and cheese reception. The Schoolhouse Theater, 3 Owens Rd., North Salem. 8 p.m. \$25. Info and tickets: 914-277-8477 or visit www.schoolhousetheater.org.

Saturday, Sept. 21

Farmers' Market. Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains. Saturday opening day with music and special events. Hours of operation each Saturday are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Movie Captain Underpants. (PG, 2017, 84min). Two kids transform their principal into a superhero named Captain Underpants, and the trio soon battle a deranged teacher at their school. 2 to 4:30 p.m., Galaxy Hall, White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Outdoor Movie. Black Panther. 7:30 p.m., Court St. (Between Main St. and Martine Ave.), White Plains. Free admission. Bring a lawn chair, snacks and a blanket. Popcorn will be provided.

Herb Garden Days. The New York unit of the Herb Society of America is revamping its traditional Herb Fair for 2019 at John Jay Homestead. Instead of having the traditional fair in September, this year's event is a series of Herb Garden days, coinciding with the Saturday farmers market. This month's herb is rosemary. Visitors will learn about every aspect of this popular herb and be inspired by its many uses and benefits. There will also be related children's activities. Visitors to the farm market enjoy delicious herbal cookies and muffins, recipes and fact sheets about featured herbs of the month. John Jay

Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission. Info: E-mail hersocietyny@gmail.com.

The Roy R. Neuberger Prize Award Presentation and Reception. A public ceremony to present the 2019 Roy R. Neuberger Award to recipient Yto Barrada. Wine and hors d'oeuvres to follow. Open to the public. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 5 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit <https://conta.cc/31yiSKx>.

NYC Comedy in the IRV. The first in a series of three comedy nights featuring a lineup of New York City comics. The show, hosted by Ophira Eisenberg, the host of NPR's "Ask Me Another," will feature veteran comedians Moody McCarthy and Andy Pitz. Irvington Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 7:30 p.m. \$35. Info and tickets: Visit www.irvingtontheater.com.

An Amazin' Evening of Myth and Baseball With the 1969 Mets. Take a trip down memory lane with New York Mets legends Art Shamsky, Ed Kranepool and Ron Swoboda as they commemorate the 50th anniversary of their unlikely, astonishing 1969 miracle season as they defeated the Baltimore Orioles to win the World Series in their eighth season. They will share stories from their incredible season and take questions from the audience. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35 and \$45. VIP package, including a meet-and-greet, photographs with the players and an autographed baseball: \$155. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Sunday, Sept. 22

Miles for Meals 5K Walk and Run. Feeding Westchester presents this third annual event during Hunger Action Month. Feeding Westchester's mission is to end hunger in Westchester County. As the heart of a network of more than 300 partners, it sources and distributes food and other resources to towns across the county to help ensure that no one goes hungry. Also includes a fun-filled day of family activities, food, vendors and more. All participants receive a t-shirt and goodie bag. All proceeds benefit Feeding Westchester. Pace University, 861 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. Registration at 8 a.m. Kids 1K Fun Run (for children four to 12 years old) at 9 a.m. 5K Walk and Run at 9:30 a.m. Fun run registration: \$15. 5K registration: \$40. Info and registration: Visit www.feedingwestchester.org.

Finding Truth and Losing Everything: A Journey Out of Fundamentalism. Chavie Weisberger grew up in a tight-knit Hasidic community. She was married at 18, divorced at 25 and came out as queer at 30. She then spent five years fighting for, and ultimately winning custody, of her three children and finding her footing in secular society. Weisberger now serves as the director of community engagement at Footsteps, where she supports others on

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The Ethical Cafe Presents 400 Years of African-American Music in America

The Ethical Culture Society of Westchester, a non-theistic congregation in White Plains is in the midst of an ongoing effort to educate the public about African American culture on the 400th anniversary of the first slaves in America.

On Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. ECSW will honor the music of African Americans through the decades. The concert is part of a new Ethical Cafe series and will feature performances from Westchester-based artists Yao Lawrence Cunningham, Lynn Beville, Lester Harper and Judi Beville.

The event is co-sponsored by the 400 Years Project, a countywide collaboration that aims to draw attention to the legacy of 400 years since the first



Yao Lawrence Cunningham



Lynn Beville



Lester Harper



Judi Beville

slaves were brought to America. Throughout the performance, attendees will not only be exposed to African American cultural sounds and their roots/evolution, but will also learn about cross-cultural pollination of black music.

Featured Music includes:

1619 to 1719 (Slave Period) Plantation Folk Music/Urban Folk, 1719 to 1819 (Slave) Emergence of Sacred and “Code Music,” 1819 to 1919 (Roots of Blues, Jazz and Spirituals), and 1919 to 2019 (Evolution of Jazz, Rhythm & Blues, Gospel, Protest, Rock

& Roll, Hip Hop, Rap, Fusion forms/Multiple ethnic & cultural influence/collaborations). ECSW is one of more than 23 member societies of the American Ethical Union (AEU), a national organization based on the teachings of Ethical Culture, a

non-theistic religion founded in 1876 in New York City. Ethical Culture Society of Westchester is located at 7 Saxon Wood Road, White Plains. To RSVP or obtain more information: info@wsfec.org or 914-263-6667.

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the journey to find their truth. Preceded by brunch and followed by a talk. All welcome. Please bring feminine hygiene products to be donated to a local women’s shelter. Free childcare is available upon prior request. Greenburgh Hebrew Center, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry. 10 a.m. Free. RSVP required. RSVP: Contact Robin at Sisterhood@g-h-c.org. Info: Visit <http://www.g-h-c.org/welcomeback>.

Nature’s Nurturers. Have you ever wondered how birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals care for their young? This program will focus on parents and their offspring in the animal world. Explore

the different classes of animals and how their care varies. Learn about maternal and paternal care in the wild. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Saxon Woods Garage Sale. Go on a treasure hunt and shop ’til you drop at the annual Saxon Woods Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Saxon Woods Pool in White Plains. Almost 100 individuals and families will be on site selling pre-owned items such as clothing, household items, electronics, accessories, jewelry, furniture, toys, books and sporting goods. You may even discover something you never knew you needed, so be sure to visit all the sellers. Admission and

parking for shoppers are free. The rain date is Sunday, Sept. 22. Saxon Woods Pool is at 1800 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains.

Rachel Podger in Concert. Praised as “Britain’s finest period violinist” by BBC Music Magazine, Podger has injected new life into the Baroque tradition. Her affinity for the Baroque began at an early age when she sought more from her modern studies and followed her curiosity to begin mastering the Baroque violin. She went on to co-found the period group Palladian Ensemble, was an early member of Floriegium, led The English Concert from 1997 to 2002, and in 2018, was named Gramophone’s Artist of the Year. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 3 p.m. Adults: \$30 to \$65. Children: \$15 to \$65.

Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

Sinatra: The 1962 World Tour. Recent inductee into the world-famous Friars Club, Frankie Sands, is one of the top Frank Sinatra tribute artists in the country and will re-create Sinatra’s 1962 World Tour using a six-piece band consisting of the same six instruments in the original band along with the original arrangements. A rare opportunity to hear some of Sinatra’s best work, performed with a small, intimate jazz band, the voice on full display. Comedian Chris Monty will also be appearing. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 4 p.m. \$35 and \$40. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

Playland Will Be Open Two Extra Weekends This Month

On the heels of a successful summer season, County Executive George Latimer has announced two bonus weekends at Playland, Sept. 21 and 22 and Sept. 28 and 29, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

These four weekend days will feature \$15 ride admission for all visitors, and no spectator fees will be in effect. Parking fee will be \$10 per car – a discount from summer park prices.

Latimer said: “It’s been a fantastic summer with great energy and excitement at Playland, and so for the first time in more than a decade Westchester residents and visitors to our County will get bonus time at the park this year. We’re very happy to let the fun continue just a little longer.”

Park-goers will be able to experience the Park’s rides and attractions, including the new Dragonator ride, which premiered at the park this summer while also enjoying some classic autumnal activities on mall next to Kiddyland which will be decorated with corn stalks and hay bales. Activities



include a DJ, fall themed face painting, and first-come, first-served pumpkin picking and painting (while supplies last).

Also, be on the lookout as some of the characters from Playland’s new Halloween attraction coming in October – Hudson Horrors on the Sound – will be patrolling the park looking for eager park-goers.

Playland Park is located on Playland Parkway in Rye, exit 19 off I-95.

Back-to-School Story Featured on White Plains StoryWalk

Kids are back to school. It’s the perfect time for a new story on the Bryant-Mamaroneck Park StoryWalk. This month’s selection is “Sophie’s Squash Go to School” by Pat Zietlow Miller. This charming story is the perfect antidote to the back-to-school jitters. Sophie goes to school for the first time and has no interest in making friends that aren’t squash. Here’s a gently humorous read-aloud that proves that making friends, just like growing squash, takes time.

The StoryWalk, a partnership between the City of White Plains Recreation and Parks Department and the White Plains Public Library, combines a children’s story with a popular walking route at the Bryant-Mamaroneck Park, located on the corner of Bryant and Mamaroneck Avenues. The park entrance is on the Mamaroneck Avenue

side. Parking is available in the City of White Plains Mamaroneck Avenue parking lot (lower level).

This month’s StoryWalk will run through Friday Sept. 27.

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Mount Kisco Housing Authority Public Housing Program The Mount Kisco Housing Authority will re-open it's waiting list for Public Housing on 9/16/19. The list will remain open until 9/20/19. Applications can be obtained by **providing a self-addressed, stamped envelope** either by mail or in person between the hours of 9am & 12pm or 2pm & 4pm at: **Mount Kisco Housing Authority 200 Carpenter Ave, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549; Tel: 914-666-7578** All requests for an application must be submitted or postmarked no later than 9/20/2019. The waiting list will close on 9/20/2019 at 4pm. **Applicants on the waiting list for other programs must apply separately for this program & will not lose their place on that waiting list by applying for this one.*

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Putnam Valley has received a wetlands application from the following applicant: **WT 18/19 131 Lake Drive Corp. 131 Lake Drive TM# 83.82-1-42 WT19/19 John & Christina Piecuch 8 Bryant Pond Road TM# 63.-3-39**

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE AND RECYCLABLES FROM VARIOUS DISTRICTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY DUE DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2019, 2:00 PM The Town of Putnam Valley is soliciting bids for the collection and disposal of residential garbage, solid waste and recyclables from various Districts within the Town. Sealed proposals must be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Putnam Valley by 2:00 pm, October 1, 2019 at the Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Bidders may obtain information on population and number of households for the purpose of this bid. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the "Town of Putnam Valley" in the minimum amount of \$1000.00. A packet with all bid specifications and contract documents may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk, The Town shall have the right to accept any or

all of the items on each proposal form and to advertise for new proposals, if in its opinion the best interest of the Town will thereby be promoted. The transfer station will no longer be used, therefore you need to locate your own tipping facility. We also request that you bid on a one, two or three year contract. The Town reserves the right to select any option. **Sherry Howard, Town Clerk Dated 9/12/2019**

Town of Putnam Valley Town Board Meeting September 18, 2019 6 P.M.

1. Pledge of allegiance. 2. Departmental Reports. Highway to discuss Tinker Hill; Ron Cummings to speak. 3. Presentation by Board of Elections: Commissioners Anthony Scannapieco and Catherine Croft. 4. Supervisor's Comments 5. Legislative Report 6. School Report 7. Authorize Supervisor to pay Fowler Fuel \$24,500 for the emergency replacement of The Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps' failed and broken furnace. 8. Appoint Michael Mocuiski to the Board of Assessment Review for the period 10/1/2019 to 9/30/24 Highway 9. Appoint Jeffrey Lutz as temporary laborer at \$14. Per hour with no benefit to work with LPID while they have bulk pick up. Districts 10. Declare certain equipment as surplus and authorize it to be sold as scrap. Parks & Recreation 11. Personnel changes 12. Refunds Building Department 13. Daily fee report for August. 14. Budget Transfers 15. Public Comment 16. Audit of monthly bills.

Notice is hereby given to interested parties that a **Public Hearing will be held by the Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday September 26, 2019 at 6:30 at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road** for the purpose of considering the following petitions and requests together with all other matters that may properly come before the Board at this time. **AGENDA New Application 1. Levy, Noah, 280 West Shore Drive, 62.6-1-3, 4 & 5; R-3 Request variance under Section 165-27 D (1) & (2) for dock extension and variance under Section 165-27 G (1) for shed. A side and lake**

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front variance for shed. 2. Sposato, Adam, 694 Sprout Brook Road, 72.15-1-23; R-1 Request variance under Section 165-44 A (1) & (2) of the Zoning Code for proposed accessory apartment. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN**

NOTICE 9/2019 Please be advised that the next meeting of the Planning Board will be held at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday September 23, 2019 for the purpose of considering the following applications: **Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING** The following public hearings have been scheduled for September 23, 2019 at 6:00PM (or as soon thereafter as agenda conditions permit) at the Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, 10579. All interested parties are invited to attend and will be heard. A copy of the application materials and plans may be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Planning Board Clerk, Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall. 1. Kelly, Rick- Birch Hill Road (TM#73.-1-89/File 2019-0197) The subject property consists of +/- 20.9 acres of land and is located on Birch Hill Road and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing a single family residence with driveway, well, septic system, retaining wall and rain garden. A Site Development Plan and Major Grading Permit is required. 2. Putnam Valley Fire Station- Oscawana Lake Road (TM#72.20-1-7.12& 7.11/

File2019-0199) The subject property consist of +/- 10.3 acres of land and is located on Oscawana Lake Road and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing soil remediation of contaminated fill that was placed on the Fire Department and the Ambulance Corps. Properties. The remedial design project includes re-grading the unstable slopes and construction of a clean soil cover over the top of the contaminated fill. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 3. Approve Minutes of September 9, 2019

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The WHITE PLAINS Examiner Sports

White Plains Moves to 2-0 with Win Over Yonkers Brave

By Rob DiAntonio

Just minutes before halftime in its Week 2 match-up with the Yonkers Brave, White Plains faced some adversity.

The Brave's Isaiah Bray intercepted a Ben Finkel pass at the 2-yard line and took it 98 yards for a score to cut White Plains' lead to a touchdown.

But running back Christian Young quickly swung the momentum back in the Tigers' favor on their ensuing possession.

He bounced outside and jetted 65 yards to the house to give White Plains a 21-7 lead heading into the half. The host Tigers put the game away in the second half and improved to 2-0 with a 41-7 victory last Friday night.

"Our kids are confident in their ability to score fairly quickly," White Plains coach Mike Lindberg said. "The kids did a pretty good job of just shaking it off (Yonkers' touchdown). Christian took one to the house right away. He's so explosive that if he gets a crease, it's very difficult for anyone to make a play on him."

Young, who rushed for 165 yards and two touchdowns, increased the lead to 27-7 when he scored from 3 yards out with 6:16 left in



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS

White Plains quarterback Ben Finkel rolls out to pass last Friday night.

the third quarter.

A botched snap sailed over the head of Yonkers' punter and Laron Morton recovered it in the end zone for a touchdown with seven minutes left in the game. Ben Sidley's extra point extended the lead to 34-7.

Justice DeJesus closed out the scoring on a 23-yard touchdown

scamper with two minutes remaining.

White Plains' offense came out firing in the first quarter. Finkel lofted a 10-yard touchdown pass to a wide open Tim DuBois in the right corner of the end zone to make it 7-0 just over three minutes into the game.

Finkel, who was 10 of 16 on pass attempts, then threw a dart to Elijah Pierre. He made a one-handed snag and raced into the end zone on a 65-yard touchdown pass to make it 14-0.

"We liked our match-ups," Lindberg said. "We felt pretty good about spreading them out and taking advantage of the passing opportunities. We kind of felt like after last week, with Christian's big week, that they were going to have to honor the run a little bit more. With that, we felt like Ben was going to have some opportunities for one-on-one match-ups."

Pierre, DuBois, Josiah Harris (5 catches, 110 yards) and company comprise a big play wide receiver group that can create match-

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Saheed Baize brings down a ball carrier.



Tim DuBois, right, tosses the ball to the referee after his first-quarter touchdown while Caleb Gillen comes over to congratulate him.



Chris McGuire and Ashlen Chevalier combine on a tackle.

EXAMINER SPORTS

Stepinac Routs Chaminade, 42-7, to Start the Season 2-0

By Albert Coqueran

If there was any doubt regarding the objective of the Stepinac varsity football team this season; senior quarterback Joey Carino made it quite clear after Stepinac trounced Chaminade, 42-7, in Mineola, on Saturday.

"It is just another State Championship and we have another State Championship next week against St. Peter's," commented Carino. When asked for an explanation, Carino clarified. "We are taking every game this season as if it is a State Championship."

Stepinac is the defending NYS CHSAA Football Champions. And on Saturday, they surely performed against Chaminade, as if a State Championship was at stake. The game



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Stepinac wide receiver Myles Walker is stopped just short of the goal line after catching a 49-yard pass from quarterback Joey Carino in the first quarter against Chaminade, in Mineola, on Saturday.

was practically decided in the first quarter when the Crusaders scored 21 unanswered points on three touchdown passes thrown by Carino.

Stepinac's first drive of the game was spared by a rare official's call of two penalties being marked off, one on each side. Stepinac was called for an illegal pass, which penalized them five yards and loss of down. Meaning it would have been fourth down and long on the Flyers 42 yard-line, which would have certainly been punting conditions for Stepinac.

However, the Flyers were called, among all things, for a late hit on their defense. Therefore, after the five yards were marked off against the Crusaders; then fifteen yards was marked off against the Flyers, which gave Stepinac a first down on the 27-yard line of the Flyers.

Carino thanked the Flyers by hitting wide receiver Myles Walker with a 22-yard touchdown pass to start the scoring in the game. Two minutes and thirty seconds later

speedster Quentin McCauley waved his hand in the open field and Carino hit him with a 34-yard TD pass.

The Crusaders capitalized on another miscue by the Flyers when cornerback Malyke Davis forced Flyers punter Donovan Wood to run for the first down. Wood was unsuccessful and the Crusaders took over on the Flyers 26-yard line.

Then with 2:09 left in the first half, while facing a fourth down and long, Carino found McCauley waving his hand again for a 19-yard touchdown.

The Crusaders had a commanding 21-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. However, the game wasn't broken open until the second quarter when White Plains resident Nazir Hibbert decided to put his speed on display. Hibbert cut across the middle to catch a short pass from Carino and dashed into the end zone leaving all Flyers defenders behind.

"Nazir is the fastest guy on the team. He is also the New York State Catholic High School Champion in the high jump. He is an outstanding athlete," revealed Head Coach Mike O'Donnell.

At 7:58 of the third quarter when running back Jayden Jenkins scored the Crusaders only rushing touchdown in the game, the scoreboard read 42-0 for Stepinac. At 4:16 in the third quarter, Flyers fans finally had something to cheer about when quarterback Ryan Walsh hit Wood for a 60-yard pass-and run touchdown.

This game was a far contrast from last year's meeting between the two CHSFL AAA rivals. Last season, the Flyers visited White Plains on Oct. 6 and handed the Crusaders a 13-7 defeat on their home turf in the Joseph R. Riverso Game.

This season Stepinac dominated the game behind five touchdown passes from Carino. McCauley caught three touchdowns, including a four-yard pass with 22 seconds remaining in the first half. Walker had one touchdown reception and just missed another after getting stopped on the one yard line after a 49-yard reception. Hibbert caught the remaining TD.

Despite the speed and agility of the Crusaders receivers, it was the improvement of the pass blocking by the offensive line this week, which was really the difference in the game.

"The offensive line did a great job giving Joey time to pass. Last game we had some trouble with the pressure, so we work a lot on that during practice. They did a good job keeping Joey standing up," evaluated O'Donnell.

The offensive line also blocked well for placekicker junior Enda Kirby who converted on all six extra point attempts. Kirby has been successful on 10-of-11 PATs the past two games.

The Crusaders begin their home schedule next week when they meet St. Peter's, on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 1:30 p.m. at Stepinac.



Stepinac cornerback Malyke Davis hangs on to the heel of Chaminade punter Donovan Wood after forcing him to run for the first down. Wood was unsuccessful, which led to a Crusaders touchdown to end the first quarter.



Senior wide receiver Nazir Hibbert dashes into the end zone for a 31-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter. Hibbert, a White Plains resident, is not only a speedster on the gridiron; he is the NYS Catholic High School High Jump Champion.



Stepinac wide receiver Quentin McCauley sprints across the end zone and snatches a four-yard pass from quarterback Joey Carino (back right) with 22 seconds remaining in the first half. It was Carino's fifth touchdown pass in the game.

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up issues for opposing defenses.

"Our receivers are pretty much a nightmare for other teams," Lindberg said. "They're just so dynamic that if you try to take one away, then you give us one-on-one coverage somewhere else. If you give us one-on-one, we're going to take chances. We don't really feel like there's a lot of teams that are going to be comfortable out in space with our guys."

White Plains' offense gained 372 yards of total offense, but it was also a night where the Tigers' defense bent but it didn't break. Yonkers mounted a drive in the first quarter but Caleb Gillen came up with a big stop on fourth down.

"When you play against a triple-option team it's a grind," Lindberg said. "Three yards here and three yards there. [Yonkers] converted on a couple of fourth downs but we just kind of bent and then buckled in when we needed to. I thought overall the defense played pretty well. One of the things as a coach that I liked is the fact that we played pretty well and there's still room for improvement with



Elijah Pierre looks to elude a Yonkers Brave defender on his way to a big gain.

some assignment things here and there and technique can even be better."

White Plains travels to Spring Valley in a battle of 2-0 teams at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20.

"It should be a good battle," Lindberg said. "They're fairly athletic just like us. They play real physical, aggressive football. There's a good chance that it could be a really exciting game."

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Stepinac Routs Chaminade to Start the Season 2-0



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

Senior wide receiver Myles Walker struts into the end zone to start the scoring for Stepinac in the first quarter of the game against Chaminade in Mineola on Saturday. The Crusaders went on to trounce Chaminade, 42-7. Read more about the Stepinac win on page 18.