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Five-Year Health Insurance Repayment Requirement Criticized in White Plains

By Neal Rentz

A spokesman for a group of retired White Plains firefighters has expressed concern about a requirement from the city that members of his group will be responsible to provide the city with back, unpaid health insurance payments within five years regardless of their income.

Ed Lobermann said last week it was not fair to retired firefighters of limited means to meet the five-year payback requirement.

Lobermann, a retired firefighter, spoke on behalf of himself and about 100 other retired firefighters at several meetings in 2019.

The Common Council approved legislation at a special meeting on Dec. 23. Under the legislation, five years after a

retiree becomes Medicare eligible unpaid health insurance premiums must be paid back within five years. Only those retirees 70 years or older will no longer be required to pay for part of their health insurance as of April 1. All those similarly situated retirees under the age of 70 are still required to pay 15 percent of their health insurance.

The active White Plains firefighters similarly situated had their benefits restored as of July 1, 2015 whereby they pay nothing in retirement and the firefighters already retired will pay 15 percent until they reach the age of 70.

For the past several months retired firefighters have attended the Citizens to be Heard portions of Common Council

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Stepinac's R. J. Davis Named All-American

ROB DIANTONIO PHOTO



Stepinac senior guard R.J. Davis was named a McDonald's All-American and scored 38 points in a win over Cardinal Hayes last week. See Page 17 for the full story.

FAA, County Airport Reps Address Airplane Noise With Public

By Martin Wilbur

Area residents impacted by what they argue is escalating noise from aircraft flying into and out of Westchester County

Airport had a chance last week to address questions and concerns to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and airport officials.

Several hundred residents packed the New Castle Community Center in

Chappaqua last Wednesday evening to speak directly to more than a dozen airport and FAA representatives. The two-hour forum allowed the public to visit a series of stations each manned by an aviation expert rather than hear a conventional presentation followed by questions from the audience.

FAA Regional Director Jennifer Solomon said the goal for last week's event was to help the public understand the air space near where they live and the many variables that go into the decisions made by the agency and air traffic controllers to make sure that the skies around the airport are safe.

"We work with communities to figure out what is going on and then get a sense from the aviation community about what our options are," said FAA Regional Director Jennifer Solomon. "You have in Westchester a really robust noise abatement program

and so you have people who are figuring out what they can do to try and work with the communities, and the FAA is one part of that. We're one part of the connection. We have an ongoing dialogue in the community, with the airport, with the stakeholders to figure out how we can fly safely and neighborly."

The event was arranged by county officials after a surge in noise complaints from residents during the past three years in several neighboring communities that are in the takeoff or landing path. Some of the most strenuous complaints have come from Chappaqua.

Michael Wold, manager of Westchester County Airport's traffic control tower, said one of the biggest changes over the past several years is the increase of the use of Runway 16 for landings. Runway 16's

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approach to the airport is from the north and flies over a portion of Chappaqua and Pleasantville, he said.

It is typically used when the winds shift from a southeasterly direction, he said. In recent years in the summer that happens most afternoons, Wold said.

During the five-year period from 2013 to 2018, he estimated a 17 percent increase in the use of Runway 16.

"The aircraft are getting quieter every year, they're flying at the same altitude they always have, they're not any lower or faster and there's a sharply greater traffic flow to the southeast," Wold said. "The prevailing wind direction in the afternoon has been out

of the southeast day after almost every day in the summer."

While a first report from consultant HMMH, retained by the county last year to study issues connected with the airport, cited a decline in overall airport operations, Chappaqua resident Gina Maccoby is one of many local residents who have said that hasn't translated into quieter conditions. Living in the same residence at Chappaqua Ridge for the last 28 years, she has noticed a change for the worse the past few years, she said.

The noise is particularly problematic in the warm weather months, when Maccoby said she is outside much more frequently

or has her windows open. She called on decision-makers responsible for the flight patterns to spread the concentration of noise to other locations.

"There must be days when it's pretty still, and on those days, flights should be shifted to a different path or to a different runway," Maccoby said. "I don't know but we can't all bear the brunt of it."

Conversely, another local resident who attended the open house, Anthony Suozzi of Mount Pleasant, said he hears the plane traffic overhead but he's much more disturbed by other noise, most notably neighbors' use of leaf blowers.

New Castle Councilman Jeremy Saland,

who attended the forum, said one unknown is how much the FAA and the airport factor in noise and air pollution as opposed to concerns regarding safety. He also mentioned he didn't see solutions offered last week to having a more equitable distribution of air traffic in the area.

Saland, who was grateful that the county scheduled the meeting, said it served as a valuable educational tool for some attendees but frustrated others unable to get adequate answers to questions.

A county spokesperson said there will be follow-up in the near future to determine what the next steps will be in addressing the issue.

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meetings to seek the policy change. Due to a difficult financial period, the city required firefighters to pay 15 percent of their health insurance premiums beginning in 2010. In 2015 the Common Council restored the benefit to active firefighters but not to retirees of the fire department.

Last week Lobermann said, referring to the recently approved legislation, "It's all blowing up."

Lobermann said he met with some city officials, including Commissioner of Finance Sergio Sensi on Jan. 15 but he was told to his disappointment that the policy of regarding the health insurance repayments would not change.

Lobermann said he does not deny that some retired firefighters will be obligated to

repay health insurance premiums as part of the recent legislation. But the requirement is not equitable because it would harm the oldest and most financially vulnerable retirees, he said. Lobermann said he wanted fairness "for those who owe \$28,000 in back payments" but who cannot afford to do so because they are living on limited incomes. "It's not a matter of numbers," Lobermann said. "It's a matter of good faith."

City officials responded to Lobermann's comments last week, stating there is no plan to change the requirement.

"The Common Council has been more than reasonable and has done more than required by union contracts or by the law in this situation," Karen Pasquale, senior advisor to Mayor Tom Roach, said last week.



Ed Lobermann

NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., V. JOHANNA PURVIS; ET. AL. NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 21, 2019, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, wherein **REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.** is the Plaintiff and **JOHANNA PURVIS; ET AL.** are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the **WESTCHESTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOBBY, 111 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD., WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601, on February 28, 2020 at 9:00AM, premises known as 89 CHAUNCEY AVENUE, NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10801: Section 5, Block 1442, Lot 13:**

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"The Council has worked to strike the right balance between being fair to its retirees and at the same time mindful of the burden of any new programs on the taxpayer."

"After the city succeeded in defending against all challenges to the Common Council's 2010 ordinance, the Common Council decided as a matter of its discretion to give certain additional benefits to a group of retirees. I believe it was a good compromise," Council President Nadine Hunt-Robinson said.

Lobermann also recently met with Councilman John Martin, who was Council president in December when the legislation was approved.

"I am initially confused by the comment that there's an agreement 'blowing up.' There is no agreement to blow up," Martin said, adding the Council approved the changes through legislation, not as an agreement or settlement with the retirees.

"What we were attempting to do in that ordinance was to restore fully paid health insurance to retired firefighters, police officers and many other city employees under certain circumstances," Martin said. "The city was forced to cut the portion of health insurance paid by the city from 100 percent to 85 percent during the financial crisis of 2009-2010. Several retirees, including the firefighters, chose to litigate this issue but none were successful. In late 2019, largely in response to the request

of the retired firefighters, we looked at the request to restore the full benefit but chose to look at it for all classes of retirees. Finding the ability to pay such benefits for at least some of the retirees, we enacted the ordinance.

"This ordinance required that any retiree with unpaid balances of their 15 percent due would have to enter a repayment agreement with the city to be eligible to now, on April 1, 2020, receive the fully restored 100 percent city paid health insurance," Martin said. "When the ordinance was initially drafted it required those repayment agreements to be for a maximum of three years. After speaking with Mr. Lobermann I moved to amend the ordinance to allow up to five years for this repayment and this amendment was unanimously passed."

The repayment period was set by Sensi, Martin said.

Messages left for Sensi last week were not returned.

Martin said retirees were advised on many occasions to set aside money for unpaid health insurance premiums in the event the firefighters lost their litigation against the city.

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White Plains Youth Bureau Unveils New Aviation Academy Flight Simulator

By Neal Rentz

There is a need for many varied jobs related to the airline industry and members of the White Plains Youth Bureau are getting to experience what it's like to be a pilot through a new flight simulator.

The portable simulator was unveiled on Jan. 23 at City Hall at an event attended by Youth Bureau participants, city officials and others.

Youth Bureau Executive Director Frank Williams Jr. said last week preparing city youths for the world of work was a mission of the Bureau. "We know that a prepared and a trained young person" will have a bright future, he said "We're excited about



NEAL RENTZ PHOTOS

The new flight simulator obtained by the White Plains Youth Bureau Aviation Academy was displayed at City Hall on Jan. 23.

the direction we're going with respect to aviation."

"In White Plains, we feel investing in the Youth Bureau is as important as any other department in the city and the results speak for themselves," Mayor Tom Roach said. "My own personal belief is that you put as much as you can in front of every child and hope that they find the thing that they really love or multiple things because once they do they do better in everything."

White Plains Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Ricca said, "Today is just another example of opportunity that we want to put in front of our children to expose them to a myriad of things that are available to them in life."

"The purpose of school is far more than just report cards and grades," Ricca

said. "The purpose of school is to expose our children to opportunities. And one of the opportunities we want to expose our children to is highly skilled vocations."

"Whether it's flying airplanes or working on a tarmac or working on the back end. Whether it's working in a lab supporting scientists or being a scientist, whatever the case may be, we want our children to know that there are tons of opportunities available to them," Ricca said. "I'm really excited about this opportunity for our children."

Williams said the flight simulator was obtained by the not-for-profit Friends of the White Plains Youth Bureau. Friends President Renee Willis Smith said, "Our sole purpose is to do fundraising for the Youth Bureau and programs such as this. We are thrilled to be able to fund something like the flight simulator."

Smith thanked those who are assisting the Youth Bureau Aviation Academy, including local representatives of airlines.

The Youth Bureau is celebrating its 50th anniversary on Oct. 15 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in the city, Smith noted.

Williams said the Youth Bureau has been working with Westchester Community College to encourage city youths to attend

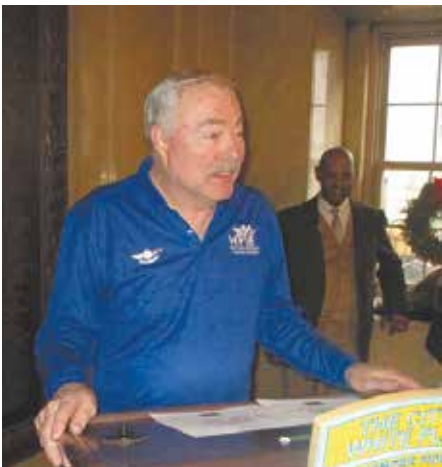


Members of the first group of the White Plains Youth Bureau Aviation Academy participants, accompanied by city officials, were given certificates from the city.

the college for two years and then move on to a four-year college. Westchester Community College President Dr. Belinda Miles told the students present at last week's event that she had been a good student and her family supported her. "You're so fortunate to be able to have this community of support," she told the students. "We want to invest in the talent of our young people,"

Dr. Ernie Shepelsky, vice president of Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology in Queens, said, "It's not easy to become a pilot. But nothing that's really worth it is ever easy."

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Captain James Parker, coordinator of the Youth Bureau Aviation Academy, at last week's event.

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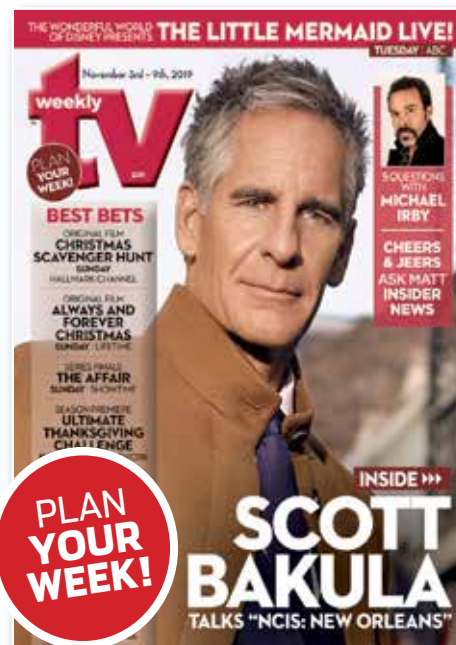
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New Westchester County Tourism Program Launched

Not just a place to go for a hike, a meal or a concert, Westchester is a place to become immersed in memorable activities, culture and surroundings. It's an ideal getaway, a departure from the everyday. It's beyond expectations.

In presenting a new county tourism program last week, Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "Westchester is the heart of the Hudson Valley and is a destination that generates billions of dollars in tourism revenue for the region. Today's launch of our new tourism campaign "Beyond" showcases the County to attract new visitors for a getaway; a departure from the everyday."

In 2019, Westchester County Department of Film & Tourism's marketing firm Mower conducted qualitative and quantitative research with leisure travelers, and meeting and event planners to gain insight on how those outside Westchester viewed the County's strengths and appeal. This data helped the firm evolve Tourism's creative approach into a new campaign aimed at differentiating Westchester by showing the true range of unique experiences available to all types of potential visitors – both business and leisure.

The focus groups included leisure travelers from Stamford, CT, NYC and Marlton, NJ and Meeting and Event Planners

within the County and beyond. The data from these focus groups showed that the interest is there – with nearly 70% of survey takers saying they are likely to visit Westchester County in the future.

Mower Senior Vice President & Managing Director Mary Gendron said, "Mower is committed to our partnership with Westchester County Tourism & Film. Getting to this "Beyond" campaign creative has been collaborative and rewarding. That we were able to develop it based on solid, current market research has given it a strong foundation. We look forward to deploying the campaign with the goal of stimulating additional tourism, and tourism dollars, for

the county."

Westchester County selected Mower in late 2018 based on a formalized search. Mower is one of the nation's top independent marketing, advertising and public relations firms and a specialist in travel and tourism marketing.

The new marketing campaign, entitled "BEYOND," showcases striking photography – done by local Westchester County Photographer Rob D'Angelo – of destinations that delight visitors and exceed traveler expectations. Advertising is anchored in the tagline "Beyond expectations."

According to New York: Economic Impact of Tourism, Hudson Valley/Westchester report, Tourism Economics and supplied by NYSDER; hotel statistics: Smith Travel Research: Visitor spending in Westchester supported 24,360 jobs directly and indirectly in 2018 – 5% of all jobs in Westchester County. Westchester comprises 39% of all Hudson valley Region Visitor Supported Jobs.

In total, visitor spending grew 5% in 2018, representing 45% of all visitor spending in the Hudson Valley region. This ranks Westchester County third in visitor spending in New York State - behind only New York City and Long Island.

Tourism activity benefits many industry sectors in Westchester County with all visitor spending categories growing in 2018 to make up that nearly \$2B record. Spending on lodging jumped 8%, followed by food and beverage and retail and service stations, up 5%. Recreation, transportation and spending on second homes also rose 4% each.

Travel and tourism continues to be a significant driver of the County's economy. Local taxes and state taxes generated \$233M in 2018 from the travel and tourism industry alone.

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Shepelsky said there is a pilot shortage and it is expected to become worse 10 years from now.

"If you study to become a pilot, put in the work, sometimes you do have to take out student loans. If you put in the work you're going to make it," he said. There are other jobs available in aviation, including technicians and air traffic controllers, he said.


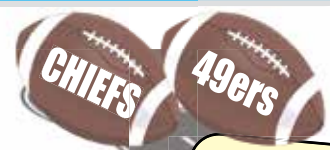
Captain James Parker, coordinator of the Aviation Academy, who donated the Youth Bureau's first flight simulator, quipped that none of the youths he has worked with have crashed a simulator. "I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of new young faces," he said. The new simulator is portable he said.

The aviation industry is "paying the price" for previously offering poor salaries and prospects for pilots, Parker said. However, currently, "If you're somebody that has the skills that they're looking for they're going to snap you up in a second," he said, adding there are a wide variety of jobs in aviation that are currently available.

The event concluded with the presentation of certificates from the city to members of the first group of Aviation Academy participants.



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Senator Harckham Announces Support for Marijuana Legislation

By Rick Pezzullo

New York State Senator Pete Harckham (D-Mt. Kisco) last week announced his support for marijuana legalization that includes investments in substance abuse disorder treatment, mental health programs and education efforts aimed at highlighting the risks of marijuana use.

In addition, Harckham, serving his first term, wants revenue from taxed dispensary sales following legalization to pay for increased enforcement of DUI laws.

Harckham outlined his conditional support for marijuana legalization at a press conference held at the New York State Capitol alongside State Senator Liz Krueger, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, who sponsored the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (S.1527B). The legislation, which was not passed during the 2019 legislative session, now includes the provisions regarding investing a portion of the revenue, 25%, toward treatment, education and prevention. Additional resources would be dedicated to local law enforcement to enhance DUI enforcement.

"The bottom line is this: I'm for the legalization of marijuana in the State of New York," said Harckham, chair of the Senate Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. "But it must be legalization specifically with improvements that guarantee the safety and well-being of our residents in regard to added spending on community policing of DUI and comprehensive education and



State Senator Pete Harckham with State Senator Liz Krueger, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, who sponsored the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (S.1527B).

communication efforts that point to the risks of marijuana use; and 25% of revenue, and not a dollar less, going toward treatment and safety net programs, including Substance Use Disorder and community mental health programs."

Legalization of marijuana concerns many residents, according to Harckham, because of unresolved issues related to the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence of the drug, use by high school students and the documented effect of the drug on

developing young brains, and legalization-related problems experienced in other states, like Colorado and California. There is also a broad feeling that marijuana leads to other riskier behaviors.

But Harckham said that his discussions with educators and law enforcement officials pointed to vaping and binge drinking as the biggest concerns regarding young people, and that in states with legalization there was not a sizable spike in marijuana use among teens and young adults.

"The key point here is Senator Krueger listened to the concerns of my constituents and others around the state, and amended her legislation as a result," said Harckham.

The amended marijuana legislation adds more money for police to ensure that DUI is kept in check, and for schools to educate young people on the risks associated with marijuana. The legislation now allows individual school districts to make their own plans for educating their students; municipalities to opt out; and municipalities to carefully establish zoning for marijuana retailers and growers.

The legislation also ensures that the sales tax on marijuana creates revenues that can be invested in communities around the state, 25% of which will specially earmarked for education, treatment and prevention.

"It is obvious we are in a crisis, which we are failing to meet through disinvestment in Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Community Mental Health Programs," Harckham said, "What I learned from dozens of hearings and meetings with stakeholders is this: the safety net for substance use disorders is in tatters, and we need to invest right now to start turning things around. Senator Krueger's legislation, the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act, will ensure that 25% of the total state revenue from marijuana sales will go toward Substance Use Disorder treatment programs and education. This will be the lifeline for our communities, our mental health programs and our residents."

Local Nonprofit to Tackle Westchester Poverty at First-Ever Symposium

By Martin Wilbur

Mention poverty and chances are Westchester County may be one of the last things that come to mind.

But professionals connected with various entities and organizations who work in education or the nonprofit sector are keenly aware that there is plenty of poverty throughout the county.

This Wednesday, Jan. 29, a local nonprofit organization whose mission is to help those that struggle with providing food, shelter clothing and other basic needs, will hold a special event in hopes of ending poverty in Westchester.

The North White Plains-based (914) Cares is coordinating its inaugural Poverty

Symposium, a four-hour program at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, featuring speakers and a panel discussion among professionals, including social workers, representatives from government agencies and educators who work with the poor every day and witness the toll it takes.

Jessica Reinmann, CEO of (914) Cares, said the goal was to exchange ideas and form partnerships to find a way to address poverty and serve the poor. While there are myriad organizations that work in that area, Reinmann said she thought there could be improved coordination and effectiveness if representatives were in one space.

"What I really wanted to do was highlight the partnerships in Westchester that are working and just get everyone together,

everyone who worked in that world and see if we can create new partnerships, more partnerships with the goal of ending poverty," Reinmann said.

The keynote speaker for the symposium, which runs from 8 a.m. to noon, is Amy Glasmeier, professor of economic geography and regional planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Glasmeier takes data from every county in the United States and calculates what a living wage in that county would be, Reinmann said.

A key reason why there are significant pockets of poverty in Westchester, she said, is that the federal poverty standard for a family of four in the United States is a household income of about \$24,000 a year. However, that translates to nearly \$80,000 in Westchester.

Another speaker is Alyzza Ozer, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club in Mount Kisco. The club's Mount Kisco location accommodates about 750 students a day after school and serves about 95,000 meals annually, including some children who need dinner because their parents don't get home from work until late or they come from poor households.

Despite the challenges in the community, Ozer said that over the past 10 years all of the children the Boys & Girls Club has served that have graduated high school have gone on to college, vocational school or the military.

"I think the most important objective of this particular symposium is educating people within the community to better understand (and) raising awareness to work in a collaborative manner," Ozer said. "So

issues that we may be experiencing can be addressed both from private stakeholders, corporations, partnerships and agencies working in conjunction with your local municipalities."

In her remarks, Ozer will talk about issues related to food, nutrition and education and the effects of poverty, particularly on children in Westchester.

Other speakers are Dr. Rey Sanchez and Dr. David Mauricio, superintendents of the Ossining and Peekskill school districts, respectively. There will also be a panel discussion titled "When Healthcare is a Luxury for the Working Poor," featuring Judith Watson, officer and interim CEO of the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center.

The closing speaker is Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey.

Reinmann said there will be plenty of work to do after the event, but it is a necessary starting point to minimize poverty and its devastating effects.

"Unfortunately, I don't think one symposium will end poverty," she said. "I want to see how successful it is and what comes out of it before we commit to something else."

To learn more about the symposium, which costs \$40 to attend for general admission, and the work of (914) Cares, visit www.914cares.org.



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Obituaries

Vivian O'Reilly



Vivian V. O'Reilly of White Plains, passed away on Jan. 25 surrounded by her loving family.

Born Dec. 10, 1926 to the late Ola Sawler Noel and Lindwood Sawler, Vivian worked as an insurance clerk for over 25 years before retiring in 1992. She enjoyed playing bingo, bowling, gardening and spending time with family and friends.

Vivian is survived by her four daughters who were her everything, Susan Lambert, Kathleen (Douglas) Hahn, Marianne (Gary) Cohen and Joan (Kevin Callaghan) O'Reilly. She is also survived by her nine grandchildren Jesse, Meagan, Michael, Tara, Kristopher, John, Jennifer, Amanda and Jason; and eight great grandchildren Lydia, Emma, Hunter, Callie, Mason, Calvin, Tristan and Michaela.

She was predeceased by her late husband John, a son-in-law Thomas, and two brothers, Sterling and George.

Kent Young

Kent Young died Jan. 24. He was 89 years old.

Young was born in Chicago, grew up in Batavia, IL, graduated from Augustana College (IL) and Peabody College in Nashville, TN where he received a Master's Degree in Library Science.

Young lived in White Plains for 47 years. In these years he served as a volunteer at Burke Rehabilitation Center, St. Agnes Hospital, Rosary Hill Nursing Home, New York Hospital Westchester Division,

Schnurmacher Nursing Home, St. John the Evangelist Church, and the Rye Association for the Handicapped. He was President of the Westchester Curia of the Legion of Mary in which he served nine years.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Nancy, his daughter Kim Hart, his son-in-law, Ken Hart, two grandsons, Ross and Daniel, all of Rough and Ready, CA.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church in White Plains on Friday, Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Aida Almendral

Aida Almendral peacefully passed away at her home on Jan. 22 at the age of 84.

She was born on July 1, 1935 in San Pablo City, Laguna in the Philippines and was the youngest of eight children. She immigrated to the US in the 1970's and has since been the



cornerstone for subsequent family members that followed.

She is survived by her brother, Paterno Almendral. Aida will always be remembered as a second mother to her numerous nieces and nephews who are forever grateful for her unceasing love and support through the years.

She was predeceased by her six siblings - Elisa, Antonio, Leandro, Alfredo, Zenaida and Francisco.

Aida was a blessing to many whose lives she touched at work, in her neighborhood and

in her hometown. She was generous, kind and always willing to help in any way.

Anthony Candido

Anthony W. Candido, of Purchase, passed away on Jan. 19 at the age of 83 after recent months of declining health. He succumbed to cancer, dying at his home in Purchase with his beloved wife at his side. Tony was a generous and devoted man who dearly loved his wife, four children, and six grandchildren.



Tony was born June 30, 1936 in New Rochelle to Italian immigrants Immacolata Monteleone and Ilario Candido. As a young boy he enjoyed pigeon racing, and was raised in a humble home in New Rochelle then Mount Vernon with his three siblings Antoinette, Salvatore, and Rose.

As a young man he developed a strong work ethic from his parents. He paid his way through night school, working as a carpenter, graduating from Iona College in New Rochelle and serving in the National Guard. His business savvy and strong work ethic would someday enable him and his brother Sal to launch and grow a very successful computer company, Manhattan Information Systems, Inc. As President and owner for 45 years, Tony earned recognition as a leading entrepreneur of small business.

However, Tony's true passion and pride in life was his family. In 1961, he met the love of his life, Susan Adamo, whom he married two years later. Tony and Sue were loyal and loving companions for over 56 years. Always an excellent provider for his wife, four children, and their families, Tony loved vacationing with his family at the Jersey shore for over 50 years.

Anthony is survived by his wife Susan; his children Debra (Mark Passalacqua), Christine (Michael DePaoli), Gregory (Rose Incardona) and Darren Candido. He was a loving grandfather to his six grandchildren: Justino and Alyssa Passalacqua, Alexandra and Ryan DePaoli, Rhianna and Genna Candido, and a devoted brother to his two sisters, Antoinette Friscia and RoseMarie Roos. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Salvatore.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Church of St. Anthony of Padua in West Harrison, New York.



Martha Barrios

Martha N. Barrios (Rosero) died Jan. 19.

She was born Dec. 6, 1934 in Pasto, Colombia, to Rosamelia Putnam and Hector Rosero. Martha was the third of seven children (four boys and three girls). When she was a toddler the family moved to Bogota, Colombia. In 1955 she married Jaime N. Barrios Cleves. They had two children in Bogota Jaime J. Barrios and Catherine Kinisky (Barrios). In 1961 Martha emigrated with her son (Jaime) to the United States where she joined her husband (Catherine stayed with her grandparents until she was 12 when she was brought to the U.S. to join them). They settled in White Plains and



resided there for most of their lives.

Martha worked in various high-end clothing boutiques (Milgrims, Mary Jane Denzer, Bonwit Taylor, Georgeau Furs, and Saks Fifth Avenue, among others) until she retired at the age of 65. She was a devoted parishioner at St. John the Evangelist Church where she religiously walked to Sunday services until a couple of years ago. She touched the lives of her siblings and many nieces and nephews who all remember her as a beautiful, unselfish and caring, and loving person.

She is survived by her son Jaime J. Barrios and wife Elizabeth, daughter Catherine Kinisky and husband Thomas, two grandchildren Lisa M. Taylor (Barrios) and Jonathan J. Barrios, one great grandson (Liam Taylor), and her siblings Olga Benjumea Rosero, Rosabel Rayo Rosero, Javier Rosero, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by her husband Jaime N. Barrios and her brothers Guillermo Rosero, Hector Rosero, and Omar Rosero.



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HANDLEBAR MEN'S SALON, WHITE PLAINS

By Neal Rentz

White Plains resident Ariel Orruel explained last week how HandleBar Men's Salon, which opened in the city in November, got its name.

"HandleBar refers to how people grow their moustache style," Orruel said. "We work with hair and facial hair. And it's a play on words considering its handlebar. We have a small bar in the corner where we serve drinks."

HandleBar, which occupies a space that had been vacant for a long while, features exposed brick and wood. "We wanted to go for a more rustic, very raw look," Orruel said. The facility also has three large screen televisions for clients to watch while they are receiving services.

A variety of services are offered at HandleBar. "We do everything from haircuts to beard trims to very traditional hot towel shaves, which a lot of people don't offer any more," Orruel said. "A lot of barber shops are more in and out these days so we wanted to provide more of a take your time type of service."

There is an advantage for using hot towels in a shave, Orruel said. "It's as close to the grain as you can get," he said. "The hot towel definitely helps soften up the skin so that the blade just glides really easily off of the face. We use high end products like pre-shave oils and aftershave balms so there's no irritation so guys walk out feeling good."



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

White Plains resident Ariel Orruel is a barber and stylist at HandleBar Men's Salon, which opened in the city in November.

All haircuts provided at HandleBar include a hair wash "to make sure they walk out of here as clean as they did coming in," Orruel said. Hair styling products are sold at HandleBar, he said.

Many of the new business' clients come

from the White Plains area, Orruel said. He and his fellow barbers and stylists at HandleBar have worked in the area for a few years and their customers have followed them to the new business, Orruel said. "Right off the bat we were busy," he said.

The Court Street location is a plus for HandleBar, Orruel said. "You want to be in the downtown for a business like this to get walk in traffic and to get noticed," he said.

While reservations are not required, they are recommended a day before if possible, Orruel said.

Orruel said HandleBar has been successful because of the attention to detail done by its barber/stylists. "We take our time doing what we do. We consider what we do an art," he said. "We consider what we do our passion. So I think that reflects on our work and I think that our clients notice those things."

"We consider this our home," Orruel said. "We want our clients to feel like they're at home when they're here."

Handlebar Men's Salon is located at 23 Court St. in White Plains. For more information call 914-893-0029 or visit <https://www.handlebarsalon.com/>. The business also has a Facebook page.



Police Blotter

Guilty Plea in Pedestrian Death in White Plains

Defendant Glen Robinson, 26, of Elmsford pleaded guilty Jan. 21 to hitting and killing a pedestrian with his car in front of the Westchester County Center in August 2019. The victim, Susan Benjamin-Bailey of the Bronx, was on her way to work when the crash took her life.

Robinson will be sentenced on one count of Vehicular Manslaughter in the Second Degree, a class D felony, April 29. Westchester County Court Judge Anne Minihaan accepted the plea.

Just after 6:30 a.m. Aug. 24, 2019, Glen Robinson was driving while intoxicated in White Plains.

Susan Benjamin-Bailey Robinson was on her way to work that morning. At the intersection of Tarrytown Road and Central Avenue, Robinson drove his Chevrolet Cruze into her as she crossed the roadway in front of the Westchester County Center. The victim was taken to White Plains Hospital where she died from her injuries. In addition, Robinson drove into the brick garden bed surrounding the clock tower, completely damaging the structure and the clock as well.

Real Time Crime Center Alert Leads to Stolen Car Arrests

Westchester County Police arrested a Bronx man Jan. 21 after he was found driving a stolen car on the Saw Mill River Parkway. The suspect was subsequently found to be wanted on six outstanding arrest warrants

lodged by three upstate police agencies.

At 11:22 a.m., the Real Time Crime Center at County Police headquarters broadcast an alert that a stolen 2009 Kia Spectra was traveling southbound on the Saw Mill River Parkway in Bedford. The Kia had been reported stolen in Syracuse on Jan. 6.

A patrol sergeant located the vehicle at Marble Avenue in Mount Pleasant and he and other officers stopped it at Route 141 and the Sprain Brook Parkway. The driver and a female passenger were taken into custody. The passenger was subsequently released without charges.

The driver was identified as Keyshawn Adams, 20, of the Bronx. He was charged by Westchester County Police with Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 5th Degree, a felony, and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor.

While being booked at County Police headquarters in Hawthorne, officers determined that Adams was wanted on warrants lodged by the DeWitt Police Department, Clay Police Department and the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department. Those warrants charge Adams with the following offenses: Criminal Possession of Stolen property 4th Degree, a felony; Assault 3rd Degree, Menacing 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th Degree, and Aggravated Harassment 2nd Degree, misdemeanors.

He was held overnight for arraignment in Mount Pleasant Town Court on the Westchester charges. Following arraignment, he was released to the custody of officers

from the DeWitt Police Department to be returned to Onondaga County.

Also Jan. 21, a Real Time Crime Center alert lead to the arrest of a Connecticut man on multiple charges. At 2:06 p.m., the Real Time Crime Center reported that a Dodge Charger with stolen license plates was traveling on the Hutchinson River Parkway in Pelham. A patrol officer attempted to stop the vehicle at North Avenue in New Rochelle but the driver refused to pull over.

The driver continued north on the Hutch until exiting at North Street in Harrison,

where it collided with another car. The driver then fled to Wendover Road where he abandoned the car and ran off. Westchester County and Harrison Police began a search and Harrison Police, using a tracking canine, captured the suspect on Park Drive South.

Sergio Martinez, 34, of Waterbury was charged with Reckless Endangerment 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 5th Degree, and Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle 3rd Degree, misdemeanors; and numerous violations of Vehicle and Traffic Law, including speeding, driving on the shoulder, unsafe lane changes, leaving the scene of an accident and reckless driving.

He was arraigned in Harrison Town Court and released pending a future court appearance.



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Westchester County Health Dept. Prepares for Coronavirus

No Immediate Threat

With the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) closely monitoring an outbreak caused by 2019 novel coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, China, the Westchester County Department of Health is ready for the possibility that travelers with the virus could arrive in the County.

The County Health Department is working with state and federal partners to learn more about this virus, is sharing information with local medical providers and has created a web page (<https://health.westchestergov.com/2019-novel-coronavirus>) on coronavirus for the public. The County Health Department would coordinate any local response with the New York State Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, local hospitals, medical providers, and

emergency medical services.

"While the risk to residents is low, our training prepares us to handle emerging disease outbreaks like this," said Sherlita Amler, MD, Commissioner of Health. "Anyone who has symptoms and recently traveled to Wuhan or has had contact with someone from Wuhan should first call their health care provider and await further instructions to avoid exposing others."

The first U.S. case of this new coronavirus was identified in a Washington state man who returned from Wuhan, China, on Jan. 15, before federal health officials initiated airport screening. Measures are now in place to screen and monitor travelers from this region at five U.S. airports, including John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York.

Cases of novel coronavirus have been identified in Thailand, Japan, Taiwan

and South Korea, as well as China and the U.S. Symptoms may include runny nose, headache, fever, cough, sore throat and a general ill feeling. There is no specific treatment for illnesses caused by coronaviruses. Most people will recover on their own after resting and drinking plenty of fluids. To relieve symptoms, people with the virus can take pain and fever medication, use a room humidifier or take hot showers to help ease a sore throat and cough.

Coronaviruses most commonly spread from an infected person to others through coughing and sneezing, close personal contact, touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose or eyes before washing your hands, or rarely, fecal contamination.

For more information about coronavirus, go to www.westchestergov.com/health.

Greenburgh Should Be Able to Install Red Light Cameras

There was another pedestrian accident in Greenburgh Jan. 24 – the seventh in recent months. On Thursday, a 14-year-old was struck by a motor vehicle mid block between Campus Place and Central Ave/Underhill Road/Old Army Road intersection. The 14 year old sustained injuries, was transported to Westchester Medical Center and is reported to be in stable condition. The early investigation revealed that he was struck by a vehicle traveling southbound in the left lane of traffic as he crossed eastbound. This accident, like some of the other recent pedestrian accidents was not caused by lack of sidewalks.

Since the accident I have received a number of calls asking the town to expedite the construction of sidewalks in and around the town. Although we built or secured funding for about six miles of new sidewalks in recent years, there are many other streets in Greenburgh that need sidewalks. And we don't have enough funds to build all of them at once, although we are trying hard to prioritize the sidewalks that are most

needed and to build some new sidewalks annually.

We have also enhanced some crosswalks around town and the police are involved in education initiatives – encouraging pedestrians not to jaywalk and to use crosswalks, to wear reflectors and for motorists not to text while driving. Thousands of free reflectors have been distributed.

An initiative that I think could help expedite safety implementation: NYS should allow Red Light Cameras in Greenburgh. All revenue should go to sidewalks and safety initiatives.

New York State has authorized red light cameras in cities but not in towns or villages. White Plains recently received \$2.4 million in red light camera related tickets – 35,494 violations were issued. I believe that NYS should authorize the town of Greenburgh to also place red light cameras and issue tickets to those who violate the law. I will ask the legislature to mandate that all the funds we receive be dedicated to sidewalks, crosswalk

enhancement or pedestrian, motorist education.

Unlike other communities that have received funds for red light cameras, I am proposing that every penny we receive could only be used for safety purposes. At the minimum the cameras and signage on the roads would act as a deterrent, which will make our roads safer. The goal is not to just trap drivers but to slow down the speeds driven.

If White Plains is able to have speed cameras why shouldn't Greenburgh? Central Ave, 9A, Saw Mill River Road have significant traffic. Why should the NY State Legislature treat safety differently in different communities? If we receive more funds for safety initiatives we could step up the construction of sidewalks in neighborhoods that have been asking for them instead of building only a few new sidewalks a year. We could make a big difference – sooner rather than later.

—Paul Feiner, Greenburgh Town Supervisor

White Plains' Mandelbaum Elected Westchester Parks Foundation Chairman

Westchester Parks Foundation (WPF) has named Seth M. Mandelbaum, Esq., managing partner with McCullough, Goldberger & Staudt, LLP in White Plains, as its new Chairperson of the Board of Directors. Since 2015, Mandelbaum served as the WPF's Vice Chairperson and has been a member of its Board of Trustees since 2011.

Mandelbaum's appointment comes after Joanne Fernandez's announcement to step down as Chairperson after six years. Jane Solnick, Director of Public Affairs at Con Edison, will take over as WPF's Vice Chairperson.

"What could be more important than ensuring that future generations have the chance to enjoy the more than 18,000 acres of open space in Westchester's Parks system?" said Mandelbaum in accepting the position. "I'm excited to take on a further leadership role in an organization that has had a longstanding commitment to supporting one of the greatest assets in our community: our parks. I would also like to thank immediate past Chairperson Joanne Fernandez for her extraordinary leadership and vision over the last six years."

Mandelbaum practices in the areas of land use and environmental law, alternative

energy, municipal law, and not-for-profit organizations. In addition, Mandelbaum is one of only a small group of attorneys in New York to be certified by the U.S. Green Building Council as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED® AP).

Joe Stout, Executive Director, Westchester Parks Foundation stated: "Westchester Parks Foundation is grateful to Joanne Fernandez for her years of service. We are equally as privileged to have someone as dedicated as Seth Mandelbaum lead our Board for the next three years. Seth has been a board member for years and understands the importance of parks to the community in Westchester, and the need to advocate for and invest in them. His dedication to our organization and commitment to Westchester parks is unwavering."

Mandelbaum is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Westchester

County Association, where he serves on the Real Estate Task Force and is Co-Chair of the SEQRA Subcommittee. In addition to WPF, Mandelbaum serves on the Board of Directors of the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center. Mandelbaum is a member of the New York State Bar Association, and the Westchester County Bar Association, for which he formerly served as Co-Chair of the Environmental Law Committee. In 2009, Mr. Mandelbaum was a recipient of the Business Council of Westchester "Rising Stars – 40 under 40" award.



Seth M. Mandelbaum

Mandelbaum holds a J.D., cum laude, and an Environmental Law Certificate from Pace

University School of Law, where he was an Articles Editor for the Pace Environmental Law Review; and a B.A. with honors from the University of Florida, where he majored in Environmental Policy.

Mandelbaum resides in White Plains with his wife and two daughters.

Bloody Sunday: Milestone Event Remembered in Film, Book and Song



By Brian McGowan

There's an excellent film I saw last year, called "Bloody Sunday." A 2002 release, it commemorates the events of Jan. 30, 1972, when a relatively peaceful civil rights march through the streets of Derry in Northern Ireland turned tragically bloody as a British paratroop regiment fired into a crowd of marchers, killing 13 and wounding many more.

The incident was a watershed event in the most recent occurrence of "The Troubles," lasting roughly from 1969 until the peace accord signed on Good Friday, Apr. 10, 1998. On that day a relative peace was struck between two bitterly opposed factions in the North, the largely Protestant Unionists who favor continued inclusion of the six counties of Northern Ireland in the United Kingdom, and the largely Catholic Nationalists who seek unification with the 26 counties of the Irish Republic to the south and west.

However shaky that peace may at times seem to be, it has been a marked improvement over the state of affairs that existed for nearly 30 years beforehand,

years which saw the tragic deaths of almost 3,500 people on all sides of the struggle. Unfortunately, the danger of sectarian violence still lies like a fault line, separating the two halves of the population.

It was the 13 deaths on that January day which sparked the flame, to borrow a phrase from a rebel song. Though quite possibly provoked by demonstrators who had turned portions of the march from peaceful protest to active violence when confronted by lines of armed British troops intent on stopping them, the majority of the marchers, numbering between 10,000 and 15,000, conducted themselves in relatively peaceful fashion.

But things rapidly deteriorated when British paratroopers, called in a day earlier, stopped the marchers from leaving a Catholic section of Derry and entering a Protestant section. Commands had been issued to not let the marchers past that point. The paratroopers, already accused of often using excessive force, readily carried out the commands.

When bottles and stones were thrown by a small group of marchers who had splintered off from the main group, the paratroopers

waded into the crowd of protesters and began arresting dozens. The scene quickly descended into chaos, with shots fired both into the crowd and at specific targets. Within 10 minutes, 13 lay dead. One more would die months later, bringing the death toll to 14. The image of armed British troops firing at unarmed civilians engaged in what had been a largely peaceful protest, turned a potential flashpoint into an ignited powder keg.

In the aftermath, an official investigation was conducted. The Widgery Inquiry, named for its head, Lord Chief Justice Widgery, largely absolved the troops. Branded a "whitewash" from the moment it was released, this initial government response did little to calm rising tensions.

A second inquiry, pushed by then-British Prime Minister Tony Blair and led by Lord Saville, spent years combing through evidence and conducting extensive interviews on all sides. The Saville Inquiry began in 1998, 26 years after the tragic events. Its report, when finally issued in 2010, concluded that every single civilian shot had been unarmed, that none of them posed any significant threat to the troops and

that the troops had issued no warning before indiscriminately opening fire.

The event made its way into popular culture through book, film and song. A good nonfiction account is Don Mullan's 1997 critique of the Widgery Inquiry, "Bloody Sunday: Massacre in Northern Ireland," in which an eyewitness pulls apart the then-official British response to the tragedy.

The song "Sunday Bloody Sunday," written and released by Irish super band U2 in 1982, acquainted many throughout the world with the ongoing struggle for equality in Northern Ireland, a still-elusive goal.

Pleasantville resident Brian McGowan was born and raised in the Bronx. He is a second-, third- and fifth-generation Irish-American/Canadian, as his immigrant ancestors followed several paths to the New World. He has written two books, "Love, Son John," about a relative's experiences as a U.S. soldier during World War II, and "Thunder at Noon," a work of historical fiction based on the Battle of Waterloo. Both books are available at Amazon.com. Reach him at brian.m.mcgowan1952@gmail.com or on Twitter (@Bmcgowan52M). To see more of his writing on "things Irish," follow his blog, "Rethinking Irish," at www.rethinkingirish.com.

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Millennials Have Healthier Habits, But Turn Off the Technology



By Erin Maher

With each year comes new resolutions, and none more universal than health. But don't worry my fellow millennials, it seems we already make health a habit.

"In general, millennials take care of themselves a lot better than folks at their age of previous generations," said Dr. Daren Wu, chief medical officer for Open Door Family Medical Center and Foundation, which operates five centers located throughout Westchester.

Point for us, millennials. Credit to the generations before us, telling us that smoking is bad, wearing a helmet is vital and that we will overheat like a turkey in the oven if we wear a sweatshirt to bed. Emphasis on that last point.

Besides our healthy habits, millennials have leveraged the power of technology and integrated it into our lifestyle.

"Millennials are all about different kinds of ways of finding information. Boomers make appointments to learn how to eat better for their gout, their diabetes or their high triglycerides, whereas millennials, who are more tech savvy, will just google that," Wu said.

Despite our proactive nature, millennial health is, unfortunately, in jeopardy.

According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, millennials may be the first generation to see our life

expectancies level off or even decline. Which is really upsetting news, as I plan on keeping my heart beating until I can attend an NSYNC reunion concert.

A 2019 report published by Blue Cross Blue Shield took a deep dive into millennial health, and the results were troubling. Between 2014 and 2017, there was a 30 percent increase in major depression among millennials. This increase is causing millennials to self-medicate, most notably on opioids. In October 2017, opioid use was declared a national health emergency. In 2018, Westchester County police reported 213 overdoses, 68 of which were fatal.

"I think millennials have grown up in a world that has much more uncertainty in it, and that uncertainty bombards them on a daily basis," said Dr. Diane Urban. Urban, a psychologist and college professor, has been practicing in Westchester for close to 30 years and is also the founder of real-matters.com, a website dedicated to exploring interpersonal relationships through the lens of psychology.

Environmental factors aside, technology can also be detrimental.

"Technology, social media, the availability of information, while awesome in so many respects, I think is very damaging psychologically," Wu said.

The 24/7 news cycle can be draining. Tragic news was once confined to the five o'clock news hour or the print in a daily paper, but now we are bombarded with bad news regularly.

Social media also plays a large part in mental health for us millennials. Instagram has transformed what was once keeping up with the Joneses next door, to keeping up with countless jetsetters and celebrities. And no matter how many times I sing "Let's Get Loud," I'll never be Jenny from the block, that ginger girl from around the corner who no one wants to hear sing.

While many millennials are plagued with mental health issues, we do have one boon that separates us from previous generations: we are far more amenable to talking about our mental health.

"I think millennials are much more open to seeking out mental health services than past generations," Urban said. "They see it for what it is – a natural part of a healthy life and not something that one should be ashamed of needing."

We millennials may be reliant on our robo-doctors, but it's imperative that millennials make sure to also cultivate a relationship with a real-life doctor.

"Be in connection with an actual medical practitioner," Wu said. "An ounce of

prevention is really worth so much."

Also remember that health is holistic, and both the body and mind need to be treated. "Live your life on your own timeline," advised Urban. "Don't let social media get in your head where it whispers where you should be, what you should be doing, how you should be doing things. Try changing the shoulders to needs or wants and see where it takes you."

So get up, get outside and leave your cell phone in the car. And millennials, if you're looking for an off-line activity, may I suggest stepping away from the computer and picking up a copy of The Examiner? Heard there's are excellent columns to read.

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13. Smoothed

14. Formal withdrawer

16. Enjoy something to the fullest, or new Mahopac restaurant

17. Vamooses

21. Winery process

22. Memory parts

23. Klondike strike

24. Bothered

25. Closet assortment

28. Senescence

31. Sounds of relief

33. Oil source

34. "Quit it!"

35. A Spanish n has it sometimes

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Down

1. Resinous deposit

2. Way back when

3. Plague

4. Hendrix song, "Bold as ____"

5. Drinks to bring more stamina perhaps

6. Bill Gates' portal

7. Emirates, for short

8. Free from, with "of"

10. Used

11. Greenhouse plot

15. Work unit, in physics

16. Lose resilience

18. Go over again

19. Place to get a cuppa

20. Concorde or Tupolev, abbr.

22. Tool holder

26. Fit of fever

27. What a goalie guards

28. Be decisive

29. Bouquet in Hawaii

30. The Cowboys, on scoreboards

32. Hot springs facility

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A Crazy World of Real Estate Shorthand from AO to ZB

This week's Home Guru is an updated column from several years ago.

You don't have to be a realtor, as am I, to appreciate – or be perplexed by – a whole world of activities and terms in real estate that can be abbreviated to a few letters.

We've all grown up with abbreviations and acronyms that probably originated at sea, such as SOS (save our ship) to POSH (port out, starboard home) and many others for everyday living that nearly everyone is familiar with. There's VIP, RSVP and ASAP, and the important one I learned attending college in a dry state, BYOL (bring your own liquor).

Not all of us studied Gregg or Pitman, but a new shorthand developed, then exploded, with the invention of the personal computer, then the Internet. Who ever heard of LOL (laughing out loud), IMHO (in my humble opinion) and the ubiquitous OMG! (oh, my God!) before we logged on? And now that we've learned to text, much of what we send and receive makes it look as though we're all secret agents.

But in RE (real estate), the world of abbreviations and acronyms frequently draws questions about meanings among realtors and blank looks from buyers and sellers as we start to automatically reference letters from the alphabet, from AO (acceptable offer) to ZB (zoning board), CMA (comparative market analysis) and CO (certificate of occupancy).

Keeping up with these abbreviations is a continuing learning process that can lead to misunderstanding, double interpretations and silly sounds. My favorite is FISBO, for sale by owner, which when I first heard it sounded to me like a digestive remedy.

This subject came to mind recently when I was having a rather uncomfortable conversation with a service provider. This provider, who installed tiling, refused to give me a solid estimate of what it would cost to have some tiles repaired and replaced at the water line of my pool.

When I shared with him that I was hoping it might be about \$500, he retorted, "No way! It's going to be a lot more than that!" When I asked how much more, he said, "I won't know until I actually do the work and then it will all be 'TM.'"

The only TM I knew was transcendental meditation, which I thought I would surely need when our conversation was over. When I summoned my courage to ask what TM was, he was happy to educate me: time and materials. I added this abbreviation to my shorthand list to be ITK (in the know).

Why everything in the real estate business must be abbreviated, I can't say for sure, but I suspect it originated as a way to save space in listings and ads.

Read any ad about a house and it seems there are more abbreviations than complete words. Some of the abbreviations are more difficult to guess than others. Consider this house description: EF (entry foyer); LR (living room); DR (dining room); EIK (eat-in

kitchen); FR (family room); BD or BR (bedroom); BA (bath); SGD (sliding glass doors); WIC (walk-in closet); WDSTV (wood burning stove); BSMT (basement); GAR (garage); and DK (deck). The ad might also state that it needs TLC (tender loving care) and offer the possibility of a M/D (mother/daughter).

Styles of homes also have their own codes: COL (colonial), CONT (contemporary), RR (raised ranch), SL (split level) and CC (Cape Cod).

Not to be overlooked for confusion are those abbreviations with double meanings such as AC (air conditioning, but it can also mean acre) and FHA, which can mean either Federal Housing Authority or forced hot air.

Some sound either funny or crude, such as PUD (planned unit development),

HOA (homeowners association), HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) and NOO (nonowner occupied).

Then there are all the financial terms to keep straight, such as APR (annual percentage rate) and ARM (adjustable rate mortgage).

Those that definitely need explanation the first time around may be DVAC (central vacuum), HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning), and the one I'll never remember if I live to be 100 years old, GFI

or GFCI (ground-fault circuit interrupter), a special electrical receptacle that protects us from electrocution in high-risk areas such as bathrooms and kitchens.

Before I'm ready to draw a conclusion, I'll relate an incident in which I was convinced that abbreviations, while convenient, may be taken too far.

I was in a back-and-forth e-mail conversation with a seller's agent concerning an offer I was trying to make on behalf of my buyer client. She said she would be sure to "follow up" with the response of the seller by e-mail. Granted, it was a somewhat lowball offer, but I was initially startled when the return e-mail's subject line said simply, "FU."

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The Unlikely Culinary Competitions for Super Bowl Sunday



By Nick Antonaccio

Once again, we're in the middle of that period of football wasteland, especially with no home team to root for in the post season. Nevertheless, here comes the spectacle of Super Bowl LIV.

Regardless of the long gridiron tradition, it is as anticipated for its off-field festivities as it is for its on-field combat. The season has come down to a single game and the glory and esteem it will bestow on the San Francisco 49ers or the Kansas City Chiefs.

Super Bowl Sunday brings together friends and family to indulge in the biggest junk food day of the year. Once a year we indulge guilt-free in those waist-widening, artery-clogging foods we try to avoid fastidiously all year. And what better way to wash down those calories and fat than with your favorite beverage.

But what will we be enjoying this Sunday?

Here are several food facts for Super Bowl Sunday from the National Restaurant Association:

There will be 48 million Americans who will order takeout food. What will we be eating? For 69 percent of us, we will be noshing on salsa, chips and dips and 63 percent will be inhaling chicken wings.

In fact, according to the National Chicken Council, 1.25 billion chicken wings will be devoured. They calculate that is enough to put 572 wings on every seat in all 32 NFL stadiums.

With culinary highlights and lowlights in mind, here is my premise for this week's column: a Super Bowl Challenge for the best food, wine and beer produced in the two rival football regions.

Food

After New York City, San Francisco is the dining capital of the United States. From the eclectic and bountiful waters of the bay, to the culinary heights of haute cuisine in the downtown area, to the ultimate Italian comfort food in North Beach, diners continually find "one of my favorite meals" in San Francisco. And don't forget the Irish coffee at the Buena Vista Café.

Kansas City has cultivated a cult following for its pork and beef for over two centuries. Barbecue restaurants tempt locals and tourists with the wafting aromas of smoldering smoked ribs, chops and brisket. World-acclaimed steakhouses ply high-quality offerings from prized local ranches and butcher houses. Jess & Jim's, Rye and Plaza III are standouts.

In this category the edge goes to San

Francisco. Like the 49ers, it consistently delivers on what it promises, at a level far surpassing the norm.

Wine

This is an easy category. Just 45 minutes north of San Francisco lie two of the most famous and highly revered wine regions in the world, Napa and Sonoma counties.

But don't sell Kansas City short. The foundation of the American wine industry must pay tribute to the Norton grape variety,

first cultivated in Missouri in the early 19th century. In one year, 1880, production reached two million gallons, the highest in the United States.

Raise your glasses of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon as you salute the underdog 49ers, facing the powerhouse offense of a Chiefs team akin

to the powerful history of the Norton grape.

Beer

Craft beers are growing in popularity, a testament to the new generation of talented brew masters. Both Jimmy Garoppolo and Patrick Mahomes are stars this season.

San Francisco craft beer makers like Anchor, 21st Amendment, Barrel Head and Cellarmaker have been rising in esteem since the last century.

But don't count out Kansas City. Its high-powered football team is a reflection of

the influence and might of the state's beer success. Yes, I know, Anheuser Busch is a juggernaut, but is it the posterchild for the shifting state of the beer industry to craft beer? Kansas City has its share of popular craft brewers, including Boulevard Brewing, Bier Station and Torn Label.

However, San Francisco easily overpowers Kansas City in this category, even if more Bud and Bud Light will be consumed this Sunday than any other beer.

Super (Snack) Bowl Sunday is nirvana for football enthusiasts and junk food aficionados alike. Whichever camp you fall into, just kick back and enjoy the game and the camaraderie.

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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, Jan. 28

Trove Time. Trove Time is an early literacy playtime for ages 2-4 with a caregiver. Children and their caregiver will play together, hear stories, and learn about 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; 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Story Trove at White Plains Library.

Homework Help. Teacher in the library 4 to 6 p.m. for grades 1 to 6. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Tuesdays@Dorothy's. The Democratic Presidential Candidates. This will be the first in a periodic series of evenings regarding reasons we support particular candidates in the April 28 New York State Democratic party's primary election. Starting us off Michael Hackett will present his reasons for supporting Vice President Joseph Biden. Allen Weintraub will present his reasons for supporting Senator Elizabeth Warren. This is not a debate. Following their talks your reactions will be welcome concerning their candidates or the one you yourself support. Weekly table talkers. All are welcome. Food ordering begins at 5:15 p.m. Presentation 6 to 7 p.m. Dorothy's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

Legendary Tuesday Night Jam. This jam has fostered many great musicians over the years. Some have gone on to tour, win Grammy Awards and achieve celebrity status. You never know who you'll hear. Come on down, play or listen, dance, drink

and enjoy. All levels of musical talent are welcome. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. No cover charge. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-747-4740.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Noonday Getaway Concert. Karen Marie Marmer, violin and Dongsok Shin, fortepiano, principals of the internationally acclaimed REBEL Ensemble for Baroque Music, play an all Mozart program featuring sonatas for violin and fortepiano and a work for keyboard solo. 30-minute free concert begins at 12:10 p.m. at Grace Church, White Plains. This concert is made possible, in part, with the support of the Law Office of Paul Bergins, Esq, White Plains.

Owning a Part-Time Business While Keeping Your Job. Frank Dunne, owner of FranNet of New York Capital Region and Hudson Valley, will explain how you can have the best of both worlds – having a full-time career plus the opportunity to build wealth and equity through franchising. This workshop will show you how to diversify your income stream, increase your equity and prepare for the next shift in the corporate world. SCORE Headquarters at White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.westchester.score.org.

Which Craft? Wednesdays. Shrinky Dinks. Draw and color on a plastic cup to create a quirky work of art. For students in grades 6 and up on a first-come, first-served

basis. 4 to 5 p.m. Edge Media Lab, White Plains Library.

Chinese New Year. Listen to a story of how the Chinese Zodiac began. Welcome the Chinese New Year with us. Includes craft and a cookie snack; 7 to 8 p.m. Galaxy Hall, White Plains Library.

Thursday, Jan. 30

Exploring Marvelous Innovations as Expressions of Power and Status. Learn about the art collections of Europe's royal families with art historian Page Knox. JCC of Mid-Westchester, 999 Wilmot Rd., Scarsdale. 11 a.m. to noon. \$25. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.ujafedny.org/nexters-making-marvels.

Oscar Talk 2020. In a year without a single frontrunner, we've seen an exciting, robust mix of filmmakers working at the top of their game: from Hollywood masters ("The Irishman," "Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood") and audience favorites ("Marriage Story," "Little Women," "Pain and Glory," "Jojo Rabbit," "Knives Out," "Us") to directors on the rise ("The Farewell," "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood") and the international phenomenon that is "Parasite." Join Jacob Burns Film Center Board President Janet Maslin and the uncannily knowledgeable "Oscarologist" and noted film writer Mark Harris for a lively, opinionated discussion about all of the mysteries and surprises this season has in store. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$12. Non-members: \$17. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Limon Dance Company. This troupe has been at the vanguard of American dance from its inception in 1946, bringing the immediacy of our common experience onto the stage, exuberantly and intensely, with musical and fully-lived dancing. They speak, urgently and joyfully, of our lives now: how we face the world and how we sense that world around us, how we can be with others, how we can destroy the bonds between us and how we can create community. The dancers talk to the audience of today's individual struggles and triumphs and of racism, domestic abuse and our joyful ability to create community. PepsiCo Theatre, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$30 to \$65. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.

Air Supply. This Australian soft rock duo with British-born singer-songwriters and guitarist Graham Russell and lead vocalist Russell Hitchcock are known for their heavily orchestrated sweet ballads. The had a succession of hits worldwide – eight Top 10 hits in the United States in the early 1980s – including "Lost in Love" and "All Out of Love." Air Supply had equaled The Beatles' run of consecutive top five singles. The albums "Lost in Love," "The One That You Love," "Now and Forever" and their greatest hits album sold in excess of 20 million copies. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$68, \$88 and \$98. Premium: \$125. VIP: \$219. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Friday, Jan. 31

Mindfulness for Teens. Join us for some fun and relaxation. We'll learn how
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Stand-Up Comedian Colin Quinn At Tarrytown Music Hall

By Abby Luby

Audiences are guaranteed a spirited dose of hilarity when comedian Colin Quinn takes the stage at the Tarrytown Music Hall on January 31st in his one-man show "Wrong Side of History."

Quinn is famous for his charged wit steeped in social and political commentary. His comedic roots go back to his days on Saturday Night Live hosting the "Weekend Update" (1998 to 2000) and his nightly Comedy Central show, "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn" (2002 to 2004). Quinn's many stints on and off Broadway include "Colin Quinn: An Irish Wake," "Colin Quinn: Long Story Short" (also an HBO special) "Colin Quinn: Unconstitutional" and "Colin Quinn: The New York Story," directed by Jerry Seinfeld.

Last year Quinn won rave reviews for his one-man show "Red State Blue State," that put his satirical stamp of jocularity on politics, free speech, sex and America's future.

Quinn said his new show, "Wrong Side of History," focuses more on human nature. "This show is about where we are as human beings. It looks at how everyone has an opinion and how they feel they are on the right side of history. But feeling superior and arguing is not necessarily who we are." Quinn frequently opines on the down side of on-line exchanges where the sense of anonymity shapes our discourse as opposed to squabbling face to face — especially from his favorite perch, the bar stool. "We think we are evolving the more we talk about things, but its technology that's evolving."

Quinn tackles some sobering national issues in the "Wrong Side of History" and is cautious about mentioning Trump. "Trump is a double-edged sword. On the one hand he is too prevalent to ignore. He's the elephant in the room. On the other hand, he's the low hanging fruit. What we don't want to do is create Trump fatigue."

The growing chill over free speech has not escaped Quinn's

critical eye. "At the moment we are stuck in an Orwellian world. You have to watch what you say. You can see it in places like the Academy Award Oscars where they are so



Colin Quinn takes the stage at the Tarrytown Music Hall on January 31 in his one-man show "Wrong Side of History."

worried what comedians might say, they no longer let them host. Says a lot about the culture."

In 2015 Quinn wrote "The Coloring Book" (Grand Central

Publishing) about the growing political correctness prompting Americans to tiptoe around topics of race and ethnicity. His next book, "Overstated," (St. Martin's due out in September, 2020) considers how United States is headed for civil war. "This country may be too big," Quinn said describing the book's premise. "Each state is like a small country with their own personality, their own way of living. It looks like they are all headed for divorce. It seems crazy but I can't imagine what else is going on. The fact is people are not changing. That's the way the world works."

Inspiring Quinn are infamous stand-up comedians of the mid 20th century who broke comedy norms by taking jabs at societal conventions. They include Lenny Bruce (1925-1966), Richard Pryor (1940 – 2005) and George Carlin (1937- 2008). Bruce was notorious for his "sick humor," Pryor for his race-based humor and Carlin for his dark humor on a wide range of social taboos. "All those guys were

mavericks and people were ready for them, especially Lenny Bruce – he broke it all," Quinn said.

The future of stand-up comedy is a question mark for Quinn who foresees a change by way of the Internet. "People may be getting sick of long form stand-up," he said. "I imagine it could be more convenient to click on a certain subject and hear five comedians on that subject instead of listening to one comic on a bunch of topics."

But for now, stimulating a live audience to laugh effectively offers a healthy respite from our daily routines. Quinn suggested that laughter is a much more cathartic reaction to comedy than applause. "In my opinion I feel laughter is clarifying while applause in comedy is bad. Applause is saying 'yes' while laughing is such an involuntary, physical reaction. It speaks to a real truth."

Colin Quinn Live Friday, Jan. 31, 8 p.m. at Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main Street, Tarrytown. <https://tickets.tarrytownmusicall.org/ordertickets.asp?p=3204>

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mindfulness techniques, such as breathing and meditation, can promote calmness and creativity. We'll also explore mind-body awareness with exercises and games. This program, supported by the Allstate Foundation, is for grades 6-12; registration recommended. 4 to 5 p.m., Edge Media Lab, White Plains Library.

Author Talk: "Dangerous Melodies: Classical Music in America from the Great War Through the Cold War." 'Dangerous Melodies' vividly evokes a time when classical music stood at the center of 20th century American life, occupying a prominent place in the nation's culture and politics. Momentous international events were intertwined with the work of renowned conductors, instrumentalists and singers. Author Jonathan Rosenberg, a Juilliard-trained musician and professor of history at Hunter College and the CUNY Graduate Center, explores this fascinating entanglement. New Castle Town Hall, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Westchester Photographic Society: Showcase. Members present a 20-minute showcase of their photography on any topic of their choice. For adults 18 years old and up. Westchester Community College's Technology Building, Room 107, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. (Use Parking Lot 11) 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-827-5353 or visit www.wpsphoto.org.

Colin Quinn: Wrong Side of History. From MTV's "Remote Control" to "Saturday Night Live" and Comedy Central's "Tough Crowd With Colin Quinn," he is not one to take a hint and bow out gracefully. He's been on Broadway with "Colin Quinn: An Irish Wake" and "Colin Quinn: Long Story Short" as well as having the HBO special "Colin Quinn: Unconstitutional," "Colin Quinn: The New York Story" directed by Jerry Seinfeld on Netflix and off-Broadway credits. Recent credits include "Trainwreck," "Girls" and his web series "Cop Show." His first book, "The Coloring Book," is now out from Grand Central Publishing. Last January, Quinn's newest one-man show, "Red State Blue State," premiered to rave reviews at the Minetta Lane Theatre in New York. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St.,

Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$30, \$35 and \$45. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

"Animals Out of Paper." To close out Arc Stages' fifth season of their professional company, the Next Stage, is this funny, poignant play about the collision of mismatched people and the complicated ways we hurt, heal and love those around us. Starring Emily Sohn, David Lanson and Eshan Bay. Arc Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. Adults: \$36. Seniors and students: \$28. Also Feb. 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-747-6206 or visit www.arcstages.org.

Irvington Folk Festival. Irvington Theater and Common Ground Concerts will present this two-night inaugural festival. This evening will feature Dar Williams, who will be joined by Boston-based singer-songwriter Antje Duvekot. Irvington Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 8 p.m. VIP: \$75. Standard: \$40. All Festival Pass: VIP--\$140. Standard--\$80. Info and tickets: Visit www.irvingtontheater.com or www.commongroundconcerts.com.

Saturday, Feb. 1

Winter Wolves for Kids. This is the best introduction to wolves for families with young children. Youngsters will learn about the mythology surrounding wolves and the important role of wolves in the natural world. This is an exciting time for wolves; they're out searching for prey as their growing pups experience their first winter season. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and potentially the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Enjoy hot beverages in our woodstove-heated classroom. Dress for cold weather. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 2 p.m. Adults: \$15. Children (under 12): \$12. Also Feb. 2 and 23 at 11 a.m. and Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Winter Nature Walk. Bring your gloves and scarves and head outside to roam the center's forest trails on an easy stroll as naturalists point out and discuss winter wildlife. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Also

Feb. 2. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

FeederWatch. Learn some of your backyard birds while identifying them at the feeders. Refreshments will be served. Cranberry Lake Preserve, 1609 Old Orchard St., North White Plains. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005 or visit www.FeederWatch.org.

Supernova: Art Sale & Dance Party. A celestial evening of collecting and dancing in the cosmically transformed KMA galleries. Featuring artist-designed installations and a curated art auction. An opportunity to pick up works of art at great prices and raise funds for the Katonah Museum of Art's future exhibitions and programs. Includes hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St., Katonah. Art sale from 6 to 10 p.m. Dance party 8 to 11 p.m. In advance: \$85. \$150 for two. At the door: \$95. \$170 for two. Info and tickets: Visit www.katonahmuseum.org.

Bob Mould Sunshine Rock Winter 2020 Solo Electric. Mould, whose face belongs on the Mount Rushmore of alternative music, has helped define the sound of guitar rock in the alternative age. He tours in support of his latest album, "Sunshine Rock." The theme, the cathartic vocals and the strings amount to Mould's catchiest, grabbiest album since "Copper Blue," the acclaimed 1992 debut of his trio Sugar. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$32, \$36 and \$40. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Irvington Folk Festival. Irvington Theater and Common Ground Concerts will present the second night of this two-night inaugural festival. This evening will feature sets by The Dustbowl Revival, an eclectic Los Angeles-based eight-piece Americana ensemble, the acclaimed singer-songwriter, storyteller and multi-instrumentalist Joe Crookston and young banjo prodigy Nora Brown. Irvington Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 7 p.m. VIP: \$75. Standard: \$40. Info and tickets: Visit www.irvingtontheater.com or www.commongroundconcerts.com.

Sunday, Feb. 2

Blood Drive. Coordinated by the New York Blood Center, all eligible donors 16 years old and up and weighing at least 110 pounds are welcome to participate. Donors who are 16 years old must submit a signed parental permission form. Donors should remember to bring their NYBD donor ID card. Refreshments provided to donors after their donation. Greenburgh Hebrew Center, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appointments recommended; walk-ins welcome. Appointments: Visit www.nybc.org or e-mail blooddrive@g-h-c.org. Info: 914-693-4260 or e-mail Dr. Andrew Goldstein at blooddrive@g-h-c.org. For eligibility questions, call 800-688-0900.

Black History Month Film: Remember the Titans Remember the Titans (PG, 2000, 114min). A high-school football coach promotes racial harmony. Starring Denzel Washington. 2 to 4:30 p.m., Galaxy Hall, White Plains Library.

Camerata's Super Music Bowl Extravaganza. A concert that tackles a classical music playbook of famous winning compositions from well-known composers. Westchester Community College's Classroom Building, Room 200, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 3 p.m. \$24. Seniors: \$22. Students: \$16. Info and tickets: 914-606-6262 or visit www.sunywcc.edu.

The Benefit of Trees. Come learn about the benefits of trees and issues related to climate and climate change. Learn about the variety of interesting trees in Nannahagen Park and the 50-50 program to assist residents in planting trees. Sponsored and presented by the Pleasantville Conservation Advisory Council. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3 to 4 p.m. Free. Info: E0mail Helen@Loring.net.



Free Singing Lessons for Men By the Westchester Chordsmen Chorus

Starting Feb. 24 and continuing for six consecutive Mondays, The Westchester Chordsmen Chorus will offer free singing lessons to men in and around the County as a community service. The free six-week program provides coaching and instruction to teach new singers how to sing and experienced singers how to sing better. The simple curriculum will take you from basic fundamentals to advanced concepts, regardless of your current singing ability. Five previous series were attended by over 70 men.

Why do this? We all sing in our own way: in church or synagogue, in the car, in the shower. But many of us are unsure of our ability or of singing in front of others. The Chordsmen want to help you get the most beautiful sound possible from your voice, with the confidence to perform. We love to sing – that's why we do it and have for 65 years.

Men, young and old, who have always wanted to sing or want to improve their skills are invited to attend. No prior musical experience is needed. You don't have to read sheet music. And, there is no cost. The program is free.

Keith Harris, with over 20 years of vocal teaching experience, leads our talented and experienced music team who will inspire you with great energy and humor. The classes are Monday evenings at 6:45 p.m. for one and a half hours starting on Feb. 24 and continue for six weeks at Kol Ami Synagogue, 252 Soundview Road, White Plains. Please enter through back entrance. A Chordsmen member will be there to direct you to the rehearsal area.

Register in advance. Visit chordsmen.org/ready-set-sing/to register. Call 914-298-SING (7464) and leave a message with callback time and number, or just show up.

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Life in The Circus After Ringling

Ever wonder what happened to the Circus after Ringling Brothers closed? Actually, The Royal Hanneford Circus is thriving as one of the few traditional 3 Ring Circuses performing around the Country.

As is their tradition, The Hannefords produce and perform in their Circus, which traces its roots to merry old England in 1690. Nellie Hanneford and her husband Adrian Ponce produce the 2020 Royal Hanneford Circus and their 7th and 8th generation kids and grandkids perform along with Adrian. The influence of the younger generation has led to modern lighting and more high-energy music added to the performances.

The Royal Hanneford Circus is a true 3 Ring exhibition of Circus talent from around the Globe. There are beautifully costumed aerialists, the magic of Quick Change, Comedy, Dexterity and a small menagerie of animals including rare White Tigers. There is also the more modern touch of motorcycle mania hand in hand with the difficult triple somersault performed by one of the young Hannefords in each performance.

So even though the demise of Ringling Brothers was a blow to the traditional circus as we know it, the Hanneford Family carries on the tradition in arenas up and down the East Coast and into mid-America. The performers are like family and travel in caravans just like



the old days. And, just like the old days, The Circus brings smiles to the faces and chills up the spine to kids of all ages.

The new generation of the Hanneford Circus combines history, tradition, modern touches and the enthusiasm of the younger generation to insure that the traditional 3 Ring Circus will remain a strong family entertainment source for the foreseeable future.

The Royal Hanneford Circus is truly a part of Circus lore. They have performed for royalty and were brought to the United States in 1916 by John Ringling himself. The Hannefords have appeared on network TV, The Ed Sullivan Show and acted as technical advisors for TV and feature films.

Families can enjoy two hours of this traditional 3 ring Circus at The Westchester County Center where the Hannefords have been appearing for over 40 years during President's Day Weekend.

Ticket prices are family friendly as well as only \$27 and \$35. Show dates and times are:

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Tickets are on sale at the Westchester County Center Box Office located at 198 Central Avenue in White Plains and at Ticketmaster and ticketmaster.com

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ArtsWestchester and artist Amanda Browder, with help from many hands throughout the Greater Westchester community, have begun work on Browder's latest large-scale fabric sculpture, "Metropolis Sunrise." The monumental work of public art will transform ArtsWestchester's historic White Plains building into a colorful, contemporary public art installation this May. The artwork will be revealed at ArtsWestchester's ArtsBash event scheduled for May 28.

To create "Metropolis Sunrise," Browder will need more than 10,000 sq. feet of fabric that will be sewed together by volunteer 'stitchers' from the community. Browder and ArtsWestchester are inviting tri-state area residents to take part in the making of this original work of public art by pinning, sewing and lending a hand at more than 20 community sewing days. All ages are welcome and prior sewing experience is not needed.

ArtsWestchester's Community Sewing Days kicked off this month with community sewing events taking place throughout Westchester and Rockland. Residents are encouraged to drop their bright, colorful swaths of non-stretchy opaque fabrics to the following participating Community Fabric Donation Centers:

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ArtsWestchester and Amanda Browder will also be hosting Community Sewing Days to present the opportunity for individuals, families and community groups to arrange, pin and sew the donated fabric together.

Upcoming Community Sewing Days include:

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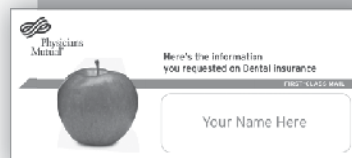
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Sports

Davis Named All-American, Leads Stepinac Past Hayes

By Rob DiAntonio

It was quite a week for Stepinac senior R.J. Davis. Davis, a North Carolina commit and Westchester County's all-time leading scorer, was named a McDonald's All-American last Thursday. He becomes the first area player since Elton Brand (1997) selected to play in the game and first in Stepinac history. The following evening, Davis scored a game-high 38 points to lead host Stepinac to a 77-67 win over Cardinal Hayes.

Davis scored 26 of his points in the second half, was 10 of 17 from the field overall and went 16 of 18 from the foul line. The point



Justin Morety scored a total of 36 points in games with Hayes and Xaverian.



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS

Luke Fizulich hit back-to-back threes against Hayes to give the Crusaders a big third quarter lead.

guard also added 10 rebounds and dished out six assists. Stepinac got off to a slow start, trailing 7-2 early on. But the offense started to click and the Crusaders took a 28-24 lead into halftime. Justin Morety and Luke Fizulich were key factors in the win, scoring 13 and 12 points, respectively. Fizulich hit back-to-back threes to stretch the lead to 40-29 with three minutes left in the third quarter. Hayes was playing a box-and-one on Davis, leaving knockdown shooters like Morety and Fizulich with open looks. Stepinac held a 44-35 lead after three quarters. Malcolm Chimezie started the fourth quarter with a spin move and finish. Davis made two free throws and then found Morety for a corner three for a quick 7-0 run to extend the lead to 51-35.

Hayes was able to get the deficit back to single digits at 66-58 with three minutes left but Davis found a wide-open Chimezie for the two-handed jam with 2:22 to go to get the lead back to 10 points. The Cardinals, however, nailed a three to trim the lead to 68-61 with two minutes to play. Chimezie came through again with a score inside but Hayes was fouled on a three and made all of them to cut it to 70-64 with 1:17 on the clock. Davis then went 5 of 6 from the line to seal the victory for Stepinac. The Crusaders defeated Cardinal Hayes 72-62 back on Dec. 13 in their first meeting. Stepinac lost to Hayes twice during the regular season last year but eliminated them in the CHSAA semifinals.



Malcolm Chimezie made some big baskets down the stretch in a win over Cardinal Hayes last Friday night.

Stepinac fell to host Xaverian (Brooklyn), 74-64, on Sunday to see its record drop to 11-6 overall. Morety led the way with 23 points and six rebounds. Chimezie had 13 points and 10 boards. Davis tallied 12 points, 12 assists and five rebounds. The Crusaders return to action when they host Archbishop Molly at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 28. They then travel to rival Iona Prep for a 7 p.m. contest on Saturday, Feb. 1, at Iona College.



EXAMINER SPORTS

Tigers Beat Knights After Disappointing Loss to Huguenots

By Albert Coqueran

The White Plains Boys Varsity Basketball Team is in the midst of what could become a special season for them. After finishing 15-8 and losing to Mt. Vernon in the Section 1 AA Semifinals last season, the Tigers have surfaced in 2019-20, as one of the best



LONNIEWEBB PHOTOGRAPHY

Tigers junior forward Joe Carrier makes the second of his two three-pointers in the game against Mt. Vernon. Carrier had six points in the game and the Tigers needed every one of those points as they edged the Knights, 67-66.

teams in Section 1 AA, while maintaining a 10-3 record as of Sunday, Jan. 26.

However, New Rochelle High School, also at 10-3, made a statement recently that they are the team to beat this season in Section 1 AA. On Tuesday, Jan. 21, the Huguenots convincingly defeated the Tigers, 73-58, in New Rochelle.

It was an uncharacteristic loss by White Plains, who before New Rochelle, had only scored 58 points or less in one other game this season. It was in the opening round of the Rotary Roundball Classic in Charleston, South Carolina, when they lost to the elite Porter-Gaud Preparatory School, 64-42.

New Rochelle does have a premiere squad and they have proven to be the team to beat this season in Section 1 AA. However, the Tigers offensive splutter against the Huguenots could have been influenced by them only playing three games in the stretch of 14 days at that time, including a 10-day layoff without a game.

Subsequent to losing to Porter-Gaud, the Tigers distinguished themselves as a team to be invited back to the Roundball Classic next season. White Plains defeated



LONNIEWEBB PHOTOGRAPHY

Tigers forward Jayon Norwood brought Tigers fans to their feet with this slam dunk after teammate Quion Burns assisted him with a no-look pass in the third quarter against Mt. Vernon. The Tigers held on to beat the Knights, 67-66, on Friday, in White Plains.

Wando High School, 68-44 and First Baptist School, 79-46, to depart Charleston, with a 2-1 record in the tournament.

The two wins in Charleston prompted a four-game winning streak for the Tigers, who came home to win their first league game against Fox Lane, 68-56, on Jan. 7.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

Sometimes all it takes is a little encouragement, which Tigers Head Coach Spencer Mayfield gives his point guard Tymir Greene during the game. Greene scored 17 points against Mt. Vernon including five three-pointers and back-to-back three's to tie the game in the fourth quarter.

Then after 10 days of rest and practice, the Tigers dismantled neighboring Woodlands High School, 87-29. But Woodlands is a Class B team who are not as competitive this season as in previous years.

When the Tigers traveled to New Rochelle after another three days of practice without a game; it was just too much practice in 14 days without enough viable game-day competition to be ready for the mighty Huguenots.

The Tigers top scorer forward Quion Burns had his characteristic game against New Rochelle with a game-high 30 points while also converting 12-of-15 from the foul line. Tigers second leading scorer forward Jayon Norwood also impressed with 14 points and nine rebounds.

Steady guard Tymir Greene, who is usually a double-digit scorer, only netted five points in the game without a point in the fourth quarter. More importantly, the Tigers had 24 turnovers in the game a true sign of lack of cohesiveness.

"I do not want to make any excuses but a team needs to play in rhythm. It is tough to play two games in 14 days but it is what it is and now we get to play four games in six days so we cannot complain,"

commented Tigers Head Coach Spencer Mayfield.

On Jan. 24, the Tigers welcomed archrival Mt. Vernon High School to the



LONNIEWEBB PHOTOGRAPHY

Tigers senior forward Quion Burns spins to the hoop for two of his 16 points in the game as White Plains got a much needed win, 67-66, over rival Mt. Vernon.

Harry Jefferson Gym. The Knights are not having one of their typical great seasons but have achieved a satisfactory 9-8 overall and

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LONNIEWEBB PHOTOGRAPHY

Forward Quion Burns is the Tigers top leading scorer this season averaging 22 points per game. Burns scored 30 points in the Tigers loss to New Rochelle last week and 16 points in their win over Mt. Vernon on Friday.

EXAMINER SPORTS

White Plains Examiner Sportswriter Mixes with the Mets at Awards Event

Mets' Ron Darling received the Arthur and Milton Richman "You Gotta Have Heart" Award at the Baseball Writers of America Association (BBWAA) Awards Dinner Saturday evening.

The award is named after Martha Richman Coqueran (The White Plains Examiner

sportswriter Al Coqueran's wife) late husband and brother-in-law.

Met's Broadcasters Keith Hernandez and Gary Cohen presented Darling with the award.

Jerry Seinfeld presented Pete Alonso the NL Rookie of the Year Award.



MARTHA RICHMAN PHOTO

Jerry Seinfeld with sportswriter Al Coqueran during a VIP cocktail hour.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

Ron Darling pictured with Martha Richman.

Tigers Beat Knights After Disappointing Loss to Huguenots

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3-0 league mark. But fans are indeed aware that when these two AA rivals matchup on the basketball court, you can disregard all records.

The Tigers held on to beat Mt. Vernon, 67-66, despite 22 first-half points by Knights Troy Hupstead. The Knights senior forward finished with a game-high 32 points but did not score in the fourth quarter due to foul trouble. Hupstead fouled out, to the thanks of the Tigers, at a crucial point of the game.

The Harry Jefferson Gym was packed to capacity even standing room only was sold out. A three-point barrage by Burns, Greene, Norwood and Joe Carrier in the first half withstood Hupstead's dominant 22-point performance and the Tigers led 44-30 at the half.

At 6:18 of the third quarter when Burns threw a no-look pass to Norwood who brought the crowd to their feet with a tomahawk dunk; the Tigers were still leading by 13 points. But the Knights suddenly crept back into the game and were within two points, 55-53 at the end of the third quarter. "We knew Mt. Vernon was not going to go away and they were capable of making runs. I was very pleased with our mental toughness. We bent but we did not break," commented Mayfield.

The Tigers made 13 shots from behind the arc in the game but none bigger than Greene's back-to-back three pointers to tie the game 63-63 with 2:17 left. The

Tigers were also efficient from the foul line making 14-of-18. Burns made two free throws to take the lead 65-63; then something magical occurred.

Tigers Mekhi Woodbury who had been dismissed from the team earlier this season had returned with the support of his coaches and teammates.

On the Knights inbound pass Woodbury stepped in quickly and wrapped both of his hands around the ball. The three Knights players surrounding him had no recourse but to foul him with time ticking away on the clock. Woodbury stepped to the foul line with a one-on-one and made both shots to give White Plains the lead for good, 67-63, with 1:20 left in the game.

The Knights could not convert on their last two possessions and White Plains won a thriller, 67-66. Norwood finished with 20 points, Greene had one of his typical games scoring 17 points and Burns contributed 16 points. "It felt good. It was a good win. It was a big game and we had to focus step-up and play our hardest after a big loss," commented Norwood.

The Tigers now have six games remaining this season. They go down the stretch with five league games still to play. "Mt. Vernon is one of our biggest rivals and this game will boost our confidence through the roof," stated Burns. "We lost to New Rochelle the other day so we needed to make a big impact. We have nothing but confidence now," said Burns.

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