New White Plains Historic Preservation Commission Eyeing Two Properties

By Arthur Cusano

The city of White Plains has an historic preservation commission for the first time in its history, and members are already eying two properties it wants preserved.

The newly formed commission met last week on short notice at the city building department offices at 70 Church Street. Commission chairman Robert Hoch, who is also a trustee of the White Plains Historical Society, said one of the city buildings on the group’s radar, located at 283 Soundview Ave., also known as Soundview Manor, is scheduled to be demolished. The building was built from 1919-1920 by architect Chester Patterson.

“He is known for building a number of mansions on the north shore of Long Island,” Hoch explained. “This property is on both the state and national [historic] registers.”

The historic mansion is in immediate jeopardy, said Damon Amadio, the city’s building department commissioner.

“Last week, one of our inspectors was often represented as an egg, representing power – held carefully.

By Pat Casey

With six candidates vying for five seats in County and City government representing the people of White Plains, only one spot is contested and that is for the White Plains Council.

Ben Boykin (Incumbent Democrat-County Legislative District 5) has been a County Legislator representing White Plains since 2014. He is chair of the Board of Legislator’s Appointments Committee, a member of the White Plains Common Council from 2000-2013 and on the White Plains School Board from 1992-1999. He is a local businessman and on the board of White Plains Meals-on-Wheels. Boykin is running unopposed on the Democratic, Working Families and Independence party lines.

Alfreda Williams (Incumbent Democrat-County Legislative District 8) is running unopposed as the County Legislator representing sections of White Plains downtown, Greenburgh, Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown. She serves as chair of the Community Services Committee. Prior to her service as a county legislator, Williams was the Town Clerk for Greenburgh for 14 years.

AnneMarie Encarnacao (challenger) is running on the Republican line, challenging one seat on the all-Democrat White Plains Common Council. As a 45-year resident of White Plains, Encarnacao has lived in five of the city’s neighborhoods and raised two children here. She works as a real estate broker and has expressed concern at candidate forums about the apparent lack of interest by the city administration and its Council for the quality of life of residents over the special interests of corporations developing within the city. “The city is dirty,” she says and has expressed concern that the homeless and mentally ill should be taken care of in ways better than they are now. Encarnacao is also interested in the plight of the small businesses in the city and the number of empty storefronts on Mamaroneck Avenue and the Post Road. She believes a negative environment caused in large part by restrictive parking practices is causing the small businesses downtown to lose customers. Having run for a seat on the Council in 2013, Encarnacao asks why the issues are still the same and cannot understand why nothing has been done. She would offer a special parking permit for use by residents in the downtown to be used during prime time, not just evenings and weekends. She also feels that the downtown landlords need to be more reasonable about the rents they want to charge. Encarnacao is supportive of development at the White Plains Train Station but concerned that White Plains not take on the entire financial burden of development. She asks if the County and Metro North are participating in the planning.

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do not offer the same protection that a local municipality can give a property by granting it its own local historic landmark status, Hoch said.

The board voted to formally move forward with crafting an historic designation resolution for the property.

Hoch also cited a second property at 52 North Broadway, formerly occupied by the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, known as the Good Counsel property.

The property was being purchased to be developed, but several buildings on the property had been designated on the state and national historic registries, including the Chapel of the Divine Compassion and the Mapleton Conference and Catering House, Hoch said. “I don’t think it is as pressing an issue at this point as Soundview Manor, but by taking it up as a proposal, I think what we’ll do is create a backstop for the unknown,” Hoch said. “I think there’s quite a bit of public interest in this one.”

Commission members agreed that additional research needed to be done before any decisions concerning the property could be made, and voted to start the process of fact gathering on the property.

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The Chapel of the Divine Compassion houses the remains of the American Roman Catholic order Sisters of the Divine Compassion founders Msgr. Thomas Preston and Mother Mary Veronica in a crypt below the chapel along with the burial plots of many of the order’s sisters. The chapel is full of artwork and design elements reminiscent of the time of the order’s founding. Other buildings on the site were owned by prominent White Plains families.

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Nadine Hunt-Robinson (incumbent) has held the White Plains Council seat left vacant by Ben Boykin when he was elected to the County Legislature. She is running for a full term on the Democrat, Working Families and Independence party lines. Hunt-Robinson is an attorney and is currently chair of the Mayor’s Youth Board. She is proud of her vote against closing a portion of Hathaway Lane and giving it to FASNY, saying that her priorities are and will always be the safety and welfare of the public. A key issue for Hunt-Robinson is maintaining balance within White Plains. At a recent forum she said she does not believe in trickle down and that it is the job of the city leaders to ensure a place for everyone in White Plains. She feels the White Plains public is very engaged in what is happening in the city and that it is important to listen to them – to everyone. With regard to development, especially a new transmodal hub at the current Metro North station, Hunt-Robinson emphasizes a task force is just as important as a paid expert consultant. “We don’t want developers to dictate to us. We want to determine what we want there,” she said. Hunt-Robinson is also concerned about maintaining diversity in the city and providing enough affordable housing and good jobs to keep people here.

Dennis Krolian (incumbent) has been a member of the White Plains Council since 2012. He is a practicing trial attorney and has been a White Plains resident for 32 years. He is running on the Democrat, Working Families and Independence party lines. During his tenure he is proud to have been a part of keeping the amount of affordable and workforce housing in White Plains, he says, is increasing. Then we cast our vote. ” The key to living in White Plains, he says, is increasing the amount of affordable and workforce housing. On the train station, Krolian describes it as just a train platform right now. As the station with the largest reverse commute in the area, we need a good solid redevelopment plan, he said.

Milagros Lecuona (incumbent) has been on the White Plains Common Council since 2008. She is chair of Sustainable White Plains, a board member of the White Plains Historical Society and is a volunteer firefighter – Hope Engine Company. She has degrees and experience in urban planning and architecture. Lecuona is running for reelection on the Democrat, Working Families and Independence party lines. She believes it is necessary to be proactive with city planning and encourages updating the White Plains Comprehensive Plan “today, if not yesterday.” She says the existing plan is obsolete and needs sustainability and historic preservation.

As with each of the other candidates, Krolian would like to see the White Plains Comprehensive Plan updated as soon as possible. He believes there is a good foundation in place and that it is important to add sections concerning new demographics and uses, especially in the downtown, while preserving the character of the neighborhoods. Public safety is a high priority on his list. Krolian noted at a recent forum that regardless of what the public might think, he has learned as a Councilmember that decisions on the White Plains Council are made independently. "We do not huddle," he said. "We interact with the community in an active way and make our decisions based on what we think individually. Then we cast our vote." The key to living in White Plains, he says, is increasing the amount of affordable and workforce housing. On the train station, Krolian describes it as just a train platform right now. As the station with the largest reverse commute in the area, we need a good solid redevelopment plan, he said.
White Plains Contestant Wins
Miss Westchester 2016

On Saturday at The Renaissance Westchester the four young women who will represent Westchester and the Hudson Valley Region at the 2016 Miss New York USA and Miss New York Teen USA pageants were crowned. The 2016 titleholders are (l to r): Morgan Modugno, 26, of White Plains, Miss Westchester; Michelle Leon, 18, of Yonkers, Miss Westchester Teen; Dana Wachter, 25, of Nesconset, Miss Hudson Valley; Perpetua Smith, 18, of New Paltz, Miss Hudson Valley Teen.

FASNY Tells $15M Bidder: Not Interested, Go Away

By Pat Casey

While the City of White Plains and the French American School of New York (FASNY) engage in a legal battle to determine whether or not a city council vote could be overturned judicially and the school granted a Special Permit to build a K-12 private school in the Gedney residential neighborhood of White Plains, one of the original bidders on the property that lost out to FASNY’s higher bid, has come back with another offer.

FASNY has firmly indicated that the property is not for sale.

A heated exchange between FASNY and the bidder in the form of letters copied to Mayor Tom Roach and now also shared with local media indicate that there are two camps becoming firmly entrenched.

On the one side, FASNY expects to win the court case, get the necessary Special Permit and to eventually begin construction on the 131-acre site based on legal procedural problems on the part of White Plains during the application process.

On the other side, residents in the Gedney neighborhood and some real estate brokers in the area say it is unprecedented for a judge to overturn a municipal board’s decision and that FASNY should move on.

Either way, a judge will make the final determination.

What started the letter exchange was a bid of $15 million offered by Karl Hofer to FASNY for the entire property. Gedney neighborhood resident, real estate broker and vocal opponent to the FASNY development, Garry Klein, is representing Hofer.

In an interview with the Examiner on Friday, Hofer said he has a financial backer in Canada interested in getting a golf course back on the property that would also rent out facilities for weddings and corporate parties and other catered events.

Hofer said he had made an $8 million offer to the former Ridgeway Country Club but was beaten out by the $8.5 million offered by FASNY and accepted by the Ridgeway club.

A press release from FASNY’s public relations firm Thompson & Bender contests Hofer’s claims saying he never produced the buyer’s name nor a formal bid in 2010. It also suggests that Hofer look at the several other golf courses in Westchester if he wants to buy one and asserts that FASNY is not interested in selling and intends to stay on the property for good.

Hofer, the president of International Hospitality Management, told the Examiner that he has extensive experience in developing and managing golf clubs, which he has done around the world. It is “his passion.”

Originally from Austria, Hofer worked with golf super star Jack Nicklaus to save the St. Andrews golf course in Yonkers. They also worked together to develop golf courses in Asia, the United States and Europe.

Hofer claims his interest in White Plains is business and also for the love of golf. He hopes that FASNY might eventually change its mind and has posed no deadline on the $15 million offer.

Klein, who also spoke with the Examiner on Friday, said he has no problem with an open-ended offer.

Klein said there were other regional developers eyeing the FASNY property with interest in purchasing the site for residential development. He did not know if any other formal offers had been made.

“No one wants to see this lawsuit continue with money being spent on each side,” Klein said. “FASNY is closing the door unnecessarily. We want to talk.”

Klein does not believe that a judge will overturn a decision to close a public street.

FASNY’s press release clearly indicates it does not want any further discussion on Hofer’s offer. “Choosing a broker who is one of the school’s most vocal opponents suggests that Hofer’s purported interest is neither legitimate nor sincere,” the release said.
George Washington University Honors White Plains Cable TV Host

John Vorperian, of White Plains, was honored last week in Washington DC with an Outstanding Teacher Award issued by the George Washington University Jackie Robinson Project.

Vorperian, host and executive producer of Beyond the Game, a sports cable show of White Plains Community Media, was on GWU's campus to give a talk to students about the challenges faced by the first African American ballplayers in the National Football League.

Dr. Richard Zamoff, the Jackie Robinson Project's director presented Vorperian with the accolade and noted this was Vorperian's fifth consecutive visit to the school.

Zamoff said the award was presented to Vorperian for "... his role in the education of George Washington University students about the life and legacy of Jackie Robinson, and the historical and sociological relationship between race and sports in America."

Also in attendance for the day's events were Dr. John "Chuck" Chalberg, a Branch Rickey re-enactor and Ron Rabinovitz, a life-long pen pal with Jackie Robinson.

John Vorperian (center) of White Plains received an Outstanding Teacher Award from George Washington University for his reporting and student talks on the challenges faced by the first African American ballplayers in the National Football League.

Westchester to Receive $1.5M from Tobacco Settlement

Westchester County will receive $1.5 million as part of the $550 million agreement that ends a decade-long dispute between New York State and major tobacco manufacturing companies.

According to Governmental Accounting Standards, the $1.5 million must be applied to the county's 2015 operating budget.

Ned McCormack, Westchester County Communications Director and Senior Advisor to County Executive Rob Astorino said the money would be used to close the $29 million budget gap the county is forecasting for this year, roughly $25 million of which is the result of lower sales tax revenues caused by lower gas and energy prices and more retail sales being transacted online.

McCormack also noted that the county cashed out 86 percent of its interest in the tobacco proceeds about a decade ago during the Andrew Spano administration.

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Hartsdale Pet Cemetery & Crematory Receives International Accreditation

With the reputation as being America’s first pet burial ground, The Hartsdale Pet Cemetery & Crematory is known for setting precedents when it comes to serving pet owners. Earlier this month it became the first and only pet facility in New York to pass the International Association of Pet Cemeteries and Crematories (IAOPCC) accreditation program.

Hartsdale Pet Cemetery Vice President Edward Martin III and Chris Cooper, Hartsdale’s crematory marketing manager, accepted an accreditation plaque from Angie Hansen, president of the International Association of Pet Cemeteries & Crematories (IAOPCC).

It took the IAOPCC five years of study and research before these accreditation systems, processes, and procedures to be rolled out across the United States, Canada, and worldwide.

“We are thrilled to be the recipients of this accreditation award at the IAOPCC’s annual conference in Nashville. Founded in 1971, the IAOPCC is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing the standards, ethics and professionalism of pet cemeteries and crematories to its members,” Martin said. “It took us several months examining our own systems, processes, and procedures to be sure every aspect of our operation met the IAOPCC’s standards.”

“This accreditation validates our efforts just as it was validated in 1991,” Martin added. That was when New York State passed legislation to regulate pet cemeteries, crematories and veterinarians. “Legislators consulted with us and used Hartsdale’s procedures as a model while drafting those laws,” Martin said.

Family owned and operated for over 40 years, the Hartsdale Pet Cemetery is America’s first pet grounds established in 1896. It is the only pet cemetery listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is ranked as the best pet cemetery in the world. It is a certified National Wildlife Habitat. Hartsdale’s War Dog Memorial is a landmark in Westchester County and is included in the Westchester County Tourism’s website.

For additional information visit www.petcem.com.

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Children’s Series Author Greets Fans at Book Festival

Stephen Savage, author of the Where’s Walrus? series, signs a book for an admiring fan at the recent Westchester Children’s Book Festival held at the White Plains Public Library.

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Criminal Mischief. On Oct. 12 police responded to a call about a vehicle that was intentionally damaged in the La Quinta parking lot. The complainant reports that he had parked his vehicle in the northeast corner of the parking lot near his room, and when he returned in the morning found several deep scratches along the entire vehicle. The unknown suspect had scratched words into the vehicle such as “Massholes” and “Go Jets.” The area was checked with negative results. There were no security cameras covering the area of the parking lot where the vehicle had been parked. At this time there is no further suspect information. It is estimated that the amount of damage caused would exceed $1,500 dollars.

Grand Larceny. On Oct. 12, police received a walk-in report regarding identity theft. The complainant explained that when she went to pay her Discover Card bill on or about Sept 24, via online services, she observed a pending transaction for the amount of $16,094.99 from BJ Wholesale in Middle Village, NY. The complainant contacted the card company at which time she learned that an unknown person had contacted them a day’s prior and had a replacement card sent overnight to an address in Queens. The complainant advised Discover that the transactions were not authorized, at which time Discover said she would not be held responsible. The case is under investigation.

Suspicious Person. On Oct. 12 several police units responded to 495 S. Central Ave. for a report of a suspicious party. Comsec advised units that there was a male behind the building in his underwear walking around. Comsec gave a description of the male party as a white male with black hair wearing a black shirt and black shorts. Upon a search of the area, officers spotted a male party matching the description walking south on S. Central Ave. The party was stopped in front of Burger King and identified. The person of interest said he was out for a walk and had gone behind Derrico Jewelers to urinate in the bushes. He was advised to not urinate in public and was sent on his way without incident. No further police action at this time.

Porn Site. On Oct. 12 a complainant contacted police with regard to his neighbor possibly running a porn site out of his apt. The complainant said he is on the board for the apartment complex and that over the past year or so they had received numerous complaints that young women had been coming from this apartment frequently and regularly. He said someone had Googled the resident’s name and found a porn site connected to it, where some of the photos from the site appear to be taken in the apartment and from the terrace. The complainant gave two websites to police. No further action taken at this time. Copy of report was forwarded to the Detective Division.

Artists Celebrated at White Plains Woman’s Club Exhibit

White Plains resident Mary Ann Balco Berry was awarded third place for acrylics by the White Plains Woman’s Club Beaux Arts Exhibit. The artist poses with her painting titled Ragtime. The Beaux Arts Exhibit is an annual show at the White Plains Woman’s Club. The artists’ reception and awards ceremony was held last week.
Get Out There and Vote Even if Your Candidate is Running Unopposed

Statistics show a disturbing trend that more and more people are not showing up at the polls on Election Day. You can see why that might happen in White Plains when most of the incumbent candidates run unopposed. If the candidate you voted for last election is still in place and you like what he or she is doing, then get out and vote for them on November 3rd if only to let them know you want them to keep doing what they are doing.

For the three White Plains Council seats up for reelection, there are four candidates running. One challenger, AnneMarie Encarnacao, has entered the race for the second time in two years. She is running on the Republican platform and she is out there on her own taking on the status quo. Encarnacao has many good points for argument about the quality of life in White Plains. As with the other candidates, she approaches issues from the point of view of a resident and her perspective is mostly that of a real estate broker serving the residential community. She has lived in front of the city’s neighborhoods and raised a family here. She is experiencing the very strong forces of change that are making White Plains a different place from what it used to be.

New Water Testing Facility Opens in Hawthorne

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) opened a new water quality laboratory in Hawthorne on Monday. The new facility replaces the former Kensico Laboratory in Valhalla, which was built in 1955. Employees at the laboratory collect more than 8,600 samples from reservoirs, tunnels, streams, wastewater treatment plants and other key points each year. Those samples are analyzed nearly 90,000 times to ensure the safety and high quality of drinking water for New York City, along with large portions of Putnam and Westchester counties that purchase their drinking water from the city’s system. The opening of the new laboratory ensures that 45 chemists, microbiologists and other skilled scientists will continue working in the lower Hudson Valley.

The Kensico laboratory will be refurbished in the years ahead to become office space for staff that operates and maintains portions of the New York City Water Supply System.

Obituaries

Flora Loretoni

Flora S. Loretoni, a W. Harrison resident, died October 24 at the age of 95. She was born January 9, 1920 in the Bronx to the late Nunzio and Josephine Salpietro.

On February 25, 1945 she married Jack Loretoni, he predeceased her in 2011. Flora was a member of the Ave Maria Guild at St. Anthony of Padua Church and the Senior Citizens of W. Harrison.

She is survived by her children; Albert (Lorraine) Loretoni and Lawrence (Teresa) Loretoni, a sister Anne Salpietro and her grandchildren, Amanda and Heather. She is predeceased by her siblings, Vincent, Theresa, Victor, Yolanda, Etta, Virgil and Aurora.

Joyce Fong

Joyce I. Fong, of White Plains passed away October 23. She was 77. Joyce was born in the Bronx to Edward and Stella Kienitz. She is predeceased by her parents and her sister Diana. She is survived by her loving husband Harold Fong as well as many nieces and nephews. Joyce will be greatly missed by all who knew her. The family received friends at the Ballard-Durand Funeral Home on Sunday, October 25. Funeral service was Monday, October 26.

Joan Harrold

Joan M. Harrold, a Rhinebeck resident, died October 22 at the age of 88. She was born July 12, 1927 in New Rochelle to the late John and Margaret Harrold. Joan worked in Management for New York Telephone Co. in Westchester County for 40 years, retiring in 1985. She was a member of the Pioneers of America. She is survived by her sisters Peggy Harrold of White Plains and Elizabeth (John) Mellon of Exeter, NH, 11 nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and great nephews. Joan is predeceased by her brother John J. Harrold Jr., sisters; Anne Harrold and Agnes Connor and her nephew Francis Connor Jr.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Alzheimer’s Assoc. 2900 Westchester Ave. Suite 306, Purchase, NY 10577.

Robert Connolly

Robert Joseph Connolly, Jr., a Purdys resident, died October 21 at the age of 79. He was born in New York City to the late Cecilia and Robert Connolly Sr. He grew up in the Highbridge section of the Bronx. He graduated All Hallows High School in the Bronx and graduated from City University of NY with a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science. He also served in the Air National Guard.

Before retirement Robert worked for 15 years at the Shubert Organization with the Broadway Theaters in New York City. He is survived by his children; Theresa Correa and her husband Curtis, Jeannie Montano Kellett and her husband James, his sister Marylin Gray and her husband John, his grandchildren; Kristin Bowling and her husband Daniel, Kimberly Correa and her fiancé Robert Kimbrough, Jeffrey Correa, Alexandra (Lexi) Montano, his step-grandsons; Kyle and Mitchell Kellett, and his nieces Cindy Gray, Maureen Seidman, and Dr. Laura Schoenberg. He is predeceased by his son Robert Joseph Connolly III.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in Robert’s memory to either to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101 www.stjude.org or to The United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region, P.O. Box 481 Fishkill, NY 12524 www.uwdor.org.

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Ageism in America

By Lou Giampa

At times, life can be harsh for older people. Comedians joke about “senior moments.” Corporations downsize, particularly letting go of employees over age 55. Hair products press for covering up the gray, while anti-aging cream and Botox promise to smooth wrinkles. Or, there’s the well-meaning conversation with the store cashier: “Oh, that’s OK. You don’t need to pull out your driver’s license or AARP card. I can tell by looking at you that you qualify for our senior discount.”

Getting older in America carries its own set of stereotypes and discrimination, which physician and gerontologist Robert Butler coined in 1969 as “ageism.” Ageism includes negative views of a person or group of people based on their age, but predominantly, ageism is considered prejudice toward older adults. Regardless of their age, most seniors stay physically and mentally active, but insults and generalizations about aging run deep in our culture, leaving many elders feeling disrespected and undervalued.

Some young people mock the older generation as slow and confused. Others talk past a senior as if the person were not even in the room. TV commercials often depict aging people as out of touch with modern conveniences and fumbling to keep up. While hit movies like “Grumpy Old Men,” “Gran Torino” and “The Bucket List” portray aging individuals as everything from cantankerous to cute. Hollywood films can perpetuate the view that older people are eccentric and fading into the sunset. Or, elders are only called upon to dispense mystical wisdom.

A Duke University survey of 84 people ages 60 and older reported that 58 percent of respondents encountered ageism when told a joke about older people. In the same survey that appeared in the journal The Gerontologist, 31 percent of participants reported that they were not taken seriously or were ignored because of their age.

Our culture seems desensitized to uncomplimentary comments and actions against seniors. Sometimes ageism is more subtle, like assuming an older person can’t remember things, and at other times, it can be more jarring, like labeling someone as ‘senile.’ We all are aging. And we can all use reminders to treat others with respect regardless of how many birthdays they’ve had.

Yale epidemiology professor Becca Levy and her research team have documented that a positive attitude toward old age affects older people’s recovery from injury and illness. Collecting data from 660 seniors over more than two decades, Levy’s team also reported that optimistic seniors lived an average of seven-and-a-half years longer than pessimistic folks. How others view and interact with a senior can add healthy, active years to the elder’s life.

Despite the prevalence of negative stigmas against older adults in our country, a number of individuals, groups and entire communities continue to counter ageism in America. Dr. Butler, who is credited with the term “ageism,” was the founding director of the National Institute on Aging, whose research and educational training works to boost the health and wellbeing of older Americans.

What can you do to combat ageism and help seniors live less encumbered by stereotypes?

Pay attention to your own aging perceptions. Learn to look beyond the labels placed on older individuals. Be mindful that no specific age is considered “old” in today’s society. Learn to identify ageism language and unfair treatment of seniors.

Celebrate older role models. Highlight older people’s contributions to society and how they positively influence all generations. Recognize a senior’s strengths and positive qualities.

Foster a friendship with a senior. Anne Karpf, sociologist and author of “How to Age,” writes in the New York Times, “How to enable the growing numbers of old people to live comfortable, meaningful lives is a fundamental issue of equality, with benefits for all. If we make the world better for old people, we make it better for everyone, from stroller-pushers to wheelchair-users … Instead of seeing each other as generic categories, old and young people can discover each other as individuals.”

Be an aging advocate in your community. Help employers rectify age biases in the workplace. Attend local meetings that represent the interests of the elderly, including intergenerational programs and improved access to urban spaces. Write a letter to the media. Volunteer at a senior center.

The movie “The Straight Story” rallies people to embrace older individuals for their continued ability to teach all generations about “seizing the day.” Viewers are drawn to 70-something Alvin Straight, who drives his lawnmower from Iowa to Wisconsin to visit his estranged brother. Alvin’s journey is a tribute to ingenuity, strength, compassion and resolve that perhaps can only come through years of life experience, proving again that the majority of American seniors are self-sufficient, productive members of society who will remain engaged with the world and with others no matter what jokes or misperceptions come their way.

Lou Giampa is President of Right at Home Westchester, which provides in-home care and assistance to seniors and the disabled. www.westchesterseniorcare.com.
The Full Range of Coffee Tables, Both Simple and Diverse

By Bill Primavera

The original coffee tables were actually tea tables, developed in the late 18th century throughout Europe and in Britain. These coffee tables were quite a bit higher than the ones we are used to today, and they initially were placed behind the sofa. Human nature being what it is, eventually other items found their way to this new open surface – lamps, books and other amusements.

These early examples evolved into the lower models that made their way to the front of the sofa, although the history of this transition remains unclear. Two possible cultural influences on the Victorians may be the chabudai, a low table found in traditional Japanese homes, and the tables used in tea gardens in the Ottoman Empire.

With the mechanization of manufacturing during the Industrial Revolution, the basic design was standardized to the low and unadorned form we know today. J. Stuart Foote, president of the Imperial Furniture Company, claimed all the credit for inventing the coffee table himself in 1920, and marketed their functionality to Americans with vigor. Some have even theorized that the introduction of television into the average suburban home helped solidify the basic design of these fixtures, the low profile of which could accommodate beverages and TV dinners without obstructing the view of the screen.

Every design trend has created its own version of this simple fixture, including the return to a handmade aesthetic in the Arts and Crafts movement, the strong geometric shapes of Art Deco and the industrial-inspired use of glass and steel with purity of form in the Bauhaus movement. Perhaps the simplicity of the form of the coffee table helps give designers greater freedom in their creativity.

The ingenuity of interior designers in more recent times has made the coffee table multifunctional, with shelves and drawers built in underneath for storage. With the individualized artisan movement of today, it’s not uncommon to go online or watch a competitive show about flea market finds and see either coffee tables repurposed into other objects, or other objects repurposed into coffee tables.

In my home I have a very large, round 19th century table, which I found on one of our early antiques expeditions when my wife and I operated a weekend antiques business. In addition to holding drinks, it has served as an expression of my interests and individuality, as it does for many. This semiprivate, semipublic surface can hold seasonal decorations, game controls, remotes, family photos and yes, coffee table books. In my case, I have used it to display my love of antique collectibles, and my coffee table carries an odd assortment of brass items, a candle snuffer, a tea strainer, butter knives, a trivet, a crystal bowl of vintage marbles and, inexplicably, a beautiful newel post glass ball. Vive la difference.

Today the design of the coffee table seems to be returning to its original taller design, with top surfaces that elevate horizontally. Part of this function is to allow access to storage underneath, but part is also to bring one’s laptop up to a comfortable level for typing or video streaming. Ergonomic, surely, but perhaps less conducive to the face-to-face gathering that these tables used to cultivate.


Attending A Wine Event of Rock Stars and Their Fans

As wines become more democratized than ever before, consumers are the direct beneficiaries. Prices of quality wines have become more affordable and thus available to the masses.

Twenty-five years ago, many affordable wines were of spotty quality, typically mass produced and devoid of the personal touch of artisanal winemakers. American consumers were not exposed to the quality wines being produced in Europe.

To my mind, wine prices have evolved into three tiers: the lower end, under $15 bottles; the mid-range, $15 to $50 bottles; and the high-end wines with price tags of three and four digits.

This three-tiered pricing is analogous to concert ticket price structures. The majority of tickets are for the masses: affordable and seats with decent views. For those willing to spend more, seats closer to the stage or with better sightlines, command higher prices. For the few who are able to afford the finest and wish to revel in exclusivity, the first 20 floor seat rows and luxury boxes are available to satiate their desire and their egos.

These thoughts came to mind last week as I attended a wine tasting event in New York City. I was invited to an exclusive event, open to the trade and press only. A consortium of the top winemakers across Italy were coming together to present their world famous wines. The group, Grande Marche, is an amalgam of 19 family-owned wineries perennially considered the most prestigious in the land. Winemakers poured one representative wine from their locale, while extolling their cultural heritage, their family history and the unique terroir of their vineyards.

The wines and their winemakers may seem pretentious to the masses. The recognition and accolades afforded each has elevated them to rock star status. In some quarters this adulation has driven demand and bottle prices higher than coveted concert tickets.

As I sat before these winemakers, my thoughts began to focus on the current infatuation of wine lovers with cult winemakers and their wines. Would these wines live up to their reputations as premier wines? Would the lofty prices of many justify the reputation that preceded them? And had I become a winemaker groupie, awestruck by the mere presence of these stars, anxious to be in their exclusive inner circle?

Let me first address the last of my above thoughts. The answer is no. In the end, wine is a common beverage, regardless of a famous name on a label or the unique content in a bottle. To be enjoyed, certainly. To be idolized, by no means.

On to the event.

Each wine presented was produced by families, not corporate entities. Winery heritage ranged from half a century to six centuries. Each winemaker spoke with pride and passion of the commitment to preserving the legacy of their forefathers. Each winemaker spoke as an ambassador for the history, culture and natural beauty of their locale and their region. The virtual tour through landscape and time was as enticing as any travel brochure or travel agent monologue.

Each was most passionate when extolling the virtues of the particular soil, favorable climate or elevation of their vineyards. For them, to produce an exceptional wine is second nature. To be blessed with ideal natural elements is an act of God.

On to the wines.

In all, 16 wines were poured: one sparkling wine, two whites and 13 reds. The top wines command prices in excess of $100, while several of the whites are under $20. To present the specific attributes of these wines and their heritage requires more space than is available in this column space. Next week, I’ll present a virtual tour of landscapes, culture and tastings of wines from storied producers such as Antinori, Gaja, Masi, Sassicaia and Pio Cesare. All rock stars commanding commensurate prices. But stay tuned for the opening acts; new discoveries are in the wings.

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New Prix-Fixe Tasting Dinner Debuts at La Panetière in Rye

By Jerry Eimbinder

Jacques Loubiac’s La Panetière in Rye has a new tasting menu priced at $90 per person (meal only) or $140 (dinner with wine pairing). Tax and gratuity are additional. The tasting menu is offered every evening of the week.

New à la carte luncheon and dinner menus have also been introduced at La Panetière and include a few of the dishes offered on the tasting menu.

The tasting menu is available only if all of the patrons seated at a table choose it. Customers have flexibility, however, in ordering from it. A choice of duck or lamb is offered as one of the courses and substitutions for other courses may be accommodated on request.

Below are the items on the tasting menu:


3. Sizzling casserole of Maine lobster. With mixed green and yellow beans, piquillos (peppers), fresh almonds and chive butter.

4. Choice of (a) boneless breast of duck with cumin scented carrots, wheat berries and sauce dolce forte sauce or (b) noisettes of lamb with Dukkah crust, Ras El Hanout sauce, pureed Tarbais beans, simmering of young artichoke hearts and snow peas.

5. Comité cheese soufflé and parmesan crisp lace with light pomodoro sauce.


Following the meal, sweet savories will be served. The optional wines to be paired during dinner are:

• 2010 Château Loupiac Gaudiet (with foie gras confit)

• 2014 Côtes du Rhône “Les Abellies,” Rhône Valley (with lobster)

• 2011 Château Bellevue, Bordeaux Supérieur (with duck or lamb)

• Neige “Première” Ice Apple Wine, Québec (with dessert)

The tasting menu dishes that can be ordered à la carte on the lunch and dinner menus are satiny cauliflower soup, casserole of Maine lobster, boneless breast of duck and noisettes of lamb.

North Carolina white shrimp is available on the new à la carte lunch menu as a hot appetizer ($15) and on the new dinner menu as either an appetizer ($17) or a main course ($33) and is accompanied by coconut Kaffir leaves jus, mango, Shitake mushrooms and heart of palm.

Entrées on the à la carte dinner menu also include Chatham cod, Dover sole, North Atlantic skate fish, Prince Edward Island sea scallops, braised short ribs of Wagyu beef, veal chop and mignonnets of Berkshire pork tenderloin.

A Grand Marnier, pistachio or chocolate souffle is one of the dinner desserts.

La Panetière is open for lunch Tuesday through Friday and Sunday; dinner is served seven days a week. The restaurant is housed in a charming, cottage-style building at 530 Milton Rd. in Rye. For reservations, call 914-967-8140 or visit www.lapanetiere.com.

New Menu Debuts at Mount Kisco’s Cafe of Love

By Jerry Eimbinder

One of the goals for appetizers and entrees on the fall menu at Cafe of Love in Mount Kisco was to combine locally sourced ingredients with international flavors, said Leslie Lampert, its executive chef and owner.

Examples she cited among the new appetizers include a radish, red cabbage and ramen salad with bean sprouts and Asian miso-ginger-soy vinaigrette; steamed pork belly buns with house-pickled cucumbers, Chinese hoisin sauce and Korean gochujang sauce; and Peruvian ceviche with cod, shrimp, jalapeno, cilantro, sweet potatoes and lime and orange juices. Appetizer choices are considerable and range from $9 to $16.

Rapidly catching on as an appetizer, Lampert said, is the pierogi or dumpling. A significant difference about the Cafe of Love pierogi, she pointed out, is that they are filled with pumpkin rather than commonly used mashed potatoes. Also included as ingredients are ricotta, pecans, sage, butter and cream. (Pierogis are available as either an appetizer or as a main course.)

“New American” dishes appear on the menu as appetizers and include a flatbread and a soup. The Fontina and Hen-of-the-Woods flatbread is topped with sautéed onions, arugula, pomegranate molasses and scallions. The Harvest Celebration Soup ingredients are butternut squash, sweet potatoes, carrots, apples, onions and maple croutons.

New American dishes can also be found among the main courses and include roasted organic chicken with apple-chicken sausage stuffing on the side and parmesan and savory crème anglaise ($29).

Holdover dishes dating back seven years to the first Cafe of Love menu include seafood bouillabaisse, the Signature Farmhouse Salad and a burger. All have undergone multiple changes along the way because of seasonal availability of ingredients or simply to keep up with the times. The menu changes four times a year.

The bouillabaisse version on the new menu now includes shrimp, mussels, cod, prawns, and tomatoes in a saffron-fennel broth ($34).

The Signature Farmhouse Salad combines English cucumbers, beets, grape tomatoes, avocado, blue cheese, carrots, radishes, bacon, hard-boiled egg, walnut raisin croutons and white balsamic vinaigrette ($18). Optional additions are chicken ($4), shrimp ($8) and salmon ($10).

“Our customers would probably revolt if I ever dropped the Signature Farmhouse Salad from the menu,” Lampert said.

A grass-fed burger is served on a challah bun and comes with blue cheese, thick-cut bacon, Bibb lettuce, honey ketchup and French fries ($16). Optional side dishes include roasted Brussels sprouts, truffled chickpeas, meatballs, whipped squash, pomme frites, sweet potato fries and a crock of cheddar macaroni.

Local growers and farmers providing ingredients to Cafe of Love include Amba Farms, Hilltop Hanover Farm, Meadowland Farm, Sir William Farm, J. Conover Farm, John Fazio Farm, SoCo Creamery, Sugar Hill Farm, Tiny Hearts Farm and Coffee Labs Roasters.

Lampert was formerly senior editor at Ladies’ Home Journal. She covered lifestyles, wrote feature articles, including hundreds of food articles, and developed recipes in the magazine’s test kitchen.

Chef De Cuisine Hector Coronel has been with the restaurant since the restaurant’s 2008 opening.

Cafe of Love is open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday and for brunch on Saturday and Sunday. It is closed Monday. The restaurant is located at 38 E. Main St. in Mount Kisco. Call 914-242-1002 for more information.
Happenings

We’re happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words “Happenings Calendar Submission” in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Pat Casey at pcasey@theexaminernews.com.

Tuesday, Oct. 27
Tuesdays at Dorry’s gathers “conversation partners” weekly for informal table talk. This week Jennifer Lemberg will talk about how to teach students the grim realities of the Holocaust and genocide. In this session, she will share her insights about best practices for teaching and about the significance of interfaith dialogue around painful histories. There is no charge. Just come and order your food from Sylvia and enjoy the discussion and the company. Please join us. No reservations are needed. 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. Dorry’s Diner. 468 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains. 914-682-0005.

The Magic of Adam Trent. Adam Trent is taking the magic world by storm, blending dancing and singing to own original pop music with innovative stage illusions, charming wit and emotion to create an experience that is part magic show, part concert and part standup comedy. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Dinner at 8 p.m. $84 (plus tax) per person. Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

Wednesday, Oct. 28
White Plains Outdoor Market. Fresh food and produce from local farmers, plus specialty items; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Court Street between Martine Avenue and Main Street, White Plains.

TILI Shed. Take It or Leave It recycling at Gedney Yard, 87 Gedney Way, White Plains; 2 to 4 p.m.

Noonday Concert. Thomas Flippin, a versatile Manhattan-based classical guitarist, has been featured in concerts at the 92nd Street Y, Le Poisson Rouge, the Whitney Museum Biennial, The Kitchen, The Aspen Music Festival, and the St. Louis Guitar Society as an Artist-in-Residence. He returns to Downtown Music with a program entitled “Music of the Americas.” 30-minute free concert begins at 12:10 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at the intersection of Main Street and Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains.

Lecture on Siena. Discover the beauty of Siena and important facts about this fabulous city, its history, art and the unique annual Il Palio di Siena event. Professor Francesco Lindia will be the guest speaker.

Westchester Community College’s Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 11:15 a.m. Free. Info: 914-606-6790.

Thursday, Oct. 29
Bats in Peril. Bats are amazing mammals that help keep insect populations in check. But New York’s bat populations are in a critical state of decline due to white-nose syndrome. Learn about the curious and often misunderstood world of nocturnal insect-eating bats and what present-day challenges they face. For adults only. Teatown Lake Reservation, 1600 Spring Valley Rd., Ossining. 7 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-762-2912 ext. 110.

Frances and the Americas.” 30-minute free concert so it’s remembered forever. For space rental, and costs to record this concert will be conducted by Eugene Joyce-Walter (professor emeritus, Manhattanville College), the concert remembers the roughly 15,000 children sent to Terezin between 1942-1944, of which only 100 survived. The composition takes poems that were written by those children and sets them to music. Joyce-Walter decided to write the piece some 20 years ago after traveling to the Czech Republic and seeing the artwork and poetry of children imprisoned in the World War II concentration camp. The concert will be conducted by Eugene Sirotnick (Music Director, Hudson Valley Singers, Assistant Conductor and Chorus Master Metropolitan Opera 1999-2008), and will feature soloist Jeanne Gerard, and a choir including the Elm City Girls’ Choir of New Haven, CT, and members of Hudson Valley Singers, Music Conservatory of Westchester’s Teen Vocal Ensemble and volunteers from throughout the community Orchestra. Funds will go directly to musician fees, space rental, and costs to record this concert so it’s remembered forever.

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Friday, Oct. 30
“Layers Exposed” Opening Reception. Experience the creativity and artistic excellence of Mitchell Visoky with this solo show. Featuring his encaustic paintings, where he paints with pigmented wax and his monotypes, one-of-a-kind prints. Using layers of colors he creates movement, spontaneity and mystery in the images. Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Nov. 21. Gallery hours Tuesday through Saturday 12 to 5 p.m. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartsguild.org.

WCC Friday Night Film Series: “Memory of a Killer.” The premise here is that it’s so easy to forget murder, unless an account is written down. This film opens in New York City in the 1980’s and has a lasting impact on a young man’s life. $10, $12, and $15. Also screening at 7:45 p.m. $11. Seniors (60 and up): $9. Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., White Plains. 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. Call 914-761-3900 x140.

The Merivicks. This country-steeped garage band returns for the third consecutive year. It has been more than two decades since their polyrhythmic garage band returns for the third consecutive year. It has been more than two decades since their polyrhythmic blend of blues, the band that defied defined, blurred genres and made everybody feel good is back. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. $48 to $88. Also Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. Info and tickets: 914-631-3390 or visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

“Carrie the Musical.” Theatre Now New York presents this new production based on the Stephen King novel that’s filled with horror, blood, laughs and lots of fun. Irvington Town Hall Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 8 p.m. $25, $30 and $35. Also Oct. 31 and Nov. 6 and 7. Info and tickets: 855-254-7469 or visit www.tnn.org.

Saturday, Oct. 31
Warts and All. It’s Halloween! Meet the creepy, crawly, and bumpy at the Nature Center and make a spooky craft to take home. 2 p.m. Members $5/ person, Non-members $8/person. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Drome Rd., Scarsdale. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

TILI Shed. Take It or Leave It recycling at Gedney Yard, 87 Gedney Way, White Plains; 9 a.m. to noon.

Sunday, Nov. 1
“That’s Battles! Learn where these unique animals live, how they find food, challenges they face, and how they can help you in your own backyard. 2 p.m. Free for members, Non-members $8/person. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Drome Rd., Scarsdale. Every Monday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Build a Bat House. Bats are nature’s insect control mechanism, swooping in the air to eat mosquitoes and other flying insects. They are also plant pollinators and seed dispersers, promoting biodiversity. Be a friend to bats by building a bat house and join a national conservation effort to save these critically threatened animals. All welcome. Teatown Lake Reservation, 1600 Spring Valley Rd., Ossining. 10 a.m. to noon. Additional material fee: $45 per box (One per family). Registration required. Info and registration: 914-762-2912, ext. 110.

Holocaust Remembrance Concert. The Music Conservatory of Westchester will present the World Premiere of the Cantata for the Children of Terezin at the Congregation Emanuel El at 2125 Westchester Ave. in Rye at 4 p.m. Composed by Mary Ann Joyce-Walter (professor emeritus, Manhattanville College), the concert remembers the roughly 15,000 children sent to Terezin between 1942-1944, of which only 100 survived. The composition takes poems that were written by those children and sets them to music. Joyce-Walter decided to write the piece some 20 years ago after traveling to the Czech Republic and seeing the artwork and poetry of children imprisoned in the World War II concentration camp. The concert will be conducted by Eugene Sirotnick (Music Director, Hudson Valley Singers, Assistant Conductor and Chorus Master Metropolitan Opera 1999-2008), and will feature soloist Jeanne Gerard, and a choir including the Elm City Girls’ Choir of New Haven, CT, and members of Hudson Valley Singers, Music Conservatory of Westchester’s Teen Vocal Ensemble and volunteers from throughout the community Orchestra. Funds will go directly to musician fees, space rental, and costs to record this concert so it’s remembered forever. For more information call 914-761-3900 x140.

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White Plains Football 0-8, Remains Hopeful for that Elusive Win

By Albert Coqueran

Since 1897, when football originated at White Plains High School, the Tigers have never had a winless season.

On Friday, Oct. 23, when the Tigers were beaten by Carmel High School, 17-8, in the Section 1 Consolation Game, their record remained 0-8, with one more game remaining on their 2015 Section 1 schedule.

This, of course, does not include the Turkey Bowl Game, which is presently scheduled against Stepinac High School, on Thanksgiving Day, at 10:30 a.m. at WPHS. But the likelihood of the Turkey Bowl even being played again this year remains in doubt.

Stepinac is undefeated at 7-0, after trouncing St. Peter’s High School, on Saturday. As a result of their record thus far this season, the Crusaders are well on their way to another appearance in the New York State Catholic High School State Championship, which would impede New York State Catholic High School’s opportunity to match-up against the Tigers in this year’s Turkey Bowl.

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The Tigers defense including, [r-l] Daryl Davis (#60), Chris Schiavone (#27) and David Rojas (#50) held the Rams scoreless in the third quarter. But Carmel surprised the Tigers defense with a wide-receiver reverse pass-play in the fourth quarter for a 45-yard touchdown, which was the game-changer, as the Tigers loss, 17-8, on Friday.

The Tigers are 0-8 this the season and in jeopardy of having the only winless season in the history of White Plains High School football. But they still emerged from their locker room at halftime with plenty of enthusiasm and fight. Nevertheless, Carmel defeated the Tigers, 17-8, in the Section 1 Consolation Game, on Friday.

In 2012, the Tigers record was 1-7, and up to this point that was the nearest they came to having a winless season in the history of the school. The 2015 Tigers have another chance this season to avoid being registered in the record books, as the only White Plains football team in the school’s history to have a winless season to avoid being registered in the record books, as the only White Plains football team in the school’s history to have a winless season. The opportunity will present itself, against Spring Valley High School, on Friday, Oct. 30, in Spring Valley.

Nonetheless, despite the Tigers 0-8 record this season, somehow Head Coach Skip Stevens and his coaching staff had them resembling anything but a winless team, against Carmel (6-2), in the Section 1 Consolation Game, on Friday, at WPHS.

At the halftime intermission, Carmel headed to the locker room with a 10-0 lead, after Rams running back David Vega scampered across the goal line on a five-yard run and kicker Walter Hoo booted a field goal.

Some in attendance may have thought that the Tigers would throw in the towel on the season at that point. But noticeably, after they emerged from the locker room to begin the second half, the Tigers were literally roaring with enthusiasm as they took the field.

"We are disappointed about how this season went; but we are trying to make the best out of it," said Tigers senior quarterback Tommy Avery, who was playing with a sore shoulder.

Subsequently, less then a minute later in the second half, Tigers Les Vaccaro recovered a Rams fumble, which prompted another roar from the Tigers sideline, which firmly established that there was no giving-up in the City of White Plains.

Both the Tigers and Rams defenses battled through a scoreless third quarter, before Avery hit senior wide receiver Braxton Gill, with a 63-yards touchdown pass to start the fourth quarter. "We went over the play in the huddle during a timeout and the coaches looked at me and said, Braxton is going to make the play and I did," reviewed Gill.

Avery followed-up by making a two-point conversion by scrambling to avoid tacklers and crossing the goal line head over heels after being hit by a Rams defender.

The Tigers while fighting for respectability brought the score to within two points at 10-8, in the fourth quarter. However, the Rams pulled a trick-play out of their playbook and ran a wide-receiver reverse pass-play, whereas Quinn Willman hit Ryan Sullivan with a 45-yard touchdown pass to put the game away for the Rams, 17-8.

"Coming into the season we expected a lot more and obviously this season has not gone the way we wanted it to, but we have been keeping our heads up and playing hard," said Gill, who had three catches for 75 yards and one TD for the Tigers in the game.

Some coaches would have been down on their team after their eighth straight loss without a win. But, Tigers Head Coach Stevens praised his team after the game for fighting back and maintaining positive team-moral despite a distressing winless season.

"This season has not been easy for me, the players or my staff; but we came out and fought the entire game," said Stevens. "I love the team; I love White Plains High School and the community. My philosophy is the glass is always half full and if more people thought like that we would be living in a lot better place," commented the Tigers Head Coach.

Avery completed 17 of 20 passes for 224 yards and one TD in the loss, as he surpassed the Tigers modern-day single-season completions record this year with 105 completions. Avery broke Brain Murray’s single-season completions record of 100, set in 1967.

"I love playing with these guys no matter what happened this season. I just love getting another week to be able to play with my teammates," said Avery. "We are never putting our heads down and we are not the type of team to ever give up despite our record," emphasized the Tigers quarterback.

Tigers receiver/running back Donovan Brunson is one of the reasons that the Tigers keep their heads-up despite a 0-8 record this season. Brunson had seven catches for 76 yards against Carmel. Brunson has totaled 44 receptions in eight games, which has broken the White Plains single-season completions record set by Arnold Clinton in 1979 with 35 catches in 10 games.
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