Falcons Celebrated As They Make Woodlands Sports History

Greenburgh’s Spelling Bee Champion Harshita Shet Returns to Washington

By Pat Casey

A fifth-grader this year, hopes are set on Harshita Shet a student in the Greenburgh Central School District as she once again travels to Washington, DC, as the District Spelling Bee champion (Grades 4 to 8) to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Last year Harshita placed 47th in the nation advancing from a field of 281 finalists. The 11-year-old daughter of Kiran and Manju Shet was the only student from Westchester County who qualified to compete in the annual national spelling bee. Harshita credited her older brother, Harshita Shet at last year’s spelling bee competition.

White Plains Councilwoman One of First to Visit Cuba

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White Plains Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona and her partner Dan Stoddard, VP and CIO at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, were among the first Americans to travel to Cuba since the embargo was lifted and relations between Cuba and the United States opened earlier this year.

The couple spent a busy week with an itinerary designed just for them to view many of the historical and cultural sites around the country.

“We had been wanting to travel to Cuba for a while,” Lecuona said in a phone interview Monday. “This is an important time right now and we wanted to be able to see the before and after.”

On the way they stopped in Miami to take in the atmosphere of the Cuban section of the city before heading off to Havana. On the way home they were surprised to find they were on the first historic flight from Cuba to New York City.

“We thought because there were so many people in the airport that everyone was going to New York, but they got on a flight to Miami and only about 10 passengers boarded for Kennedy

Developers for Project in White Plains Urban Renewal Area Seek Zoning Change

By Pat Casey

Development partners Saber White Plains LLC and Chauncey White Plains LLC made a conceptual presentation to the White Plains Planning Board March 17 seeking a referral to the Common Council for scheduling of a public hearing on an amendment to the city’s zoning map.

The redevelopment project, which involves 1 million square feet fronting Westchester Avenue, extends from the property line of the White Plains Diner to the property line of the site now housing Avis and extending back to Franklin Avenue.

Two buildings on both sides of a new Paulding Street (now the Westchester Burger Company driveway) would be four stories, and approximately 60 feet high including 75,000 sq. ft. at the ground and second floor levels, featuring retail and restaurants.

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One building would have 11 loft-style apartments on the top floor and across the Paulding Street entrance, an AC Barcelona Hotel, from Europe, would include 154 rooms and a 16,000 sq. ft. spa.

The Chrysler Jeep showroom currently at the location would have a new 7,000 sq. ft. showroom and 33,000 sq. ft. of car storage and auto services below ground.

The building is proposed to extend all the way back to Franklin Avenue where an 11-story 120-foot high apartment building with 250 luxury units would be built.

Mark Weingarten, of Delbello Donnelan Weingarten Wise Wiederkehr LLP, a White Plains-based law firm, explained that the requisite number of affordable units according to White Plains law would be worked into the development equation.

The residential building would include 14,000 sq. ft. of retail and restaurant space on the ground level facing onto Paulding Street.

A 636-car parking garage also is part of the plan with 300 spots allocated to White Plains in exchange for property within the Urban Renewal area. Those 300 spots would replace the 150 parking spaces there now.

Weingarten also said the plan includes three pedestrian walkways to connect Franklin Avenue with Westchester Avenue.

The requested zoning change, which involves RM-0.35/B-3 zones would allow the developer to treat the project as one site rather than two and suggests changes to move a setback line along Westchester Avenue, the inclusion of multi-use designation in a residential zone to allow the retail and restaurants, maximum building coverage, and changing the regulations for development near a school (Eastview Middle School is located near the site) to allow the underground car repair shop.

The working name for the project according to Weingarten is “Collection at White Plains” which drew some reaction from Planning Board members who said they liked the concept of the development, but asked for a better name.

Weingarten said the developers had been in discussions with White Plains for about 18 months going over specifics and that the city had requested a clean up of the area.

The developers are currently building Rivertowns Square, a 500-sq. ft. mixed-use project along the Saw Mill River Parkway in Dobbs Ferry.

In Grades 2 and 3 the first place winner is Gowtami Ramakrishna, a second grader in Mrs. Dellacava’s class. The second place winner is Luna Israel, a third grader in Mrs. Davenport’s class, and Ari Hoffman is the third place winner, a third grader in Mrs. Sanz class.

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In India, Harshita Shet placed second in the national 12-year-olds category.

Harshita also won the state championship.

On Friday, March 27th, Harshita was honored at the India Day Awards in New York City, where she received the Distinguished Young Women Award for being the “Spelling Bee Champion.”

Harshita has been spelling words correctly since the age of four, and has won various spelling competitions in New York City.

In addition to her spelling skills, Harshita is an accomplished pianist and enjoys playing tennis and soccer.

Harshita plans to continue pursuing her passion for spelling and travel around the world to compete in international spelling competitions.

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Woodlands Basketball Falcons Make History As State Finalists

The Woodlands High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team reached the finals of the State Championships for the first time in Woodlands athletic history.
Cheered on by friends, family and Greenburgh community members, the boys played Syracuse's Westhill High School on March 21 in the finals. After scoring more than double as many points as their opponents in the first quarter, Woodlands ultimately lost by a score of 70 to 62. They were coached by longtime leader Robert Murphy.

"The boys have been playing great all season," said Woodlands High School's Athletic Director and Interim Principal Matt Smith. "They're performing well and coming together. It's a wonderful time in Woodlands athletics."

The night before, on March 20, Woodlands beat Ogdensburg Free Academy by the score of 61 to 43 to set up the Finals clash against Westhill.

The day before the State Final Four competition, the team left Woodlands High School in style on March 19 as they traveled to Glen Falls to compete. The 11 student-athletes left Greenburgh escorted by the local police and fire departments as they made their way out of Westchester County.

"These kids are rock stars," said Interim Superintendent of Schools Tahira DuPree Chase. "They work so hard and we are very proud of their accomplishments. We wanted to make them feel special. They are really making the Greenburgh Central School District proud."

Earlier in the day, Woodlands Middle/High School held a special Pep Rally for the athletes before they boarded the bus. Several got a chance to address the crowd, sharing their excitement and gratitude for the continued support. The audience cheered enthusiastically as they encouraged the basketball team to perform well in the final two rounds of competition.

Throughout Sectionals and Regionals, the team was "blown away" by the support that the Greenburgh community showed them. Residents without students in the district attended games, along with alumni from the 1970s.

"The support has been unparalleled," said Mr. Smith. "It really brought the community together. Everyone is coming out to cheer on our kids. It's a great feeling. The boys are thrilled to see so many faces in the crowd cheering for them."

Following their history-making runner-up game, the Falcons traveled back to Westchester County where they were once again greeted by a motorcade of Greenburgh Police cars. The police escorted them from the Tappan Zee Bridge to Woodlands High School where the student-athletes were met by a crowd of cheering supporters.
White Plains High School Students Win Opportunity to View Gov’t in Session

Jacqueline Rayo and Vanessa Aceituno, both 11th grade students at White Plains High School, have been chosen to attend this year’s Students Inside Albany program sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New York State Education Foundation.

The program will take place May 17 to 20 and brings approximately 60 students from across the state to Albany to get a first-hand education about their state government. The program is designed to increase high school students’ awareness of their responsibility in representative government and provide information about the tools necessary for meeting that responsibility.

While at the conference, students will join their peers in a hands-on learning experience about how state government works. Students will participate in a series of interactive lectures on topics such as the state budget process, the role of lobbyists in the legislative process, citizen rights to access government information, the role of media in politics, and the move to reform state government. While in Albany, the students will have an opportunity to tour the state’s Capitol. The highlight for most students is the opportunity to shadow their Senators and their Assembly member for an afternoon attending session on the Chamber floor.

Highest Scout Honors Presented to White Plains Resident John Henry Buzzard

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony was held on Sunday, March 15 at Our Lady of Sorrows School during which Troop 73 White Plains presented the rank of Eagle, the highest honor within the Boy Scouts of America, to John Henry Buzzard.

John was recognized for his project of designing and constructing a 20 x 20 sq. ft. patio space within the Student Garden at the New York School for the Deaf on Knollwood Road in White Plains. The Student Garden grows over 2000 pounds of vegetables annually for the Food Bank of Westchester. The patio will serve as a shady spot where student gardeners can rest and communicate.

The project was built over a two-day period in October 2014 by the scouts and adults from Troop 73 and friends from Iona Preparatory School. The plot was cleared of grass and weeds and a framework was built from pressure treated lumber. The four seating areas have all-season benches made of recycled plastic bottles and allow NYSD students and faculty to sit facing each other to communicate using American Sign Language.

Porous materials (gravel and rubber mulch) were used to promote drainage and to keep the area dry. The patio can be used as a classroom space as well as a rest area. It was designed and constructed to be a permanent structure and provide decades of use to the students and faculty of NYSD.

John also received the Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award, which is authorized by The President’s Office and is given to youth and adults who volunteer 100 or more hours in a 12-month period in one of the six key focus areas.

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The reign of Vladimir Putin has also introduced new tensions in the area's wine fortunes of the neighboring wine regions that flourished during Communism.

Socio-political matters or governmental regulations notwithstanding. However, any major extent (Federal distribution doesn't have them, " she said. They really helped me get through what would have been a very difficult time if I didn't have them," D'Erasmo said of her business, setting her sights on Westchester. She stated that her ultimate goal would be to franchise the company and to make her product available in hotels across the nation. She said that she would also love to have Posh Pretzels available on airlines, as an alternative to the plain snacks that are usually provided.

"I think it would be nice to get on a flight somewhere and have a chocolate pretzel as an option for a snack," she said. Posh Pretzels is located at 7 North Broadway, Tarrytown; 914-332-0400; www.poshpretzels.com. Store Hours: Monday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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St. Christopher’s Hosts Pep Rally to Support Mount Kilimanjaro Climb

St. Christopher’s, Inc. recently hosted a pep rally to celebrate and support its Development Director Kurt Kannemeyer as he prepares to climb the 19,500-foot Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania on April 1. The climb is also part of an effort to raise money for a residential treatment center for developmentally disabled students at St. Christopher’s Valhalla campus. During the pep rally, Zumba instructors Daniela Holguin and Christine Naber led a Zumba party with students and faculty to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle to mirror Kannemeyer’s training for the climb. Artist Suzan Waldinger also led an art project where children used their hands to create a canvas painting. DJ Ronnie Díaz of Perfect Touch DJs got everyone pumped up for the celebration with music to keep everyone active and dancing during the event. Pictured from left, Westchester County Chief of Staff George Oros and St. Christopher’s, Inc. Development Director Kurt Kannemeyer make painted hand marks on the art canvas during the pep rally.

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International Airport,” Lecuona said.

With Stoddard’s background in museums, the couple spent most of their time in art galleries and museums. “There was no time for the beach or relaxing,” Lecuona explained. “Cultural tourism is the big thing right now, and has been so for the past year and a half.”

She was most impressed with the Cuban National Museum, which houses political art, colonial art, landscapes; all types of local art.

She also was surprised that so many Cubans were able to communicate in English — although Lecuona, a native of the Canary Islands Spain had no trouble at all with the dialect — the couple was welcomed with much enthusiasm.

“Everything we asked about the history or art was answered, even if our guides did not have the information at hand, we would receive a package in our hotel room the next morning. Their knowledge of the details was unbelievable.”

The Alexander Hamilton School Cast of “The Wiz”

Audiences followed the yellow brick road to watch students from Alexander Hamilton School in Elmsford perform in “The Wiz” this past weekend.

The people are well-educated Lecuona said, and the cultural tourism and health industries had improved greatly, especially over the past five years. She saw many examples where the Chinese had made investments, although Lecuona was quick to point out that any business partnerships with outside parties had to include a Cuban partner.

In Havana the housing, sewers and public transportation are in need of investment she noted.

In the countryside outside Havana, where the couple traveled, Lecuona said it was amazing how the villages had remained so pristine, like they were ages ago.

Especially important to Lecuona was the familiarity she felt with the people in the countryside. Many were descendants of people from the Canary Islands who had traveled to Cuba in the 1500s. The relationship between the two islands has remained to this day.

“About 85 percent of the people have some relationship with the Canary Islands,” Lecuona explained, and the influence can be seen in the art and architecture and in the dialect. “There are Spanish words that are used only in Cuba and the Canary Islands,” she added.

Famous in the country is Ernesto Lecuona, the Councilwoman’s great uncle who had moved to Cuba and was well known as a composer. He later left the country to settle in Miami and returned to the Canary Islands before his death. He is now buried in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

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Interviewed by Eyewitness News as they landed at JFK, Dan Stoddard and Milagros Lecuona were passengers on the first flight from Havana to Miami before his death. He is now buried in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

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Suspicious Incident. On the afternoon of March 9, officers responded to call at 399 Tarrytown Road regarding a suspicious incident at Kmart involving an unwanted party entering their store room. Upon arrival officers made contact with the store manager who had a suspect in custody. The store manager explained that the suspect had walked into the employees-only stock room located at the rear of the store carrying an empty PlayStation 4 box. When questioned about why he entered the clearly marked employee-only stock room the suspect said he was unfamiliar with the store and lost. A NCIC check was conducted and no outstanding warrants were found. The suspect was advised to not come back to the store or he would be charged with trespassing. The manager was advised to contact police headquarters if any further assistance was needed.

Harassment. On March 9 a White Plains resident went to Police Headquarters to report an incident that had occurred earlier in the month. He reported that on March 2, he had parked his vehicle in the parking lot at his place of employment on Tarrytown Road and that an unknown person had placed a “Violation” sticker on the front of his windshield. He then talked to the property management, and was advised that they did not place the sticker on his vehicle nor did they authorize anyone to do it. In a second incident, the victim arrived at work at about 8 a.m. on March 9. When he returned to his vehicle that afternoon he observed another “Violation” sticker on his driver’s window. The victim does not know who placed the sticker on his vehicle. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time. There was no damage to the vehicle.

Suspicious Person. On March 10 at the Greenburgh Police Headquarters front parking lot, a female was seen looking into vehicles. She was observed wearing an NYPD hat and sweatshirt. Police were able to stop her as she was leaving the lot. Upon being interviewed she immediately said she wanted to be a police officer and that she had attempted to call one of the local sergeants to make an appointment. She said she was looking into cars in the lot to see what police officers drive. Officers reported that she did not appear to be a danger to herself or others and advised her not to return to the lot unless she had legitimate police business. She left scene without incident.

Counterfeit Money. On the afternoon of March 10, police officers responded to a call from Party City on Tarrytown Road. When they arrived the store manager said a suspect had come up to the register with a handful of items. He provided the name Etinee and a phone number 347-347-4972 to the cashier. After ringing up the merchandise, which was in excess of $100, he provided a $100 bill to pay for the items. It was not enough so he adjusted the transaction to get a small item totaling a few dollars. The cashier then accepted the bill checking it with a counterfeit maker that indicated it was counterfeit. The cashier called the store manager who looked at the bill and told the suspect that the bill was counterfeit and he would not be getting it back. The suspect then completed his purchase with other money and then asked for the bill a second time at which time he was advised the Police had been called. He left the store without further incident. On arrival the area was checked by Greenburgh Police Street Crime units with negative results. Attempts to contact the suspect via the phone number provided and a check of RMS with the first name Etinee were negative. The $100 bill was entered into evidence. The store did not suffer a loss and there is no further information at this time.

Larceny. On the afternoon of March 11 the victim of a larceny went to Police Headquarters to report the incident. The victim said he had written out a check to Capital One Bank in the amount of $5,620 and left it in the public mailbox in front of his building for pick-up on 3/2/2015. On 3/5/2015 the victim reviewed his HSBC account online and saw that a check with the same check number was cashed on 3/3/2015 in the amount of $622 and paid to the order of Oamor Chinea Torres who is unknown to the victim. He then went to the bank and received a copy of the cashed check in which all the information was changed except for his signature at the bottom of the check. The victim further confirmed with Capital One Bank that they never received a check from him in the amount of $5,620. The victim said that HSBC is currently investigating the incident and has already filed an affidavit forged signature; alteration of item form. The Police report was for documentation purposes only.

Larceny. On March 11 members of the Greenburgh Street Crime Unit along with patrol responded to the area of the CVS at N. Central Avenue on the report of a larceny in progress. Comsec was advised per a CVS shift supervisor that a female wearing a blue jacket and a male wearing a green jacket had walked past all points of purchase and exited the store setting off the front entrance security alarm. The supervisor confronted the female and male outside of the CVS as they attempted to enter a white taxicab and asked if they had any stolen CVS items. He reported that the female then threw the stolen CVS items at him and then both the female and male began to run north through the parking lot towards Dalewood Drive. Officers then observed the female and male placing the description on Dalewood Drive attempting to enter another taxicab. Both the female and male were stopped and identified. Both parties were placed under arrest. After further investigation the female suspect was found to be in possession of four Suboxone films, and a large grey hand bag containing numerous stolen items from the Marshalls Store, Rite Aid, and Choice Pet Supply Store. The male suspect was found to be in possession of six Suboxone films and one stolen Michael Kors belt from the TJ Maxx store. Both parties were transported to Police Headquarters where they were booked, processed, and released with return court dates.

Criminal Possession of Marijuana. On the evening of March 11 police officers stopped a blue Honda Civic traveling down Fulton Street, a one-way street, going the wrong way. When they approached the vehicle, the windows were rolled completely down, and a strong odor of Marijuana was evident. In full view of pedestrian and vehicular traffic one officer observed a clear Ziploc bag containing a green leafy substance on the front passenger side armrest, which he identified as Marijuana. This was confirmed at Police Headquarters. The officer further reported that there were four bottles of beer on the floor. The driver and occupants were transferred to Police Headquarters and booked for possession of marijuana and driving the wrong way down a one-way street.

Westchest County Presents All-day Fatherhood Conference

Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino will host an all-day fatherhood conference on Tuesday, April 7, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Westchester County Center in White Plains entitled, “The Power of a Father’s Presence: Challenges and Victories in Supporting Dads.” The conference, sponsored by the Westchester County Department of Social Services and nearly 20 other partners, is designed to inspire, educate and challenge men and to celebrate the critical role of a father in the lives of his children.

“Unfortunately, over the course of the past 40 or 50 years in this country, the critically important role of the father in the family has been degraded in popular media and in society, and the statistics of children of all races growing up without the loving and nurturing support of a father sadly continues to increase at a disturbing rate,” said Astorino in a release announcing the conference. “No one would ever question the critical importance of a mother and we should celebrate the role of the father in a similar manner, and set expectations very high. This conference offers fathers and providers, who work with fathers and families, key tools and support to help men become great dads to their children. Astorino said the conference will include several workshops for fathers and providers focusing on such topics as education, employment, handling conflicts, communication techniques, statistical evidence of the power of fathers, and how to remain an involved and effective dad during life transitions as a result of a separation.

Tony Porter, co-founder of A Call to Men, is the keynote speaker. Several other speakers are scheduled including Allan Houston, former New York Knicks’ all-star.

The conference is open to all. There is a $35 registration fee that includes a continental breakfast and lunch. For more information and to register (deadline is March 27) email information@childfindofamerica.org or call 845-883-6060.

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An Open Letter to Female Students From Saint Barnabas High School

Your March 17 article about Save Good Counsel Academy’s efforts mentions a proposal submitted by Msgr. Edward Barry of St. Barnabas Parish regarding a partnership with its high school. In a recent message to Saint Barnabas Parishioners, Msgr. Barry has acknowledged confusion in that regard and clearly stated there is no formal relationship between the two schools. Over the past three years, Saint Barnabas High School (SBHS) has made great strides to keep St. Barnabas High School a viable option for our young ladies in the Archdiocese of New York.

Saint Barnabas High School is currently accepting freshman and transfer students for the 2015-2016 school year with some of these students coming from Good Counsel Academy. Saint Barnabas High School welcomes anyone to come to see the facility, meet with its Principal, and have their daughter participate in a shadow day. Located in the Woodlawn section of the Bronx, Saint Barnabas High School borders Westchester County in Yonkers on McLean Avenue. Visit www.sbnabashigh.com for more information or call 718-325-8800.

–Julietta Guarino, Advisory Board Chair, Saint Barnabas High School

GCA Elementary Registration Underway for September Opening in Valhalla

Good Counsel Academy Elementary School has added two evening opportunities for parents to learn about the school’s new Valhalla home, a general information session at the current school and an open site tour of the new school.

In September, the school will open at the former Holy Name of Jesus Elementary School at 2 Broadway in Valhalla, just two miles north of its current location at 52 North Broadway in White Plains.

Workshop on New State Regulations Governing Invasive Plant Species

A half-day workshop titled “New York State’s New Invasive Plant Species Regulations: Impacts and How to Adapt” will be held on Thursday, April 2, at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. The workshop, offered by Westchester County’s Department of Planning and Soil and Water Conservation District, will address the portion of the state’s new regulations intended to help control invasive plants by reducing the introduction or spread of new and existing populations of these species.

The workshop, geared towards landscape architects and professionals in nursery and garden center management, landscape maintenance, garden design and property management and development, will also be relevant to homeowners and gardeners who may be interested in attending.

Workshop:
- Date: March 31
- Time: 2 - 4:30 p.m.
- Location: Westchester County Center
- Fee: $10
- Registration and payment are required by March 31. Parking at the County Center, located at 198 Central Avenue in White Plains, is $7. For additional information, download the workshop flyer at www.westchestergov.com/solidwaste or contact Robert Doshcer at (914) 995-4423 or rrd1@westchestergov.com.

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No Telling What You’ll Learn From Home Improvement Suppliers

One of life’s greatest pleasures for me since I assumed the moniker of The Home Guru more than a dozen years ago has been the great talents and personalities I’ve encountered among the suppliers who service our many needs around the house, both inside and out.

As for me, a self-professed klutz with most things that require any amount of skill or technical expertise, knowing these miracle workers has always been essential to running my household and maintaining my property. I can communicate the expertise of others by writing about it, but I can’t do it.

As I have become friends with my suppliers and learned more about their backgrounds, I have encountered much ingenuity, sometimes sheer genius, and many surprises along the way. Sometimes there have been valuable life lessons learned as well.

For instance, some years ago when I needed to have wallpaper removed from some of my rooms and have them painted, Joe Pascarelli came highly recommended to do the job. Little did I know that he would become part of my life, both personally and professionally.

More famously known as “Fireman Joe,” Pascarelli retired as a Mount Vernon Fire Department lieutenant seven years ago. But 14 years before that, he had experienced a trauma where a young child had been lost in a fire he responded to and, as he put it, “I needed to get help to deal with that.”

As part of his recovery process, he decided to educate young children about fire safety and has been doing that annually at the Van Cortlandt Elementary School in Mohican Lake for the past 20 years.

Last week, I met him for lunch with another good buddy of his, Frank Quigley, also a retired fireman who had been with the New York City Fire Department in the Bronx and also involved with teaching children about fire safety.

In his case, Quigley would invite them into the firehouse to see the equipment. When he retired nine years ago, Quigley developed his own construction business called Window Plus. Besides windows, his company covers the gamut of projects from roofing, siding and decks to full additions.

The purpose of our meeting was to discuss our writing a brochure together about fire safety in the home for children with illustrations that Pascarelli could distribute at his school appearances. The intention would be to expand it into a children’s book and a CD.

As a public service to us all, especially to any young children in your own family or to any children you know, please share the basic outline below.

Fireman Joe’s Safety Tips for Kids

If you smell smoke, don’t HIDE, run OUTSIDE!

Make noise! Shout “Fire!”

If you see a man in strange-looking fireman’s gear, DON’T BE AFRAID. He’s a friend;

Have an established place outside for all family members to meet;

If your clothes catch fire, STOP, DROP and ROLL!

NEVER go back into the house for pets or anything else;

Two “toys” NEVER to play with: matches and lighters;

Have an EDITH plan with your family (Exit Drill in the House);

Change batteries in smoke detectors when you change clocks.

To my way of thinking, good guys who are concerned for the safety and education of children are the kind of people with whom I want to work.

To reach Joe Pascarelli for wallpaper removal and painting, inside or out, call 914-330-3889. To reach Frank Quigley for any construction project, big or small, from roofing to an addition to your home, call 914-438-0249.

Postscript: While Pascarelli’s good work was born from the tragedy of the loss of a child, a young girl who attended one of his school presentations was able to save her own life and her entire family when fire struck her home in the middle of the night.

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Why Emotional Literacy Is So Important

“Studies suggest that emotionally literate characteristics like self-restraint, persistence, and self-awareness are better predictors of life outcomes than common academic measures.”

Social and emotional literacy develop over time and need to be nurtured just like any other skill such as math or learning how to ride a bike. Unlike math or bike-riding, however, the teaching of emotional literacy is often overlooked. It has been referred to as the “missing piece” of education despite its profound impact on children’s wellbeing. Emotionally competent individuals are able to communicate effectively, empathize, problem solve, and resolve conflict. Studies have shown that kids who develop these skills are more likely to do well at work as adults, have longer-lasting marriages, and skills are more likely to do well at work as adults, have longer-lasting marriages, and can help fuel a recovering economy.

Mark Brackett, senior research scientist at Yale University and former bullying victim, developed one such program called RULER. RULER is to develop children’s capacity for self-reflection and critical thinking. Brackett recognizes that emotional skills require practice and persistence. Students and teachers use concepts such as “mood meters” to help gauge personal and classmates’ emotions. Teachers encourage children to develop coping mechanisms, such as using self-talk or taking a walk when upset. S.E.L. has received more attention in the past few years due to concerns about bullying, violence, and suicide, but these programs are certainly not the norm at this time.

Certain children, particularly those with autism, Aspergers, and social phobia require more guidance and support in developing social and emotional competencies. Social skills deficits are a hallmark of these conditions and they tend to persist into adulthood due to a dearth of interpersonal experiences. How can a child learn conversation skills, conflict negotiation, and perspective taking, for example, if she has no one to practice with? The right kind of social skills group could help a child develop these kinds of skills, but not all social skills groups are created equally. Effective groups promote skill generalization to the outside world and often take place on the playground or in other real-world locations where real-life problems tend to unfold. Good programs stimulate social motivation, reinforce appropriate social responding, and increase the understanding of nonverbal communication. Programs that seem to teach manners, not emotional understanding, just don’t work. They are ineffective because only basic instrumental skills, such as making eye contact and saying please and thank you, are taught. These tend to make children seem robotic and awkward, and other children notice. The best programs help children become better observers of themselves and others. They guide them in appropriate ways of expressing themselves. Parents of children in school groups should request specific plans and ask about generalization strategies. Parents can reinforce practiced skills at home and with play-dates.

There are also groups available for adults who struggle socially and emotionally. The goal is to increase social awareness and for members to develop a better understanding of the world around them. As they age and the social world becomes even more nuanced, they struggle. Social skills groups can help adults navigate the interpersonal complexities of the workplace, establish romantic relationships, and understand social norms in different situations.

Dr. Jaime Black is a licensed psychologist practicing in Westchester and New York City. In addition to providing general mental health services, Jaime works with individuals of all ages on the autism spectrum, doing psychotherapy, conducting evaluations, and facilitating social skills groups. Visit www.spectrumservicesny.com, email JaimeBlackPsyD@Gmail.com or call 914-712-8208.
By Janine Bowen

Last year, Isaac Mamaysky followed his dreams by opening a summer camp in the Poconos, and following a successful inaugural season; several changes and expansions will be coming to Camp Zeke.

The sleep-away camp, which is situated on 560 acres in Lakewood, Pa., offers activities centered on healthy and athletic living integrated with elements of Jewish culture and heritage. Last summer, the camp accommodated 180 youngsters from Westchester and throughout the Hudson Valley for youngsters seven to 17 years old. With the addition of three new counselors this year, Mamaysky said the number of campers is expected to grow to 270 across the two three-week sessions.

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“Becoming a great summer experience, the facility has recently hired a program director, who worked through the year to make changes. "In reality, homesickness, in my experience, is much more often attributed to a challenge that needs to be addressed in the camp community rather than actually missing parents," he said.

This year, Camp Zeke will offer two separate three-week-long sessions at a cost of $4,100 each. Campers can opt to stay for both sessions for $7,200. The camp also offers the “Taste of Zeke” program, a one-week session that allows children to experience sleep-away camp for $1,300.

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The Camp Zeke program includes many different types of activities, as well as a new athletic field are also currently being built and will be ready to handle the enrollment increase this summer.

To help make Camp Zeke a great summer experience, the facility has recently hired a program director, who will conduct weekly surveys of campers and staff to make sure everyone is having a good time.

Mamaysky explained that counselors will fill out nightly surveys that will allow a camper’s issues to be addressed immediately, which he believes will reduce the number of children who feel homesick.

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Bus transportation from Westchester County to the Poconos is included in all session fees. To learn more about Camp Zeke or to enroll, visit www.CampZeke.org.

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County Parks Summer Camps Registration Now Available

Whether your youngster is a nature enthusiast, a budding musician or a sports hound, Westchester County Park’s popular summer camps offer something for kids of all ages and interests.

Perfect Pitch and Swing Baseball Camp. Provides children ages 8 to 12 with training that uses unique and innovative methods, combining traditional baseball skills with disciplines from other sports at V.E. Macy Park in Ardsley. The daily schedule runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes drills, hitting, throwing/pitching and fielding instruction and games. Camp runs in five, one-week sessions beginning June 29. The fee is $200 per week before May 2, $275 afterward. For more information, call 914-231-4673.

Challenger Sports Soccer Camp. For boys and girls in grades 1-9; offered at V.E. Macy Park in Ardsley. Operated by the prestigious Westchester Soccer Academy, top-notch coaching is offered in half- and full-day programs. Fees range from $135 to $249. Camp runs in seven one-week sessions beginning June 22. For more information, call 914-714-8601 or visit www.challengersports.com.

Hole-in-One Junior Golf Camp. Youngsters 10 to 17 years old can hit the greens for this camp that is offered at the six county golf courses—Dunwoodie and Sprain Lake in Yonkers; Hudson Hills in Ossining; Maple Moor in White Plains; Mohansic in Yorktown Heights; and Saxon Woods in Scarsdale. Taught by top Professional Golf Association pros, the camp meets four days a week for two hours. The fee for each session is $50. Times and days vary at each course. For more information, call 914-231-4673.

Children’s Summer Ecology Program. Introduces children in grades 1-9 to the natural world and is conducted at three nature centers—Cranberry Lake Preserve in North White Plains, Marshlands Conservancy in Rye and Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation in Cross River. Camp runs weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning July 6. The fee is $275 per week. For information, call 914-864-7273.

Conservationists in Training Program. Youngsters entering grades 1-9 can learn outdoor skills that run the gamut from radio-tracking wood turtles to map reading. The program is offered at Cranberry Lake Preserve in North White Plains and the Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation in Cross River and is held Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The three two-week sessions begin July 6. The fee is $725 for each session. For information, call 914-864-7273.

Nature Week. Two sessions are offered at Lenoir Preserve in Yonkers, offering fun-filled adventure and discovery in the fresh air. Children in grades 1-5 will explore the butterfly garden, meadow and forest habitats, learn about local flora and fauna, participate in science experiments and learn to use a solar cooker. Sessions run Monday through Friday beginning July 20 and July 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is $275 per week. For information and to register, call the preserve at 914-968-5851.

Summer Music Center. This six-week music instruction program at the Westchester County Center in White Plains is for students in grades 3-12. It provides daily class instruction in band and orchestral instruments as well as keyboard, guitar and recorder. The program runs daily from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from June 29 through Aug. 7. Tuition is $575 for Westchester resident participants registering before May 29 and $625 after that date. Keyboard students pay $625 before May 29 and $675 after. Non-residents add $75 to each fee. For information, call 914-231-4673.

For more information and applications for all summer camps, call 914-231-4550 or visit parks.westchestergov.com/activities/childrens-camps.

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Sassy Ladies Shopping Night Out Planned for April 10 in Tarrytown

For a night of shopping, fashion tips by the celebrity NYC Stylist Blane Charles of BEAU-T by Blane, food, sweet treats, chocolate martini and wine samplings, DJ and goody bags, Events To Remember’s “Sassy Ladies Shopping Night Out” will be the place to be on Friday evening, April 10.

The 5th annual event is designed to attract sassy, lively, bold and full of spirit women who are looking to have a fun-filled night of shopping, and exploration of new ideas and experiences. In addition to shopping, Sassy Ladies will enjoy team photos in a photo booth and pick-up fabulous 2015 Fashion Trends and Tips at the Pink Carpet Fashion Show.

More than 50 vendors are invited including Lespri Spa Services LLC, Dolci Bella, Come Wine With Us, Three Gems Unlimited, Adriano of Florence, Butta Bodies, and Younique, Silverleaf Resorts, Inc. to connect sassy guests with products and services from spas, jewelry, beauty, vacation destinations, wellness, clothing suppliers and more. Hourly raffles are held throughout the evening, with a grand prize raffle of a designer Coach handbag.

Tickets are $15 in advance, $20 at the door and can be purchased at www.sassyladies2015.eventbrite.com.

The first 200 women to purchase tickets will receive a Sassy Ultra Chic-Eco Friendly Goody Bag filled with goodies.

Events To Remember will donate a portion of the proceeds to Ready To Empower.

Ready To Empower is an organization dedicated to serving at risk women in the poorest communities around the world in an effort to restore hope and self-worth.

A Charity Gold Buying vendor North American Refinery also will be on-site paying cash for unwanted coins, broken gold, silver and platinum jewelry, and donating a percentage of their proceeds to Ready To Empower.

Sassy Ladies Shopping Night Out will take place on Friday, April 10, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 455 South Broadway, Tarrytown.

Westchester Comedy Festival Kicks Off April 18: White Plains to Host Semi-finals

The Westchester Comedy Festival, featuring four nights of comedy, along with a Comedy Competition, includes White Plains this year as Elements Food & Spirits will host the semi-final round of the competition on April 23.

The festival will kick off April 18 in Mount Vernon at the Dole Recreation Center, located at 250 South 6th Avenue beginning at 6 p.m., followed by a show at 8 p.m. Comedic performers for the evening will be actor Freddie Ricks (Shaft and Baby Boy) and Chloe Hilliard, winner of Last Comic Standing, and surprise guest host Phyllis Yvonne Stickney. Stickney appeared in movies such as Jungle Fever, How Stella Got Her Groove Back and Women of Brewster Place with Oprah Winfrey.

The Comedy Festival continues on April 22 at the Yonkers Brewing Company, located at 92 Main Street in Yonkers. The second round of the competition will start at 6 p.m., with a show starting at 8 p.m. Headlining the show will be Rob Stapleton (Def Comedy Jam, Comic View, Comedy Central), with performances by and Sara Contreras (Latin Diva) and featured comic Kevin Magee, the 2014 Westchester Comedy Festival Winner.

On April 23, Rhina Valentin (“La Reina”) – who has performed at the Apollo Theatre, The Nuyorican Poets Café and the Los Angeles Comedy Store — will headline, with performer Rhonda Hansome, who performed on Saturday Night Live, Showtime at the Apollo and the Joan Rivers Show will appear at Elements at 161 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains at 8 p.m. Adam Oliensis of LoHud Comedy Festival will be the featured comic for the evening.

The final round of the Comedy Competition, hosted by Angela Cobb, will take place April 26 starting at 6 p.m. at Alvin and Friends, 14 Memorial Highway, New Rochelle. At the end of the competition, the winner will be crowned the funniest comedian/comedienne in Westchester.

WCF will be celebrating “Women in Comedy” at the 8pm show. Headlining will be actress/producer/comedienne Rain Pryor, who has appeared at comedy venues such as Caroline’s in New York City and is host of Rise and Shine on ARISE TV. This will be followed by a performance from Trena B Real. The featured artist for the evening will be Regina DeCicco, runner-up of the 2014 Westchester Comedy Festival.

Tickets are $26, with part of the proceeds benefiting local non-profit organizations. Sponsorship opportunities are available. To purchase tickets online visit www.westchestercomedyny.com; for information, call 914-338-9397.

The Borders and Folks in Your Mind, Reflections on an ArtsWestchester Exhibit

By Renee Cohen

When I sit on the floor and look at old photo albums, I know I’m not going to get up for a while. I’m entranced. The same is true when I look at old souvenirs. Seeing the “Crossing Borders: Memory and Heritage in a New America” exhibit at ArtsWestchester, especially the art of Bibiana Huang Matheis and of Yardena Donig Y ouner, brought the same feelings. Matheis’s work, displayed in the back balcony at ArtsWestchester on Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains, combines photography, collage, and personal artifacts to recreate snippets of her life as a Chinese-American immigrant. She includes embedded photos of her family, musical instruments, desserts, and more. Matheis calls each work a “visual treasure box.” When I looked at Matheis’s family in the photos, I thought of what I could place in my own collage.

Yardena Donig Youner’s installation at ArtsWestchester, on the first floor near the bank vault, reminds me of linens hung out to dry. On 25 cloths pinned on clotheslines, she has imprinted images of a few family possessions and many photos of family members—going back seven generations and across three continents. The ultrasound of her granddaughter is one of the imprints. You will gently encounter and push through the clothes to see more. Youner is an Israeli-American.

Crossing Borders: Memory and Heritage in a New America. Through May 2. Tuesdays to Saturdays, noon to 5 p.m. ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains; 914 428-4420. Admission is Free.

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New American Cuisine Restaurant Opens in Tarrytown

By Jerry Eimbinder

The Toasted Barrel has opened at the Sheraton Tarrytown serving a wide variety of dishes from burgers to baby back ribs, steak and peppercorn seared salmon.

An extensive whisky and bourbon list is also offered, a reason for the restaurant's name choice. (A toasted barrel refers to a barrel used for a second sitting for certain alcoholic beverages to enhance flavor in the aging process.)

The cuisine at the Toasted Barrel is New American and the menu includes crab cakes and lobster mac and cheese as appetizers.

Al fresco dining on the restaurant's brick patio will begin as soon as the weather permits. Outside grilling on the patio is planned for steak, lobster and fish. Heat lamps will help to expand the patio's dining season.

"Bourbon is a popular ingredient used by Chef Michael Koonce in many of his dishes," said Manager Michael Dizzine, a Nyack native who graduated from Johnson & Wales University in Providence with a hotel management degree. He was food and beverage manager at Comfort Inn & Suites in Nanuet before assuming his present duties early last year.

Meanwhile, Koonce was previously a line chef at the Loews Regency Hotel and The Water Club in Manhattan and is a graduate of the New York Restaurant School.

Items prepared with bourbon include its signature baby back ribs, bourbon cheese steak, French onion soup, bread pudding, cheese cake and fried ice cream, which comes with a flamed bourbon glaze.

The restaurant has breakfast (6:30 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday) lunch, dinner and bar menus. There is also a tapas menu and a weekend buffet brunch from 7 to 11 a.m.

The tapas menu includes lamb chop lollipops, gumbo soup, stuffed mushrooms and popcorn shrimp ($10 and up). A personal pizza is offered in many varieties including oven-roasted tomato with arugula and mozzarella, pepperoni, sausage, chicken, seafood and calamari ($8 and up).

Burgers range from a basic burger on a brioche bun ($11) to one with foie gras and truffle ($18).

Entrées come with a house salad; a Caesar salad can be substituted for $2 extra. Entrées include a 14-ounce New York strip steak with vegetables and fingerling potatoes ($32), veal parmesan with pasta ($28), baby back ribs with French fries and coleslaw ($23) and spaghetti and meat balls ($18).

Peppercorn seared salmon is served with bourbon peppercorn demi-glace and basmati rice ($26) and penne a la vodka is topped with bourbon-glazed smoked chicken ($18). The bourbon cheese steak is sliced and comes with cheddar cheese, smoked Gouda cheese, caramelized bourbon onions and bell peppers ($15).

Two eggs (any style) is part of the "Sleepy Hollow Breakfast" and accompanied by Italian sausage, applewood bacon or Black Forest ham steak, home fries and toast ($14). Omelets with up to three toppings also cost $14. A breakfast quesadilla is priced at $10.

The weekend buffet branch includes fruit, yogurt, oatmeal, cereal, granola, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, bakery items, bagels, cream cheese, butter, jam, juice and Starbucks coffee. It costs $19.95 for adults and $12.95 for children. Children under four years old are free.

Live music is planned for the patio every Thursday night. Requests will usually be honored by the band and there is no cover charge.

The warm-weather outdoors schedule will also include Caribbean nights, BBQ nights, Maine lobster nights and BYOC (Bring Your Own Cigars) cigar nights, mostly on Thursdays but occasionally on Friday evenings.

Sampling "theme" evenings are planned for bourbon, whisky and cocktail specialties — some with blues music — and with brief comments by representatives of liquor distributors.

Ladies' nights feature half-cost drinks for women.

For sports enthusiasts following the NCAA basketball tournament, through March these specials are offered: Bud and Bud Light bottles ($4), Coors Light bottles ($4), house cocktails ($6) and vegetable pot stickers, taquitos and potato skins at half price.

More than 30 different wines are available by the glass along with an extensive wine bottle list. Most of the bottles are from California vineyards.

A private room is available accommodating up to 80 people for parties; groups up to 20 can get a special seating area in the back of the restaurant.

Toasted Barrel, which has replaced SB&G, is located in the lobby of the Sheraton Tarrytown Hotel, 600 White Plains Rd. (Route 119) Call 914-332-7900 for more information.

Hastings French Bistro to Host Five-Course, Wine-Paired Dinner

By Jerry Eimbinder

A five-course, prix-fixe wine-paired dinner prepared by executive chef Chris Vergara and wine selected by sommelier Ned Towle is planned for French bistro Saint George in Hastings-on-Hudson on March 31. Towle is the founder and director of the Westchester Wine School, also located in Hastings-on-Hudson.

The dinner courses are:
1. Diver scallop crudo
2. Smoked trout rillette
3. Seared Hudson Valley foie gras
4. Braised lamb shoulder
5. Epoisse, valencey, Roquefort

The wine selections are:
1. Chardonnay, Brut Reserve, N. Feuillatte, NV
5. Gewurtztraminer, Trimbach, "Vendange tardive," 2000

The restaurant is named after Vergara's pet rabbit George. Vergara is also a co-owner and co-founder of Meritage Restaurant in Scarsdale, which opened in 2004, and a co-partner and executive chef at Harper's.

Towle is certified as a sommelier, wine educator and wine judge.

The cost is $115 per person, with tax and tip is included.

Saint George opened in October, 2013. It is located at 155 Southside Ave. in Hastings-on-Hudson, the same location occupied by Buffet de la Gare for 33 years. For reservations or more information, call 914-478-1671.

The outdoor dining patio at the Toasted Barrel at the Sheraton Tarrytown, which features burgers, baby back ribs, steak, fish and more.

"Vendange tardive," 2000

French bistro Saint George will host a five-course dinner paired with wines next Tuesday, March 31.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Assessment Roll for the Village of Pleasantville, Pleasantville, New York for the year 2015 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Village Clerk, 80 Wheeler Avenue, in said Village on the 1st day of April 2015 where same will remain open to public inspection for fifteen days.

Judith Weintraub, Village Clerk, Village of Pleasantville

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Donating your shoes couldn’t be easier. Collection boxes are conveniently located in these city buildings for drop off during regular business hours:
- **City Hall**: 255 Main Street
- **Library**: 100 Martine Avenue
- **Youth Bureau**: 11 Amherst Place

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, March 24**

**Tuesdays at Dorry’s.** Rev. Doris K. Dalton, Executive Director, Westchester Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence will join conversation partners for informal table talk. 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. Presentation is 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. Dorry’s Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains. 914-682-0005.

**Centennial Sinatra** starring Steve Lippia is a celebration of the life and music of the Twentieth Century’s most remarkable singer of the Great American Songbook. Steve takes us on a musical journey from Sinatra’s earliest crooning days with Harry James and Tommy Dorsey to his historic collaborations with the great arrangers like Billy May, Nelson Riddle and Don Costa, to his work with the Count Basie Orchestra and his epic concert at Madison Square Garden; Mattinee: 11:15 a.m. lunch, 1 p.m. show, tickets $64 plus tax; Evening 6:15 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. show, tickets $80 plus tax; Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza Elmsford. Box office: 914-592-2222; www.broadwaytheatre.com

**Wednesday, March 25**

**Noontime Getaway Concert.** Cellist David Heiss is a member of The Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and has performed with the company as cello continuo soloist. He is principal cellist of The New York Pops at Carnegie Hall and has been featured as soloist in concerts by Irving Robbin and Theodore Antoniou at the Tanglewood Festival. He will perform a program of music by Debussy, Chopin, and Brahms and will be accompanied on piano by Warren Jones. 12:10 p.m. Free Admission. Grace Episcopal Church at the intersection of Main and Church streets in White Plains.

A **Visual History of the Italian American Experience.** Dr. Mario Mignone, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor and director of the Center for Italian Studies at SUNY Stony Brook, will discuss his recent publication, co-authored by Antonio Canovi. For the first time, Italian-American history is seen through the photographic collections of the Library of Congress. Co-sponsored by the Westchester Community College Humanities Institute, Westchester Community College’s Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 11:15 a.m. Free. Info: 914-606-6790.

**Blood Drive.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Westchester Division, 21 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains. Call 914-997-4341 to schedule an appointment. This event is free and open to the public.

**Thursday, March 26**

**Great Books Forum Series.** “The Color Purple” by Alice Walker will be discussed. Led by Professor Mira Sakrajda. Westchester Community College’s Gateway Center, Room 131, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 6 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Professor James Werner at 914-606-6840 or email james.werner@sunnycc.edu.

**Steffi Nossen School of Dance Community Concert.** Celebrating the school’s 78th annual Benefit Week, guest choreographers Taylor Drury and Rachel Hagan will join Steffi Nossen’s choreographer/teachers Annie Doss and Fatima Logan who are creating new work on the school’s Master Classes. Producer Gierre Godley will create a solo for Chappaud’s Allison Dammann. Performing Arts Center at SUNY Purchase, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 6:15 p.m. Adults: $15. Seniors and students: $10. Also March 27. Info and tickets: 914-328-1900 or www.steffinossen.org.

**John Jay Scholars Lecture Series.** Author and Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation Chairman Harold Holzer will present the lecture “America at War: Managing the Message.” He will discuss how President Lincoln sought to control his message to the newspapers during the Civil War. John Jay Homestead State Historic Site, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. Registration and refreshments at 6:15 p.m. Lecture at 7 p.m. Friends of John Jay Homestead members: $20. Non-members: $25. Reservations recommended. Info and reservations: 914-232-8119, e-mail friends@johnjayhomestead.org or visit www.johnjayhomestead.org.

**“Art & Sole.”** Featuring Jane Weitzman, her book Art & Sole is a spectacular selection of more than 150 Fantasy Art Shoes from the Stuart Weitzman Collection. Presented by Hadasah Westchester Business & Professional Club; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Bloomingdales La Provence Restaurant, 4th Floor, White Plains; $50 includes dinner. Books will be available for purchase.

**Father Daughter Dance.** At White Plains Youth Bureau’s 7th Annual Father Daughter Dance all will be princesses. The festivities run from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza and include dinner, dancing and prizes for answers to trivia questions, about princesses of course! The dance is intergenerational and is open to couples of all ages. Tickets for the evening are $50 per couple and $20 for each additional girl 17 and younger. Patrons can purchase tickets at the White Plains Youth Bureau, Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., March 2 through March 23.

**Saturday, March 28**

**Steffi Nossen School of Dance Gala and Benefit Concert.** Celebrating the school’s 78th annual Benefit Week, this fundraiser will feature the school’s top pre-professional ensembles. The evening’s honorree is Nancy Lushington, the current artistic advisor and former artistic director of the Steffi Nossen Dance Foundation. The evening also includes a silent auction. Performing Arts Center at SUNY Purchase, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. Silent auction and cocktails at 6 p.m. Performance at 8 p.m. $50 to $175. Info and tickets: 914-328-1900 or www.steffinossen.org.

**Edward Arron & Friends.** This string quartet lends itself to camaraderie, and with a theme of friendship, Arron brings together alumni of Caramoor’s Rising Stars mentoring program and Artistic Director Pamela Frank for an evening of inspiring chamber music. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 8 p.m. $15, $15, $35, $45 and $55. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

**Firefighters Charity Cup.** The White Plains Firefighters will take on the Westchester Firefighters in a Battle of the Bravest. All proceeds of the hockey match will benefit Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley. This is the 20th annual charity cup held by the firefighters. The event will take place at 3:30 p.m. at the Ebersole Ice Rink in White Plains. Last year Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley was thrilled to receive a $19,300 check from PFFA Local 274.

**Whiskey Festival.** At the Harrison Wine Vault, 289 Halstead Ave., Harrison. Sample over 35 different whiskies including rare and special bottlings; 2 to 5 p.m. $10 entrance fee will be donated to Pet Rescue.

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