



Woodlands Shocks No. 1 Bronxville 25-22 in Semifinal Showdown

By Skip Pearlman

The Woodlands High Falcons proved they are part escape artist and part prizefighter in Saturday's Class C semifinal showdown against Bronxville.

The Falcons, somehow, took every punch the Broncos threw at them, and there were plenty. And, Woodlands managed to escape jam after jam throughout the contest. Every time it looked like the Broncos were about to take over the game and live up to their top ranking, the Falcons made like Houdini and escaped unscathed, with their lead intact.

In a truly entertaining game at Bronxville High School, where the outcome wasn't decided until the final play of the game, it was fourth-seeded Woodlands that made the most of every opportunity, and was rewarded with a 25-22 victory.

Woodlands (3-4) will take on No. 2 Rye Neck (6-1), for the third consecutive year, in the Class C championship game Saturday at noon at Mahopac High School. Woodlands won two years ago, with Rye Neck taking last year's title.



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The Falcons had a lot of heroes on this day, but none bigger than WR/LB Jon Stewart. The senior captain started, and played the first quarter, at quarterback, marching the Falcons down the field on their opening drive and capping it off with a TD pass to Miguel Lanier.

Stewart also ran for 75 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries. On defense he forced and recovered a fumble, had an interception, and led the team in tackles.

Senior DB Rashad Baker came up huge in shutting down Bronxville's No. 1 receiver, Charlie Tarry. Baker broke up two potential TD passes

do at Westchester Community College to support citizenship education of our employees, students and their families," Wisell said. "Community colleges have the power to positively impact the lives of thousands of individuals on a daily basis in a variety of ways."

Westchester Community College is part of the National Immigration Forum's New American Workforce project. Wisell is Vice President and Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at Westchester Community College. In that role, she oversees the Gateway Center, a facility opened in

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Greenburgh Looking Into Expansion of Car Sales Along Central Avenue

By Pat Casey

In order to provide a more equitable distribution of car dealerships in the CA Central Avenue Mixed Use Impact District of Greenburgh, the Town Board is entertaining new legislation.

The proposed law would allow pre-existing motor vehicle uses and sales lots as a special permit use and would allow the opening up of sites along Central Avenue for new dealerships.

At the meeting of the Town Board on October 22nd, the Board voted to act as the SEQRA lead agency for the special permit change and referred the

proposed law to the Planning Board and Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee for review.

During open comments from the public, opinions for and against the new law were expressed.

In opposition it was suggested that special permits should be offered to any type of business, not just car sellers.

One landowner said he had already been approached by a car dealership looking to open a new facility on Central Avenue. He also commented that car dealerships had been stigmatized 30 to 40 years ago and that the new face of

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White Plains Resident Honored at White House Ceremony

By Pat Casey

The White House honored White Plains resident Teresita Wisell, a Westchester Community College administrator, for her role as a "Champion of Change" last week.

Wisell was one of five people from across the country recognized at a ceremony at the White House, October 23rd, as "New American Workforce" partners for promoting citizenship in the workplace, a program that works with businesses to assist eligible immigrant employees to become U.S. citizens.

"It is such an honor for me to receive this award on behalf of the work that we

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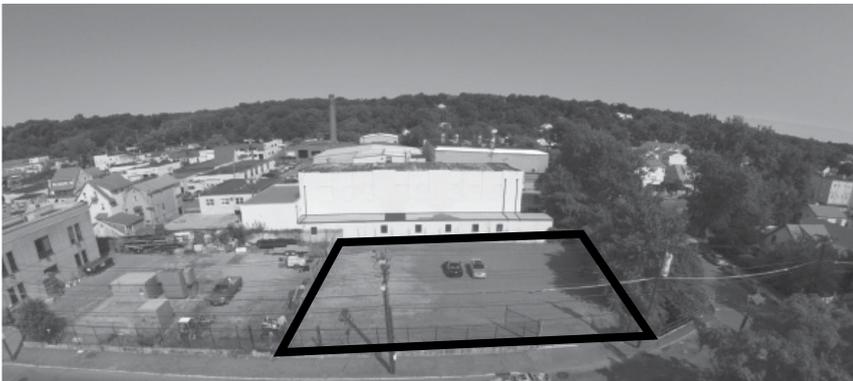
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2010 to expand educational programs and services to the local community. Since 2011, the college has offered free civics education to over 250 residents of Westchester County. Of those participating, 60 percent have applied for citizenship, and 96 percent of those who have applied have been naturalized.



Teresita Wisell is congratulated at a White House ceremony, October 23, for her work at Westchester Community College's Gateway Center.

A statement from the White House said: "These champions have strengthened their businesses and the American workforce by helping eligible immigrants navigate the naturalization application process. These champions recognize that citizenship is an asset for businesses, workers and their families, strengthening our overall economy."

Among other offerings and resources, the facility hosts English language classes, entrepreneurship and financial literacy programs, and citizenship and

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automotive sales was very different. "Car dealerships should be viewed with a positive approach," he said, "because they bring in more retail tax dollars than most other businesses."

Town Supervisor Paul Feiner said he had been in touch with the New York Car Dealers Association about the proposed law change. "They have offered to review the legislation and suggest improvements," he added.

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Nadine Hunt-Robinson Wants to Keep Her Seat on the White Plains Council

By Pat Casey

Appointed to fill the White Plains Common Council seat left vacant when Ben Boykin left to serve on the county Board of Legislators in February 2014, Nadine Hunt-Robinson wants to work for the full balance of Boykin's term, keeping the seat for another year.

During this year's special election, she faces former Common Council and Republican candidate Terence Guerriere.

Guerriere lost his bid for a seat on the Council during the 2011 elections.

At the time of her appointment by a unanimous and fully Democrat Council, Hunt-Robinson was a registered member of the Independence Party. On November 4, she is running on the Democrat, Working Families and Independence party lines.

Hunt-Robinson is proud that her family is the third generation living in White Plains. She had lived in the Highlands neighborhood and now resides in the Fisher Hill section of the city.

She has a BA in Psychology from Adelphi University and a law degree from Villanova University School of Law. She has worked as an executive for Fortune 500 companies and managed major financial assets. Her work in the

environmental sector has made her an expert on catastrophic events and the resulting environmental claims. She is also knowledgeable in brownfields redevelopment.

Upon her appointment to the Council earlier this year, Hunt-Robinson was named chair of the Mayor's Youth Board. She actively promotes Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) subjects in the schools and after-school programs to enhance the education of the city's youth. This is a way to make White Plains a tech savvy magnet for technology businesses she says.

Saying that her vision for White Plains includes strong economic growth while protecting the residents' quality of life, Hunt-Robinson feels very strongly about protecting the city's outer as well as inner neighborhoods.

She sees residential growth in the core and close-in neighborhoods as a key to promoting local business, especially for rebuilding the retail stores that have suffered in the White Plains downtown.

Acknowledging that one of the major challenges to brick and mortar retail stores is online shopping, Hunt-Robinson believes that more residential development in the city's core will drive



Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson

the necessary foot traffic to bring more people into the shops struggling to stay open. That would also increase the tax base, she says.

"I would like to see Post Road rival the restaurant row on Mamaroneck Avenue and residential development on the Post Road and Mamaroneck Avenue," she explains.

Aware that development has become a contentious issue in White Plains, especially as it encroaches on the quality of life in the neighborhoods, Hunt-Robinson has outlined a specific process for making choices on which development projects may or may not be appropriate for a particular area.

I would start with the Comprehensive Plan and how that protects the neighborhoods, then look at the zoning ordinance. It is important that development remains in harmony with the environment and that the public health, welfare and safety are protected, she says.

When it comes to a specific decision

on the French American School of New York (FASNY) Special permit and Site Plan application for the development of a regional school in the Gedney neighborhood, Hunt-Robinson feels it is important to keep her decision open until the final votes are cast.

On this subject, she is in direct opposition to her opponent's position, which is to say he already has determined he would throw out the FASNY proposal.

Hunt-Robinson would also like to see proposed historic landmark preservation legislation passed in White Plains that would help preserve open spaces as well as historic sites and buildings in the city.

She does warn, however, that it is important for White Plains not to be viewed as a difficult environment for developers.

With regard to her opponent's position that White Plains residents should be offered free parking in city-owned lots, Hunt-Robinson said she thought that was a good idea, too, until she landed on the Common Council and became aware of all the realities.

White Plains does have a program for very low-cost resident parking during the evenings and on weekends, she said. "They can purchase a permit for \$75 annually."

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Terence Guerriere Makes a Second Bid For a Seat on the White Plains Council

By Pat Casey

Terence Guerriere, a life-long resident of White Plains, and well-known citizen on the front lines of neighborhood activism, has once again obtained the endorsement of the Republican Party and is running on their line in a special election against Common Council appointee and incumbent Nadine Hunt-Robinson.

Facing a fully Democrat Council and a heavy Democrat voting block in White Plains, Guerriere says he is an independent voice for the people. He is also hoping his position on stopping the French American School of New York (FASNY) from developing the former Ridgeway Country Club will pull some needed votes from a formerly staunch Democrat base that is frustrated by what they consider to be a Common Council that is not responding to their neighborhood's request to stop the FASNY development.

If the FASNY proposal does not go through, Guerriere expects that based on the site's zoning of single-family residences on ¾-acre lots, with environmentally sensitive areas and required setbacks, there would be space for 40 to 50 new



Terence Guerriere

homes, which would add to the city's tax roll, he said.

But FASNY is not the only development in White Plains Guerriere is sensitive to. He has seen how many

neighborhoods are suffering through a transition as developers continue to press on the fringes. He sees White Plains at a crossroads. "I want to help White Plains meet those challenges and go in the right direction," he explains.

At recent community debates, Guerriere has mentioned the Sunrise Detox Center that was threatening the Carhart neighborhood and the Salvation Army expansion on the outskirts of Fisher Hill and bordering the Highlands neighborhood.

"Development is wonderful if it is done correctly," he says. "There must be cooperation among the developers, residents and the city. We must rely on the zoning ordinance and ensure that proper zoning is being followed so we can

preserve our neighborhoods."

Bothered by the many empty store fronts in the White Plains downtown district, Guerriere has a plan to bring more city residents out of the neighborhoods and into the shops by offering them free parking on weekday evenings and all day on the weekends at city-owned parking structures.

"This will encourage more people to head downtown and will ultimately add to more shopping and the city's retail tax income," he said.

Scoffing at the city's current offer of \$75 annually for a permit that allows residents to park in the evenings and on weekends in specified parking structures in the city, Guerriere maintains that even \$75 is too much and the program not extensive enough.

Concerned that the city must live within its means, Guerriere would like to see public safety staffing return to former levels. He is worried that not enough police officers are available to police the outer neighborhoods when they are so busy handling the nighttime crowds on Mamaroneck Avenue.

Having lived in several of the White Plains neighborhood, including North

Broadway and now Gedney, Guerriere has been involved as president and on the board of those respective neighborhood associations, which he feels gives him a perspective on many aspects of White Plains life.

He has also volunteered on the White Plains Planning Board, Capital Projects Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Budget Advisory Committee.

He is a business executive and attorney in the real estate and insurance industries, former educator, and former small business owner.

Guerriere says he is "committed to challenge the status quo on the Council and provide an independent voice for the people of White Plains. I will work hard to protect our neighborhoods and preserve the character of our entire city."

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Latimer Looks to Fend Off Challenge in First Senate Re-election Bid

By Martin Wilbur

Politics can be a rough-and-tumble business no matter what level of government.

In his first re-election bid to hold onto the 37th Senate District seat that he gained in a tough campaign against Bob Cohen two years ago, George Latimer faces first-time candidate Joseph Dillon, a bit of a surprise entry last summer. He said he believes that the Republicans didn't want to give him a free pass, especially since most of the members of the Senate's Independent Democratic Conference have indicated they will caucus with their own party next session, potentially placing the GOP's tenuous majority in jeopardy.

"Joe got into this race in the middle of July because the Senate Republicans, the Republican leadership was looking for somebody to run against all of our candidates," said Latimer, 60. "The Senate Republicans wanted to make sure I was opposed."

While there have been some predictably tough moments, it's something that Latimer has grown accustomed to serving for more than 25 years, starting on the Rye City Council, continuing for 13 years on the Westchester County Board of Legislators, followed by eight more in the



State Senator George Latimer

Assembly and the past two years in the Senate.

Latimer brushed off accusations by his opponent that he is a staunchly partisan legislator and invited to people to inspect his record. He said he has always reached across the aisle, appointing Republicans to committee chairmanships as the and will continue to do so.

"In the Senate right now I have the most bipartisan record of any Senator when it comes to co-sponsoring other people's bills," Latimer said. "Fifty-five percent of the bills I co-sponsor are from Republicans. No other member of the Senate has sponsored more bills from the other party."

Taxes

As a member of the Assembly, Latimer voted against the tax cap in 2011 because it failed to deliver any mandate relief, which severely impacts local and county government. He supports the state cover the costs for mandates that it generates

"When you put pressure on the entity that divides what the taxation should be,

then you'll get pressure to reform," Latimer said. "You're not going to get pressure to reform when the state legislature says we balance our budget, you've got to get your house in order. That's baloney if we have unfunded mandates."

One of the biggest is Medicaid and Latimer has advocated that the expense must be fully assumed by the state. (New York is the only state to force counties to contribute.) He also has proposed having the state pick up pension cost overruns, not saddling municipalities with what has been millions of dollars that need to be set aside

Education/Common Core

Latimer acknowledged that while in the Assembly he voted in favor of the state accepting more than \$700 million from the federal government to start implementing Common Core. However, the rollout of the initiative was poor and is hurting some of the high-achieving districts throughout Westchester, such as Byram Hills, Bedford and Blind Brook.

He said the state should take a timeout and recalibrate how it figures the standards rather than scrapping the entire plan through a repeal.

"How you get to the standards, in my judgment, is a district-by-district evaluation and not a standard evaluation,"

said Latimer, who also criticized the data collection component.

Latimer said lawmakers obtained greater funding for Westchester districts while reducing the impact of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA), although he admits funding has not returned to 2009 levels. He is hopeful there will be elimination of the GEA.

Energy

The veteran lawmaker opposes hydraulic fracturing, at least until an independent health demonstrates with a level of assurance that the natural gas can be extracted safely and to properly treat the effluent.

SAFE Act

While there are portions that may be in need of clarification, Latimer supports most of the bill that was passed in January 2012. He said the courts have already overruled on limiting the ammunition to seven clips

Latimer said he is open to amending other portions of the bill.

"I'm looking for a reasonable middle ground," he said. "There are people on the left who want to confiscate personal handguns. I don't think that's viable nor is it the right thing to do."

He is also a supporter of the Women's Equality Act.

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ELECTION 2014: MEET THE CANDIDATES

Dillon Looks to Bring Fresh Approach to State, 37th Senate District

By Martin Wilbur

Joseph Dillon has had a varied career in private and public sectors that has given him a definite perspective on how government should operate.

He was senior vice president of global policy for Visa and served as a senior adviser and chief of staff to the undersecretary for domestic finance in the U.S. Department of Treasury during the George W. Bush administration. He returned to the private sector in 2007, in time to be laid off during the height of the economic upheaval.

Afterwards, Dillon launched his own government affairs consulting firm.

"I think that the people of the 37th (Senate) District have a historic opportunity in this election and this is why I'm running," said Dillon, who is on the Republican, Conservative and Independence party lines against Democrat George Latimer. "I think my opponent and I offer very, very different points of view and approaches to the voters and this seat could determine which party controls the state Senate."

Taxes

Dillon, 48, a Yonkers resident, sees New York State as being hostile to business and uncompetitive because of high tax rates and complicated regulations. He would



Joseph Dillon

propose across-the-board tax cuts for businesses and individuals.

Calling START-UP NY, Gov. Cuomo's initiative to have businesses that relocate or expand to New York pay no taxes for 10 years, "a gimmick," Dillon said he would propose cutting taxes on individuals by at least two points. He would also repeal the MTA payroll tax and institute Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

"If we want to create a path to prosperity for New York State, for our children, we have to think about what's going to create the kind of environment to bring those jobs and those careers and those good, high paying jobs for our kids, and that's the kind of approach I'd like to bring to Albany," Dillon said.

To ease the crushing burden of property taxes on homeowners, Dillon would support a circuit-breaker to tie at least a portion of the property tax to income.

Mandate Relief

Real mandate relief is also essential to help the taxpayer. Dillon said he wants to see a comprehensive approach to review

mandates across the board and end all unfunded mandates. In short, if the state wants a mandate, they should have to pay for it.

New York is the only state that requires its counties to pay a portion of its Medicaid bill, and Dillon would support a multiyear phase-in for the state to take over the entire cost of the bill.

If elected, Dillon said he would vote to end the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA), a tool that was introduced about five years ago to take 5 percent from all districts' state aid to plug holes in the state's general budget. Despite a slowly improving economy, the GEA remains in place.

Education

Dillon wants to see the full repeal of the Common Core, which he called an attempt to "federalize" the curriculum and requiring too much testing of students. Instead, Dillon said the state should focus more on STEM curriculum to prepare students for 21st century jobs.

Energy

While Dillon acknowledges that "he's all about jobs," he would not support hydraulic fracturing, a practice of extracting natural gas, unless studies could prove that it can be done without endangering the environment and water supplies.

Phasing out Indian Point because of safety concerns and introducing renewable energy should also be a priority.

Women's Equality Act

Dillon said he enthusiastically supports the first nine planks of the Women's Equality Act, including equal pay and greater protections against domestic violence and harassment. However, he vehemently opposes the last plank, making late-term abortions available if the life or the health of the mother is in danger. What Democrats have included, is far outside the mainstream approach, he said.

"This is where I have an issue," said Dillon, who added that it wouldn't jeopardize a women's right to choose, which is outlined in the current law and in *Roe v. Wade*. "I find that to be reprehensible."

Dillon supports a full repeal of the SAFE Act, which was passed a month after the Newtown, Conn. massacre.

He also backs term limits that would restrict service of officials to eight years in office and chided Latimer for being "a 30-year career politician" who votes along party lines 97 percent of the time.

"I'm doing this not to have a career in Albany," Dillon explained. "I'm going up there for a finite time period to get things done."

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Senator Stewart-Cousins Bid for Re-election Is Not Quite Uncontested

By Pat Casey

Andrea Stewart Cousins is seeking re-election to the 35th NYS Senate District seat, representing Greenburgh, Scarsdale, most of White Plains, New Rochelle, and Yonkers, where she resides. She was first elected to the state senate in 2006. In December 2012 she was elected to serve as Leader of the Senate Democratic Conference, becoming the first female leader of a legislative conference in New York State history.

During the 2014 election Senator Stewart-Cousins is running on the Democratic, Working Families and Independence party lines. While she has a challenger, Robert Lopez Foti, endorsed by the Republican and Conservative parties, he has been absent during the campaign giving the appearance that Stewart-Cousins is running uncontested.

With a long history of fighting for the rights of the disenfranchised, Stewart-Cousins is an advocate for the health and equality of women in New York State. Two important steps she intends to follow through on after the election include passage of the entire 10-point Women's Equality Act and ensuring Paid Family Leave becomes law in New York State.

"The unfortunate reality is that women's lives in our state are much different than men: women make 70 cents to the dollar that a man makes and are more likely to be victims of domestic violence or face gender discrimination," Stewart-Cousins says.

Promoting the economy, increasing jobs and the environment are other key issues on the Senator's agenda. "I am completely

for a moratorium on fracking until scientifically it is proven one way or the other that it is or is not safe," she said.

This year, the Senate Democratic Conference led by Senator Stewart-Cousins introduced and advocated reform of New York's Ethics Laws. Stewart-Cousins says she does not believe in term limits. "Voters know how to vote," she explained. "I want to ensure that they all get a chance to vote." Having once lost an election by a mere 18 votes, Stewart-Cousins said she is very aware of the value of each vote cast.

"We have to be respectful of and responsible with how we spend tax dollars. I support regional symmetry and balance in the state and relationships between government and the private sector when it is necessary," she concludes.

"I served on the governor's Mandate Relief Task Force and sponsored legislation for municipalities to share services," she said at a recent candidates debate in White Plains. "We made this part of New York State Policy to help lower taxes. I don't understand why school taxes have to be the exclusive burden of property owners. We are all benefitting from our school systems," she said, adding: "We have to look for ways to get people to share services and incentivize it."

The Senator voted for a five-year plan to implement universal pre-kindergarten throughout the state. Stewart-Cousins also recognizes the constraints placed on school districts by the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) and fought this year for \$602 million of GEA restorations. Moving forward, she is committed to continue chipping away at the GEA until it is fully eliminated.

Deeply distressed with the implementation of the Common Core this year, Stewart-Cousins says she recognizes the need for change and voted on reforms to the Common Core implementation including limiting the amount of time spent on testing and the number of tests administered to students. She also fought and voted for a moratorium on the Common Core testing component of teacher evaluations. She also voted to protect student privacy by prohibiting private contractors from harvesting mass student data.



Senator
Stewart-Cousins

Abinanti Pursues Increased Fairness in Bid to Hold 92nd District Assembly Seat

By Pat Casey

Calling himself an issue-oriented progressive Democrat with the endorsement of the Working Families Party, Tom Abinanti wants to see fairness return to politics and governance in New York State. In seeking re-election to the 92nd Assembly District, which includes Greenburgh and Mount Pleasant, he does not agree with everything the state's current administration is doing.

Since he was elected to the district in November 2011, Abinanti says he began working for change. This is the work he wants to continue.

"I am not shy about being critical of Governor Cuomo," Abinanti says. "Many people are disenchanted with the direction we are taking. I would like to see the administration change its philosophy about austerity. It's not good. People need government. What we are seeing is a decline of fairness."

As a former Westchester County Legislator for 19 years, Abinanti, 67, and a resident of Pleasantville, says he judges everything on the basis of how it opens up the community for more participation. He considers his work in Albany important because it establishes major policies. Local governments can do more but for fewer people.

The first thing Abinanti wants to do is to get the state to pay its fair share. "Concentration on reducing taxes for the people at the top is just the wrong emphasis, the state should be focusing on services," he contends. "By limiting revenues, it is impossible for the state to perform basic services. The rich are paying too little and everyone else is paying too much. We have to get rid of this reliance on property taxes."

Abinanti calls Cuomo's mandate relief committee illusory. "What most people are complaining about are the big ticket items, but they form the basis for the very way we run the system," he said. Taking pensions as an example, Abinanti explained that these are built into the New York system. "There have been abuses, but they are not typical of the system. The mandates most people are talking about don't add up to much savings."

With regard to big-ticket items like Medicaid, Abinanti feels that is the state's responsibility, with some local participation.

Abinanti sees New York State divided into three primary areas: New York City, up state and the suburbs. He has developed relationships with the legislators on both sides of the aisle from Putnam, Rockland, Orange and Westchester counties in the Hudson Valley and Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island.

"The suburbs have to watch every bit of policy because it affects us," Abinanti

explained. This is especially important when the representatives for New York City are looking to pick up votes he continued, adding: "Most of us from the suburbs are on the same page or essentially on the same page."

This is very apparent when considering education policy such as Common Core Curriculum. "In the suburbs we have very good school districts for the most part. New York City might not look at the policy details the same way as the suburbs," Abinanti said.

Abinanti wants to freeze everything in the Common Core Curriculum. "It was an outrage and unprofessional roll out," he said. "I asked for the resignation of the Commissioner of Education. He did not meet with the school superintendents before rolling the program out. How do you make a major policy decision before meeting with the people who will be carrying it out? This is a step down for us in the suburbs."

Saying he is in constant communication with the municipalities in his district, Abinanti is aware that "just about everyone was furious about the 2 percent tax cap."

"Everyone is trying to comply, but you can't push things off. The roads are deteriorating, for example," he said.

Regarding the new Tappan Zee Bridge, Abinanti believes that the toll should not have to increase more than \$2 or \$3. In fact, he claims that if the bridge paid simply for itself and not a greater portion of the NYS thruway system, this would be possible.

On the SAFE Act, Abinanti feels there are good and bad points, which could have been worked out if the bill had not been raced through the legislature.

On campaign reform, Abinanti supports public matching funds. He explained that by changing a few laws here and there we are not getting to the essence of the problem, which is the reliance on big money. "Small contributions from everyday people maximizes their contribution," he said.

Abinanti would like to see the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant closed and he does not believe fracking is safe for New York at this point. "I will continue voting for a moratorium on fracking until we can prove it does not hurt people," he said.

A supporter of the Women's Equality Act, Abinanti regards the later term abortion issue as one that should be governed by health principles. "It is currently in penal law and should be moved out to civil law," he said.



NYS Assemblyman
Thomas Abinanti

Robert Lopez Foti Appears to be the Mystery Candidate for NYS Senate

By Pat Casey

Robert Lopez Foti's name will appear on the ballot for the NYS 35th



Robert Lopez Foti

Senate District on the Republican and Conservative party lines this November 4. He, however, remains a mystery candidate with no web site, no public commentary or policy statements, or appearances at candidate debates. We have not been able to contact him for input on his candidacy.

ELECTION 2014: MEET THE CANDIDATES

Challenger Mike Duffy Seeks a Chance in the 92nd State Assembly District

By Pat Casey

Mike Duffy, 62, is running for the 92nd New York State Assembly District, challenging Democratic incumbent Tom Abinanti.

"A seat in the New York State Assembly is the people's seat," Duffy says, adding that after years of working in law enforcement he now wants to focus his attention on a different area of public service.

"I've always had an interest in politics," he said. Duffy's first political run was for a district leader position with the Republican Party in 2010. "That's how I got my feet wet with the local party," he added.

In 2012 he decided to run for a seat on the Mount Pleasant Town Board; he's lived there for 22 years. Throwing his hat in the ring a bit too late, Duffy says he missed out on the opportunity as another candidate beat him to it and won the party's nomination.

Then in 2013 he began speaking with several party officials and they gave him the nod at the GOP convention in May to run for a seat on the state assembly. An endorsement by the Conservative Party followed soon after.

Duffy also says it doesn't hurt that Westchester County Executive, Rob Astorino, the Republican gubernatorial candidate, also shares the same home town, Mount Pleasant.

Duffy smiles when he says he has not

left the 10601 zip code of downtown White Plains too often. He was born and raised in White Plains, went to St. John the Evangelist School on Hamilton Avenue, then Stepinac High School, followed by John Jay College of Criminal Justice, part of City University of New York.

Later he attended Pace Law School, obtaining a law degree, where his big interest was land use law, although his current focus as an attorney is criminal defense.

Duffy became a White Plains Police officer in 1972 assigned to the Patrol and Detective Divisions, serving on the Street Crime Unit and Vice Control Unit. His work there involved narcotics, prostitution and gambling violations.

In 1985 he went to the Westchester County District Attorney's office as a criminal investigator. In 2004, he retired, began work at a White Plains law firm as an associate and in 2006 he struck out on his own. His law office is located in the White Plains downtown, within walking distance of the courthouses.

Duffy is also a member of the Mount Pleasant Industrial Development Agency.

On the issues, Duffy says the property tax question is key. "In every municipality you hear that property taxes have to be driven down by controlling mandates at the state level." As a fiscal conservative, he believes the towns should control their own budgets. "You can't waste people's



Mike Duffy

money," he said.

Duffy agrees with the 2 percent tax cap and believes Medicaid payments should be taken on by the State, relieving the counties of the burden.

While Duffy supports most of the 10 points of the Women's Equality Act and thinks equal pay for women is a no-brainer, he is not a supporter of late-term abortions. "That is a deal breaker for me," he said.

Referring to Indian Point, Duffy feels that for the most part nuclear power plants are fairly safe. He's generally in favor of hydro-fracking, although he acknowledges the verdict is still out in New York and doesn't want to promote any technology that damages the environment or harms people and their property.

He likes the idea of alternative and renewable energy sources like wind and solar power, but is not sure what the energy return is. "If clean energy can produce the same amount of power as traditional sources, then go with the clean energy," he says.

On Common Core education, Duffy considers there are good parts and bad parts to the program. Admitting he's not an education expert, Duffy would like to

see the program re-evaluated.

As far as the new Tappan Zee Bridge goes, Duffy believes a toll increase up to \$14 would have a negative impact on the local economy. He would rather see Light Rail Transit on the new bridge rather than the planned Bus Rapid Transit. "Buses will be stuck on the bridge with the rest of the traffic," he said.

Coming from a strong background in public safety, Duffy said he would totally repeal the SAFE Act and rebuild the law. "I call it the so-called safe act because it doesn't make anybody safe," he said.

"It's a bad law, passed in the middle of the night. Nobody wants mentally ill people to have guns. Westchester County already does a mental health check and a criminal and background check. The legislation did not exclude law enforcement, who were carrying 15 rounds in their service weapons, criminalizing them overnight. I think we are going to see much of the law found unconstitutional as time goes by. We have the 2nd Amendment in this country and there is a reason for it."

Duffy would like to see term limits of about eight years for all state seats. That is enough time to get things done, he said. "Unlimited terms breed corruption, and politicians begin to feel the seat is theirs, not the people's seat. The 92nd District seat has been democratic for a long time. It is time for a change."

Uncontested Incumbents Paulin and Buchwald Run for State Assembly

By Pat Casey

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, has served the 88th New York State Assembly District (Scarsdale, Eastchester, Tuckahoe, Bronxville, Pelham, Pelham Manor, and parts of New Rochelle and White Plains) since 2001. She is running uncontested in the 2014 election on the Democratic and Working Families party lines.

Paulin chairs the Assembly Committee on Energy, and serves on the Committees on Education, Higher Education, and Health.

A full-time legislator, Paulin says she loves her job. Her diverse legislative agenda includes state government reform, children and families, domestic violence, sex trafficking, education, health care, animal welfare and gun control. As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Energy, Assemblywoman Paulin has worked to encourage renewable energy and ensure the electricity grid is reliable.

To date 152 of her bills have been signed into law. One of her most important legislative accomplishments was writing and sponsoring the bill that eliminated the statute of limitations for rape. She currently is heavily vested in getting the entire 10 points of the Women's Equality



Assemblywoman Amy Paulin and Assemblyman David Buchwald at a recent candidates forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters in White Plains.

Act passed through the State legislature.

Assemblyman David Buchwald, is also running uncontested for re-election to NYS Assembly District 93, including North Salem, Lewisboro, Bedford, Pound Ridge, City of Mount Kisco, New Castle, North Castle, Harrison, and part of City of White Plains. He is running on the Democratic and Working Families party lines.

Buchwald was elected to the Assembly in November 2012. Prior to that, he was a member of the White Plains Common Council.

Buchwald grew up in Larchmont and attended the Mamaroneck public schools. He has lived in White Plains for 12 years. David married his wife, Lara, on March 1, 2014.

In the Assembly he has worked as

an advocate for small businesses in the Westchester community and to increase education funding in his district. He was also involved in getting a \$1 million grant for White Plains to investigate development of the Metro North train station.

Buchwald serves on the Assembly's election law committee to set higher standards and election reform, including efforts to provide better privacy in polling places, and online registration. He sees structural problems related to campaign finance and is working to reduce limits on campaign donations. He is also a proponent of redistricting reform. "We need a system that allows people to choose their reps and not the other way round," he said.

Buchwald sees further hurdles to overcome to heal government in Albany. He wrote legislation to strip the pensions of government officials who have been convicted of a felony and has confidence the legislation will pass. "The bill has over 90 co-sponsors," he said.

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ELECTION 2014: MEET THE CANDIDATES

Helping Constituents Biggest Thrill as Lowey Seeks 14th Term

By Martin Wilbur

Rep. Nita Lowey may be completing her 26th year in the House of Representatives but she hasn't lost her zest and passion for serving the country and residents of her district.

During another grueling campaign, where despite her experience she refuses to take the outcome for granted, Lowey, 78, rises early to greet commuters at train stations and bus stops throughout the reconfigured 17th Congressional District, which for the first time takes in all of Rockland County in addition to much of central and northern Westchester.

"You know what gives me the greatest joy of all? Helping people," said Lowey, a Harrison resident who is running on the Democratic and Working Family lines against first-time candidate, Republican Chris Day. "I love being able to help people and making a difference in their lives. Whether it's an individual case with the veterans or whether it's providing \$4 million to Head Start, you really make a big difference in people's lives."

Part of making a difference is not only tending to the big issues of the day but on the smaller ones that affect the public regularly. Throughout her congressional career, Lowey has focused on health-related issues, such as introducing legislation requiring clear and concise information regarding food allergens. She also helped lead the legislation that

helped set the national standard of a .08 blood-alcohol for intoxication.

The health issue facing the international medical community today is preventing the Ebola virus from mushrooming into a global crisis. Most recently, Lowey met with regional hospital directors to hear their plans for testing, isolation and treating patients afflicted with the virus. Properly treating Ebola patients will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars each and Lowey has pledged to fight for greater federal funding for hospitals to deal with the challenge.

She brushed aside Day's criticism of the Obama Administration acting too slowly. Cutting off flights from certain countries, for example, is unrealistic in a global economy.

"They don't come directly from Liberia," Lowey said. "What are you going to do, cut off all flights from Great Britain?"

Another major concern for Lowey is the spiraling cost of college tuition. She said she has pressed her congressional colleagues to allow students to refinance their college loans. With so many recent graduates \$50,000 to \$60,000 or more in debt, refinancing would ease their burden and help the economy.

"Big business can do it, why shouldn't students?" Lowey asked.

Lowey said the threat of terrorism would not force her to support placing



Congresswoman
Nita Lowey

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Turkey.

"Some like (General Martin) Dempsey have said this can't be done without troops on the ground but we're not doing this alone," Lowey said. "It's not the United States of America versus ISIS, so I applaud the president for moving in a very thoughtful and strategic way and building a coalition."

Lowey took issue with her opponent's characterization that she is anything less than one of the staunchest supporters of Israel in the U.S. Congress. She acknowledged that the brief interruption of commercial flights this summer was wrong when unrest flared but through her leadership the U.S. was able to quickly restore them and continue helping Israel with funding.

As the ranking Democrat of the Appropriations Committee, Lowey said she has 12 subcommittees that report to her, influence she is able to use to help

American troops on the ground in Iraq to fight ISIS at this time. She agrees with the formation of the coalition that should be led by many of the countries in the region, such as

fund initiatives she feels is crucial to the district, such as more money for Head Start.

While Lowey is pleased that the stock market continues to be near record highs despite a recent pullback and unemployment is at its lowest since the Great Recession, she is worried about those who can't find jobs. She wants to see more resources placed in educating today's students for careers related to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Training in those fields, particularly the energy industry, is crucial as the country steadily moves away from dependence on foreign oil and explores alternatives, Lowey said. She said she wants to see nuclear energy phased out at Indian Point and eventually converted to another source.

"That is why I'm so focused on education, preparing our young people for the jobs of the future so we're ready," she said.

Lowey said she was able to help move forward construction of the new Tappan Zee Bridge, but waiting until federal funds are in place to build the bridge wasn't realistic, funding Day said he would fight to obtain.

"If he thinks as a back-bencher he's going to influence the Tea Party crowd and the Republican Party, I have some questions," Lowey said.

Challenger Day Ready to Tackle Big Challenges for 17th C.D. District

By Martin Wilbur

This year's race for the 17th Congressional District seat may be Chris Day's first candidacy for public office, but he's no political neophyte.

Last fall he managed the successful race waged by his father, Rockland County Executive Ed Day, and was planning to do the same for a would-be candidate who was set to take on longtime Rep. Nita Lowey this November.

However, that candidate dropped out early this year and the district's Republicans turned to Day to represent the party. The 29-year-old Yale graduate and former U.S. Army Infantry officer, who served two months in Iraq and a year in Afghanistan, was ready to focus on his five-year-old son and career at a private equity and venture capital firm that invests in Israeli tech startups.

"I felt the challenges we are facing as a country are enormous and I'm not really seeing people being focused on them and trying to bring people together and tackle it," said Day, who is running on the Republican and Conservative lines. "My concerns are that (my son) and kids of his generation are not going to have the

opportunity that I had so I decided to run."

Issues that have been ignored are real solutions for the economy, which hasn't responded well since the Great Recession despite gains on Wall Street; corporate taxation that doesn't benefit individuals or businesses; a broken immigration policy; and foreign policy that is "rudderless."

Regarding the economy, Day wants to see a simplification of the corporate tax code and to close the loopholes that sees Fortune 500 companies typically pay about 12 percent taxes on company profits while small businesses are paying close to 35 percent.

Day said his plan would call for companies that meet certain criteria for employee pay, executive compensation and outsourced and overseas production receive a 13 percent tax rate. Those companies that don't meet the standards would continue to pay the current 35 percent rate.

By providing companies with an incentive to pay better salaries and limiting outsourcing to foreign countries, that would address income inequality and get more people off federal programs such



Chris Day

as food stamps.

He supports term limits and a balanced budget amendment, calling the national debt an economic and national security threat.

Day is a supporter of Gen. Martin Dempsey's recommendation to put 15,000 troops into Iraq to head off the growing threat from ISIS. He criticized the administration and Lowey for its slow action to provide support to its growing threat in Iraq.

Despite Lowey's pro-Israel history, Day criticized her and the administration for cutting off commercial flights to Tel Aviv but not to and from nations impacted by the Ebola virus, which should have been done already.

The lack of urgency in Washington manifests itself in the immigration debate. Day said that the absence of a coherent immigration policy--both legal and illegal--and the inability to secure the country's borders and ports is a matter of

human safety and national security.

The country must continue to explore alternative and renewable energy sources, including replacement of the energy generated by Indian Point nuclear power plant. However, Day took issue with Lowey's contention that the United States is now more energy independent, saying it depends far too much on foreign oil.

He also took the congresswoman to task for her inability to secure funding--not just loans--to help finance the new Tappan Zee Bridge construction. While she does bring money back to the district, Day pointed out that she had no legislation passed in 2013.

Day pledged to work with pragmatists on both sides of the aisle and be willing to compromise, but wouldn't kowtow to Speaker John Boehner or the Tea Party.

"If you think America is going in the wrong direction, if you think we need a new way of getting things done, and focus on pragmatic issues and focus on 21st century approaches instead of a 20th century approach to things, new ideas, fresh ideas, independent ideas working across the aisle, then vote for me instead," Day said.

Locals Praise Astorino's Concern for Community

Political Success, Gubernatorial Run Hasn't Changed County Exec

By Janine Bowen

County Executive Rob Astorino may be behind in the polls in next week's gubernatorial race, but local residents who know him best and have followed his political career since high school aren't counting him out yet.

Growing up in Thornwood, Astorino attended Westlake High School, where he was involved in student government and frequently sought out leadership roles, according to former superintendent John Whearty. It came as no surprise to him when Astorino was elected to a seat on the Mount Pleasant Board of Education while he was still a student at Fordham University.

As the youngest board member in the state at that time, Whearty said Astorino was a highly effective trustee, always financially responsible while working for what was best for students. Whearty recalled Astorino as someone who could tackle tough issues delicately and appreciated tough, honest answers.

"He certainly is not one that wants to hurt anybody, but he also knows that in this area it's pretty hard to keep living here if the expenses override you," Whearty said. "I think he's really a caring person."

Concern over the financial well-being of town residents is something that Astorino brought with him to the Mount Pleasant Town Board starting in 1992.

Former supervisor Joan Maybury, who ran alongside Astorino that year for



County Executive Rob Astorino has long had the personal touch that has allowed to connect well

another vacant council seat, remembered being impressed by how he worked with people to get them to understand difficult issues. She recalled his enthusiasm and energy on the board, where he served as deputy supervisor for six years, and said he was always well respected in the community.

Although Astorino, a Hawthorne resident, is often busy serving as county executive and more recently while campaigning for governor, it's not uncommon to see him throughout Mount Pleasant.

Michael Aerakis, owner of the Thornwood Coach Diner, said Astorino has been a regular customer for more than 20 years and still visits a few times a month, often with his family. Whenever he visits, Astorino always takes time to speak with residents about issues and their personal lives, Aerakis said.

"He's the best person in the town," exclaimed Aerakis, who said he would love

to see Astorino elected governor.

Resident Margret Gelardo, who has also known Astorino for more than two decades, described him as an honest and personable man who has always made time to speak with people and address their concerns.

"He just is very down to earth and very in tune with the residents and with the community," Gelardo said.

Whearty said he has kept in touch with Astorino and is impressed that he's remained active in the community, even keeping his membership in the Mount Pleasant Rotary Club.

Whearty, a founding member of the organization, explained that even though Astorino no longer has the time to attend the club's weekly meetings, he always makes himself available for special events.

"We're very proud of the fact that Rob is a member and has kept his membership," Whearty said. "He knows so many of the people and they're so happy to see him, so just having him there makes a difference."

Whearty said he introduced Astorino, while he was president of his senior class, to Kevin Plunkett in the halls of Westlake High School. Plunkett, then an attorney for the school district, led a leadership workshop with students, including Astorino. For the past five years, Plunkett has served as deputy county executive under Astorino.

Astorino is frequently described by those who know him as a family man.

Gelardo said she frequently runs into the county executive at the supermarket or at church with his children.

She said he wants to make sure his family's life is as normal as possible, despite a highly visible position in the county and this high-profile campaign, but she believes that the transition from elected official to community member is seamless for him because he feels most comfortable when mingling with neighbors.

Although Astorino is the cousin of one of Gelardo's best friends, she didn't know him until he joined the town board while she was working as an administrative assistant to former supervisor Robert Meehan. At the time, she was impressed that somebody his age was able to be so polished. She said she isn't surprised Astorino is running for high office because he was always able to handle himself in the public eye so well.

While Astorino has achieved political success since she first met him in the 1990s, he hasn't changed much, which to Gelardo is the most important factor in his continuing popularity in the town.

"I've known him for so many years and I've seen him in different positions ... different circumstances, and he's always Rob and I think that that goes a long way," she said. "That's what makes him the person that he is, because I don't think that he's going to let any of this really change him."

'Tough' and 'Impatient' Cuomo Looks to Win Second Term

By Martin Wilbur

Watch Gov. Andrew Cuomo give a speech on television or hold a press conference in person, it's hard not to be impressed. There's a command and a presence that many don't have even at the highest levels of government.

However, in cynical times, especially when it comes to politicians, it's easy to wonder how much of what a seasoned elected official lets the public see is authentic.

For some of the people who have watched Cuomo, who looks to win re-election next week against Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, and interacted with him on the campaign trail or in state government, that enthusiasm for public service and the positions he believes in are real.

"He's extremely passionate about the issues that he's advocating," Kathy Hochul, Cuomo's running mate for lieutenant governor, said during a recent visit to Mount Kisco. "I see it in his face. I hear it in his tone. He brings it out into the open because he is a person who cares so deeply about the residents of the state of New York."

While Cuomo, a New Castle resident, may not be referred to as "the steamroller"



Gov. Andrew Cuomo, shown here in a 2011 visit to Pleasantville to sign the bill that enacted the state's 2 percent tax cap, is impressive in his knowledge of issues and his ability to navigate Albany, observers say.

as former governor Eliot Spitzer was once ungraciously called, make no mistake that he is tough and smart. State Sen. George Latimer (D-Rye) said it's no surprise given Cuomo's background in public life, from managing his father's campaigns to becoming a prosecutor, then as the head of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, state attorney general and now governor, that he has been able to get things done.

"I haven't interacted with him often but when I did have a few moments with him and we discussed some of the issues, he's

not afraid to say 'I think you're wrong,'" Latimer said.

During the past four years, there have been issues that his predecessors were unable to advance or observers said couldn't be done, said outgoing Republican state Sen. Greg Ball, who has been Cuomo's representative the past two years. The tax cap, the Marriage Equality Act and getting the stalled Tappan Zee Bridge replacement project moving were all impressive achievements given the state's history of inertia, he said.

"In the first couple of years he was Spitzer without the hookers," Ball said. "I found him to be extremely capable, and being able to make the tough choices, and his honesty and being able to reach across the aisle in the Senate was refreshing."

However, in the past two years, there has been a shift to more partisan politics, Ball lamented, pushing agenda items that the state's Democratic leadership wants. He hopes that once the election is over, should he be re-elected, the Cuomo of 2011 and 2012 can return.

In his recently published memoir "All Things Possible: Setbacks and Success in Politics and Life," Cuomo outlines his initial rise to prominence, his crushing

setback when he bungled his own primary campaign for governor against Carl McCall in 2002, and his triumphant return to public life.

But his resilience and his determination to see things through is evident. In one passage, he recalls how former governor George Pataki had announced that he was going to replace the Tappan Zee in 1999 but after 430 meetings and \$88 million spent, there was no concrete plan.

"My belief is that if we could build it in 1955, it can be built again in 2011," he said after taking office. "If you think we can't do this, recuse yourself. I don't want you involved. I'm not here to continue the state's culture of failure. I'm not interested in why things can't be done. I don't buy the same old, same old reasons for not trying. That thinking ends now."

Hochul said it is that attitude and blunt approach that may rub some people the wrong way, but there's a reason for it.

"He's very impatient," she said. "He wants it done yesterday and we all understand time in public life is something that we both treasure and look at as a privilege, and while you're in office you have to use every single day to continue to have the faith of the voters."

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Lowey Still a Solid Choice for Congress After All These Years

It's usually pretty easy to make an argument why an elected official should be turned out after serving for a certain length of time.

Perhaps certain representatives have become complacent or if they are older and suffering from a serious health malady they may not have the ability to serve as effectively as they once had.

On occasion, change for the sake of change can breathe new life into a district. Then there are the proponents of term limits who believe that regular turnover is healthy for the democratic process and prevents corruption.

Sometimes any of those arguments can be true, although in most fields, when you need an important job done, typically a person with the most experience and best track record is sought.

In the case of Rep. Nita Lowey, a 26-year veteran in the House of Representatives who has spent the last third of her life in Congress, she is clearly the candidate with the most experience and best track record for the 17th Congressional District in 2014.

Perhaps you can take issue with Lowey on any particular issue, but not her drive and passion for the job. Moreover, she has been a tireless representative for the people of Westchester and Rockland, not only concentrating on the large issues,

but also on constituents' services that might involve helping an individual, such as a veteran, wade through a problem with benefits or the VA, or trying to get legislation passed where college students could save some money if they were allowed to refinance their loans.

As the ranking Democrat on the critical Appropriations Committee, she is a valuable resource for the district, even as the country endures a Congress that is as polarized as any time in the nation's history. While perhaps her ability to get things done has been hampered since the Republicans took over following the 2010 elections, her willingness to work with moderate Republicans is a hopeful sign.

At this point, with a war weary U.S. having been embroiled in combat for much of the last 13 years, it is prudent for her to view sending ground troops to Iraq to fight ISIS as a last resort.

And while the economic recovery has at times been at a snail's pace, there has been steady progress. If re-elected, it would be nice to hear her more ideas from Lowey on how to better address income inequality and prepare our upcoming workforce for the high-skilled jobs that are unfilled.

Chris Day is a new and refreshing voice who has put thought, time and effort into various proposals, particularly how to

stimulate the economy and create jobs.

As much as Lowey's age--78--shouldn't be held against her, the same is true for Day, who at 29 years old has impressive credentials. He earned a bachelor's degree from Yale in political science, was a former U.S. infantry officer who served for 14 months in Iraq and Afghanistan and works for a venture capital firm that invests in Israeli tech startups.

Unlike parroting many other Republicans who call for knee-jerk tax cuts as the answer for most economic ills, Day has a complicated but intriguing plan to provide tax incentives to corporations if they lift stagnant wages, prevent outsourcing overseas and place controls on executive compensation. If certain criteria is reached they receive a sizeable tax break, a rate of about 13 percent. If not, the current 35 percent rate remains in effect.

However, at this time the U.S. shouldn't be racing to put troops again into Iraq until there is greater urgency. Furthermore, criticizing Lowey for the FAA's brief interruption of flights to Tel Aviv when unrest surfaced there last summer when Lowey is one of the staunchest pro-Israel representatives lacked credibility.

For voters the choice should be clear on Nov. 4: Lowey has earned a 14th term in Washington.

Latimer's Steady Approach Benefits Albany, 37th District

He may not often make headlines, but when it comes time for a reassuring voice and a levelheaded approach to legislating, the 37th Senate District benefits from Democratic Sen. George Latimer.

Latimer, who has more than 25 years of experience serving constituents since he was first elected to the Rye City Council, has shown his maturity during the past two election cycles for refusing to engage in gutter politics, particularly in 2012.

In an era where the slogan or sound bite is king, Latimer is able to successfully articulate points that are sometimes more nuanced than can fit on a palm card or home mailer. His attempts at explaining his reasoning, even if flawed, is greatly appreciated when too many candidates blindly follow the party script.

For example, as a member of the Assembly in 2011, Latimer voted against the tax cap because he correctly concluded that it failed to deliver the necessary mandate relief that was an essential but now ignored component that seemed sure to follow. It would have been politically expedient for him to vote for the cap to burnish his low-tax credentials and complain about the failure of the governor and the legislature to do anything about mandates.

Latimer voted in favor of the SAFE Act in the opening week of his first term in the Senate in January 2013, and stands by that vote, believing that on balance it

makes the state safer. For certain, there were problems with portions of it, but the entire bill shouldn't be thrown out.

When there is a rush to either repeal or laud Common Core, Latimer agrees that it could help raise standards for districts that need to be pulled up but recognizes the one-size-fits-all approach is hurting other districts. School districts in the 37th Senate District are as diverse as the Yonkers city school system, which could benefit from improvements outlined in Common Core, and Byram Hills and Bedford, which have typically exceeded what the standards call for.

Along with many school officials, Latimer is also uncomfortable with the data collection piece.

Latimer's opponent, Republican Joseph Dillon, who joined the race late, has run an earnest campaign. While there are sharp differences that contrast the two candidates, and certainly many truths to Dillon's criticisms of Albany's ethics failures and clubhouse politics, too many times he falls into a pattern of pat answers, making it appear that solutions are simpler than they really are.

Who wouldn't want across-the-board tax cuts? But lower taxes aren't necessarily going to retain and attract residents and businesses to the state.

Even with its myriad problems, all-out repeals of the SAFE Act and Common Core may be popular in some precincts

but what about losing some of the redeeming features of those laws?

While Dillon has an impressive personal resume, having worked in the private and public sectors, Latimer's experience and grasp of all sides of an issue makes him deserving of another term in the Senate.

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Abinanti Deserves More Time to Make Policy Moves in the 92nd District

At a time when government is in transition and corporate models are being proposed as solutions, the experience of a sage politician who has seen time on both the local and now state levels is beneficial.

This is especially true when there is contention about who has what responsibility for different services and where the money to fund those services will come from.

Tom Abinanti has been working for constituents for over 20 years, but it is those years of experience that are giving him the perspective that the tough decisions before the state legislature requires.

Besides, if term limits is what the Republican caucus is asking for because it

wants to find a way to get the Democrats out, then Abinanti should still be given the chance to seek re-election to a seat he has held for only one term.

Mike Duffy is trying to make a major leap from the ranks of district leader to state assemblyman. He claims the seat is owned by the people and that he would make decisions based on what the people want, not what he wants.

It is difficult to know what that means exactly.

When it comes to energy policy, Duffy thinks nuclear power plants are fairly safe and he generally approves of hydro-fracking, but he doesn't want to hurt the environment. Nice try, but that generally is no position at all.

The same things goes for his position

on Common Core Curriculum, Duffy is pretty sure he doesn't like it but he needs more information as to why.

He also seems not to be aware of what Bus Rapid Transit is, favoring Light Rail Transit because "the buses would get stuck in the traffic."

Duffy would have to spend a lot of time catching up on the issues. He's got the good intentions, but we really don't have the time and the risk is too great.

Abinanti on the other hand is very clear about the fact that he is in Albany to make policy decisions and he's being smart about it.

Abinanti's is big picture thinking with a view to how the inner clockworks can run smoothly.

He's also not afraid to take on his own

party and step up with an alternative view, no matter what the going trend and pressure from Cuomo's camp. He's also ready to stop the clockworks when they are obviously broken and call to task the administrators making mistakes as he did in calling for the Commissioner of Education to step down because he had leapt out of the box on Common Core without asking anyone who would be involved in the process.

Abinanti will advocate for the good causes, he's a small voice trying to get funding for people with disabilities and he's continuing the fight when no one else seems to want to step forward.

Abinanti is not a risk, he is a solidly good choice and a legislator who deserves to continue to work for the 92nd District.

Hunt-Robinson Deserves to See the Completion of a Full Term in White Plains

When Nadine Hunt-Robinson first took her appointed seat on the White Plains Common Council in February, she was a relative unknown. During this election campaign, however, she has made it clear why she was chosen to represent the people of White Plains.

Hunt-Robinson is a quick study and pragmatic thinker. When others on the Council become somewhat tongue-tied if they are challenged, she has a calm and ready answer.

It's clear she knows what's going on in White Plains, she is aware of all the issues and has developed a long-range vision that encourages the development of policy and process. You can take her approach to any area of the city, apply it

and make it work.

It is unfortunate that her opponent decided to make a second run for the Council for this one year. He would have been better advised to try again at the next round when other members of the Council were up for re-election.

Terence Guerriere is a good candidate. He has the necessary experience to give perspective on planning issues in the city and he is concerned about what happens in the neighborhoods, now and in the future.

His heart is obviously in it. But perhaps there is too much heart, when he has already taken a strong position on the FASNY special permit application and many members of the voting community

see him as only a "No" vote on one particular issue, no matter how hard he has tried to deflect that image.

When it comes down to development trends and issues in White Plains, both candidates have taken similar views. They both see the transitional nature of events.

Hunt-Robinson's contention that more residential units in the downtown will bring more foot traffic to the city's core and will help struggling businesses, seems solid.

Offering free parking to White Plains residents is a great offer. Who wouldn't want free parking?

But is this offer too naive or a ploy to get voters' attention? White Plains residents, for \$75 a year, already have a similar offer

and they are not taking the city up on it. This would seem to imply that something else is hurting downtown businesses and it's not just the parking situation and it's not just White Plains residents from the outer neighborhoods that can save the day. There's more to the picture.

On a Council that is already heavily weighted with representation from the outer neighborhoods, Hunt-Robinson's perspective from Fisher Hill is refreshing. She also brings a perspective with a focus on the city's youth and development of the city as a high-tech magnet, complete with educational programs and incentives.

White Plains needs fresh thinking. Hunt-Robinson has earned the chance to give the city another year.

Obituaries

Ronald Martino

Ronald J. Martino Sr., a Hartsdale resident, died October 26 at the age of 77. He was born July 6, 1937 in Yonkers to the late Mary LaFranco and Joseph Martino. On September 6, 1964 Ronald married his wife Dolores Martino.

Ronald was a police officer for the Yonkers Police Department for 35 years, retiring as Captain. He also served in the United State Marines from 1955 to 1959.

Besides his loving wife, Dolores, Ronald is survived by his two children: Ronald Martino Jr. of Hartsdale and Philomena Martino Smith of Lake Worth Fl., a brother Joseph Martino and sister Peggy Cerbone. He is also survived by four grandchildren:

RJ, Gianna, Kelly and Jennifer. He was predeceased by three sisters and a brother.

He was an amazing father and loving grandfather.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in Ronald's memory to Yonkers PBA Officers Assistance Fund 104 South Broadway Yonkers, NY 10701.

Anthony Zuzolo

Anthony R. Zuzolo Sr. of White Plains, died October 25 at age 74. He was born March 1, 1940 in White Plains to the late Angelo and Elvira (Castaldo) Zuzolo.

As a graduate of NYU he obtained a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering, Bachelor of Arts '63, a Masters of

Engineering '65 and was President of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He worked as a Computer Programmer.

On May 21, 1967, he married Josephine Rubini at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, White Plains.

He is survived by his devoted wife Josephine and children Anthony Jr. (Julie) of White Plains and Michele of Belgium. He is also survived by his siblings Peter, Eleanor DelGrande, Louis and his grandchildren Vincenzo and Giovanni Zuzolo.

Anne Pesce

Anne Elizabeth Pesce of Southeast and formerly of White Plains passed away

suddenly on October 22 at the age of 78. Anne was born on July 7, 1936 in Norwalk Ct. to the late James Earle and Eleanor M. (Conners) Barry. Anne enjoyed spending time with her family and her friends at the Putnam Senior Center. Anne also enjoyed traveling, winning at bingo and her dogs. She is survived by her loving children Roseanne (Nicholas) Paniccia, Lucy (Sam Elias) Rodriguez, Diane (Peter Jr.) Chickering and James Earle (Annemarie) Pesce. She is also survived by her loving grandchildren Victor, Melissa Anne, Adrianna Rose, Emily Rose, Thomas and Katherine. Anne was predeceased by her husband Thomas in 1977 and her son Thomas in 1988.



Jacob Burns to Host Overnight Halloween Horror Marathon

The Jacob Burns Film Center will host the After Dark Halloween Marathon, 12 straight hours of horror films, on Friday, Oct. 31 starting at 10 p.m. There will be two advanced previews hot off the festival circuit, two gorgeously restored classics

(one in 3D), one rarely screened classic (on 35mm), two contemporary favorites and a cult classic with live commentary by the We Hate Movies podcast hosts. The film center will provide some treats, including DVD giveaways. Food will be

available for purchase.

Stay for all eight films and receive a free pass to all After Dark screenings in 2015, as well as a chance to win a free pass to all regular screenings next year.

Tickets are \$25 for members and \$35

for nonmembers. For more information, call 914-773-7663 or visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.



Police Blotter

Tarrytown Gun Enthusiast Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter

Eric Gaulin, 26, of 157 West Main Street, Tarrytown, pled guilty in county court Friday to manslaughter in the death of his girlfriend, Megan Bookstaver, when she was shot in his home on Labor Day 2013.

On Monday, Sept. 2, 2013, Gaulin, Bookstaver, and a mutual friend spend time together at the Palisades Center Mall in Rockland County. They went to the Dick's Sporting Goods store where they purchased a Savage Arms Axis 243 caliber rifle for the victim in a pink and black camouflage color, along with a box of ammunition for a 308-caliber Winchester rifle owned by the defendant.

They all then went to the defendant's home in Tarrytown, where the defendant took out several other rifles he had in his possession at the house.

At about 4:20 p.m. a shot rang out and Bookstaver was struck in the face by a projectile from one of the rifles. Family members in the house called 911. Tarrytown police and EMS responded but the victim was pronounced dead at the scene.



Eric Gaulin

Bail was continued at \$50,000 cash or bond. Sentencing will be on January 27, 2015.

Gaulin faces a maximum sentence of five to 15 years in prison.

Assistant District Attorney Perry Perrone Chief of the Westchester County Homicide Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Kristina Dushaj of the Investigations Division are prosecuting the case.

Arraignment in Port Chester Home Invasion Homicide

A four-count indictment was unsealed October 24 against Jahkim McGhee, 20, of 544 Locust Avenue, Port Chester,



Jahkim McGhee

charging him with murder, burglary and criminal possession of a weapon relating to the death of Anthony Guglielmo.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, at approximately 5:30 a.m. Port Chester police received a 911 call of a burglary in progress at 235 Mortimer Street with a person stabbed. The call was made by Guglielmo's then 14 year-old daughter, Nicole Guglielmo, who stated that her

father had been stabbed by the intruder. EMS and police responded, finding the victim lying on floor of the living room in a massive pool of blood. A large butcher knife was on the floor and the victim had a stab wound to the chest.

Port Chester police detectives initiated an investigation along with the Westchester County Police who processed the crime scene.

Police, prosecutors and investigators from the District Attorneys office continued to press the case, developing information as to the identity of the perpetrator.

During 2010 and early 2011 the victim and his daughter had lived in an apartment across the street from the defendant, McGhee.

McGhee, who is currently a state prisoner, was remanded and processed. His next court date will be on November 6.

McGhee faces a maximum of 25 years to life in prison.

Assistant District Attorney Perry Perrone, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Nadine Nagler of the Superior Court Trial Division are prosecuting the case.

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From the Harrison Mayor and Town Hall, October 27, 2014



Ron Belmont,
Supervisor/Mayor of
Harrison

On Saturday, Oct. 25, the Harrison Public Library held its renovation kickoff in Ma Riis Park, across from Town Hall. It was a pleasure to speak about the exciting plans for our Library's transformation. The Harrison Public Library serves as a center for community activity, supporting cultural programs, art exhibits and concerts in addition to providing ESL classes, computer instruction and enrichment programs. I am confident that this construction project will give Harrison a state of the art library that our community will be very proud of for years to come.

I am very happy to announce that Harrison residents will be safer thanks to a \$10,144 grant to the Harrison Fire Department. Awarded by HUB International Northeast and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, the grant will fund the purchase of new fire hoses and hand tools to be carried on fire apparatus. As a result, the Department's ability to provide an effective water supply to crew members, as they battle fires, will be greatly improved thereby providing a safer environment for fire fighters as well as our community.

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the West Harrison Library, a team from Digital Arts Experience will be on hand to show patrons how to safely operate a 3D printer, how to load models into the machine and how to create objects. This printing application is the process of making three-dimensional solid objects from a digital file. I encourage all interested residents to join the team and the Library staff for this highly informative program.

The Harrison Youth Council, a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other harmful substances, is proud to announce that Sabina Perez, Youth and Family Counselor, was honored as one of the "Ten Powerful and Influential Latinas" at a celebration sponsored by The Bronx Women's Business Resource Center and the Bronx Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on October 17. Ms. Perez has been with the Harrison Youth Council for the past six years and provides individual, family and group counseling and crises intervention as well as delivers school and community-based programs and presentations. For more information on the Youth Council, please call 835-7500.

Recently, my office has been contacted by Con Ed's Vice President of Government

Relations concerning the reduction of consumer energy costs. The company expects heating bills to be approximately 10 percent lower this winter season and encourages customers to save even more by utilizing energy efficient methods such as setting thermostats to 68 degrees during the day, 60 degrees at night and cleaning heating systems annually by a qualified contractor.

Guest Column

In closing I would like to, once again, remind all residents that, as Halloween approaches, it is important to be mindful of the following Halloween safety tips: Attach reflective strips to all costumes. Don't allow young children to trick-or-treat alone, have them go with a parent or trusted adult. Parents, or accompanying adults, should carry flashlights or lanterns. Make sure costumes and masks

fit properly to avoid obstruction of vision and trip hazards. Be aware of traffic, use sidewalks when possible, and look both ways before crossing streets. Avoid walking near lit candles or luminaries. Whenever possible, costumes should be made out of flame resistant materials. Parents should inspect all candy and treats



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Why Time Changes Get You Down And What To Do About It

It's almost time to turn back our clocks. Next week daylight will end before 5 p.m., leaving some of us feeling tired well before our days are actually over. Losing daylight affects us all differently. For some it is no big deal – sleep/wake cycles may easily adjust to a one-hour change. Other people may have a very difficult time adjusting and the time change can put them at risk for accidents, reduced job performance, and sleep and depressive disorders. Here are some reasons why the time change can affect us and some tips for combating its negative effects.

Light exposure affects our mood and energy. Many full time workers are used to leaving work and walking to their car or the train in the daylight. A sunset before 5 p.m. robs them of that opportunity to get light exposure, which can have a profound effect on mood and energy. Parents may have a more difficult time completing after-work tasks. Children may have more difficulty attending to homework assignments, especially if they finish extracurricular activities late and arrive home in the dark. During the fall and winter, it is recommended that we all aim to increase our daytime light exposure by taking walks at lunchtime or engaging in

outdoor activities when possible. Even opening the shades or subjecting oneself to artificial light can be helpful in combating the effects of darkness.

Light exposure affects sleep. Sleep hygiene advocates recommend that computers be shut down at least an hour prior to bedtime. This is because computers emanate artificial light that suppresses melatonin, a hormone that regulates our sleep/wake cycles. Those who like to read before bed will benefit from putting away the iPad and switching to old-fashioned books. Individuals who wake often to use the bathroom should refrain from turning on the light and instead plug in a softer night-light. Prolonged sleep deprivation can lead to a whole host of adverse effects, so if you have trouble sleeping for more than a few days consider seeking professional help.

Parenting Pep Talk



By Dr. Jaime Fleckner Black

Our bodies prefer to extend sleep in the morning. For most of us, our sleep/wake clocks make it easier to wake up late than to fall asleep earlier. This makes the adjustment quite difficult for many of us who have little control over our morning schedules. Much of this is predetermined, but some of it is not. Genetics determine whether we are night owls or morning larks, and the owls tend to have much more difficulty with time changes, according to Dr. James Wyatt, a specialist in sleep disorders at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago and a spokesman for the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. However, even night owls can do things to make the transition smoother.

Here are three easy ways for dealing with daylight savings changes:

Know your caffeine tolerance. Most people should limit caffeine consumption to the morning. Use coffee, tea, etc. to help you get through the day and not to keep you up at night (unless you must safely drive a car or operate other heavy machinery).

Use exercise wisely. Avoid exercising before bed, as it is likely to keep you up. Exercising in the morning or midday may help you maintain energy and get through the day. Every person is different, so learn what works best for you.

Be careful with sleep aides. Some people benefit from using medications to assist with sleep during periods of transition. However, sleep aides can be habit-forming and/or addictive so it is not recommended for everyone. Consult a doctor before beginning a sleep aide regimen.

Dr. Jaime Black is a licensed psychologist practicing in Westchester and New York City. Jaime works with high-functioning individuals on the autism spectrum, doing psychotherapy, conducting evaluations, and facilitating various socialization groups including an improv social skills group. Visit www.spectrumservicesnyc.com, e-mail JaimeBlackPsyD@gmail.com or call 914-712-8208.

When It's Tough for Retirees Scaling Back and Moving On

Like many people at my stage of life, I'm planning projects for not just one house but for two houses, as I prepare to move from a large oversized house to a brand new smaller one, a beautiful new condo with many nice amenities. I'm organizing what needs to be done with my current historic property, not to sell it as most people would do when they move on (in my case, I'm leasing it to my upsized PR business and for a satellite office for my real estate company) and what things my wife and I will do to decorate our new digs, including what furnishings and accessories will come with us, what will stay with our property to be leased, what will be fixed up, and what will be junked.

Through the years, I have worked with many clients in the same boat: people of retirement age who are moving on with their living arrangements, even if they're not fully retiring.

In some cases, it's a joyous occasion, a time to prepare for enjoyment of the golden years of their lives but, depending on circumstances, it can be the most stressful time of their lives. Both from personal experience and from an article I read earlier this year in the Wall Street Journal, I learned more about how to advise clients to better prepare for this time of life when it comes to their housing options.

It's odd, considering that for most people, their house is their biggest asset, as

well as their biggest expense, but when it comes to retirement planning, their house most often falls to the bottom of the list involving changes in later life.

There are many reasons for not wanting to face the music about moving on. Our homes are filled with memories for all of us and, emotionally it's hard to let go of them. Also, let's face it, moving is a hassle at any age, and downsizing to a smaller home isn't always the cash cow it's made out to be. That was the sad case for many who got caught up in the Great Recession.

But experience shows, that while most wait until well into retirement before moving to a smaller house or condo, it's much smarter to downsize sooner rather than later.

The financial benefits may not seem significant at first, but over time, they can make a meaningful difference in extending the life of a nest egg. Also, there are lifestyles considerations, such as being in a community with other citizens of the same age group. But most importantly, making a move before one spouse dies can ensure that the surviving spouse or the couple's children won't have to deal with the stress of emptying and selling a big house.

Some financial planners say that the reluctance stems from the idea that trading a house with a paid-off mortgage for a rental or a condo with maintenance fees will involve higher monthly costs, but that's a false impression. Actually, a home's hidden expenses, such as maintenance for a roof, a boiler, heating and landscaping can far exceed condo fees or monthly rental costs.

Also, retirees might have a desire to hold on to a house where their children were raised so that they and their grandchildren can come back and visit, when actually it's far cheaper to put them up in a hotel room rather than clinging to a four-bedroom home and paying for the heating of it.

Another major issue is that property taxes have become a growing burden in recent years, especially in our region. Who needs a good school district and the high taxes it demands when the children are long gone?

According to the Wall Street Journal article, downsizing can have a big impact on a retiree's financial plan. Even with a

mortgage that has been paid off, housing often accounts for 30 percent of retirement expenses. For those trying to assess the financial benefit of downsizing, the Boston College Retirement Center has a new online tool. It's available at squaredaway.bc.edu and can be found on the site by clicking the "Housing" link at the bottom of the page.

And, it's about more than just money. I was in New York City last week to attend the Cabaret Convention, and the couple sitting next to me with whom I struck up a conversation had sold a very large home in the suburbs to buy a small apartment in the city specifically to attend cultural and theatrical events every day and night in New York City. "This is how we wanted to spend our retirement, and we are loving it," the woman said. "We're using our nest egg from the sale of our home, having a doorman and security, enjoying restaurants, and a very active cultural life."

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The Home Guru



By Bill Primavera



The Restaurant Examiner



Dining Venues for “The Great Jack O’Lantern Blaze” Visitors in Croton-on-Hudson

By Jerry Eimbinder

Croton-on-Hudson offers many close-by dining options for “The Great Jack O’Lantern Blaze” attendees or summertime manor-house tour takers.

The Blaze is held annually at the Van Cortlandt Manor on South Riverside Avenue by Historic Hudson Valley, a not-for-profit organization formed to preserve the history, culture and traditions of the Hudson Valley region.

A truly one-of-a-kind experience, the Blaze provides awesome displays of bright, glowing jack o’ lanterns arranged in massive ensembles of Halloween-inspired spooky scenes. Erie music and sound effects add to the fun. In its tenth year; the event concludes on Nov. 16.

Although scary at times, the Blaze is largely a strolling event and is recommended for children of all ages. Hand holding is suggested for small kids as traversing the grounds often requires walking among large crowds through wooded paths and dark areas.

Admission to all performances is by advance ticket purchase. For available dates or to purchase tickets, go to the Historic Hudson Valley, website www.hudsonvalley.org.

Van Cortlandt Manor has guided weekend tours during the summertime and visits can be arranged for groups at most times of the year. Tour takers see furnishings from the colonial period and visit one of the largest and best-equipped kitchens of the eighteenth century. The grounds include gardens with culinary and other plants and the brick Ferry House, a colonial tavern that provided travelers with food, drink and lodging.

The Van Cortlandt Manor is at 525 South Riverside Avenue, just off Route 9 in Croton-on-Hudson.

Restaurants located in Croton-on-Hudson include:

Anton Restaurant. Mariscada (mussels, clams, shrimp, calamari and tilapia), salmon, garlic shrimp, filet mignon, Peruvian rib-eye steak, strip steak, chicken breast, crab cakes. Opened in 2011 by Belarmino and Virginia Anton; 337 South Riverside Avenue; 914-862-4811.

Croton Colonial Restaurant & Diner. Burgers, steaks, chicken sandwiches, baked stuffed seafood, Greek dishes including spanakopita (spinach pie), baked eggplant moussaka, souvlaki and gyro. Opened in 1970; 221 South Riverside Avenue; 914-271-8868.

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Jessica Labis, the manager at Justin Thyme Café, said one noticeable difference during Blaze evenings is that large groups need to be accommodated. Melina, a waitress at Pronto agreed. “Groups of 20 or more are not unusual — we move tables and chairs back and forth to seat them,” she said and noted, “We are packed at 5 p.m. on Blaze evenings and stay busy until 8:30 or 9 p.m.”

Visitors coming from the North can stop off at Fat Sal’s Bar and Grill, opened on Sept. 2, 2014 in Buchanan by Matt Camerino and Sal Barone in space previously occupied by Taste Restaurant. On the eatery’s Facebook page, see “Fat Sal’s Bar & Grill” by Neal Rentz, Northwestern Examiner, Sept. 9, 2014, page 15.

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Tuesday, Oct. 28

Protecting Our Youth Town Hall. White Plains Cares Coalition and White Plains PTA present a special evening with expert speakers and information to protect our youth from the drug epidemic; 6:30 p.m. White Plains Public Library, Room 8, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday at Dorry's. We welcome George Latimer at Dorry's again, this time just before the election. He encourages us to read up about the referenda on the ballot, and he'll speak with us about the issues. He himself faces opposition; we will learn more his race and others, and about the candidates. Tuesdays @ Dorry's gathers "conversation partners" weekly for informal table talk. There is no charge. Just come and order your food from Sylvia and enjoy the discussion and the company; 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

White Plains Outdoor Farmers Market. The Farmer's Market will open weekly, on Wednesdays, through November 26th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Farmer's Market is located on Court Street between Main Street and Martine Avenue. The Market welcomes returning and new vendors offering farm-fresh, locally grown fruits and veggies, fish, fresh meat and poultry, breads, baked goods, jams and jellies, pickles, homemade salami, smoked duck breast, pate and much more.

Noonday Getaway Concert. Pianist Ning Yu has performed throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. Praised by the New York Times for her "taut and impassioned performance", Ning has appeared at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, and the Museum of Modern Art. She has given dozens of world premiers, including music by Terry Riley and Michael Gordon. She will play music of Bach, Beethoven, Chin, and Gubaidulina. A Downtown Music debut. At historic Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church St., White Plains; 12:10 p.m. Free.

Thursday, Oct. 30

Poets and Writers Series. Nicholas Powers, an assistant professor of English at SUNY Old Westbury, discusses and

reads from his poetry collection. His latest book, "The Ground Below Zero," offers his personal, on-the-ground journalism that sent him to hot spots like Haiti, Occupy Wall Street, Burning Man and New Orleans. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-606-6900.

Friday, Oct. 31

White Plains Halloween Tricks & Treats. 6 to 9 p.m. Gillie Park, 85 Gedney Way, White Plains.

Halloween Organ Spooktacular. Dr. Sandor Szabo, minister of music and organist at the Reformed Church of Bronxville, will perform a short organ concert featuring a spooky selection of including "Tocatta and Fugue" by Bach, "Dance Macabre" by Saint-Seans, "Ride of Valkyre" by Wagner, "Tocatta" and other musical treats played on a magnificent four-manual organ with over 4,000 pipes. Reformed Church of Bronxville, 180 Pondfield Rd., Bronxville. 5 p.m. Free. Info: 914-337-6776 or e-mail www.reformedchurch.org.

Friday Night Film Series: "In the House." A 16-year-old boy puts himself into the house of a fellow student and writes about it for his French teacher. The teacher enthusiastically encourages the boy to continue his writings, but the student's intrusion unleashes a series of uncontrollable events. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. Doors open at 7:10 p.m. Refreshments at 7:30 p.m. Screening at 7:50 p.m. \$11. Seniors: \$10. Info and tickets: Contact Bob Bruckenthal at 914-723-3186.

"Freud's Last Session." Mark St. Germain's play is an imagined meeting between Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis in Freud's London office just days before the start of World War II. Schoolhouse Theater, 3 Owens Rd., Croton Falls. 8 p.m. \$38. Seniors: \$35. Students: \$20. Info and tickets: 914-277-8477 or visit www.schoolhousetheater.org.

Saturday, Nov. 1

All About Owls. Learn about owls and dissect a pellet. Cranberry Lake Preserve, 1609 Old Orchard St., North White Plains. 11 a.m. \$3. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-428-1005.

Fairy Tea Party. Explore the center's magical forest trails and have a tea party in our enchanted fairy circle. Make your own nature-inspired fairy wand to take home. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore

Rd., Scarsdale. 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Antics Dance Troupe. This Los Angeles-based troupe presents a hip-hop theatrical version of an ancient Mesopotamian myth. Antics performs multimedia urban dance performances that incorporate break dancing, krumping, locking, popping, Capoeira, DJs, spoken word, theater and film into hand-clapping, foot-stomping "happenings." Westchester Community College's Academic Arts Theatre, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. \$24 Seniors and students: \$22. Children (under 13): \$18. Info and tickets: 914-785-6262 or visit www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts. Tickets also available at the box office 30 minutes before show time.

Sunday, Nov. 2

Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education. Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own heat to help melt through the late winter ice. Program runs about 30 minutes.

Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Also Nov. 9, 23 and 30. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Bear-Foot Story Time. This hour-long program includes a story, live animals and a nature-themed activity. Based on the center's popular Wild Encounters Story Time held on Monday afternoons. Recommended for children two to six years old. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

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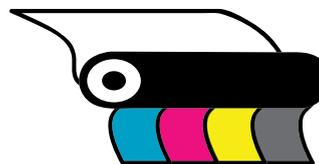
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Woodlands Boy's Soccer Falls to Blind Brook in Opening Round of Playoffs

By Skip Pearlman

The Woodlands High boy's soccer team came up on the short end of a 5-0 decision against No. 6 Blind Brook in the first round of playoffs last Friday at Blind Brook.

The No. 11 Falcons ended their season at 6-11. Blind Brook, which hasn't allowed a goal during the month of October, improved to 9-5-3.

Edison Pintado stopped eight stops in goal for Woodlands, while BB keeper Daniel Rosenbaum needed just one save to get the job done.

"They are a good team," Falcons coach Colin Hemmings said. "We got behind early, after eight minutes (on a penalty shot), then eight minutes later we were down 2-0. We made some mistakes and they took advantage."

Woodlands had to play the game



Woodlands keeper Edison Pintado had eight saves in a playoff loss to Blind Brook.

without its best player, senior standout Prince Kermue, after he received a yellow card in the Falcons' final regular-season game, the prior Monday. "Not having Prince for the playoff game was huge," Hemmings said. "He can play anywhere."

Hemmings added that the loss to Blind Brook mirrored Woodlands' season. It was a mirror image of our season," he said, "we just made too many mistakes."

The Falcons closed out their regular season the prior Monday with a 3-1 loss to Sleepy Hollow.

John Serrano had the Falcons' lone goal, his first

varsity goal, on a 40-yard free kick that got over the keeper.

"Coming off a 13-5 year, and losing 14 players to graduation, we knew we'd struggle a bit," Hemmings said. "But we'll be working hard toward coming back next season."

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Woodlands Shocks No. 1 Bronxville 25-22 in Semifinal Showdown

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just prior to halftime – intercepting one as time expired. And he also broke up what would have been a go-ahead TD for Bronxville in the final 29 seconds, deflecting a long pass down the left sideline that looked like a score.

Myles Thigpen came up big for Woodlands, as well, completing eight key passes for 70 important yards, and also rushing for a score. And the Falcons defense played perhaps its best game of the season, stopping Bronxville on the Falcon two in the fourth quarter, and also slamming the door at the 16 late in the third.

It seemed like whenever the defense needed a big stop, they got it.

"It feels great," Falcons coach Mike Meade said. "Especially after the season



Falcons coach Mike Meade and players celebrate Saturday's upset win over Bronxville.

we've had... this ranks among our biggest victories. We're the No. 4 seed, and all three of the other seeds beat us (during



Falcons QB Myles Thigpen stiff arms a defender late in Saturday's win over Bronxville.

the season). We played them (Bronxville) tough two weeks ago (in a 27-13 loss), and we felt that if we showed up, we could play with them. I was very proud of the way we played... we showed a lot of emotion."

"Baker played a great game against their go-to guy," Meade added, "and Jon was unbelievable. He took the game over. He's

our best player, an All-Section player, and he got the job done. Our offensive and defensive lines were key, and our defense gave us an incredible effort with key stops."

"It feels great," said Thigpen "We've been talking all year about how we're gonna get this done. I knew we were capable of playing like this. The O and D lines were big."

Baker agreed. "This is one of the first games I can honestly say we played with four quarters of hard work," Baker said. "We all worked together – as a team. We put our minds to it, and now we're going back to the championship game."

Said Stewart: "From the beginning of the season we've taken it one game at a time. We had to recover from the loss of all our big time seniors, and that was big, on the line. Our defense was great today... Nahjee O'Donohue, DaShawn Beecham... they all put pressure on the quarterback. And every turnover was critical."



Rashad Baker (R) of Woodlands grabs interception in the end zone to end the first half.

Woodlands, which led 18-14 at halftime, made it a two-score game when Venier Brown ran for a one-yard TD with 8:06 left in the fourth. The TD was set up by a Stewart 14-yard run on the prior play.

Bronxville answered with a one-yard TD run from Brendan Carty with 2:10 remaining, and the Broncos added a two-point conversion to make it a three-point game.

Woodlands recovered the ensuing onsides kick at midfield, but went three-and-out, giving Bronxville one last shot, with 38 ticks left. That's when Baker broke up a big pass play that appeared headed for the end zone, and the game ended when Broncos quarterback Graham Klimley was sacked by the Falcons' swarming defense.



Jonathon Stewart of Woodlands was a one-man wrecking crew Saturday at Bronxville.

EXAMINER SPORTS

Harrison Football Team Has Its Way With Pearl River in 46-14 Romp

By Skip Pearlman

After going three-and-out on their first possession of Saturday's game, the Huskies of Harrison High put it in high

had a strong night in the air lanes, completing 6-of-7 attempts for 80 yards and a TD. Defensively, Nannariello also had a pair of interceptions from his safety



SKIP PEARLMAN PHOTO

Harrison QB Joe Nannariello had a good night on both sides of the ball in a win over Pearl River.

gear and never looked back in a 46-14 whipping of Pearl River in a non-playoff game at Pearl River.

Harrison (3-5) got contributions from several sources.

Senior quarterback Joe Nannariello

position.

Nick Nelson had two receptions for 42 yards and two TDs, and Mike Salvatore added 11 yards and a two TDs rushing on nine carries. Zach Evans ran nine times for 94 yards and two touchdowns, and Mike Dragone had 114 yards rushing and a score for Harrison, which raced to a 20-0 lead after a quarter and went up 26-0 by halftime.

Huskies coach Dominic Zanot liked the way his players approached the game.

"Emotionally, they were great, after being knocked out of the playoffs," Zanot said. "In Harrison, you're judged by how you do against Rye, and how you do in the playoffs. We lost to Rye, and we're out of the playoffs, so the challenge was to keep motivated, and I was very happy with the intensity level, and the execution. They value playing the game the right way, because they love the game. The kids came to play, and we're hoping we can end the season on a winning streak."

The Huskies will play their last game of the fall Thursday against Brewster. The site and time of the game were TBA as of press time.

Harrison Girls Fall to Nyack; Huskies Open Playoffs Tuesday

By Skip Pearlman

The Harrison High field hockey team got two goals from Elisa Arcara last Tuesday, but it wasn't quite enough, as the

they did what they could, under the circumstances. Elisa really capitalized on the corners... we capitalized on the chances we had, and Christina made some nice



SKIP PEARLMAN PHOTO

Huskies coach Sara Witmer and the Harrison High field hockey team open playoffs Tuesday at John Jay

Huskies dropped a 3-2 decision to Nyack in a rain-shortened game at Nyack.

The game was called after one half, due to rain.

Nyack improved to 6-9-2 with the win, while the Huskies' record dropped to 5-9-2.

Harrison's Christina Decarlo stopped nine shots on goal for the Huskies, and Grace Manning assisted on both goals, which came off corner plays.

"It was a tough game because of the rain," Huskies coach Sara Witmer said. "There was a lot of sliding... but

saves and clears."

Nyack scored the game-winner 1:00 before halftime.

No. 9 Harrison was scheduled to take on No. 8 John Jay of Cross River today (Tuesday) in the first round of the playoffs. The winner faces Lakeland in Friday's quarterfinals.

Witmer believes her team has gotten better throughout the season. "I think we've improved in some areas," Witmer said. "But there's always room for improvement, and hopefully we'll hit our stride for Tuesday."

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EXAMINER SPORTS

Harrison Volleyball Tops Somers in First Round; Set to Face Panas Today

By Skip Pearlman

The No. 6 seed Harrison High volleyball team took care of business in the first round of the playoffs last Friday, beating 11th seed Somers in four sets in a match played at Harrison High School.

The Huskies (13-5), were set to take on No. 3 seed Walter Panas today (Tuesday) at 4:30 p.m. in a quarterfinal match. The winner advances to Thursday's semifinals. Finals are set for Saturday at Hen Hud High School.

In Friday's first-round win over Somers, Harrison prevailed, 25-22, 25-19, 22-25, 25-17.

Taylor Day had nine kills, six blocks and 11 digs, Maxine Lieblich had 11 kills, two blocks and seven digs, and Melissa Yanez added 20 assists and seven digs for the Huskies. Valerie Sprovieri contributed two aces, 13 kills and 21 digs, and Dominique

SKIP PEARLMAN PHOTO



Harrison's Taylor Day had a strong match in a Huskies playoff win vs. Somers.

Loguidice delivered three kills and 21 digs.

"Taylor was a big factor in the middle, with blocking and touches on the ball," Huskies coach Candy Light said. "And she had a very good day serving. And Maxine also had a very good game with a lot of kills. She was focused."

Light liked her team's approach. "We really stepped up in our first sectional match," she said. "They never let themselves get behind without pushing back, and they didn't get down on themselves. We're really looking forward to Walter Panas... it's good to see them stay focused, and stay together."

Harrison concluded regular season play the prior Monday, beating Blind Brook convincingly, in straight sets, 25-21, 25-11, 25-10.

Sprovieri posted 17 kills and 13 digs,

Rose Stokoe had 23 assists, five digs and two aces, Loguidice came up with 27 digs and a pair of aces, Alexis Shannon added three kills and a dig, and Day delivered four aces, four kills, a block and six digs.

"They had a nice match," Light said. "The team played well. We played our game - even when we had the lead - and played good volleyball. Rose did a great job moving the set around, she's done a great job. And Taylor is always great in the middle, she works hard getting to spots. Dominique played the back row and did a great job passing, and Alexis came off the bench and did a very good job covering."

SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

The Westchester Knicks are Coming, The Westchester Knicks are Coming

By Albert Coqueran

The illuminated marquees around White Plains with the basketball player in the orange and blue uniform are heralding the arrival of the Westchester Knicks at the Westchester County Center.

The Westchester Knicks will open their inaugural season at the County Center with a preseason game against the Delaware 87ers, on Monday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. The Westchester Knicks Home Opener at the County Center will be played on, Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 7p.m. against the Canton Charge.

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, New York Knicks legend John Starks was on hand at the County Center monitoring the box office as individual game tickets went on sale for the Westchester Knicks. "I think it is good for Westchester County to have a farm team affiliated with the Knicks. Local fans are going to see some real talented players," said Starks, who presently serves as the NY Knicks Alumni Relations and Fan Development Advisor.

Westchester Deputy County Executive

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Pat Bryant (left) and Monica Annette (right) are first in line to purchase tickets from NY Knicks legend John Starks (center), who came to operate the box office at the Westchester County Center, when individual game tickets for the Westchester Knicks went on sale, on Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Kevin Plunkett stopped by to usher the ticket sales along. "Having the Knicks D-League Team here and it being less than a month away from basketball, this is a very exciting time in Westchester County," said Plunkett.



Kathleen O'Connor, the Westchester County Commissioner of Parks and Recreation joins NY Knicks legend John Starks to celebrate the opening of individual game ticket sales at the Westchester County Center.

Monica Annette was first in line to purchase individual game tickets for the Westchester Knicks inaugural season.

Annette, who works for Sprain Brook Podiatry, on Dobbs Ferry Road, took lunch early to purchase tickets. "My son Tyler is a big Knicks fan. I got tickets right behind the Westchester Knicks bench for Opening Day, so I can bring my son and daughter" said Annette.

Annette paid \$37.50 each for her tickets. Individual game tickets to the games at the County Center range from \$10-\$124. This is one of the main attractions and benefits of having the Knicks D-League team at the County Center. The games are affordable enough for families to enjoy quality professional athletic entertainment. "It is very affordable for families to come out and be a part of some exciting basketball and get to see some future stars in the NBA," commented Starks.

"This is tremendous this is when it all gets exciting," said Bill Boyce, V.P. of Sales and Business Operations for the Westchester Knicks. "We are less than a month away from having the guys out here playing. It is going to be great stuff and we are going to win," Boyce added.

The NY Knicks Home Opener

The New York Knicks will open their 2014-15 campaign with a Home Opener against the Chicago Bulls at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday, Oct. 29. The senior Knicks, under the leadership of new Head Coach Derek Fisher closed out the preseason with an 83-80 loss to the Toronto Raptors on October 24. The Knicks compiled a 4-4 record during the preseason.

The Knicks success this season will rest in the progression of their point guard situation and how dominant 6" 11" center Samuel Dalembert will be in the paint. Newcomers this season, Shane Larkin helping at point guard and forward Jason

Smith, stepping up for the injured Andrea Bargnani will mean a lot at the start of the season.

"We feel good, we feel like we are getting better, we made some strides. We have to buckle to now, it is time to go," said Knicks superstar forward Carmelo Anthony.



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EXAMINER SPORTS

Bobcats Outrun Tigers in Non-Playoff Game Matchup

By Albert Coqueran

White Plains High School (1-6) and Byram Hills High School (5-3) both did not make the Section 1 Playoffs in their respective Leagues this season. The Bobcats competing in Section 1-A-League 2 barely missed the playoffs with a league finish of 2-2, while White Plains finished their season way off the mark at 1-5, in AA-League 1.

However, both teams continued their seasons in a non-playoff format as the Tigers hosted the Bobcats in a sectional crossover game at White Plains High School on Friday, Oct. 24.

Both teams added bright pink socks to their uniforms, which could clearly be seen on the field, in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Also, before the kickoff there was a



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Tigers wide receiver Robert Walker (#11) is tackled by Bobcats linebacker Andrew Zaccagnino to halt a drive by White Plains in the closing seconds of the first half, in the Byram Hills 28-14 win over White Plains.



In a show of sportsmanship Tigers middle linebacker David Jefferson (#24) extends a hand to Bobcats quarterback Louis Filippelli (#7) after tackling him, in the Byram Hills, 28-14 win over White Plains, on Friday, at WPHS.



Byram Hills' tight-end Kellen Hatheway catches a 24-yard pass for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter, as the Bobcats defeated the Tigers, 28-14, in the non-playoff matchup, on Friday, at WPHS. Hatheway had four receptions for 53 yards and one TD, in the game.

moment of silence for White Plains native Glenn D. Loucks, who passed away, on Friday, Oct. 17. Loucks is the namesake of the Glenn D. Loucks Track & Field Events held each year at White Plains High School. Loucks was a former student/athletic, coach and teacher at WPHS, who inspired many students.

Byram Hills won the sectional crossover matchup, 28-14, in a game that resembled anything but non-playoff competition. "It

shows a lot of character about this team to be able to get a statement win against a quality program like White Plains, the defending AA Champs, who I have a lot of respect for," said Bobcats Head Coach Scott Saunders.

Bobcats quarterback Lou Filippelli started the scoring by running 11 yards



Tigers cornerbacks Donovan Brunson (#5 center) and safety Albert Clover (#6 left) break up a pass in the end zone to Bobcats tight-end Kellen Hatheway.

to pay-turf for a touchdown. Filippelli, a junior, demonstrated why the Bobcats will be right in the mix of things next season when the playoff statistics are calculated.

Filippelli threw 12 completions on 22 attempts for 169 yards passing with one interception and one touchdown. The junior QB also carried the ball 17 times for 106 yards and one TD.

Tigers quarterback Tommy Avery decided to show his stuff in the second quarter weaving in and out through Bobcat defenders to run 70 yards for a touchdown to tie the score.

Nevertheless, it was all Bobcats from that point, until the game was out of reach

for the Tigers and Donovan Brunson, in at quarterback for an injured Avery, threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Nick Wadden with seconds left on the clock.

There was a very scary moment late in the fourth quarter when Tigers QB Avery was hit in the backfield and had to be carried off the field.

Avery was evaluated by White Plains Trainer Mike Mirabella and Dr. Jennifer Longobardi, the White Plains Public Schools District Medical Director, and sent to White Plains Hospital for further evaluation.

However, after additional testing, Tigers' Assistant Coach Jim Avery, who is also Tommy's father, noted on Sunday that his son was badly bruised but had no other injuries. Avery will be able to play against Port Chester High School, next Saturday, in Port Chester.

Bobcats running back Michael Sardo, despite not making the playoffs his senior year, decided to go out with a bang. Sardo ran all over the turf field at WPHS, carrying the ball 15 times for 162 yards and two touchdowns.

Sardo scored on a 28-yard run at 2:03 in the second quarter to put the Bobcats

ahead 14-7. Then, after dropping the second half kickoff and getting tackled on the 19-yard line, in the very next play he ran 81 yards for a touchdown to give the Bobcats a 14-point lead.

"It feels really good to come out here and get a good win. I have to give a big shout out to the offensive line, they blocked great for me today," said Sardo, who also caught four passes for 68 yards.

The frustration over a very disappointing season was evident on the faces of the White Plains Tigers. "I am frustrated but I tried

my hardest to help my team," commented Tigers wide receiver Robert Walker. "We need to go to practice, get this off our shoulders and work hard. Never give up, like our coaches have never given up on us," stressed Walker.

Byram Hills will matchup against Eastchester High School in the winners-bracket of the non-playoff format. Eastchester blanked Portchester, 37-0, in the non-playoff game on Saturday. White Plains has one more chance to add a second victory to their resume this season when they travel to Port Chester next Saturday.



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