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## White Plains Is the County Transportation Hub

By Pat Casey

Agreeing emphatically that White Plains is the transportation hub for Westchester County and a key component of the east to west and north to south travel plan growing along the I-287 corridor and in conjunction with bus rapid transit that is part of the new Tappan Zee Bridge construction plan, NYS legislators representing White Plains joined together by signing a letter urging the MTA to make White Plains a priority in its upcoming five-year capital plan.

At a 10 a.m. press conference announcing the letter on Sept. 18, White Plains Mayor Tom Roach, a member of Gov. Cuomo's Mass Transit Task Force for the Tappan Zee Bridge, said: "White Plains is the busiest stop on Metro-North outside of Manhattan." Citing statistics that when the White Plains train station was built 27 years ago it was the arrival



Federal, state and city officials called on Thomas Prendergast, Chairman and CEO of the MTA to take tangible steps toward a revitalized White Plains Metro-North train station as part of the upcoming MTA 5-year capital plan at a press conference in front of the busy TransCenter on Sept. 18. Pictured from left to right: Congresswoman Nita Lowey's District Director Pat Keegan, Veronica Vanterpool, Executive Director of the Tri-State Transportation Campaign, NYS Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, NYS Senator George Latimer, NYS Assemblyman David Buchwald, NYS Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and White Plains Mayor Tom Roach.

or destination point for approximately 7,000 passengers each weekday and that by 2007 (the most recently available number) the weekday passenger total had jumped to 21,500, Roach noted that the count was undoubtedly greater today and continuing to grow.

Owning much of the property around the train station, Roach indicated White Plains would have a major role to play in what was developed in the immediate area. Having received a \$1 million grant from NYSEDA and the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council, White Plains will be studying possible developments and impacts and will involve the city's residents, neighborhood associations and businesses, said Roach. "One possible development could be the establishment of public open space with the creation of a Bronx River Park that

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## Domestic Violence Forum Focuses on Ending Scourge of Abuse

By Janine Bowen

Representatives from several local agencies, women's rights advocates and victims' services organizations challenged the public to put an end to domestic violence during a forum in White Plains last Friday.

Following several high-profile incidents recently involving NFL players, the panelists discussed how domestic violence isn't confined to young male sports stars or celebrities.

"This is not about Ray Rice or the NFL. It's about us and what we do and don't do to ensure that our children grow up in

a world where gender-based violence is never acceptable," said Maria Imperial, chief executive officer of the YWCA, which hosted the event.

Panelists said in order to eliminate the prevalence of domestic violence, behavioral and cultural changes must be made. They noted that children who grow up in violent households learn the behavior and continue the cycle.

Frank Williams of the White Plains Youth Bureau recounted his own upbringing in Mississippi, where it was commonplace for children to be punished by getting hit with a belt. They were also

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## Bullet Fragments Confirmed Outside Greenburgh Range

By Pat Casey

The police report investigating claims that a metal fragment, which struck a resident of the Ardsley Chase subdivision in her backyard off Birch Hill Road in June, originated from the nearby shooting range operated by the Westchester County Police Revolver & Rifle League was released last week.

While the investigation could not forensically confirm that fragments tested came from the range, investigators did find numerous rounds and lead fragments outside the range and circumstantially linked the incident at Birch Hill Road to discharge of firearms

by one of two individuals shooting at targets at the nearby range at the same time the resident said she was struck.

The report states that according to range personnel, the metal target used at the time in question was not appropriate for use at the Westchester County Police Revolver & Rifle League range.

"The type of metal target used by the shooter and placed into the dirt berm gradually gave way causing the ammunition to strike it at an angle creating a condition for the rounds to ricochet. The hundreds of rounds and lead fragments observed by investigators

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would run horizontally along the tracks between the station and the County Center," Roach added.

State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, also a member of the TZ Bridge Task Force, emphasized the number of passenger trips coming in to the station matched those going out, saying that in the short time they had been at the station that morning 3,000 people had

arrived from Manhattan and 3,000 people had left for Manhattan.

Assemblyman David Buchwald said the White Plains station was the top destination for reverse commuters.

With mass transit from the new TZ Bridge expected to hit the area in 2018, the consensus was that the MTA had to get White Plains into the five-year capital plan, now. Discussions on that plan were

scheduled to begin this week and would continue for several months.

Congratulating Mayor Roach for the ongoing growth in White Plains, Assemblywoman Amy Paulin said local representatives had convinced the task force on the benefits to the region of making White Plains the multi-modal transit center on the east side of the Hudson River.

The bus depot next to the White Plains train station is also one of the busiest in the region, hosting several-thousand passenger trips each weekday.

Commuters from Rockland County already come into White Plains by bus and take the Metro-North trains to their jobs in Manhattan. That will only increase when the new bridge is finished, Roach said.

## Domestic Violence Forum Focuses on Ending Scourge of Abuse

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taught that if someone hits them, they should hit back.

Saying that "when people know better, they do better," Williams stressed that communities must offer children conflict resolution tools, so they learn to work through issues without resorting to physical aggressiveness. In addition, he urged communities to reach out to children to help bolster their self-esteem and self-respect, noting that they will learn the value of communication and strong relationships and pass that message on to their children.

"It is not just a sports problem, it's a community problem and it's a family problem," Williams said. "In some home today, some child will be spanked. On some block ... some child will be bullied. So we have an opportunity today to say, 'No, we're not going to allow our young



JANINE BOWEN PHOTO

The panel at last Friday's discussion on domestic violence hosted by the YWCA in White Plains.

people to live in this kind of environment."

CarlLa Horton, executive director of Hope's Door, a Pleasantville-based organization that seeks to end domestic violence, said that while the organization helps victims of both genders and all sexual orientations, women and children are disproportionately affected by domestic violence. One-quarter of all women will be a domestic violence victim in their lifetime.

Horton urged the public never to blame the victim, regardless of her life choices. She also warned people against ignoring incidents of domestic violence when people they know, love and admire are victims.

Law enforcement and the criminal justice system needs to revamp its practices and introduce new protocols so victims who step forward will be assured justice.

"If a victim with damning and irrefutable video evidence can be betrayed by the criminal justice system, well, what possible chance does a victim behind closed doors at home have?" questioned Horton.

The issue of domestic violence has been a problem in sports for many

years, said Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale), who attended the forum. Paulin believes that the Rice incident would have been swept under the rug had there not been video footage.

John Savage, CEO of WestCOP, an Elmsford-based organization that manages resources to help the low-income and at-risk populations, urged state and county leaders to fund prevention programs. He wants a campaign launched to make domestic violence socially unacceptable, similar to campaigns combating smoking and littering.

Anti-violence messages also need to reach all populations because domestic violence transcends all racial and economic boundaries, said County Legislator MaryJane Shimsky (D-Hastings-on-Hudson), who also attended last Friday's forum. Shimsky cited the case of a federal judge in Alabama, Mark Fuller, who was recently arrested on charges of assaulting his wife, but has yet to step down amid public calls for his resignation.

"I think that anything we do as a county, anything we do as a state has to take account of the fact that we don't have to just correct poor people or people of color," Shimsky said. "This is a problem that affects way too many of our houses in all of our towns and all of our neighborhoods."

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) added that the Women's Equality Act, which has been passed by the Assembly but has been thwarted twice in the Senate, aims to address the issue of domestic violence, human trafficking and equal pay for women.

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# White Plains Board of Education Reacts to FASNY North Street Entrance Plans

By Pat Casey

The public hearings on the French American School of New York's site plan and application for a special permit to operate a school in a White Plains residential zone as well as the proposed discontinuance of a portion of a residential street – Hathaway Lane – that intersects the FASNY property have been closed.

Under scrutiny has been the location of the proposed main entrance to the FASNY property off of North Street directly across from the White Plains High School.

Until last week, the White Plains Board of Education had remained relatively silent about the proposed development plans.

In a letter dated September 15 and signed by all board members and the acting Superintendent of Schools Timothy Connors, the board unanimously said it felt certain aspects of the FASNY plan would have a negative impact on the public school system and its students.

"The increased traffic resulting from the location of the main entrance to the proposed consolidated French American School on either North Street or Bryant Avenue would have a profoundly negative and disruptive effect on the operations of White Plains High School and the safety and welfare of our students, their families and our staff, and the traffic mitigation proposals submitted by FASNY not only

fails to remedy the flaws in their originally submitted plans, but certain suggested mitigation efforts potentially create much larger, more untenable problems for the White Plains Schools," the letter said.

In preparing their findings, the board said it had created a committee in late August and had reviewed the FASNY Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) as well as other earlier elements of the NYS SEQRA process. In particular, the board referred to the inadequacy of FASNY's "mandatory busing" policy and its traffic analysis, especially during peak commutation hours and ultimately decided that the traffic congestion would create unsafe travel conditions for students walking and biking to school.

Requests for further information about the board's review process were not answered at the time of publication of this article.

FASNY was quick to respond to the board's allegations with a release of its own on September 17, expressing surprise that the board had waited three years before expressing any criticism of the FASNY plan and that during that three-year period had not participated in the process.

FASNY said it had met and communicated with representatives of the school district on multiple occasions and made a full presentation to the board in

September 2013 when the traffic plan was discussed. The only objection raised by the Board was to oppose a slight realignment of the White Plains High School's North Street entrance. That issue, however, was rendered moot when FASNY acquired a property opposite the High School driveway eliminating the need to adjust the school entrance.

FASNY's response also said that the school district, which used its experience with busing for public school students and not private schools, did not provide any studies or facts and showed a lack of understanding about the FASNY busing plan.

In response to questions about FASNY's traffic plans and specifically its mandatory busing program, Geoff Thompson, of Thompson & Bender, spokesperson for FASNY provided The White Plains Examiner with the following comments.

"In contrast to many White Plains public school locations, FASNY has sufficient land to be able to handle on bus loading and unloading on-site. Many of the White Plains public schools are on tight sites that result in school-related traffic impacting the adjacent streets. There is no comparison," Thompson said.

He continued: "As a private school, FASNY has far greater leeway in managing its busing programs than public schools. The Board of Education fails to

recognize that its experience with public schools is not comparable to private schools."

Calling the board's comments merely anecdotal, Thompson further explained that FASNY's busing plan is part of an overall Transportation Management Plan that has a cap of 530 trips during peak hours, which the White Plains Council determined the area road network could accommodate. He also noted that the Environmental Findings adopted by the council in December require an electronic monitoring system including trip detector sensors to ensure compliance.

September 29 is the next scheduled meeting before the White Plains Common Council. At that time the council is expected to question FASNY representatives about some of the issues brought up by city staff as well as residents and other concerned parties during the hearings which had unprecedented large numbers of attendees and speakers.



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# If Wine Doesn't Benefit You It May Just Kill You



By Nick Antonaccio

In previous columns I've been an advocate for the moderate consumption of wine. I've presented the benefits and rarely focused on the negative aspects (isn't there always a counter argument these days concerning the benefits or detriments of any form of food or beverage?)

Well, here it is: the negative argument for imbibing wine (or any other alcoholic beverage).

In an effort to provide a balanced approach, let's first focus on the benefits of consuming wine in moderation:

1) Anecdotal proof. Wine has been consumed by many civilizations for millennia. The Egyptians of 3,000 B.C., the Greeks and Romans of 1,000 B.C. and Western Europeans of the last 2,000 years have consumed wine for its proven medicinal, therapeutic and anti-microbial values. History sometimes provides a better validation of theorems than the most recent scientific evidence.

2) Numerous Studies. Volumes have been written on the benefits of antioxidants in our food and in our bodies. Studies have validated the benefits

of red wine: protecting the heart and brain, fighting and preventing cancers, reversing diabetes and obesity, boosting the immune system and slowing the aging process.

Now the counterargument. There are generally three reasons offered for the negative effects of imbibing: first, high alcohol; second, high alcohol; and third, high calories.

High Alcohol. It is quite clear that excessive alcoholic intake is dangerous. In addition to the deleterious health effects (liver disease, increase in cancer, cognitive impairment), there are the social dangers (drunk driving, aggravated assaults).

But how to define excessive? How to gauge one's tolerance level? There seems to be a shifting scientific argument that even one daily glass of wine may be unhealthy for a segment of our population.

Consumption of wine can be habit-forming and lead to increased intake of alcohol, leading to a plethora of medical and social problems for the population as a whole. A study published in the British Medical Journal earlier this year found drinking less reduces the risk of heart disease and lowers blood pressure. The

head of the study reported, "We saw a link between a reduced consumption of alcohol and improved cardiovascular health, regardless of whether the individual was a light, moderate or heavy drinker."

High calories. A gram of carbohydrate sugar contains 4 calories. A gram of wine contains 7 calories. Extrapolating that, a typical glass of wine (five ounces), with an average percentage of alcohol, has as many calories as two chocolate chip cookies. Do the math: the equivalency is for each glass of wine consumed.

In the United States, we've come to grips with the counterbalancing arguments in several economic cycles.

Early immigrants brought their lifestyles from Western Europe to their new homes in America, including wine with meals.

As a developing industrial nation in the 19th century, the burgeoning throng of hourly factory and mining workers looked to alcohol to blur the realities of their long, exhausting workdays; alcoholism was rampant.

The temperance movement grew out of this national inebriation, culminating in the 18th Amendment, banning the manufacture and sale of alcoholic

beverages. After thirteen years of legislated temperance (which was only moderately successful), the 21st Amendment ended Prohibition.

Fast forward to 2014. Wine is broadly seen as acceptable, and in the opinion of a number of stalwart consumers, a natural accompaniment to a meal. Even the FDA continues to support the medical benefits of one to two glasses of red wine each day.

Is there a means by which we can drink our wine and preserve the benefits, while reducing the negative effects? Short of switching to grape juice, which contains as much antioxidants as wine, is there an acceptable compromise? Next week: low-alcohol, light and non-alcoholic wine.

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## White Plains Dads Came Out for Take Your Child to School Day



The White Plains Youth Bureau, White Plains City School District with support from the White Plains PTA, African American Men of Westchester and Hudson Health Plan celebrated its 5th Annual Dad Take Your Child to School Day program Tuesday, Sept. 16 in White Plains Schools. The program is designed to encourage dads to be actively involved with their children in school throughout the school year. More than 400 schools throughout New York State participated in the program. Over 1500 White Plains dads came to school with their children. The program is aligned with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services Fatherhood Initiative. Pictured are Dad's with their children at White Plains Middle School.

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# Peace One Day at White Plains High School

By Allison Jasne

On any given day, thousands of students can be seen roaming the White Plains High School campus, especially during lunchtime. There is one particular day, however, when a large portion of the student body, clad in white, joins together to celebrate and hope for peace and to form a human peace sign.

Peace One Day was celebrated on Friday, Sept. 19 at White Plains High School. The event was hosted by the Human Rights club and classes. Students were asked to wear white and use the Twitter hash tags #PeaceOneDay and #PeaceDayWPHS.

Friday also included a lunchtime concert by members of the White Plains High School Songwriters' Club and the formation of a giant human peace sign on the high school's front lawn.



Jen Gordon, a high school senior, performs as part of Songwriters Club at the Peace One Day lunchtime concert.



ALLISON JASNE PHOTOS

WPHS seniors Kristin Sutton, Megan McMahon, and Kaitlin Cordon hold #PeaceDayWPHS signs.

White Plains High School senior and Human Rights Club president Raina Kadavil could barely express her happiness in words. She expressed her hope that the day showed solidarity amongst the WPHS student body and helped manifest and humanize the idea of peace. This was based on Kadavil's perception that peace is an abstract concept because a war has never been fought on America's mainland; rather, recent wars have been fought in far-off places, including Afghanistan and Iraq. Most American high school students have never felt the effects of war, such as rationing of essential supplies.



Raina Kadavil, WPHS senior and Human Rights Club president, makes a speech at Peace One Day, while Michael Roma Human Rights co-advisor stands by. called Frank Jazzo Park.

WPHS teachers Michael Roma, Human Rights co-advisor along with Susan Iannucci, said that seeing the event come together was surreal and it made them happy beyond emotion.

Ellen Doherty, White Plains High School principal, said the event was great last year and she was happy to see Peace One Day become a tradition at the school. She was also very proud of what she described as a large group of students who are happiest when working together on behalf of others. She also commended the faculty and Human Rights club and classes for doing an excellent job, "as always."

Peace One Day was started in 1999 when actor-turned-filmmaker Jeremy

Gilley began campaigning for a day of ceasefire and non-violence through the medium of film. In 2001, those efforts paid off when the United Nations' member states unanimously adopted the first-ever annual day of peace. They named September 21 as an international ceasefire and that all violence would stop for that day. More information about Peace One Day can be found at [peaceoneday.org](http://peaceoneday.org).

Allison Jasne, a student at White Plains High School, contributes articles with a teen perspective to The White Plains Examiner.



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## White Plains Adds Electric Vehicle Chargers to Public Parking Garages

Last week was national Drive Electric Week and in honor of the energy-saving and green theme White Plains rolled out 10 new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at public parking garages around the city, bringing the White Plains' total

Cromwell Garage, 11 Longview Avenue - 2 chargers; and Lyon Place Garage, 1 Lyon Place - 2 chargers.

The official ribbon-cutting opening for the Lyon Garage and its new EV chargers takes place today (Tuesday) at 11 a.m.

Several zero emission vehicles are expected to be on display at the garage and will be used to demonstrate use of the new chargers.

The new charging stations were supported and installed by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). They support Charge NY, a statewide initiative launched by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to help bring about greater use of plug-in EVs.

Each station is capable of supplying up to 6 kilowatts of power to an electric vehicle. Charge times will vary depending on the size and type of car, but for mid-sized cars (e.g., the Chevrolet Volt, Ford C-MAX Hybrid Energi or Nissan Leaf), charging is expected to take approximately four hours.

To utilize a charging station, customers should download the free 'EV Connect' app. This will activate the charging station and allow the customer to monitor the charging process remotely. Once the app has been activated, the customer pays \$1.50/hour, which covers both parking and electricity, through the normal payment process at the garage pay stations. The software also collects and transmits data on frequency of use, length of charges and amount of energy dispensed, to provide NYPA and NYSERDA input for use in locating future charging infrastructure.



White Plains electric vehicle parking and charging rates are \$1.50 for the hour.

to 20 stations.

White Plains was one of the first municipalities in Westchester County to install electric vehicle charging stations in early 2012. At that time, the original 10 stations were geared toward commuters and are located adjacent to the White Plains TransCenter Garage.

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# Policy Changes Needed to Combat Hunger, Advocate Says

By Martin Wilbur

The president of a national organization dedicated to eliminating hunger in the United States told representatives from Westchester relief agencies that economic upheavals and ineffective public policy has contributed to the rising number of families without adequate food.

Jim Weill, president of the Washington, D.C.-based Food Research and Action Center, said last week that over the past 40 years the nation's economy has continually generated a greater disparity between the affluent and those who struggle. As a result, a growing number of families--an estimated 49 million people last year, including about one in five children--live in "food insecure" households.

Weill, the keynote speaker at the annual agency conference on Sept. 18 that was hosted by the Food Bank for Westchester in Tarrytown, said about 46 million people are on food stamps at any time in the U.S., a program that has become increasingly inadequate, particularly since the punishing recession that gripped the country in 2008. Because people cycle in an out of eligibility, Weill estimated that as many as 66 million people are helped by the program at some point each year.

Before the recession it was estimated that about 26 million people were receiving food stamps.



Food Bank for Westchester Executive Director Ellen Lynch and Jim Weill, president of the Food Research and Action Center, who was the keynote speaker last week at the 15th annual Agency Conference hosted by the Food Bank for Westchester in Tarrytown.

To combat hunger, Weill called on the nation's leaders to raise the minimum wage to provide more livable wages and bolster the food stamp program to make it more adequate as two of the most obvious options to help the hungry.

"One of the problems that we have is

that there's an economy that's not working for the bottom half of the population," Weill said.

Weill addressed several hundred volunteers and staff members at the daylong conference that was designed to provide attendees representing food

pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other organizations tools and information to better serve the public. The conference was scheduled during Hunger Action Month.

Last year, the Food Bank for Westchester distributed more than 7 million pounds of food to about 265 destinations throughout the county, said Erica Santiago, the Food Bank's agency relations manager.

Santiago said that it's been gratifying that the Food Bank has been able to help so many people, but it's also a problem because an ever-increasing number of families are relying on that assistance to avoid going hungry.

"The goal is to provide food until people are able to find work, get onto the public benefits and to the point where they can support themselves," Santiago said.

Weill said there have been some improvements made legislatively, most notably the Affordable Care Act, which has insured more people despite its problematic rollout.

In his address, Weill urged those in attendance to quiz their lawmakers at various levels of government about what they are doing or plan to do to help the plight of the poor and the hungry.

"It's the sign of an evolved civilization with some common sense to meet the needs of its neediest people," Weill said.



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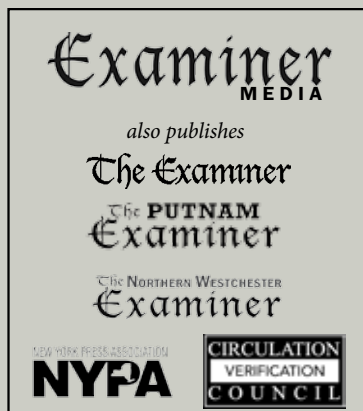
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**SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS**

## Population Density Gives New Meaning to "Home on the Range"

The days of shooting off firearms in an abandoned quarry in Greenburgh are over. Quite literally, shooters were leaving bullet fragments in close proximity to a residential area and it's lucky the incident that ended the range's lease was only a minor scrape and not the loss of an eye or injury to a child.

Bullet fragments were found outside the range property, having ricocheted off of a poorly installed and

inappropriate target.

Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner is to be applauded for his continuing efforts to bring some form of regulation to the operation of shooting ranges to avoid such situations.

With the advent of aggressive residential development in many areas of Westchester, these off-the-beaten track locations become less isolated.

If something potentially injurious to the population has been grandfathered into a location and development goes up around it, who is to blame when two opposing worlds meet?

In the end, the landowner, Con Edison, did the right thing. It shut the problem down before it had a chance to get worse. Now we move on from here to look at the greater policy.

## Time for Westchester to Launch Organic Recycling Program

Westchester County should follow the lead of New York City and promote a countywide organic recycling program. Westchester could do what the city did in 2013 and start off with a limited pilot composting initiative in some communities that are interested in working with the county recycling office promoting this initiative.

Organic waste accounts for about 31 percent of all waste generated by residents. Organic waste is yard waste, food scraps, compostable paper (napkins, paper plates, etc.) and other materials suitable for industrial-scale composting. Operating a curbside organics collection program can help Westchester reduce millions of dollars in landfill disposal

costs, achieve recycling goals and reduce pests by storing food waste in special rodent-resistant bins. If Westchester initiated this program the county will do what New York City is starting to do: encouraging people to turn their organic waste into compost, which can be used to fertilize gardens, parks and street trees or into renewable energy, which can be used to power thousands of homes.

Westchester should collect organics from select neighborhoods that are interested in participating in a pilot program. The county should promote organic recycling in large buildings and should actively promote organic recycling in private and public schools as well as in

government buildings. Organic recycling bins should be placed around the county. If the county starts this program now it will gradually expand. It will take time to convince people to change their habits but if we start educating people now and promoting the concept, organic recycling could eventually become a part of everyone's life.

I urge the county executive, Board of Legislators and county recycling office to give this high-priority attention. Local governments should be encouraged to partner with the county on this initiative.

—Paul Feiner  
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

## Obituaries

### Ida Tascio

Ida Tascio (Nee Cherubino) of White Plains passed on September 18 at the age of 87. She was born on March 17, 1927 in White Plains. Beloved wife of the late Dominick Tascio, loving mother of Donna Cacciato (Guy) and Robert Tascio (Janet). Also survived by a sister Carmela Santella (Thomas) and a brother George Cherubino, Grandchildren Christopher Cacciato (Rachel), Melanie Awerdick (Marc) and Jeffrey Tascio; Great Granddaughters Madison, Lilah and Sydney; numerous nieces and nephews. Ida was predeceased by Sisters Rose Morris and Dora Minasi, and Brothers Jack and Joe Cherubino. Ida will also be remembered as a loving and generous wife, mother and grandmother sister and friend who was happiest just being with family.

### Ellen Cohn

Ellen Cohn died September 18. Born and raised in New York City to parents Edward Brown and Beatrice Gardner, Ellen attended Bentley High School and later graduated from Adelphi College with a Bachelors Degree. She had a life-long career as a "shoe lady" working in retail selling lady's shoes-most recently at Neiman Marcus for over 20 years where she was dedicated to service excellence.

After raising a family in Scarsdale, she moved to White Plains and was a valued member to her Cooperative community. Ellen is survived by her loving daughter, Jody Hirsch, and son-in-law, Steven Hirsch, and her pride-and-joy grandchildren, Jordan Hirsch and Joelle Hirsch Goldstein; her devoted son, James Cohn, and daughter, Amy Cohn Lee, and her husband, Frank Lee; her brother, Ed Brown, and cousins, Mara and Peter Shacker. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to either of the following two charities that were very dear to Ellen: Cape Verdeans United Organization, 3 Jared Road, South Windsor, CT 07064 or cvunited.org, and Chubby's Rest Waystation and Sanctuary for Animals, 316 Bishop Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY 10543; www.chubbysrest.org.

### Angela Sherlock

Angela V. Sherlock, 93, of Somers, formerly of White Plains, passed away September 14. Jean was born February 6, 1921 in White Plains. On February 3, 1951 she married John J. Sherlock in St. Bernard's Church.

Besides her husband John, Jean is survived by her five children; Tara Sherlock of Valhalla, John Joe Sherlock of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Caitlin Hall of Mt. Kisco, Robert Sherlock of Riverhead,

NY and Matthew (Heidi) Sherlock of Westminster, MD, five grandchildren; Jillian Parry, Hannah, Marian, Matthew John and Erin Sherlock and lifelong friends Kate Riley and Jeff Hall.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to The Lighthouse 92 Church St. White Plains, NY 10601 or Somers Manor Nursing Home 189 Route 100 Somers, NY 10589.

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# From the Harrison Mayor and Town Hall, September 22, 2014



**Ron Belmont,**  
Supervisor/Mayor of  
Harrison

I am very happy to report that the Town/Village of Harrison has been named one of the safest communities in NY State. When considering a move, knowing how safe different communities are is very important.

Security vendor, Safe Choice Security has compiled a list of the safest towns and cities, in New York State, using information presented by the 2012 FCI Crime Statistics report. After analyzing the incidences of both violent and property crimes, Harrison was ranked the 10th safest place to live in New York State. In addition, Harrison was rated safer than 85 percent of cities in America.

This fall, the Town/Village of Harrison, with the help of some very generous high school students, will be implementing a senior citizen sanitation collection program. This program is designed to help people who are unable to take their trashcans to the curb for a variety of reasons (mainly health related). The students, or other interested volunteers, will be providing the necessary assistance. Currently, applications are being mailed

to community members who express an interest in this program. If you are interested in volunteering or are in need of an application, please contact the project hot line at 670-3121 or my office at 670-3009.

As fall is upon us, I would like to bring your attention to leaf collection practices. Please be advised that curbside leaf collection goes into effect on Monday, October 20th. Until that time, do not place loose leaves at the curb. Leaves must continue to be placed curbside in brown bags for pickup until October 20th.

National Voter Registration Day, Tuesday, September 23, 2014, has been established throughout the United States to bring attention to the importance of registering to vote. The League of Women Voters of Harrison urges anyone who has not registered, or who has moved, or who has changed his or her name, to fill out a voter registration form. The League will be at the West Harrison Library on Monday, September 29th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to register voters and provide registration materials and absentee ballots. For more information, call Lola Geiger at 914-939-7066.

Recently, the Harrison Education Foundation celebrated its 20th anniversary.

I enjoyed stopping by, at their golf outing, to extend my congratulations and to wish them many more years of success in providing educational opportunities to the students in the Harrison Central School District.

I would like to take this time to recognize the Harrison branch of the Columbiettes. The Columbiettes is a national organization, operating as the female auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus.

They are instrumental in supporting the civic and charitable initiatives of the Knights and, recently, I had the pleasure of attending their 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Congratulations to Harrison residents, Eleanor Russo, Josephine Lavigna, Anne Valleri, and Edith Labella for being honored as original members of the Father O'Sullivan chapter, chartered in 1964.

In closing, I recently accompanied the Seniors as they visited the 9/11 Memorial Museum. Although it is a somber reminder of a horrific national tragedy, memorializing those who were lost that day, the museum also commemorates the bravery of so many first responders. The cascading pools, on the street level promenade, provided a peaceful area for reflection. In a series of large open spaces,

the below ground galleries contained thousands of pieces of memorabilia recovered from the fallen Twin Towers. Although it was overwhelming at times, I am glad that I experienced this profoundly moving tribute.

## Register Now to Make Your Vote Count on Election Day

The League of Women Voters of White Plains will hold voter registration events on September 23, National Voter Registration Day, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave., City Center Mall and Renaissance Fountain Plaza in downtown White Plains.

Co-Sponsors include HeadCount, NAACP of White Plains/Greenburgh, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc-Pi Iota Omega.

To vote on November 4th you must be registered by October 15th.

## Guest Column

## SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

### Bullet Fragments Confirmed Outside Greenburgh Range

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located down range in the direction of the overgrown grassy hill region above/ outside the range, abuts a residential neighborhood. The following locations were observed to be laden with numerous bullet fragments, consistent with originating from the Westchester County Police Pistol and Rifle Range; atop the stone cliff, in the grassy area near the high tension power lines, along a dirt roadway which runs in a north to south direction intersecting the grassy area just west of the stone cliff," the report stated.

The gun range, which is not affiliated with the police, had been using a former quarry for target practice since 1941.

Although the range was in striking distance of the Sprain Brook Parkway, operators insisted a 30-foot rock wall, the steep angle of the former quarry and the location of shooting stations made it impossible for bullets to escape the facility, which also is close to the Ardsley Middle School.

Concerned, Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner said there are no state regulations specific to shooting ranges and he proposed an ordinance to regulate outdoor shooting ranges in the township. The proposal, originally scheduled to go to a public hearing in August, likely would have closed the range permanently due to its tight

restrictions and potential fines. However, the property owner, Con Edison, quickly terminated the 57-year-old lease when a lawsuit between the range and residents ensued.

Feiner continues to seek some sort of shooting range regulation. "I learned that gun ranges are not regulated by New York State or by the federal government. Unlike some businesses that must be licensed, there is no government entity that regulates, inspects and annually licenses gun ranges. I plan on contacting state and federal officials and will ask that legislation be considered to license, regulate and inspect gun ranges," Feiner said. "I'm also concerned about soil contamination from gun ranges that have not been tested for lead contamination in many years or decades. If the ranges would be required to be licensed, we could require annual testing of lead."



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# A Herald of Angels Behind Housing 'Freedom' for the Disabled

My friend Dave Goldberg, the plumbing and heating supplier in upper Westchester who retired from his own business, called me last week to tell me that he had joined the board of Freedom Gardens in Mohegan Lake and asked if I might visit.

He didn't have to tell me what it was because I knew it as a small colony of homes for the disabled that I would drive by regularly during a period that I owned a "country" home in Putnam Valley, not far from my primary home in Yorktown Heights.

Just recently, on my town's architectural review board, I participated in the review of its development of three new homes and a clubhouse.

I thought this would be a perfect opportunity to explore housing needs for the disabled, which, maybe surprisingly, is a consideration for as much as 20 percent

of our population.

Within days, I was in the colony's clubhouse in the company of Goldberg and some highly dedicated members of the board. Its delightful president, Frank Harris, 92, a World War II hero had escaped Nazi Germany to become an American citizen and serve in the war. He later built a career in the food service industry. Within minutes we found that we had good friends and experiences in common from my days as marketing director at The Culinary Institute of America.

Harris told me the story of Freedom Gardens, originally

founded in 1958 in Yonkers by Lillian Petock Crowley, herself a paraplegic. Harris said that her objective was to fulfill a dream of establishing a "real home" for the handicapped. That is where the "Freedom" part of the name comes from, according to Harris.

"Lillian called it that, meaning that she wanted its residents to be 'free' from having to live in an institution," he said.



By Bill Primavera

By 1962, Crowley had accumulated the money she needed to purchase the property located in the hamlet of Mohegan Lake, requesting that her home be regarded as a "residence," not a nursing home.

There was a raucous public hearing when the application was made, where neighbors complained bitterly for fear that the value of their homes would depreciate, some even shouting "we don't want those cripples living here."

Harris said there was an impassioned plea, where an early advocate for the home upbraided those neighbors for their small mindedness, dramatically espousing that the proposed residents may have had disabilities that were "physical and could be seen, but that their future neighbors had a disability that was mental and could not be seen."

That speech shamed the community into a broader view of acceptance and, in 1958, the first homes were built.

Today, the complex on five acres is home to 15 mobility-impaired adults who are able to live independent and productive lives in reasonably priced Section 8 housing. In 2013, the new 3,300-square-foot, one-story building was constructed to accommodate three one-bedroom living facilities as well as an outdoor patio and garden.

Generally speaking, considerations that must be given to homes to accommodate the disabled include: the number of barriers from the outside to the inside, such as narrow walkways, uneven pavement, steps and hills; whether a ramp is required; whether the kitchen, bathroom and laundry room are easily accessible and do they require additional accommodations such as grab bars; whether sinks and counters are lowered; and if there are grab bars in the bathroom.

As our population ages, it will no doubt require a greater knowledge and sensitivity to the needs of the physically impaired. The availability of a complex like Freedom Gardens, for those who require public assistance to meet their needs, is a wonderful asset to any community.

The new building at Freedom Gardens is dedicated to the memory of Gary Kleiber, who served as the organization's board of directors for many years and spearheaded the construction of the new facility. He suddenly passed away shortly after the \$1.2 million facility was completed.

Any reader who would like to help care for the disabled may contribute to the fund set up in his honor by making a tax-deductible donation to The Gary Kleiber Fund, Freedom Gardens for the Handicapped, Inc., 1680 Strawberry Rd., Mohegan Lake, N.Y. 10547.

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The Gary Kleiber Building at Freedom Gardens, a residential complex for mobility-impaired adults in Mohegan Lake.

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# Luxurious Living Atop The Residences at The Ritz-Carlton in White Plains

By Pat Casey

At its affluent best Westchester is home to some of the finest artists, designers, craftsmen, and suppliers of innovative and luxurious household goods the world has to offer. Currently, many of these

Carlton Westchester at 5 Renaissance Square.

The subject of Westchester Magazine's Dream Home Penthouse Edition, a special promotional section of the locally published magazine, is a featured 5,499 sq. ft. apartment, which serves as a model home for six similar apartments also for sale in the over 40-story residential tower.

With enough room to make most single-family homeowners envious, the kitchen alone is 25 feet by 30 feet and the master bedroom suite is like taking a trip to the spa. The Residences at The Ritz-Carlton also offers the same housekeeping, spa, restaurant and room service amenities available to hotel guests.

According to Nancy Kennedy, who heads a team of brokers at Houlihan Lawrence, the selling price is \$7.5 million plus, and she has already sold one apartment to an international buyer who fell in love with the unit after taking a recent tour.

Comparable apartments in Manhattan would sell for \$15 million, \$20 million or more, Kennedy says.

The tours, by appointment only, began September 12 and continue on the weekends through October 19.

With views of New York City and the Hudson River Valley, the bird's eye perspective of the 40th floor creates a lofty atmosphere and privacy that can only be afforded by the unique positioning of The Ritz-Carlton as it is situated in central Westchester. You can

see for miles with nothing blocking the view and no one can look back in. There are windows in every room.

Because the penthouse was to be used as a model home, both the Cappelli Organization, developer of the residences and Westchester Magazine worked together to create the optimum experience for the featured space. With the creative input of Barbara Bell, founder and owner of Barbara Bell Interiors, each room has a unique expression, yet everything is pulled together as though someone already lives there.

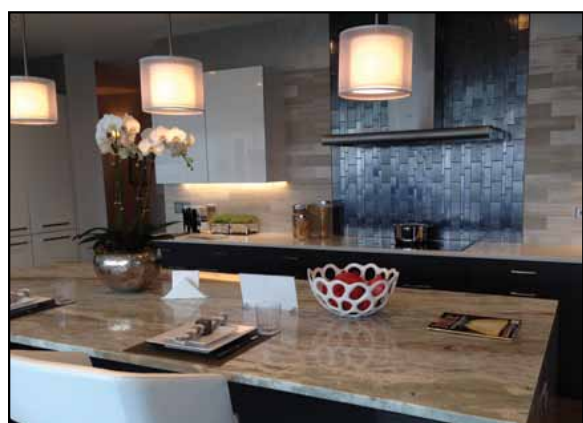
"This allows visitors to visualize what it would be like to live here," Bell explained. "Usually, when homes are featured each room has a separate style to emphasize the work of different designers and suppliers. We didn't want to do that here."

While the furnishings are not included in the sale price, custom designs by California Closets, ABC Carpet, Klaff's,



Windows in every room provide views of New York City and the Hudson River Valley.

designers have their work on display high above the bustle of downtown White Plains on Penthouse Level 9 on the 40th floor of The Residences at The Ritz-



The eat-in kitchen includes first-class appliances and quality countertops.



Can you find the Picasso hidden among the treasures?



PAT CASEY PHOTOS

The TV in the guest room, provided by Elite Design Systems, is hidden under the bed. It extends out by remote control with a retractable arm for comfortable viewing.



His and her tubs in the master bedroom suite.

apartment with the master bedroom suite.

Geodes, fossils, petrified wood, gems and crystals provided by Architectural Minerals & Stone add to the interesting objects d'art found scattered around the living space by Bell. "Geodes are becoming very popular," she said.

Every room also has a television either built into the wall or somehow creatively designed into the space. For the event, Elite Design Systems provided all the

electronics.

Photos from every angle and an explanation of the different design concepts are provided in Westchester Magazine's Dream Home Penthouse Edition. Reservations for a viewing appointment can be made by visiting [www.westchestermagazine.com/dreamhome](http://www.westchestermagazine.com/dreamhome).

Stickley Audi & Co., Greenwich Window Treatments, Roche Bobois, Kohler, Bilotta, Marble America Corp., Terra Tile & Marble, and White Plains Glass and Mirror, among others are featured. The colors used are earthy and a metallic theme runs throughout.

Art by Madelyn Jordon Fine Art covers the walls like a gallery and pieces can be purchased for use in one of the for sale apartments or to take home. One oil on canvas by artist Antonio Carreno called "The Hidden Words in the Beautiful Heart" was commissioned specifically for the Dream Home event and provides a procession through space along a long corridor that connects the main living areas of the



Dining table by Roche Bobois features a clockwork style extension mechanism.



# Business Class: Where to Hold that Corporate Meeting



By Morris Gut

The business community in greater Westchester is always on the lookout for venues to hold that special corporate meeting or event, or the right spot to consummate the deal and be well catered to at the same time. Here are a few suggestions in close proximity to business centers around the area.

**Mansion On Broadway.** The mansion is a 115-year old historic building in the heart of Westchester County, loaded with the charm of a bygone era. It has undergone a multi-million dollar renovation and refurbishing and is operated by a creative culinary team ready to make your special event most memorable. Dynamic proprietor Michael Pasqualini offers 10,000 elegant and functional square feet of meeting and special event space. Careful renovation has restored the Mansion to its original glory while adding state of the



Mansion on Broadway, White Plains

art A/V equipment. An interior facelift has enhanced the classic beauty right down to the mahogany outfitted ballroom with coffered ceilings and handsome furnishings ready to serve as the backdrop for all your special occasion needs. A bar/lounge is available, too. Whether you are planning a corporate meeting, any kind of event for up to 240 guests, Michael Pasqualini cordially invites you to a unique tour and tasting right on the premises by advanced reservation. Ample parking; 139 North Broadway, White Plains; 914-949-1492; [www.mansiononbroadway.com](http://www.mansiononbroadway.com).

**Trattoria 632.** This restaurant is just a short drive from SUNY Purchase and Manhattanville and the busy corporate corridor along Rt. 287. There is a Pizza Bar manned by talented pizzaolo Leo Hajdari who creates tasty pies and slices to eat in or take out. Chef Nazareno Danielle and his team serve up a more formal seasonal Italian menu loaded with flavor. Check out such house specialties as: Roasted Beets with goat cheese mousse, Sicilian pistachios and micro greens; house made Chittara pasta with veal polpettine and shaved ricotta salata; Squid Ink Pasta with shrimp, bay scallops, chillies and arugula; classic Veal, Chicken or Shrimp Parmigiana; Wild Striped Bass Mediterraneo with capers, olives and cherry tomatoes; and Day Boat Scallops, pan-seared with baby arugula, risotto, sundried tomato and roasted pepper gremolata. Bar/lounge. Happy Hours. Live entertainment and dancing Thursday

and live piano Saturday evenings. There is a private party/meeting room on the second floor equipped with a flat screen TV for private presentations. Major credit cards. Ample free parking; 632 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase; 914-481-5811; [www.trattoria632.com](http://www.trattoria632.com).

**Mulino's of Westchester.** A lovely multi-level dining room lush with flowers and outdoor fountain that can be seen through a giant window can be a stunning venue for cutting the deal. Let seasoned general manager 'Gimmy' Cavagna and his staff take you through such decadent pleasures as the extraordinary Cold Seafood Platter, loaded with fresh chilled lobster, colossal U5 shrimp, Alaskan King Crab Legs, sweet lump crabmeat, east and west coast oysters, littleneck clams, Jonah crab claws, all beautifully decorated and served over crushed ice with 3 dipping sauces; Risotto ai Porcini; Linguine Nere con Coda d'Aragosta Marechiaro, black linguine with baby lobster tails; Garganelli alla Carbonara, tossed with pancetta, eggs and parmigiano reggiano; Nodino di Vitello Valdostana, stuffed double cut veal chop; Dover Sole pan-sautéed and de-boned; and the smooth house made Italian cheesecake. Handsome bar/lounge. Banquet tables available. Municipal and valet parking; 99 Court Street, White Plains; 914-761-1818; [www.mulinosny.com](http://www.mulinosny.com).

**Sofrito.** Host-owner J R Morales and his team have made this rhythmic spot a must-stop on the Latin-themed dining and nightlife crawl. Take advantage of the new three-course prix fixe lunch menu: \$19.95. There are spirited Happy Hours from noon to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday at the bar featuring specialty priced cocktails and appetizers. And among the best dining deals in Westchester right now are the fixed price multi-course dinners served seven days a week. Beautifully plated and generously portioned Puerto Rican and Caribbean specialties. There is a well-appointed room in the rear for a large business group, and Sofrito has partnered with Westchester Manor in Hastings on Hudson for corporate events for up to 350 guests. Check out the Latin Sushi, too. Open seven days a week for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. Dancing and live entertainment schedule. Municipal and valet parking; 175 Main Street, White Plains; 914-428-4740; [www.sofritowhiteplains.com](http://www.sofritowhiteplains.com).

**Ciao.** A major renovation has contemporized the dining area and private party/meeting rooms. Zef and his friendly crew have been marking their 25th anniversary with generous platters of Italian/American cuisine served with gusto. Be seated and have Peter, the genial general manager suggest such open kitchen specialties as: Hot Antipasto for

two, three or more, loaded with delectable fruits of the sea; fresh Arugula Salad with goat cheese, marinated Portobello mushrooms, sprinkled with balsamic vinegar; house made Pappardelle with fresh tomato, basil and chunks of fresh mozzarella; Salmon ala Ciao, with white wine, lemon, capers and asparagus; or Veal Salvaggio, decadently good with cognac, garlic, sage, shitake and porcini mushrooms. From the grill come such hefty cuts as: Broiled Veal Chop, Black Angus Shell Steak, Sausages Frioli served with peppers (hot or sweet), mushrooms,

onions and sliced potatoes; and Pork Chops with vinegar peppers. Pizzas, too. Enhanced catering facilities available upstairs and downstairs. Open seven days a week. Major credit cards. Free and valet parking; 5-7 John

Albanese Place, Eastchester; 914-779-4646; [www.ciaoeastchester.com](http://www.ciaoeastchester.com).

**Dubrovnik.** The flavorfully melded historic cuisines of Croatia are served here in a refined atmosphere. Founded by Jerry Tomic, Dubrovnik premiered a year ago and it became a sensation: Westchester's first restaurant devoted to Croatia, a multi-level 85-seat establishment with seasonal outdoor patio, state of the art temperature controlled wine cellar, al fresco rotisserie BBQ, lush seasonal herb garden and bar/lounge. Talented chefs man the kitchen and they will transport you to the beautiful Adriatic in flavorful style. Veteran restaurateur and current owner Nada Bernic (previously of The Terrace in upper Manhattan), also insists they use the finest ingredients in the seasonal marketplace. Most everything is house made from the bread to desserts. Try the Warm Octopus Salad; Steamed Mussels; Bay Scallops on the Shell; Fresh Cod Filet with grapes, olives, pearl onions; Mama Tereza's lobster, shrimp, scallops, fish, clams and mussels steamed in a seasonal broth over pasta; Grilled Rack of Lamb; or whole roasted fish prepared out on the BBQ. Open 7 days for lunch and dinner. Reservations suggested. There are handsome private party and meeting facilities. Valet parking; 721 Main Street, New Rochelle; 914-637-3777; [www.dubrovnikny.com](http://www.dubrovnikny.com).

**Crosstown Diner.** If your business takes you to the Bronx this spot along the busy Bruckner Expressway will take care of your needs. Peter and Billy Tsididis, the father and son team operating the flashy 138-seat Crosstown Diner for 30 years, are always ready to tuck you into one of their booths or set up a semi-private banquet table and serve up big portions of classic diner food that runs the gamut from breakfast all day and night, big burgers to heaping bowls of pasta, seafood platters, steaks and chops. Great big fresh made cakes, pies and pastries pull at your palate

in their display case as soon as you enter. It's a good, friendly hideaway. A safe haven that will satiate your hunger while leaving some change in your wallet. If you are planning an event at home or at the office their catering delivery service will bring it all right to you. Open seven days a week, 24 hours Thursday-Saturday; 2880 Bruckner Blvd. (at Tremont Ave.), Bronx; 718-597-3450; [www.crosstowndiner.com](http://www.crosstowndiner.com).

**La Riserva.** The dining rooms here have just been enhanced. There are now beautifully framed one-of-a-kind vintage photo blow-ups highlighting the walls from owner Michael Vivolo's hometown in Italy, some dating back to the 1920s and 30s. They are a must see. The private meeting room can hold up to 60 guests comfortably. Chef/proprietor Michael Vivolo and his wife Margaret have been serving 'the Italian classics' here for over 35 years and the soothing atmosphere and friendly ambiance keep it a treat. Some of his most popular dishes: flavorful Polenta with shrimp and mushrooms; Veal Chop alla Griglia, with mushrooms and roasted potatoes; or the Branzino Mediterraneo. \$12.95 luncheon specials. Open seven days for lunch and dinner. Free parking; 2382 Boston Post Road, Larchmont; 914-834-5584; [www.lariservarestaurant.com](http://www.lariservarestaurant.com).

**Encore Bistro.** Lyon-bred David Masliah, proprietor of bustling Encore Bistro Francais in Larchmont, has opened a second Encore Bistro on Purchase Street in Rye. The new 90-seat restaurant is highlighted by white porcelain tiled walls and decorative floors, burnt glass mirrors etched with house specialties, long red banquettes, well-appointed tables and bistro chairs, and colorful French novelty posters. Frosted picture windows look out onto Purchase St. There is a sparkling marble-topped bar/lounge area that is separated from the main dining room where patrons can enjoy signature cocktails, light meals and weekday Happy Hours from 5 to 7 p.m. featuring specially priced options. Also, the Prix Fixe three-course luncheon served Monday through Saturday for \$14.50 is a great deal. Chef Erwen Perez' specialties include: Tartare de Thon, Salade Parisienne, Steak Frites (the fries here are among the best in the county), Carre d'Agneau Persille, and Saint Jacques au beurre blanc. A private room is available in the Larchmont location with audio/visual equipment. Free street parking in front; municipal parking at rear of the restaurant. Reservations accepted; suggested for larger groups; 67 Purchase Street, Rye; 914-481-8833; Larchmont phone: 914-833-1661. [www.encore-bistro.com](http://www.encore-bistro.com).

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## The Restaurant Examiner



### Bridge View Tavern Introduces Wild-Game Burgers and St. Louis Ribs

By Jerry Eimbinder

A number of new pub dishes including wild-game burgers have been added to the menu at the Bridge View Tavern in Sleepy Hollow. Proprietor Chris Maceyak said that new arrivals also include house-smoked St. Louis style barbecue ribs. The ribs are center-cut and served as a full-rack only. The game burgers include elk, wild boar and venison (shipped overnight from a Colorado supplier).

The new dishes join a menu already including Baby Back Ribs and a varied selection of ground-beef, bison and veggie burgers.

A new dessert, maple-walnut bread pudding, is now available and pumpkin cheesecake is coming soon, Maceyak said. Fresh fish, including Atlantic salmon, codfish and shrimp, arrives three days a week, he mentioned.

"All smoking of meat is done on our premises," he said. "The smoking



Ground beef, bison, veggie and game burgers are on the menu at Bridge View Tavern.

time ranges from six to fourteen hours depending on type of cut and weight but typically the smoking rate is about 90 minutes per pound. Chicken wings are smoked for five hours and then fried."

Crowd favorites, Maceyak said, include New Orleans Cajun Po Boy (\$16) and the house-smoked pulled pork sandwich (\$14). His own personal

favorite, he advised, is a 10-ounce beef burger on a brioche roll, topped with blue cheese and applewood smoked bacon, and served with French fries and slaw (\$14).

"Eighteen dedicated drafts are offered at any one time," he said, "and the selection is rotated weekly." Samples for tasting are cheerfully offered. The majority of the beers are from California, Colorado, or are procured locally from breweries such as the Captain Lawrence Brewing Company.

Numerous specials are offered including wings at half-price and \$5 pints on Monday nights, and select \$4 pints on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Television sports packages include NFL, NHL, and college football (SEC and Big 10). Thirteen TV receivers make possible the granting of specific game requests for watching.

Heaters extend the season for outside seating sometimes affected by cool river breezes because of the restaurant's proximity to the Hudson.

The restaurant was opened across the street from the former General Motors site by Chris Maceyak and his father Stephen Maceyak in 2009.

Family-owned, the Bridge View Tavern has views of the Hudson River and plentiful parking. A free self-parking lot is available as is free street marking (no meters).

Reservations are not accepted on Fridays or Saturdays.

Fall/winter hours are from 4 p.m. to midnight on Monday and from 11:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Tuesday through Sunday. The kitchen closes at 10 p.m. each evening.

Bridge View Tavern is located at 226 Beekman Avenue, Sleepy Hollow 10591, [www.bridgeviewtavern.com](http://www.bridgeviewtavern.com), 914-332-0078.

### Dining Venues for Halloween-Related Events at Sleepy Hollow

By Jerry Eimbinder

Historic Hudson Valley brings back two Halloween-related events in Sleepy Hollow during October; both start on October 4, run on 13 dates, and end nearly a month later.

Horseman's Hollow takes place at Philipsburg Manor and includes a jaunt along a trail of horror. Irving's Legend is highlighted by a 45-minute recital of the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by renowned storyteller Jonathan Kruk. Accompanied by spooky music, Kruk performs across the street from Philipsburg Manor at the Old Dutch Church.

Horseman's Hollow, which debuted in 2011, is an outdoor and indoor night stroll where participants follow a narrow trail through a ghoulish corn field, haunted sheds and other spooky places where ghosts and frightening creatures await them. Costumed evil-looking actors and special effects including a computer-controlled spider provide scares at almost every turn. Eventually the visitors enter the terrifying lair of the Headless Horseman.

Performance dates are Oct. 4-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, 31 and Nov. 1. Recommended attendee age is children 10 or older and adults. Admission is \$25 on Saturdays, \$20 on other days. Members receive a \$5 discount.

Irving's Legend, which is performed across the street from Philipsburg Manor, includes entry into the Old Dutch Church and requires negotiating a long,

steep ramp, uneven stone steps, narrow entryways and tight aisles. Parking is provided at Philipsburg Manor.

Performance dates are Oct. 4-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, 31 and Nov. 1. Recommended attendee age is children 10 or older and adults



Actors portray characters from Halloween legends to terrify visitors at Horseman's Hollow.

Admission is Adults, \$20; children under 18, \$16. Members receive a \$5 discount.

Advance ticket purchase is required. Visit [www.hudsonvalley.org/events/horsemans-hollow/](http://www.hudsonvalley.org/events/horsemans-hollow/) tickets or for a \$2 surcharge tickets can be ordered by phone by calling 914-366-6900.

During the run of Horseman's Hollow, the Philipsburg Manor Museum Shop will offer an assortment of "horror" merchandise, such as knife and hatchet bookends, dead man pen holders, skull

salt/pepper shakers, werewolf gloves, light up skulls, zombie board games, candy blood bags, a selection of horror books and jewelry, and Horseman's Hollow magnets and postcards.

Irving's Legend merchandise for purchase includes nine versions of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" written by Washington Irving, 'Legend'-themed magnets, key chains, pins, T-shirts, caps, journals, cotton throws, ornaments, porcelain boxes, floaty pens, mini snow globes, bookmarks, nail files, chocolate bars, notecards. Original oil paintings by local artist Suzanne Christine are also offered.

Light food fare is provided by "Tastefully Yours" at Philipsburg Manor including light refreshments such as apple cider, donuts, hot dogs, hamburgers and chili. Tastefully Yours is located outside the Visitor Center near the entrance to Horseman's Hollow. Picnic tables are available.

Nearby dining options include:

**Bridge View Tavern.** See above; 226 Beekman Avenue, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591, [www.bridgeviewtavern.com](http://www.bridgeviewtavern.com), 914-332-0078.

**Finalmente Trattoria.** Italian cuisine. Rack of New Zealand lamb and red snapper are favorites of local customers; 31 Beekman Avenue, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591, 914-909-4787.

**J.P. Doyle's Restaurant & Public House.** Brian Doyle and partner/proprietor Nicholas Bell opened J.P. Doyle's, a family-friendly and comfortable sports bar and restaurant, in September of 1999. Serves Shepherd's Pie, Fish & Chips, burgers, Nicky's house-made Mac 'n cheese, house-made potato skins, a large New York steak and fish; 48 Beekman Avenue, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591, [www.jpdoylesrestaurant.com](http://www.jpdoylesrestaurant.com), 914-631-3015.

**Que Chula es Puebla.** Opened in July 2007 by Pablo Ilagorre. Focuses on the authentic food of Puebla, a Mexican city long recognized as the birthplace of some of Mexico's most famous dishes. Mixlote de Pollo provides an exquisite taste resulting from marinating chicken in two sauces, guajillo (garlic and chile) and pasilla; the chicken is wrapped in parchment paper and served with black beans and rice; 180 Valley Street, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591, 914-332-0072.

**River Grill.** Continental and pub food. Specialties include Baby Back Ribs (\$20), Maryland crab cakes with house-made remoulade (\$24) and Fish & Chips with French fries (\$19). Newly introduced autumn drinks include Headless Horseman (Spiced rum with orange juice, shaken to perfection, topped with an orange slice, a little grenadine and a cherry garnished), Harvest Sangria and Pumpkin Martini; 222 Beekman Avenue, Sleepy Hollow 10591, [www.rivergrillny.com](http://www.rivergrillny.com), 914-909-6500.



# Sweeney Todd Produced Like Never Before at WPPAC in October

By Janine Bowen

Whether Sweeney Todd is your favorite musical or you've never seen it before, there will be something new for all at the White Plains Performing Arts Center's production of the show, which opens October 10.

Reimagined by Director Jeremy Quinn, this version of Sweeney Todd picks up after the original story ends and focuses on the character of Toby, who has been taken to an asylum after murdering Todd and is constantly reminded of characters like Todd and Mrs. Lovett through the doctors and nurses he encounters.

Items in the Bethlehem Royal Hospital, where Toby resides, are used to drive the traditional tale of Sweeney Todd. For example, in the time period, facilities would put cages over the heads of patients who bite, so those cages will appear on ward residents and then be used as a birdcage in a later musical number. In addition, the head doctor and Sweeney Todd will be the same, which ties into the fact that surgeons in the time period were often sent to barber college to learn their trade.

"The nicest thing is that it's an extremely artistically collaborative project, and I love that. For me, it's almost like the epitome of what I've always strived to do but we're taking it to the hilt because we're imposing this different concept on it," said Quinn.

Just one day into the rehearsal process, Quinn was already taking ideas from the cast and crew as to how to tie the new concept into the traditional story using items that would be found in Toby's environment. Cassie Hohn, who is playing Mrs. Lovett, introduced the idea of Toby wearing a mop head in the asylum that will become his wig once the play flashes



The cast of Sweeney Todd at White Plains Performing Arts Center.

back to the traditional tale.

Many of the actors expressed an excitement to be able to have input into the show, and said that it gives them an opportunity to make the characters their own and grow as artists.

"I just did...Greece [which] isn't the most artistically fulfilling show," said Anthony Nuccio, who plays Anthony, the character who falls in love with Sweeney Todd's daughter, Johanna. "[Quinn] said right from the get-go that he wants people who would be very into building a vision and, to me, it was already enough to do Sweeney Todd...but this adds another level on top of it."

Quinn explained that the idea to put a new spin on this 35 year old play was inspired by Leisl Tommy, who recently produced Les Miserables at the Dallas Theatre Center and moved the story out of France and into South Africa. Quinn stated that he didn't want to simply remount a production that most people had already seen, especially since WPPAC is located

just 40 minutes north of Broadway.

He noted that the focus when remounting shows is often to get them as close to the Broadway production as possible, however most regional theaters are working with a limited budget. He stated that he doesn't want to shy away from popular shows that are expensive to produce, but would prefer to develop creative ways to tell a story with the resources that are available to him.

Beth Stafford Laird, who plays Johanna, acted in a production of Sweeney Todd in high school and fell in love with the play. She noted that although the show will be different from the play people are used to, the dialogue and story will remain the same as the original.

"When you take a new, fresh look at something, it forces you to reexamine the storytelling, and that's ultimately the most important part and we're a small ensemble committed to telling the story so as long as that's there I think it will be really exciting," she said.

Running from October 10 through 26, the play will coincide with the Halloween season, which is appropriate given the gory nature of the plot. Steven C. Rich, who portrays Sweeney Todd, explained however, that this interpretation of the story will focus more on the characters than the violence.

"You're going to see the gore and those elements, but hopefully, I think the way we're doing it is going to help us get to the heart of the characters. You get to the heart, and the similarities of the emotions and things that we all feel, Todd just expresses them in a way we probably don't want to in real life," he said.

As with the play's dialogue, the music for the production will remain the exact same as the original Broadway version. The score will be performed by a nine-piece orchestra, which is smaller than what is typically used for the show, but will be more in keeping with the new take on the tale, according to Musical Director Stephen Ferri.

"I know a lot of people are used to the sound of it being a big massive show but this orchestration, I think, captures Jeremy [Quinn's] concept a little bit better as far as the idea that it's grittier and a little bit smaller," he said.

One thing that will be different though is the ending to the story. According to Quinn, the play will follow the traditional path but will have an additional ending that follows the usual conclusion of the story. Quinn wouldn't give away his new ending, but teased that: "Toby goes over the edge for real."

Tickets for Sweeney Todd are \$50 for adults and \$30 for students and can be purchased at WPPAC.com.

## Bluegrass Meets Jazz Food Drive to Benefit Three Local Hunger Organizations

Vintage Lounge and Restaurant, White Plains, will host the Bluegrass Meets Jazz Food Drive, Sept. 28, to support three pivotal hunger-fighting organizations in Westchester: Food Bank for Westchester, Grace Church Community Center and Shepherd's Flock. Admission to the event is a bag with \$20 worth of non-perishable food.

Performing will be acclaimed jazz guitar duo Bucky Pizzarelli and Ed Laub. Bluegrass maestro Orrin Star will serve at Master of Ceremonies, and fiddler Travis Wetzel will play an inspiring set of songs.

Virtuoso jazz guitarists Bucky Pizzarelli and Ed Laub have reached the pinnacle of their field. Pizzarelli has collaborated with Paul McCartney, Frank Sinatra and Benny Goodman. Ed Laub has played with Kenny Rankin and Frank Vignola, along with many other top-flight musicians. He released a recent recording, "Soft Guitar," with longtime

performance partner Pizzarelli.

Award-winning guitarist and mandolin player Orrin Star, who specializes in bluegrass music, has received many accolades throughout his career. The Boston Herald called him a "consummate showman" and the Boston Globe referred to him as "one of the finest flatpickers in captivity."

Travis Wetzel, a virtuoso fiddle player who is adept at bluegrass, jazz, country and Irish music, has performed with bluegrass titans Del McCoury, Doyle Lawson and Rhonda Vincent, among others, and is currently on tour with bluegrass legend Jesse McReynolds.

Beneficiaries of the food drive The Food Bank for Westchester, Grace Church Community Center and Shepherd's Flock stand at the forefront of tackling the pervasive issue of hunger in Westchester County.

The Food Bank for Westchester, based in Elmsford, serves as the central

repository and distribution center for emergency food donations in the county. It acquires donations, packages the items at its warehouse and distributes food to more than 265 hunger relief programs, including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and adult, child-care and treatment centers. The organization receives an average of 102,000 requests for food per month and distributes more than 7.5 million pounds of food annually.

Grace Church Community Center operates the largest soup kitchen in White Plains, providing free mid-day meals five days a week and on all holidays. No one is ever turned away. The agency provides an additional 100,000 meals to the hungry through its two shelters and its programs for homeless and disadvantaged children.

Founded in 2011, Shepherd's Flock is the outreach ministry of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion in White Plains. The non-sectarian, community-based

organization partners with more than 30 agencies to assist working poor families ineligible for government programs.

According to experts, one in five families in Westchester will need some form of food assistance this year, a total of 200,000 individuals. One-third of them will be children.

According to the Westchester County Dept. of Social Services, in 2013, the federal government cut benefits under the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, commonly known as food stamps, though the number of households in Westchester receiving the service had risen 65 percent from 2000 to 2009 to over 54,000 people, current estimates are as high as 83,000.

The Bluegrass Meets Jazz Food Drive will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. at Vintage Lounge and Restaurant, 171 Main Street, White Plains. For admission, bring a bag with \$20 worth of non-perishable food. Cash and checks will also be accepted.





# Happenings



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## Tuesday, Sept. 23

**Tuesdays at Dorry's.** For 33 years Heather Miller has worked at the Slater Center, the community center located beside the Winbrook public housing complex in White Plains. She has served as its Executive Director since 2005. Under her leadership several programs for young people and other community members have been created, including the Step Up Girls Program, Next Generation Boys Group, Health and Fitness, Summer Enrichment Program, Summer Youth Employment Program and the Gardening Project. Heather will speak about the passion that continues to motivate her commitment to the development of children and youth. 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, Sept. 24

**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.

Downtown Music at Grace is excited to present the Oscar winning documentary, *The Lady in Number 6: Music Saved My Life*, the inspiring story of 109 year old Alice Herz Sommer. Ms. Sommer, pianist and Holocaust survivor, shares her views on how to live a long and happy life in this 35-minute film from Director, Malcolm Clarke. A recital by pianist Irena Portenko follows, featuring works of Chopin mentioned in the film. Ms. Portenko is an exceptional artist, performing as a soloist with orchestras all over the world and in chamber music ensembles with many distinguished artists. As a passionate educator, Ms. Portenko takes pride in her Westchester studio and with

her guidance, passion and hard work, she inspires her students to strive toward and win top awards at international piano competitions and festivals. At historic Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church St., White Plains; 12:10 p.m. This program ends at 1:15 p.m. Free.

## Thursday, Sept. 25

**Friends of Westchester County Parks Program.** Come for an overview of the programs that the Friends support and what is being done to promote the walking and bicycling trails in the county. Friends of Westchester County Parks advocates on behalf of the public for the more than 18,000 acres and 50 parks in the county park system. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

## Friday, Sept. 26

**Birders U: Birding 101.** This two-hour workshop for beginning and intermediate birders will introduce bird biology, field ID tips, bird sounds, bird feeding, online and mobile birding resources and where and when to go birding in our area throughout the year. Suitable for ages 10 and up. Community Bible Church of Northern Westchester, 301 Chadeayne Rd., Ossining. 7 to 9 p.m. Members of any Audubon group: \$10. Non-members: \$20. (Payment day of workshop.) Registration required. Info and registration: 914-666-6503 or e-mail [office@sawmillriveraudubon.org](mailto:office@sawmillriveraudubon.org).

**Music at the Mansion.** The Friends of Crawford Park are pleased to announce the second season of their benefit concert series to raise funds for the park. 8 p.m. will be guitarist Bill Kirchen. Venue location: 122 North Ridge St., Rye Brook, NY 10573. Tickets for the show are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at [www.musicatthemansion.org](http://www.musicatthemansion.org). Doors open at 7 p.m.

## Saturday, Sept. 27

**Conservation Café.** People Power: How Citizen Science Is Changing the Way Scientists Work, to be presented at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. Citizen science is professionally led research conducted in tandem with community-based volunteers. Citizen scientists learn valuable skills in order to collect and submit data, share experiences, and spread essential information, all while observing nature with a critical lens. In turn, these large, open volunteer networks often allow researchers to accomplish tasks that would be too expensive or time-consuming to accomplish through other means. Registration begins at 8:30

a.m. The program runs from 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Admission is free. To receive free parking at the County Center lot, you must pre-register for the program by 5 p.m. on Sept. 25 at: [coccitizenscience.eventbrite.com](http://coccitizenscience.eventbrite.com) or call 914-234-6992 ext. 22. The Westchester County Center is located at 198 Central Avenue in White Plains, NY 10606.

**Explore the Sanctuary: A Treasure Hunt in the Woods.** Learn how to use a compass and read a map to find your way in the woods from point to point. Three different courses from beginner to intermediate are available. Westmoreland Sanctuary, 260 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Mount Kisco. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Courses to remain open until 3 p.m.) Westmoreland Sanctuary members (adults): \$10. Non-member adults: \$15. Students (20 years old and under): \$5. Member families: \$15 plus \$2 for each additional map. Non-member families: \$25 plus \$2 for each additional map. Registration required. Info and registration: Registration at [www.westmorelandsanctuary.org](http://www.westmorelandsanctuary.org).

**Paper Making. 1 p.m.;** Turn recycled paper into decorative art paper for multiple uses. Fee \$3; pre-registration required. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains; 914-428-1005.

**Free Concert.** The Conservatory's Diana Golden will be among the performers in *An Eclectic Journey* from Bach to Piazzolla at the Music Conservatory's Recital Hall; 3:30 p.m. The concert will be repeated in New York City two days later. For more information on Saturday's performance, [info@musiced.org](mailto:info@musiced.org). For more information on the NYC performance, [www.musicandmorenyc.com](http://www.musicandmorenyc.com). FREE. Donations welcome.

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## Falcons' Offense, Defense Click on All Cylinders in 41-12 Domination of Haldane Several Players Shine in Rout

By Skip Pearlman

After their first game of the season was turned into a scrimmage, and after getting drubbed by Rye Neck 34-0 a week earlier, the Falcons of Woodlands High needed a game like this – a breakout game.

And Saturday at home, the Falcons got it as a fired-up Woodlands pounded an overmatched Haldane squad into submission, 41-12, in a League C meeting.

Woodlands got solid contributions from several sources. Senior QB Myles Thigpen ended up with two touchdowns on the ground and another in the air. Senior Rashad Baker led the team in rushing with 111 yards and a score on just six carries, and senior Jon Stewart pitched in with a 106-yard, one-touchdown performance, as the Falcons led from



DaShawn Beecham (L) and Nahjee O'Donohue (R) sack Haldane QB Tyler Giachinta in the end zone Saturday, forcing a fumble, recovered by O'Donohue for a TD.

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Rashad Baker (7) and DaShawn Beecham (14) celebrate Beecham's 15-yard TD reception.



Rashad Baker of Woodlands rushed for 111 yards and a TD in win over Haldane.

wire to wire.

Falcons Head Coach Mike Meade and his staff made a few adjustments during the week, and, of course, Haldane is no Rye Neck.

But whatever the case, this was the Falcons' day.

"I think some of the changes we made during the week made a difference," Meade said after the game.

The Falcons had trouble with snaps from the shotgun formation against Rye Neck. "We put in a new center, Rich Huguet, and he played a nice game," the coach said. And we moved Venier Brown to guard, and he was outstanding... they really solidified our line."

A number of mental mistakes vs. Rye Neck also hurt the team, along with costly turnovers, and some shaky defense. But Woodlands was able to clean up each of those areas against Haldane, which made a huge difference.

"We didn't make mistakes like we did last week," Meade said. "We were much more focused. We didn't turn the ball over, and we played solid defense."

Woodlands (1-1) didn't wait long to get the rout underway, scoring two minutes into the contest, as Thigpen broke loose for a 47-yard TD scamper; the first of his

two touchdown runs. Baker busted off a 32-yard scoring run shortly after, and the Falcons had a 12-0 lead after a quarter.

Thigpen found another open lane created by the Falcons' line in the second, and scored on a 40-yard run, and Woodlands led 18-6 at halftime.

Haldane found itself in trouble again just one minute into the third, when a penalty pinned the Blue Devils against their own goal line. That's when Falcons linebackers Nahjee O'Donohue and DaShawn Beecham sacked Haldane QB Tyler Giachinta in the end zone, forcing a fumble that was recovered by O'Donohue for a touchdown, and a 26-6 lead after



Amari Bilal of Woodlands looks for a lane to hit in Saturday's win.

Bilal's two-point conversion run.

The Blue Devils (1-2) put their second score on the board thanks to a 17-yard TD run by Giachinta with 6:28 left in the third, keeping his team in the game for the moment, at 26-12.

But after an on-sides kick attempt failed, Woodlands got great field position, and on first down Baker found a lane and rumbled 46 yards to pay dirt. Rich Larocca's PAT gave the home team a 33-12 cushion with 4:00 left in the period.

Thigpen opened the fourth with a 15-yard TD pass to Beecham four seconds into the quarter, and Haldane fumbled their next possession right back to Woodlands.

Balil, an impressive sophomore, finished with 13 tackles and a forced fumble, and Beecham recorded three QB sacks, and forced a fumble.

Meade said this was a good team win, with several players playing key roles.

"Dondi Crawford was chasing the quarterback all game," Meade said. "He put a lot of pressure on the quarterback. Beecham stood out, and so did Amari. He was incredible. Thigpen, Stewart and Baker, they were all great. They gave us such a balanced attack."

Woodlands hopes to continue its strong play Saturday at 1:30 p.m., when the Falcons host Dobbs Ferry (2-1).



..... **EXAMINER SPORTS** .....

# Harrison Boys Soccer Team Comes Up Short vs. Byram Hills, Eastchester

By Skip Pearlman

The Harrison High boys soccer team has been struggling to find an identity so far this fall, and the Huskies continued to search in a pair of losses last week, falling to Byram Hills, 5-1, last Thursday on the



Harrison's Christian Arias (16) takes a hit from Bobcat in loss last week.



Huskies keeper Noah Bender was kept busy last week vs. Byram Hills.



Luiz Guimeraes (10) of Harrison scored one goal on a penalty kick, and assisted on another goal for the Huskies last week in two losses.

road, and dropping a 2-1 decision at Eastchester Saturday.

Last Thursday at Byram Hills, the Huskies had their hands full, facing a talented Bobcats squad, which found the back of the net three times by halftime.

Tyler Gerston got Harrison on the scoreboard 10 minutes into the second half, scoring off a pass from Luiz Guimeraes, but the Huskies didn't have the firepower to get back in the game.

Noah Bender made four saves for Harrison in net.

"Byram Hills is a good team," Huskies coach Matt Pringle said. "Offensively and defensively they are a force to be reckoned with. And we've struggled early to find an identity... we're slowly finding it, putting the pieces together. We got one in in the second half, but they responded with two more goals. We were able to get some new guys in and see some new looks, so that helped. And Luiz played a great game. He generated the goal we had."

Harrison played much better Saturday against Eastchester, with Guimeraes tying

the game at 1-1 in the 60th minute on a penalty kick. But the Eagles secured the win with a score with 5:00 to play.

Bender stopped five shots on goal in the loss.

"I had a good feeling about this one," Pringle said. "We're working and building, and this was at their Homecoming. It was high school soccer at its finest. I think we did a pretty good job. We made it a game, then they got the win. But I think the guys played extraordinarily well. Christian Saavedra,



Harrison's Rene Marin (2) looks to keep ball away from defender.



Harrison's Enrique Garcia (8) battles for ball in loss to Byram Hills last week.



Christian Saavedra (9) moves the ball out of the defensive end for Harrison last week.

from left midfield, really gave us some senior leadership, generated offense and created opportunities. His play led to the penalty kick.

"Overall, it was a nice team effort," Pringle added. "Given the circumstances, we played well. We lost, but we definitely played well. It was a good team outing, and a positive step in the right direction."

Harrison was scheduled to travel to face Rye next Tuesday at 5 p.m.



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# EXAMINER SPORTS

## Harrison Volleyball Team Splits Four Matches During Busy Week

By Skip Pearlman

Last week was a busy one for the Harrison High volleyball team, which picked up wins over Scarsdale and Eastchester, but suffered a pair of losses, coming at the hands of Byram Hills and Pelham.

The four-game split left the Huskies at 5-3 overall and 4-2 in league play.

Saturday at Scarsdale, the Huskies picked up the win in straight sets, winning 25-5, 25-6 and 25-9.

Valerie Sprovieri led the Huskies with 10 kills and eight digs.

Last Thursday at home against Byram Hills (5-1), the Bobcats earned a 3-1 win, 25-22, 23-25, 25-23, 25-20.

Dominique Loguidice came up with seven kills and six digs for Harrison, and Rose Stokoe added 15 digs and 13 assists.

The prior Tuesday at Harrison, Pelham came up on the winning end, taking three of four: 26-24, 16-25, 25-17, 25-21.

Sprovieri delivered nine kills and 17 digs, with Loguidice adding eight kills and 19 digs.

One day earlier at Eastchester, the

Huskies took the match, 3-1 (25-15, 16-25, 25-21, 25-20).

Sydney Woolf had 18 digs, two kills and 14 service receptions, and Taylor Day contributed three aces, four kills and six blocks.

"Having four matches in one week, the girls played very well," Huskies coach Candy Light said. "They made a lot of great plays off the first pass, and they were very good at finding the floor with their hits. We played well all week.

"Byram Hills was a great match – they had more digs, but it was a great match," Light added. "In our first match against Pelham we really didn't play well, but this time we really stepped it up and played well. And we started the week at Eastchester, and played well there. We're coming together as a team, not individuals, and they trust each other. I'm very happy with the progress, and looking forward to seeing it continue."

Harrison was set to host Rye today (Tuesday) at 6 p.m., and the Huskies are at the John Jay CR tournament Saturday, with a start time of 9 a.m.



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