



Local Group Knits Pink Hats for Women's March



The pink knit hats that dotted the crowds of women present at the Women's March this past weekend bear a special message of female empowerment. Pictured here are members of a local knit and crotchet group, which made hats for area participants attending the Women's March in New York City. This activity was done against the backdrop of ArtsWestchester's current contemporary art exhibit, "Give Us the Vote," inspired by the centennial anniversary of the women's right to vote in New York State with a special focus on the current state of voting rights in America. The hats were donated to ArtsWestchester's Gift Shop, and sold for \$7 each. The "Give Us the Vote" exhibit at ArtsWestchester, 311 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, is free and open to the public through Feb. 10.

Power Called Out of Retirement to Serve as BOL Chief of Staff

By Pat Casey

Ben Boykin, Chair of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, announced Thursday that Dennis Power, former White Plains Councilman and retired Westchester County Program Director for the Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF), will join his administrative team as Chief of Staff.

Boykin explained that the BOL chairman has always had a Chief of Staff and that they have all acted in different capacities.

"Dennis Power brings the whole package," Boykin told The White Plains Examiner in an interview after the announcement. "He is the right person at the right time for this central role. I have received an outpouring of congratulations on my decision to bring him on board."

As former colleagues on the White Plains Common Council Boykin and Power have worked together on numerous issues including local economics, the environment and social issues.

With a professional relationship



White Plains resident and former member of the White Plains Common Council, Dennis Power, has joined new Westchester County BOL chairman Ben Boykin's administration as Chief of Staff.

spanning 30 years, Boykin expounded on Power's reputation as a respected community bridge builder in White Plains

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Redesigned Committee Structure and Chairs Named for Westchester BOL

By Pat Casey

Citing clarity as the main purpose for redesigning the Westchester County Board of Legislators (BOL) committee structure, newly elected BOL chairman Ben Boykin (D-White Plains) and vice-chair Alfreda Williams (D-Greenburgh) have assigned committee chairmanships for the 2018-19 legislative term.

The Westchester County Charter mandates that the BOL maintain two specific committees, the Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Legislation Committee. Additional committees and their membership are



Westchester County chairman Ben Boykin.



Westchester County vice-chair Alfreda Williams.

determined at the Chairman's prerogative.

"We wanted committees put together so when people look at the name, they understand what it means, Chairman Boykin told The White Plains Examiner in an interview Friday. "When you see Labor and Housing, you know what that means. It is clear. Public Safety is very clear. We wanted clarity so people in the county would understand the oversight responsibilities of each committee."

Working together with Legislator Alfreda Williams, Boykin said they had a shared goal to enhance the status of the

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Board of Legislators through outreach and education.

"We want people to understand the role of county government and the role of their county legislator," Boykin emphasized. To do this Boykin wants the legislators more actively out in the community. Part of that outreach will be at town hall meetings held in each legislative district with newly elected County Executive George Latimer.

"We want the people of Westchester County engaged, so we can move forward with our progressive policies. The first items we plan to deal with, and the discussion is happening as we speak," Boykin said, "is to ban gun shows on county-owned property and to pass the immigrant protection act." Both items had passed through a bi-partisan legislature in 2017, but had been vetoed at the county executive level.

After consulting with the 17 legislators on the BOL, Boykin and Williams ensured that each legislator had an assigned

committee chairmanship or would serve in a BOL leadership position during the 2018-2019 term.

"Much of the important work of creating legislation and performing oversight of county operations takes place around the committee table. I believe that in order for a legislative body to be robust and effective, all legislators must be engaged and accountable. In determining the membership of each of these committees, my aim was to match the experience and skill sets of individual Legislators with the mission and objective of their committee assignments. The BOL will be taking on many critical pieces of legislation quickly and I am confident that we have the right people and committees in place to fully and objectively review those proposals," Boykin said of the assignments.

Vice-Chair Williams said, "I congratulate my colleagues on their committee appointments and leadership positions. Over the next two years, every member

of this Legislature has a tremendous opportunity to help restore the fiscal health of Westchester County and to help us return to social policies of inclusion and fairness for all of our residents."

The BOL Leadership positions for the 2018-2019 term are: Board of Legislators Chair Ben Boykin; Board of Legislators Vice-Chair Alfreda Williams; Majority Leader Catherine Parker; Minority Leader John Testa; Majority Whip MaryJane Shimsky; Minority Whip Gordon Burrows.

The BOL Committees, meeting times and chairs for the 2018-2019 term are:

Budget and Appropriations: Mondays at 10 a.m., Catherine Borgia.

Legislation: Mondays at 1 p.m., Virginia Perez.

Rules: as needed, comprised of BOL leadership.

Law and Major Contracts: as needed, Lyndon Williams.

Appointments: Mondays at 4:30

p.m., Christopher Johnson.

Public Works: Tuesdays at 11 a.m., MaryJane Shimsky.

Labor and Housing: Mondays at 2 p.m., Damon Maher.

Social Services: 1st, 2nd, 4th Tuesdays of each month at 10 a.m., Kitley Covill.

Environment, Health & Energy: Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Nancy Barr.

Seniors and Constituents: 3rd Tuesday each month at 10 a.m., David Tubiolo.

Parks, Planning and Economic Development: Mondays at 9 a.m., Mike Kaplowitz.

Public Safety: Mondays at 3 p.m., Margaret Cunzio.

Intergovernmental Services: Mondays at 12 p.m., Jim Maisano.

All BOL Committee meetings are open to the public and are streamed live on the BOL website. An archive of previous meetings can be viewed on the BOL website as well.

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and throughout Westchester County. "Dennis Power brings extensive legislative, managerial and political experience to the table," Boykin said. "Having worked for the County for seven years, he also brings an understanding of how Westchester

government operates."

Power served as a Councilman for White Plains for 10 years (1988-91 and 2006-2011). During his last term he was Chair of the White Plains Youth Board and Recreation Advisory Council

as well as Chair of the Sustainability & Environmental Advisory Committee (SEEC). Since 2012 he has served in a volunteer capacity as the Chair of the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee advising Mayor Tom Roach and the Common Council on the distribution of CDBG (Block Grant) funds from the federal government.

From 2006 to 2013, Power also worked for Westchester County and, most of that time, served as Director of Program Development for DEF. He assisted in coordinating efforts of the county's Global Warming Task Force and Climate Change Committee, worked on numerous recycling initiatives and environmental management systems and acted as DEF's lead liaison with FEMA in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy.

Previously, in the private and nonprofit sectors, Power spent 15 years working for Merrill Lynch in sales, trading and marketing capacities. On the local front, he served as Executive Director of

WestHELP Greenburgh, was Director of Development and communications for Westchester ARC and Director of Corporate and Government Relations for The Hudson River Museum.

As a volunteer, Power was actively engaged in social issues and was the Founding President of SHORE, Inc. (Sheltering the Homeless is Our Responsibility) and served on the White Plains Public Housing Tenant Council.

"When presented with the opportunity," said Power, "to come back off the sidelines and play a key role at this critical time for our County, I welcome the challenge. Returning to action to utilize my diversified experience to support my long-standing colleague, Ben Boykin, and to work alongside the newly energized Board of Legislators, in tandem with our new County Executive, George Latimer, will be both exciting and rewarding."

Dennis Power officially began work at the Board of Legislators on Monday, Jan. 22.

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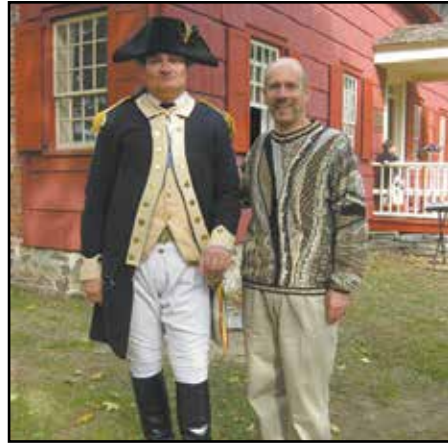
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White Plains Historical Society Fetes George's 286th

The White Plains Historical Society will celebrate George Washington's 286th birthday, Sunday, Feb. 25, at the Jacob Purdy House (Washington's Headquarters), a National Historic Site, 60 Park Avenue, White Plains.

The event begins at 1 p.m. with a flag-raising ceremony as revolutionary war re-enactors are marched by General Washington.

Guest speaker, Eastchester Town Historian, Dick Forlano will talk about "Westchester County and George Washington".



"During the Rev War, Washington was here in White Plains on two key dates, said John Vorperian, Historical Society President, "it'll be interesting to hear how Washington led his troops through the county against the King George's forces."

The two-hour event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Pictured is George Washington aka Michael Grillo and Historical Society president John Vorperian outside the Jacob Purdy House.

Former Elmwood Country Club Being Eyed for Senior Living Development

On Tuesday morning, Jan. 23, during the Greenburgh Town Board work session, board members will hear from the new owners of the former Elmwood Country Club property on Dobbs Ferry Road about their plans for a residential development.

According to Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner, the owners want to discuss with the town board the possibility of amending the Zoning Code for the development of residential town houses for buyers aged 55 and over.

They are also proposing to donate to the town 14 acres of the property east of the Con Ed power lines as parkland, Feiner said in an email.

Feiner also said the new owners are proposing buffers of at least 200 feet between regulatory properties and the new units.

Feiner emphasized that Tuesday's discussion is preliminary and that if the property owner decides to pursue the application, environmental reviews and public hearings will be scheduled.

"I have been in touch with the president of the local neighborhood association. The civic association worked closely with the town, helping the town to successfully come up with a plan for the redevelopment of the abandoned Franks Nursery into an assisted living facility. We're hoping to work closely with the neighborhood reviewing possible property uses for Elmwood as well," Feiner said.

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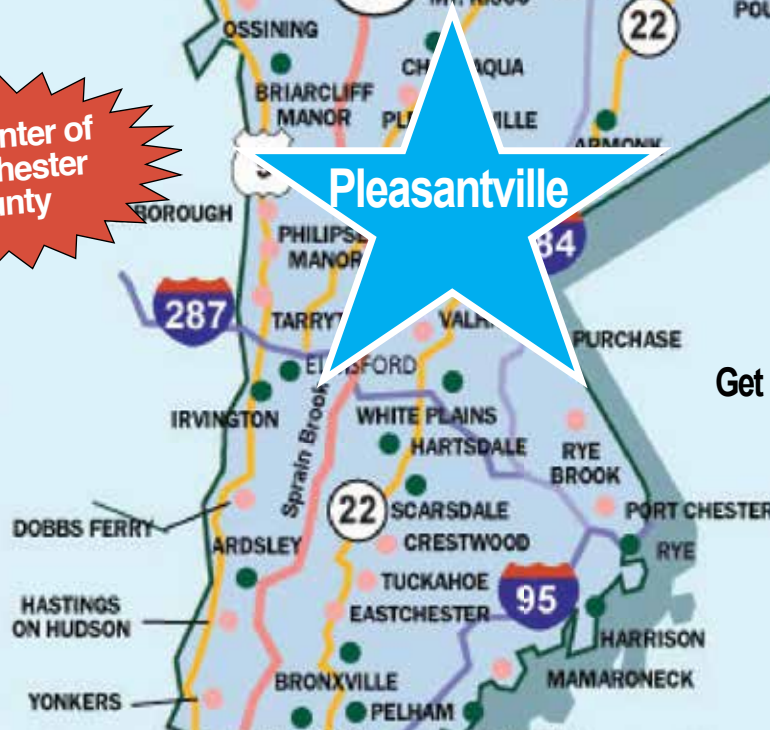


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Westchester County DA Ends Bail for Most Misdemeanor Cases

In an effort to promote fairness and end unnecessary incarceration for impoverished defendants, Westchester County District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr. announced Monday that his office will no longer seek bail in most misdemeanor cases.

Noting that too often defendants who pose no risk to public safety are locked up to await trial simply because they lack the financial means to post bail, Scarpino said, "This outdated practice is discriminatory, and will end here in the Westchester County District Attorney's Office."

Scarpino issued a directive Monday instructing prosecutors not to request bail for defendants accused of non-violent misdemeanors.

"After a review of our existing policy pertaining to bail applications in misdemeanor cases, the District Attorney's Office has issued guidelines for local court branches to ensure all defendants are treated fairly and equally while providing adequate assurance that he or she will return to court when required," Scarpino said. "While our current policy has not resulted in a large number of defendants being detained on misdemeanor charges, it is essential that we revisit these policies from time to time."

Scarpino's new bail guidelines follow Governor Cuomo's call for legislation eliminating bail for misdemeanors and



Westchester County DA Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr.

nonviolent felonies. He now joins with other local district attorneys who have imposed similar guidelines for assistants prosecuting misdemeanors in local court.

Scarpino said his new guidelines have already gone into effect and noted there may be exceptions where bail would be appropriate, including: Cases involving a victim (e.g., domestic violence, sex crimes, child abuse, elder abuse, assault cases); Cases where the defendant injures

a police officer, firefighter, EMT or other first responder, or violently resists arrest; Cases where the defendant has a prior felony conviction within the past 10 years; Cases where the defendant has a prior sex crime conviction (felony or misdemeanor); Cases where the defendant has a pending felony case, or multiple pending misdemeanor cases; Cases where the defendant is on parole, probation, or supervised release; Cases where the defendant has prior bail jumping charges or a history of warrants.

"No one should languish in jail for

a minor offense because of his or her inability to post bail," Scarpino concluded. "In most cases, these defendants are not dangerous and have not even been found guilty of a crime. It is unjust and a



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The Collection Multi-Use Development Moves to Common Council Public Hearing

By Pat Casey

After receiving a positive nod from the White Plains Planning Board at its Jan. 16 meeting, The Collection site plan and special permits for a multi-use development on 3.1 acres in the Urban Renewal area of White Plains between Westchester and Franklin Avenues are scheduled for a public hearing at the Feb. 5 meeting of the city's common council.

Zoning amendments for the project have already been accepted and the project is moving to the next stage of approvals. The special permits sought include combining the development site that straddles two zoning districts – the RM-0.35 on Franklin Avenue and B-3 on Westchester Avenue, into one site. And, allowing 79% up from 60% of total development on the combined site.

The project includes 600,000 square feet of new development across from The Westchester mall on Westchester Avenue. A 5-story building, fronting Westchester Avenue will be 65-feet tall and will contain 25,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space, as well as 90 dwellings to be stepped back from the streetscape.

Another building in the project, fronting Franklin Avenue, will be 11 stories high and contains 186 dwelling units together with a parking garage – seven stories of residences and four stories of parking.

The parking garage will accommodate



Screenshot of architect's rendering of The Collection residences and garage from Franklin Avenue.

716 parking spaces, including 200 to be leased to the city of White Plains for municipal use. The new development on property formerly owned by the city will eliminate existing parking.

The project includes 276 affordable rental units comprised of 25 studios,

160 one-bedroom and 91 two-bedroom apartments.

Apartment amenities will include the services of a doorman.

No publicly accessible open space is planned, as the developer will pay a fee in lieu to the Recreation and Parks Dept.



Architect's rendering of The Collection fronting Westchester Avenue.

The popular Westchester Burger restaurant will remain in place with a renovation to the building as well as improvements to the restaurant's driveway and parking area.

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Sew Sisters Workshop

By Lisa Mockel

They like to say they're bringing a bit of the West to Westchester.

Mount Kisco resident Megan Goett and Cheryl Sabanosh of Somers recently launched Sew Sisters (also known as Sew Sisters Workshop), selling handmade items including Disney-inspired hooded towels, custom yoga mats, soft toys, frilly tutu bags, Tooth Fairy pillows and more.

The pair, both 38, were introduced by a mutual friend at their Mount Kisco church about five years ago and quickly bonded

items Goett and Sabanosh were making and encouraged the pair to start their own small business. They chose the name "Sew Sisters" because the two are often mistaken for actual sisters and "we have this sisterhood because of our common interests," Goett said. Their slogan is "Handmade with heart."

Using sewing and embroidery machines and employing techniques like double stitching and serging to ensure durability, they can have most items shipped out within about a week.

After opening their Etsy shop in November, they were excited to receive their first online order, placed by a woman in Arkansas.

"I was screaming in the middle of the gym," Sabanosh laughed.

"It was truly validation having people you don't know see something you made and want to buy it," Goett added.

The "Sisters" say sewing also helps keep them connected to their roots.

"My mom was always crafting—scrapbooking, she crochets a lot, sewing, a lot of hand embroidery—she was always doing something," said Sabanosh, who was raised in Coeur d'Alene, in northwest Idaho. "I just grew up around it."

Sabanosh, who moved to the East Coast in 2000 to take a nanny position with a Connecticut family, clearly recalled the joy she felt stitching together her own volleyball-emblazoned sweatshirt in a sixth grade home economics class back home.

"It was my first project. We had four pieces we attached together and we got to choose the middle piece...I wore it forever. It was so ugly but I wore it forever," she said with a laugh. "I loved that class."

Goett, who has lived in Mount Kisco for about 10 years, remembers sewing with her grandmother in California and watching her mom mending clothes on an old Singer sewing machine in Shorewood, Wisconsin, about 15 minutes north of Milwaukee. Describing herself as a "practical 16 year old," she volunteered in her high school's theater department costume shop instead of getting into acting. There she helped make, modify and mend costumes for the school's stage productions.

That experience would help pave the way to the University of Wisconsin where she majored in apparel design. The school offered an option to complete the last year of the program at New York's Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT). In 2001, Goett jumped at the opportunity to move to Manhattan to complete her education, citing the limited opportunities in the fashion field back in Wisconsin. After graduating, she worked in the industry for several years, focusing on clothing

and textile design. She is currently a stay-at-home mom to daughter Norah, 8, and son Riley, 6.

Sabanosh, a Somers resident since 2004, manages a pediatric dental practice in Connecticut while raising her daughter Morgan, 7, and son Ryan, 4. She said she and Goett aren't looking to get rich off their new venture. They just want to continue doing what they love—and maybe one

more thing.

"Our original joke was if we could just make enough to pay for our Amish country trips each year," she laughed.

For more information, visit www.etsy.com/shop/SewSistersWorkshop.



Cheryl Sabanosh (left) and Megan Goett of Sew Sisters.

over a shared love of sewing (something they call a "lost art"), canning, gardening and other DIY activities.

"It was love at first sight," Goett joked of meeting her pal, adding that she rarely meets anyone who sews nowadays. "And luckily the husbands get along too!"

Within six months of meeting, Sabanosh had recruited Goett to accompany her on one of her trips to Pennsylvania's Amish country, where she likes to explore the area's many fabric shops in search of high quality material for her crafts. Eventually the trips became full-fledged annual family vacations, with Sabanosh, Goett and their husbands and children renting a house together for a week.

Sewing was one of the things Goett and Sabanosh enjoyed most growing up in their respective home states of Wisconsin and Idaho. It was something they continued into adulthood—simply a beloved pastime that has produced handmade special occasion outfits and toys for their children, personalized gifts for family and one-of-a-kind party favors, including personalized superhero capes, for their kids' friends.

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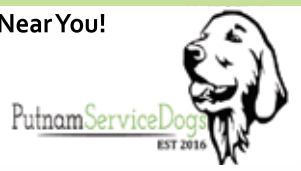
White Plains High School student Kelly Marx received the Building Bridges Award at the 17th Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Awards Luncheon, Jan. 15 at the Double Tree Hotel in Tarrytown. White Plains High School student Kyla Harding received the William L. Carter Perseverance Award at the luncheon. Pictured are White Plains Mayor Thomas M. Roach, White Plains High School Principal Ellen Doherty, Kelly Marx, Chairman Westchester County Board of Legislators Ben Boykin, Kyla Harding and Youth Board Chairwoman Nadine Hunt Robinson.

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Obituaries

Isabella Lynch

Isabella Lynch, resident of West Harrison and Rye, passed away Jan. She was 82. Isabella was born Sept. 8, 1935 in Scotland to the late Isa and Archie Brown.

On May 13, 1961, Isabella married her husband, John (Ted), in Mt. Vernon. He has predeceased her.

Isabella loved sewing, antique dolls, crafts and painting.

Isabella is survived by her three children Karen Russo (Anthony) of West Harrison, John Lynch of North White Plains, and Pamela Stokes (Bill) of Phoenix; her grandchildren Jennifer (Brett) and Joey;

and her great grandchildren Gabriella, and Braydin. She is also survived by her brothers Jim, John, Robert, and George, and her sisters Rita, and Betty. She was predeceased by her brothers, Archie and Tom, and her sister, Jean.

Marjory Pugliano

Marjory Pugliano passed away peacefully on Jan. 15, almost one week shy of her 95th birthday.

Marjory was a fiercely proud lifetime resident of the Town/Village of Harrison, having been born in Purchase on Jan. 23, 1923 and residing in West Harrison for

most of her life.

She was one of 10 children born to Richard and Sadie Weeks and she loved to tell stories of her childhood.

Marjory was also very proud that she was a descendant of Daniel D. Tompkins, former Governor of New York and Vice-President to President James Monroe.

She worked for many years as an insurance agent, and also as mom to her only child, Carol Jean Pugliano-Martin. She was very involved in various activities with Carol Jean, including being a Blue Bird and Camp Fire Girl leader. Many girls have fond memories of camp outs

and other outings with Mrs. Pugliano at the helm.

In Marjory's later life, her absolute greatest joys were her three grandsons Baxter, Hayden, and Drake. Her favorite job of all may have been picking them up at Samuel J. Preston School and bringing them home to her house to eat pastina and look at her old coins.

Marjory was predeceased by her loving husband, Frank Pugliano.

She is survived by her daughter, her son-in-law Scott, her grandsons, her sister Hazel (Lammie) Taversano, several nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

PETA Attorney Appointed Visiting Scholar at Pace University

Pace University's Elisabeth Haub School of Law, White Plains, has appointed PETA Foundation Vice President and Deputy General Counsel Delcianna Winders a Haub Visiting Scholar. In this position Winders will develop students' interest in animal law through teaching, lecturing, mentoring, and her own scholarship as she continues her full-time work as the head of the PETA Foundation's Captive Animal Law Enforcement division.

"Our world is increasingly inclined

to view an animal as someone, not something, and coursework in animal law is a great resource for any forward-thinking scholar," says Winders. "PETA looks forward to a new generation of legal minds who are ready and able to advocate for the most vulnerable among us."

Winders recently completed a two-year stint as the first-ever academic fellow in Harvard Law School's Animal Law & Policy Program. She frequently lectures on animal law, has published

widely in both law reviews and popular media, and has two forthcoming law review articles on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chronic failure to enforce the federal Animal Welfare Act. Her work with PETA—whose motto reads, in part, that "animals are not ours to use for entertainment"—includes stopping the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from secretly issuing permits to harm and harass endangered animals, as well as helping to secure the release of dozens

of bears, who were once held captive inside barren cages and concrete pits in roadside zoos across the country, into spacious sanctuaries.

Winders has also taught animal law at Tulane University Law School and Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. This summer, she'll join PETA Foundation Supervising Veterinarian Dr. Heather Rally and leading environmental-law attorney Don Baur to teach animal welfare law at Vermont Law School.

White Plains Podiatrist Collects Shoes for Homeless

For the ninth year, White Plains podiatrist Dr. Bruce Pinker of Progressive Foot Care has invited his patients and other Westchester residents to donate their lightly used shoes, sneakers and boots to support a shoe drive for Westchester's men, women and children in need.

This year, Pinker collected more than 200 pairs of footwear in all shapes and sizes at a December thank you reception held at Morton's The Steak House in



Volunteers from Pleasantville Lab School at Pace University sort footwear for Dr. Pinker's 2018 shoe drive.

White Plains.

The shoes were donated to Lifting Up Westchester (LUW) for distribution to individuals from their Open Arms Men's Shelter, Samaritan House Women's Shelter and Soup Kitchen.

Pinker said, "We started our annual shoe drive to help prevent frostbite, foot disease, infections and even amputations in the homeless."

Students from The Pleasantville

Laboratory School at Westchester Community College volunteered to sort the shoes. The school provides living skills development programs and vocational education/experience for students with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Shoes are being distributed to individuals in need through Grace's Kitchen, LUW's soup kitchen in White Plains. The first distribution occurred on Martin Luther King Day.

Greenburgh Town Supervisor Seeks Ideas to Solve Postal Service Woes

During the past few days I have received many emails and phone calls from angry residents upset with the Postal service.

Residents of Greenburgh have been complaining about the lack of reliable postal services. Some residents get no mail on certain days; others get mail addressed to others. People who have

mailed me, have gotten the letter back (marked) "addressee unknown" even though I haven't moved. Others are angry because they are not receiving checks, bills or prescription drugs.

In fairness to the post office, not everyone in town is experiencing problems. A few weeks ago I did receive

some compliments about postal service employees from different people. But, this week I received many complaints from people all over town.

I've been writing about problems residents have had with the Postal Service for over five years. This past week I received the most unsolicited complaints I have ever received from concerned postal service patrons.

Rather than complain, I thought it would be useful to ask for recommendations.

What do you think the Postal Service should do to correct a national problem?

Please email me your thoughts at pfeiner@greenburghny.com and I will forward them to Congressional representatives and officials at the United States Postal Service.

Speak to your postal service carrier. Get his/her thoughts. If you know anyone in the Postal Service employees union, chat with them. If you read an interesting article with suggestions, that would be great.

Hopefully, members of Congress will consider scheduling hearings in Washington, not only to hear complaints but also to develop suggestions that could make the Postal Service reliable as it once was.

We all have the same goal: reliable and dependable mail service. If we brainstorm and come up with good ideas, we might be able to help turn around a postal service that is experiencing major problems. Our goal: not to point fingers but to get results. This is a national problem.

—Paul Feiner,
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

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Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Libido

All Men are Created Equal



By Richard Cirulli

Over the course of this column the author has made an earnest attempt to shed some objective light on the Baby Boom generation by debunking some of the myths, and highlighting some of the achievements. The author would be remiss for not commenting on the current wave of sexual harassment now being exposed in Hollywood and government. Though these alleged perpetrators are a diverse group, the majority appear to be Baby Boomers.

First, we must debunk the myth of the sexual revolution. Baby Boomers did not invent it. Credit should go to Adam and Eve, with special credit given to their mutual friend and tempter the serpent -- a Ménage a Trois of the highest order. At best the Baby Boomers were afforded the benefit of a very supportive mass media. This generation, often referred to as the "Youthquake," can be credited for exposing what was already being done behind closed doors. At best, the Baby Boomers removed some taboos by taking them out of the bedroom and into the living room via television. It can be said that they let the genie out of the bottle. The rest is history as America was set on the course of a slippery slope into sexual abuse and

sexual deconstruction.

As a nation that loves new clichés, the sixties were given the moniker of "Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll." Soon thereafter, our living rooms were filled with news broadcasts of sexual escapades and bacchanalian orgies, supported by movies free of censorship that revealed all of the human geography in all its natural form. The shock value made the networks and box-office very profitable.

The youth of the sixties cavorted around absent of any form of modesty as a protest against their parent's "plastic" and puritanical morals, and their capitalist economy. These young "sexualists" believed they were shaking the foundations of capitalism unaware Wall Street was raking in their cash by marketing to their new morality.

As the Youthquake shouted "capitalist pig," the agenda-driven oligarchy laughed all the way to the bank, while they themselves engaged in all of the "taboos" behind closed doors. Ignorance and youth both share bliss as their common denominator. Baby Boomers proved ignorant of the power of branding, which made their nemesis, Wall Street, rich on their anti-establishment protests. Like love, even ideologies can be blind and ego driven.

As the sixties ethos ebbed, many Baby Boomers jettisoned their pseudo hippie

garb and donned pinstriped suits along with power ties. They headed down the dark tunnel of capitalism to find the light at the end of the tunnel in the form of high salaries, bonuses and success, driven by power and greed. They took their devil may care rebellious attitude from Main Street to Wall Street.

The "Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll" generation found a new mantra to better suit their ambitions as they perched in their Wall Street corner offices, high above the commoners on Main Street. Now they shout: "Sex, Power and Money." It is a linear trifecta where money leads to power that promotes all forms of abuse, sexual harassment being just one.

How did we allow it to get so out of hand?

If we were afforded the ability to peer into the minds of today's alleged sexual predators, we would most likely find their abuse and harassment is not limited to women. One could contend that their abusive behavior also extends to staff, clients and the public at large for the benefit of their self-promotion and unbridled greed. The recent Wall Street debacle of 2008 is just one example of such abuse and public harassment.

We must take a hard look at the realities of the workplace in light of our frail human condition where desire and human needs at times trump one's morals for the sake of survival and/or opportunities. This fact

recognizes that more women are entering the workforce and are spending the majority of their waking hours with men. As a result, the infidelity rate of women is close to their male counterparts. We should ask ourselves if these numerous allegations that have ruined the careers of so many powerful men will place the genie back in his bottle. Will the current movement help level the playing field and prove to be a deterrent for future predators? Have we raised the bar of humanity another iota?

In closing, sexual harassment in the workforce has finally received the media attention it rightly deserves. Also, the author is not posturing to imply capitalism is the cause of this abuse, though it does create fertile ground for this weed to grow.

Regretfully, "civilized" history has a poor track record of emotional evolution and is quite tardy in its ability to transform psychological anthropology. Throughout mankind's history "great" leaders and nations have come into power and caused wars, death, destruction, genocides, plunder, slavery and last, but not least, rape.

What can we do to improve our lot? Well, at least we can attempt to improve ourselves. Hopefully, it will become an epidemic.

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Why Realtors Do and SHOULD Talk a Lot

You'd never know it to meet me today, but I was born with some kind of neurological condition that resulted in my reaching the age of five without speaking a word. That was in the days before autism spectrum disorder had been diagnosed and certainly there was no treatment available for kids like me who were non-social, withdrawn and didn't verbalize.

But from what my mother tells me, I recovered from whatever that condition was completely and miraculously on the final day of a nine-week novena she made at St. Donato's Roman Catholic Church in West Philadelphia. Far be it from me to question miracles, but I haven't shut up since.

While I was able to speak, I still had to challenge myself to become more socially interactive. I debated, I wrote for the school newspaper, then once out of college, I was a newspaper reporter and after that became a public relations practitioner, all jobs that require verbal communication. But only when I ventured into real estate did I find myself talking all the time. And from what industry studies show, that's a good thing.

At a convention I attended early in my real estate career, I was impressed with the message of one of the keynotes who identified the chief "irk" that sellers and buyers have with realtors -- lack of communications. Specifically, the speaker said that the most common real estate

situation that negatively impacts realtors' clients is inadequate disclosure. Then she went on to paint scenarios which might convince potential home buyers and sellers to have frequent heart-to-hearts with their realtors to know as much as they can about the whole process, particularly what is likely to happen next.

In defense of myself and my fellow real estate practitioners, I would say that out of self-preservation, we're way ahead of the game. I've never heard any group of people who talk as much as realtors do in their mission to inform their clients.

But, the real estate purchase or sale process is so complex and so all-encompassing a discipline that the totally unexpected or unknown can happen at any time. And it's the realtor who can get blamed for lack of disclosure on the matter.

There are the standard disclosures which sellers and realtors sign when taking a listing: the disclosure of agency that identifies the

relationship of the realtor to the seller; a lead disclosure if the house was built before 1978, and the affiliated business disclosure, so that sellers can be aware of the other businesses which the realtor's company owns.

The big disclosure that most buyers and sellers relate to is the property condition disclosure in which the seller identifies all the known defects of a house to its buyer. While it is required in many states, such as California where the code is particularly stringent, in New York, the seller may choose not to issue such a disclosure, but rather pay \$500 at closing to the buyer. The overwhelming majority of sellers choose this option, rather than risk being liable for serious house defects.

But above and beyond these expected disclosures are those that require a simple explanation before the fact, rather than after. Nobody likes surprises or hearing, "oh by the way," when it may be too late to be informed. Watson suggests that this is best accomplished by the realtor preparing a list of frequently asked questions, such as: Do I need a lawyer, and who pays the commission? Besides asking

such questions, we realtors might also present a list of what sellers or buyers can expect along the way, such as: Realtors who make appointments to show your home will sometimes be late or not show up; know that the HGTV shows are scripted; expect that the closing date will be delayed; and, expect that you won't know until the last moment how much money you must bring to the closing.

The more realtors paint a futuristic picture, especially accompanied by stories of personal experience, the better sellers and buyers will feel empowered to make informed decisions. That kind of clear and open communications is what helps avoid problems in the form of misunderstanding, missteps and/or unlawful acts.

Recently I was in Philadelphia and happened to pass the very church where my mother told me I was miraculously granted my ability to speak. I looked at the granite steps leading to the impressive church doors and could recall walking up and down them, holding my mother's hand, all those years ago. It brought a lump to my throat, nudging alongside my voice box that has had a lot of practice in recent years as a realtor who blabs on and on to clients about what's going on.

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By Bill Primavera

Fat Tuesday, Valentine's Day, Lunar New Year 2018!



By Morris Gut

February is a month of culinary celebration! Tuesday, Feb. 13, marks Fat Tuesday. On Wednesday, Feb. 14, prepare to pucker up for Valentine's Day. And, Chinese Lunar New Year, the Year of the Dog, begins on Friday, Feb. 16. They all tie in with good eating. The coupling of food and wine with the seasons is the aphrodisiac of literature and verse through the ages. Restaurants and nightspots are gearing up to serve some of their most titillating specialties. To help you plan ahead, here is an eclectic roundup of delectable dishes and dining venues.

Mardi Gras Reveling

Proprietor Peter Van Cott of The Bayou Restaurant, 580 Gramatan Ave., Mt. Vernon, has been serving up the spirited sounds and flavors of Cajun country since 1991, and the place is still funky and enjoyable. So, if you can't make it to New Orleans, this is the spot to revel in

8 and 10 p.m. If you just want to hang at the bar there will be a \$20 cover charge. Entertainment will be provided by Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas. Reservations are suggested. Phone: 914-668-2634; www.bayourestaurantny.com.

You can also check out Rye Roadhouse, 12 High Street, Rye, on Fat Tuesday. The fun starts at 4 p.m. with specialty cocktails, authentic New Orleans dishes and traditional King Cake. Breads and giveaways are also promised. Phone: 914-925-2668; www.ryeroadhouse.com.

Holy Crab, 32 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, opened last February serving fresh Cajun-style seafood as you would see in New Orleans. It is a long sprawling space with bustling bar/lounge during Happy Hours: 4 to 8 p.m. Check out such specialties as: Lobster Mac & Cheese, Po' Boys, Gumbo, Snow Crab Legs and Jambalaya. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Phone: 914-948-3888; www.holycrabny.com.

Freebird Kitchen & Bar, 161 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, opened this past December at the former Elements location. They serve a Southern-themed menu that includes such specialties as: Pimiento Cheese Balls served with pecans and Ritz crackers; Fried Green Tomatoes; Shrimp & Grits; and Chicken Fried Steak. Look for a swarm of flying birds hanging from the ceiling. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Happy Hours 4 to 7 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. Phone: 914-607-2476; www.freebirdkitchenandbar.com.

Pucker Up on Valentine's Day

Chef-owner and host Dean Vivolo of Trattoria Vivolo, 301 Halstead Ave., Harrison (914-835-6199), serves his robust regional Italian cuisine out of a vintage diner just across from Harrison's Metro-North station. Sit at the counter, tuck into a booth, or take a table in the rear greenhouse and

enjoy the surprising flavors emanating from his kitchen. Linguini alle Vongole and Branzino Arrosto are tops. Sparkling lights evenings. Open 7 days for lunch and dinner. Free parking. www.trattoriavivolo.com.

Artie's Steak & Seafood, 394 City Island Ave., Bronx (718-885-9885), where owner Spiro Chagares offers patrons an inspired melding of traditional and contemporary dishes served with flair. Zuppa de Pesce for two is extraordinary. Check out the

bar/lounge most evenings for good networking. Open 7 days. Free parking; www.artiescityisland.com.

Nutmeg Café, 64 Main Street, Tuckahoe (914-779-1328), is where you can schmooze over pastry and coffee, or have a light bite. Cindy Bothwell's café/bakery is comforting. You can take home a pie to share, too; www.thenutmegcafe.com.

Mamma Francesca, 414 Pelham Road, New Rochelle (914-235-6591) offers views of L.I. Sound from the rear greenhouse and a menu of robust specialties from Nick DiCostanzo's native home in Ischia. Traditional Chicken Parmigiana and Manicotti are very good; www.mammafrancesca.com.

The Bruno family at Le Sirene, 1957 Palmer Ave., Larchmont (914-834-8300), serve refined Italian cuisine with finesse. From the fresh-made breadsticks to their house-made gelato, the flavors are impressive; www.lesirenoristorante.com. **Feasting During the Lunar New Year of the Dog**

Be sure to check ahead for exact dates, times and pricing. Over at Aberdeen Seafood & Dim Sum, 3 Barker Ave., White Plains (914-288-0188), in the Residence Inn, the staff told us they would be offering special New Year banquets for



Ku Asian Bistro specialty dessert

going on for 45 years. This spot recalls those delectable memories of Cantonese-style Chinese cuisine of years ago. They are planning to serve a variety of New Year's specialties. Open 7 days. Free and municipal parking. Separate bar/lounge facing Harbor Island Park; www.lumyen.com.

Imperial Wok Chinese & Japanese Restaurant, 736 North Broadway, White Plains (914-686-2700), will be offering an extraordinary banquet for about two weeks. There has been a lot of buzz about their tasty Szechuan selections. You can order off their regular menu as well. Free parking. www.imperialwokwhiteplains.com.

Ku Asian Bistro, 480 New Rochelle Road, in the Chester Heights section of Bronxville (914-668-8877), has a fine hand with their regional Chinese fusion specialties. 'Ku' is a Chinese word meaning 'fantastic', so be seated and let Chefs Wang and Qiu surprise you with their delightful Asian fusion flavors. From the Chinese kitchen try the Spare Ribs, Shrimp with Long Bean, Moo Shu Pork, Kung Pao Chicken, and General Tso's Chicken. Happy Hours: Monday through Friday, 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday

brunch served 1 to 4 p.m. Bar/lounge. Party facilities. Free parking. www.kuasianb.com

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View of dining room at Freebird

authentic blues and zydeco music while hunkering down to an overstuffed Po' Boy or such house specialties as: Southern Fried Chicken, Grilled Peppered Catfish, Tender Pork Ribs Smothered in BBQ Sauce, Jazzy Jumpin' Jambalaya served with Louisiana Andouille Sausage, Alligator Sausage, and Crawfish Tails Smothered in Rich Creole Gravy. Their Annual Mardi Gras Bash will be held on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 13, featuring live entertainment and a full-course dinner. Cost is \$60. Seating times are at 6,



Ku Asian Bistro Specialties

two weeks. You can also celebrate with a run through their popular Dim Sum, or from the regular menu; www.aberdeenwhiteplains.com.

Eugene Lum of Lum Yen Chinese Restaurant, 100 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck (914-698-6881), is the second generation of his family to be operating at the corner of Boston Post Road and Mamaroneck Ave. It has been

WPPAC to Present the Play Roundelay

By Pat Casey

White Plains author and playwright Rich Cirulli has written a new play "Roundelay" that will be presented at the White Plains Performing Arts Center (WPPAC) on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 2pm.

Roundelay is Cirulli's second play to be performed at WPPAC. The first, "Via Delarosa" was the premiere production presented by Cirulli and his troupe The New Stage Players.

The focus of the playwright and members of the troupe is to use the stage as a means to educate people about mental disorders. The plays are deep emotional dramas that deal with behavioral health issues.

"The stage is the perfect medium to help people become aware of the warning signs and behaviors before an illness becomes too far advanced for an intervention," Cirulli said. "After Via Delarosa was presented one of the departing ticket holders stopped to talk to me. 'I wish I had seen this play 20 years ago,' he said. 'All along I believed I was the one who had a serious issue and spent years in therapy. Now I see I was the victim because I did not know how these disorders work. It was an abusive relative, not me who had the issue. I then realized even loved ones can cause you pain as they spread their illness. It has lifted a big burden off my soul. I no longer feel I have to live with this taboo.'"

Roundelay is set in the 1990s (the



Alexa Servodidio

coming of age era for Baby Boomers) and deals with the symptoms of mental illness including self medicating with alcohol and infidelity that mask depression, bipolar disorder and Dissociative Disorder (DID), which ultimately wreck a solid upper middle class family. It also deals with the clash of the white-collar world with its blue collar past. "It is a truthful story about lies," Cirulli said.

The main character is played by accomplished actress and licensed clinical social worker/psychotherapist Alexa Servodidio.

"My character, the antagonist, pushes against the fiancé of my ex-husband in the play," Servodidio said.

The fiancé/protagonist is played by Lauren Toglia, who has just completed



filming a movie in which she played the lead. Also in a supporting role is Nancy DeRosa, an accomplished actress and published author. Other cast members include local talent – Phil McGovern and Robbie McGovern, returning to the stage for the second time with The New Stage Players.

Servodidio said she often works with abuse issues in her private practice. She had an internship at My Sisters Place in White Plains where she realized "this is where the work is." Her experience has offered her unique insight into abusive situations from both sides – victim and abuser. "It is just as tough for people who are emotionally abused as those who are physically abused," Servodidio said.

This experience allows her to show a range of emotions while acting in various roles.

Servodidio also hosts her own radio show: Insight Into Healing, which airs on blogtalkradio.com/alexas29, Wednesday's at 8 p.m. EST.

Servodidio is excited about being a part of the Roundelay production. "This is a wonderful way to educate people about mental illness, so they realize they are not alone," she said. "I invite the audience to come with an open mind. The name of the play infers that you can go round and round in a situation until you are ready to get off."

After the play, there will be time for audience questions. Servodidio will bring her expertise as a professional therapist to provide answers. She realizes that people might not feel comfortable speaking live before a large group and she welcomes questions about mental health issues to be emailed to her in advance of the play at insightintohealing@gmail.com. Servodidio will field the questions and answer in a general way during the play Q&A.

General admission tickets for Roundelay are \$21 and can be purchased at wppac.org under the Guest Production section. WPPAC is located at 11 City Place, 3rd floor (City Center), White Plains.

Roundelay is sponsored by Laurence Goldberg R.A., a patron of the Arts.

Genome Sequencing and Analysis in the Vineyard and on Your Palate



By Nick Antonaccio

Now that science has broken the code to examine and explore our DNA, and the DNA of multiple, diverse organisms, there has been a surge of commercial products coming to market that enable exploration of the DNA of the components of grapes.

Recently, several groups have unlocked the genetic makeup of grapevines and grape varieties that will have far-reaching impacts on the quality, resistance and taste components. This research is providing winemakers previously unfathomable tools to engineer, in their vineyards and in their wineries, wines that optimize their local environmental conditions.

For example, science is developing new grapevine clones utilizing DNA advances and sophisticated modeling programs. These grapevines are more drought tolerant, disease resistant, and better suited to specific soils and microclimates.

Another effort is underway at the University of California-Davis. Scientists are attempting to unlock the genome of specific grape varieties affecting flavor, aroma and hardiness. First up: Cabernet Sauvignon's 19 chromosomes. The

ultimate goal? Higher yields of quality grapes, which translate to greater winery profits. The benefit to consumers? Many more quality wines, at reasonable prices, available on retail shelves.

With science advancing at a rapid pace into analyzing the DNA from the perspective of vines and grapes, it would seem logical that a new focus would address DNA from the opposite perspective: consumer DNA. Just as analyses now permeate methods and techniques by which wine can be advanced (altered?) to suit a consumer's palate, why not a scientific approach to determine how a consumer's DNA may be suited to a particular style or varietal of wine?

DNA breakthroughs have recently crossed over from the vineyard to the tasting room.

You've all heard of – and perhaps indulged in – ancestry DNA kits. Perhaps you've sent your saliva sample to Ancestry.com or 23andme.com. Several new businesses have begun to lever off the results of these ancestry analyses. Is there a bit of Asian ancestry in your European lineage? Then why not a latent genetic preference for Pinot Noir rather than

Cabernet Sauvignon?

These trait tests are now commercially available.

A company, Helix, has gained a following in the new subset of genomes dubbed lifestyle DNA. Levering off the saliva-based DNA tests submitted to the ancestry web companies, it offers a marketplace of products that supposedly drill deeper into an individual's DNA fingerprint. For an additional \$25 to \$100 at their genome app store, you may wish to venture into other DNA strand tests for your subliminal preferences or even your innate predilections.

One of the products in the genome app store is from the vendor Vinome, titled "Wine Explorer."

It purports to identify those genes in our DNA that influence our senses of smell and taste. Your genes enable you to detect certain characteristics in wine. If you are genetically predisposed to favor the taste of black cherries, you likely prefer a Cabernet Sauvignon to a Pinot Noir. If your genes align with citrus fruits, you will be more inclined to enjoy an Albarino than a Chardonnay. This sounds as valid as the genetic and health tests.

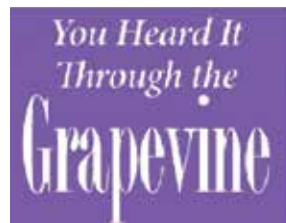
But what happens if your DNA says Albarino and your subliminal learned

life experiences say Pinot Grigio? Is there a disconnect? Wine Explorer can align these potentially disparate results. A subset of the app is a list of questions aimed at discerning your psychological preferences. It then recommends wines you may enjoy – and purchase on their website. This sounds quite self-serving; I don't recommend going beyond the saliva test.

According to Vinome, "there are over 400 genes that code for the cells on your tongue and in your nose that allow you to distinguish between different tastes and smells. Even small variations in the DNA code for these genes can result in big changes in the way you perceive tastes and smells. Take the guesswork out of buying wine by harnessing the science of taste."

Is Vinome (such a clever name), when coupled with your genetic test results, worth the \$29.99 investment? How much is genetic sequencing versus old-school trial and error worth to you?

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Tuesday, Jan. 23

Tuesdays at Dorry's. This week Kenneth Chamberlain, Jr. and his attorney Mayo Bartlett will update us on his father's dramatic and wrenching case. Kenneth Chamberlain, Sr. was killed in his apartment in 2011 by White Plains police. The incident gave rise to the Westchester Coalition for Police Reform, which seeks to prevent such cases in the future. Kenneth Sr. was killed before the rash of similar situations that have made headlines nationally, and that have garnered great public attention. Kenneth and Mayo will review the case for those unfamiliar with it, explain its status now, and tell us about Kenneth's activities on behalf of other victims' families. Tuesdays@Dorry's gathers conservation partners every Tuesday to share a meal and learn from presenters invited each week. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. presentation 6 to 7 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, 914-682-0005.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

Child Sex Trafficking Conference. Federal and state law enforcement experts and local service providers who work with children survivors of sex-trafficking will talk about how human traffickers are preying on children and what they can do to safeguard children in the virtual and real world. The Conference is produced in collaboration with the Pace Women's Justice Center, International Organization for Adolescents (IOFA), My Sisters' Place, the Junior League of Northern Westchester and the Westchester County Anti-Trafficking Task Force. The conference will be held at the New York State Judicial Institute, located on the Pace Law campus in White Plains; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those interested in attending must register in advance; contact plsalumni@law.pace.edu. Lunch will be provided to all participants. The conference fee is \$20,

which is payable by cash or check on the day of the event.

Noonday Getaway Concert. Downtown Music at Grace welcomes the Memling Ensemble – Six of New York's finest players join forces to play the Symphony No. 3 in E – flat major, Opus 55 "Eroica" of Ludwig van Beethoven as arranged by Johann Nepomuk Hummel. The performance will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church Street (Main Street at Mamaroneck Avenue), White Plains. The concert begins at 12:10 p.m. and lasts for 30 minutes; admission is free. This concert is made possible, in part, by Grace Episcopal Church.

NAMI Westchester Advocacy Event. Learn about 2018 local and state issues relating to mental health. Featuring Matthew Shapiro, associate director of public affairs for New York State NAMI. St. Vincent's Hospital Conference Room, 275 North St., Harrison. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/nami-westchester-2018-advocacy-town-hall-tickets-40943972524.

Thursday, Jan. 25

Winter Floral Workshop. Participants will learn the basic floral design principles of style and will create unique arrangements they can take home in this hands-on class. Adults only. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 7:45 to 9:45 p.m. Members: \$45. Non-members: \$50. (Plus additional \$55 materials fee.) Info and registration: 914-738-2525 or visit www.pelhamartcenter.org.

Saturday, Jan. 27

Rainbow Crow: Native American Animal Tales. Learn why "Crow" is black, why animals love the trickster "Coyote," and a time when "Squirrel" was bigger than "Bear" and redder than "Fox" in this children's story time led by master storyteller Jonathan Kruk. Accompanied by live music, kids partake in each story with animal masks. Part of a new children's storytelling series by Westmoreland Sanctuary Nature Center and Wildlife Preserve and the Bedford Hills Free Library. For children four to 12 years old. Bedford Hills Free Library, 26

Main St., Bedford Hills. 11 a.m. to noon. Free. Info: Registration required. Info and registration: 914-666-6472 or visit www.BedfordHillsFreeLibrary.org.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The Hudson River Patriots Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution invites the public to this special program featuring a film by the U.S. Holocaust Remembrance Museum, "The Path to Nazi Genocide," and a candle lighting ceremony. Suited for adults as the film contains graphic material. Irvington Public Library, 12 S. Astor St., Irvington. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.irvingtonlibrary.org.

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center: Brahms & Dvorak. The musical and personal friendship between Brahms and Dvorak is the stuff of legend. This pairing brings to life the creative energy that reverberated between the German neo-classicist and the champion of Czech folk music, producing a glowing array of classical music's most essential works. Purchase College Recital Hall, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 5 p.m. \$60. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.

Songs That Changed the World. This concert will highlight how music has reflected and inspired change throughout history. Cantor Randall Schloss, Cantors Erik Contzius, Shira Ginsburg and soprano and Cantor Schloss's wife Leah Schloss perform to the accompaniment of organist Christopher Creaghan, pianist Isaac Ben Ayala and oboist Alan Hollander. Temple Israel's youth choir Kol Simcha, will sing an original composition, "This is Just a Song (But a Song Can Change the World!)." Temple Israel of New Rochelle, 1000 Pinebrook Blvd., New Rochelle. 7:30 p.m. Adults: \$36. Seniors and students: \$18. Children: \$5. Children (under 6): Free. Info and tickets: 914-235-1800 or visit www.tinr.org/SongsThatChangedTheWorld.

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Sunday, Jan. 28

Creatures of the Night. While we are in bed fast asleep, some of our animal friends are using their senses to find food and make their way through a mysterious nocturnal world. Meet some nocturnal animals and find out why they only come out at night. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Beloved Gathering. Facing Racism Together: Bearing Witness and Bringing Hope. Multi-faith service from 3:30 to 5 p.m. followed by a Beloved Community dinner; Mt. Hope AME Zion Church, 65 Lake Street, White Plains, NY 10604.

Jam Session. Sunday nights at The Haven at Lagond, each week spotlights a different genre and well-known guest musicians. This Sunday features Jazz/Latin Jam. Anyone with a desire to play – 18+ over – can join the jam on stage and sit in with peers as well as have an opportunity to meet and play with professional musicians. Adult players of all levels are welcome as well as spectators. Doors open at 7 p.m. Musicians are brought up on a first come first serve basis. The Haven at Lagond Music School is located at 9 Haven Street, Elmsford. Visit www.lagondmusic.org to find out about special guest artists.

Monday, Jan. 29

Criminal Justice System in Westchester. Town hall meeting with Westchester County DA Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr.; 7 p.m. Mt. Hope AME Zion Church, 65 Lake St., White Plains. ❄️❄️❄️❄️❄️

White Plains Recreation & Parks Summer Day Camp Fair

It may be winter outside, but White Plains Rec and Parks Dept. is already making plans for summer. And, they are ready to offer some serious summer fun. Find out more at the White Plains Recreation & Parks Camp Fair, Saturday, Feb. 3, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at White Plains High School Cafeteria (entrance on North Street).

The event is free, all are invited, residents and non-residents.

At the fair learn about exciting day camp programs for children, grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. Meet the Camp directors and staff and hear about the different day camps with activities, special events, trips, swimming and early drop off and extended day services.

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EXAMINER SPORTS

Westchester Knicks Make Dreams Come True “Garden of Dreams Night” at the Westchester County Center



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

NY York Liberty legend and Women's Basketball Hall of Famer Teresa “Spoon” Weatherspoon (left) is serving as Color Analyst for Westchester Knicks home games on the MSG Networks this season. “Spoon” enjoys a moment during pregame with guard Damyeen Dotson, who scored 27 points in the ensuing game, as the local Knicks beat the Long Island Nets.



Roseline “Rosie” Bello, age 19, of the Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley sang her rendition of the National Anthem, which prompted a standing ovation from the 1,350 fans in attendance, on “Garden of Dreams Night” at the Westchester County Center.



Bianca Muniz (center) of Make A-Wish-Hudson Valley is a 24 year old cancer survivor who is presently being treated for breast cancer. Muniz and her band traveled from Pennsylvania, where they were recording their first album, to play her original song “Dreaming” at halftime during Westchester Knicks “Garden of Dreams Night” at the Westchester County Center.



Honorary Westchester Knick Troy Grusz (left) is a 10 year-old boy from the Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley. Grusz and the Westchester Knicks Mascot Hudson share a moment during the pregame festivities before Grusz was introduced with the team and sat on the bench during the game against the LI Nets on “Garden of Dreams Night” at the Westchester County Center.



Honorary Westchester Knick Troy Grusz (center) from the Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley was given his own jersey, Number 1, and introduced at center court with Westchester Knicks guards Xavier Rathan-Mayes (right) and Damyeen Dotson, before the local Knicks won their 20th game this season, beating the Long Island Nets on “Garden Of Dreams Night.”

By Albert Coqueran

The Westchester Knicks, the NBA Gatorade League affiliate of the New NY Knicks celebrated “Garden of Dreams Night” on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Westchester County Center. The local Knicks teamed with the Madison Square Garden Company Garden of Dreams Foundation to give 18 children from the Lower Hudson Valley an experience of a lifetime.

During the Westchester Knicks game against the Long Island Nets, 18 children from the Garden of Dreams partner organizations, including the Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley, Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, The Children's Village and enCourage Kids participated in game-time activities.

Furthermore, the Westchester Knicks were rewarded for the charitable endeavor by securing their 20th win of the season with a 98-90 victory over the Long Island Nets, the G-League affiliate of the Brooklyn Nets.



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Matthew Welling (left) of the Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley was the Honorary Broadcaster on “Garden of Dreams Night” at the Westchester County Center. Welling, a 12 year old sixth grader at the Mamaroneck Avenue School in White Plains stood on a chair to interview Westchester Knicks 7'-1" center Luke Kornet during pregame and sat on the sidelines at the broadcast table with Color Analyst Teresa Weatherspoon during the game.



Westchester Knicks Assistant Coach Keith Bogans (left) welcomes Honorary Westchester Knicks Coach Travis Eastman (right), the 18-year-old young man from the Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley sat on the bench with the Westchester Knicks coaching staff as the local Knicks beat the LI Nets, 98-90.



Honorary Public Address Announcer Dream Shepherd (left) from the Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley introduces the Westchester Knicks players before the game under the guidance of Westchester Knicks PA Announcer Mark Fratto, on “Garden of Dreams Night.”

.....EXAMINER SPORTS.....

Carter Aims High as Lady Tigers Win Peekskill Tournament

By Albert Coqueran

White Plains High School Head Girls Basketball Coach Benjamin Carter is no stranger to success. He led a very successful Alexander Hamilton High School Girls Basketball Program for nine years before assuming the Lady Tigers Head Coaching duties this year. In fact, Carter led the Raiders to the Class C Finals last season with a 16-6 overall and 8-0 undefeated conference record.

However, the Raiders play in the Section 1 Class C and nobody really knew what to expect of Carter, while making the leap to lead an historical basketball program in the highly competitive Section 1 Class AA.

Nonetheless, 14 games into the 2017-18 season, Carter has the Lady Tigers poised to attain a top seed in the Section 1 Class AA Playoffs, by winning four straight games and four out of five games since Jan. 11.

The Lady Tigers showed their resiliency by winning a double-overtime game against Scarsdale High School, 64-58, at Scarsdale, on Jan. 16. Then the Lady Tigers notched a convincing home victory over Mt. Vernon High School, 61-48, on



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

First year White Plains High School Head Girls Basketball Coach Benjamin Carter (center) is surrounded by a multitude of talent, including senior leader Madison Povemba, senior center Abby Leone, sophomore Julia Reggio and senior Valeria Echeandia Rojas. Carter in his first year at the helm has led the Lady Tigers to an impressive 10-4 overall and 3-1 AA record thus far this season.

back-to-back days on Jan. 17.

The Lady Tigers remain 10-4 overall and 3-1 Class AA after winning the coveted Peekskill Tournament from Jan. 19-20. The Lady Tigers sealed an impressive win in the Opening Round against rival New Rochelle High School, 57-51, behind 16 points from senior Madison Povemba and sturdy inside play from center Abby Leone with 12 points.

Senior guard Valeria Echeandia Rojas led the way in the Championship Game

by scoring 16 points as the Lady Tigers beat Woodlands High School, 66-43. Junior guard Catherine Amodio stepped-up to score 10 points. Rojas was presented the Most Valuable Player Award for the Championship Game.

Despite his Lady Tigers success thus far this season, Carter notes his team's vision is to rank among the top teams in Section 1. "I am excited right now but we are coming after the so-called big heavyweights, like Ossining, Albertus Magnus and Ursuline. We are coming to take over that spot. That is our vision," projected Carter.

Carter and the Lady Tigers have their work cut out for them as the only loss they sustained in their last five games was against The Ursuline School, 61-42, on Jan. 11, in New Rochelle. However, the Lady Tigers will get another opportunity to bring their "vision" closer to reality when they meet the Koalas again on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at White Plains High School.

Up next for the Lady Tigers is a home Conference game against the Huguenots, on Tuesday, Jan. 23, followed by an away Conference game against Mamaroneck High School on Thursday, Jan. 25.

The Six-Year Drought Ends as Stepinac Ballers Beat Hayes

By Albert Coqueran

The last time the Stepinac High School varsity basketball team beat Cardinal

program for nine seasons, sat on the sidelines as the Cardinals Associate Head Coach, after departing Stepinac after the



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Stepinac junior guard Eddie Sanchez came off the bench to score 10 points and play staunch defense as the Crusaders beat Cardinal Hayes High School, 78-74, on Friday at Stepinac High School. In was the first time the Crusaders beat the Cardinals in six years, while ending a 0-13 drought.

Hayes High School was in 2011, when Tim Philp was the Head Coach. The Crusaders were 0-13, going into the game against the Cardinals on Friday, Jan. 19, at Stepinac.

This time Philp, after his legendary success leading the Crusaders basketball

2013 season.

On Friday, led by third-year Head Coach Pat Massaroni, Stepinac finally got that elusive win against the Hayesmen, 78-74. Even more significant in the Crusaders win is that Cardinal Hayes is the reigning

Catholic High School City Champs.

"It is a great feeling for our players and program to get over the hump against Hayes. Losing that many years in a row is something we spoke about leading up to the game and to get the win is rewarding," stated Massaroni.

Stepinac senior leader Alan Griffin had to play well for the Crusaders to win. The 6'-6" guard from Ossining, did just that, while scoring 23 points, snatching eight rebounds and blocking four shots.

The only way Hayes could stop the Crusaders young sophomore guard R.J. Davis was to foul him. But Davis converted on 17-of-19 from the charity

stripe to finish with 21 points. Junior guard Eddie Sanchez came off the bench to contribute a much need 10 points. Joe Toussaint scored 18 points in the loss for the Cardinals.

"Hayes is the City Champs. Until someone beats them at Fordham University, they are the Champs. This was a step in the process to get to that game. Hayes is very talented and they have skilled guards. We fought hard and battled to get the win," said Massaroni.

The Crusaders remain in second place in the NY Catholic High School AA with an 8-2 record, while Iona Prep is on top thus far this season at 9-1.

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