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## Youth Council Holds Candlelight Vigil for World AIDS Day



The City of White Plains Mayor's Youth Council held a Candle Light Vigil in Celebration of World AIDS Day on Dec. 3 in the City Hall Rotunda. James Stenerson, an administrator at Pace University who has been active in this cause, was the guest speaker. World AIDS Day, which has been designated on Dec. 1st every year since 1988, is an international day dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who have died of the disease. According to global health statistics approximately 36.9 million people worldwide, including 1.8 million children, were living with HIV/AIDS in 2017. Pictured (l to r) Mayor Tom Roach, James Stenerson, Frank Williams and members of the Youth Council.

## Greenburgh Presents First Local Hero Awards

The Greenburgh Human Rights Advisory Committee (GHRA), in partnership with the United Nation's Association Westchester Chapter and the Greenburgh Public Library, honored several residents and a church for their work to promote human rights in the town at a ceremony Sunday afternoon.

The event was held in observance of Human Rights Day, the annual international celebration of the UN's 1948 adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This document proclaimed the inalienable rights, which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being.

This year, nationally, the United Nations Association has sub-titled its commemorations "Close to Home," noting the Declaration's vital importance

in today's populist environment.

The Greenburgh award recipients are Colby Jenkins-Caesar, who has been called the personification of a selfless giver. Her many activities include work with seniors, children and food pantries. She served as first PTA president of the Children's Aid Society and founded Women In The Black, to help educate, train and support black women entrepreneurs and "Dare 2 Be Different," an annual Greenburgh event that honors women community leaders.

Vic Leviatin made his mark on the Greenburgh community as an educator. He is best known for developing the Woodlands Individualized Senior Experience (WISE), a program to give seniors of all ability levels the opportunity

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## County Lawmakers Approve, Latimer Signs \$1.94B Budget for 2019

By Anna Young

The Westchester County Board of Legislators approved the county's \$1.94 billion operating budget for 2019 Monday afternoon that will maintain essential services but result in a 2 percent tax levy increase.

Following a month-long deliberation among county officials, lawmakers voted 13-4 along party lines. Democrats, who unanimously supported the budget, believe the budget is a productive step to restoring financial stability within the county, resolving structural imbalances, rebuilding the county's fund balance and continuing to provide vital services.

"The people of Westchester won today," Chairman Ben Boykin (D-White Plains) said. "This is a budget that will



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

County Executive George Latimer, seated, is surrounded by Democratic county lawmakers and members of his administration as he signs the 2019 budget. The spending plan will increase taxes 2 percent.

move us forward to begin the process of rebuilding our finances, adding to our fund balance and continuing to provide the essential services that the people of Westchester County need and want and must have."

The budget contains a spending increase of \$98 million over the current year, with the 2 percent tax increase that will

raise \$11 million toward the \$71 million budget gap. With a \$32 million deficit from last year and another \$39 million shortfall this year, County Executive George Latimer said his budget aims at restoring fiscal order.

"We inherited a budgetary situation which for many years did not raise revenue sufficient to run the county government," Latimer said. "For the next year, we have a game plan for how this is going to be executed."

Latimer, who signed the budget Monday afternoon shortly after the Board of Legislators' vote, said other potential revenues could be realized in 2019 if the state legalizes sales tax on Internet purchases, a move that could raise about

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to design passion-driven projects that empower a transition from high school to college, work, and life-long learning. The program, to which Vic has donated more than 20,000 hours of his time, is in schools across the nation and has had more than 40,000 graduates. During his 30 years at Woodlands HS, he also inspired students by bringing them to human rights demonstrations.

Cleo Oliver served as the president of the Hillside/Wyndover Civic Association

and vice president of the Greenburgh Civic Associations. She has long been active in political circles, representing the interests of her community to the Greenburgh Town government. For more than 25 years, she co-hosted the cable TV show "3 C's --Cleo, Cora and Community."

The one institution receiving an award is Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, which for more than 18 years is credited with working to improve the lives of those

in its Elmsford community, particularly its Hispanic residents. What began with the launch of a Spanish-language mass is today an important resource center with the overall aim of protecting human rights and providing important information about available resources. Programs include a food pantry, workshops, immigration and job counseling, support groups for single parents.

The Greenburgh Human Rights Advisory Committee, created in 2015,

advises the Town government on human rights issues and provides informational and educational forums to promote respect for the worth of each individual. The Committee has recently prioritized work against racism, white supremacy and the plight of undocumented immigrants in the region. The committee's meetings are open to the public and generally take place the third Thursday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. at Greenburgh Town Hall.

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\$6 million for Westchester. He noted the county could fill the deficit if the state legalizes sports betting and the use of recreational marijuana. Other proposed actions include new fees for Airbnb and surcharges for Uber and Lyft.

More than \$8 million will be bonded to pay for anticipated tax certioraris. A temporary hiring freeze will leave an increasing number of vacancies as some workers retire in 2019, which the county expects will net \$7 million.

The budget also includes the proposed transfer of the County Center parking lot to Westchester's Local Development Corporation (LDC) for \$22 million, a deal that stirred controversy among lawmakers. While the deal would yield the county a projected \$23 million, it would result in the loss of about \$2.5 million in annual parking revenues.

Republican lawmakers have compared the proposed move as a one-shot revenue source, similar to former county executive Rob Astorino's plan to privatize Westchester County Airport, an arrangement that Latimer harshly criticized.

Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill), who voted against the budget, has continually advocated for the county to pursue private partnerships to generate ongoing revenues in lieu of raising taxes and fees on homeowners and small businesses. He said he was "baffled" that his Democratic colleagues want to sell parkland and raise taxes instead of moving forward with "thoroughly vetted partnerships."

"With the federal government implementing its recent state and local tax law, now is not the time for a tax

increase for our residents," Legislator David Tubiolo (R-Yonkers) said. "I don't feel comfortable supporting a budget that uses the proposed sale of the Westchester County Center parking lot to fill a \$23 million hole."

A series of approvals would need to be obtained for the transfer of the parking lot, Latimer said, adding that no action would be taken before July 1 to give the county time to see if the state legislature takes action on the new proposals.

"If we can find sufficient revenue to balance this budget without having to make this transaction, we will not make this transaction," Latimer said. "If we're able to find those alternative revenues and we don't have to do the plan, then I think that would be an honorable solution to what we face."

Democratic lawmakers acknowledged

that the approved budget isn't perfect, but it's a step in the right direction to prioritizing public safety, health and mental health, consumer protection parks, seniors, youth and restructuring the county's finances.

"We have much to do in this county to put things right after years of irresponsible decisions left us with extensive maintenance needs for which money had never been budgeted and with a backlog of capital projects the county desperately needs," Majority Whip MaryJane Shimsky (D-Hastings-on-Hudson) said. "While there's more to be done, this is a start."

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# Westchester County Human Rights Commission Proposal to Fight Hate Crimes

By Pat Casey

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), a document adopted by the United Nations General Assembly guaranteeing freedoms to all peoples was adopted in Paris, France on Dec. 10, 1948.

The Declaration consists of 30 articles affirming an individual's rights, which have been elaborated in subsequent international treaties, economic transfers, regional human rights instruments, national constitutions, and other laws.

The Declaration was the first step in the process of formulating the International Bill of Human Rights, which was completed in 1966, and came into force in 1976.

In 2018, 70 years after the UDHR was ratified, acts of hate continue worldwide and have been on the rise throughout the United States. Just this week, on the last night of Hanukkah, anti-Semitic posters with Nazi swastikas and pictures of Hitler were found on the SUNY Purchase campus.

In October 2018, the Westchester County Human Rights Commission (HRC) prepared a draft proposal on policies and procedures for the county government to respond to hate incidents.

The motto of the County Human Rights Commission is, "All human beings are born free and equal." The purpose of the proposal is to create a collaborative response to hate incidents in the county and develop preventative measures

through training, education and proactive communication.

The draft proposal, prepared by chair of the HRC Rev. Doris K. Dalton of White Plains, Commission Board members and staff, is open for public review and comment. A public forum to answer questions and receive comments will be held Monday, Dec. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the White Plains Public Library, in the 2nd floor meeting room.

In preparing the proposal the HRC acknowledged that Westchester County has experienced a rising number of reported hate incidents over the past 24 months and that the HRC has observed an uneven response from law enforcement

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agencies and municipalities, causing confusion and concern among county residents.

The HRC also noted that many hate incidents go unreported, due to a lack of information and/or training regarding reporting.

A hate incident has been defined by HRC as an act motivated by prejudice or

hatred that targets individuals, groups, or private/public property because of a perception or belief about the target's race, color, national origin, ethnicity, ancestry, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, religion, language, age, and disability (apparent or non-apparent).

The HRC further states that hate incidents are intended to intimidate the targeted group or individual, and although they are not necessarily crimes as defined by local, state, or federal penal codes, they can involve criminal conduct and still not meet one or more of the legal criteria required of a crime.

Whether or not a hate incident meets the legal definition of a crime under the penal code, victims tend to experience the same range of emotions, including feeling harassed, threatened, abused, anxious, fearful, and/or psychologically traumatized.

The HRC proposes collaboration between the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, the Westchester County Commission of Public Safety and the Westchester County Human Rights Commission, including determining the best location to store hate incident data.

That data will be gathered by phone/hotline, web-based data collection, reporting apps, email, and in-person reporting at the HRC office.

The HRC proposes a mobile-based application for accessible and easy reporting.

The HRC also proposes implicit bias and hate crimes/incidents investigative training for municipal leaders, law enforcement, school superintendents, school leaders, faith-based community leaders, college campus safety offices and diversity staff, leaders in the local communities, and county government department heads, as well as an outreach plan to include a public awareness campaign.

A Rapid Response Team to respond immediately within hours of a hate incident in the County has been recommended.

The draft proposal can be viewed on the HRC's Facebook page and website (<https://humanrights.westchestergov.com/news/2537-we-are-born-free-and-equal-commission-addresses-recent-rise-in-hate-incidents>).

Comments can be forwarded to the HRC at: [hrc-inquiries@westchestergov.com](mailto:hrc-inquiries@westchestergov.com) or 914-995-7710.

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# Student Design Project Brings Poetry and Art to Empty White Plains Storefronts

Combining poetry and art to bring thought-provoking images to entertain shoppers in downtown White Plains has become an annual tradition. This is the fourth year the White Plains BID (Business Improvement District) and a SUNY Purchase design class have combined efforts to bring new artwork to vacant storefronts in some areas of the White Plains downtown.

The goal of the project has been to improve these empty spaces with artwork thereby creating a more pleasing and vibrant environment for those who live,



work, and shop in the downtown.

Students from Professor Warren Lehrer's Community Design class, as part of their work for the semester, which focuses on pro-bono work to better the community, created visual poetry artwork based on poems by award-winning writer/actor Judith Sloan. Sloan interviewed several downtown stakeholders regarding their perceptions and feelings about White Plains (and the world), which gave rise to several themes and phrases to guide the students' work.

Of the poems, Sloan says, "This year's themes focused on history: of a family over the course of a century in White Plains, of a building over decades; internal states of being—hope, desire, love of nature; celebrating the strength of women, and the power of resilience."

This year, eight students worked together to transform six vacant storefronts on South Broadway. The author of 10 books, Professor Lehrer, whose own work is heralded as fusing design and literature, said, "The art that students came up with this year featured typography as landscape and as metaphoric expression of interconnectedness; windows were used as frames of a comic strip; paper dolls were photographed and recast as monumental yet familiar figures; and drawings depicting three generations of clothes and tools illuminated a handwritten setting of a poem about working."

Lehrer received a 2017 Design Educators Award for the White Plains Storefront project from Design Incubation, a national organization that fosters dialogue between design educators, and grants awards for excellence in teaching and research.

White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach, who has been supportive of the project since its inception in 2015, said, "Art in Vacant Spaces has brought art and poetry to our downtown, sparking conversation and enlivening spaces that are currently not being utilized. We have been fortunate in White Plains to see our vacancy rate go way down. And while we continue to work to reduce it further, this initiative has provided a positive interim use for these spaces."

The Art in Vacant Spaces installations will be on display for three months or until the individual properties are rented.

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## Police Blotter

### Uber Driver Arraigned on Sexual Assault Charges

Iqbal Hussain (DOB 12/21/91), an Uber driver from the Bronx, was arraigned on charges Dec. 10 related to the sexual assault of a passenger riding with him in Westchester County in June.

Hussain appeared before Westchester County Court Judge Larry Schwartz following an indictment by a Westchester County Grand Jury on charges of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, and Unlawful Imprisonment in the Second Degree.

On June 8, 2018, at approximately 2 a.m., the victim requested an Uber ride from New York City to her home. She fell asleep in the backseat and shortly thereafter, the car stopped. She awoke

to find the driver, Iqbal Hussain, in the backseat with her groping her under her dress. A brief struggle ensued; the driver returned to the driver's seat and drove the passenger home. The incident was then reported to police.

The defendant's next court appearance is Jan. 8, 2019.

### Man Sentenced in 1-95 Hit-and-Run Death

Anthony Mangano (DOB 6/7/65), of Ozone Park was sentenced in the hit-and-run death of a tow truck operator on I-95 in New Rochelle in December 2016. Westchester County Court Judge Barry Warhit sentenced Mangano on Dec. 5 to the 12 months already served in the Westchester County Jail.

Mangano pleaded guilty last December to Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Incident Resulting in Death, a class D Felony under the Vehicle and Traffic Law,

and was remanded to the Westchester County Jail.

On Dec. 29, 2016, Mangano was driving a box truck for his employer, a Long Island-based auto parts company. He was traveling north on I-95 and had just passed the New Rochelle toll plaza when he struck and killed Salvatore Brescia of Connecticut. Brescia, employed as a tow truck operator with a Westchester-based company, was assisting a driver whose vehicle was broken down on the side of the highway. At the time he was hit, Brescia was standing in the right lane next to his truck.

Mangano continued driving. He exited I-95 north and circled back to view the scene. At that time, state police and an ambulance had responded. Mangano again went through the New Rochelle toll plaza, passed the scene and proceeded

northbound to Connecticut. At no time did he stop to report his involvement or provide information to police.

Brescia died of his injuries, which consisted of blunt impact injury to his head, neck, torso and extremities. He was struck by the right side view mirror of the truck driven by Mangano.

An intensive investigation by the New York State Police consisted of collecting fragments of the plastic from the broken mirror at the scene. This in turn led them to the company in Ontario, Canada that manufactured the plastic mirror and local distributors of the mirror, which eventually led to the Mangano's employer.

State police investigators were able to identify Mangano as the driver who left the scene on I-95 on the day of the incident. EZ Pass and cellphone records were also instrumental in this investigation.

## White Plains Sportswriter Co-authors Book on 1958 Baltimore Colts

Dec. 28, 1958, Yankee Stadium, 64,185 spectators saw the Baltimore Colts edge the New York Giants 23-17 in the first-ever overtime NFL Championship game. The battle made Lombardi, Landry, Unitas, Gifford, Huff, Summerall, household names and proved to media executives the sport was ideal for a new invention, television. Billed as the Greatest Game Ever Played, the contest has become one of the most written about subjects in pro football history.

John Vorperian, of White Plains,



(L to r) pictured in Gridiron gear are editor George Bozeka and co-author John Vorperian.

along with 29 fellow Professional Football Researchers Association (PFRA) members felt a different viewpoint about the victors needed to be made available. With the 60th Anniversary approaching they just published "The 1958 Baltimore Colts:

Profiles of the NFL's First Sudden Death Champions," edited by George Bozeka.

The group assembled profiles on the players, coaches, ownership, the city, the Colts home venue Memorial stadium and the Baltimore press who covered the team. In handling his contributions to the book, Vorperian corresponded with quarterback Johnny Unitas' favorite receiver Hall of Famer Raymond Berry. The White Plains resident and host of White Plains Community Media's Beyond the Game

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## Obituaries

### Joseph L. Falcone

Joseph L. Falcone, 83, of White Plains, passed away Dec. 7.

Joseph was born in Bronxville to Louis and Filomena Colavita Falcone.

He served in the U.S. Army for two years, being stationed in Augsburg, Germany. After the Army Joseph worked as a draftsman for Velzy Assoc., Roy F. Weston, and Savin Engineers, until his retirement in 2010.

On Sept. 21, 1958 Joseph married his wife Josephine (Jo) at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in White Plains.

Joseph was a straight-laced soft-spoken and kind-loving family man. He traveled to 47 of the 50 states and 13 countries. He traveled with friends and family and drove through most of the states and countries.

Besides his wife Josephine, Joseph is survived by his four children Annamaria Falcone (Charlie) Norris of White Plains, Joe Falcone of Basalt Colorado, Michael A. Falcone of White Plains, and Linda Sue (Rob) Chemaly of Rocklin, California; his

sister Marie Romeo, and 10 grandchildren Nicole Norris (Mike) Abelson, Ben Norris, Brianna Falcone, Alexa Falcone, Michael J. Chemaly, R.J. Chemaly, Christopher Chemaly, Michael Gene Falcone, Kyle Falcone, and Danielle Falcone.

He was predeceased by his brother-in-law Clement Romeo.

In lieu of flowers please send a donation to Family Services of Westchester, N. Broadway White Plains, NY 10605 or White Plains Hospital Palliative Care, Davis Ave. White Plains, NY 914-849-GIVE

### Mary DiNardo

Mary DiNardo, 78, of Wellington, FL, formerly of North White Plains, passed away on Dec. 4.

She was born on Jan. 6, 1940 in Colledimezzo, Italy.

Mary was predeceased by her husband Joseph DiNardo.

She is survived by her children Luciano (Julia), Nick (Donna), and Joseph (Heather); grandchildren Danielle (Randy), Michael (Michaela), Nickolas (Victoria), Kaitlin, Alex (Sydney),

Brittany, Jaheem; and a great grandson, Parker.

Mary is predeceased by a brother Remo, sister Zita, brothers in law Eduardo, Giustino, Tonino and Americo and sisters in law Venerina and Rina.

She is survived by her siblings, Aurelia, Tony (Theresa), Joseph (Elia), sisters in law Pia, Ida, Grace (John) and Assunta.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations in her memory made to either the Alzheimers Foundation or the Jupiter Medical Center in Jupiter, Florida, where she received impeccable care in her last days.

### Esther M. Bryant

Esther Mary Bryant, age 87, died Dec. 3 at her home in Stratford, Conn.

She was born in Cumbola, PA, on April 4, 1931 to John and Elizabeth Ballantine and was the oldest of two children.

Esther grew up in Philadelphia, and in 1952 at the age of 21 she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, becoming one of the nation's first female Marine Corps Reservists. Esther married Charles R. Bryant on Feb. 1, 1958 and concluded

her Marine Corps service that same year. After relocating to White Plains, she raised six children and two grandchildren.

Esther spent many years working in the Westchester County Personnel Office and concluded her career in an administrative role at Westchester Community College.

Esther moved to Connecticut to be closer to her children and grandchildren and retired from the college in 2012.

She will be remembered as being an extremely kind and generous soul who always put others' needs ahead of her own. Esther enjoyed sharing stories about her husband and children, a symbol of her undying love for family.

Left to honor Esther and remember her love are her sister, Marie Ballantine, five surviving children Mark Bryant, Jeff (Laura) Bryant, Kevin Bryant, Erik (Natalie) Bryant, and Jennifer (Guy) Falotico; five surviving grandchildren Tim, Kayleah, Sean, CJ and Ali; a grandson by marriage, Eddy; and two great-grandchildren Eddy Jr. and Vanna. Esther was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son Charles Jr., and granddaughter Christina.

## County Warns Residents: Beware Porch Pirates This Holiday Season

The Westchester County Department of Consumer Protection is warning residents to protect themselves from Grinch-like criminals who are stealing packages from front porches this holiday season.

Consumer protection advocates strongly recommend that residents take action to protect themselves. Some homeowners are installing cameras to catch possible thieves in the act. While that may be helpful to law enforcement, your package may already be stolen and it

is sometimes difficult to catch the culprit.

Tracking package deliveries through the U.S. Postal Service, FedEx, UPS or whichever shipping provider is being used is also a smart idea to know when packages will arrive.

"As more and more holiday shopping is done online, this is a problem that is continuing to grow," said County Executive George Latimer. "This holiday season, take steps to protect yourself by keeping up with the best shipping options offered online and – if you can

– take precautionary measures to ensure that your packages reach their intended destination."

Consumer Protection Director Jim Maisano said that there are many alternative shipping options to combat the problem of stolen packages from the front door or the porch. These include delivering packages to a friendly neighbor who is home all the time or directly to a nearby FedEx or UPS store and then going to the store to pick up the packages.

Other options include "Amazon Locker." All that is needed is to visit a local Amazon Locker location, enter the code provided and the recipient can find the package. Amazon is also offering services like "Amazon Key" where, if you have electronic car locks, your package will be delivered to your car in your driveway and locked up for its safe delivery.

No matter what way residents choose to receive any expected deliveries this year, be aware of the growing "porch pirate" trend.

## League of Women Voters Westchester Statement on 2019 County Budget

The League of Women Voters Westchester commends County Executive George Latimer and his Administration for their fiscal pragmatism and demonstrated commitment to transparency in sharing the proposed 2019 County budget with the public. We appreciate the sound measures taken by the current administration and legislature to address the economic challenges they now face. We thank Budget Director, Larry Soule, for providing us with additional information and insight.

The League of Women Voters of Westchester has reviewed the proposed 2019 budget, and lauds the County Government's steps in finalizing union contract negotiations, and dealing with the heretofore unbudgeted financial cost of back pay in reparation for seven years of unfruitful negotiations. We applaud the steps taken to move forward with capital expenditure backlogs, prioritizing health and safety projects, and maintaining reserves at least at current levels without a

reduction in services.

The League of Women Voters has been calling for a tax increase for some time. Following a "no tax increase" strategy for any years, our County's investment in people and hard assets had been drastically cut – which mortgaged our future. The current Administration needed to propose a property tax increase and chose the proposed 2% increase, rather than up to the 5.7% cap allowed by New York State. Limiting the property tax increase to 2% takes SALT, the federal deductible limit of \$10,000 in state and local taxes, and higher property assessments into consideration. Payment for County services represents only 15% of the property taxes and as such are the smallest piece of the property bill.

Thus a 2% increment in the county tax bill translates into an increase of approximately \$5 per month for the average property owner.

We acknowledge that an even higher increase in property taxes may be necessary. As reported, the 2019 proposed budget is not balanced without the proposed sale of the County parking lot. LWVW questions the sale of an asset to use as a one-time revenue source. And if the proposed \$22 million sale of the County parking lot to the LDC does not go through for any reason, what is the contingency plan to replace the funding? The League endorses efforts by the Administration and Legislators to seek numerous avenues of continuous revenue-generating programs, rather than one-off transactions.

With the foregoing reservations, the League of Women Voters of Westchester supports the proposed effort to resolve the County's extensive economic challenges, returning our County government to fiscal responsibility and spurring financial growth throughout the county.

–*Marylou Green, President; Adelaide DiGiorgi, Chair, County Government Study Committee*

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# White Plains Mourns Death of Honorable Alfred Del Vecchio, Mayor 1976 to 1993

Alfred Del Vecchio, who served as mayor of White Plains for 18 years from 1976 through 1993, passed away on Dec. 5 at the age of 95, with his adoring wife Claire by his side.

Prior to becoming Mayor, Al Del Vecchio was a Professor and Chairman of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Manhattan College. He was often seen in city hall studying blueprints and technical material regarding infrastructure and building designs.

He was a true environmentalist and his first significant environmental initiative was developed in 1972 when he secured a grant from New York State for a project used to test emissions from commercial vehicles and provided data, which was instrumental in the design of catalytic converters. His interest in energy conservation and a clean environment expanded when his career path turned from teaching to public service. He was elected to the White Plains Common Council in 1972 and served for one term before becoming Mayor. As Mayor of the City of White Plains he promoted an award-winning recycling program, which was emulated by the County of Westchester and many of its municipalities.

Mayor Del Vecchio actively pursued his interest in alternative energy sources in conjunction with air pollution control throughout his 20-year career in city



Honorable Alfred Del Vecchio

government. In 1977, in conjunction with Consolidated Edison Company of New York, he examined the practicality of electric powered vehicles. In 1978/1979 he utilized the City of White Plains' municipal fleet to participate in a Gasohol Test Program coordinated by the New York State Office of General Services. This program involved nearly 60 vehicles. Testimony of the project results were

given by the Mayor before the U.S. Senate's National Alcohol Fuels Commission on Oct. 23, 1979.

In 1991 he involved the city in conducting "Real World" alternative fuel testing by operating two flexible fuel vehicles on Methanol. The project was done with co-operation from the U.S. EPA and the N.Y.S. Energy Research and Development Authority. That same year, to promote and test the use of electric vehicles in municipal fleets, the City of White Plains worked in conjunction with N.Y.S. Power Authority to buy a battery powered electric van to help explore one method of meeting the 1990 Federal Clean Air Act Amendments.

The transformation of downtown White Plains into the business and retail center it is today, started when Del Vecchio and his city planners attracted the Galleria shopping mall to downtown during urban renewal.

Del Vecchio subsequently was instrumental in bringing the Robert Martin Co. into White Plains to develop the White Plains Financial Center and other projects.

A centerpiece of redevelopment under Del Vecchio was the reconstruction of White Plains Metro-North train station, which included replacing the railroad bridge that crossed over both Hamilton Avenue and Main Street, two major arteries. Del Vecchio was especially proud

of the engineering feat in which the bridge was replaced without having to shut down either of those roads.

Del Vecchio always had respect for the neighborhoods of White Plains, requiring developers who proposed projects to first meet with neighborhood associates and address concerns of residents.

Del Vecchio promoted affordable housing before it became fashionable and used federal Community Development money to establish programs that helped rehabilitate hundreds of single-family and multi-family houses. Under his administration, 450 apartments in the Winbrook Housing were rehabilitated with federal funds.

As White Plains became an office center with an estimated 250,000 workers coming into town on typical workdays, Del Vecchio became a proponent of computerizing the city's traffic light system to help smooth the flow of cars. A large mainframe computer was installed on the basement of city hall to run the traffic lights, a significant technical achievement for the time and said to be the first system of its kind in New York State.

During Mayor Del Vecchio's tenure, a new Public Safety/City Court building was constructed to house the police department and City Courts. This was also done on time and under budget. He acquired the closed state armory on South

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# How to Rid Your Home of Problematic Household Scents

My home is now redolent of holiday scents, from the wreath on the door close to my office, to the special aromas coming from the kitchen. It would not be a bad time to invite guests to visit us.

When it comes time to sell a house and I advise a client of all the things to do in preparation, probably the most sensitive issue to address is unpleasant odor in the house when it exists.

Every home has a particular smell. Sometimes it's good, sometimes not. When it's good, we might want to savor it and remember it, but when it's bad, both we and a prospective buyer want to escape it.

I can still recall that particular, sweet smell of the home I grew up in. Maybe it was a combination of my mother's cooking, largely tomato- and olive oil-based, with her perfume, which was "My Sin." Many times, people would compliment her on that perfume, which today I remember as smelling like a mixture of all my favorite blossoms in the garden – rose, jasmine, lilac and lily of the valley. I remember that our house smelled particularly sweet when she would can tomatoes in the basement.

When I rented my first apartment, the air quality was very different. I lived in the basement of a private house, which was only slightly above grade and faced the north side of the house. It had a

musty smell caused by the moisture in the air that was so thick that the walls would sometimes weep from it. Being a proactive tenant, even as an 18-year-old college student, I petitioned the landlady to buy a dehumidifier for me, and I kept it running day and night to make the air quality acceptable.

The next time I was keenly aware of objectionable house smells was in the apartment of a very old woman who had invited me – I was an antiques dealer at the time – to buy some of her things. When I entered her apartment, located in an old former hotel in Brooklyn, I was hit with a very unpleasant smell that was very hard to describe.

The windows were all shrouded in heavy curtains and shades and the furniture was all deeply tufted. I'm embarrassed to admit that I thought the smell was coming from what I had heard was "old people smell." That, however, was a wrong assumption. I learned from an air quality control company that it's really



By Bill Primavera

the circumstances of the old person's environment. There may be closed windows and no air flow. It could also be their personal habits, including how often they bathe and clean their clothes, and the odors just don't have an opportunity to dissipate with circulation.

I also learned that the three most common causes of house odor are smoking, pets and mold. Usually no one does anything about the first two – smoking and pets – because people are unaware of those odors when they live with them. They are very aware of mold, however, either because of the smell or allergic reaction, and that is something they should do something about.

Toxic mold produces a chemical called mycotoxins, which can cause serious illnesses that can be fatal.

Pet smell and the odor from smoking may not raise a danger signal as much as toxic mold. But the source of the smoking smell can be very harmful to both the smoker and the one who breathes in

second hand smoke, according to the Surgeon General. Pets can be anathema to those with severe allergies to them.

Both smells can be addressed with home remedies when the source moves on, but toxic mold, which is reputed to have hastened the death of television personality Ed McMahon, should best be handled by a professional remediation service. There is just too much at stake, especially in the remediation process, to approach on one's own.

If a house is being readied for sale and the owner is advised to eliminate the smell of smoking or pets, the best cure is good ventilation. The process can be expedited with baking soda, that old standby that we know from our mothers placing a box in the refrigerator. Baking soda can be sprinkled on furniture and carpeting that has absorbed smoking or pet odors, and after it sits for several hours, is vacuumed.

The worst thing to do about household odors is to try to mask them with candles, incense or other odor-combating products. The layered smells can be worse than the original offending odor.

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### Co-authors Book on 1958 Baltimore Colts

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was one of the last persons to interview broadcasting legend Bob Wolff, a Colts radio voice.

Upton Bell, son of 1950s NFL Commissioner Bert Bell, described to Vorperian how his father fostered the rule change which created "sudden death." A

tie score in regulation would put the game into overtime and the team that scored first would be the winner.

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## Our Virtual Tour Takes Us Deep Into Spain's Sparkling Wine Country



By Nick Antonaccio

This week our virtual tour of Spain's wine regions takes us further up the Mediterranean coast to the bucolic region of Penedès. Geographically, it is only a 45-minute drive, due west of cosmopolitan Barcelona in Catalonia. Yet historically and culturally, it is centuries away from the modern pace of its neighboring bustling cities.

Think rolling hills, 16th century hilltop towns, stucco and terracotta haciendas, grapevines planted wherever their roots can grab a foothold. It is reminiscent of the Tuscan landscape and vistas, but without the hordes of American and British tourists. Here Spanish winemakers have found paradise. How best to share their paradise than to enjoy the wine most associated with happy occasions and good times: sparkling wine.

The microclimate: warm, mild temperatures. The altitude: "hillsides" that are among the tallest in Europe. The sun: a beautiful interplay of light and landscape. All come together for a perfect environment suitable to growing three indigenous grapes that, when blended by artisanal winemakers, create a unique sparkling wine: Cava.

In the Champagne region of France, it's Champagne; in the remainder of France it's Cremant; in Italy it's Prosecco; in the U.S. it's simply sparkling wine; and in Spain it's Cava. (The term Cava is derived from the natural "caves" used as cellar storerooms where aging takes place, but I bet you figured that out on your own.)

The Spanish have adopted the same process as the French for producing their bubbly, which contributes to the sophisticated style of the Spanish version. However, what makes Cava unique among sparkling wines is the grape varieties grown in Penedès. These indigenous grapes, grown here since the 19th century, are the Macabeo, Parellada and Xarel-lo varieties. Try pronouncing these names after a glass or two of Cava. (Okay, let's try it: mah-kah-BEH-oh, Par-el-YAH-dah and Sha-REHL-loh.)

Here is where the Spanish winemakers shine. It is the masterful crafting and blending of these grapes that emphasize the individual characteristics of each variety and creates an end result that is greater than the sum of its parts. The Macabeo offers fragrant floral aromas. The Parellada offers a creamy mouth-feel

and fruity flavors of citrus and apples. The Xarel-lo offers ripeness, full body, acid and alcohol. What comes through the bubbles are intoxicating aromas and flavors with toasty, creamy notes, sure to please discriminating palates.

Several artisans produce Cavas aged in their cellars for extended periods. Look for Reserva and Gran Reserva. They are worth the additional cost.

Cava production is second only to the Champagne region. Annual production is about 18 million cases (216 million bottles). Of this, exports top 10 million cases.

That equates to nearly 4 percent of all wine production in Spain. I'm sure that sometime in your life a number of you have been exposed to Cava without perhaps realizing it. The most consumed sparkling wine in the U.S. in the 1970s was Freixenet, in the distinctive black bottle at a cost of under \$10. (Ah yes, I remember it well at weddings and graduations.)

Now it's time to experiment. Visit your favorite wine shop and inquire about the availability of Cava. Most carefully curated shops will stock one of two brands. If your shop doesn't offer any, ("I have limited

shelf space." "Prosecco is my top seller in that price category, so I stock up on those wines." "Most customers haven't experienced Cava. It's an unknown to them.") You can regale them with your newfound knowledge and press them to stock a few. Excellent Cavas sell for less than \$20, a similar price point to Prosecco, but in my opinion, a far superior wine.

Reward yourself simply for being able to pronounce the names of the grape varieties. I trust you will appreciate the uniqueness and complexity of such an affordable sparkler.

As with many success stories in life, Cava's overnight popularity has been 50 years in the making. Here's to its long life and continued success.

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Broadway and arranged for its conversion to a senior citizens' center still in use today.

Del Vecchio was also a promoter of culture and recreation in the city and pushed for various activities such as live theater, downtown concerts at lunchtime and expanded sports activities at city fields.

In a statement, White Plains Mayor Tom Roach said: "Mayor Del Vecchio's family has continued to serve White Plains in various city departments, including the Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Works, and Parking

Department. We send our condolences to the Del Vecchio family and our gratitude for the years of dedicated service he gave to our city."

Among Del Vecchio's personal recreational passions were boating and fishing, and he often would share his catch of Long Island Sound bluefish with city workers and friends.

Although he was undeniably a great man and leader, his role as husband and father was his proudest accomplishment. He adored his wife Claire of 73 years. Together they raised eight children, 17 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.



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# Holiday Bites and Pieces



By Morris Gut

The Holiday Season is here, so whether you've been naughty or nice it's time to make plans with friends and family. If you are going out, here are some festive suggestions for every palate, each offering a good dose of Holiday cheer...Seasoned Greetings!

**Chestnuts and carolers at Mulino's Holiday fest.** It is over-the-top at Mulino's of Westchester in White Plains during the holidays and it begins with the bright glittering lights and smell of chestnuts roasting at the entranceway. Take home a bag fresh from the roaster. The annual Christmas Holiday Fest at Mulino's lasts right through the season and it's a sight to behold for the whole family. The fountain garden is beautiful as is the lavish dining room and bar/lounge. General Manager Jimmy Cavagna and his staff are keeping the premises spiffy as ever: gesticulating Christmas decorations galore, holiday carolers, life-size toy soldiers, the bursting colorful floral displays, the handsome multilevel seating area. A special holiday menu is served. Open 7 days. Bring the whole family. The place sparkles! Valet parking. Reservations advised. Mulino's of Westchester, 99 Court Street, White Plains, 914-761-1818, [www.mulinosny.com](http://www.mulinosny.com).



Life-sized toy soldier greets patrons at Mulino's, White Plains.

**Don Jito Holiday Tacos and Tapas.** This popular new spot in Mamaroneck serves a tempting fusion of Mediterranean and Latin cuisines with pizzazz. Tacos and Tapas, they like to say. Dark woods, brick and brown textured leather are reminiscent of a Spanish wine cellar. Let Sue Vitiello and the staff help you through such house specialties as: Chorizo Flatbread, Donjito Wings, Pulpo a la Plancha; Tacos with a variety of fillings, short rib barbacoa is a favorite;

Paella Barcelona; Chicken Enchiladas; or marinated Skirt Steak. There are house-made Churros and Tres Leches Cake for dessert. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Sunday brunch is pending. Inviting bar area. Party facilities. Don Jito, 122 Mamaroneck Ave., Mamaroneck. Phone: 914-902-5486. The same group has a sister restaurant in Scarsdale called: Popojito, [www.donjito.com](http://www.donjito.com).



Santa at La Piccola Casa.



Holiday Parrillada at Magno's Grill.

**Ambadi Kebab and Grill for vibrant Indian flavors.** The original Ambadi Indian eatery on E. Post Road, White Plains, was opened about a dozen years ago by the Kalathara family of Bengal Tiger fame to highlight the street foods and simple meals of India. At the same time, Simson Kalathara's Bengal Tiger, which had been across the street, was renowned for its more sophisticated approach to regional Indian cuisine. New signage has been put up on the façade. It is now under the management of Muhammad Alam of Mughal Palace in Valhalla, along with his wife Tangina Yesmin. The 48-seat interior has undergone major redesign and construction. It is a colorful new setting. There is an updated Halal menu, too, noted Alam. Daily luncheon buffet. Ambadi, 141 E. Post Road, White Plains, 914-686-2014, [www.ambadiusa.com](http://www.ambadiusa.com).

**Cocktails and a view at La Piccola Casa.** Proprietor/Chef Walter Ricci has added sparkle to the premises for the Holidays. Through the years he worked many popular kitchens in greater Westchester including the former Umberto's in Rye and Giorgio's in Port Chester, which he ran for 10 years. The restaurant is housed in the landmark DeLancey House where author James Fenimore Cooper lived for a time across from scenic Harbor Island Park in Mamaroneck, along Boston Post Road. Walter will be serving his new updated menu featuring many of his well-known specialties: Italian classics with concentration on the finest ingredients. There's a big Veal Chop and Rack of Lamb. Pastas are terrific, especially with seafood. Walter does his own shopping daily. The restaurant is open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. Free street parking. Reservations accepted. La Piccola Casa, 410 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, 914-777-3766, [www.lapiccolacasa.com](http://www.lapiccolacasa.com).

**Festive paella and steaks at Magno's Grill.** This newcomer to the county is now serving Jurassic Tomahawk Steaks, and a fine version of Parrillada, hearty mixed grill with chimichurri sauce. They are as tender as can be. Chef/owner Angelo Magno had put his talents to work at such lauded kitchens at Tango Grill, Milonga and Gaucho Grill. He



Hearty stuffed pork chop with truffle sauce at Le Sirene.

has joined forces with his family at his own 60-seat spot featuring fine versions of Italian and Argentinean classics. Look for such house specialties as: fresh Empanadas, Chicken or Veal Parmigiana, a colorful hearty Paella, and hefty Pork Osso Buco. Cocktail bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Sunday Brunch Buffet. Municipal parking nearby. Reservations accepted. Magno's Grill, 108 Centre Ave., New Rochelle, 914-235-0008, [www.magnosgrill.com](http://www.magnosgrill.com).

**Holiday truffles at Le Sirene.** The buzz has been spreading among food aficionados throughout the area. The Fratelli Bruno have combined their considerable talents in opening Le Sirene Ristorante on Palmer Avenue in Larchmont. The Bruno family are veteran restaurateurs who also own such venerable Italian dining rooms as San Pietro, Caravaggio and Sistina in Manhattan. They have ties to their native Southern Italy and they know how to cook in the authentic Italian way: "Let natural food flavors express themselves," is their culinary philosophy. Owner Cosimo Bruno is general manager and host, but also shares kitchen duties with talented Executive Chef Alberto Pepe. Hospitable Maitre d' is Gabriele Pepe. Let the warmth guide you to your seat and let the professional staff give you a tour of their regional Italian menu. The Bruno's know their wines. Cosimo Bruno is also a Certified Sommelier. The 'pizzaoli' is at his wood fired pizza oven at the end of the bar ready to prepare over a dozen of his tasty artisanal pies. Request one with shaved truffles on top. Le Sirene is located at 1957 Palmer Ave., Larchmont, 914-834-8300, [www.lesireneristorante.com](http://www.lesireneristorante.com).

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## Tuesday, Dec. 11

**Tuesdays@Dorries.** Crossing the Divide. Reflections on a Trip to Israel. Members of Congregation Kol Ami will present personal responses to the dual narrative that is Israel today. They met with organizations such as Peace Now and Breaking the Silence, and worked with Combatants for Peace to build a playground for Palestinian children in a West Bank village. Listen as they peel back layers of complexity and try to make sense of what they experienced. Weekly Table Talk 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering starts at 5:15 p.m. Dorries Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains; 914-682-0005. All are welcome.

**WPCNA Holiday Meeting.** White Plains Council of Neighborhood Associations Holiday Meeting will include the election of WPCNA officers, a pizza dinner menu, and a roundtable discussion of the Role of Social Media in Making, Breaking and Publishing Local News; 7:30 p.m. at Education House, 5 Homeside Lane, White Plains.

**The New York Tenors Christmas Special.** The New York Tenors celebrate the holiday season in this evening of Christmas spirit. Inspirational performances of newly created and timeless Christmas classics move the audience from the days of Irving Berlin to the millennium. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. \$95 per person (plus tax). Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit [www.broadwaytheatre.com](http://www.broadwaytheatre.com).

## Wednesday, Dec. 12

**Confronting Climate Change: What to Expect in Our Region.** Hear from leaders in the field who have been studying the results of changes in climate for Cornell University and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Professional credits for landscape architects will be available. The conference is being presented in partnership by the Westchester County Soil and Water Conservation District and Department of Planning, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester, the Watershed Agricultural Council and The Native Plant Center. Westchester County Center, 198 Central Park Ave., White Plains. Registration and continental breakfast from 8 to 8:45 a.m. Workshop from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$40. Info: Contact Robert Doscher at 914-995-4423 or [rrd1@westchestergov.com](mailto:rrd1@westchestergov.com).

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**Noonday Getaway Concert:** Karen Marie Marmer, violin and Dongsok Shin fortepiano, principals of the internationally acclaimed REBEL Ensemble for Baroque Music, play an all Mozart program featuring sonatas for violin and fortepiano and a work for keyboard solo. This concert is made possible, in part, with the generous support of Dagher Engineering, PLLC. Free, donations are welcome; 12:15 p.m. Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church Street (Main Street at Mamaroneck Avenue), White Plains.

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# Jessica Lynn Returns to the Paramount for Christmas Spectacular

By Anna Young

Rising country singer Jessica Lynn is bringing the holiday cheer to the Paramount Hudson Valley in Peekskill this weekend for her annual Christmas spectacular.

On Saturday evening, Lynn will return to her home county with her family band and several local musical and dance talents to put concertgoers in the holiday spirit with her third annual "Very Merry Country Christmas."

"This is one of my favorite shows that we do because we get to involve so many different groups in the community," Lynn said. "The feeling the show brings is so special, happy and magical and I'm looking forward to it so much."

With a love for Christmas music and giving back to the community, Lynn was inspired three years ago to launch the holiday show. She said it was a great opportunity to put audiences in a festive mood while also benefiting Toys for Tots. "This time of the year is all about giving and being a good person," Lynn said. "I grew up very fortunate, always having a toy for Christmas and it breaks my heart for those who don't and I want to help."

While attendees are encouraged to bring a new unwrapped toy, Lynn is partnering with Trufflicious Treats, which will donate



Country music artist and Yorktown native Jessica Lynn returns home this Saturday night with her third annual "A Very Merry Country Christmas" show at the Paramount in Peekskill.

\$5 from each jar purchased to the military charity. She has also enlisted D'Angelico Guitars to provide a grand raffle prize of a new guitar at the concert. Guests will qualify for the drawing by donating to Toys for Tots during the show.

Raised in Yorktown and surrounded by a musical family, it seemed inevitable that Lynn found her way into the music business. While she began singing at four years old and started writing her own music as a teenager, it wasn't until Lynn was 21 that she decided to pursue a solo career as a country music artist.

Trying to jumpstart her career, Lynn and her family, who are also members of her band, paid to tape a live performance at The Winery at St. George in Mohegan Lake. The live show was picked up by PBS stations across the nation and aired to millions of viewers in 2014.

That led the Lakeland High School graduate to be signed to a song-writing and artist's contract in Nashville where she landed her first national tour sharing the stage with country heavyweights Brad Paisley, Jake Owen and Chase Rice.

She followed that with a second PBS special in 2015 that was taped at the Paramount, which attracted more attention. From there, Lynn rocked her way onto another national tour sharing

the bill with some of the biggest names in the genre, including Keith Urban, Tim McGraw and Jo Dee Messina.

Last summer, Lynn released her EP "Look at Me That Way" followed by the single "Crazy Idea," which was her first song to break into the Top 50 on the country charts. During her recently completed international tour that kicked off in May, Lynn released another single, "Let's Don't."

During this Saturday's anticipated two-hour performance, the 28-year-old singer said the audience can expect to hear holiday classics, her new Christmas song "Santa You Can Skip Our House" and a few of the hits that catapulted her career. Along with a decorative production, a Christmas play, special effects and seasonal tunes, Lynn will be joined onstage by local choirs, dance troupes and musicians. Among those that will be part of the show are Peekskill's Dance Expression; Mohegan Lake's Star Struck Dance Studio; Cortlandt's Dance Conservatory; the Port Chester Middle School Choir; the Port Chester High School Marching Band; Cherko Country Line Dancing; Nick Bukuvalas; John Winton; and Bob Maniscalco, Diane Fitzgerald and Premier Entertainment.

Lynn will also be performing with her

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**Tigers Down Falcons to Celebrate 25th Anniversary Harry Jefferson Showcase**

By Albert Coqueran

Harry Jefferson and his family sat courtside as White Plains High School battled Woodlands High School in his namesake basketball tournament in his namesake gym. The Harry Jefferson Holiday Basketball Showcase celebrated its 25th Anniversary in the Harry Jefferson Gym, at White Plains High School on Friday and Saturday.

The 25th Anniversary Harry Jefferson Holiday Showcase was a rousing success, as about 900 people packed into the Harry Jefferson Gym on Friday evening. The multitude of spectators witnessed a double-header with Harrison High School trouncing Saunders High School, 81-43, which was climaxed by a thrilling contest as hosts White Plains beat Woodlands High School, 86-76.

Jefferson is a legendary former athlete, coach, administrator and educator, who



Tigers junior guard Eisaiah Murphy had an outstanding game while scoring 33 points and shooting 11-of-12 from the foul line, as White Plains defeated Woodlands, 86-76, in the 25th Anniversary Harry Jefferson Holiday Showcase.

retired as an Assistant Principal at White Plains High School in 1996, after serving the White Plains School District for 37 years.

Jefferson, a White Plains native, was a prominent varsity football and track star



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

Eisaiah Murphy (center) leads the streak of Tigers in a motivational roar before White Plains High School defeated rival Woodlands High School, 86-76, in the 25th Anniversary Harry Jefferson Holiday Showcase on Friday at WPHS.

during his athletic career at WPHS. He went on to achieve a full scholarship to the University of Illinois and was elected to the All Big-Ten Team and All-American Team in 1955.

Jefferson also rose to the ranks of 2nd Lieutenant during his stint in the U.S. Marine Corp and was selected to the All-America Armed Forces Team. His career as a professional athlete was cut short by

a serious leg injury but he did spend time playing for the New York Football Giants.

Jefferson's injury may have ended his professional football career but it brought him back home to White Plains High School, where as an educator, coach, mentor, spiritual and moral guide, he had a major positive impact on the lives of thousands of WPHS students.

Jefferson is the living Patriarch of White Plains High School Athletics. He was inducted into the Westchester County Hall of Fame and the White Plains Hall of Fame, while also being distinguished with the Martin Luther King Achievement Award and the Fritz Pollard Award.

Spencer Mayfield is entering his 26th year as White Plains Head Boys Basketball Coach. For 25 of those years he has organized the Harry Jefferson Holiday Showcase in tribute to his longtime friend and mentor Harry Jefferson.

"It is great to see Harry (Jefferson)," said Mayfield. "It is a nice honor for him to see this tournament still running after 25 years with teams still desiring  
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The 25th Anniversary Harry Jefferson Showcase kicked off two days of Boys Basketball competition with Harrison High School defeating Saunders High School, 81-43 on Friday in the first game of a double-header. Harrison Head Coach Gary Chiarella (left) was proud to present the Huskies MVP to guard Alex Siapanides.



Guard Jayon Norwood proved he is ready for varsity competition. Norwood moved up to varsity from the Tigers junior varsity this season and scored 12 points in the Harry Jefferson Holiday Showcase in his initial varsity home game at WPHS.

# EXAMINER SPORTS

## White Plains High School Scholar-Athletic Awards for 2018 Fall Season

By Albert Coqueran

In a remarkable display of academic achievement, while simultaneously competing during the 2018 Fall Sports Season, the New York Public High School Athletic Association (NYPHSAA) recognized 187 White Plains High School Student-Athletes.

The Tigers sports teams with 75 % of their members or individual athletes that maintained a 90% or above GPA, during the fall season were honored at the White Plains Public Schools Board of Education meeting held Monday at WPHS.

The list of Head Coaches of fall sports and the percentage of their team



members or the amount of individuals from that particular sport who made the grade this fall season are: Christine Telesco, Cheerleading, with four

members of her team maintaining a 90% GPA; Fred Singleton, Boys Cross Country, with 100 % of his 49-member team with 90% GPA; Carlos Agudelo, Girls Cross Country, his team honored with 75% of the team including 13 Scholar-Athletes; Michael Lindberg, Football, had five Scholar-Athletes on his team this fall; Amanda Grant, Field Hockey, her team honored with 75% qualifying including 12 members; Meaghan Chase, Girls Soccer, with her entire team of 23 members honored as Scholar-Athletes; Jack Gigli, Boys Soccer, had seven individuals on his team maintain the 90% or above GPA; Patricia

Gilmartin, Swimming & Diving, with 75% of her team including 52 members honored as Scholar-Athletes; Caitlin MacDonald, Volleyball, with her entire team of 10 members honored as Scholar-Athletes; Sue Adams, Girls Tennis, also kept her team on pace academically with 100 % of the team honored including 12 members.

In total 187 Tigers team members maintained a 90 % GPA throughout the fall sports season and were honored as Scholar-Athletes by the NYPHSAA.

Congratulations to the White Plains High School Scholar-Athletes and their Head Coaches!

### Tigers Down Flacons to Celebrate

### 25th Anniversary Harry Jefferson Showcase

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The 25th Anniversary Harry Jefferson Holiday Showcase was held at WPHS on Friday and Saturday. Neither the Tigers nor the tournament disappointed namesake Harry Jefferson (center), as 900 fans packed into the Harry Jefferson Gym to watch White Plains beat Woodlands 86-76. Eisaiah Murphy (left) presented MVP of the Game for the Tigers and Noe Fleurimond was the Falcons MVP.

to be part of it, while also generating a nice crowd. It is always fun to see him and to win when he is in the building makes it just a little more special," acknowledged Mayfield.

The Harry Jefferson Showcase was also the Tigers Boys Basketball 2018-19 Home Opener. And yes, they did win! Tigers' junior guard Eisaiah Murphy excited the home crowd by scoring a game-high 33 points, as the Tigers beat the Falcons, 86-76, for their first win of the season.

The Tigers (1-1) managed more than double the points against Woodlands than they scored in their season opening loss at Elmont High School, 54-41. "We played strong and intense and we came away with the 'W' and that is how we need to play the rest of the season," commented Murphy, who shot 11-of-12 from the foul line and selected the Tigers MVP of the Game. Forward Noe Fleurimond was the Falcons MVP, while scoring a team-high 24 points.

Quion Burns, a 6' 4" junior forward

who transferred from Stepinac, while playing in his first game at WPHS, showed a lot of poise on the court. Burns scored 19 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Burns also went unblemished from the foul line converting on 5-of-5 free throws.

The Tigers shot a respectable 18-of-20 from the foul line and dished a total of 16 assists in the game. Sophomore guard Tymir Greene passed five of those assists and netted seven points. Junior guard Jayon Norwood added 12 points for the Tigers.

The Tigers have a very young varsity team this season, with 10 juniors, three sophomores and one freshman without a senior on the roster. Nonetheless, they are extremely athletic and aggressive around the ball. However, the young Tigers will need to improve their defensive skills to have a successful season.

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The Harry Jefferson Holiday Showcase is a two-day weekend event at WPHS. On Saturday the tournament highlighted a triple-header with Ramapo beating Ossining, 58-50. MVP selections included Jayden Carr, 28 points for the Pride and Franc Wilson, 17 points for Gryphons.

Also Fox Lane beat Uniondale, 46-40, with Will Crerend selected as MVP for the Foxes with 20 points and junior guard Kayden Liddie garnishing MVP honors for the Knights. In the Harry Jefferson finale Mamaroneck defeated Spring Valley, 59-46, with Mamaroneck MVP Gavin Zinghini scoring 23 pts and MVP Javon Dornaison selected as MVP for Spring Valley with 12 points in the game.

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include angels, shepherds, sheep and a special baby. All are welcome to stay for a coffee hour that will include holiday treats.

### Children's Christmas Pageant.

Everyone's invited to a bilingual English-Spanish Christmas celebration and worship service. This joint service with Misión Bautista Hispana de Westchester will include a children's Christmas pageant telling the story of Jesus's birth. Followed by a community lunch. First Baptist Church of White Plains, 456 North St., White Plains. 11 a.m. Free. Info: 914-949-5207 or visit [www.firstbaptistwhiteplains.org](http://www.firstbaptistwhiteplains.org).

### A Crooner's Holiday Concert.

A concert for all ages performed by the Community Universalist Unitarian Church Choir and friends to celebrate the season and visit the past of golden holiday oldies. With conductor Lisa N. Meyer and pianist Georgianna Pappas, the choir will perform seasonal favorites from the '40s, '50s and '60s made famous by Bing Crosby, Nat King Cole, Judy Garland, Frank Sinatra, Andy Williams and others. Community Universalist Unitarian Church, 468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains. 1 p.m. \$20. Senior and students: \$10. Children: \$5. Maximum for families: \$45. Info: 914-946-1660 ext. 6 or e-mail [concert@cucwp.org](mailto:concert@cucwp.org). Tickets: Visit [www.cucwp.org/concert-series](http://www.cucwp.org/concert-series).

### Chancel Choir Quartet.

A special concert at West Center Congregational Church, 101 Pondfield Road West at Chatfield Road, Bronxville; 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. Friends at Christmas will feature singers Robyn O'Brien, Andrea Chinedu Nwoke, Roger Ohlsen and Russell Ashley performing traditional Christmas carols and some original songs written by Mr. Ashley.

### Westchester Philharmonic's Winter Pops.

Exuberant Maestra and Rockland native Rachael Worby, will be the guest conductor. She has been music director of

the Pasadena Pops, Wheeling Symphony, Carnegie Hall's Young People's Concerts conducts around the world with legendary soprano Jessye Norman and leads her own Los Angeles-based ensemble, Muse/ique. Joining her and the Westchester Philharmonic will be Time for Three (violinists Nicolas Kendall and Charles Yang and bassist Ranaan Meyer), who happily and infectious deftly genre classification, performing music from Bach to Brahms to bluegrass to The Beatles. The program for this annual celebration of the season includes light classics, American Songbook gems and holiday favorites. Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 3 p.m. \$36 to \$98. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org).

### The Westchester Chordsmen's Winter Holiday Concert.

An a cappella concert of seasonal holiday favorite songs by the entire Westchester Chordsmen chorus and selected quartets. The Westchester Chordsmen, the county's premiere barbershop chorus, has been a staple for 65 years, performing throughout the tristate area. Co-sponsored by The Cortlandt School of Performing Arts. First Presbyterian Church, 34 S. Highland Ave., Ossining. 3 p.m. \$20 in advance. \$25 at the door. Info: 914-298-7464. Tickets: Visit [www.chordsmen.org](http://www.chordsmen.org).

### Jessica Lynn Returns

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seven band members, including her father, bassist Peter Calamera; her mother, backup vocalist Victoria Calamera; and her husband, guitarist Steven Sterlacci.

"It's so great to bring all these elements into one night and to have so many come together for a good cause," Lynn said. "It's not just a concert but a Broadway theatrical experience meets a country concert. I can't wait to see it all come to life."

"A Very Merry Country Christmas" is scheduled for 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and \$35. For tickets and more information, visit [www.paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://www.paramounthudsonvalley.com). The Paramount Hudson Valley is located at 1008 Brown St. in Peekskill.

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