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## Congresswoman Calls on Students, Police to Talk School Safety

By Anna Young

Westchester high school students and local law enforcement joined Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) and Frank Williams, Executive Director of the White Plains Youth Bureau for a gun violence and prevention forum last Friday in the wake of the Florida high school massacre that killed 17 people.

Lowey invited students to discuss the controversial issue after Blind Brook High School students Kevin O'Neill and Ryan Bachmann reached out to her expressing their fears and frustration about gun violence in schools and communities across the nation.

The issue has once again been pushed to the forefront after the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

"This is the headline in every newspaper, in every news program, and I know from my perspective I am tired of standing in Congress for a moment of silence to



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

More than a dozen high school students from around Westchester County and officers from local police departments joined Congresswoman Nita Lowey in White Plains Feb. 23 for a roundtable discussion on gun violence and how schools can be made safer.

remember victims," Lowey said. "It's time for us to do something about it."

Throughout the hour-long discussion held at the White Plains Public Library, students discussed the need for practical gun safety reform, gun violence prevention, increased school security and whether teachers should carry firearms.

Joseph Kennedy, a sophomore at Iona Preparatory School, said every student and faculty member must wear an identification card daily and all doors remain locked. He said the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Conn. in December 2012 forced his school to bolster safety protocols.

Frank Williams, director of the White Plains Youth Bureau, added that the White Plains School District constantly reviews and strengthens its safety measures.

Horace Greeley High School Junior Ari Silver said recent events have ignited a slight change in the Chappaqua School District. He said he wants more

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## Mary Broderick Ryan to Lead White Plains St. Pat's Day Parade

Mary Broderick Ryan, a lifetime resident of White Plains, will be this year's White Plains St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal and will lead the parade along with her Aides Lorraine Walsh Bruschi, Liz Clark, Dr. Catherine McGovern, Cormac Daly, Kevin D'Arcy, and Lt. Chris Delanoy (White Plains Fire Department).

Mary's parents came to White Plains from Portumna, County Galway, Ireland.

Mary is a graduate of St. John the Evangelist School and Our Lady of Good Counsel Academy. She went on to earn her BS and MBA from Pace



Mary Broderick Ryan

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## USPS Inspector General to Review Mail Delivery Complaints

By Pat Casey

The issue of undelivered mail in Greenburgh has been ongoing for some time and Town Supervisor Paul Feiner has been seeking ways to solve the problem. He has alerted government officials, local and national postal administrators and the leadership of the American Postal Workers Union.

Last week Feiner was informed by the United States Postmaster General Megan J. Brennan, who he has been forwarding residents' complaints to, that the complaints have been referred to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the

U.S. Postal Service.

The OIG is responsible for investigating any complaints of Postal employee misconduct, including mismanagement.

Feiner reports that in recent weeks he has received many daily email complaints about lack of delivery from important medical prescriptions to checks and bills and delivery to the wrong address.

Just last week, some residents, especially those living in Hartsdale, he said, had pointed out that they had not received mail in days.

Feiner said complaints have intensified

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transparency between the student body and administration to address increased security concerns throughout the district, adding that it is too easy for anyone to walk into several entrances at the high school.

"I think there should be change because if we keep it this way I think something could happen," Silver said. "I think we need more security, I think we need IDs and I think we need more checkpoints and I just think we need to be more open and students need to talk to the administration about this."

O'Neill echoed a similar sentiment, stating how an intruder can enter Blind Brook High School if they look like a teenager.

"The thing that scares me the most is that not much has changed at all," Bachmann said. "The change needs to start with the people buying guns and the school should make changes but there's

not much they can do when someone like that who's so scary and so determined is walking in with such a scary weapon."

Few students felt teachers should be armed as a majority agreed they would feel safer with an increased police presence. Several said that police officers are trained to handle a firearm and face an active shooter; meanwhile, educators should focus on teaching.

"As law enforcement we know what we sign up for and I know I signed up to protect you guys," New Castle Police Officer Michelle Mazzacchi said. "We are trained yearly, multiple times a year and we signed up to protect, and a teacher signed up to help you guys further your education."

Students felt strongly that there should be stricter background checks and guns laws and reinstatement of the assault rifle ban.

"That (AR-15) has been a popular choice of gun by most shooters in mass

shootings that we've seen recently, and the same gun has been used in our military and is almost identical to the M-16 rifle and that is the most popular gun in our military right now," Pleasantville High School sophomore Ryan Burton said. "How are we letting these weapons of war get into the hands of our civilians and why are we? It's not right. Something has to be done against this."

Lowey said the National Rifle Association (NRA) must collaborate with government officials to help devise sensible gun legislation or face the public's wrath.

White Plains High School junior Nathaniel Garcia agreed that assault rifles should be removed from society. He acknowledged that most gun owners use AR-15 rifles for recreational use and suggested that shooting ranges make them available for rental so patrons can use them in a controlled environment without

owning them.

Pleasantville Police Detective Morgan Cole-Hatchard added that gun owners should have to renew their gun permits. She said after an individual obtains a permit there's no follow up, but circumstances could change during a person's life that should require a renewal process.

Lowey encouraged students to bring their concerns to school officials in their districts to press for change so their focus can remain on their education instead of safety. She said she would bring their suggestions to Washington in an effort to end the nation's gun crisis.

"I am hoping that at least the background checks issue, the assault weapon rifle issue can be dealt with in this Congress and that members will have a backbone and stand up to the NRA because unfortunately money is too powerful a weapon," Lowey said.

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University, MS from Fordham University, and Certificate in Labor Relations from Cornell University. She enjoyed a 26-year career with Verizon in their Labor Relations and International Human Resources departments.

After her retirement, Mary embarked on a second career as a Substitute Teacher

in the White Plains City School District. She is also vice president of the O'Rourke Irish Dance Foundation, volunteers with Meals on Wheels of White Plains, serves on the board of PEACE OUTside Campus - The Lindsey M. Bonistall Foundation, and has volunteered on the Lakenridge Club, Inc. Board of Directors.

Mary danced in regional, national and international championship teams with O'Rourke Irish Dancers and now helps coach adult and youth

championship teams.

In 2015, Mary was selected by the PEACE OUTside Campus Board of Directors to receive the Distinguished Service Award for dedication and commitment to excellence. In 2016, she received the Block "S" Award from Archbishop Stepinac High School for distinguished service to the school.

The 21st Annual White Plains St. Patrick's Day Parade will paint the town green on Saturday, March 10. Parade Day will begin with 9 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, located at 920 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains. The Parade steps off at Noon on Mamaroneck Avenue and will proceed to City Hall on Main Street.



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# Dealing with Threats of Violence at White Plains City Schools

By Pat Casey

The Feb. 14 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. was a grim reminder that despite numerous extra security that was put in place following the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut more than five years ago local school personnel and authorities must always be vigilant.

Little more than a week after the Parkland incident, the White Plains City School District (WPCSD) became aware of allegations posted on the Internet by a WPCSD student, which included threats of violence in school. According to a message sent to parents and educators School Superintendent Dr. Joseph Ricca, said the matter was immediately referred to the White Plains Police Department (WPPD) and that the police had responded and taken control of the ongoing investigation and an arrest was made.

The message further stated that the WPPD had determined during the investigation that there was no immediate threat to the school district or the White Plains community at large.

Ricca confirmed that the White Plains schools were safe and secure and ready to welcome children back on their return from winter break on Monday.

In addition to criminal charges



Dr. Joseph Ricca, Superintendent WPCSD

brought by law enforcement authorities, the WPCSD will handle the incident in accordance with its Code of Conduct.

On Monday, Dr. Ricca told The White Plains Examiner that especially after violent events the public is more vigilant and ready to respond to situations that seem out of place and that as a general rule the White Plains School District does not have a higher than normal level of student incidents.

"As educators we need to focus on

support services for students in crisis and engage in a strong and positive relationship with law enforcement, which the White Plains school district does have with the Dept. of Public Safety and the Youth Bureau," Ricca said.

"We have psychologists, counselors, social workers and teachers trained to work with anyone, and a protocol to reach out to parents and guardians if there are any red flags. Communication is important and there are strong support services in all the school buildings with a solid program in place."

As the school district was dealing with its own situation, Ricca took some heat for reposting a news article on social media about the suggestion to arm public school teachers in response to the Parkland shooting. Some critics thought his "sharing" of the article meant he agreed with it.

"Nothing could be further from the truth. I do not support arming public school teachers; I do not support reclassifying "active shooter drills" and I fully support our students as they make their voices heard and fight for what they believe is right in our nation," Ricca wrote in a Facebook response.

"I was initially stunned by the response to yet another school tragedy," Ricca said. And while he understands the workings of

Washington, Ricca emphasized that there is no higher priority than the safety of the school children under his care. "I am concerned that an idea has the potential to become a policy discussion."

And although President Trump later changed his comment to indicate that only some teachers should be armed, Ricca does not think that any teacher should be armed.

"It is the teacher's job to educate. They should not be put into a position to have to make a decision about whether or not to engage in a firefight. And while some teachers may be veterans or former police officers, they will tell you that there is a big difference between having been trained to target shoot and training to engage in a firefight," Ricca said.

These situations do not just come out of nowhere, Ricca added. "Schools need to have a method of follow through in place when a student is in crisis to avoid escalation." That is where the teachers, psychologists and social workers communicating with public safety can be the most effective.

As far as communicating with a frightened student body when situations do arise and are reported in the news, the first thing to happen is that the principals talk with the faculty, Ricca said. "If a

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•Eat healthier: Reduce your cholesterol, blood pressure and weight. Satisfy your hunger with a variety of vegetables, fruits,

whole grains, low-fat dairy and poultry, fish and unsalted nuts.

•Know your numbers: Be aware of your blood pressure reading, cholesterol count and lipid profile. Have these checked at an annual physical.

•Avoid tobacco products: Smoking causes one in three deaths from cardiovascular disease. It also causes cancer, heart disease, stroke, lung diseases, diabetes and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

•Limit alcohol: Excessive drinking can raise blood pressure levels and the risk for

heart disease and can also increases levels of triglycerides, which can harden your arteries.



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from a couple every month to between 50 and 100 a week.

While Feiner acknowledges that some Greenburgh residents have experienced no problems and they are pleased with their permanent postal service carrier, there does seem to be an issue when the assigned carrier is on vacation or sick.

"There is no excuse for lack of mail delivery, many letters being delivered to the wrong addresses. Our goal: we want everyone to be able to count on reliable service," Feiner said.

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child brings up a subject about anything threatening their safety – can be school shootings, can be what's going on with ISIS – the teachers let the children ask questions and then respond with facts in an age-appropriate manner. It is a tremendous challenge for teachers."

Dr. Ricca expects to continue communicating on social media. He said he only shares what he feels is relevant to the White Plains schools, but he may post a comment indicating his position before "sharing" an informational news story in the future.

"As more people become acclimated with how the social media platforms work, this might not be necessary," he said. But, in the meantime people can always get in touch with him to dispel a rumor or find out what is going on. He welcomes email correspondence sent to josephricca@wpcsd.us.

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# Vehicular Assault and Manslaughter Charges Brought in Recent Car Accidents

## Manslaughter Charges in Fatal Car Accident

Renzo Yance (DOB 11/20/95) has been arraigned before Judge George Fufidio in Westchester County Court on charges related to a fatal car accident in Yonkers on Aug. 26, 2017.

The Westchester County Grand Jury handed up a 13-count indictment against Renzo Yance, the driver in the crash that killed one of his passengers, 19-year-old Nina Cordero of Yonkers. The highest charge is Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, a class C felony, which alleges Yance recklessly caused her death. He is also charged with Criminally Negligent Homicide, a class E felony, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 2nd Degree, and other counts stemming from the accident on Central Park Avenue.

Yance pleaded not guilty.

Around 7:15 p.m. on the evening of the crash, Yonkers police reported an overturned BMW was found on Central Park Avenue near Sador Lane, with a woman passenger having been ejected from the vehicle further down the road. She was unconscious and unresponsive at the time. Later, Cordero was pronounced dead at a local hospital. The indictment alleges, Yance was driving without a



Renzo Yance

license at more than 55 miles an hour on a city road and it was that high speed that contributed to the accident. Another passenger in the car was injured.

Yance was also arraigned on counts related to an incident in Dobbs Ferry on Aug. 6, 2017. The indictment alleges Yance was driving without a license and under the influence of drugs. Those charges include Operating a Motor Vehicle while Under the Influence of Drugs, a Class

D felony, and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 1st Degree, a class E felony.

Yance faces a maximum sentence of 15 years on the charge of Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree. His next court appearance is scheduled for March 13, 2018.

## NYC Man Charged in Wrong-way Crash on Bronx River Parkway

Westchester County District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr. announced on Feb. 14 that Diego Caceres has been charged with one count of Aggravated Vehicular Assault in the Feb. 9 head-on collision on the Bronx River Parkway that injured six people.

Caceres (D/O/B 4/20/1982) was arraigned last Tuesday at Westchester County Medical Center where he is recovering from injuries received in the crash. Bail was set at \$100,000.

The indictment alleges that on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018 at 3:13 a.m., Caceres was driving his 2012 Nissan Murano the wrong way in the northbound lane of the Bronx River Parkway at the DeWitt Avenue Bridge in Yonkers while intoxicated. At that time, his vehicle collided head-on with an oncoming Dodge Durango carrying six passengers who were visiting from Florida. All six were injured and treated for their injuries, two of which

sustained serious physical injuries and remain hospitalized.

Caceres was arrested at the scene by the Westchester County Department of Public Safety.

Caceres' next court appearance is scheduled for February 21. The case is being handled by the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

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# Protestors Rally Outside Cuomo's House, Demand Pipeline Risk Study

By Anna Young

Environmental activists gathered outside Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Mount Kisco home Sunday afternoon urging him to release a risk assessment study he ordered on the Enbridge/Spectra AIM pipeline project near Indian Point two years ago.

The group of activists, Healing and Protecting Our Land Together: A Call to Prayer, led an interfaith vigil on Bittersweet Lane where more than 100 attendees continued their statewide "Walk the Talk" campaign, calling on Cuomo to stop the buildup of fracked-gas infrastructure.

"We are here for the millions of people whose lives are at risk by a pipeline running by their homes or their children's schools and who have to live in constant fear of a possible accident," said Croton-on-Hudson resident Paola DalleCarbonare, cofounder of Healing and Protecting. "We are here to pray and support the governor in finding the strength and the courage to show leadership today as his father...did when he shut down the Shoreham (Long Island) nuclear plant as it was a danger to his constituents."

With Indian Point projected to close by 2021, activists stressed the importance of understanding the potential risks the high-pressure transmission gas pipeline poses with nearly 2,700 tons of radioactive spent fuel rods stored indefinitely on-site. In the event of an explosion, they fear the release of radioactivity could threaten more than 20 million people who live within the plant's 50-mile radius.

Dr. Courtney Williams, a Peekskill resident and cancer researcher who has battled Spectra Energy for several years,



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Sister Bette Ann Jaster addresses a crowd of more than 100 activists outside Gov. Andrew Cuomo's home Sunday appealing to the governor that a risk assessment study be released for the Enbridge/Spectra AIM pipeline running near Indian Point nuclear power plant.

explained that officials need to address the safety risks of the pipeline before they complete decommissioning plans or a reuse study for the Indian Point property in Buchanan. She added that it's "ludicrous" to have three gas pipelines running under 40 years of radiated spent fuel.

"He's (Cuomo) touting himself as an environmentalist to the press but he's building fracked gas pipelines, fracked gas power plants, all kinds of fossil fuel infrastructure that he's allowing to be built in New York State, and that's where this 'Walk the Talk' comes from because on TV he sounds awesome, but I live here 400 feet from a massive gas pipeline he could have stopped," Williams said. "I do

want him to walk the talk and I'm sick of raising my family in the blast radius of the gas pipeline."

Sister Bette Ann Jaster, a Dominican Sister of Hope, led the vigil. She requested those who gathered to breathe the air and appreciate the water, sky, trees and ground below them before leading them in prayer for a safe and healthy future.

"We're not the only county that's experiencing the ravages of pipelines, but we have Indian Point and its nuclear reactors and its spent fuel rods that have been here for a very long time," Jaster said during the vigil held during persistent rain. "We have no risk assessment here. We're calling on the governor to give it us because we're tired of waiting. If it's bad

news we need to know what it is to protect ourselves and our children."

"It is of ethical urgency that this report be released so we can move forward working together to protect our neighborhood, our Westchester County, our New York State and our surrounding lands," said Karen Killeen, a member of The Thomas Berry Forum.

Protestors also requested Cuomo halt all fossil fuel infrastructure projects throughout the state, including the Competitive Power Ventures gas power plant, the Atlantic Bridge project, the Cricket Valley gas power plant, The Valley Lateral pipeline, Williams Rockaway pipeline, among others. They also want the entire state shifted to renewable energy by 2030.

Rabbi Glenn Jacob, executive director of New York Interfaith Power and Light, added that there's enough science and technology to save the planet but the lack of political will is preventing action. He said Cuomo has the influence to make the planet "green and beautiful" for future generations.

Pramilla Malick of Protect Orange County, said her community of Minisink was sacrificed by pay-to-play politics and corruption with the construction of the Competitive Power Ventures plant. She said local groups fought the development, but her community is now being poisoned by the toxic black smoke emitted from the plant. She said she fears what can be inhaled outside.

"We did not know when he (Cuomo) was elected in 2010 that we would be electing a fracked gas power plant but that's exactly what happened," Malick said.

## Armonk Hotel, Residential Development Plan Proposed Near IBM

By Martin Wilbur

A developer has drawn up plans for a hotel and more than 160 residential units on 32 acres in Armonk that IBM sold last year.

Representatives for local developer Frank Madonna, one-half of the entity MADD Madonna Armonk, LLC that is pitching the idea, made a pre-submission presentation last week to the North Castle Town Board detailing a mixed-used building containing a 97-room hotel with amenities on the first two floors and 69 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments on the third and fourth stories.

The hotel, which would feature a mid-sized banquet room that could hold 150 to 200 guests and a conference center, and the rental units would be built on a six-acre parcel that IMB had subdivided and obtained a zoning change to allow for the construction of a hotel in 2010.

The larger 26-acre parcel would feature 94 three-bedroom attached and semi-attached townhouses each measuring between 2,600 and 2,800 square feet and containing three bathrooms. There would be a common entrance to the site off of

North Castle Drive with an internal road branching off in each direction to the two parcels.

Representatives for the developer said the tax revenue the project would generate for the town and its proximity to downtown would make the development an attractive project. The site is bordered by IMB's campus, the town's Community Park and Route 22.

"It's also a wonderful site because it has no immediate residential neighbors," said architect Gregg DeAngelis. "It's not going to have an impact on other residential neighborhoods. It will really have a minimal impact to others in the community."

DeAngelis said above the hotel there would be 44 one-bedroom rental apartments between 800 and 1,000 square feet each, including four affordable units, and 15 two-bedroom units, ranging in size from 950 to 1,400 square feet. Two of the 15 two-bedroom apartments would be affordable.

The remaining apartments, the 10 three-bedroom units, would all be affordable housing to satisfy the town's requirement

that 10 percent of new construction project have affordable housing.

Although the town's Comprehensive Plan calls for up to a 300-room hotel, research conducted by the potential applicant's team revealed that development costs are too high to make a full-service hotel feasible, said Jonathan Falik, CEO of JF Capital Advisors, which studied the issue.

In today's market a hotel operator would need a \$100 average daily rate for every \$1,000 of development costs, Falik said.

Between down time for lodging facilities from December through February and slow nights during the week, the developer would need at least a \$335 average daily rate per room for a 300-room hotel at the site, he said.

Other models, including a roughly 120-room boutique facility or a 145-economy proposal, would only provide marginally better returns.

"The apartments in the building are a driver of profit to the developer," Falik said. "Otherwise, it would be break even or not profitable at all."

He said that because of development

costs there is very little full-service hotel stock in the market. Some facilities have been repurposed but there has been relatively little new construction.

The site, a little more than three miles from Westchester County Airport, would also not generate enough of a return. Falik said once travelers are in a car the difference between staying in Armonk and White Plains, where there is plenty of lodging about eight miles from the airport and near mass transportation, is not a large enough distance to make an impact.

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# NYS DOT Preliminary Design for Route 9A Bypass Could Begin this Fall

By Pat Casey

Back on July 15, 2014 the Greenburgh Town Board passed a resolution and sent letters to the New York State Dept. of Transportation (DOT) asking for approval of a multi-million dollar project to reduce congestion along Route 9A in Elmsford and Ardsley and Route 9 in Tarrytown.

The request for a solution to hazardous conditions along the route, especially during storms has been ongoing for decades.

A recent communication from the DOT to Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner was cause for encouragement.

"The project is currently in the scoping phase, with preliminary design scheduled to begin in the fall 2018. If funding for construction can be identified, it is anticipated to have a bid opening in the winter 2021, with a spring 2022 anticipated construction start," Feiner said.

Feiner further noted that Greenburgh has been placing millions of dollars in a special fund to cover some of the costs of the 9A bypass, making the bypass more likely to happen.

"We've been discussing this for decades and have come close to getting the road built in the past. We won't give up until the bypass is built," Feiner said.

In 2014 town officials said the long-



The total cost of the Route 9A bypass project is expected to be \$5 million to \$10 million depending upon the route, with the town paying about 25 percent. The blue option has the lower cost of \$5 million; the red option at a greater cost of \$10-20 million.

sought state project should be launched in tandem with county plans to complete a north-south trail way for bikers, runners and walkers. The final link of the public pathway runs parallel to the proposed 9A bypass route. And at the time, Feiner

said building a new 9A spur linking truck traffic to Interstates 87 and 287 also would "increase the potential for sound economic development."

Town officials have committed at least \$4.3 million for the project in

Greenburgh's long-term plans. The money was collected through real estate taxes on new development.

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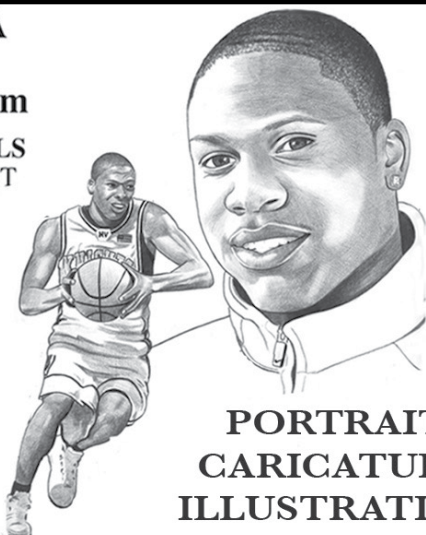
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## Tax the Bullets and Guns

Strong gun control laws are needed. While we wait for Washington to act (I'm not going to hold my breath), New York State and Congress might want to consider a small measure that could help make our schools safer. I believe that lawmakers should adopt a new tax on all gun purchases. And on bullets.

In 1993, former United States Senator Daniel P. Moynihan suggested that we ought to tax the bullets. According to the Aug. 9, 2012 issue of The New York Times Moynihan pointed out, "even if the sale of new guns was totally forbidden, there are already enough guns in homes and private hands to last the country for 200 years." Moynihan wouldn't raise the tax on ammunition used for target shooting

or hunting. He proposed exorbitant taxes on hollow tipped bullets designed to penetrate armor or cause devastating damage, according to the Times. Guns don't kill people. Bullets do, the Senator said.

All of the revenue from the new gun/bullet taxes received should go to schools to better prepare their staff and students for possible future gun-related shootings and incidents. The funds could be used for more security in the schools and for practice safety drills. The failure to approve a strong gun control law adds great risk to our children and schools. Schools need the funding to be better prepared.

—Paul Feiner,  
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

### SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

## Greenburgh Town Supervisor Will Highlight Student Activism

Young survivors of (the recent) school shooting in Florida have announced a national march on Washington on March 24 to demand political action on gun control. They want children and families to become a priority to U.S. lawmakers and are encouraging protests to happen simultaneously all over the country in

towns, villages and cities on the same day. As Cameron Kasky, a survivor from the recent tragedy said, "we are losing our lives while adults are playing around."

It's important for students to get involved in our political process. If you know of a student who attends any school district within Greenburgh who is planning to

## Pro-Gun Activists Crashing Vigil Was an Outrage

On Feb. 19, I attended a vigil on the steps of the courthouse in Carmel to honor those whose lives were lost in the Parkland, Fla. massacre. A small group of pro-gun demonstrators gathered, some of whom chose to disrupt the gathering. They shouted over the co-organizer of the event, shouted over the clergy and shouted interruptions throughout the short period of time we were there.

One man made his way through part of the crowd, invading people's personal space and yelling. My friend held up her sign to separate herself from this man, and he pushed her.

This was intended to be a peaceful gathering. We heard from, among others,

clergy who led us in prayer, Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley, a school teacher, a representative from Moms Demand Action who read the names of those who had been killed and asked us to repeat their names so they would not be forgotten, and a singer who led us in song by candlelight.

This was not a demonstration, a rally, or a protest. It was a vigil.

Who were these pro-gun activists and how is it they were organized to be in attendance? The event was posted on various Facebook groups and PTA walls. Why was a vigil chosen for their protest, and who directed them there?

—Elise-Ann Konstantin,  
Cortlandt Manor

## Call for Mentoring Volunteers

The Richard J. Bailey School in the Greenburgh Central School District is seeking volunteers to serve as mentors to 4th grade students. The New York State Mentoring program has advised that they need three to five more volunteers who can mentor students.

The program was launched in January with volunteer mentors meeting on Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. at the school. Sessions will occur weekly until the end of the school year except on school holidays, vacations and snow days.

Mentors can sign up in the summer to return for the 2018-2019 school year. This program will have approximately 16 sessions between January and May.

Mentors will be matched 1-to-1 with a student and engage in team building exercises, discussion topics, conversation and fun. The session is supervised and supported by a school staff person who is there to ensure mentors and students have a good experience.

Mentors are asked to bring a positive attitude to the sessions and to provide guidance, support and encouragement to their student.

Mentors must be able to attend most sessions but occasional absences are allowed.

This is an easy and fun way to have a major impact on a student in Greenburgh.

Please contact the school (914-948-8107) with questions or to volunteer.

attend the protest or wants to organize local protests please advise. I would like to invite the students to meet together and will highlight their involvement. The town also has a cable TV studio open to all that can be used to produce, tape and air public service announcements and cable TV shows. These announcements can help spread the word. Today's students can use this tragedy to help change America for the better and to learn how government works.

Please be advised that our cable TV studio is also available to those who have different views on this and any other issue.

If any student has any additional recommendations as to additional action steps that the town or area schools should take that will make them feel safer, their thoughts are also welcome and appreciated. If a meeting is organized with students, I will invite the police to participate. And, will be shared with the police and school administrators.

Paul Feiner requests emails be sent to pfeiner@greenburghny.com.

## To the Students of Parkland Florida

**Please keep going.**

You are amazing and inspirational and powerful.

**Please keep going.**

You are the evidence that the soul of our nation is hurting and you are offering us all a space to heal.

**Please keep going.**

You are brave and strong and smart, and you are showing us the way to sublimate rage into positive change.

**Please keep going.**

Your pain is our pain. Your grief is our grief. Your passion is our redemption.

**Please keep going.**

They will call you naive. They will call you idealistic. They will call you worse than that. Please remember that push back is stronger when you start to make an impact and please keep going.

Remember that when it's us versus them, nobody wins. So look for the common ground.

**And please keep going.**

Push for radical change and hold tightly onto your convictions. Expect the world to be better. And make it so. Vote. Run for office. Live by your own truths. Continue boldly being who you are.

**And please keep going.**

You are raw. You are beautiful. I am so deeply sorry, and I love you so much.

**Please keep going!**

--Nicole Cromer, White Plains native,  
Good Council High School graduate

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## Obituaries

### Ronald Klar

Ronald Martin Klar passed at his home in Westchester on the evening of Feb. 19, surrounded by his family, after a short illness.

Ron was born June 16, 1940 in Queens to Bell and Joseph Klar. His older brother Kurt Klar predeceased him in 2003.

Ron attended Rider College and St. Johns Law School and had his law practice in the Bronx until his retirement in October 2014.

Ron married Margo Klar (nee Smith) and had four children: Kerry Langell Rubenstein (Howie), Howard P. Klar (Jennifer), Robert L. Klar (Jonathan), and David S. Langell, who predeceased him in 1989.

He absolutely adored his grandchildren The "Triplets" David, Matthew and Kasey Rubenstein, and his precious Julia

and Ethan Klar.

Ron was an extremely kind, generous, energetic and athletic person who loved to play tennis and golf at the Willow Ridge Country Club and made many friends along the way.

Interment at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

### Antonietta Croce

Antonietta Croce, 84, of White Plains, passed away Feb. 17. She was born Jan. 15, 1934 in Italy.

Antonietta is survived by her husband Cataldo Parisi of White Plains, three sisters in Italy and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in White Plains. Entombment at Ferncliff Cemetery Association.

## Third Annual "There Ought to Be a Law" Contest

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin is sponsoring her third annual "There Ought to Be a Law" contest for students in grades six to eight throughout the 88th NYS Assembly District.

The contest asks students to identify a problem impacting New Yorkers that could be solved by creating a new law.

One first-place winner will be selected and have the opportunity to see his or her idea be introduced as a bill in the New York State Assembly and potentially become a new law. The winner will have the opportunity to join Paulin in Albany, where he or she will be acknowledged on the floor of the New York State Assembly and have a private tour of the State Capitol.

Second and third-place winners will receive official citations from the New York State Assembly.

Jakob Ferrara from Pelham Middle School was last year's contest winner. The then seventh-grader was awarded first place for his proposal to mandate free

Pre-K for all 4-year olds in New York state, giving all students the advantage of early learning.

All contest submissions are due by April 1. The students whose proposals are selected will be notified on April 15, with the first-place winner taking a trip to Albany sometime in late May or early June.

Interested students need to write an essay (750 words maximum) detailing their proposed idea for a law. There are no limitations on what a student can recommend. Creativity is encouraged.

Contact the district office for entry forms (914-723-1115). Students also can download the form and e-mail their entry or simply fill it out online at [www.amypaulin.com](http://www.amypaulin.com).

Middle school principals, teachers, and staff can contact the district office for more information by calling 914-723-1115, or by emailing [paulina@nyassembly.gov](mailto:paulina@nyassembly.gov). Any inquiries or submissions should be directed to Lisa Hofflich.

## Westchester Chordsmen Chorus offers Free Singing Lessons to Men

Free singing lessons for men in and around Westchester County began Monday, Feb. 26 and will continue for six consecutive Mondays. If you missed the first session, come to the next one you can.

The six-week program provides coaching and instruction to teach new singers how to sing, and experienced singers how to sing better. The simple curriculum will take you from basic fundamentals to advanced concepts, regardless of your current singing ability.

Why do this? We all sing in our own way, in church or synagogue, in the car, in the shower, but many of us are unsure of our ability or of singing in front of others.

The Chordsmen want to help you get the most beautiful sound possible from your voice, with the confidence to perform. We love to sing – that's why we

do it and have for 65 years.

Men, young and old, who have always wanted to sing, or want to improve their skills, are invited. No prior musical experience is needed.

The program is free, a community service program from the Westchester Chordsmen Chorus. Materials will be provided.

Keith Harris, with over 20 years of vocal teaching experience, leads the talented and equally experienced music team who will inspire you with great energy and humor.

The program is held Mondays at 6:45 p.m. for 1.5 hours at Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Ave., White Plains.

Come one night or complete the full six-week course.

To register visit [chordsmen.org](http://chordsmen.org) to register, or just show up.

## White Plains Rec & Parks Summer Camp Registration Now Open

Camp registration is now open for the White Plains Rec and Parks Summer Day Camp 2018 season. Those registering before April 16 can benefit from an early bird discount.

Camp schedule is from July 2 to Aug. 10. Campers can expect a full schedule of fun and interesting activities, including art, sports, dance, swimming, trips, special events and more at Camp Panawok, Camp Quarropas and Teen Camp.

Camper age groups:

Panawok - Campers entering Kindergarten through 2nd grade in fall 2018

Quarropas - Campers entering 3rd to 5th grade in fall 2018

Teen - Campers entering 6th to 8th grade in fall 2018

"A La Carte" registration option allows flexibility to register for one week at a time for Camp Panawok and Camp Quarropas. Early Bird and Extended Day programs are also available. Additionally,

payment plans are available with an initial deposit.

Scholarships are also available to those who qualify. To apply you must present your 2017 tax return for income verification at the time of registration.

Printable camp applications are available on-line or can be picked up at the Recreation and Parks Department office, at 85 Gedney Way, White Plains, during regular business hours. Payment and applications must be submitted in person to complete the registration process.

For more information and to access registration forms visit [www.cityofwhiteplains.com](http://www.cityofwhiteplains.com) or call (914-422-1424).



## Local ShopRite Supermarkets Raising Money for Maria Fareri

ShopRite Supermarkets, Inc., owner and operator of 35 stores throughout New York and New Jersey, announced last week its newest campaign to raise funds to benefit Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, a member of the Westchester Medical Center Health Network.

Now through Saturday, Mar. 3, participating ShopRite stores will raise funds by collecting donations at checkout and hosting in-store events, activities and fundraisers to support the hospital's commitment to provide lifesaving and life-changing care to more than 30,000 critically ill infants and children each year. The funds raised will help provide advanced pediatric care and needed

support services to thousands of local children, including those in need of open heart surgery, brain surgery, cancer treatments, trauma and burn care, organ transplants and more.

To date, ShopRite Supermarkets, Inc. has raised over \$1 million to benefit Maria Fareri Children's Hospital and its efforts.

"It is truly an honor to continue our partnership with Maria Fareri Children's Hospital," said Tom Urtz, ShopRite's vice president of operations. "We are proud to work with such wonderful employees and customers who are dedicated to making a difference in our communities, and through this latest fundraising campaign,

we look forward to continuing our support of this lifesaving organization and its efforts."

ShopRite stores host two fundraising campaigns to benefit Maria Fareri Children's Hospital each year, one each during the fall and winter. As a result of its efforts during the fall 2017 campaign, ShopRite presented a donation of \$129,300 to representatives of the hospital during a check presentation ceremony last Friday at the supermarket's corporate office in Florida, Orange County.

"The generous efforts of ShopRite and its customers are helping us greatly to advance children's healthcare," said

Michael Gewitz, MD, William Russell McCurdy Physician-in-Chief, Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. "Customer donations made through ShopRite's efforts enable us to provide the very best care for our patients, by funding items including state-of-the-art technology and equipment. ShopRite's contributions help make it possible for us to provide the most advanced care available to our patients and their families."

There are 27 ShopRite stores in the Hudson Valley and New Jersey that are participating in the fundraising campaign including the locations in Bedford, Thornwood and White Plains.



# Why it's Harder to Buy Your Dream Home Today

By personal experience and anecdotally, I have been observing for some months that buyers are encountering challenges in finding and buying their dream home. A poll conducted last month by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) underscores that observation and reveals the reasons behind the challenge.

The NAHB regularly conducts national polls of American adults and homebuyers so that new trends and preferences in the housing market can be better understood. The following findings of the organization's most recent poll were presented at the 2018 International Builders' Show in Orlando, Fla.

That poll revealed that most prospective homebuyers actively involved in a search have been looking for a significant amount of time. In fact, 61 percent have been trying to find a home to buy for at least three months.

Why is it that so many prospective buyers have been unable to find a home?

According to the poll's findings, 42 percent say they can't find a home they can afford; 36 percent can't locate a home with the features they want; 34 percent can't find a home in the neighborhood they want; and 27 percent were able to overcome these obstacles but continue to get outbid whenever they make an offer.

At the same time, especially in our area, home prices are overheating because of

limited inventory. Home prices have been rising at a rapid pace in the past year – faster than income growth and inflation.

Two-thirds of buyers are shopping for more than three months before signing a deal, according to the NAHB survey.

Home prices increased in 92 percent of the nation's measured housing markets at the end of last year, according to the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

Twenty-six markets (15 percent) saw double-digit increases in prices. That was more than in the third quarter.

Bidding wars are now the rule, not the exception, in most major U.S. markets.

"These consistent, multiyear price gains have certainly been great news for homeowners, and especially for those who were at one time in a negative equity situation," said Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the NAR. "However, the shortage of new homes being built over the past decade is really burdening local markets and making home buying less affordable."



By Bill Primavera

Homes today are selling in about 40 days on average, almost two weeks faster than a year ago. But it is taking a lot longer for shoppers to find a home to buy.

"It's the inventory problem that we're having out there that is causing these long delays in pulling the trigger," said Rose Quint, the NAHB's assistant vice president for survey research. "It's lack of affordability, although the other problems are serious as well."

The lack of supply should benefit the homebuilders – and it may be already. Mortgage applications to purchase a newly built home jumped 18 percent in January compared with a year ago, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA).

"This complements other positive news on U.S. job growth suggesting that economic fundamentals are strong," Lynn Fisher, MBA vice president of research and economics, said in a release. "Based on applications, we estimate that new home sales were running at a pace of 700,000 on a seasonally adjusted annual basis – the highest such estimate in our survey which began in 2013."

The jump in demand is sizable, but the number of new homes for sale is still below historical averages and far below the number needed to satisfy new and pent-up demand. The largest generation, millennials, are now moving into their homebuying years in force, but clearly not finding what they can afford.

"The whole industry has been clamoring for builders to increase their production, but they're trying," Quint said. "The prices of lumber and labor and land are increasing so fast, they're constrained at the bottom, at how low a price they can really achieve."

The NAHB is predicting a 5 percent increase in new home construction in 2018 compared with 2017. The market could absorb far more, not just in major metropolitan areas, but also across the nation.

The good news for sellers is that the current market favors listing their homes now, more so than at any time in the past half dozen years.

With a background as a journalist and publicist, Primavera is a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate and Founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc. ([www.PrimaveraPR.com](http://www.PrimaveraPR.com)). His real estate site is [www.PrimaveraRealEstate.com](http://www.PrimaveraRealEstate.com), and his blog is [www.TheHomeGuru.com](http://www.TheHomeGuru.com). To engage the services of The Home Guru team to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.

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## Matching the Oscar-Nominated Best Picture Contenders With a Wine Theme



By Nick Antonaccio

The 90th Academy Awards show airs this Sunday. This is my ninth year of presenting the Best Picture nominees and creating hypothetical pairings of wine with the top contenders. I've distilled my list to five of the nine nominees.

**The Shape of Water:** Do you believe in fairy tales come true? Perhaps the ultimate bittersweet love story, this movie depicts love transcending all material aspects of our lives. Eliza, a mute with the lowly job of cleaning labs at a research facility in the 1960s, comes upon an amphibious man-like creature locked in a tank of water. She becomes enthralled in communicating with the creature, blind to the obvious physical features, instead seeking out its inner intellect and emotions.

Just as water takes on many shapes and forms, so too a fine Burgundy. For some consumers it is difficult to appreciate its core essence, seeming thin and austere. But for those who accept these Pinot Noirs in their most elemental form and build their perception and appreciation of them over time, they create a love affair that surmounts others' superficial perceptions.

**Get Out.** Certainly not a fairy tale, we must wait until the second half to understand the full, deep-seated meaning of the movie and the clear horror genre it portrays. Rose brings her black boyfriend Chris home to meet her white parents. Slowly, we see the movie degrading into a racially biased story, with a horrific goal.

Fine-aged wines can draw us into an evolving adventure. We open the bottle and head down a path that has multiple twists and turns. I've experienced aged wines that lead me down one path then veers to a finish that I never expected – for better or worse.

**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri.** Can't get the attention you believe is necessary in the investigation of the rape and death of your daughter? Especially in an insular, backwater small town where everyone knows each other – and their dark secrets? Just put it out there for public consumption. That's exactly what Mildred Hayes decides to do, with alarming effect, spouting "this time the chick ain't losin'."

Rieslings remind me of Mildred's struggles. For decades its proponents were castigated and subjected to pressure from the establishment. Finally, in the last five years it has been recognized for what it is: a fine wine for pairing with so many foods, from sushi to Asian fusion. And the masses are starting to take notice.

**Dunkirk.** In an early "Darkest Hour" of World War II (another nominated movie), the Germans have pushed Allied troops to the edge of the sea in Dunkirk, France. With their backs to the sea and no relief in sight, this historic depiction is heading toward a gruesome ending. The little people,

local fishermen in their boats, not the superpowers, save the day in grand style.

So, too, did small winemakers in France salvage the wine industry after the war, raising it to world acclaim. Individual acts of bravery and patriotism have paid rewards for the legacy of French fishermen and winemakers alike.

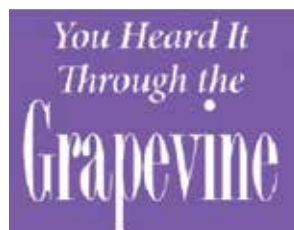
**Lady Bird.** Christine, who proclaims that Lady Bird is her given name ("it's given to me, by me"), has an adventurous

senior year. She bickers with her mom, falls in love and joins the Drama Club, all fairly typical. But all ends (reasonably) well in this teenage angst movie. Mother and daughter better understand each other, financial difficulties are placed in context and Lady Bird begins to see the world through a crystal-clear lens. Her future is bright.

I remember when I first sampled red blends. They were an amalgam of mostly diverse varietals, at times compatible, other times in constant conflict with each other. By immersing myself in this genre, I soon was able to discern my preferences, learning the nuances of each wine. Now I have an instinctive approach to these blends, appreciating the distinct beauty and personality of each.

Which movie will win the coveted Oscar? Sit back on Sunday night with your favorite wine in hand and enjoy the festivities.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MAYA-B, LLC.** Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/05/2016. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **88 Pietro DR, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF APPLE HILL CONSULTING LLC ART. OF ORG.** Filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/15/17. Office of Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Dwight McLeod, 60 Labelle Road, Mount Vernon, NY

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CHET-TLE LABS, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 17th, 2017. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **91 Grove St, Mount Kisco, NY 10549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

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## Tuesday, Feb. 27

**Tuesdays at Dorry's.** In January at Dorry's we heard from three students connected with White Plains High School's S.E.E.D. program (Seeking Equity and Educational Diversity). Their focus was the ways in which racism has shaped their experiences. This month we will hear from three S.E.E.D. students who are immigrants from Haiti and Latin America, and will relate their experiences. Once more we are hoping that we elders can learn from them. Wendy Dale, organizer of the S.E.E.D. program, will again moderate. 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.

**Free Breast Cancer Seminar:** New Advances in Breast Cancer – Prevention, Detection and Treatment presented by Dr. Karen Karsif Med. Dir. For the Center of Breast Health at Good Samaritan Hosp.; 6 to 7 p.m.; YWCA, 515 North Street, White Plains.

## Wednesday, Feb. 28

**Noonday Getaway Concert.** Berlin-based cellist Moky Gibson-Lane has performed for Presidents Bill Clinton and Nelson Mandela; has recorded pop CDs for Brubeck and Stevie Starr; and has a glowing recommendation from Daniel Barenboim, under whom she completed her studies at the Akademie of the Staatskapelle. She is joined at the piano by Pei-Yao Wang. A veteran of Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, and Suntory Hall, Ms. Wang has also performed at major festivals including Marlboro, Caramoor, La Jolla, Ravinia, and Bridgehampton. A Downtown Music debut. The program includes the Bach Suite No. 4 for solo cello in E-Flat Major, and the Rachmaninov Sonata for Cello and Piano in G minor; 12:30 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church St., White Plains. This 30-minute free concert is open to the public, and made possible, in part, with a generous gift from Beverly and Sabin Streeter in honor of Tim Lewis.

**In Conversation.** In conjunction with "NEON: Stephen Antonakos: Proscenium + Bending Light: Neon Art 1965 to Now," the Neuberger Museum

of Art will present this discussion with Thomas Rinaldi, author of "New York Neon," Jeff Friedman, owner of Let There Be Neon studio, and Sarah Blood, contemporary mixed-media artist. Avis Larson, assistant curator at the museum, will be the moderator. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Neuberger Museum Members and Purchase College students, faculty and staff: Free. Non-members: \$5. RSVP required. Info: 914-251-6200 or visit [www.neuberger.org](http://www.neuberger.org). RSVP: E-mail: [nma.rsvp@purchase.edu](mailto:nma.rsvp@purchase.edu).

**Justice, Faith and Integral Ecology.** Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical for Care for Our Common Home, explains integral ecology, illustrating the relationship between consumer choices, ecological impact and social injustice. Kelly Moltzen, of Franciscan Action Network and Bronx Health REACH, will explore local environmental injustices and the relation to social determinants of health. Jackie Mooney-O'Brien, of Education for Sustainability, will discuss systems-thinking tools to help reduce ecological impact and increase sustainable choices. They will share resources to bring Integral Ecology into your house of worship. In partnership with the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**"Monterrey Pop."** It was 1967, the Summer of Love. On a beautiful June weekend, the Monterey International Pop Festival ushered in a new era of rock 'n' roll. With his characteristic vérité style, now-legendary documentarian D. A. Pennebaker captured it all. Relive the memories or experience this seminal event for the first time with this restored 4K high-definition digital transfer. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

## Thursday, March 1

**Poets and Writers Series:** David Amram and Brian Fleming. Amram explores music and the Beat Generation with performance and discussion. A composer, musician and writer, he has worked with Dizzy Gillespie, Jack Kerouac, Langston Hughes and others. Fleming is an accomplished percussionist, producer and storyteller. He has recorded on more than 30 albums and has played internationally with Afro-Irish groups and musicians such as The Chieftains. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Free. Info:

914-606-6716.

**"Unsettled" Exhibition Opening.** The Riverfront Art Gallery's "Unsettled" features an all-women exhibition celebrating female voices while critically examining gender politics. The opening reception, free and open to the public, will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in conjunction with the First Thursday Gallery Hop. In recognition of Women's History Month, the show will run until March 26. The Riverfront Art Gallery is on the fourth floor of the Yonkers Riverfront Library, located at One Larkin Center. Parking is available at sidewalk meters and for a fee in the nearby Buena Vista and Warburton Parking Garages.

**Medicare for All.** League of Women Voters of Westchester presents The Good Cents of Medicare for All the New York State Health Act. Learn about the movement to extend health care to all New Yorkers. Film: Now is the Time: Health Care for Everybody. Speakers: Assemblyman Richard Gottfried, NYS Health Committee and Leonard Rodberg, PhD. Emeritus Professor & Department Chair of Urban Studies at Queens College; Research Director, NY Metro Chapter, Physicians for a National Health Program. Admission is free; 7 to 9 p.m. White Plains Public Library

100 Martine Ave., 2nd floor meeting room.

## Friday, March 2

**L.A. Dance Project.** Founded in 2012, this company has made its mark on the dance world with a contemporary approach to art and movement. Their original works are multidisciplinary collaborations with emerging and established visual artists, musicians, designers, film directors and composers contributing to intriguing new platforms for dance. Purchase College's PepsiCo Theatre, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$35, \$55 and \$62.50. Also Mar. 3. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org).

## Saturday, March 3

**Humanistic Purim.** A special humanistic Jewish Purim will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. at the Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 468 Rosedale Avenue White Plains. The Westchester Community for Humanistic Judaism invites participants to enjoy selected readings plus a humorous Purimspiel and hospitality with non-traditional Jewish members and friends. There is no charge but everyone is asked to bring some fruit or treat to share; coffee and tea will be provided. In addition, bring a donation of canned or nonperishable food for the tradition of Shalach Manot when we give

to needy people.

**Children's Art Workshop.** The Mamaroneck Artists Guild is hosting a new monthly series of children's art workshops. This month, the workshop will focus on paper mache mask making. Recommended for children 5 to 12 years old; younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 9:30 a.m. \$15 donation. The first Saturday of each month through July 2018. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit [www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org](http://www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org).

**WESPAC Dance.** Join us for a delightful and rejuvenating evening as we share simple movements and dances from our various cultural backgrounds creating joy, unity and healing through various dance and movement; 7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public; free will donations will be graciously accepted to promote this type of programming at WESPAC. For more information and to RSVP (encouraged!), please contact Vitalah Simon at [vitalah@verizon.net](mailto:vitalah@verizon.net). Free on-site parking available in the upper parking lot behind the building to enter into our office space, 77 Tarrytown Rd., Suite 2W, White Plains. Light refreshments and spring water will be available.

## Sunday, March 4

**Viola Day!** The Hoff-Barthelson Music School Master Class Series continues with this program that begins with a recital featuring internationally renowned violist Chauncey Patterson and the school's viola faculty member Naomi Graf. The two are joined by faculty members Glen Kirchoff, harpsichord, and Tomoko Uchino, piano. Included on the program are works by Telemann, Schumann and P.D.Q. Bach's "Sonata for Viola Four Hands and Harpsichord." The day culminates with a group play-in of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #6. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 1 to 5 p.m. Free. Reservations suggested. Info and reservations: 914-723-1169, visit [www.hbms.org](http://www.hbms.org) or e-mail [hb@hbms.org](mailto:hb@hbms.org).

**Purim Carnival and Parade.** Festivities for families with young children include songs, a megillah reading, games and a parade. Joshy K will also perform a magic show. All welcome. Greenburgh Hebrew Center, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry. 10 a.m. Magic show at noon. Free admission; cash only for ticket and food purchases. Info: 914-693-4260 or visit [www.g-h-c.org](http://www.g-h-c.org).

**Maple Sugaring Party.** Experience the sweet tradition of maple sugaring.

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY OF DIVERSITY MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS LLC,

a foreign limited liability company (LLC), Application of Authority led with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/1/2008. LLC organized in NJ on 10/12/2006. NY office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 256 Columbia Turnpike, North Tower, Suite 108A, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Office address in jurisdiction of organization: 256 Columbia Turnpike, North Tower, Suite 108A, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Copy of Articles of Organization on file

with Secretary of State of NJ, **225 West State Street - 2nd Floor Trenton, NJ 08625-0307 Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose.**

## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ART BOYKOFF, LLC

filed with SSNY on 1/25/2018 located in Westchester County. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. designated as agent of LLC. Process may be served against LLC to above agent located at **7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, New York 11228. Purpose: Recreational art instructor**

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filed with SSNY on 1/17/18. Office loc: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **20 Van Buren Pl., White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: Buying and renovation of homes.**

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**Moon Mouse:** A Space Odyssey. Marvin the mouse wants to be popular. Constantly bullied and picked on by the cool mice, he is labeled as a loser and a geek. To get away from the continuous badgering, he retreats into his science books and a world of fantasy. He longs to have adventures, to be the hero. Join Marvin on the space adventure of a lifetime, a trip to the surface of the moon on his homemade rocket where he meets a strange cast of misfit creatures, learns of infinite peril and awesome beauty. Will Marvin make his dreams come true and bring him the glory and acceptance

he craves? White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 2 p.m. \$20 and \$25. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit [www.wppac.com](http://www.wppac.com).

**Saints and Sinners.** While cardinal sins appear to have first been articulated by Pope Gregory in the early sixth century, they seem to have become particularly prominent in our daily news feeds. But fear not. In this zany, affectionate concert, these vices are musically vanquished by the holy virtues. Join us for a rare presentation of William Albright's flamboyant "The Seven Deadly Sins," as well as beloved baritone James Martin performing songs by American masters Samuel Barber, Ned Rorem and Aaron Copland about charity, patience, kindness, humility and the other virtues seemingly in such short supply these days. Merestead, 455 Byram Lake Rd., Mount Kisco. 3 p.m. \$25. Friends of Copland House: \$20. Students (with ID): \$10. Info and tickets: Visit [www.coplandhouse.org](http://www.coplandhouse.org).

**Chamber Music Concert.** The program includes the beloved Piano trio in B Flat Major for violin, cello and piano by Schubert and Fauré's passanate Piano Quartet in C Minor for strings and piano. Violinist Christopher Lee, a protégé of Zino Francescatti at 16 years old, returns to perform. He traveled with Francescatti throughout Europe on his final tours

and studied violin and composition at Curtis and Juilliard. Lee will be joined by exceptional and internationally esteemed musicians Milan Milisavljević, viola, Andrew Janss, cello, and the Reformed Church of Bronxville's Minister of Music Dr. Sándor Szabó at the piano. The concert is followed by a reception. The Reformed Church of Bronxville, 180 Pondfield Rd., Bronxville. 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-337-6776 or visit [www.reformedchurch.org](http://www.reformedchurch.org).



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## EXAMINER SPORTS

# Stepinac Wins First NY CHSAA Archdiocesan Championship in 34 Years

By Albert Coqueran

Stepinac High School came so close to a Championship last year, while losing to Mount St. Michael Academy in the 2017 NY CHSAA Archdiocesan Basketball Finals, 73-69. The Crusaders also lost a heartbreaker in the ensuing CHSAA Intersectional Semifinals, while losing to Archbishop Molloy, 70-69, on a controversial play that kept them from advancing to the 2017 Intersectional Finals.

Well thus far this year, Stepinac has righted one wrong from last season and is more than qualified to right another in the next couple of weeks. On Saturday, at Mount St. Michael Academy, Stepinac beat Cardinal Hayes High School, 78-62, to win their first CHSAA AA Archdiocesan Basketball Championship since 1984.

The Crusaders, the number three-seed, cruised through the 2018 Archdiocesan AA Playoffs, while beating sixth-seeded Mount St. Michael in the Quarterfinals by 29 points, 75-46. They also stifled archrival Iona Prep, the number two-seed, by 17 points, 75-58, in the Semifinals, on Feb. 20.

Furthermore, the Crusaders (22-5, 13-4 AA) followed-up those two stellar performances by defeating the reigning CHSAA City Champions Cardinal Hayes by 16 points, 78-62, to win their first Archdiocesan AA Basketball Championship in 34 years.

"It is a great feeling for our student/athletes, our program and the Stepinac community. We were able to get to this game last year and fell short but to get the win means a lot," stated Stepinac third-year Head Coach Pat Massaroni.

Stepinac came out running against Hayes and started the game on a 7-0 run, which was prompted by a three-pointer from star guard Alan Griffin. Hayes did not score in the game until nearly halfway through the first quarter. However, the Cardinals bounced back and led at the



PHOTO COURTESY OF PAUL THOMAS

The Crusaders are Champions! The Stepinac High School Varsity Basketball Team won their first NY CHSAA AA Archdiocesan Championship since 1984, when they beat Cardinal Hayes High School, 78-62, at Mount St. Michael Academy, in the Bronx, on Saturday.

end of the first frame, 15-11.

Nonetheless, the second quarter belonged to Stepinac. The Crusaders outscored the Cardinals, 23-12, in the second quarter, which was climaxed by a three-pointer by guard R. J. Davis at the halftime buzzer that turned the tide of the game. The Crusaders exited to the locker room at halftime with a seven-point lead, 34-27.

The senior Griffin started the second half as he began the game with a three pointer and increased the Crusaders lead to, 37-27. Griffin's younger brother forward Adrian "AJ" Griffin, Jr. stirred the Crusaders faithful into frenzy and silenced the Cardinals crowd, with a spectacular dunk midway through the third quarter. By the end of the third quarter the Crusaders were well in control

of the Championship game leading by 15 points, 52-37.

Despite Hayes closing the gap to within 10 points in the fourth quarter, the Crusaders would not be denied. With 4:41 left in the game, "AJ" Griffin was fouled while hitting a shot from behind the arch. He made the free throw for a four-point play, which gave the Crusaders a 14-point lead.

When Griffin, Jr.'s older brother threw a perfect pass to senior guard Kyle Atkins, who scored with 1:55 left in the game to make the score 75-59; the Crusaders were all but reaching for the championship plaque.

The Crusaders were led by Alan Griffin with 29 points, while shooting 10-for-17 from the field, 5-of-10 from three-point range and 4-for-4 from the foul

line. Griffin also grabbed 11 rebounds to secure the double-double.

Davis, the young sophomore guard, scored 22 points, including shooting 10-for-11 from the foul line, he also dished five assists and had four steals. "AJ" Griffin added 20 points, five rebounds, three blocks and three steals.

Stepinac basketball will start their quest to right the other wrong from last season, when they met the winner of Holy Cross versus St. Raymond, in the Quarterfinals of the CHSAA AA Intersectional Playoffs, on Sunday, March 4, at Fordham University. Stepinac has not won a CHSAA AA City Basketball Championship since 1960.

"It was a true team effort to beat Mount, Iona Prep and Hayes to win the Title. Now we have to regroup for the Intersectional Playoffs," said Massaroni.

## The Friendly Gathering Fundraiser is Scheduled for March 18

Lifting Up Westchester and Beth and Brian Wallach will be honored at the 2018 Friendly Gathering to be held on Sunday, March 18 at 5 p.m. at Congregation Koi Ami, (252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains). The event benefits The RDC Center for Counseling & Human Development.

The Msgr. Ed O'Brien Community Service Award will be presented to Lifting Up Westchester, one of the county's largest social service agencies, which aims to restore hope to those in need by providing food, shelter and support -- lifting them to greater self-sufficiency with dignity and respect.

The Sister Joan Haley Spirit of Compassion Award will be presented to

long-time White Plains residents Beth and Brian Wallach, who are pillars of the community. In addition to being among the founding members of White Plains Beautification Foundation, the Wallachs have generously lent their expertise and talent to various school, city, county and state boards and organizations.

"White Plains is a big city that feels like a small town thanks to organizations like Lifting Up Westchester and individuals such as Beth and Brian Wallach," said Sr. Patricia Sheridan, Director of the RDC Center for Counseling & Human Development. "We salute them and thank them for all they do in service to our community."

The Friendly Gathering features

a corned beef and cabbage dinner, Irish songs and a performance by The O'Rourke Academy of Irish Dance. Tickets are \$55 in advance and \$60 at the door; seniors are \$50 in advance and \$55 at the door. Tickets for children under 12 are \$15. Advance sale for a table of ten is \$500 and available only until March 4. Reservations are strongly encouraged.

For reservations or more information, contact 914-798-1103 or [rdccenter@optonline.net](mailto:rdccenter@optonline.net).

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