



## Another Westchester Democrat Eyes Nomination for 17th Congressional Seat

By Martin Wilbur

A Chappaqua resident is on the verge of becoming the next candidate seeking the Democratic nomination to vie for Rep. Nita Lowey's congressional seat.

Jo-Anna Rodriguez-Wheeler, who has volunteered on campaigns stretching back to the Senate runs of Geraldine Ferraro and Hillary Clinton and was a Bernie Sanders delegate in 2016, said



Jo-Anna Rodriguez-Wheeler is looking to join the field of Democrats vying to replace Rep. Nita Lowey.

she will likely make a formal campaign announcement within the next two weeks.

"I just thought it's time for me to actually give voice to a lot of the stories on the campaign trail," said Rodriguez-Wheeler, 49, who moved to Chappaqua with her husband about a year ago and has three sons between 12 and 25 years old.

If she officially declares, Rodriguez-

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## Crusaders Tame Lions to Gain Second Seed in CHSFL AAA Playoffs

Stepinac senior quarterback Joey Carino will lead the Crusaders into the CHSFL AAA Playoffs in the Semifinals, on Saturday, Nov. 9, at Stepinac high school. Carino completed 87-of-146 passes for 1418 yards for an average of 177.3 yards per game with 19 touchdowns during the regular season. See page 24 story about Crusaders win over Monsignor Farrell High School.



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## Greenburgh Pedestrian Crosswalk Accident Spurs Police Enforcement

By Pat Casey

As development across Westchester continues to progress, vehicular traffic has increased and pedestrian safety has come to the forefront in many municipalities.

During the evening of Friday, Oct. 18, a teenager (age 14) and a child (age 11) were hit by a 2006 Hyundai Sonata while walking in a pedestrian crosswalk on Central Park Avenue in Greenburgh. The children were walking in an easterly direction towards the Sacred Heart Church/School and were hit by a vehicle in the left lane driving southbound as they approached the double yellow line dividing the north and south bound lanes of traffic, according to Greenburgh Police Chief Brian Ryan.

The police report indicates the crosswalk was clearly marked and noted that NYS-DOT had recently painted the crosswalk,

including the appropriate NYS-DOT signage.

Police say the 28-year-old driver did not slow down or brake prior to impact, but stopped immediately after impact and remained to cooperate fully with police.

In a report to the Greenburgh Town Board, Chief Ryan said he had assigned the Traffic & Safety Unit to photograph the scene, noting distances where the signage for the pedestrian crosswalk becomes visible to drivers both northbound and southbound on Central Park Avenue. Additional photographs and observations of the vicinity on Central Park Avenue/Lawton Avenue were to be undertaken at the approximate time the accident occurred (7:48 p.m.) in order to gain more perspective into the sight distance and posted pedestrian crosswalk signage.

Ryan also said the Traffic & Safety Unit would commence a selective enforcement operation in the vicinity of the four corners,

and the East Hartsdale Avenue/Rockledge Road intersection, as well as the Hartsdale Train Station focusing on drivers who "fail to yield to pedestrians" while crossing the street within a pedestrian crosswalk.

"This initiative is funded by NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, (GTSC), and shall run during the morning and evening rush hours. I have directed the officers to issue traffic summonses for observed violations," Ryan said in his report.

Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner and members of the Town Board met with the police chief during a work session on Oct. 22, and agreed to work with NYS to address traffic safety at this location.

"The crosswalk on this state road is dangerous. NYS Department of Transportation has already funded a crosswalk upgrade, a pedestrian activated flashing beacon light. But the timeline on the

project is unknown," Feiner said.

In 2013 a similar pedestrian accident at the same crosswalk involving two senior citizens approaching Sacred Heart Church from the same direction as the most recent accident around 5 p.m., resulted in the driver of the vehicle receiving a summons.



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# County Celebrates With Re-opening of Renovated Miller House

After more than 20 years, Elijah Miller House/Washington's Headquarters in North White Plains re-opened its doors on Monday with the county holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark completion of a \$3.5 million restoration project.

The 1738 Rhode Island farmhouse at 140 Virginia Rd. was used by George Washington during the Battle of White Plains. It was home to Anne and Elijah Miller, who raised their family there. Elijah Miller and the couple's two sons were killed during the Revolutionary War.

The ceremony was held on the 243rd anniversary of Washington's arrival at the house during the battle. The patriots



Miller House

had been retreating from the British, when Washington came upon the property and set up his command post, said Cynthia Kauffman, co-founder and president of Daughters of Liberty's Legacy, one of the many residents who fought for the house's restoration and for it to remain on its original site.

Pictured left to right, Board of Legislators Minority Leader

John Testa, County Legislator Margaret Cunzio, Cynthia Kauffman, president of Daughters of Liberty's Legacy, and Board of Legislators Chairman Ben Boykin outside the newly-refurbished Elijah Miller House/Washington's Headquarters on Monday.

Daughters of Liberty's Legacy will hold the first public program at the site on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. which will include history of the house and of the times.

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Wheeler would be the fourth Democrat to line up to contest the nomination. Assemblyman David Buchwald, state Sen. David Carlucci and Rockland attorney Mondaire Jones are already in the field.

Rodriguez-Wheeler said she had previously been contemplating a primary challenge against Lowey, primarily because of her early hesitancy as to whether to support an impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump. Once Lowey announced on Oct. 10 that she would not seek re-election to the seat she's held since 1989, Rodriguez-Wheeler consulted her family and thought it was the right time to enter the fray.

She also said she was inspired after reading the book "Represent: The Woman's Guide to Running for Office and Changing the World."

Rodriguez-Wheeler, who started out as a receptionist and now owns a small business with her husband, said the issues people cared about while she was on the Sanders campaign trail are still relevant a few years later – protecting the environment, education, healthcare and jobs.

She estimated that she would need to raise about \$3 million to run a competitive race.

"I have been very methodical about rolling out because I think it's more important

to build a base of support rather than going out there to make a huge, splashy announcement," Rodriguez-Wheeler said.

Born and raised in Manhattan, her mother emigrated from the Dominican Republic at 19 and her father came to New York from Puerto Rico. Rodriguez-Wheeler is familiar with Westchester and the areas that currently comprise the 17th Congressional District, having visited Playland as a child during summers and FDR State Park in Yorktown with school groups.

Last week, Westchester County Democratic Chairman Reginald LaFayette said that he is aware of Rodriguez-Wheeler's interest but knows little more about her.

There are likely to be additional candidates who may announce their intentions to run for the seat as well, he said.

"There's still time for that, for people to lay out their options," LaFayette said.

Other Democrats who have filed with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) but have not formally announced their candidacies are Luz Awilda Morena-Casanova of Yonkers, Lola Osoria and David Katz.

On the Republican side, Josh Eisen of White Plains has also filed with the FEC.

The primary for congressional candidates in New York is next June. The presidential primary in New York is scheduled for Apr. 28, 2020.

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# Seven Seek Three Ballot Lines in White Plains Common Council Race

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*As President of the WPCNA (wpcna.org), I am actively involved with helping those who have issues and concerns in White Plains. I am persistent in getting answers from the Mayor's Office and City Departments that affect people's needs. It's time to vote for someone who is and will continue to fight for you, and not just go with incumbent's personal political agendas.*

*In an entirely Democratic Common Council, there is no system of checks and balances to ensure that important decisions being made at the top in White Plains are logical, practical, and fiscally responsible. As a taxpayer, I am disgusted by taxes going up every year, and yet, the services remain the same. Positions being appointed to friends is corruption and is something that should NOT be tolerated. Developers should be following the rules to do business in the City, instead of the City giving tax credits for them to come and build in White Plains. You have the power to change this nonsense. It's time to go out and vote!*

**WEBSITE:**

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**ANNEMARIE ENCARNACAO**

*AnneMarie Encarnacao is a life-long resident of White Plains. She loves the city and community and is actively involved in both. She is the Pres of The Highlands Civic Association and VP of the Council of Neighborhood Associations.*

*AnneMarie works to resolve issues brought to her by the community by communicating it to the Commissioner of the correct department. She has a relationship with each of the city's Commissioners that she has established over the years and works with them to resolve whatever it is that is brought to her by the community.*

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# WHITE PLAINS ELECTION PREVIEW 2019



Andrew Custodio – Republican Party, SAM (Serve America Movement) Party

this month, Brezler was forthright on several issues. She believes the affordable housing floor in White Plains should be set at 20 percent in all developments and that developers should participate in community development programs that hire students

so those not going to college have a plan to work in the city – “while living in the affordable housing.”

On the issue of cooperation between the White Plains Police Department and government agencies such as ICE, Brezler simply said, “No.”

**Andrew Custodio** says he has known White Plains all his life. “Born and raised in Sleepy Hollow, much of my childhood, teenage and young adult years were spent in White Plains because of its shopping, businesses, entertainment, and houses of worship,” he said.

Employed as an engineer and manager, Custodio currently lives with his wife in the Gedney neighborhood. He has been president of WPCNA (White Plains Council of Neighborhood Associations) since January 2018.

“The unresponsiveness of the current city administration (the mayor and common council members) is what specifically motivated me to run for the Common Council,” Custodio said. Since moving to White Plains with my wife five years ago, I had several issues that I reached out to the mayor and the common council members but was ignored. As a taxpayer, that is not right. I have not been involved in politics behind the scenes, per se, but I am President of the White Plains Council of Neighborhood Associations (WPCNA), so I’ve dealt with many issues from residents (taxpayers) who’ve been ignored by the mayor and common council members like me when I first moved to White Plains.”

“I was not invited to run. I approached

both the Democratic and Republican parties and asked to run. The Democratic Party gave me the run-around and wasted my time, ultimately, not picking me. The Republican Party allowed me to run two years ago and again this year.

My outstanding issue that is not being addressed by city government is why are taxpayers being ignored? That question will never be answered by the current administration. My overall vision for White Plains in the next 10 years is to preserve all 31 neighborhoods. What I mean by that is I would like to listen closely to taxpayers regarding their concerns and address their concerns. They are shareholders in the City of White Plains. I would work for them. I would disconnect myself from party or personal agendas, dictate to developers regarding new construction in White Plains as opposed to being told what to do, and strive to keep each neighborhood unique in the way that makes them unique. My concerns have not changed since I last ran for council. That is because the current city administration is the same as it was two years ago.

Custodio said the Master Plan, or Comprehensive Plan for White Plains, needs to be overhauled and reevaluated. “That hasn’t happened in detail since 1997. It is the mayor’s and common council’s responsibility to ensure that the Comprehensive Plan is being followed. I would tell developers what needs to be done as per the Comprehensive Plan; make them follow it. I would completely clean house within the Planning Department and bring people in that know

what they’re doing and are able to abide by the Comprehensive Plan, and not be swayed by the mayor or common council. Custodio also believes an updated Comprehensive Plan is key to maintaining the unique qualities of White Plains’ 31 neighborhoods.

Yes! Custodio said. Environmental sustainability and financial survival are intertwined. Sustainability means how can White Plains sustain itself, or survive. Without being fiscally responsible, it is impossible to be sustainable. Finding ways of being a self-sustaining city is very important to the survival of White Plains. Green, or environmental technologies, like solar, wind power, geothermal, to mention a few, should be mandated for new developments. Residents—apartment owners and homeowners—should be given incentives for them to implement these green technologies. These things are currently being done, but White Plains needs to escalate how much and how quick it gets implemented. For example, city taxis should increase their fleet by at least 50% to use hybrids and electric vehicles; city-owned buildings should all be required to have solar panels; windy parts of White Plains (and there are quite a few places) should have wind power installed; better incentives should be offered to residents for installing solar or geothermal.

Open space is public space, green space, active space, and passive space. “All of the above,” Custodio agreed. I believe that the Comprehensive plan should be overhauled to include parks and green space instead of new apartments/hi-rises going up.

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AnneMarie Encarnacao –  
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The Ridgeway Country Club is excellent property to use and preserve as green space, especially if maintained properly. One innovative way to protect and create more open space is to look at the Comprehensive Plan. Look at areas throughout White Plains

where it would seem logical for a park, green or open space, and commit to the plan. Another innovative way would be to get the White Plains Beautification Foundation involved because they are subject matter experts, and they can offer innovative ideas to beautify the city. Getting White Plains school students involved would be a great way for them to give back to the community, and they could offer their great ideas as the younger generation to help beautify the city as well. But the key here is planning.

Custodio would like to see more public transportation such as shuttles linking the outer neighborhoods with the downtown. How many shuttles remains to be seen, he said. The neighborhoods are very disconnected because there is no way of linking the neighborhoods together, other than taxis, Ubers or lime bikes, which are great modes of transport, but the shuttles would be more personal and widely used by the residents, who pay taxes and deserve these kinds of services. The BeeLine bus service is an important service that should continue. Bike lanes could be a good idea if planned properly, but as it is right now, they are a bad idea because the bike lanes are not fluid.

A pressing issue for Custodio is White Plains residents' taxes. These have gone up dramatically the past few years on the state, county, and city levels, he said. The Democrats in office do not care about the taxpayers and flippantly raise taxes without taking serious consideration that White Plains residents work hard for their

money. I will be looking at alternative ways of balancing the White Plains annual budget without raising White Plains resident taxes. This involves incentivizing small businesses to come to White Plains; consolidating like-services provided by the city; and eliminating services that are not popular among residents.

White Plains residents should vote for me because I've championed for all residents being the President of the White Plains Council of Neighborhood Associations, Custodio said. I've had issues with the city administration that have been ignored. So, I can relate to residents' frustrations. I am the only candidate that has directly fought for residents' issues. The one incumbent can say the same, but the incumbent has neglected certain residents as a result of poor decisions made by the incumbent while on the council. If residents want someone to fight for their concerns and justify their taxes, they should vote for me. I have the experience navigating through our convoluted White Plains government.

**AnneMarie Encarnacao** has lived in White Plains for 52 years. She and her husband Rui have been married for 32 years and have two adult children, Ashley and Rui, who attended White Plains Public Schools K-12. AnneMarie was very involved in PTA at Post Road School involved on various projects. She was the Hospitality Committee Chair for several years and was awarded the Jenkins Award for her outreach and involvement at the school. She has her businesses in White Plains as a licensed

insurance agent and real estate associate broker. She currently lives in the Highlands neighborhood.

The "issue" that motivates me to seek office is the same "issue" that motivates me to do anything, Encarnacao said. "It is meeting and interacting with people. Helping people address any concerns or issues they have is what drives me. Spreading kindness and putting smiles on people's faces is truly my mission and if politics will help me accomplish that then politics it is!"

Encarnacao said she decided to run for a Council seat when the city was first offered the Ridgeway Country Club in 2013 and didn't buy it. "I decided I wanted to have a say in the city's business, so I decided to run. I have been involved (in politics) since 2013 when I first ran. I got involved in the community by becoming the president of my neighborhood association, the VP of the Council of Neighborhood Associations, and by helping residents with issues they have by working with the Commissioners of the different city departments. I was not asked to run by a party, I asked them to run and was ignored/denied until my two running mates stated they wouldn't run unless I was on the ticket as well!"

Encarnacao said her issues today are the same as they were six years ago, but the biggest issue not being addressed by city government is the deterioration of the downtown. There are too many empty storefronts and I believe one of the causes of our declining sales tax revenue, she said. "My overall vision for the city is one of a

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## Life of Local Public Servant Mary Ann Keenan to be Celebrated Nov. 2

Long-time White Plains resident Mary Ann Keenan died Sept. 29. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, Nov. 2, 2 to 4 p.m., at the Ethical Cultural Society of Westchester, 7 Saxon Woods Rd., White Plains.

Mary Ann was born on May 21, 1928, in Evanston, Illinois to John Lizars and Agnes (née Mahony) Lizars.

She graduated from Harvard University (Radcliffe College) in 1949, and married William Keenan in 1950. Mary Ann was an avid member of the League of Women Voters in Wallingford, Connecticut prior to her arrival in White Plains.

She lived 57 years as a White

Plains resident and was a fixture in local and New York State politics for decades.

In 1974, with three children in college and two in high school, Mary Ann was the first woman elected to the White Plains Common Council, where she served with passion for the next 26 years. What endeared her to her constituents was not how long she served but how fiercely principled she was during her tenure. A former chair of the White Plains Democratic City Committee, she was willing to speak truth to power, even when that truth upset her own party. She endeavored to clarify what was best for the



Mary Ann Keenan 1928 - 2019

residents of White Plains and then advocate for that, regardless of party platform. When developers tried to take advantage, she was a spotlight. When public employees asked for too much, she could say no. She was unusually practical and fair. She was always ethical. The only time she became defensive was when someone derided the role of government. She vehemently believed that government served a vital role and that elected officials had a sacred duty to see that the government they were chosen to lead was not hobbled by self-seekers or incompetence.

Mary Ann loved to travel off the beaten path, and when she

left White Plains, there were no boundaries. She walked the world to find its beauty and magnificence, from Cape Cod to Patagonia, stopping in almost every national park. Locally she was frequently found at Tod's Point in Greenwich or wending through the sculpture garden at Purchase.

Mary Ann is survived by her five children: Christopher LeeKeenan, Gregory Keenan, Leslie Keenan, Geoffrey Keenan, and Joel Keenan; their spouses and partners: Debbie LeeKeenan, Patricia Keenan, John Sullivan, Oxana Keenan, and Heidi Jordan; her brother, John Lizars; and her 13 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

## LWVWP Common Council Candidates Forum Available for Viewing

The seven candidates vying for three seats on the White Plains Common Council answered questions for two hours during the League of Women Voters White Plains Candidates Forum earlier this month.

John Hessel, a member of the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle, was the moderator.

On a number of issues, predominantly lack of affordable housing for the average White Plains citizen and over-development within

the city at large, most of the candidates agreed something had to be done and that these two concerns were their primary issues.

All candidates agreed that traffic studies of the entire city should be made.

Regarding the high number of empty storefronts in the White Plains downtown, the candidates were asked if they favored fining those landlords who turned away tenants, deliberately keeping spaces empty


to force higher rents.

On the issue of cooperation between the White Plains Police Department and government agencies such as ICE, the candidates broke on party lines.

Other issues up for discussion included resident participation in the creation of the annual city budget, further development of a Veterans' park; whether or not the Winbrook Housing Project update is worth it; population growth and the need to construct another

school; what should be done with the FASNY property; updating the Comprehensive Plan; open space; and transparency of statistics of policing activities.

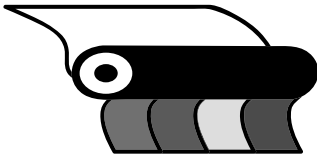
The entire debate can be viewed on Verizon channel 47 and Optimum channel 75 every evening at 5 p.m. through Election Day, Nov. 5; Optimum channel 76 every Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. through Sunday, Nov. 3; and on the wpcommunitymedia.org website under The League of Women Voters section.



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## Vision Impaired Greenburgh Residents Try Out New Universal Voting Machines

Early voting began in New York for the first time on Saturday. Despite the many improvements in access, people with disabilities often face difficulty reaching the polls. The Westchester Council of the Blind New York (WCBNY) is encouraging the visually impaired to make sure they get out and vote.

As part of its REV UP (Register, Educate, Vote Use your Power) campaign, the organization hosted dozens of local residents at the Greenburgh Public Library to demonstrate the new generation of universal voting machines, which allow people with disabilities to vote on the same machines as all other voters, leveling the playing field.

Under the current system, visually impaired voters or those with other types of disabilities are forced to vote on different machines, often without adequate support.

The result is that voters with disabilities can be denied equal access to the polls and in some cases are disenfranchised.

"Not that long ago, the only choices were the absentee ballot or asking someone to help us fill out the ballot," said Maria Samuels, WCBNY President. "Thanks to universal voting technology, people with blindness, reading disability or limited mobility can make their votes matter at the polls like everyone else, privately and independently."

At the Oct. 15 REV demonstration, voters were able to test the experience of using the ExpressVote XL, a new voting technology that provides audio voting, enhanced lighting, larger font on the touchscreen ballot, and braille. It also provides seating, a movable screen and even a device that lets a



Voters test out new universal voting technology, which allows the visually impaired and other voters with disabilities to use the same machines as all other voters. The demonstration was held at the Greenburgh Public Library on Oct. 15.

voter make choices by blowing into a tube, for those who have limited or no mobility.

"Universal voting machines are critical to ensure that every voter has equal and fair access to the polls in order to exercise this fundamental right in our democratic process," said Judd Ryan, Vice President of Election Software and Systems (ES&S). "We have the technology to allow everyone to vote on the same platform. Other states are using it successfully and now it is time for New York to adopt the most modern voting technology so that no one is discouraged or prohibited from voting."

The machines produce a paper ballot for voters to review and approve their choices to ensure security.

In addition to features that help voters with disabilities, the universal voting technology can display the ballot in whatever language a voter chooses, or the jurisdiction is required to offer. This eliminates the need for lengthy ballots with multiple languages in small fonts, which can be difficult to read.

## Obituaries

### Clara Antini

Clara Antini, a lifelong resident of New York, passed away peacefully on Oct. 15.

She was born on Nov. 7, 1929 to parents Joseph and Teresa (Ventrella) Rutigliano and grew up in White Plains.

Clara married the love of her life, Edward, on Sept. 4, 1949 at Mount Carmel Church in White Plains. She and Edward built their home in West Harrison with the help of their families and friends, including both their fathers who were talented masons. There, they shared a wonderful life together of 61 years and raised their two children, Karen and Craig.

Throughout her life Clara had worked at Reader's Digest as a bookkeeper, and for many years after as a waitress. At home, she enjoyed sewing, cooking, gardening, baking,

listening to Frank Sinatra, and watching her favorite baseball team, the Yankees. Family was always forefront in her heart and they always knew just how much they were loved.

Clara is predeceased by both her parents and her brother, Cataldo "Cal" Rutigliano.

She is survived by her brother John, her brother and best friend Louis, daughter Karen (Don), son Craig (Gina), grandchildren Lauren and Scott (Rebecca), great-grandson Rivers, long-time friend and dear neighbor Virginia, and her many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The family would like to thank the kind and compassionate staff at the Presbyterian Home, McLeod Hospice, and St. Ann's Church Parish and Visiting Committee. A special thanks of gratitude to Nicki, Ceci, and Toni that cared for and loved Clara like family; true angels on earth.

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Brian Peroni, Republican Party

vibrant downtown with no empty storefronts that the community frequents and has community events for everyone to enjoy.”

White Plains does not have adequate plans, Encarnacao said. Our Comprehensive Plan is outdated and a new one needs to be completed and that should be the immediate agenda.

I do believe (environmental sustainability and financial survival) are intertwined but believe that (sustainability) could be

accomplished in creative ways that would not be a burden financially. One example would be that businesses using plastic utensils and straws could switch to ones made from avocado pits/seeds, which are biodegradable in 240 days.

Regarding maintaining the uniqueness of White Plains' neighborhoods, Encarnacao said, “Luckily the developments that have been approved are on the outskirts of the city and not within the residential neighborhoods or they are in areas that have similar buildings. Therefore I do not believe it will change the unique nature of our neighborhoods.”

Encarnacao said she would protect and create open space by requiring any new residential development to have some sort of green space as part of its development such as a small park with a sitting area and/or playground.

She also believes in running a bus service to the outer neighborhoods. “Many years ago, decades, there was a bus service through the neighborhoods to the train station that I believe should be started again or a shuttle service. Truly I think the bike lanes are great but do not see them being utilized enough or being utilized properly. Unfortunately people ride in the wrong direction in the bike lanes of one-way streets making it a dangerous situation for them and drivers.”

A pressing issue for Encarnacao is that “seniors are being taxed out of affordability of their homes that they own outright. I would like to propose a White Plains Senior STAR in addition to the state's Senior STAR program to help alleviate some of that tax

burden to help seniors remain in their homes.”

Encarnacao says residents should vote for her because her plan is to spread kindness by listening to the residents and their issues and then work to address them so that everyone's living experience in the city is equally wonderful and a pleasant one.

**Brian Peroni** was raised in the Bronx, but for over 30 years has called White Plains home with his wife, Annie, and two children, Lizzie and Mickey, both of whom have attended and graduated from the White Plains Public School System. Brian has over 40 years of management experience in the service and hospitality industry, has served as Co-Op President and Board Member and currently owns a small business in Westchester. Brian will bring his experience from the private sector to give back through public service to represent the residents of White Plains.

Peroni said he is committed to making a positive change in the lives of families, seniors and young people. He will listen to your concerns, and fight your battles. “You will have a voice in Brian,” he says.

“My motivation for running for Common Council was the need to be heard as a resident. We need balance on the council. Do any of us really know what is going on at City Hall? There is no print or television coverage that allows citizens to know what is happening in our city. I approached the party leaders asking for a chance to run and be heard,” he said.

“The Comprehensive Plan began in 1997 and was given a refresh in 2006. With all



Victoria Presser, Democratic Party

the building that is occurring and sales of property to White Plains Hospital, we are in desperate need of a complete overhaul of the existing plan,” Peroni answered about whether or not the White Plains Comprehensive Plan should be updated.

He also believes that environmental sustainability and financial survival are intertwined. “We should be utilizing all available technologies for our benefit, but it

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still has to be done in a cost-effective way so we can maintain a robust tax base," he said.

Accepting that development is part of White Plains' future, Peroni said it should be done with the city's residents in mind. "We must not create a transient population. We need a constant tax base of homeowners, condo and co-op ownership along with a stable retail scene. We need to protect our small neighborhoods and not subject them to traffic congestion due to overdevelopment.

Peroni believes that open space equates to public space, green space, active space, and passive space. "Unfortunately, we had an opportunity at our own Central Park here in White Plains when Ridgeway Country Club was available for purchase. This would have been a win, win for White Plains residents," he said.

He says that as the city grows and more non-residents use the train stations, a look into a shuttle service to alleviate the much-anticipated congestion and help residents and non-residents get in and out of town easily is warranted.

A key issue for Peroni is parking and parking tickets. "The city is addicted to parking fines," he said. "We should not be counting on ticket revenue to balance the City budget. I would like to see a program for residents that would enable them to purchase a yearly permit that would be similar to overdraft protection on a checking account, to use for a one-hour grace period on meter parking and could be used for overnight visitor street parking, one overnight per month. This would still bring in revenue for the city and at the same time

serves the residents."

Peroni says White Plains residents should vote for him because he wants to be their voice. "I am not a career Politician. I am not running to seek higher office. I am a concerned citizen wanting to get involved, give back and represent the residents of White Plains. I will work tirelessly for the residents and remember the (R) after my name is for the Resident party."

**Victoria Presser** said I grew up on Manhattan's Upper West Side. My father was a jazz musician, composer, conductor, and arranger (and a studio musician – that's him on keyboards on all the Four Seasons recordings. Stan Free – you can look him up on Wikipedia). As a result, I grew up in a kind of rainbow of diversity. My grandparents were all immigrants.

My undergraduate degree is from Brandeis University. I earned a Master's Degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, and have been in non-profit and governmental public information for over 40 years, serving a variety of organizations and constituencies, including the Westchester County Office for the Aging (as it was called then), and the regional health planning agency (Hudson Valley Health Systems Agency).

A 38-year resident of the Battle Hill neighborhood of White Plains, I have endeavored to contribute to the life of the city. I served as the president of my synagogue, Bet Am Shalom; am an active member of the Battle Hill Association; helped found the Friends of White Plains Youth Bureau and served on its Board for four years; and



Jennifer Puja, Democratic Party,  
Working Families Party

advised the Friends of White Plains Public Schools on rebranding and outreach. I raised two sons here, who are graduates of White Plains High School.

I'm running for a seat on the White Plains Common Council because I would like to help White Plains be the best possible White Plains it can be. I love White Plains for its diversity, its vibrancy, and because it is a

city. Villages can be sleepy. Cities have to be awake. A city is a living, breathing organism – and organisms must grow in order to stay alive. How that growth occurs is a matter for the city government to oversee, research, debate, and find consensus on decisions that will be best for the city as a whole.

While this growth is occurring, of course, the neighborhoods must also continue to thrive, and be welcoming places for a wide range of demographics, including young people starting out, families, and older residents "aging in place." The neighborhood associations are a valuable source of information and feedback as city government weighs the merits of proposed projects and programs. I have seen that dialogue in action on Battle Hill, as our neighborhood association has discussed local issues with the city, such as illegal rooming houses and pedestrian concerns.

Some of the issues that White Plains will be grappling with over the next decade include expanding affordable housing options so that a wide demographic range can continue to find a home here; assuring that construction projects hire locally; maintaining our commitment to environmental protection and sustainability initiatives, and preserving our green spaces; maintaining city services; investigating ways to expand public transportation; and finding ways to make the city more pedestrian-friendly.

A review of the current Comprehensive Plan is in order to see where it needs updating and expanding – such as in sustainability, a

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growing field that offers more possibilities for action and improvement than in the past. A new Comprehensive Plan could be quite helpful, but is a significant undertaking financially as well as in time and effort. We can look for resources to fund that undertaking.

White Plains Hospital is a topic that will take up a lot of City attention in the coming year, as the Hospital expands its footprint and services. White Plains residents have reason to be proud of this excellent facility for the healthcare it provides, and also for the positive financial impact it has on the community, in terms of employment and local merchant business. But as with everything else, expansion plans need careful consideration to assure that the community as a whole is well served.

I hope that I will earn the support of White Plains voters because of several factors, including the unique perspective I bring to the work, as a trained journalist and public information practitioner. My professional background gives me expertise in researching the many sides of an issue at hand, eliciting the views of stakeholders, and conveying clear information to the public. As a longtime resident of White Plains, I also have the advantage of being very familiar with the city and its many worthy institutions. For example, as the mother of two active sons, I spent a lot of time in the old White Plains Hospital ER. (I was engaged in a stitch derby with my cousin – my two boys beat her three.)

I have long been active in Democratic politics, a family tradition going back to my

grandparents, who were ardent New Deal Democrats. I served as a delegate to the 1972 Democratic National Convention, and was a co-founder of the Manhattan Women's Political Caucus, but took a hiatus from organized political activity to raise my family. Of late I've taken a more active role, working as a volunteer for Democratic candidates in the White Plains area. I am proud of that service; I can still hear my grandfather instructing me: "Darling, the Democrats are the party of the people!"

**Jennifer Lynn Puja** is the Labor Council Director for the Westchester/Putnam Central Labor Body AFL-CIO. She was born into a union family and values the importance of unionism and labor history.

In 2007, she worked part time for the WPCLB and took an interest in the labor movement and the effects it has on the union families in Westchester and Putnam Counties. After being hired fulltime in 2008, she became an active participant in the many committees of the WPCLB. She is proud to be a part of the Social Justice and Labor/Religion Committees and began the first Unionists of Tomorrow and Picnic Committees. She facilitates all of the labor council initiatives and she keeps members and community partners up-to-date.

Puja is proud to stand with her union brothers and sisters to support them with their local labor issues on picket lines, at rallies and behind the scenes. As an organizer, Puja has affiliated dozens of new locals as she cultivates coalition partners through Westchester and Putnam Counties. She takes great pride in the work of the labor

movement and especially this labor council.

She is a lifelong learner with a background in humanistic communications and education. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from Iona College (summa cum laude) in Humanistic Speech Communications. She has a Master's Degree from Long Island University (summa cum laude) in Childhood Education and Literacy.

In 2015 Puja was honored as one of the Workforce Development Institute Women of the Year in their annual workforce calendar. In 2017, she was recognized by the Westchester Young Democrats as an honoree for their Spring Gala. Also in 2017, she received the Labor Service Award from the Westchester/Putnam Central Labor Body for her unwavering dedication to working men and women in Westchester and Putnam Counties.

She resides in White Plains with her husband Joe (CSEA 860) and their two children, Alessia Rayne, and Nicholas Ryan.

As an advocate, mom, activist and leader, Puja said, "I am running to create opportunities for families, seniors and youth, continue the progress and be your voice on the common council. This is the first time I have ever ran for elected office and I was not approached by any party official. This was my own personal decision with myself and my family."

"My family has been born and bred in the City of White Plains for a generation. Much has changed for the better but we must ensure we do not lose the character of our local communities that my family fell in love with. Community input is essential



Nadine Hunt-Robinson (incumbent),  
Democratic Party,  
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for development. I am in favor of the public hearings and forums of the current administration and hope to continue that progress. I'm glad meetings are available for download and playback for those who are unable to attend. I am committed to

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being a voice for residents and to hear their concerns,” Puja said, regarding development and keeping a good discussion going.

Sustainability is directly related to affordability for the residents of our city, Puja believes. “My Grandmother has spent her entire lifetime living in this city and we need to ensure she is able to spend her golden years without worry. As far as seeking policy in White Plains, I will continue the progress our city has made with sustainability efforts to reduce our carbon footprint, protect the environment, and contribute to the overall health and quality of life of our residents. I want to maintain access to our exceptional services and help those who live in our city,

remain in our city.”

I am running to be the voice of people who live in our community, Puja continued. Community identity is paramount. With a city that has dozens of neighborhoods each is unique in their own way. As our city grows, many residents seek to maintain their community identity and that is what sets our city apart from others. I will ensure the doors to access remain open to all and protect community identity.

Open space needs to be public space, green space, active space, and passive space. There are many innovative ways to protect and create more space. As the city thrives and grows, creating open, public, green

space attracts and welcomes residents. One new, innovative example is the Library Plaza – the sensory walk, pollinators and green space for residents and visitors to learn, socialize, and enjoy.

Puja said the current public transportation system in White Plains is affordable, convenient and also benefits the environment. The BeeLine bus is also accessible for those with disabilities. The Paratransit is unique and beneficial as a ride sharing service and a “favorite” of those who ride public transportation (also accessible.)

Responsible development is a pressing issue for Puja. Ensuring development benefits our residents and our community is

a goal of mine, she said. I would love to see a local hiring clause so that our residents that live here can work here. It is the job of those elected to make these decisions and ensure that they are best for those of us who proudly call White Plains home.

“I’ve spent my career representing over 100,000 union voices in Westchester and Putnam Counties,” Puja said. Working together we’ve put words into action to improve the quality of life for our members throughout the region. White Plains residents should vote for me, Jenn Puja, because I am running for this seat for the residents, not for myself. I am someone who knows the value of a listening ear and an open mind and I have seen firsthand the benefits of working together. I am not a “politician” or someone that will say what you want to hear – I will hear what you have to say and I know how to get things done.

**Nadine Hunt-Robinson** immigrated with her parents to the United States in 1971. She attended New York City’s public schools. Thereafter, she received her B.A. from Adelphi University and then a J.D. from Villanova University School of Law. While at Villanova University, she was an Articles Editor for the Villanova Environmental Law Journal. Ms. Hunt-Robinson is an attorney with decades of legal, business and environmental experience. During her entire professional life, Ms. Hunt-Robinson has been committed to community service. She is married to Dr. Tyrone H. Robinson, the Pastor of First Community Baptist Church, and they reside in the Fisher Hill neighborhood of White Plains with their son.

Hunt-Robinson was first elected to the Common Council in a special election in 2014 and was elected to her first full term in 2015. “I have always tried to help people by volunteering in various organizations, because service is a cornerstone to who I am,” she said. “I wanted to put my legal, business and community service experience to use for our city by serving on the Common Council. It is an honor to serve on the council, shaping policy and passing local laws to help the people of our city.”

About her work on the White Plains council, Hunt-Robinson said, “I have proposed guidelines for developers to consider various community benefits when preparing a site plan for approval by the Common Council, including items such as local hiring, fair and affordable housing, environmental sustainability measures, and recreation and park features.”

Regarding sustainability, Hunt-Robinson described White Plains current policy to use renewable energy sources. “As part of our drive to reduce our city’s carbon footprint, the city has entered into an agreement with Sustainable Westchester, Inc. and the City University of New York to obtain and use data regarding the solar potential for rooftops in White Plains. This information will be shared with commercial property owners to support their going solar, which will save them money and further reduce our city’s carbon footprint. The City itself is reviewing responses to our request for proposals to utilize solar on various city-owned properties. In addition, our city already has saved hundreds of thousands (of dollars) with our switch to LED lights

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throughout the city,” she said.

“Our city’s Comprehensive Plan protects the neighborhoods,” Hunt-Robinson said regarding protecting the uniqueness of the White Plains neighborhoods. “Also, we have strong neighborhood associations and that also is important to protect our neighborhoods. To that end, I have encouraged developers to work with neighborhood associations. In sum, I support growth downtown, while we protect the surrounding neighborhoods. Any update to the Comprehensive Plan should be consistent therewith.”

We continue to require developers to include open space in their site plans for the public, or they must donate to our park fund, Hunt-Robinson said. “I think developers can also help enhance the parks already in our city. For example, a water spray park would be a nice addition to Delfino Park, given all the apartments with children nearby (which includes public housing) and there is no public pool on that side of town.”

Hunt-Robinson thinks a shuttle connecting the downtown to the outer neighborhoods “would be great if we could find a funding source.” Perhaps the White Plains Business Improvement District (BID), as well as stores outside the BID that would benefit from the

increased foot traffic, could partner with the City to make this viable, she suggests.

The quality of life of White Plains seniors is a pressing issue for Hunt-Robinson. “We have more seniors aging in place in our city, and I am concerned about this vulnerable population,” she said. “As a result, I sponsored legislation to better protect our seniors from rent increases and I would like to do more. I think we need an office of senior affairs to help direct our seniors to assistance available within our city, state and county departments, as well as to the various non-profits that provide special services for our seniors.”

Why should you vote for Hunt-Robinson on Nov. 5? “I moved to White Plains almost 20 years ago because of the great neighborhoods, services and diversity,” she said. “I will fight to ensure that it continues to be a prime destination to live, work and play, while safeguarding our neighborhoods. In addition, as our city prospers, I will work to ensure that the doors of opportunity and access remain open to all.”



# County Legislators Boykin and Williams Running Unopposed

Two local Westchester County legislators, representing White Plains are running unopposed.

Receiving another two-year term will be Board of Legislators Chairman Benjamin Boykin (D-White Plains), who will begin his fourth term in January, and board Vice Chair Alfreda Williams (D-Greenburgh), who will begin her sixth term in January.

Boykin represents White Plains, Scarsdale and Harrison in District Five. Williams represents Elmsford, Greenburgh, Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown in District

Eight.

Boykin was a member of the Westchester Common Council from 2000 to 2013 and was elected as Council president three times.

Previously, Boykin was chairman of the Board of Legislators’ Appointments Committee and chairman of the Public Safety and Social Services Committee.

Williams is a member of the county board’s Budget and Appropriations, Labor and Housing, Legislation, Rules, Seniors and Constituents and Social Services committees.



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## Editorial

### Giving the Nod to Two Democrats and One Republican for Three Council Seats

The White Plains Common Council will say “good-bye” to two of its most vocal members at the end of the year. The decision by Milagros Lecuona and Dennis Krolan to not seek another term has opened the door for new faces. And new faces have come through. There are seven candidates, across party lines, seeking votes from White Plains residents to be their representatives to fill three seats at City Hall.

The current Common Council is comprised of seven Democrats – six Council members and the mayor. Incumbent Democrat, Nadine Hunt-Robinson, is the only candidate on the ballot seeking another term.

The new faces, Kat Brezler, Andrew Custodio, AnneMarie Encarnacao, Brian Peroni, Victoria Presser, and Jennifer Puja come from a broad range of backgrounds, but each has made White Plains their home and from what seems like an instinctive drive, have all become involved in community affairs in the city in one way or another. They all seem to understand the concept of public servant.

Hunt-Robinson will have served five years on the Common Council. Over that period her passion for the residents of White Plains and providing them with a safe environment has obviously been paramount. She has applied her knowledge of the Law to understand how and why certain legal decisions are placed before governing bodies and has matured as a policy-maker to ensure

that best practices go forward. She has been consistent in her discernment and shown that she is an independent thinker, willing to either vote with the group or stand on her own, depending on the issue at hand. White Plains needs that kind of leadership and Hunt-Robinson should be given the chance to continue for another four years. Her work is not yet done.

Kat Brezler, who has challenged the status quo, has much energy and a fire for social justice. Would a baseline of 20 percent affordable housing in all White Plains residential projects be doable? Perhaps not at this time, but we have to thank Brezler for bringing the issue to the table, for pushing the envelope.

This year, as in every election, the Democrats put forward their platform and their “team.” Jennifer Puja and Victoria Presser have amazing resumes. Puja, with a take-charge demeanor and experience with labor issues and unions might add some realistic perspective to city negotiations with its employees and with regard to working people living and wanting to live in the city. Affordable housing for the people who work in White Plains has been one of the most paramount issues of this election. Puja would make a good new voice to Common Council discussions.

Victoria Presser, a Democrat, and Andrew Custodio, a Republican, have similar steady approaches to the issues at hand. Would

Presser stray from her party’s position if she had a conflict of opinion? It’s not clear. While we like Presser’s experience, it’s her hard work behind the scenes that keeps things going. Custodio, on the other hand, has openly stated that he has no “set in stone” party affiliation. In his quest to be heard, he has joined the Council of Neighborhood Associations in White Plains and been elected its president. The meeting agendas and interaction with city officials of the WPCNA during the past two years has greatly improved and become a true voice for the neighborhoods. Custodio has already reached out to city stakeholders and he seems to get a good discussion going. Maybe it’s time for a real independent seat on the Council with Custodio’s name on it.

The energy and passion of AnneMarie Encarnacao are inspiring and she is a strong voice for White Plains. The city could benefit from her continuing to remain as an activist, if not on the Council, as a Council watchdog. She is VP of WPCNA and a presidency might open.

We’d like to see Peroni, another Republican, choosing to make the “R” for Representative out there too. A small business owner perspective is necessary for future policy-making in a city where large institutions and corporations are making headway. If not as a Council member, perhaps working with the White Plains BID or with the WPCNA he can add his voice moving forward.

## Letters

### Wary of Election Promises on Large Development Projects

It’s election season and a fair amount of the candidates for Common Council have stated that they want to listen to residents and get their input going forward. It sounds great yet, while we don’t personally know anyone who is running or where they currently reside, we certainly would never give them unsolicited advice about what projects would be best suited for their own neighborhoods. Yet some of these same candidates are already telling us what they would like to see built

on the FASNY property without even asking for the thoughts and input from the residents of Gedney Farms who live by the old golf course property.

So our suggestion to our White Plains elected officials is that the best step you could take with regard to any new large development project, is when you first hear about a new project concept, why not direct the developer to first sit down with the local neighborhood association where the project

is planned to get preliminary resident input. And, if the resident input is favorable encourage the developer to involve resident views and ideas early on in the project planning process. This was done in past City Administrations, yet wasn’t done with the FASNY project, and how did FASNY work out for everyone?

–Marie and Ron Rhodes, White Plains

### Westchester County Makes Plans for Asian-American Advisory Board

Westchester County Executive George Latimer has signed an Executive Order creating a Westchester County Asian-American Advisory Board.

The Board will be composed of members of the Asian-American community with a demonstrated concern for its affairs in Westchester. The Board will be tasked with providing counsel on issues that affect the quality of life for Asian-Americans here in

our community.

Latimer said: “Here in Westchester, we pride ourselves on our diversity. It is one thing to tout this, it is another to use it. This diversity is our greatest strength and it is imperative we ensure that all voices have a seat at the table.”

The Board will be comprised of 21 members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the Board

of Legislators. Of the first 21 members appointed, 10 will be appointed until Dec. 31, 2019 and 11 will be appointed until Dec. 31, 2020.

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# KIDDSMILES PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY, WHITE PLAINS

By Neal Rentz

Long Island resident Dr. Michele Kaider does not have fond memories as dental patient from childhood through the age of 18.

Kaider recalled last week that as youth she had poor dental experiences, but that changed when she was the patient of a new dentist when she was 18. He had a "gentle way" of dealing with her, Kaider said. She was so impressed with her new dentist's manner and skills that Kaider said he determined her career choice. "I wanted to go into dentistry," she recalled.

Not only is Kaider a dentist, she is the owner of the seven locations of Kiddsmiles Pediatric Dentistry. She opened her first location in North Babylon in 2006 and opened an office in White Plains in 2016. Family members told her there was a need for a Kiddsmiles in the White Plains area, Kaider said, adding she would like to open a second office in the area in the future.

On the Kiddsmiles Web site Kaider stated that she has "vowed to make it so all my patients receive quality care by a fun and warm dentist who cares about their fears and their emotions."

Kiddsmiles offers a variety of services for youths up to about the age of 18, including examinations, x-rays, cleanings, fluoride treatments, dental sealants, cavity fillings

and tooth extractions. Kaider said children can have their "first cavity at the age of one."

Kiddsmiles also provides sedation for some patients so they can sleep through their dental procedures, Kaider said. For example, if a child requires several cavities filled it may be difficult for them to sit still for a prolonged period to complete all the necessary work, she said.

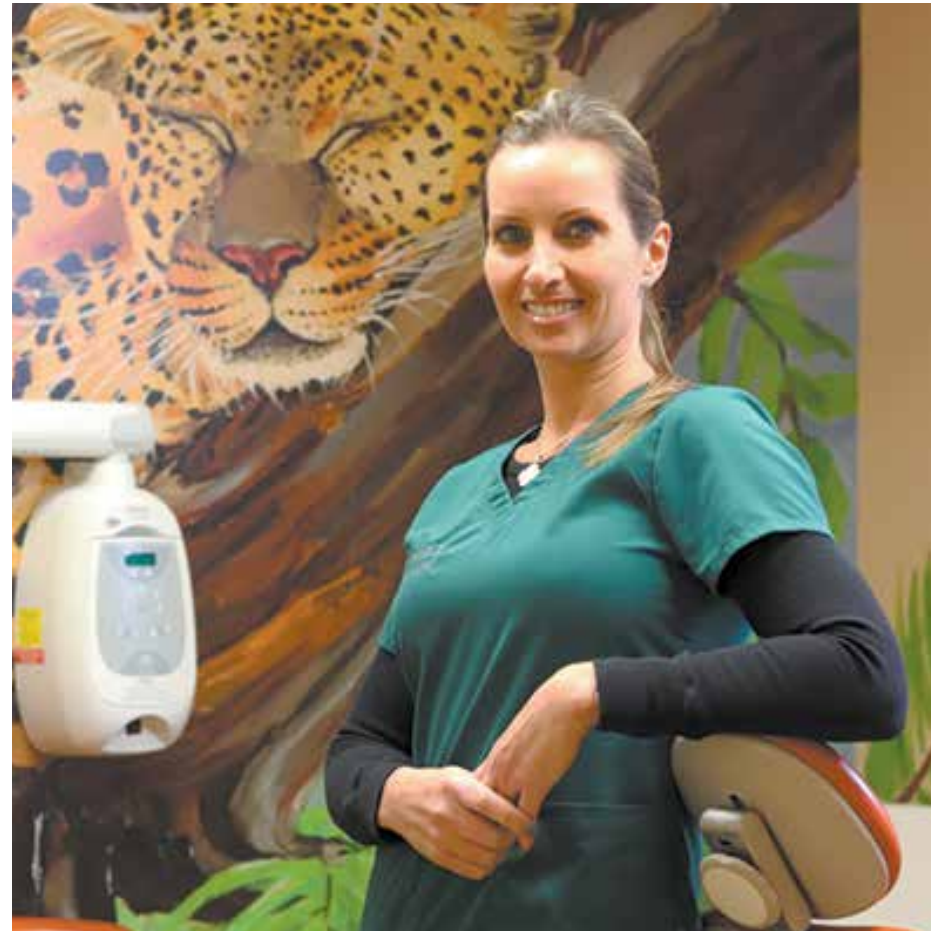
Kaider said parents should supervise their children's tooth brushing once they have their first tooth. If a child does not regularly brush they could get several cavities even at an early age, she said.

Though children may fear coming to the dentist, Kaider said Kiddsmiles focuses on making her patients comfortable. One of the most gratifying aspects of her work is when children actually like coming to see their dentist and ask their parents when their next appointment is scheduled for, Kaider said.

*The White Plains office of Kiddsmiles Pediatric Dentistry is located at 180 East Post Rd. For more information call 914-946-5437 or visit <https://kiddsmiles.com/>. Kiddsmiles is also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.*



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NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Long Island resident Dr. Michele Kaider is the owner and creator of Kiddsmiles Pediatric Dentistry, which has seven locations, including one in White Plains, which opened in 2016.

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# White Plains Tradition Continues with Woman’s Club 63rd Annual Art Exhibition

By Neal Rentz

A decade’s long tradition continued on Oct. 22 through 24 with the 63rd annual Beaux Arts Show presented by the Woman’s Club of White Plains.

The club was packed with attendees on Oct. 24 for the final day of the event, which featured the closing reception and presentation of awards.

Attendees had several types of art to view last week. On display were oil, acrylic, and watercolor paintings, graphics, mixed media, photography, digital art and sculpture.

Purchase resident Barbara Dannenberg, chairman of the Women’s Club Art Exhibition Committee, said last week, the White Plains exhibit is part of the Federation of Women’s Clubs of Westchester County, which is made up of about two dozen clubs. Dannenberg said unfortunately there were only three arts shows scheduled for the area this year, which was less than in the past.

Dannenberg explained why the White Plains event has been so successful for more than six decades. “We have many members in our Woman’s Club who really believe in this event,” she said, noting the Art Exhibition Committee consisted of about 20 members. Another key to the success of the event is the club’s staying in touch and reaching out to artists, she said, adding the show was open to any artist who lives in

Westchester County and is 18 older.

White Plains resident Bonnie Ackerman, art exhibit placement coordinator for the event, said art is both part of her work with the Woman’s Club and her profession. “I install art shows in galleries in New York, in galleries in Westchester and sometimes in Greenwich,” she said. “I lay it all out and decide what goes where.”

Volunteers assisted her in laying out the 172 artworks displayed in last week’s show, Ackerman said.

Ackerman explained why the White Plains exhibit has been so popular. “We have so many beautiful artists here in Westchester,” she said. The Woman’s Club of White Plains grand ballroom has “wonderful, beautiful walls” making it a place where artwork “explodes with color,” Ackerman said. Another reason for the success of the show is the work of the Art Exhibition Committee, she said. “That team is undeniably so incredible. They’re so accurate and so careful.”

Two mixed media and one photo created by Ackerman were part of the exhibit.

Providing piano music at the event were students from the Studio Center Senakwami in Manhattan. The school’s owner, Harrison resident John Senakwami, said his students, who have been performing at the exhibition for the past five years look forward to participating every year. The exhibit has

been so popular because typically, “to see anything like this” you have to travel to New York City, he said. “They should do it more often (in Westchester).”



NEAL RENTZ PHOTOS  
First place award winners, shown above, were honored on Oct. 24 during the closing night of the 63rd annual Beaux Arts Show presented by the Woman’s Club of White Plains.



Some of the artwork displayed last week at the 63rd annual Beaux Arts Show presented the Women’s Club of White Plains.

Crossword by Myles Mellor

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Across

1. Make a goof

4. Mariner’s pronoun

7. Watson makers

10. Formerly, in wedding columns

11. Cleveland cager, for short

12. “Modern” word starter

13. Like some sunsets

14. Barnstormed

16. Temperature controls, briefly

17. Bag holder

18. Game for hunters

20. Warty hopper

21. Military quarters often

25. Cortlandt canine day care

29. South-east Asian country

31. Canadian city, abbr.

32. Railroad device

33. 100 lbs.

34. Movie format

35. Ending of an enzyme

Down

1. Absorbed

2. Come back again

3. It parted for Moses

4. Emulates Ella

5. \_\_\_ cow

6. Lake Geneva resort

7. A huge fan of

8. Epitome of redness

9. Stylish, in the 60s

15. Is \_\_\_ (probably will)

19. Make sense

22. Periods in history

23. Bonehead

24. Tear into shreds

26. Dental crown alternative

27. Ones in a gaggle

28. They have to be rotated every now and then

29. Somers spa

30. Bad-mannered

32. D.J.’s stack

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# The Necessary but Overlooked Importance of Doorknobs

As a realtor who has shown many homes in my 17 years in the business, I've opened a lot of doors and clutched a lot of doorknobs.

Except for those dastardly swinging doors which I never liked and think are one of the world's most dangerous inventions, every door needs something to grab on to in order to be opened and closed. It's that round or oval device that you rarely think about, even though you wrap your hand around it 100 times or more a day.

But especially after I read recently that there are about two million germs per square inch attached to the average doorknob and the experience of showing a buyer client too many houses during flu season, I became aware of every doorknob I touched and really started to scrub my hands down many times during the day.

Readers of this column know that I'm a movie buff and much of what I learned about home life started from make-believe home life in old movies. One of these was a Judy Garland film called "Presenting Lily Mars," which was an adaptation of a Booth Tarkington novel by the same name. It was a silly enough storyline with a subplot that really galled me involving Garland's younger brother who had a strange hobby of collecting doorknobs that he would steal from people's homes.

Where was the moral compass of that Midwestern family, I thought, in dismissing the criminal behavior of that rascal as something cute, especially since it involved stealing an essential item in providing access and egress around the house?

The doorknob is an ingenious little device actually. The traditional knob itself has a bolt or spindle running through it that sits just above a cylinder, to which the spindle is connected. Turning the knob pulls the cylinder in the direction of the turn. The end of the cylinder is a latch that protrudes into a space that is carved out of the doorframe and prevents the door from being opened if the knob is not turned.

The mechanism is a little more complex than I'm describing here, but I'll leave further understanding to the technicians among us.

Interestingly, America didn't produce doorknobs or any hardware at all until after the American Revolution because of England's stranglehold on manufacturing and restrictive trade practices. The colonies were permitted only to supply the motherland with the raw materials needed to produce the finished manufactured products that would be sold back to us, including doorlatches, doorknobs and all other hardware used in this country.

After the Revolution, America's ingenuity came into play and its agrarian society was soon to be balanced with rising



By Bill Primavera

industrialization. The first major invention influencing the production of doorknobs in America was the invention of the glass-pressing machine, patented in 1826. It permitted the first truly decorative and mass-produced pressed glass doorknob made in America.

By Victorian times, the popularity of glass doorknobs was overtaken by the use of metals – iron, brass and bronze. But in 1917, during World War I, glass became wildly popular once more since all metals were allocated for the manufacture of planes and other wartime materials. Glass knobs remained popular through World War II, but by the 1950s, preference reverted back to metals.

Today, the choices are all but limitless in the styles and shapes of knobs and levers, as well as finishes to suit every décor. There's satin nickel, aged bronze, bright brass, antique brass, bright chrome, brushed chrome, antique pewter, distressed nickel, matte black, oil-rubbed bronze and satin stainless steel.

And how's this for a look into the future? The doorknob may disappear altogether. In Vancouver, businesses and residents must now install only lever-style door handles on new buildings. While all existing homes,

offices and businesses will be grandfathered, all new construction will require levers instead of doorknobs to accommodate those with physical disabilities who find doorknobs difficult to manipulate.

I am reminded of a personal story that relates to the fact that my wife Margaret's native language is Lithuanian. Within that ancient language are some quaint expressions that don't translate very well into English, but Margaret still unconsciously uses some of them on occasion.

For instance, if one were expecting to visit a friend but found no one home, the Lithuanian expression would be that you were able only to "kiss the doorknob."

Considering that there are two million germs per square inch attached to the average doorknob that might be considered germ warfare.

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## My Adventures at a 14th Century Winery Deep in Campania



By Nick Antonaccio

I've offered my research and opinions on the wines of the Campania region in several previous columns. My goal was to imbue in you the excitement and appreciation I've gained for these wines.

I've also selfishly regaled you with my enthusiasm for Cantine Ciani, an ancient winery 62 miles east of Naples, in which I have recently invested.

My ardor culminated a few weeks ago in a long-planned visit to the area and Cantine Ciani with my wife and our dear friends, the Russells. As I sit here at my keyboard, I feel rather ebullient, filled with a building sense of unabashed enthusiasm and a groundswell of irrational verbiage.

I encourage you to revisit my columns penned earlier this year as a backdrop to our visit. (E-mail me for copies.)

Here are several highlights of our visit to Cantine Ciani.

--Enjoying the facilities, including the aforementioned state-of-the-art winery and the modern event space and guest rooms built over it. This winery dates back to 1378; to see it transformed left an indelible memory for me to cherish. I was able to capture, in a small fashion, the life of those before us.

--Arriving on the first day of harvest of the Fiano grapes, an engaging time at every winery operation.

--Meeting owner and winemaker Armando Ciani, his wife Rosita and their winemaking team, all immersed in the hubbub of harvesting grapes in the field into the wee hours of the morning, then transporting them to the winery for the crush. Although Armando was unable to share much time with us as he was flitting about his property, it was quite clear that he cherished the nine-generation family heritage at Cantine Ciani.

The annual harvest is a ritual he has carried on since childhood, first under the tutelage of his grandfather and father, then taking over the helm, first alongside his siblings, then on his own. His dedication, enthusiasm and pride were captured in each conversation with him and in watching him engaged in the rigors of his winery.

--Standing in awe in the modern cellar housing dozens of stainless-steel tanks and oak barrels. A number of barrels contain aging Aglianico wine, resting while developing the trademark fruit and tannins of the wine.

Other barrels, many brand new, are waiting patiently for the fermented juice of the current harvest of grapes. Today, Ciani produces about 2,500 cases of seven different wines, from Fiano, Greco and Aglianico grapes.

--Gazing at the glass-enclosed vestiges of the ancient structural walls of the original

subterranean winery, preserved as a tribute to the many generations of winemakers who toiled and plied their trade in this hallowed space.

--Jogging on the winding ancient roads of the hilly terrain surrounding the winery and then in the Ciani vineyard, plucking a few clusters of ripening Aglianico grapes. I enjoyed their flavor as a new experience, knowing I most likely won't be drinking the fruit of these vines until the wines are released a decade from harvest.

--The weather. The weather? We woke up on our last day at the winery to clear blue skies and crisp, invigorating air. As the day progressed the weather was stable, with temperatures rising nearly 20 degrees, typical of this area of the Apennine Mountains (and critical for the maturation of the Aglianico grapes).

As the afternoon progressed, I noticed a few dark clouds in the distance. Not to worry, I thought; the air was calm and the clouds were well off to the north. Wrong. In the next few minutes the dark clouds advanced to sit on top of us for 45 minutes, unleashing a torrent of driving rain, gale-force winds and a burst of hail. And just as suddenly as the storm had advanced, it moved on. Armando assured us the hail had not damaged the ripening grapes.

We left Cantine Ciani with a deep understanding of the rigors of managing

a winery and the deep-rooted pride felt by those who laid the groundwork for this 21st century successor.

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# Alvin & Friends Restaurant Marks 10th Anniversary



By Morris Gut

Artist, model, actor and consummate host Alvin Clayton and his wife and business partner Gwen Clayton, proprietors of Alvin & Friends Restaurant, are celebrating their 10th year in New Rochelle with spirited doses of American Soul Food, a taste of the Caribbean, and spirited jazz sessions. With all the new development underway in 'The Queen City', Alvin & Friends has been a major contributor to New Rochelle's downtown revival. In coming months, an exciting roster of dining options and special events are planned at the restaurant.

Alvin & Friends Restaurant has a sophisticated Manhattan vibe, yet it is casually cool. Trinidad-bred Alvin Clayton is a prolific artist and his colorful paintings dramatically line the walls. Big French doors look out onto Memorial Highway, vintage hanging iron and hemp lighting fixtures hang from high ceilings, a sparkling bar and community table highlight the bar/lounge

Shrimp and Grits, The Original Grit Girl stone-ground grits, peppers and onions, baby spinach, pot licker butter sauce; Buttermilk Fried Chicken, slow cooked greens with smoked turkey, three-cheese mac and cheese; Slow-Simmered Oxtail, coconut rice and peas, pikliz; Bourbon Glazed Pork Chop, woodsman's apple-cranberry chutney, seasonal vegetables, coconut rice and peas; and BBQ Ribs, three-cheese mac and cheese, spicy cole slaw. Individual pizzas and juicy burgers are also on hand. Vegan specialties, too.

There is a popular leisurely Saturday and Sunday Jazz Brunch. A la carte specialties include: Spinach Salad, roasted portobello mushrooms, mango, shaved Pecorino and balsamic dressing, served with crisp Polenta toast; Mo'Bay Omelet, jerk shrimp or chicken, sweet plantain, peppers and onions; Salmon, Spinach and Goat Cheese Frittata; Eggs Benedict Caribbean-style, served with ham, bacon, or smoked turkey

bacon; Sweet Plantains Foster French Toast, with caramel sauce; Fried Chicken and Waffles, the classic, with gravy; Salt Fish Cook Up, served with Trini fried bakes and ackee; and a Shark and Bake Sandwich, with mahi mahi, served on Trini fried bakes with choice of cilantro lemon sauce or lemon caper remoulade. There are specialty cocktails galore.

Save that sweet tooth for: Flourless Chocolate Cake, raspberry coulis and whipped cream; Evelyn's Coconut Cheesecake, whiskey

Anglaise; Warm Walnut Brownie, vanilla ice cream and caramel; or Mixed Berry Cobbler with vanilla ice cream.

Special Hint: Combine your visit with



some live music. Love their Friday night jazz featuring local talent. Saturdays, too. The Sunday Jazz Brunch is a winning combination as well. A lively Happy Hour is offered Tuesday through Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m., and Fridays, 5 to 6 p.m., featuring specially priced cocktails. And, check out Taco Thursdays, too.

Alvin & Friends Restaurant is located at 14 Memorial Highway, New Rochelle, between Main Street and Huguenot Street, across from the New Rochelle Public Library, a short walk from Metro-North. The restaurant is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m.; Thursdays, 5 to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 5 to 11 p.m. Dinner main courses from \$14 to \$35. Saturday and Sunday Brunch served 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Courses at Brunch: \$8 to \$25. Saturday and Sunday dinner served 3 to 10 p.m. Bar/lounge. Full take out. Private party facilities and catering. Live music schedule. Seasonal outdoor seating. Proper casual dress. Municipal parking. Phone: 914-654-6549. [www.alvinandfriendsrestaurant.com](http://www.alvinandfriendsrestaurant.com).

## Great Happy Hours at Cantina Taco & Tequila Bar, White Plains

Cantina is a good spot for Happy Hours, served 3 to 7 p.m., featuring specially priced cocktails and bar snacks. While most concentrate on the tasty Tacos, I went for the Crispy Mango-Jerk Chicken Wings one



Jazz session at Alvin &amp; Friends, New Rochelle.

area. There is always a piano in waiting on the floor. A friendly staff makes it all very inviting.

From head chef Reggie Taylor's kitchen come such great starters as: Fried Seafood Basket, catfish fritters, shrimp, catfish strips served with fries and chipotle mayo; Caribbean Chicken Satay, spicy peanut punch sauce; Alvin's Famous Chicken Wings, naked, or with choice of house made BBQ sauce, Jerk sauce, Tamarind sauce or Rum Punch BBQ sauce; or Grilled Polenta and portobello Mushroom, crumbled goat cheese, rosemary and porcini truffle sauce.

Fresh crisp Salads include: Chopped Caesar, fried black-eyed peas, parmesan, buttermilk scallion dressing; or Quinoa and Kale, roasted beets, toasted almonds, goat cheese, with lemon-caraway seed vinaigrette. Salads can be ordered with optional grilled chicken, fried tofu, shrimp, or salmon.

Alvin's signature main courses include: Classic Jambalaya, rice, Andouille sausage, Tasso ham, blackened chicken, crawfish tails, Cajun spices, tangy Creole sauce;



Fried Deviled Eggs with Spicy Remoulade at Alvin &amp; Friends.



Shrimp and grits at Alvin &amp; Friends.



Fried chicken and mac n cheese at Alvin &amp; Friends.

served with rice, peppers, black beans, sliced avocado and fresh corn. The restaurant is open from 3 p.m. to midnight seven days a week. Cantina, 166 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. [www.cantinanyc.com](http://www.cantinanyc.com).

## Fall Hudson Valley Restaurant Week

Time to start making reservations. The fall edition of Hudson Valley Restaurant Week will take place Nov. 4 through 17. It's being touted as 'the sequel' and it is an appropriate tag for this popular dining out promotion sponsored by The Valley Table Magazine that is also held in March. Part two will include scores of past participants and some new from all over the Hudson Valley even stretching the borders into Fairfield County, Scarsdale, White Plains, Mamaroneck and New Rochelle, with patrons anxious to cash in on the seasonal bounty at reasonable prices. Restaurants are expected to offer 3-course luncheons for \$22.95, and 3-course dinners for \$32.95. Sometimes there are caveats, so be sure to verify the hours and the menus that are being served. Reservations are advised. For additional information and an up-to-date list of participating restaurants go to: [www.valleytable.com/hvrw](http://www.valleytable.com/hvrw).

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Crispy Mango-Jerk Chicken Wings at Cantina, White Plains

late afternoon and was blown away. Wow! John Solo and his team opened Cantina Taco & Tequila Bar on Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains last March in the former Black Bear space. It has a bright aqua pastel façade and a sprawling rustic multi-level interior dining room and long bar. This management operates several other restaurants in New York City: two in Harlem and one called Biscuit N Brisket in Midtown, and The Grand in Astoria. Tempting specialties include: Modelo Beer Battered Fish Tacos, Garlic Shrimp, and Chicken-Lime Bowl,



# Happenings

The Examiner is happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event to [pcasey@theexaminernews.com](mailto:pcasey@theexaminernews.com). For a full listing of the upcoming week's events, visit [www.theexaminernews.com](http://www.theexaminernews.com) and click on **Happenings**.

## Tuesday, Oct. 29

**Tuesdays@Dorries.** From Wikipedia: "Aging Out is American popular culture vernacular used to describe anytime a youth leaves a formal system of care designed to provide services below a certain age level...." So, you may ask, "What's that got to do with me?" Join Pat Lavin, Westchester resident, lecturer, activist, journalist, certified hypnotherapist and Mother of an adult disabled daughter coping with the broken promises and dwindling services provided to our expanding disabled population. Hear why we should all be taking this topic very personally. Weekly table talkers meet to discuss community issues and hear a presentation. Food ordering begins at 5:15 p.m. Presentation 6 to 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Dorries' Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

**Trove Time.** Early literacy playtime for ages 2-4 with a caregiver. Children and their caregiver will play together, hear stories, and learn about enriching a child's life and increasing their early literacy skills. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis beginning 30 minutes prior to the program. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Do Gooders.** Do Good in the Edge and join our community service group. This event, for teens in grades 7-12, is sponsored by the Allstate Foundation. No registration required. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

**Tech Tuesday.** A series of classes for children, specifically in grades 1-6. Each week, a particular topic related to digital technology is presented. Participants of this week's session will learn about digital gaming. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Movie: Goosebumps.** (PG, 2015) Teens and horror writer R.L. Stine (played by Jack Black!) battle the author's monstrous creations after they come to life and wreak havoc on their small town. PG, 103min. 6 p.m., White Plains Library.

**Opening Reception for "A Menagerie of Wonders."** A solo exhibit of new paintings by Hunt Slonem. Slonem will debut 15 of his newest paintings on subjects for which he is best known - bunnies, butterflies and tropical birds. As an artist who has fashioned a distinctive, neo-expressionist style over a stellar 40-year career, Slonem continues to evolve his artistic practice, keeping his work fresh and on trend while remaining true to his artistic roots. The artist will be on hand to greet the public. Madelyn Jordon Fine Art, 37 Popham Rd., Scarsdale. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Dec. 7. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Info: 914-723-8738 or visit [www.MadelynJordonFineArt.com](http://www.MadelynJordonFineArt.com).

## Wednesday, Oct. 30

**Farmers' Market.** Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White

Plains. Hours of operation each Wednesday are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Tech Wednesday For Adults.** 3D Digital Design. 12 p.m. Tech Wednesday is a series of classes focusing on different advanced digital technologies each week. The topic on this particular date is 3D design and printing. Beginners and professionals alike are encouraged to attend. White Plains Library.

**Noonday Concert.** Connections - Clarinetist David Krakauer and pianist Kathleen Tagg perform an acoustic program that journeys from improvisation-infused world music to klezmer to complete recreations of traditional music and standards. One of the world's greatest clarinetists, David Krakauer has been praised internationally as a key innovator in modern klezmer as well as a major voice in classical music. In 2015 he received a Grammy nomination as soloist with the conductorless orchestra "A Far Cry," and a Juno nomination for the CD "Akoka" with cellist Matt Haimovitz. Kathleen Tagg is a South African pianist, composer and producer based in New York since 2001. A 2014 South African Music Awards nominee for best classical album, she has performed on four continents with a host of leading musicians, and the breadth of her collaborations defines her multi-faceted career. She has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, 92nd St Y and Symphony Space in New York, but is equally at home in non-conventional spaces and theater. Bob Sherman recreates his WQXR "Listening Room" format in conversation with the musicians. 12:10 p.m. The concert will be held in Grace Church, 33 Church St., White Plains. There is no admission fee, donation suggested. This concert is made possible, in part, with the generous support of The Fischel Family in honor of Hannah Nelson, Andrea and Marty Glenn, The Jossen Family and Hannah and John Nelson in memory of Beth Massey Rubens.

**Lunchtime Meditation.** A weekly meditation program. Brief beginning instruction will be followed by meditation. No experience or special equipment needed. A guest instructor will lead the program the first Wednesday of each month; 12:15 to 1 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Spooky Tales.** A riveting storytelling performance by April Armstrong to begin your Halloween weekend, followed by a special brew (hot cider) and other ghostly treats (cookies) served in the Summer Dining Room. Come in costume. Prizes given to all. For children three to eight years old. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 3 p.m. Children: \$10. Adults: \$15. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.org).

**Fall Exhibition Opening Reception.** Enjoy an evening with friends from the Purchase College campus and surrounding community while browsing the galleries filled with incredible works from each of the Fall 2019 exhibitions. Live music, light

refreshments and engaging conversations with artists, curators and fellow art lovers. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 4:30 to 7 p.m. \$5. Seniors (62 and up): \$3. Children (under 12), members and Purchase College students, faculty and staff: Free. Info: 914-251-6100 or visit [www.neuberger.org](http://www.neuberger.org).

**Movie: Pooh's Heffalump Halloween Movie.** (G, 2005) Roo, Pooh, and their new friend Lumpy set out on a fun Halloween adventure! G, 67 minutes. 4 p.m. White Plains Library.

**Which Craft?** Wednesday: Zombarbies. Turn a Barbie doll into a zombie of your own design. For students in grades 6 and up on a first-come, first-served basis. 4 p.m., White Plains Library.

**Reading Buddies.** Practice reading with a teen Reading Buddy. Reading Buddies will be available to read one-on-one with children in grades 2 to 5 Wednesday evenings for 15 minute sessions. Sign-up will start 30 minutes before the program time of 4:30 p.m. White Plains Library.

**Movie: Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween** (PG, 2018) Two boys unleash Halloween monster mayhem when they open a mysterious locked book they found in an old abandoned house - including witches, werewolves, and giant gummy bears. PG, 100min. 6:30 p.m., White Plains Library.

## Thursday, Oct. 31

**Trove Time.** Trove Time is an early literacy playtime for ages 2-4 with a caregiver. Children and their caregiver will play together, hear stories, and learn about enriching a child's life and increasing their early literacy skills. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis beginning 30 minutes prior to the program. White Plains Library.

**Halloween Organ Spooktacular.** Dr. Sandor Szabo, interim organist and choirmaster at the Christ's Church of Rye, will perform a short organ concert featuring a spooky selection of well-known organ music, including "Toccata and Fugue" by Bach, "Dance Macabre" by Saint-Seans and "Toccata" by Böellman. A special treat will feature the ballet students of Ashlee Knapp Stewart, from "The Ballet Class" with a few selections from "Peer Gynt Suite" by Greg and "Flight of the Bumblebee" by Korsakov, all played on the church's magnificent three-manual organ with more than 4,000 pipes. Come in costume. All ages. Reception to follow. Christ's Church of Rye, 2 Rectory St., Rye. 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-967-1749, visit [www.ccrye.org](http://www.ccrye.org) or e-mail [sszabo@ccrye.org](mailto:sszabo@ccrye.org).

**The Mavericks.** The masters of country-Latin rock 'n' roll, born in the rich cultural mix of Miami, then tempered in Nashville's country hothouse, rode high in the country and rock charts of the 1990s with culture-crossing hits like "What a Crying Shame" and "All You Ever Do is Bring Me Down."

Then they conquered Europe with the titanic feel-good party classic "Dance the Night Away" In 2004, The Mavericks went on hiatus while front-man Raul Malo explored new musical avenues. But since a 2012 reunion, this singular of bands has re-established itself as one of the most exciting and joyfully entertaining acts on touring and festival circuits across the planet. It's a reputation based on their irrepressible mix of country, Tex-Mex, rockabilly and Latino sounds, plus a riotously entertaining, world-renowned live show. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$48, \$68, \$78 and \$88. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

## Friday, Nov. 1

**Comic Book Club.** Discuss new titles and learn drawing and sketching techniques from a local artist. Pizza will be served. For teens. 4 to 5:30 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**The Sleepy Hollow Experience.** This outdoor immersive theater event will now be seen for the first time in the tristate area, staged at the estate of Washington Irving, just in time for the bicentennial of his publication of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." The production features live professional musicians and singers, who will perform the scenes in various locations around the estate and engage with audience members. Theater-goers will be guided by storytellers from scene to scene, meeting Ichabod Crane and Katrina Van Tassel, imbibing and snacking during the famous party scene at the Van Tassel', and, in a thrilling climax, encountering the Headless Horseman himself. Washington Irving's Sunnyside, 3 W. Sunnyside Lane, Tarrytown. 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$45 for adults and \$25 for children. Historic Hudson Valley members receive a 10 percent discount. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Nov. 3. Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org).

**ArtTalks.** Curator-led exhibition tours. Bring your own lunch and chat with other art lovers for the first 30 minutes, then join a curator for an hour-long tour of Art Got into Me: Engels the Artist." Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 12:30 to 2 p.m. \$5. Seniors (62 and up): \$3. Children (under 12), members and Purchase College students, faculty and staff: Free. RSVPs appreciated: Info and RSVP: [nma.rsvp@purchase.edu](mailto:nma.rsvp@purchase.edu).

**NYC Comedy in the IRV.** The show will feature Barry Weintraub, Erin Jackson and headliner Jon Fisch. Fisch is a veteran comic who has appeared on late night shows such as "The Late Show with David Letterman" and the "Late Show with Stephen Colbert." Jackson's career has been taking off the past year following her late-night debut on "Conan" and her repeated appearances on this summer's Comedy Central series "This Week at the Comedy Cellar." Long-time comic and television host Weintraub will

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## LEGALS

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Planning Board will be held at **Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday November 4, 2019** for the purpose of considering the following applications: **Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING** The following public hearings have been scheduled for November 4, 2019 at 6:00PM (or as soon thereafter as agenda conditions permit) at the Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, 10579. All interested parties are invited to attend and will be heard. A copy of the application

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materials and plans may be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Planning Board Clerk, Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall. 1. **Gjonaj, Chris- White Rock Road (TM#73.-2-30.1/File2019-0203)** The subject property is comprised of +/- 3.9 acres and is located on White Rock Road within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a single family residence, driveway, septic system and well. **DECISION 2. Putnam Valley Fire Station- Oscawana Lake Road (TM#72.20-1-7.12& 7.11/File2019-0199)** The subject property consist of +/- 10.3 acres of land and is located on Oscawana Lake Road and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing soil remediation of contaminated Fire Department and the Ambulance Corps. Properties. The remedial design project includes re-grading the unstable slopes and construction of a clean soil cover over the top of the contaminated fill. **SKETCH 3. Filho Residence, - 135 Bell Hollow Road (TM# 51.-1-4/File: 2019-0190)** The subject property consists of + 19.2 acres of land and is located on 135 Bell Hollow Road and within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a swimming pool, terrace and outdoor kitchen. A Site Development Plan, Major Grading and Wetland Permit is required. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 3.** Approve Minutes of October 21, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Putnam Valley has received a wetlands application from the following applicant: **WT 22/19 Rodman Patton 77 south Highland Road TM# 61.-2-25 WT23/19 Noah Levy**

280 West Shore Drive TM# 62.6-1-3  
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## Saturday, Nov. 2

**Farmers' Market.** Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains.

**Movie: The Avengers.** (PG-13, 2012, 142min). Iron Man, Captain America, the Hulk and Thor join forces in order to defeat Thor's brother Loki, who has obtained a mystical artifact of tremendous power. 1:30 p.m. Galaxy Hall, White Plans Library.

**Day of the Dead Conversation.** The Mexican attitude toward death is one of acceptance and vibrant imagery. This next Death Café Westchester is a unique opportunity to view and discuss the way death intersects with life, using art as a way of opening to a universal experience. Enjoy the work of local artists and use this time of remembrance in a positive way to honor loved ones who have died. Coffee and snacks provided. Ossining Arts Council Gallery at Steamer Firehouse, 117 Main St., Ossining, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.DeathCafe.com](http://www.DeathCafe.com), e-mail [DoulaEOL@gmail.com](mailto:DoulaEOL@gmail.com) or visit on Facebook at [facebook.com/DeathCafeWestchester](https://www.facebook.com/DeathCafeWestchester).

**Wolves of North America.** Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why it's a special time for packs in North America. Whether the wolves are living on the Arctic tundra or the woodlands of the southwest, wolf families are out searching for prey as they celebrate the birth of pups. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and possibly the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves as well. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 11 a.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also Nov. 9, 16 and 29 at 2 p.m., Nov. 17 at 3 p.m., Nov. 23 at noon and Nov. 30 at 11 a.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

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**Evnnin Rising Stars I.** The Evnnin Rising Stars program is an incubator for the next generation of leaders in classical music performance. In her 11th year as artistic director of the program, Pamela Frank will be joined by distinguished artist/mentors David Shifrin and Peter Wiley to work alongside young instrumentalists on the great chamber music masterworks. The culmination of a week of intense collaboration and musical

discovery is an opportunity for the public to witness young musicians on their way to becoming legends themselves. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 8 p.m. \$25 to \$40. Students (18 and under): Free. Also Nov. 3 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.org).

**Add Suspense to Your Romance.** The Hudson Valley Romance Writers of America invites guests to a special event for \$5, prepaid via PayPal (credited toward annual membership dues of \$25, if you choose to join the chapter). We meet in the meeting rooms on the 4th floor of the Palisades Mall at 1000 Palisades Center Drive, West Nyack. This is a perfect chance for any avid reader or author to further their knowledge of writing romantic suspense. Guest speaker D.C. Stone will describe life as a criminal investigator. Desi knows it well and is willing to share. A romantic suspense author whose daily work revolves around organized crime and major case investigations, Desi has also worked other aspects of internal affairs and criminal investigations, including murder and child abuse, conducted as a military member. Bring all your questions. 11:45 a.m. To register - <https://www.hudsonvalleyrwa.org/meeting-schedule.html>

## Sunday, Nov. 3

**Winter Birds.** Explore the trails and see if you can spot any feathered winter residents. Many animals stay still to help them blend into the environment and hide from predators. Even brightly-colored birds, like cardinals, can blend in by keeping still. Get up close and personal with some of the birds and learn why they choose to migrate or adapt to winter life. Stick around until the end for feeding time with the birds of prey. Dress for the weather. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**Sonic Images:** Chamber Music by Aaron Copland. A pre-birthday salute to an artistic icon and Music from Copland House's namesake, who helped to define what he called "a recognizably American musical idiom." Major works, including the Violin Sonata, Piano Quartet and Sextet. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 3 p.m. \$25. Friends of Copland House: \$20. Students (with ID): \$10. Info and tickets: 914-788-4659, visit [www.coplandhouse.org](http://www.coplandhouse.org) or e-mail [office@coplandhouse.org](mailto:office@coplandhouse.org).

## Monday, Nov. 4.

**Smiles for Veterans.** In honor of Veterans Day, Touro Dental Health will provide oral health screenings, x-rays and cleaning for veterans, military service members and their families as well as activities, entertainment and giveaways for all ages. Touro Dental Health, 19 Skyline Drive, Hawthorne. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Patient registration required. Info and registration. 914-594- 2700 or visit <https://dental.touro.edu/news>

**Foreign Policy Discussion Group:** The Rise and Decline of U.S. Global Power. Guest speaker (via Skype) Alfred W. McCoy, Harrington Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, focuses

on two topics in his writing and teaching: Philippine political history and global opium trafficking. His more recent work has addressed U.S. covert operations and the use of torture. His book, "In the Shadow of the American Century: The Rise and Decline of U.S. Global Power," focuses on the U.S.'s exercise of its current dominance and concludes by analyzing China's challenge and the complex worldwide forces that will likely lead to an eclipse of U.S. dominance by 2030. Facilitated by Don Shields. Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.org).

**A Celebration of the Life of George Puello.** A celebration of the life and the immeasurable contributions of George Puello. Celebrate the music, the stories and the great love of our beloved "man in white." He had a life well lived doing what he loved – theater. He was an incredible talent – director, producer, musician, set designer, artist, educator, writer and composer. He shared his great knowledge and innumerable talents to a very grateful theater community. There will be an appetizer and dessert buffet prior to the performance and a cash bar. All proceeds will go toward the George Puello Scholarship Fund being established by his family. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Buffet at 6 p.m. Show at 7:30 p.m. \$25. Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or [www.broadwaytheatre.com](http://www.broadwaytheatre.com).

## Tuesday, Nov. 5

**Election Day.** Get out and vote for your local government representatives.

**Tuesdays@Dorries.** The ABC's and D of Medicare, and Medicare Myths Exposed. Robert Remin is an Independent Insurance Agent specializing in the Medicare Eligible Market, Life and Long Term Care, Long Term Disability, and Supplemental Benefits Insurance. He is what he calls a carrier "agnostic"—an unbiased resource whose only goal is to educate so that people understand their entire Medicare and other insurance options. Robert will cover the A,B,C's and D's of Medicare, changes for 2020, and what he calls Medicare Myths. His talk is for those turning 65 soon and retiring, those already in the Medicare-eligible market, and adult children making insurance decisions for their parents. It is also appropriate for the following professionals: CPA's, CFP's, F/A's, Trust and Estate Attorneys, Business Attorneys, Matrimonial Attorneys, Social Workers, and others. He will include questions about Medicare and, if there is enough time, about Long Term Care and Social Security. Weekly table talkers meet to discuss community issues and hear a presentation. Food ordering begins at 5:15 p.m. Presentation 6 to 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Dorries' Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

## Wednesday, Nov. 6

**Love 'Em, Leave 'Em: Leaf Mulching Workshop.** A leaf mulching expert will show you how to keep your lawn healthy by mulching your leaves in places. Attendees will leave the workshop with a greater understanding of how important mulch is to our soil. Free event. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd.,

Scarsdale.

**Noonday Concert. Reimagining I-** The first in a series of three concerts which focus on the art of transcription; presented with the support of the Rudyard and Emanuella Reimss Memorial Fund of the Westchester Community Foundation. The Downtown Sinfonietta Chamber Players (featuring members of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra) are joined by Youlan Ji, 2018 First Prize Winner of the New York International Piano Competition to perform the Mozart Piano Concerto No. 9 in E-flat major (K 271) as transcribed in 1880 by Ignaz Lachner and published that same year, in Stuttgart, by Edition Cotta. 12:10 p.m. A pre-concert talk which places the music in historical context begins at 11:50 a.m. The concert will be held in Grace Church, 33 Church St., White Plains. There is no admission fee, donation suggested. This concert is made possible, in part, with a generous gift from Sabin and Beverley Streeter.

## Saturday, Nov. 9

**Downtown Music at Grace.** Concert. 7:30 p.m. The Yale Whiffenpoofs. Every year, 14 senior Yale students are selected to be in the Whiffenpoofs, the world's oldest and best-known collegiate a capella group. Founded in 1909, the "Whiffs" began as a senior quartet that met for weekly concerts at Mory's Temple Bar, the famous Yale tavern. Today, the group has become one of Yale's most celebrated traditions, with over a century of musical excellence. Singing a mixture of old Yale tunes, jazz standards, and other hits from across the decades, the Whiffenpoofs perform more than 200 concerts each year. Their characteristic white tie and tails, paired with their enthusiasm and humor, have become iconic for audiences around the United States and across the world. Whiffenpoof performance venues have included Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, the White House, the Rose Bowl and Lincoln center. They have reached a television audience or more than 175 million, most recently via the Season 4 finale of the hit show, Glee. The concert will be held in Grace Church, 33 Church St., White Plains. Tickets \$25, \$20 for Seniors (65+), \$15 students.



## Crossword Solution from page 12

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# The **WHITE PLAINS** Examiner Sports

## Crusaders Tame Lions, Gain Second Seed in CHSFL AAA Playoffs

By Albert Coqueran

Stepinac High School completed its 2019 regular season with a win over Monsignor Farrell, 35-17, on Staten Island, on Friday. Stepinac (7-1, 4-1 AAA League) has earned a number two-seed in the CHSFL AAA Playoffs and a bye in the AAA Quarterfinals.

Stepinac will play the winner of the Quarterfinals game between sixth-seed Msgr. Farrell and third-seeded Christ the King, in the CHSFL AAA Semifinals, on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 1:30 p.m., at Stepinac.

Stepinac lost only one game this season to their nemesis and archrival Iona Prep. The Gaels (8-0, 5-0) celebrated an undefeated regular season this year. However, the Crusaders might challenge the Gaels again this season in the CHSFL AAA

the team knowing that they had a bye and this game did not mean anything may have affected the game a little bit," said Crusaders Head Coach Mike O'Donnell.

Though, give credit to the Lions, who roared on their "Senior Day" including an impressive pick-six by Stephen Booras, who ran 90 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter. Also, Lions placekicker Jake Dulligan kicked a 41-yard field goal to end the first half.

Stepinac has staged comebacks this season in the second half the last couple of games, while their offense has dithered in the first and second quarters, such as in the Farrell game. O'Donnell stressed that this is not the time of the season for such performances. "We were a little afraid that we are not peaking right now going into November, which is the most



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Crusaders Myles Walker (left) congratulates running back Jayden Jenkins who scored in the third quarter as a Lions defender tries desperately to keep him out of the end zone by clutching on the running backs foot.



The Crusaders marched on the field at Monsignor Farrell High School on Staten Island and ruined the Lions "Senior Day" with a 35-17 win to end the regular season. Stepinac clinched a two-seed and a bye in the CHSFL AAA Playoffs with a 7-1 overall and 4-1 AAA League record.

Championship, on Nov. 16, if both teams win their Semifinals contests, on Nov. 9.

The Crusaders offense started slow against the Lions, (2-6, 0-5), who are winless in the League, while losing at the end of the first quarter 7-0 and at halftime 10-7. "I think

important part of the season," commented the Crusaders Head Coach.

Nevertheless, the Crusaders offense became aroused at the start of the third quarter when Cory Richards gained 40 yards on a pass play from QB Joey Carino. Richards

carried three Lions defenders for about five yards as he fought his way to the three-yard line of Farrell. Running back Jayden Jenkins did the honors while catching a three-yard pass from Carino for the score.

After a strange sequence of plays, which included both teams fumbling and then recovering each other's fumbles; running backs Kevin McKenna and Jenkins both marched down the field on big runs. Carino, then skipped over the goal line from the three-yard line untouched making the score 21-10, at the end of the third quarter.

Stepinac's Special Teams scored twice in the fourth quarter. Junior Malyke Davis returned a Lions punt 65 yards for a touchdown. Then after Farrell scored and tried an onside kick; Crusaders Zachary

Barnes was all over the ball and ran down the sidelines for a 46-yard touchdown.

"Our Special Teams Coordinator Coach Adam Gullo preaches that we have to win in all three phases of the game. I saw the ball coming and I wanted to make a play on it but sometimes the ball just rolls in your favor," stated Barnes.

Of course, Enda "Mr. Reliable" Kirby converted on all five extra-point kicks. Stepinac beat Farrell, 35-17 and now prepares for the AAA Playoffs in pursuit of a three-peat CHSFL AAA and NYS CHSAA Football Championships.

Congratulations to Stepinac Assistant Coach/Offensive Coordinator Joseph Venice, who is an Inductee of the Class of 2019 CHSFL Board of Governors.



# EXAMINER SPORTS

## White Plains Boys Soccer Advances in PKs But Falls in Quarters

By Rob DiAntonio

Thomas Pisapia was ready for his opportunity to shine.

After 110 minutes of action including two 15-minute overtime periods, White Plains and Scarsdale were deadlocked at 1-1 in the opening round of the Section 1 Class AA boys soccer tournament last Thursday.

So the game went to penalty kicks to see who would advance. Pisapia, a junior goalie, came through with two huge diving saves on rival Scarsdale's first two opportunities and the No. 8-seeded Tigers edged the eighth-seeded Raiders, 4-1, to move on.

"I trust my gut, mostly," said Pisapia, who made eight saves during regulation and

overtime. "Basically, I know where they're shooting by the angle of how they are and especially with the foot. So I just predict usually what side they end up shooting at and mostly all the time I get it correct.

"I'm proud of the boys. I'm not going to lie, I did it for the seniors and everyone here. I love these boys so much. The bond this year is 10 times stronger than the previous years."

Elvis Diaz, Alex Sagnibene, Victor Flores and Eric Ramirez scored in the penalty kick round. Ramirez's PK sealed it for the Tigers.

"The relief is amazing," said Sagnibene, a senior captain. "It was physical from the start and we knew it would be. This isn't a team to play games with. We knew they were coming to fight. We did the same and came out with the win."

Sagnibene wasn't surprised that Pisapia came through when the stakes were high.

"I have full faith in him, man," Sagnibene said. "He's one of the most talented goalies I've ever seen in my life. I'm so proud of him and I couldn't have asked for more. He truly played a great game."

Scarsdale scored what looked to be the game winner late in overtime as their players stormed the field, but the goal was waved off after a foul was called.

The Tigers went up 1-0 when Ruben Collazos deposited a goal in the left corner



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Alejandro Torres pushes the ball across midfield in the Tigers' opening round game with Scarsdale.

with 17:37 left in the first half.

But Scarsdale answered on a corner with 5:42 to go in the half, sending the game into halftime tied at 1-1.

"The pushing, the shoving and the trash talking, that's all part of the game," Sagnibene said of a chippy first half. "We stayed composed, we stayed calm and we knew it was ours. We just kept fighting."

The Tigers' best chance in overtime came when Collazos ripped a shot just wide left only five minutes in.

White Plains fell to top-seeded Ossining, 2-1, in overtime in the quarterfinals on Saturday. After falling behind 1-0, Mario Martinez-Jimenez tied the game up with 11 minutes to go in regulation.

The Tigers finished their season with a 9-5-4 record.



Jose Cabrera looks to avoid a slide tackle.



Alex Sagnibene of the Tigers kicks it away.



White Plains embraces Thomas Pisapia after he made two huge saves in the penalty kick round.



Jack Mota goes on the attack.



Eric Ramirez, who scored the decisive goal in penalty kicks, looks to clear.



# EXAMINER SPORTS

## White Plains Football Falls to John Jay-EF in Quarterfinals

By Rob DiAntonio

Following a 37-12 loss to fourth-seeded John Jay-East Fishkill in the Section 1 Class AA playoffs, fifth-seeded White Plains couldn't help but look at the bright side after making great strides the past few seasons.

"Despite the loss, it was an amazing ride," White Plains senior quarterback Ben Finkel said. "We truly came together this year as a team and as a family on and off the field. The league title means so much to all of us and we are proud of what we accomplished. Coming from 1-8 two years ago to a league championship today is monumental. We're all very proud of that turnaround and that we did it together as a team."

On its first drive, White Plains turned the ball over on downs at John Jay's 42. The Patriots marched down the field and scored on Danny Beal's 5-yard run to take a 7-0 lead with 2:44 left in the first quarter.

A Tiger three-and-out resulted in a punt, which was returned 60 yards for a John Jay-EF touchdown to make it 13-0 with 1:21 left



Despite the quarterfinal loss to John Jay-East Fishkill, coach Mike Lindberg and White Plains still captured a league title and had a 6-1 regular season.

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in the first.

Right before halftime, the Patriots added a 51-yard touchdown pass from Beal to Mason Payton to take a 20-0 lead into halftime.

It was a struggle for White Plains' offense in the first half. "John Jay's defense was good and very disciplined," Finkel said.

A field goal and another touchdown pass stretched the lead to 30-0 late in the third quarter.

Eli Pierre's 17-yard touchdown run got White Plains on the board with 40 seconds left in the third quarter.

John Jay answered with a touchdown run to extend its lead to 37-6 with 9:09 remaining in the game.

Finkel then hit Josiah Harris on a fade route for a 13-yard touchdown pass to make it 37-12 with 6:42 to go. It was Finkel's 16th touchdown pass of the season, breaking the single season touchdown record for the Tigers.

White Plains (6-2) will host Roy C. Ketcham on Friday, Nov. 1, at 6 p.m. in a non-playoff game.

## It Would Be an Exciting Turkey Bowl This Year!

By Albert Coqueran

As Thanksgiving Day approaches local football fans reminisce regarding the Annual Turkey Bowl Football Classic, which was played between White Plains High School and Stepinac High School from 1971-2012.

The annual City of White Plains high school football rivalry continued for four decades until the Thanksgiving gridiron tradition was suspended for three seasons due to postseason scheduling conflicts after the 2012 game.

The annual Turkey Bowl, which was a staple of White Plains tradition returned in 2016. However, the game was put on hold permanently after the White Plains Board of Education met on Oct. 16, 2017, to discuss the Section 1 rule, which prevents high school athletes under their authority to participate in more than one sport per season.

Rule 8 of the Section 1 Operational Standards In Place reads: "A student may participate in only one sport during a season, including cheerleading," (i.e., this year White Plains varsity basketball, a Winter Season Sport, officially begins practice on November 11. Therefore, football players who desire to play basketball would not be able to practice with the basketball team until after the Turkey Bowl on November 28, as the Turkey Bowl would be considered a function of the Fall Sports Season.)

In January 2017, WPHS Athletic Director Matt Cameron appealed the Section 1 ruling but his appeal was denied. Thereby prompting the Board of Education, on the recommendation of Cameron, to pull out of the annual Turkey Bowl, citing in the best

interest of the student/athletes.

"The Turkey Bowl would be great, if our student/athletes could still participate in their winter sports and not miss time (during the fall season), then I would be all for it," stated White Plains Head Football Coach Michael Lindberg. "We have five or six basketball players on our football team. They would miss the first month of basketball. It is not fair to the basketball program or to our athletes," emphasized Lindberg after practice on October 21.

If there were any year, this year would certainly be a prime time to bring back the Turkey Bowl. Lindberg, in his fourth season, has resurrected the Tigers football program. After going 1-8, two years ago, the Tigers recorded a 6-2 record and won their league title this season.

Across the city, Stepinac, the back-to-back NYS CHSAA Football and CHSFL AAA Champs are having another great year, while sustaining a 7-1 mark and a number two-seed in the upcoming CHSFL AAA Playoffs.

"There are rules in Section 1 that forbid them (White Plains) to play and there is nothing we can do about that," commented Stepinac Head Football Coach Mike O'Donnell. "Someday, I hope the game comes back. Right now White Plains wants to play the game and we want to play the game but it just cannot be played. It is too bad because it was one of the best events in the Westchester area each year," stated O'Donnell.



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## ..... EXAMINER SPORTS .....

# Stepinac R.J. Davis Ends Speculation Commits to UNC

## NY Knicks Wayne Ellington Offers Advice

By Albert Coqueran

"The Suspense Ends" was the bill for the morning press conference at Stepinac High School on Monday, Oct. 21, with basketball hierarchy, the likes of NY Knicks legend Patrick Ewing, who is presently the Head Coach at Georgetown University, Marquette University Head Coach Steve Wojciechowski, University of Pittsburgh Head Coach Jeff Capel and Roy Williams, the Head Coach of University of North Carolina, making the trip to White Plains to visit R. J. Davis in the Stepinac Gym. Davis, the Stepinac All-Time Leading Basketball Scorer finally made his decision and committed to the University of North Carolina.

Davis visited all four of the aforementioned colleges and these were his final four choices among 26 other schools vying for his services. The four major college Division 1 Head Coaches also visited Davis at his home in Greenburgh. But it is Williams and the Tar Heels, who will reap the basketball prowess of the Crusaders senior and four-year varsity player, who was ranked Number 40, in the Class of 2020 by ESPN.

"I feel this is the right situation for me to achieve my goals and they have a winning tradition. I am a winner and I want to play on the biggest platform there is," said Davis, who can make his commitment to UNC official on November 13, the first day seniors are eligible to sign NCAA D-1 basketball scholarships.

In three years, the Crusaders two-time All-City guard played in 89 varsity games, while compiling 20.3 points, 5.9 rebounds, 4.8 assists and 1.7 steals per game. As a sophomore, the 6' 1" guard helped the Crusaders win their first CHSAA AA City



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

[L-r] Stepinac Head Basketball Coach Pat Massaroni, Vanessa Davis, the mother of Stepinac All-Time Leading Scorer R.J. Davis, his brother Bryce, a freshman at Stepinac and his father Robert enjoy the moment together after senior R.J. Davis (center) announced that he will be taking his talents to the University of North Carolina.



On July 9, 2019, Wayne Ellington, a 10-year veteran in the NBA, signed with the NY Knicks. Ellington played three years for the University of North Carolina and won a NCAA Championship with the Tar Heels in 2009. During practice at the MSG Training Center, Ellington offered some advice to Stepinac senior R.J. Davis, who committed to his alma mater UNC.

Title, since 1960 and their first ever Class AA NYS Federation Championship.

"I am beyond excited for him. The things that we saw in him as a freshman have now come to fruition," expressed Crusaders Head Coach Pat Massaroni. "It is an unbelievable moment for him and his family and for Stepinac and this area to have a player of his magnitude going to a college such as UNC," acknowledged Massaroni.

"It was his choice and his decision. We just guided him in the right direction," commented Davis's father, Robert, who remains the All-Time Leading Basketball Scorer at Mercy College. "He is happy with his decision and his parents are happy. I am so proud of him; it is a blessing," expressed RJ's dad, Robert.

That same afternoon during practice at the MSG Training Center in Greenburgh, upon hearing the news of Davis's selection, NY Knicks guard Wayne Ellington, who won a NCAA Championship with the Tar Heels, as a junior in 2009, wished Davis well.

"I would tell him to continue to be himself and continue to work hard and to buy into the culture of the team and the university. It is a beautiful place to be so just enjoy it," relayed Ellington, who played three years at UNC and was voted the NCAA Basketball Tournament Most Outstanding Player in

2009. "Roy Williams will coach him hard and allow him to rise to his potential and get him prepared for the next level whatever that may be," emphasized the 10-year NBA veteran.

Davis is also an accomplished student. The Stepinac senior maintains a 3.8 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society. "I am extremely proud of RJ. He has worked really hard academically as well as athletically," said Davis's mother Vanessa.

Davis chose to announce his college selection on his 18th birthday, Monday, Oct. 21. Not only did he and his family receive a monumental gift. But so did Williams and the Tar Heels!





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EXAMINER SPORTS.....

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Chloe Gagnon runs in the county meet race.

By Rob DiAntonio

White Plains freshman Sophie Ginsberg placed fourth at the Westchester County Cross Country Championships in a time of 18:44.4 last Saturday at Croton Point Park.

Also from White Plains, Abigail Roman placed 24th in a clocking of 20:09.7, and Arianna Allende was 70th in a field of 198 runners.

Sebastian Quinn led the Tigers boys team, crossing the finish line in 17:04.4 to take 28th. Ronan Staab was 64th while Justin Baez placed 80th.

White Plains will compete in the Section 1 championship meet at Bowdoin Park on Saturday, Nov. 9.



Sebastian Quinn led White Plains' boys team, taking 28th.

Justin Baez heads down the home stretch.

# White Plains' Ginsberg Places Fourth at Westchester Cross Country Meet



Sophie Ginsberg heads for the finish line.



Abigail Roman was the second girls runner to finish in 24th.



White Plains' Rina Stanghellini, Ariana Allende and Mia Priore start the Westchester County championship meet race.



Matt Salonic and Ben Goldman run neck and neck.



Sophie Ginsberg heads down a hill on her way to fourth place.



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