



## White Plains Council Okays Firefighters' Contract and Higher Water Rates

By Neal Rentz

The White Plains Common Council voted unanimously on Nov. 4 to approve a new contract with its firefighters and higher water rates.

Corporation Counsel John Callahan said the new contract with the Professional Firefighters Association is for three years, beginning retroactively from July 1, 2018. There will be a 4 percent raise for the first year of the new pact and 3 percent raises in each of the final two years of the agreement, he said. Another part of the contract will allow qualified firefighters to retire as early as age 55, without losing a portion of their pensions, he said. The previous contract

required firefighters to work until the age of 62.

Mayor Tom Roach thanked the union and city employees for the work on the contract.

The provision to lower the potential retirement age to 55 "had to make sense financially for the city," Roach said.

### Water Rates

Also at last week's meeting the Common Council approved the new water rates for 2020 by 3.9 percent at the request of Commissioner of Public Works Richard Hope.

Hope said he was asking for a 3.9 percent water rate increase "across the board" including the sewer charge. The

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Tigers Girls Diving specialist Lizzy Tirado will demonstrate her expertise regarding numerous diving techniques at the NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving Championships. Tirado set a new school record in diving this season with 452.40 points while breaking the record she set last season of 440.10. See page 16 for the full story.

## County Executive Seeks \$1M Tax Cut in 2020 Budget

By Neal Rentz

For the first time in nine years and for the second time in 19 years, a Westchester County executive is proposing a property tax levy cut.

George Latimer discussed his proposed \$2.1 billion 2020 spending plan that would cut the property tax levy by \$1 million during a press conference on Nov. 8 in White Plains.

"This is an important day for the people who live in Westchester County," Latimer said.

Latimer is proposing to reduce the property tax levy to \$569 million next year. If his proposed cut is approved by the Board of Legislators the size of the tax cut in percentage terms will vary based on the equalization rates and assessment roles of each municipality, he said.

Spending is proposed to be \$200 million



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Westchester County Executive George Latimer discussed his proposed \$2.1 billion 2020 budget, which includes a \$1 million property tax cut, during a press conference on Nov. 8 in White Plains.

higher than the current ledger. Some of the higher expenses include state-mandated criminal justice reform, which requires additional spending for the district attorney's office, information technology, labs and research and the Public Safety Department, Latimer said. Some other higher costs are to pay for borrowing for capital projects, higher employee health insurance costs and to pay for new employee contracts, he said.

The proposed spending plan does not borrow for such operating expenses as employee pensions and tax certioraris or the use of "one shot" revenues, he said.

A major reason for the ability of the county to cut the property tax levy is the Property Taxpayer Protection Act, which equalized the sales tax among all of Westchester's municipalities, Latimer said. The act had bipartisan support from county local and state governments, he said. Aside



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White Plains Mayor Tom Roach at the Nov. 4 Common Council meeting.

rate increase is the lowest in 14 years, he said. The low rate increase is being proposed even though New York City has raised the rate for water use by municipalities by 9.2 percent, he said.

The water rate increase would raise about \$732,000 in new revenue in the water fund annually, Hope said.

Hope said he was asking for the rate increase to pay the debt service for borrowing

for existing and new debt for capital projects to protect the city's water and to pay for the New York City DEP's 9.2 percent hike in July.

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## County Executive Seeks \$1M Tax Cut in 2020 Budget

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from more sales tax revenue for county government, 20 percent of the sales tax will go to municipalities and 10 percent will be distributed to school districts, he said.

As an example, Greenburgh expects to receive \$3.2 million in additional sales tax revenue in 2019 and 2020, Latimer said.

Latimer is proposing to add \$10 million to the county's reserve "rainy day fund" to bring the total to \$79 million, a 23 percent increase over the current year.

Latimer's proposed budget also includes several spending initiatives. He is seeking to provide \$1.5 million dollars in new housing and community development initiatives, including affordable housing programs and initiatives to help residents to move toward home ownership. Latimer is also proposing an additional \$400,000 for environmental initiatives and for \$150,000 for the 2020 census to help assure an accurate count.

Additional spending has been sought by Latimer to create the position of a hate crime specialist and more dollars for anti-bias for schools including colleges.

Latimer's budget also includes an overall 3 percent increase for non-profits that have contracts with the county.

The budget proposes to reduce the parent contribution for childcare from the current 27 percent to 25 percent next year.

"It is impossible for us to meet every need every year," Latimer said, adding he wants the input of officials from various levels of

government. "We can make these decisions together."

Latimer symbolically passed on a copy of his proposed budget to County Board of Legislators Chairman Benjamin Boykin (D-White Plains), who thanked Latimer for cooperating with the county legislators in passing budgets over his first two years as county executive. "You've been transparent," Boykin told Latimer. "We appreciate that openness."

A message left last week for Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill) for his comments on the proposed budget was not returned.

The deadline to pass the county budget is Dec. 27.



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# White Plains Democrats Sweep Three Common Council Seats

By Neal Rentz

It was no contest in White Plains on Election Day as Democrats swept all three races for Common Council seats by wide margins.

According to unofficial results from the Westchester County Board of Elections on Monday, Nov. 11 with 46 of the city's 46 districts reporting, Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson, who also was on the Working Families Party line and was the only incumbent running for reelection, received 5,906 votes (25 percent); Jennifer Puja, who was also on the Working Families line, received 5,763 votes (24 percent) and Victoria Presser received 5,243 (22 percent).

The Democrats defeated three Republicans. Andrew Custodio, who was also on the Serve America Movement line, received 2,045 votes (9 percent); Brian Peroni received 2,041 (9 percent) and Anne Encarnacao received 1,982 (8 percent).

The seventh candidate in the race, Kat Brezler, who was on the Working Families line, received 619 votes (3 percent).

The early voting tally done by the NYS Board of Elections is available on the Westchester BOE site. This count indicates Nadine Hunt-Robinson won 793 early votes, Jennifer Puja 760 votes, Victoria Presser 602 votes, Andrew Custodio 163 votes, Brian Peroni 154 votes, and Anne Marie Encarnacao 152 early votes.

The victorious Common Council candidates thanked their supporters and celebrated their wins on Election Night at



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White Plains Democrat Victoria Presser, shown above, Nadine Hunt-Robinson and Jennifer Puja, won by wide margins in the race for three Common Council seats.

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"We're going to ride this wave into 2020," Hunt-Robinson said. "We're going to continue to keep White Plains moving in the right direction."

Presser said she was pledging "to give this work everything I've got. I love White Plains and I'm thrilled and honored to have this opportunity to help make it better."

"There's one thing you know. It's that

complex challenges rarely have easy answers," Presser said. "But we will see the way through with thoughtful deliberation and a determination to find consensus and with love for our city."

Puja recalled being asked during a job interview what was a strength of hers that was also a weakness at the same time. She said, "Giving my all in everything that I do."

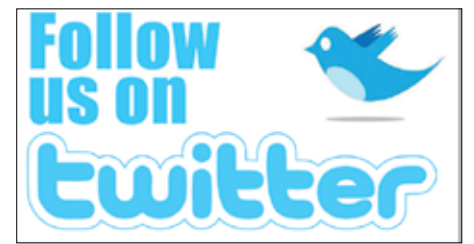
"I ran for this seat on the White Plains

Common Council to create opportunities for families, seniors and youth, to continue the progress and to be your voice on the Common Council," Puja said.

Puja described the winning Common Council slate. "We're diverse. We're multi-generational. We each bring so many different strengths. We are White Plains," she said.

Mayor Tom Roach celebrated the Common Council victories. "The voters have spoken more eloquently than I can about the caliber of our candidates and the direction the city is headed in" Roach said. "Every time we have these campaigns they (opponents) try to convince people that you're actually miserable and it's actually a terrible place to live and it doesn't fly because that's not how people that live here feel. And I think that this city is leading on every issue that matters to Democrats."

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "because there was a primary people got ginned up nice and early and stayed that way for the whole summer and the whole fall. So what we saw out there is exactly what makes White Plains special, people who step forward to help lead the community."



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# County Planning Commissioner Urges Response to 2020 Census

By Abby Luby

Westchester County Commissioner of Planning Norma Drummond has been making the rounds lately highlighting the need for residents and communities to respond to the upcoming 2020 census.

"The final census numbers will determine how \$880 billion gets spent," Drummond said during a recent local meeting. "That amount gets divvied up based on the population and will fund many programs. This time, the government will have greater access to other government records such as social security records, HUD records and

post office records."

Census Bureau employees are required to take an oath of confidentiality stipulating they won't share information with any other federal department, Drummond said. The issue made news when the Trump administration insisted that the citizenship question appear on census forms, fueling fears that it would depress responses among noncitizens and certain ethnic groups.

The U.S. Supreme Court narrowly decided against the citizenship question in June.

"That question will not be allowed to be asked," Drummond stated.

For the first time, 95 percent of Americans

will not receive a form in the mail, but rather a letter inviting them to respond to the census online. The letter will have a code for responders to use when answering questions online. Letters will be mailed on Mar. 16, Apr. 8 and Apr. 20. Individuals can also respond by mail or by phone.

"If you have not responded by the middle of April you are likely to be visited by a census taker," Drummond said.

She explained that if there is no response to the census invitations, census takers will talk to building managers, neighbors and ask questions such as how many people live in a housing unit. Citizens will have until July to

be counted.

There are numerous advantages to online responses for the county, Drummond said, including quicker response time.

A concern was whether the online census filing might encourage criminal hacking.

Drummond explained that the U.S. Census Bureau has been reserving all of the URL websites that are similar to the Census 2020 website and has put several other significant security measures in place, she said.

Part of the educational outreach is establishing public areas, or "hubs," where people can respond online without using their personal computers. That would also help some older citizens who might be uncomfortable with the transition to responding online or who may not have a computer.

"We'd like to establish hubs like libraries where, for example, young people might volunteer to help senior citizens respond to the census," Drummond said.

The Westchester County Planning Department reviewed 370,000 housing units in the county and found 24,000 more housing units than the official count, Drummond said. She said her department reviewed how municipalities reported building permits and found seven municipalities had not reported those permits correctly. While she didn't identify those municipalities, she said they included two large cities, a smaller city, one town and three villages.

The Census 2020 educational staff is now working with school districts to establish Census Week in March during which discussions with school boards are being encouraged, she said. The most under-counted group is children under five years old because they are not in school yet, Drummond said.

A review has been completed using birth certificates, which are used by school districts, to project new enrollment.

"Many people think because children are not in school yet they don't have to be listed on the census," she said.

Drummond explained that once the public understands what's at stake with the census, they will understand the importance of responding.

"If people knew that responding to the census meant more funding for their fire department or how the census impacts funding for hospitals, health care, ambulances, then they would respond," she said.

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# White Plains Common Council to Receive Retired Firefighters' Legislation

By Neal Rentz

Following months of discussion, the White Plains Common Council might have a chance to vote on legislation to give back free health insurance to some retired city firefighters.

At the Citizens to be Heard portion of the Common Council meeting on Nov. 4, Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona (who leaves her seat on the Council Dec. 31) told her colleagues she would write the legislation and pass it on to them. In an e-mail the day after the meeting, she stated that she, "e-mailed the mayor and council draft legislation to reverse the retired fire fighters health insurance premium contribution."

For the past several months several retired firefighters have attended the Citizens to be Heard portion of Common Council meetings to seek the policy change. Due to a difficult financial period, the city required firefighters to pay a portion of their health insurance premiums beginning in 2010. In 2015 the Common Council restored the benefit to active firefighters but not to retirees of the fire department.

As he had at several previous meetings, Ed Lobermann said he was representing himself and more than 100 other retired firefighters on Nov. 4. On Nov. 1, 2018 the retired firefighters withdrew its lawsuit against the city, he noted.

"During the past year I've had numerous meetings and communications with Common Council members, Mayor (Tom) Roach and Corporation Counsel (John) Callahan and I



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White Plains Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona has drafted legislation to restore no cost health insurance for retired firefighters. She is shown above at the Nov. 4 Common Council Citizens to be Heard portion of the meeting.

want to thank each of you individually and collectively for your time and attention to our issues," Lobermann said.

At the request of some council members Lobermann said he recently submitted two proposals "from many different options."

"The last meeting I had was on Oct. 8 with Mr. Callahan and Mayor Roach in which

the mayor said they would research various aspects and get back to me," Lobermann said. "My concern is the timeframe involved for possible resolution."

In January two Common Council members who did not seek reelection will not be on the council, Lobermann said. The current council should be involved in the final

decision on whether the health insurance benefit at no cost is restored, he said.

Lobermann said he understood the restoration would not go into effect until the 2020-21 fiscal year and that the budget would be approved by the new council. "Nevertheless, I suggest the current council members who have the background and complete understanding of the issues should be the policy decision makers," he said.

Councilman Dennis Krolan said the issue has been before the city for a full year. "I would like to see it brought to a head," he said.

Roach said the proposals are being considered and there is a financial impact for restoring the benefit for the retirees. "Anything we do has to fit into a budget," Roach said. There is currently no proposal in the form of legislation, he said, adding the city is studying the financial impact.

Lecuona said the retired firefighters have done everything that the city has requested and the council should vote on the matter.

"I will propose legislation and you will have it tomorrow," Lecuona said.

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"Veterans bring many valuable skills and qualities to the corporate environment," said Jerry Quinn, head of Military & Veteran Talent External Recruiting and Enterprise Military & Veteran Initiatives at Wells Fargo. "These include traits like strategic planning, critical thinking, problem-solving, communications and adaptability. In my experience, however, veterans sometimes have trouble conveying their unique contributions and effectiveness on teams."

The post-9/11 veteran unemployment rate is at an all-time low of below 4 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This figure may not paint the full picture about the transition to civilian life. Many veterans remain underemployed or in jobs that do not use the full range of their skills.

So, what's the best way to approach your job search? Consider these tips from Quinn and Wells Fargo's Hands on Banking program:

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Quinn. "Being able to show that teamwork is inherent to your own values and experience will put your job candidacy at the top of any stack."

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# Touro College of Dental Medicine Hosts Free Vets Oral Healthcare Event

In celebration of Veteran's Day, Touro College of Dental Medicine teamed up with the Ninth District Dental Association for its second annual Smiles for Veterans event, a day of free oral health care for veterans, military personnel and their family members.

More than 60 participants turned out for the festivities, which kicked off with a rendition of the national anthem by the college's a capella group, the Chromatic Scalpers.

Veterans and their families enjoyed a breakfast reception with entertainment, giveaways and student-led educational activities aimed at encouraging good oral health practices. Practitioners from New York Medical College's new Family Health Center, located on premises, joined to offer

blood pressure screenings, height, weight and body-mass index readings.

State Sen. Peter Harckham attended along with leadership from the New York State Dental Foundation (NYSDF), which provided support.

"Many people don't realize it, but our veterans don't receive dental care benefits through the government, unless they are 100 percent disabled or have service-related injuries to their mouths," said Dr. G. Kirk Gleason, chairman of the NYSDF Board of Trustees and a Vietnam veteran. "In response to this, we've expanded our efforts over the last few years to bring accessible care to veterans in need, but more needs to be done and programs like this are so important."

"Giving back to our community, especially our veterans who have done so much for us all, is an important part of Touro College of Dental Medicine's mission," said Dean Ronnie Myers, D.D.S. "We want our students to leave here with a commitment to serve their communities, and this is an up-close opportunity for them to understand the needs of those with limited access to oral healthcare and the impact that they can make."



Veteran Richard Fonyi receives a free dental exam from two Touro College of Dental Medicine students for its second annual Smiles for Veterans program at the school in Hawthorne. More than 60 veterans took advantage of the service, which was provided to celebrate Veterans Day.

Madeleine Mass, a third-year dental student who participated in the event's planning, has a personal connection to the cause. Several members of her family have served in the military, from the Marines to the Coast Guard, and her boyfriend is currently in the Army.

"A lot of people don't know to how to use their benefits and there are lapses in insurance for many veterans," Mass said. "This free event is an opportunity for us to help the community and we're just happy to get people back on track for proper oral health care."

Toward this end, Touro Dental Health expanded its program this year to include

additional free treatment to participants through the end of the year. Special courtesy rates for veterans, military personnel and their spouses are also available on an ongoing basis to help reduce the financial barriers that prevent many from seeking routine dental care.





# BLOCKHEADS, WHITE PLAINS

By Neal Rentz

Ken Sofer said he and his brother, Don, have no real motivation for naming five of their seven restaurants, including one in White Plains, Blockheads.

Sofer said last week, "Blockheads is a funny name. There is no reason for it."

However, there is reasoning behind the Blockheads concept, low priced food and beverages particularly intended for young adults, Sofer said. The restaurants offer lunch, dinner and weekend brunch. Blockheads also offers catering services.

Blockheads' entrees include quesadillas, a Mexican salad bowl, nachos, tacos, burritos and vegan offerings. Though cheese is provided in many entrees, no animal fats are used for cooking, Sofer said.

Many margaritas are available, including mules, which according to the menu include "a float of liquor and a nip of beer." Other drink options include sangrias, shots, beers and the "Looney Clooney Tower 80," which is 10 to 12 "ultra premium margaritas" for parties of three or more. Sofer said the name of the tower was influenced by George Clooney and the tequilas his company created.

The Sofer brothers, who reside in upstate New York, have owned restaurants for 30 years. Ken Sofer began his career in restaurants as a bartender. The brother's first eatery was Benny's Burritos, which

opened in Greenwich Village in 1989. After five years the brothers ended their business relationship with their other partners and decided to go out on their own.

The concept of Blockheads has been influenced by the image of San Francisco in the hippie era of the late 1960's and early 1970's Sofer said. It is "sort of a New York idea of San Francisco," he said. For its New York City locations, Sofer said the restaurant is particularly created for those between 25 and 35, while the White Plains eatery is meant to attract patrons slightly older.

Sofer said he and his brother were seeking a Blockheads location outside of New York City and decided on opening a new restaurant in White Plains. "White Plains seemed just to be such a welcoming atmosphere for new businesses," he said. One of the appeals of opening on Mamaroneck Avenue is the proximity to the City Center, he said.

A stress of the duo is to hold their prices low, Sofer said. Many drinks are \$8 and lower and all dinner options \$14 and lower. Brunch entrees are \$11 and \$10 lunches are available. In the near future Blockheads will offer \$8 burritos weekdays between 5 and 7 p.m., Sofer said.

"This is a place to come, hang out with friends and have fun," he said.

Blockheads is located at 40 Mamaroneck Ave. For more information call 914-288-8070, send an e-mail to [ada@blockheads.com](mailto:ada@blockheads.com) or visit <https://www.blockheads.com/>.

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The co-owners of Blockheads, which opened in White Plains three years ago are brothers Don, left, and Ken Sofer.



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## Letters

# Steps Should Be Taken to Prevent Election Fraud During Early Voting

The early voting that took place during the 2019 election was a big success in Greenburgh and in the rest of the county. However, some residents expressed concern about the eventual possibility of misuses, since poll watchers did not ask voters for any identification when they voted.

Unlike Election Day, when people vote at local places (election inspectors or other voters may know who lives in the community), anyone can vote at any early

voting location. Election inspectors have no idea who the voters are. All one has to do is sign their name. It's possible that someone can vote for a neighbor who doesn't want to vote, who is out of town or even who passed away – and they can get away with it.

I believe that the Board of Elections should come up with a plan to reduce the possibility of fraud taking place during early voting. Without additional safeguards, it is very possible that ballots will be cast

in the future by people who should not be voting. We need to make sure that no one ever questions the honesty of elections. We have had some very close elections in Westchester over the years (including races where both candidates received the same number of votes).

I do not want to discourage voting; I only want honest elections.

—Paul Feiner, Greenburgh Town Supervisor

# Thanking Congresswoman Nita Lowey for Her Years of Service

As a constituent living in Westchester County and an advocate for the Alzheimer's Association, I wish to thank Congresswoman Lowey for her 31 years of service to her community as a Member of the US House of Representatives.

As Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, she worked diligently to increase funding at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and especially for research,

treatment and to find a cure for Alzheimer's. Alzheimer's research funding has increased tremendously under Congresswoman Lowey's leadership; from \$448M in 2011 to \$2.8B in FY2020.

Congresswoman Lowey's commitment to ending Alzheimer's has been evident during her time in Congress. She has attended numerous Walks to End Alzheimer's, spoken at the Hudson Valley Chapter's Research

Roundtable events and her support for the creation of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease.

I can't thank you enough for the time and effort you have contributed to advancing this cause so close to my heart. Hopefully soon, we will see our dream of putting an end to Alzheimer's come to fruition.

I wish you a happy retirement.

—Sonia I Martinez, White Plains

# Student Essay Contest Explores Role Hope Plays in Helping to Transform Lives

Lifting Up Westchester, a non-profit agency committed to helping individuals achieve self-sufficiency, announces its third annual high school student essay contest. This year the contest will explore the role hope plays in helping to transform lives.

Open to all Westchester students in the 7th to 12th grades, students are invited to reflect on the meaning of hope and the impact it can have in times of adversity.

The essay contest was established in 2017 in memory of Beth Massey Rubens, a lifelong teacher, tutor and mentor who

had a love for language arts.

This year's essay invites students to reflect on the complex subject of hope. Beyond fundamental, everyday necessities, such as food and shelter, do we need hope to thrive? Why? How can we regain hope when it has been lost? How do we know when hope has been restored?

Students are asked to provide a real-life example of how hope has made a difference between hanging on and just giving up. And finally, essays must relate back to the core mission and work of

Lifting Up Westchester.

"The topic of hope is a powerful one," noted Anahaita Kotval, CEO of Lifting Up Westchester. "We know firsthand how important hope is for those who are experiencing homelessness, substance abuse, incarceration or struggling to change their lives. We want this contest to encourage students to think about what the Westchester community can do to help men, women and children who are feeling hopeless."

First, second and third place cash prizes will be awarded in

three grade groups; 7th and 8th graders, 9th and 10th graders and 11th and 12th graders. First prize in each category is \$500, second prize \$250 and third prize \$100. An Awards Brunch will be held in late April to celebrate the winners.

Students can enter the contest through Jan. 31, 2020. Essays must be submitted in PDF format via e-mail to: [luwessaycontest@gmail.com](mailto:luwessaycontest@gmail.com). Students, teachers and parents can learn more about how the contest works and the judging criteria by visiting [www.liftingupwestchester.org](http://www.liftingupwestchester.org).

# It's Time to Volunteer as a Greenburgh Snow Angel

With freezing temperatures here it's time to start thinking about snow. Greenburgh needs snow angel volunteers – students and adults.

During the past 28 years volunteers have helped the elderly and disabled by clearing snow from their driveways. Many of the snow angels who have helped in the past are in college and unavailable so the Town is looking for replacement snow angels. It's

a very rewarding experience. Some of the seniors who have received help have medical needs and need paths cleared in the event of a medical emergency. Others are looking for help so they can get mail and prescription drugs delivered to them or even food.

Most snow angels volunteer. Others do not. Advise if you are interested in volunteering your time or if you would only help out if you get paid for your efforts.

Jared Turell and Miles Cooperman are high school students who are volunteering their time coordinating this program.

This year The Chelsea, the new assisted living facility on Dobbs Ferry Road, has offered to donate \$1000 to the snow angels program.

If you are interested in helping out contact: [pfeiner@greenburghny.com](mailto:pfeiner@greenburghny.com) or [greenburghsnowangels@gmail.com](mailto:greenburghsnowangels@gmail.com).

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## Obituaries

### Dennis Malfa

Dennis Malfa of Hartsdale passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 8.

He was born on Jan. 23, 1951, in the Bronx to the late Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Malfa.

Dennis was proudly self-employed as an independent motor vehicle dealer for over 25 years. He loved playing golf, watching football, and spending time with his family. Dennis was known for his quirky sayings, infectious smile, impeccable dance moves and endearing personality. He was loved by all who he encountered.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Denise Malfa, and his beloved son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Nicole Malfa. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Carol Malfa, his uncle, Salvatore Malfa, his mother-in-law, Dolores Binetti, his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Paul and Annette Greco, and his brother-in-law Michael Binetti. Dennis is further survived by his five beautiful nieces, Elaina, Jaclyn, Julianne, Faith and Devyn.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Ballard-Durand Funeral Home "McElroy Chapel" located at 72 East Main Street, Elmsford; 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 59 East Main Street, Elmsford, at 10 a.m. Interment to follow at The Woodlawn Cemetery in Bronx.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate that donations be made in Dennis' memory to The Corinne Goldsmith Dickinson Center for Multiple Sclerosis at Mount Sinai Hospital.

### Victor Emmanuel Errico Sr.

Long time Westchester County resident, Victor Emmanuel Errico, passed away suddenly on Nov. 4. He was 70.

Errico was born May 29, 1949, in White Plains, to Emmanuel and Nancy Errico.

Vic attended Woodlands High School where he met—and eventually—married the love of his life, Helen (Sforza). After begging her father's permission to date her, he proposed marriage to her after the third date. She, of course, said he was crazy, but he was relentless. After five years of dating, Helen made him give up his Harley Davidson in exchange for marriage. He agreed and never once regretted his decision.

Vic was a self-employed entrepreneur as

founder and CEO of Errico Landscaping. Through his work, he showed his children the meaning of gritty hard work and perseverance. Vic eventually shifted most of leadership duties to his sons, Vic Jr. and Michael, although his work ethic never pushed him far away. Until the last week of his life, he could be found visiting client sites, dropping off lunch to his crew, or sitting on a mower.

Vic enjoyed spending time with his wife and grandchildren, collecting gold coins,



and cleaning and driving is classic 1979 Chevrolet Corvette. He had a soft spot for helping those in need, often donating gifts to the Catholic Church or to children in need. He will be missed dearly and remembered with smiles, and laughter.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Helen (Sforza) of Hartsdale; his two sons Victor Errico Jr. of Peekskill and Michael (Stephanie) Errico of Cortlandt Manor; two daughters Patricia (Patrice) Errico-Demosthene of New Windsor and Valentina (David) Moffett of Elmsford. He also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren Jackson Renwick and Samuel David of Elmsford; Maria Fidotta, Abigail Grace, and Greyson James of Cortlandt Manor; and three dog grandchildren Bella and Toby of New Windsor, and Sophie of Cortlandt Manor.

He was predeceased in death by his parents Emmanuel and Nancy; sisters Jean, Jenny, Ray, Emily; and brothers Jerry and Emmanuel.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in Vic's name to the COPD Foundation at <https://www.copdfoundation.org/>.

a class D felony; one count of Assault in the Second Degree, a class D felony; one count of Criminal Obstruction of Breathing, a misdemeanor.

On Oct. 10, 2019, the indictment alleges, Sidney Crockett repeatedly strangled, and physically and sexually assaulted a woman in a White Plains residence. The two were known to each other and had been in a relationship. After the attack, the victim went to a nearby hospital, police were notified and an investigation commenced.

Westchester County Court Judge George Fufidio presided. Crockett is scheduled to appear in court again in December.

## WCA to Name Interim President/CEO as Search Continues

William P. Harrington, chairman of the Westchester County Association (WCA), announced last week that John E. Ritacco, a financial services executive who was the former president and CEO of CMS Bancorp Inc., a publicly traded financial institution, will be appointed interim president and CEO of the organization effective Jan. 1.

Ritacco will remain in the position until a successor to William M. Mooney Jr., the current president and CEO, is found.

Ritacco will work with the WCA Board and staff as they continue to develop and advance policies and initiatives to foster smart growth and economic vitality in the region.

"John has been an active business consultant to the WCA for the past two years and has worked closely with Bill Mooney and the board," Harrington said. "So his taking the interim position is a terrific and natural fit if we have not identified a new CEO by the new year."

Mooney, longtime popular head of the WCA, officially retires Dec. 31. A seven-person Search Committee, chaired by Jeffrey Menkes, president & CEO of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital and a key member of WCA's Executive Committee and Board of Directors, is in the process of conducting a comprehensive and inclusive search for the next leader of the WCA.

"The Search Committee wants to make their selection from a solid, capable, diverse pool of highly qualified individuals," Menkes said. "We will keep moving ahead as we



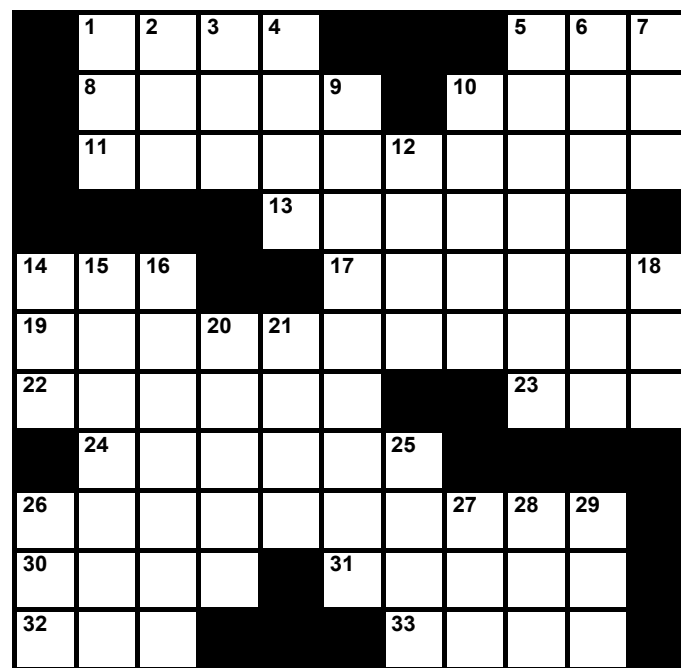
John Ritacco has been named interim president and CEO of the Westchester County Association, effective Jan. 1. He will remain in place until the WCA can find a permanent successor to William H. Mooney Jr. is located.

begin our next chapter and prepare to meet the extraordinary opportunities afforded by a changing and dynamic business climate."

The WCA will honor Mooney, a giant in the regional business and banking communities, at their Annual Fall Leadership Dinner, to be held this Wednesday at the Performing Arts Center at Purchase College.

All individuals interested in applying for the position of president and CEO of the WCA should e-mail [jritacco@westchester.org](mailto:jritacco@westchester.org) as soon as possible.

### Crossword by Myles Mellor



#### Down

1. Wisconsin's Fond du \_\_\_\_\_
2. Time piece
3. Sweep
4. Central points
5. Refuse at sea
6. Panacea
7. Hook shape
9. Most sinuous
10. Enclosed, for a pig
12. Auth. unknown
14. Setting of Auburn U.
15. Airplane flap
16. Low socks
18. Okla. neighbor
20. Make happen

#### Across

1. Table extender
5. Communication authorities, for short
8. Bow partner
10. Swing around
11. Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ or Mahopac Pizzeria
13. Set fire to
14. Car club
17. Attacks
19. Honest Abe would bring his pet here, \_\_\_\_\_ Veterinary Center
22. High-pH substance
23. 1060 to a Roman
24. Sidestepped
26. Men's formal attire
30. Pigeon's home
31. Accounts
32. And outs
33. "Check this out!"
21. Reo maker
25. Indian lentil sauce
26. Inspector in Brit. TV show
27. UN working conditions agcy.
28. Classic Olds
29. "That wasn't nice!"

Solution on page 15

## Police Blotter

### Greenburgh Man Indicted for Rape and Other Charges

Defendant: Sidney Crockett, 42, of Greenburgh was arraigned Nov. 4 on charges stemming from a sexual attack of a woman in White Plains in October.

A Westchester County Grand Jury handed up a multi-count indictment charging him with two counts of Rape in the First Degree, a class B felony; six counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the First Degree, a class B felony; three counts of Strangulation in the Second Degree, a class D felony; two counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree,



# Theme Suggestions for Your Holiday Dinner Parties



By Nick Antonaccio

It's that time of year again. Festive times with family and friends are on the horizon and we're ready to party.

One way to create a unique festive atmosphere is a variation on the traditional holiday dinner party. Consider a wine and food gourmet gathering.

Let me preface this by stating up front that we've all suffered through a friend's idea of a "gourmet" dinner group, where everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite homemade food dish to "share good food and fun times." Unfortunately, one person's gourmet meal can be another person's gulag labor camp mystery meal.

Here's the antidote: introduce wine as a focal point of the gathering. When planning, base the food on a wine theme. The theme may be a particular varietal (Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon), a particular region (Tuscany, Napa/Sonoma), a combination of the two (Cabernets from different regions around the globe) or any other unique theme someone conjures up. (Grapes you've never heard of?)

The point is to have an underlying wine theme which your group can then build a food menu around. This is also a proven way to hone your skills of matching food and

wine.

Here's an example of a tried and proven approach.

A group of our friends has participated in many variations of gourmet gatherings over the years. We decided on the wine-themed approach a number of years ago and have been able to sustain a successful, convivial and educational experience. For each gathering, one couple in the group is responsible for setting the theme. One of them selects (and controls) the food menu and another is responsible for the wine selections. Other members of the group then receive their assignments: individual responsibilities for food preparation and, the twist, a committee approach to selecting the wines. (Increasingly these sub groups are mixed sexes.)

The wine committee meets as a group on the day of the gathering and ventures to a local wine merchant's shop to select the wines while the other members are toiling at home preparing the food dishes. One guideline: set a budget for the average price of a bottle, then select wines at the average price and, most importantly, at the opposite ends of the price spectrum. This will result in

a broad range of tasting experiences. It also allows the spendthrift and the connoisseur in the group to coexist peacefully.

This approach exposes the overall group, at table, to a broad education in wine, including opportunities such as matching food and wine, how one varietal planted in different regions has unique characteristics in each locale or how to appreciate similar wines across a broad price spectrum. The process also functions as a venue for group dynamics: conflict resolution, ego sublimation and negotiating skills.

In anticipation of the gourmet gathering, one member of the wine committee is responsible for memorializing the wine selections by presenting a wine listing for each member. Use this as a guide to rate the wines, identify those you wish to purchase on your own and as a way to be able to wake up the next morning to refresh your memory of what was actually served the night before.

During the meal, members of the committee present a wine, describing its attributes, why the particular wine has been chosen for the particular food course and soliciting opinions from the rest of the group.

What better way to expand your knowledge

of wine than to meet with friends, enjoy good food and wine and engage in conversation? Speaking of conversation, it never ceases to amaze me how different the group dynamics function when wine is introduced into the mix. Unusual topics arise, hidden personality traits surface and long-withheld inner personal secrets are freely shared.

Bon appetite! May your holiday gatherings be joyful and convivial. Send me an e-mail seeking further planning advice or describing your gourmet experiences.

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## The Joy – Yes Joy – of Fall Chores in the Garden

As a realtor, I am as interested in the responsibilities of the great outdoors as I am in indoor chores.

Alas, while I no longer am responsible for my garden since moving into my condominium, where a great team of gardeners keep the outdoor property shipshape, I remember with fondness my garden chores, which had always been particularly enjoyable in autumn, even more so than spring planting.

Autumn gardening can be very gratifying as deciduous trees and perennials start to yawn, preparing for a long winter's sleep, accompanied by that sweet smell that comes from plants releasing their chemistry and the crisp, clean sound of decaying leaves falling to the ground.

It all tells homeowners that they can rest for a few short months of shorter days, much like when the children are asleep. The only outdoor chore that remains is clearing the snow and ice.

While spring is probably everybody's favorite time in the garden, helping its rebirth after being pummeled by winter, I always liked fall for the finiteness of garden chores. When I pulled a weed, it stayed pulled and didn't replace itself with double the aggression. When I deadheaded perennials, I knew that I could take a furlough from assuring that they were properly fed and watered, but would welcome them back in spring after we had both rested.

The proportions of my garden would change as I whacked back the perennial and annual growth, which made the vistas more open from one bed to the other. Also, it eliminated many of my planning mistakes from one season to the next, as I abandoned errant plans and moved bulbs and perennial roots to other locations.

My more creative joy came from choosing which mums I'd feature as the color transition from fall to winter. While you will see drifts of mum plants on some properties that have every color in the fall palate, I stuck to one color, two at the most.

For the longest display of mum flowers, it's best to buy those where most of the plant is still buds. When the mums fade, just leave them where they are; they maintain a nice mound throughout the winter and you can cut them back in early spring. If you're lucky, they may return, but sometimes they don't, depending on winter conditions.

My most gratifying fall job, as well as a good aerobic/resistance training exercise, was building up the mulch beds to make them look well-tended, as well as to keep the perennial roots from heaving. I would always ask my tree service to send me a truckload of wood chips if they were very clean (no leaves) and process them into smaller chips. Truly, it's as good as expensive mulch. In fact, I like it better because it offers more texture and looks more natural to me.

Here are other garden tips at this time of year:

Harvest any vegetables left on plants. It's important to pull out all of the crops because debris left over the winter can cause diseases to enter the soil and reappear the next spring.

This is the time when you can add horse

manure or compost to the soil, which allows plenty of time for it to break down.

For those who like to bring houseplants inside, they should all be gathered into a shady area for a few days to get them used to lower light conditions.

Perennials that are overcrowded or growing in a large ring with the center portion missing means that it's time to subdivide. You'll become popular with your neighbors if you share the excess. Cut back the remaining perennials to a height of three to six inches.

Prepare for brilliant displays of daffodils, tulips and crocuses in spring by planting bulbs now. Do not plant them in tidy rows but rather "broadcast" them in drifts on the surface, and plant them where they

land for a more natural look.

For those who have the patience to endure the rigors of rose maintenance, it is time to prune dead branches and cut off any old flowers. Rose bushes should be mounded using topsoil or mulch and the canes should be cut back to six to 12 inches. For even better protection, the bush can be covered with a bushel basket.

Also, this is the best time to transplant shrubs or young trees to new locations.

Note that my advice from personal experience is in the past tense now that I live in a condo. Oh, how I miss my garden, but giving advice is good therapy for me.

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# Cantina Taco & Tequila Bar: Playful South-of-the Border in White Plains



By Morris Gut

Partners John Solo and Stefanos Katsikoumbas, and their team have opened Cantina Taco & Tequila Bar on Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, in the former Black Bear space. Solo also owns and operates The Grand in Astoria,

while Katsikoumbas has two other Cantinas in Harlem. Both practically grew up in the restaurant business.

John Solo, who is also an actor/producer/director with 36 movie credits to his name, will be appearing in a new series on Amazon with Al Pacino called 'The Hunt'. It is currently in production for release in 2020.

Cantina is a playful and colorful spot. A bright aqua pastel façade attracts along Mamaroneck Ave., and a sprawling rustic multi-level interior dining room and long bar has already become a bustling venue for spirited happy hours, snacking and networking. The friendly staff is right on it from the moment you walk in.

When we arrived at Cantina on a Friday evening, the dining room and bar were booming. Upstairs, too. Host John Solo managed to find us a high-top and we went to work. We filled the table with orders of pork, chicken and spinach and goat cheese empanadas, and a variety of tacos: vegetable, chorizo, mango-jerk chicken, and rock shrimp. Each was very tasty. Good snacking here. On a previous visit I savored their Mango-Jerk Chicken Wings, which were off the charts.

Cantina serves a bouncy menu of reasonably priced south-of-the-border fare. Tempting starters include: plump Mango Jerk, Buffalo & Lemon Pepper Wings; Street Corn, bathed in sour cream, cotija cheese, cayenne pepper; Queso Fondido, baked Oaxaca cheese served with flour tortilla and tomatillo sauce; Pork, Chicken, Goat Cheese and Spinach Empanadas; and Cantina Nacho with the works.

A variety of Tacos are available throughout the day including: Rock Shrimp, Modelo Beer Battered Fish, Vegetale, Chorizo, Tijuana Steak, and Chicken Classico.

Fresh made salads include: Southwestern, with arugula, cotija cheese, corn, avocado,

tortilla strips, cherry tomatoes, mustard and honey vinaigrette. The 7th Avenue combines baby spinach, sliced strawberries, avocado, fried goat cheese, almonds, tamarind vinaigrette.

Big tasty bowls are also on hand filled with rice, onions, peppers, black beans, sliced avocado, fresh corn: with choice of Chili Lime Chicken, Pork, Spinach, Shrimp or Steak.

Main courses include: Carnitas, pork, yellow rice, black beans, plantains; Chicken Mole, served over cilantro spinach rice; Garlic Shrimp, with rice and guacamole; and Steak Fajita, with salsa, sour cream, guacamole, rice, black beans, served with warm flour tortillas.

Special Hint: Already popular are Cantina Happy Hours served Monday through Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. Sundays, 1 to 8 p.m. Specially priced cocktails and appetizers are served.

Cantina Tacos & Tequila Bar is located at 166 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. The restaurant is open 7 days a week from 3 p.m. to midnight. Sundays from 1 p.m. Happy Hour food price range: from \$2.95. A la carte menu: \$4 to \$23. Bar/cocktails. Private party facilities. Full take-out & catering. Major credit cards. Casual dress. Municipal parking. Reservations suggested for larger groups: 914-461-3959. [www.cantinany.com](http://www.cantinany.com)

## Dining Out on Thanksgiving Day (Part 1)

The traditional Thanksgiving meal is one of my favorite annual feasts. While many of us enjoy sharing it with family and friends at home, there are folk who would rather leave the work to others. If you have decided to dine out for Thanksgiving this year, there are some fine options but be sure to reserve your table early as not all restaurants will be open.

**Mulino's, 99 Court Street, White Plains, 914-761-1818.** General manager Gimmy Cavagana and his staff will be serving traditional turkey with all the trimmings from 1 to 8 p.m., along with their regular menu of Italian classics. It is also the kickoff

for their annual Holiday Fest which lasts right through December. The lovely fountain garden is beautiful as is the lavish dining room and lounge. Alternatives to turkey include their Cold Seafood Platter, a wonder and fine to share as is their decadent Black Linguine with baby lobster tails; plump tender Rack of Lamb served on the long bone; delicate Dover Sole finished off in the dining room; and perhaps for dessert you can have the wait staff prepare fresh Zabaglione with fresh ripe berries. Open 7 days through the holiday season. Bring the whole family. The place sparkles right now.

Valet parking. Reservations advised. [www.mulinosny.com](http://www.mulinosny.com).

**La Piccola Casa, 410 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, 914-777-3766.** Proprietor/self-taught chef Walter Ricci is originally from Peru and had an Italian grandfather. Over the years he worked many popular kitchens in greater Westchester including the former Umberto's in Rye and Giorgio's in Port Chester which he ran for 10 years. The restaurant is housed in the landmark DeLancey House where author James Fenimore Cooper lived for a time across from scenic Harbor Island Park along Boston Post Road. Walter will

be serving Turkey with all the trimmings along with his new updated menu featuring many of his well-known specialties: Italian classics with concentration on the finest ingredients. By advanced order he can also prepare Thanksgiving Dinner

for the whole family for take home. Walter does his own shopping daily. The restaurant is open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. Free street parking. Reservations accepted. [www.lapiccolacasa.com](http://www.lapiccolacasa.com).

**La Bocca, 8 Church Street, White Plains 914-948-3281**

Chef/proprietor Tony Spiritoso will be serving up a 4-course Thanksgiving Dinner. Main courses will include: turkey, roast pork, stuffed Cornish hen, and roast prime rib steak. Chef Spiritoso has been marking 35 years as a chef and restaurateur in Westchester. A meal here usually begins at his signature antipasti bar loaded daily with tempting cured imported meats, cheeses and appetizing house made salads. Tony has brought his vintage bright red slicing machines along wherever he has been, and they sit here ready to roll on the antipasto counter. And the wine selection is among the best in the county. The dining room is strewn with artistic columns and serving pieces. There is banquette and table seating in the main 80-seat dining room, while the



Rock shrimp taco at Cantina, White Plains.

bar is often a perfect spot of networking with locals. There is a new wine room for private events for up to 60 guests. Tony and his son in law Alessandro and the veteran staff will take good care of you. Look for fresh porcini and seasonal game meats, too. [www.laboccaristorante.com](http://www.laboccaristorante.com).

**Additional Thanksgiving Options.** Haven't made a decision yet? Here are more restaurants that are planning to serve on Thanksgiving Day: Crabtree's Kittle House, Chappaqua; City Limits, White Plains; Traveler's Rest, Millwood; Benjamin's Steak House, White Plains; Rivermarket, Tarrytown; Harvest On Hudson, Hastings; Moderne Barn, Armonk; Dubrovnik, New Rochelle; Ritz-Carlton, White Plains; The Beehive, Armonk; Mamma Francesca, New Rochelle.

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Cantina, White Plains



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La Piccola Casa, Mamaroneck.



# Happenings

## Tuesday, Nov. 12

**Tuesdays@Dorries.** George Latimer returns to speak with us about the County budget, and to hear what other issues are on our minds. We are always grateful that he keeps our Dorries attendees informed. 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. 13

**Farmers' Market.** Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains. Hours of operation each Wednesday are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**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.

**Noonday Concert.** Reimagining II - The second 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) and Larry Weng, 2006 Prize Winner of the New York International Piano Competition, perform the Beethoven Symphony No. 5 as transcribed for flute, violin, cello and piano by Johann Nepomuk Hummel. 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 the generous support of Nanette H. Bourne and John R. Delfs.

**A Celebration of a Lifetime of Leadership and Achievement.** A special evening to honor William B. Mooney Jr. of the Westchester County Association. Dinner by the bite hand crafted by Abigail Kirsch, entertainment, video presentation and special guests. Dress in business attire. Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 6 to 9 p.m. \$350. Info and registration: Visit [www.westchester.org](http://www.westchester.org).

**Rivertowns Episcopal Parishes Action on Inclusion and Race (REPAIR) Book Event.** Former CIA agent Jeffrey Sterling will hold a reading and discussion about his new book "Unwanted Spy: The Persecution of an American Whistleblower." Sterling spent 8 years in the CIA, sued the agency for race discrimination, testified to the Senate on a mishandled covert Iran operation, then was accused and convicted of violating the Espionage Act. Sterling maintains his

innocence. He served over two years in prison and his life has been irrevocably changed. Dennis D. Parker, executive director of the National Center for Law and Economic Justice, will interview Sterling. Snacks will be served. Warner Library, 121 N. Broadway, Tarrytown. 7:30 to 9 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.repairrivertowns.org](http://www.repairrivertowns.org).

## Thursday, Nov. 14

**Poets and Writers Series.** "Hamlet?" written and performed by Annie Saenger offers a unique interpretation of this classic play. This one-woman stage show uses humor, horror and confessional honesty to engage audiences while exploring the emotional nuances of the work in question. Saenger carves out a place for herself in one of the most beautiful, mysterious and misogynistic texts in the history of the English language. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 12:30 and 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-606-6716.

**Studio Visit With Engels the Artist.** Haitian-born Engels the Artist, the museum's Fall 2019 artist-in-residence, and Patrice Giasson, Alex Gordon Curator of Art of the Americas, will welcome guests into the artist's studio for a special meet-and-greet organized in conjunction with the 2019 (T)HERE Global Festival. Refreshments served. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 12:30 to 3 p.m. With museum admission. Info: 914-251-6100 or visit [www.neuberger.org](http://www.neuberger.org).

**Grandpas (and Teens) Got Talent Showcase.** All are invited to attend White Plains' first Grandpas Got Talent showcase, featuring performances by talented White Plains High School teens. Grandpas Got Talent is a free show, so please bring your friends and families 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., to the Eastview Middle School Auditorium, 350 Main Street, in White Plains. This musical journey is for all generations and will showcase singing, dance, rap, and spoken word performances by White Plains teens, parents and Grandpas United. For more information, contact the White Plains Youth Bureau at 914-422-1378 or email [GrandpasUnitedWPYB@gmail.com](mailto:GrandpasUnitedWPYB@gmail.com).

**Climate Action Forum:** Protecting Our Environment. A Panel of environmental leaders from Sierra Club, GreenFaith, Interfaith Power and Light, Resilient Technologies, and Westchester County Energy Conservation and Sustainability at Memorial United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. 250 Bryant Avenue White Plains. Free and open to the public; free will offering. For more information: MLK Institute 349-6555 or [MLKwestchester@gmail.com](mailto:MLKwestchester@gmail.com).

**Buddy Guy.** This blues legend and Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Famer returns in support of his most recent album "The Blues is Alive and Well." The record is arriving on the heels of a spate of high visibility for the 82-year-old performer. At the 2016 Grammy's, Guy, picked up a trophy for Best Blues Album honoring "Born to Play

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Guitar." That same year, he hit the road for a U.S. tour opening for Jeff Beck. In addition to bringing the house down for a recent sold-out performance commemorating the closing of New York City's B.B. King's Blues Club and Grill, he recently appeared on David Letterman's "My Next Guest Needs No Introduction." Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$78, \$88, \$118 and \$148. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

## Friday, Nov. 15

**1944-45: Musical Lights in a Darkened Sky.** Acclaimed pianist and lecturer Michael Boriskin leads a wide-ranging tour through some of the most iconic and remarkable music created during 1944-45 by a Who's Who of A-list composers, including Igor Stravinsky, Dmitri Shostakovich, Leonard Bernstein, Samuel Barber, Benjamin Britten, Bela Bartok, Duke Ellington, Thelonious Monk and others. Part of Hoff-Barthelson Music School's Great Composers Lecture Series. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane. Scarsdale. 11 a.m. \$30. The school's student and parents of students: Free. Space limited; reservations strongly encouraged. Info and reservations: 914-723-1169, visit [www.hbms.org](http://www.hbms.org) e-mail [hb@hbms.org](mailto:hb@hbms.org).

**Opening Reception for "Specimen."** A one-person exhibition featuring seven new works from the ongoing series of intricate wall sculptures by Catherine Latson. Careful observation of the natural world, boundless curiosity and patient dedication to craft are manifest in Latson's fantastical new creature/object sculptures, who is inspired by the complexities of organization in living organisms. The series explores forms that blur the lines between animal and plant, realism and fantasy, sculpture and specimen. While materials are simple (cotton embroidery floss and wire), construction is complex, entailing thousands of pieces and countless hours of whipping and knotting. Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 1947 Palmer Ave., Larchmont. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Dec. 21. Gallery hours Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and by appointment. Info: 914-834-8077 or visit [www.kbfa.com](http://www.kbfa.com).

**Westchester Photographic Society:** Camera Scanning Your Archives. Jack Reznicki, Canon Explorer of Light, will demonstrate his workflow on camera scans, using a camera, a soft light source consisting of a simple viewing box and some easy actions in either Photoshop and Lightroom (downloadable actions will be made available) to quickly process negative files into positive files. For adults 18 years old and up. Westchester Community College's Technology Building, Room 107, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. (Use Parking Lot 11) 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-827-5353 or visit [www.wpsphoto.org](http://www.wpsphoto.org).

**"Back to the Garden."** An original, full-length play by award-winning Westchester playwright Albi Gorn. Follow Adam and Eve as they are expelled from the Garden

of Eden and learn to fend for themselves in the wilderness that lies beyond. When they encounter the sometimes bumbling and often volatile inhabitants of civilization's dawn, they learn how to help these people in their struggle to survive and discover the truth about God's power – and their own. Axial Theatre at St. John's Episcopal Church, 8 Sunnyside Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. Adults: \$25. Seniors and students: \$25. Also Nov. 16 at 3 and 8 p.m. and Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. Info: Visit [www.GoJoClanProductions.com](http://www.GoJoClanProductions.com) or [AxialTheatre.org](http://AxialTheatre.org) or e-mail [BackToTheGarden2019@gmail.com](mailto:BackToTheGarden2019@gmail.com). Tickets: Visit [www.BackToTheGarden.bpt.me](http://www.BackToTheGarden.bpt.me).

**"The House of Blue Leaves."** A black comedy by American playwright John Guare about a zookeeper who dreams of making it big in Hollywood as a songwriter. Artie wants to take his girlfriend, Bunny, with him to Hollywood, but his wife Bananas is a schizophrenic destined to be institutionalized. A production by Arc Stages' Community Stage. Arc Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$22 and \$28. Also Nov. 16, 22 and 23 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: Visit [www.arcstages.org](http://www.arcstages.org).

**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 and 8 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. 10. Also Nov. 9 and 10 at 5, 7 and 9 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org).

## Saturday, Nov. 16

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

**Bugging Out.** Come learn about Earth's forgotten heroes: bugs! Get to meet some interesting insects and hear about the important jobs they do for the ecosystems such as pollination and decomposition. Get to go out and explore the local wildlife on a bug hunt, and complete a craft that will help make the community an oasis for these cool creatures. 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).



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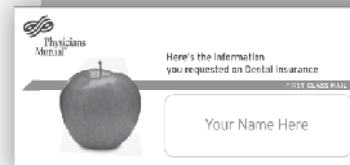
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### LEGALS

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Planning Board will be held at **Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday November 18, 2019** for the purpose of considering the following applications: Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm **AGENDA SKETCH 1. Perez, Octavio, Ridgecrest Road (TM# 83.56-1-5, 6 & 7/File: 2018-0187)** The subject property consists of ±2.72 acres of land and is located on Ridgecrest Road and within the R-1 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a single-family residence. **2. Maiuzzo Residence, - 351 Wood Street (TM# 63.4-12/File: 2019-0205)** The subject property consists of + 1.5 acres of land and is located on 351 Wood Street and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a single family residence, driveway, well and septic system. A Site Development Plan and Major Grading Permit is required. **3. Fields, Harrison-15 Locust Glen Road (TM#73.-1-44/File 2019-0202)** The subjects property is comprised of +/- 1.99 acres and is located on 15 Locust Glen Road within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a log cabin home on existing foundation. **4. Cooper/Bier-23 Twin Pines Road (TM#74.-1-5/File 2019-0201)** The applicant is proposing to demolish and reconstruct a single-family residence. The subject property is located in the Three Arrow Co-op and within the R-3 Zoning District. **5. Orentreich, David, 855 Route 301 (TM#39.-1-9/File 2019-0189)** The subject property consists of +

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73.94 acres of land and is located on 855 Route 301 and within the PC Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a 2,200 sq.ft. improvement to be utilized for equipment storage. Amended Site Plan approval and Major Grading Permit are required. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6. Approve Minutes of October 21, 2019 7. Approval Planning Board 2020 calendar**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE;** at 5:00 PM on November 13th the Putnam Valley Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING the Putnam Valley Town Board will hold their regular work session meeting. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD Sherry Howard Town Clerk Dated: 11-06-2019**

**Town of Putnam Valley Work Session November 13, 2019 5 PM 1.** Pledge of Allegiance **2.** Public Hearing on Local Law #2 to Override the Tax Levy **3.** Adopt the Town Budget **4.** Adopt the Fire District Budget **5.** Set public hearing on the de-icer law **6.** Discussion regarding Horton Hollow Road.

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## Happenings

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**Jonathan Byrd and The Pick-up Cowboys.** This group is comprised of musical gunslingers, vaudevillian hucksters and old-fashioned tent revivalists. Between heartbreaking ballads and heart-lifting singalongs, the Cowboys entertain and get audiences involved in the show. Byrd is a preacher's son, a Gulf War veteran and an award-winning songwriter from Chapel Hill, N.C., known for literary outsider songs that have become campfire favorites. He shares the often-missed, always poignant tales of the small people that make the world such a big place. He is joined on drums by Austin McCall and musical renaissance man Johnny Waken on guitar, saw and mandolin. Common Ground Coffeehouse at the First Unitarian Society of Westchester, 25 Old Jackson Ave., Hastings-on-Hudson. 7:30 p.m. \$20 in advance. \$25 at the door. Info and tickets: Visit [www.commongroundconcerts.com](http://www.commongroundconcerts.com).

**"Twelfth Night."** The Clocktower Players shake up Shakespeare with soulful melodies and R&B beats woven through an enchanting new musical adaptation of this classic. Featuring Shaina Taub's buoyant jazz-funk- and R&B-inflected score, this exuberant production is a joyful tale of mistaken identity, self-discovery and true love. Produced by Clocktower's Artistic Director Cagle McDonald and directed by George H. Croom with assistance from

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William Brosnahan and choreography by Jennifer Jonas Cahill. Irvington Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 7:30 p.m. Adults: \$35. Seniors and students: \$23. Also Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-591-6602 or visit [www.irvingtontheater.com](http://www.irvingtontheater.com).

**Chouk Bwa.** From the countryside of the New World's first free black republic, Chouk Bwa performs stripped-down Haitian roots music – enthralling percussion, dance, call-and-response singing, work songs Vodou performances and Holy Week rara music. Infused with the scent and sensibility of voodoo, it is music that refuses to obscure their homeland's deep African heritage. The group's music is a proud statement of Haitian culture of a nation that's know the hardest of times but whose spirit remains as tough as those ancient drums. PepsiCo Theatre, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$15 to \$30. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org).

## Sunday, Nov. 17

**Nature's Nurturers.** Have you wondered how birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals care for their young? This program focuses on parents and their offspring in the animal world. Explore the different classes of animals and how their care varies. Learn about maternal and paternal care in the wild. 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).

**"When a Child Pretends" and "Values Go to School."** A screening



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of two documentary shorts by the Child Development Institute at Sarah Lawrence College takes a look at the social and intellectual benefits of pretend play in early childhood and the ways in which good values can develop and be encouraged in schools in grades K-12. Followed by a discussion led by Tricia Hanley, director of the Child Development Institute at Sarah Lawrence College. The Ethical Society of Northern Westchester, 108 Pinesbridge Rd., Ossining. 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-941-3544 or visit [www.esnw.org](http://www.esnw.org).

**Stand-Up for Mental Health.** After a hilarious performance last season, headliner Joe Matarese, who has appeared on "America's Got Talent," "Letterman"

and "Comedy Central" returns to The Emelin Theatre. A New Rochelle resident, he will perform with two of New York's top comics, Preston Gitlin and Daniel Laitman, to deliver back-to-back shows of raucous stand-up. The shows will raise awareness and support for The Mental Health Association of Westchester, which promotes mental health through advocacy, community education and direct services. The Emelin Theatre, 153 Library Lane, Mamaroneck. 7 and 9 p.m. \$30 to \$39. (\$5 of every ticket will be donated to The Mental Health Association of Westchester.) Info and tickets: Visit [www.emelin.org](http://www.emelin.org).





# The WHITE PLAINS Examiner Sports

## Tigers Girls Swim Team Heads to States After Clinching League Title

By Albert Coqueran

The White Plains High School Girls Swimming and Diving Team had a remarkable 2019 regular season. The Lady Tigers captured the League 2 Title with an undefeated record of 9-0. Furthermore, the Tigers Girls Swim Team only lost one meet the entire season, which came against John Jay Cross River, while amassing an overall record of 10-1.

The Tigers Girls Swimming and Diving team also placed third in the Sectional Finals this year out of a field of 27 schools. "We did incredibly well and the team really stepped up when we needed them," commented Head Coach Patty Gilmartin. "We had some injuries this season so we had to change the lineup daily. But everyone stepped up and fulfilled their jobs. They really did a wonderful job this season," acknowledged Gilmartin.

A huge contributor to the Tigers' success this season is eighth grader Alexa Reyna, who was voted a High School All-American this year. Reyna is the number one seed in the NYS Championships in the 500 Freestyle, after placing first in the event in the Sectional Finals. She will also compete in the 200 Freestyle, after a third place finish in the Finals and qualifying for the States in the event earlier this season.

"It feels great (to be selected as an All-American) and I am really proud of myself," commented the eighth grade prodigy. "I am really excited about competing in the States again this season," stated Reyna, who competed in the State Championships last year as a seventh grader.

Alexa Reyna is the youngest of the three sisters who contribute to the success of the Tigers Girls Swim Team. Alexa's sister, Margaux is a senior and a Team Captain. Also, her sister Salma is a sophomore on the team. All three of the Reyna sisters will swim in the relays in the NYSPHSAA Swimming and Diving Championships being held November 21-23, at Ithaca College.

The Girls Swimming Relay Team of Alexa Reyna, sophomore Luisa Nierhoff, junior Ava Iannetta, and seventh grader Claire Weinstein also made a splash in the Sectional Finals. They finished second in



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

PHS Head Girls Swimming and Diving Coach Patty Gilmartin (left) will escort seven swimmers and one diver to compete in the NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving Championships from November 21-23, at Ithaca College. Tigers swimmers competing include (l-r) AnnaLynne DiMarco, Ava Iannetta, Claire Weinstein, Alexa Reyna, Luisa Nierhoff and Salma Reyna. Not pictured but competing is also Team Captain Margaux Reyna.

the 400 Freestyle Relay and third in the 200 Freestyle Relay.

"It is fun and good to know that I can bring as much as I can to this team and help out," said Nierhoff, who not only qualified for the States on the relay teams but in the 100 Butterfly as well.

Iannetta, besides her relay team status, also placed second in the 50 Freestyle in the Sectionals. She will compete in the 50 and 100 Freestyle along with two relays in the States. "I expect a lot from my 50 Freestyle, it is the event I prioritize and my favorite event to swim. I am definitely looking forward to competing in that event in the

States," revealed Iannetta.

It is the first year on the Tigers Girls Swim Team for seventh grader Weinstein, who has matured to becoming a relay specialist and placed third in the 100 Freestyle in the Sectionals. "It is nice to be part of this team because there are many older teammates who are role models to me. I have improved my swimming a lot while competing with this team," said Weinstein.

Then there is the Tigers Girls Diving expert sophomore Lizzy Tirado, who finished fifth in Sectionals and set a new school diving record this season of 452.40 points. Tirado will certainly be putting her

diving prowess on display at the NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving Championships, November 21-23, at Ithaca College.

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# EXAMINER SPORTS

## Stepinac Advances to CHSFL AAA Championship for the Sixth Straight Year

By Albert Coqueran

On Saturday, at Stepinac High School, in a game plagued by penalties, the number two-seed Stepinac beat the number three-seed Christ the King High School, 43-6, in the CHSFL AAA Semifinals to advance to their sixth consecutive AAA Championship. The Crusaders have won four AAA Titles and three NYS Titles in the span of those six years.

The Crusaders will be challenged by the number four-seed Cardinal Hayes High School in the 2019 CHSFL AAA Championship to be played at Mitchel Athletic Complex, in Uniondale, on Saturday at 2 p.m. The game is a rematch of the last year's AAA Championship, which Stepinac won, 29-18.

The Cardinals upset the number one-seed Iona Prep, 45-34, in New Rochelle on Saturday in the AAA Semifinals, to advance to the Championship Game. The Cardinals ruined a perfect season for the Gaels, who were, 8-0, in the regular season while receiving a bye to the Semifinals game. This is the fourth appearance in the past five years for the Cardinals in the AAA Championship.

If Stepinac is to beat Hayes, who some qualified CHSFL enthusiasts estimate was the best team in AAA this season, they will have to limit their penalties and make an impact on the scoreboard in the first half.

Unfortunately, despite the Crusaders amassing 43 points and their defense holding the Royals to six points, the game will forever be remembered as a penalty plagued game. In the first quarter alone there must have been 10 total penalties called considering both teams. One sideline official had Stepinac with a total of 18 penalties in the game.

"A lot of it was that their defensive line was



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

The Stepinac Varsity Football Team has advanced to their sixth straight CHSFL AAA Championship with a 43-6 victory over Christ the King.

very good and we were getting frustrated. We definitely played sloppy; we will work on it and clean that up," commented Head Coach Mike O'Donnell.

In actuality, the Crusaders overcame the numerous penalties to dominate the AAA Semifinals game, while CTK had to fight for every yard. The Crusaders running attack was most proficient amassing 209 total yards to the Royals' 52 total yards in the game.

The Royals could not move the ball on the ground and resorted to passing for their only score, which came in the first quarter. Royals quarterback Noah Bodden did his best with the Stepinac defense collapsing his offensive line. Bodden completed 15-of-33 passes for 154 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

The fierce Stepinac defense frustrated the Royals led by senior Team Captains linebacker Kevin McKenna, who had two tackles and six assists and senior cornerback Mekhi Green, who secured one tackle and

had four assists.

The Crusader defense forced six fumbles in the game while running two back for touchdowns. Linebacker Da'vaine Cushnie returned a fumble 30 yards for a score to start the game and linebacker Jaylen Montgomery returned a fumble 22 yards for a touchdown to end the game.

"Our coach prepared us all week with a game plan which was that takeaways would win the game and that is just what we did," commented Green.

Green also turned the course of the game with seconds remaining in the third quarter by fighting his way to the two-yard line on a 52-yard punt return. It was anybody's game at that time with Stepinac leading by only eight points, 14-6. Running back Kyle Benjamin powered his way over the goal to make the score 21-6 and it was all Stepinac from that point.

"I saw the ball drop and was rolling backwards and I did not want to put my offense in bad field position so I just picked it up and ran with it as far as possible,"

commented Green,

Stepinac quarterback Joey Carino threw for 148 yards and two touchdowns while completing 10-of-16 passes in the Semifinals win. He also rushed for a TD.

Undoubtedly, Carino is the offensive general for the Crusaders. The senior Captain fully comprehends that amassing a multitude of penalties as against CTK, will make it very difficult to overcome the physicality of the Hayes defense in the Championship Game.

"It was a great team effort! The defense was very good with six turnovers and two touchdowns," acknowledged Carino. "Hayes is a great team; they played us very hard the last time. We just have to clean it up a little and we will be good to go," commented the Crusaders senior quarterback.

The CHSFL AAA Championship for the Michael Cunnion Memorial Trophy will kick-off, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 16, at Mitchel Athletic Complex, in Uniondale, NY. The winner will travel to Buffalo to compete for the CHSAA NYS Football Championship.



Stepinac wide receiver Cory Richards leaps to grab a 35-yard pass for a touchdown in the second quarter from quarterback Joey Carino. The Crusaders went on to beat Christ the King, 43-6, in the CHSFL AAA Semifinals, on Saturday, at Stepinac.



Stepinac defensive end Alex Garbowski (#59 on top) and linebacker Kevin McKenna (#32 on bottom) corral Royals running back Tirek Murphy in the backfield. The Crusaders defense held CTK to 52 yards on 23 carries in their AAA Semifinals win.



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# Ginsberg, Roman Pace Tigers at Cross-Country Sectionals

By Rob DiAntonio

The White Plains girls cross-country team has a bright future ahead of it with a freshman and eighth-grader leading the team.

Sophie Ginsberg, a freshman, and eighth-grader Abigail Roman placed 12th and 21st, respectively, in the Class A race at the Section 1 championships on Nov. 9 at Bowdoin Park.

Ginsberg clocked a time of 20:18.3 while Roman crossed the finish line in 20:59.2. Ariana Allende, another freshman,

took 64th in a clocking of 23:11.5.

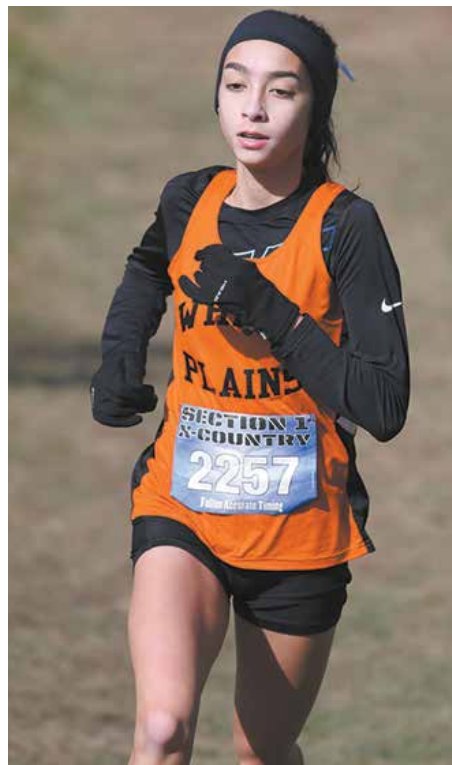
Senior Sebastian Quinn paced the White Plains boys team, placing 54th (18:20.8). Justin Baez was 67th (18:33.8) and Ronan Staab was right behind him in 68th (18:35.5).



Ariana Allende runs for the Tigers.



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS  
Abigail Roman placed 21st for the Tigers in the Class A sectional race.



Sophie Ginsberg was the top finisher for White Plains, placing 12th in Class A.



Justin Baez of the Tigers competes in the Class A race.

# Local Mom Achieves World Ranking in CrossFit Open



The CrossFit Open is a worldwide competition in which thousands of athletes engage in five weeks of Olympic Weightlifting events mixed with high intensity endurance workouts. Think of military boot camp for civilians. Empire CrossFit in White Plains, as well as numerous other Crossfit gyms throughout the area are participating in the event. Northeast CrossFit in Hawthorne is one of the affiliates hosting the events this year and one of its members, Lisa McGuinn of Valhalla, has quietly moved up the leader-board each and every week. Lisa, a mother of three, whose son Brody was quarterback of the White Plains Tigers in his youth football days, and whose husband has worked for the White Plains schools system for many years now, is presently ranked in the top 100 in the world. This ranking will qualify her to move on to the next level of competition where only the best of the best will compete. Lisa is coached by Chris Shkreli, the General Manager of Northeast and she attributes much of her success to the daily workouts he puts her through, as well as his watchful eye and never ending attention to detail.

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

## Westchester Knicks Unload Turkeys for Needy Families, But Cannot Deliver Home Opener

By Albert Coqueran

After the conclusion of their Preseason Training Camp at the Madison Square Garden Training Facility in Tarrytown, the Westchester Knicks assisted Feeding Westchester by unloading 1000 turkeys

from Stop & Shop's Turkey Express to be distributed to needy families in Westchester County.

On Thursday, Nov. 7, the entire Westchester Knicks team including newly promoted Head Coach Derrick Alston and his coaching staff joined Feeding Westchester



Westchester Knicks Andrew White III was looking forward to scoring the basketball to excite fans in their Home Opener on Saturday. But instead he enjoyed helping needy families by unloading turkeys at Feeding Westchester in Elmsford on Thursday. The local Knicks Home Opener scheduled for Saturday at 7 p.m. was postponed due to court damage at the Westchester County Center.



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On Thursday, Nov. 7, the entire 2019-20 Westchester Knicks team joined Feeding Westchester at their facility in Elmsford and the Stop & Shop Turkey Express to unload and pack 1000 turkeys for distribution during the Holiday Season to needy families in Westchester County.

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in Elmsford and the Stop & Shop Turkey Express to unload and pack 1000 turkeys to aid 300 programs in Westchester. Feeding Westchester, Stop & Shop's Turkey Express and the 300 community initiatives make certain disadvantaged families and individuals have a Thanksgiving Dinner to celebrate on Thanksgiving.

However, just two days later on Saturday, Nov. 9, as the Westchester Knicks prepared to take the court for their 2019-20 Home Opener; the game was cancelled due to court damage at the Westchester County Center.

The local Knicks Home Opener was postponed just a few hours before they would take the court against the Raptors 905, at the County Center. The Westchester Knicks

released a statement on Saturday evening at 6 p.m., which read: "Tonight's Westchester Knicks game has been postponed due to unforeseen damages caused to the Westchester County basketball court. The court has been deemed unplayable for the season opening game vs. Raptors 905. We hope to have an acceptable court that meets NBA G League standards in place as soon as possible."

The Westchester Knicks, the NBA G League affiliate of the NY Knicks, has not set a makeup date as of press deadline for the Home Opener vs. the Raptors 905. However, on Monday, the local Knicks did relocate their originally scheduled game at the County Center against the Lakeland Magic to Madison Square Garden.

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