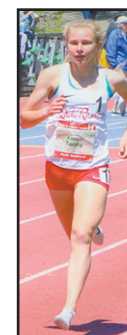




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## County Officials Declare Playland a Safe Park as Season Opens

By Martin Wilbur

County Executive George Latimer and other Westchester officials led media members and county lawmakers on a tour of Playland two days before last Saturday's 2019 opening to punctuate that the park is clean and safe.

The tour was scheduled as the Latimer administration has been publicly sparring with Standard Amusements, the entity that signed a 30-year agreement to run the park. On Apr. 28, Latimer announced that he was terminating the deal because of breach of contract on Standard Amusements' part. The matter may end up in litigation.

It also came five days after an article published in the New York Post that cited a March 2018 report commissioned by Standard Amusements stating that there was a high risk of food-borne illness at Playland.

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MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS

County Executive George Latimer and other Westchester officials conducted a tour of Playland two days before last Saturday's 2019 opening to punctuate that the park is clean and safe.

## Neighboring Residents Blast 52 N. Broadway Project

By Neal Rentz

Several White Plains residents blasted a proposal to develop the property at 52 N. Broadway during the May 6 Common Council meeting.

The neighboring residents were particularly concerned about a landfill on the site. For months residents have questioned whether the former owners of the site, the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, were forthcoming about the status of the landfill when they decided to sell the former Good Counsel campus.

The developer is seeking to amend the White Plains Zoning Ordinance to create a new Planned Residential Development Zoning District and amend the Zoning

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## White Plains Common Council Expands Affordable Housing Opportunities

By Neal Rentz

The White Plains Common Council voted unanimously on May 6 to approve a series of measures to expand affordable housing opportunities in the city.

Since 2003 the city has required new multi-family developments to provide a 10 percent set-aside of affordable units reserved for those at 80 percent of the Westchester County Area Median Income (AMI) range. AMI is determined annually by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to determine eligibility for its housing programs.

The amendments to the city's zoning ordinance were drafted by Commissioner of Planning Christopher Gomez.

As a result of last week's Council

action all housing developments of 10 or more multi-family units will be subject to affordable housing requirements, rather than the prior policy of basing the requirements on the Zoning Districts where new housing would be developed.

Under the new regulations, the percentage of affordable housing for developments with 10 or more multi-family units will be increased from 10 percent to 12 percent for households making 80 percent of the Area Defined Income and from 6 percent to now 8 percent for households earning 50 to 60 percent of the AMI. The percentage does not include density bonuses, which if approved by the city would require an even greater percentage of affordable housing to be provided by the developer.

Another change creates an option for developers to provide fewer affordable units if they agree to make a payment to the city's affordable housing fund to create more affordable housing in other ways, such as providing down payment assistance to help residents purchase a home or to subsidize the cost of land for developers seeking to create affordable housing.

During last week's public hearing, Alan Gordon, deputy director of the Housing Action Council, supported the legislation. "There's this tremendous need for affordable housing and I think White Plains is one of the communities that is responding to this need," he said.

Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson and her colleagues supported

the changes last week. "I am very excited that we are expanding our affordable housing program," she said. "It will ensure the continued social and economic diversity of our city, which is important."

The amount of affordable housing in the city will be increased and the developers' fee will provide a number of ways for individuals to secure affordable housing, Hunt-Robinson said.

Councilman Justin Brasch said the ordinance will put the city in the forefront of municipalities seeking to expand affordable housing. "This will make our affordable housing program citywide," he said.

Mayor Tom Roach said White Plains

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## Neighboring Residents Blast 52 N. Broadway Project

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Map classification for the site from RM-1.5 to Planned Residential Development. The developer is also asking for approval of its Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The analysis of the open space fill area, prepared by Hauppauge, LI-based VHB that was commissioned by the city and submitted to White Plains Commissioner of Building Damon Amadio in January suggests, "the existing backfill material is not considered satisfactory and it may be necessary for same to be removed from each applicable building footprint (referring to the proposed residential development of the site)."

The analysis is based on 14 samples taken from 11 borings at the site from late November to early December 2018.

The report states: "Regardless of environmental impacts and the eventual plan for addressing the removal and/or capping of environmentally impaired soils, the generation and disposal of surplus soils should also be considered. VHB anticipates that surplus soils will likely be generated due to the proposed site redevelopment activities, and there is a potential that geotechnical specifications will require additional excavation/removal of the backfill. Off-site disposal of surplus soils should be considered due to the impairments detected."

The history of toxicity at the former Good Counsel athletic field dates back to a period between 2004 and 2006 when



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Screen shot of Clifford Davis, an attorney representing residents of the 10 Stewart Place condominium complex, addressing the White Plains Common Council on May 6 during the public hearings on the proposed development for the former Good Counsel property.

backfill containing construction and demolition debris was deposited on the site. Upon inspection by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at that time, it was determined SVOCs were present in the fill materials at concentrations exceeding the NYSDEC objectives.

At last week's meeting one of the vocal critics of the project was Maria Gallagher, who resides at 10 Stewart Place. She was particularly critical of comments at the April meeting made by Anthony Veneziano, an attorney representing the

developer, who did not attend last week's meeting.

"During Mr. Veneziano's 'woe is me' speech he remarked that the developer really cares about the nearby residents and knew about the illegal landfill when they bided and bought the property for millions of dollars," Gallagher said. "He also stated the developer had all intentions of safely remediating the area before building. Here is the original petition for rezoning and building dated July 25, 2016; nowhere can I find any remediation plan or acknowledgement that the area of the landfill might be unsafe. If we the nearby residents had not voiced our concerns, the developers would have pushed ahead and starting building without any remediation or safety standards in place."

Gallagher disputed the comment by the developer's attorney that the state Department of Environmental Conservation has given them a clean bill of health. "The DEC told the developer to cover the landfill with a geo membrane, two inches of clean soil on top of that is not there currently and to not disturb the landfill for 30 years. How could the DEC write a letter to the developers stating there was nothing toxic in the landfill area when our independent testing had not been completed yet. This makes no sense," Gallagher said.

"How many times are we going to hear Mr. (William) Null and Mr. Veneziano, who represent the developer, say they are in the process of making repairs to the exposed and compromised membrane? I have heard these statements over and over again at each meeting over the past months, but the work has not been done," Gallagher said. "Our own soil testing team, VHB, and the DEC have stated the membrane is exposed and needs to be fixed. Meantime, we the nearby residents are living feet away from this area and we continue to hear from the developers, we are in the process of working with the DEC. Just do the work and fix it if you really care about our health. I cannot understand what is taking so long."

"This is the same developer we are supposed to trust if they are allowed to build, that they will conform to all regulations that our independent agency has recommended to the DEC. Who is going to monitor daily that these soils are going to be contained, wetted down so no dust particles are released, soil vapor barriers conformed to? Is the DEC going to be there every day ensuring our safety? This illegal landfill is there because there was a lack of monitoring from this agency in the first place," Gallagher said. The only way to ensure the safety of neighboring residents is to not approve the project, she said.

Another 10 Stewart Place resident, Ellen Glasser, also expressed serious concerns about the landfill. "For the last three years our neighborhood has been fighting for

our lives and our homes," she said. "All of this time we have been waiting for the help of our elected officials." Chemicals initially thought not to be dangerous throughout America have led to health hazards to residents including cancer, she said. "Why are you subjecting White Plains to possible illness or death by cancer?" she asked.

Clifford Davis, an attorney representing residents of the 10 Stewart Place condominium complex, said the zoning change would not be consistent with the city's Comprehensive Plan because of the negative visual impact on residents of the complex. "Ten Stewart Place is being thrown under the bus" if the zoning change is given to the developer, he said.

George James, a visual impact analyst hired by the board of directors of 10 Stewart Place, said the proposed project would have an adverse impact on complex residents, which currently have exceptional views. "It blocks the view. You can no longer see the horizon," James said. "These (proposed) buildings are 400 feet wide."

Null said last week his client would respond to the roughly one year of comments from residents during the DEIS hearing in the FEIS. "Informed decision-making is the only decision making you undertake," Null told the Common Council. He asked that the public hearing be closed.

Councilman Dennis Krolan said he opposed both the closing of the public hearing and the zoning change for the property. "It is surrounded by our constituents" with "an illegal dump site" which was ordered to be covered by the DEC 12 years ago, he said. The landfill "is a public safety" hazard and risk to the surrounding area. There are holes and tears in the membrane covering the landfill. "No repair has ever been accomplished and this site is dangerous," he said. More information is required before the public hearing can be closed. "Public safety is the real issue," he said, adding no resident in the neighborhood of the property has spoken in favor of the project.

Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona said there was a "lack of information" about the project in the scoping document, which she voted against. "Because these questions are complex" the public hearing must be kept open, she said.

There should be a 3D representation of the landfill, Lecuona continued. "You have these tools," she told the representatives of the developer.

The Common Council voted 5-2 to close the public hearing on the DEIS, with Lecuona and Krolan voting no. With the closing of the public hearing, the developer released a statement that it now looks forward to the opportunity to address the comments raised.

The Council adjourned the public hearing on the proposed zoning change to July 1.

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# White Plains Residents Come Out to Support Video Game Legislation

By Neal Rentz

Several White Plains residents came to the May 6 Common Council meeting to express their support for legislation to allow more areas in the city to have various recreational facilities, including video games and eSports.

The Council is considering legislation to amend the city's ordinance to allow commercial "Recreation Facilities," including video games.

The amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Definition of "Recreation Facilities" would include "Electronic Games," Laser Tag, eSports, and Virtual Reality Games/Rides in the B-6 Business District.

The proposed changes are in response to recent applications for video gaming, golf simulation, and eGaming applications and other uses that have emerged with changing technology.

The legislation has two components. One is to eliminate the exclusion of stadia and arenas because these are covered elsewhere in the Zoning Ordinance. The other is to specify where these new uses will be located.

Currently, recreation facilities are permitted in almost all commercially zoned districts in the city's downtown, on Central Avenue and Westchester Avenue. The proposal expands use in enclosed malls in the B-6 District.

Several youths came to last week's meeting to support the legislation. White Plains High School senior Aaron Weiner said he is an Overwatch online game player and was a member of a team as a sophomore and junior. Having an opportunity to practice for tournaments in White Plains "would have meant a lot to me." The closest eSports facility was located in New Rochelle, during his two years as an Overwatch team member, he said. There has recently been "massive growth" in eSports, which are increasing in high schools and participating in eSports is a way to obtain college scholarships, he said.

Also supporting the legislation last week

was Kevin Nunn, executive director of the White Plains Business Improvement District. "ESports and electronic games are extremely popular. We support this much needed update," Nunn said. The legislation would allow the downtown and its malls to be "current and competitive," he said. "The growing trend" for malls is to have increased entertainment components, he said.

Mayor Thomas Roach said the hearing would be adjourned because the Council wants to expand the legislation to other areas in the city in addition to the B-6 district. The public hearing was adjourned to June 3.

## County Officials Declare Playland a Safe Park as Season Opens

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absolute assurance that what you're going to see is clean, is healthy and ready to go," Latimer said at the start of the tour.

County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler said every concession stand at the park is inspected by the Department of Health. CulinArt, which has the contract for most of the food stands at the park, also has safety inspectors.

In more than eight years in her current post, Amler said that has not been a problem. She said that food inspectors evaluate how the food is handled and whether the workers follow proper precautions, including making sure they wear gloves.

"In the eight years, we have never had a food-related complaint inside the park, and so I can tell you with all confidence that the food is safe," Amler said. "I eat here, I bring my grandchildren here."

During the tour, there were food samples provided as well as access to the food storage area. CulinArt first arrived at Playland about 20 years ago, said Ron Hutcheson, communications director for the firm. He said the report referenced in the Post was from inspections done during the winter when the park and its food stands have been shuttered for months.

"Remember, that report, the inspectors that did that report, (it) was commissioned



Peter Tartaglia, deputy commissioner of Westchester County Parks, said that for Saturday's opening all rides were inspected by the state Department of Labor.

five months after this place closed down for the summer, and then was released a good two months before it opened up," Hutcheson said. "So they're doing an inspection about food safety when there was no food safety going on, no food serving going on."

Peter Tartaglia, deputy commissioner of Westchester County Parks, said that for Saturday's opening all rides were inspected by the state Department of Labor, as they always are before the start



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of each season in May.

By the following day, the county provided a packet showing that all rides had passed state inspection, he said.

There is always an electrician and mechanic on hand whenever the park is open to replace parts and troubleshoot problems, Tartaglia noted.

"If the rides do not make it in the inspection for one reason or another, if a part needs to be replaced that day, it (the ride) won't open until it's replaced," Tartaglia said.

At the end of each season, most of the rides are disassembled, he said.

There are seven original landmark rides at Playland, including the Dragon

Coaster, the carousel, Derby Racer, Old Mill, the whip and the Kiddie Coaster, one of two landmark rides in the kiddie park.

As the 91-year-old Playland opened last weekend and looks forward to another summer, Latimer said with the right help the park can regain much of its allure and draw bigger crowds.

This year there will be the return of concerts and town days along with laser light shows. Other promotions will also be scheduled.

"We have a safe park," Latimer said. "We're trying hard to market it. We don't have all the answers. We're working with a significant capital need. Most importantly, we believe in the park."

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## White Plains Common Council Expands Affordable Housing Opportunities

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has housing for individuals of all income levels. "People who choose to live here value it," he said. In the northeast land values are high and the city has been requiring affordable housing components to housing developments, he said. "We have a community that supports this." During my years on the Council none of my colleagues have opposed affordable housing, Roach said, acknowledging that affordable housing is the most difficult issue he deals with as mayor.

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# White Plains Common Council Approves Westchester Avenue Apartments

**By Neal Rentz**

The White Plains Common Council voted 6-1 to approve "The Flats," which will create 303 apartments at 1133 Westchester Ave.

Councilman Dennis Krolan voted against the project.

The joint venture of the NRP Group and the RPW Group will create the housing in the same complex that already has a commercial area, which includes a day care center and other businesses.

The apartments will be created in three new five-story buildings. Ten percent of the units will be created as affordable

housing and solar panels will be placed on the roofs of the apartment buildings.

The developers received a zoning map amendment and site plan approval from the Common Council to overlay the Planned Campus Development District on the site.

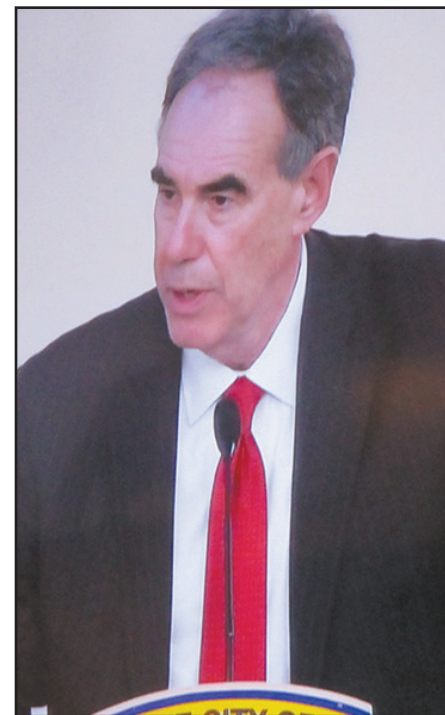
There will be one, two and three bedroom apartments spread through the three proposed apartment buildings. An outdoor swimming pool and fitness center are part of the plan.

The partners hope to complete construction in Spring 2020.

At last week's meeting, Councilwoman

Milagros Lecuona asked why a full environmental review under SEQR was not done for the project since the property has steep slopes and wetlands. Commissioner of Planning Christopher Gomez said “a significant environmental” assessment form was filed with the city by the developer. The project did not rise to the level of a greater environmental review because it met the requirements of the zoning for the site, he said.

Lecuona asked Michael Zarin, an attorney representing the developer, what it was planning for the future of the large site. The issue was brought up during the



Michael Zarin, an attorney representing the developer of the 1133 Westchester Ave. site addressed the White Plains Common Council on May 6.

recently closed public hearing, she said and more explanation was needed to be provided by the developer. A moratorium should be created by the Council for the property until the city understands the impact of the new apartment buildings, Lecuona said. Zarin said his client analyzed “how much other potential space would be available” as required by the Master Plan. Future development would require additional approvals from the city, Zarin said.

Krolian said he was concerned that the project might not be successful because it would be located in a remote area of White Plains. If it did not work, he said there should be a moratorium on future development of the site.

Zarin said the Planned Campus Development zone was set up so businesses in the area would not compete with downtown businesses. The commercial entities on the property do not compete with downtown businesses, he said. The developments on the site are complementary and are consistent with the Master Plan's goal for the site, Zarin said.

Council President John Martin supported the project. “This proposal is an appropriate use of the Planned Campus Development District,” he said. “It’s a good mix of residential on property that didn’t have residential before.”

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# Local Artist Donates Artworks to White Plains Men's Shelter

By Neal Rentz

The Open Arms Men's Shelter in White Plains was grateful when Irvington resident Antonio Alvarez said he would donate some of his paintings to them.

What Lifting Up Westchester, which runs the shelter, did not anticipate was his gift of 24 paintings.

The shelter hosted a reception in honor of Alvarez on May 8.

Alvarez said last week he and his wife, Betty, have been friends with Lifting Up Westchester CEO, Anahaita Kotval for 20 years. Kotval told him that at the shelter "there were a lot of long empty white walls" and requested that he donate two of his paintings, Alvarez recalled.

"I decided that better than two would be 24," Alvarez said while laughing.

Alvarez explained why he donated so many of his paintings. "I cannot play the good guy role," he said. "I am not doing anything good. This is for me personally very much a privilege that I found somebody that had the need to use some artworks and that I am lucky enough to provide it. Man doesn't live from bread alone."

"The fact that the paintings are here and they enjoy it and they can have their psychology changed for 10 minutes with color and shape and suggestions is good enough for me," Alvarez said. "I have been very lucky that Anahaita gave me the opportunity. And I am very lucky that I work very fast. So it's not that I am missing



NEAL RENTZ PHOTOS

Irvington resident Antonio Alvarez recently donated 24 of his paintings to the Open Arms Men's Shelter in White Plains. A reception was held in his honor at the shelter on May 8.

the paintings. The paintings are serving a social purpose and I am absolutely tickled pink."

Alvarez described himself as an abstract expressionist, though he also created paintings that are more naturalistic landscapes, which were recently exhibited at the Upstream Gallery in Hastings.

Most of the paintings Alvarez donated to the shelter are abstract and were created with acrylic paints.

Kotval said her family and the Alvarez family have been friends since their children attended kindergarten together. "We're working moms. We became fast friends," she recalled.



One of the paintings Irvington resident Antonio Alvarez donated to the Open Arms Men's Shelter in White Plains.

The couples were having dinner recently and Alvarez told Kotval he was willing to donate his creations to the shelter. "I'd love a painting or two. I have this beautiful big shelter," Kotval told him. "He called me and he said I pulled 24 works of art. It was really amazing."

"The shelter is beautiful. It's brand new," Kotval said. "But like a lot of new buildings everyone's so worried about keeping it pristine and new. It didn't have any kind of life or soul to it. It looked a little institutional."

"The paintings are beautiful and bright. They're very interesting," Kotval said. Residents of the shelter helped put up the paintings, she said. "It was an investment of a lot of love and attention and color

into the space," she said, adding that many who visit the facility say, "This is the nicest shelter I've ever seen. The artworks are amazing. It just adds a feeling of love."

Barbara Bento-Fleming, chief program officer for the shelter, also praised the donation. "This is fabulous. It's bringing life to the place," she said. "We needed some feeling and some color and that's what it's added."

Betty Alvarez, an expert on American art and a professional art appraiser, said she was very proud of her husband. "Art is such an amazing opportunity for people to feel emotion, educate themselves. Art brings so much to people's lives," she said. "This series is particularly interesting because many of them are about places far away that Tony has not even traveled to. They're a fascinating collection. They work beautifully as a collection. And I think it can bring a lot of discussion and ideas and thought to people who may not have considered art as part of their lives."

The donation of the artwork was also lauded by Westchester County Commissioner of Social Services Kevin McGuire. "I think it's wonderful. And I think that Mr. Alvarez should be applauded for doing this," McGuire said. "I think he recognizes the humanity of the people who are here. Look at this place, it's a beautiful place."

"Art is not for highbrows. It's for everybody. It's for people to experience," McGuire said. "This helps lift people up."

## Eli Manning Returns to White Plains for Guiding Eyes for the Blind Fundraiser

By Jade Perez

For at least one evening, football was not the subject of discussion for New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB), a non-profit that trains and provides guide dogs to individuals with vision loss, welcomed the return of the two-time Super Bowl MVP player to White Plains at Mulino's of Westchester. This was the first event leading into the 42nd annual golf classic, which will take place at the Mount Kisco Country Club on June 10.

Manning, who was introduced to Guiding Eyes by family friend Patrick Browne Jr., is now in his thirteenth year of affiliation with the organization because of its life-changing services.

"There are so many people out there that cannot do the things they want to do because they're basically impaired and don't have a guide dog. And once they get their dog just the things that were so difficult become easier and they can fulfill their lives. They have independence now and they can do the things they always wanted to do," he said.

Last Monday, Manning was also joined by staff, sponsors, graduates (of the



PHOTO COURTESY OF GUIDING EYES FOR THE BLIND.

Giants quarterback, Eli Manning, with a Guiding Eyes for the Blind 'puppy in training'.

program) and dogs at the sponsor-recognition party.

One of the present graduates was Barbara Henning, who turned to Guiding Eyes for a guide dog, back in 1994, to help her gain the confidence and live the independent life she currently has.

"I've always been really touched by them. The first time I walked in their school was the last time I felt disabled and it's because they accepted me where I was and they didn't look at me like I had this deformity," Henning said. "This is the first place I'd ever felt like I was a whole person."

Henning not only recognized the efforts and contributions of GEB, but she also acknowledged her

three previous guide dogs, as well as current one, Chad, who have all made a considerable difference in her life.

"With a mobility cane, I was a lot slower when traveling because I had to be careful with every step. But with a dog, they see what's ahead, they see all the obstacles, and they're dodging them. So it's a lot better," she said.

Guiding Eyes depends on its dedicated volunteers and trainers to provide Henning and 170 other people annually with guide dogs. Home socializers start the training process early, as the dogs are typically six to eight weeks old when their training starts. For three days, they learn basic house manners and are provided socialization to new sights, sounds, and people, said Samantha Lockwood, an employee at the GEB Canine Development Center.

For Lockwood, who has worked at Guiding Eyes for the Blind for the past three years, being a part of the organization is a no-brainer.

"It's amazing because you just see how much these people's lives have changed because of our dogs and that makes it so worth it for all of us."



# Obituaries

## Rhoda W. King

Rhoda W. King, a White Plains resident, died May 9, at the age of 89.

She was born Feb. 24, 1930 in Antigonish, Nova Scotia to the late Alan and Catherine Cameron.

Rhoda worked as a nurse's aide for 27 years at St. Agnes Hospital in White Plains, retiring in 1995.

She is survived by her children Bruce King of White Plains, Mary Dunne of Queens, Elizabeth Mark of Carmel, Bridget Pavarini of White Plains, Maureen King of Queens and Donald King of

White Plains.

Also surviving are her 13 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her husband Donald E. King and a daughter Catherine Fanelli.

## Filomena Cipriano

Filomena Cipriano, of West Harrison, passed away May 7. She was 99.

Filomena was born Feb. 29, 1920 in Guardia Lombardi, Italy.

She was predeceased by her husband of over 70 years, Pietro Cipriano, in November 2017.

Filomena is survived by her son Mattia Cipriano and daughter-in-law Maria Cipriano; two grandchildren Peter Cipriano and his wife Pam Cipriano, and Filomena Valente and her husband Mark Valente; and four great grandchildren Peter Cipriano, Brian Cipriano, Matthew Valente, and Samantha Valente.

## Gregory Navarro

Gregory Frank Navarro, a White Plains resident, died May 6. He was 79.

Gregory was born Aug. 16, 1939 in Brooklyn to the late Frank and Vera Croce Navarro.

He worked for 30 years as a Registered Nurse at New York Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, retiring in 2014.

Gregory was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a member of the Mamaroneck Volunteer Fire Department. He loved the Catskills and was an avid fly fisherman.

He is survived by his wife Thelma; his children Cynthia Menard and Bradley Navarro; a sister Lisa Ballantine and two grandchildren Rowan and Adler.

He is predeceased by his brother Carl. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Catskill Forest Association, Inc. 43469 NY-28, Arkville, NY 12406 or [www.catskillforest.org](http://www.catskillforest.org).

## Lowey Recognizes Local Students Nominated to US Service Academies

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison), on May 6, honored at her annual Service Academy Recognition Ceremony students from the 17th Congressional District she nominated last December for admission to the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy (West Point), and the U.S. Naval Academy.

The nominees come from communities in Rockland and Westchester. The ceremony took place at Rockland BOCES in West Nyack.

Lowey thanked local veterans who attended the ceremony for their service to the country.

Among the nominees are local students

Eric Parke, Irvington High School, Academy; Gabriel Landau, Blind Brook High School, nominated to the United



States Military Academy; Bryan Wei, Blind Brook High School nominated to the United States Naval Academy; Cameron Allan, Sleepy Hollow High School, nominated to the United States Air Force Academy and United States Merchant Marine Academy; Ryan Maguire, Harrison High School, College of the Holy Cross, nominated to the United States Naval Academy; Ryan Grafman, White Plains High School, nominated to the United States Naval Academy; and Clara Friend, White Plains High School, nominated to the United States Military Academy.

Pictured, Congresswoman Nita Lowey with 13 of this year's U.S. Service Academy nominees and local veterans.

## A Letter to Lime Bicycle Company About Bike Helmet Safety

I am an avid bicyclist. I am pleased that Lime has expanded its bicycle-sharing program to Westchester County, including White Plains and Yonkers. I see ecofriendly green bicycles all over Greenburgh. These bicycles are popular and enable people to rent a bike by smart phones.

Although I am thrilled that more people are cycling around Westchester and using

the bicycle as a means to get to work, I have a major concern: almost everyone who rides a Lime bicycle doesn't wear a helmet. Cycling, especially in cities with lots of traffic, could be dangerous. Earlier this year I read that there has been a spike in bicyclist injury and traffic deaths in New York City this year.

Many cyclists can avoid serious head injuries if they wear a helmet. I am

wondering if it would be possible to attach an adjustable helmet on the (rental) bikes. Are there methods to prevent helmets from leaving bicycles? Regarding sanitary issues, helmets can include sanitary hairnets to make sure lice and other hair bacteria aren't transmitted. Is technology available so riders can't ride without a helmet?

Over the years I have met cyclists

or family members of cyclists who suffered traumatic brain injuries as a result of not wearing a helmet. Since many cyclists bike in cities in Westchester where it's more dangerous, a helmet is even more important.

—Paul Feiner,  
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

## Man Arraigned on Charges He Attempted to Arrange Sex with a Child

Danny Manich, 60, of Pelham was arraigned May 10 in White Plains City Court on two charges involving obscene sexual performance of a child after an

undercover investigation by the District Attorney's office.

The felony complaint charges Manich with one count of Promoting an Obscene

Sexual Performance by a Child and one count of Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child.

On April 15, 2019, Manich engaged in online communications with an undercover investigator in which he spoke about having sex with a child. At

that time, he also sent pornographic images of a child to the investigator, believing he was communicating with someone who could procure him a child for sex.

In a second incident, May 3, 2019, Manich was found to be in possession of images of a child under 16 years old in a state of undress.

Manich was arrested by District Attorney's Office Criminal Investigators May 3, 2019 and arraigned later the same day.

He was released on bail. His next court appearance is scheduled for May 28 in White Plains City Court.



Danny Manich

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# SUNDANCE KITCHEN & CANTINA, A FUSION OF ECLECTIC AND FRESH DISHES

By Neal Rentz

There are many restaurants in White Plains, but North White Plains resident Genaro Dominguez said last week none of them offer what he provides at Sundance Kitchen & Cantina.

The restaurant offers an eclectic and extensive breakfast, lunch and dinner menu, which includes Mexican, American and Italian dishes. "In order to be successful you have to have everything," Dominguez said. About half of the menu is devoted to Mexican food, he said. "We do it to perfection, everything's fresh," he said.

Aside from Mexican, the restaurant offers dishes from other cultures. "We do pastas. We do salads. We do paninis and wraps," Dominguez said. "It's like a fusion of Mexican, Spanish, American and Asian."

Aside from the regular menu, the eatery offers daily specials including "Pasta of the Day."

"People who come here don't know what to get because we surprise them every day," Dominguez, who does much of the cooking, said.

"There's nothing around" in White Plains that offers what his restaurant does, Dominguez said. "It's a little different."

Dominguez explained the name of his restaurant, which opened two years ago. "I

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NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

North White Plains resident Genaro Dominguez is the owner of Sundance Kitchen & Cantina in White Plains. He is standing in front of a mural about Mexico painted for his restaurant.

named it kitchen because people can see what I make," he said.

Dominguez also owns the Sundance Deli in Pleasantville. "We went to Pleasantville and I asked around for what was the best name," he recalled. "There are a lot of dance studios and they do the Sundance Music Festival over at the (Jacob) Burns

Center." The Sundance name has been maintained for his new restaurant.

The restaurant has take out and eat in options, with seasonal outdoor seating available.

Some of the breakfast options include both American classic dishes, such as egg sandwiches, French toast and pancakes

and Mexican fare such as a breakfast burrito and a Mexican eggs and home fries plate.

Patrons have a myriad of lunch and dinner choices. Some of the options include salads, with a create your own selection; 21 paninis; sandwiches, such as a Ruben, chicken or meatball Parmesan, and the "Gangster" (chicken cutlet with mozzarella and vodka sauce); wraps; Mexican choices featuring quesadillas, fajitas, enchiladas, and tacos; and a selection of 10 Philly cheesesteaks and burgers. The restaurant also offers a children's menu.

The restaurant began offering a Sunday brunch buffet on May 12.

Dominguez has been in the restaurant business cooking since the age of 14 and he said he enjoys it. "It's just fun. It just gets me going, pumps me up," he said.

*Sundance Kitchen & Cantina is located at 208 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains. For more information call 914- 946-2300, visit [www.sundancekitchen.com](http://www.sundancekitchen.com) or send an e-mail to [sundancekitchen208@gmail.com](mailto:sundancekitchen208@gmail.com). The restaurant is also on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.*

## Author Visits White Plains to Discuss New Legal Suspense Thriller

By Neal Rentz

John Adam Wasowicz has been an attorney for many years and he has turned his vocation into the subject of his other career as a fiction writer.

Wasowicz, a 66-year-old Mount Vernon, VA, resident, came to the White Plains Barnes & Noble on May 10 and 11 to discuss his new novel "Daingerfield Island" one-on-one with local residents.

Wasowicz, who is a public sector lawyer, commented about how he became a novelist last week. "I began composing fictional stories based upon my experiences in practicing law, both as a prosecutor and a defense attorney," he said. "Many of my ideas occurred during drive time, to and from work on the George Washington Parkway along the Potomac River. The parkway became the 'spine' of my novel, with many of the scenes taking place on it, including the Lincoln Memorial Bridge, Gravelly Point, Dyke Marsh, and, of course, Daingerfield Island, which is located south of Reagan National Airport."

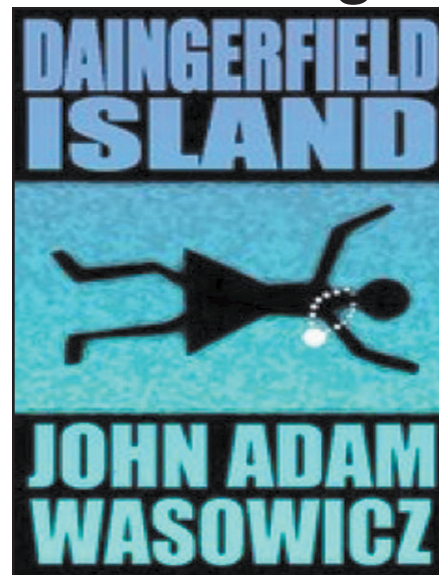
Wasowicz said it took him about five years to complete his first novel, following the college graduation of his youngest son. "My wife and I became empty nesters and I told her I was going to take all these ideas and notes about courtroom drama and stitch them together into a coherent



Author John Adam Wasowicz met with local residents at the White Plains Barnes & Noble on May 10 and 11 to discuss his new novel "Daingerfield Island."

story. The product is 'DI,' he said.

Wasowicz discussed the story of his novel. "I created a fictional attorney, Mo Katz, who is half Jewish and half African American. Mo is a former prosecutor and familiar to the judges, lawyers, cops and courthouse milieu," Wasowicz said. "Katz is retained by a man falsely accused of murdering a Senate aide off Daingerfield Island. In the course of the legal representation, Katz discovers a



"Daingerfield Island" is the new novel by John Adam Wasowicz. Author Visits White Plains

larger conspiracy lurking in Washington that involves the planned assassination of a foreign diplomat. Katz matches wits with Jack Smith, a CIA operative who was also a former divorce client. Katz and Smith become involved in an intricate 'chess game' with one another as Katz uncovers his former client's involvement in the assassination plot."

His career as an attorney has influenced his work as a writer, Wasowicz said. "First,

it has forced me to pay close attention to detail. Whether it's presenting a case or a legal memo, details matter," he said. "Second, to be a good lawyer you have to be a good communicator, both in oral presentation and in writing. Finally, pursuing a legal case often times results in unintended consequences. You discover things you didn't factor into consideration. That has made me a better story teller, particularly the unexpected twists and turns of a suspense novel."

Wasowicz said he has promoted his novel not only at the White Plains Barnes & Noble, but also during six other appearances at stores in the chain, mostly in the Washington DC metro area, with five more B & N appearances slated through the end of June. "Their customers are serious book lovers and their staffs are dedicated to helping customers explore new genres in literature," he said.

"I love public speaking and thrive on meeting people who read suspense novels," Wasowicz said. "I've picked up a lot of ideas for stories listening to them, as well as hints on good character development. Writing is a solitary sort of thing, so meeting readers is a joyous and satisfying experience that reminds me of the power of the written word and the sharing of human experiences."

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## Tips to Protect Your Home While on Vacation

Many people are planning now for summer vacation travel. Not surprisingly, the Insurance Information Institute reports that the majority of home burglaries occur in July and August when many people are enjoying time off.

According to that same organization, nine out of 10 home break-ins could be prevented if homeowners would take simple steps to burglar-proof their homes.

Of all the years we lived in our historic home in Yorktown, we didn't invest in a sophisticated security system until we were ready to sell the house, feeling that it would be an added incentive for prospective buyers. Less than 20 percent of households nationwide have security systems. The rest of us must take other precautions to discourage break-ins while we're away from home.

How well I remember the discomfort combined with the relaxation of every vacation while we were traveling, especially if it were for more than a week. In the early days, I remember that we would call home and feel comforted to hear our answering machine just to know that everything was "still there." And when returning home, there would always be that anxious

moment when we were turning onto our street and my wife and I would turn to each other and ask, "Is the house still standing?"

We had good reason to be Nervous Nellies, having sustained two break-ins when we lived in the city. We developed a litany of devices to make our home less appealing to burglars, combined with other ideas combed from other sources, some of which are really creative. For those who don't have security systems, consider the following steps.

**Lock All Doors and Windows:** This may seem unnecessary to even mention but 28 percent of all burglaries occur without having to use force to gain entry. Burglars simply find an unlocked window or door, so be sure to double-check all the windows and deadbolt all exterior doors. Place a metal or wood dowel in the track of sliding glass doors. And, if you have a spare key

hidden outside, make sure it's brought inside while you're away.

**Hire a House Visitor/Sitter:** It's well worth the investment to have someone pick up the newspapers or mail if you haven't had them temporarily discontinued, water the plants and, if you have them, take care of pets.

**Invest in Timers:** To make your house look lived in, utilize timers to have the lights go on and off at various times throughout the day.

**Unplug and Disconnect:** Unplug all electronics and small appliances that don't need to stay on while you're away. This will save electricity and reduce the risk of fire. Turn off your

garage door opener so thieves can't open it with a universal remote. If you'll be away for a week or more, turn your hot water heater down and consider turning off the water to sinks, toilets, dishwasher

and washing machine to avoid possible flooding.

**Don't Close Blinds:** Leave them and curtains open. If something valuable is visible through the window, move it.

**Light Up at Night:** If you have outdoor lighting, make sure that your timer turns it on while you're away.

**Maintain Your Lawn:** If it's an extended trip and you normally maintain your lawn yourself, arrange to have a service take care of it while you're away.

**Leave Your Car in the Driveway:** Or invite your neighbor to pull in and out of your driveway to keep activity going on during the week.

**Don't Leave a Voicemail Message:** Don't tell the world you're away by leaving a message to that effect on your voicemail.

With these precautions in place, you will feel more relaxed while away enjoying yourself.

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By Bill Primavera

## Woman's Club of White Plains Foundation Awards High School Scholarships

A sell-out crowd of almost 200 guests attended The Woman's Club of White Plains Foundation's Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show on April 27. Maryann Martin, President of the Foundation and co-chair along with Kristen Larkin, said, "We were thrilled with the size of the crowd because it meant we would be able to continue the Club's over 60-year legacy of awarding scholarships to outstanding high school graduates. The luncheon is the primary fund raising activity for the scholarships and this year the Foundation will be awarding a total of \$15,000."

Isabel Villar, Founding Executive Director of El Centro Hispano, was honored by the Foundation as part of the theme of the luncheon "Woman Who Inspire Us." Villar was chosen for her dedication and hard work at El Centro for the past 45 years. The agency offers programs and services including English and technology classes for Hispanic individuals and families. When Villar accepted the award she told the crowd that over 50 years ago she had received a scholarship of \$150 from the Woman's Club and that it made a difference then in her life.

Also honored at the luncheon was the 2019 Belle Knight Memorial Scholarship recipient Michelle Mahecha Perez. This scholarship was established in 2016 to honor the first president of the Woman's Club, Ms. Belle Knight.



(L to r) Michelle Mahecha Perez, Belle Knight Scholarship recipient and Kristen Larkin, Co-Chair, Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show.

Bloomington's in White Plains provided the fashions for the show and designer Kobi Halperin attended the event and provided insight into the design



(L to r) Honoree Isabel Villar, Founding Executive Director, El Centro Hispano and Co-Chair Maryann Martin, President, The Woman's Club of White Plains Foundation.

of his clothes, which were modeled.

In addition to Machecha Perez, 13 other seniors at White Plains High School will receive scholarships from the Foundation and will be honored at a dinner on May 16. They are: Kiara Castillo, Pilar Cerón, Melanie Collana, Alison Cunney, Yaismin Dominguez Ramirez, Kayla Ham, Samantha Huanca, Wideline Jean, Sabrinshims Maurice, Anya Mehta-Rao,

Danielle Ramirez, Nayeli Sarmiento, and Sara Tamayo.

The Foundation's Scholarship Committee carefully vetted potential candidates before selecting these young women. The committee reviewed over 56 applications, conducted one-on-one interviews with 32 young women, and then deliberated for hours to select the recipients for the Foundation scholarships.

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# The Transformation of Traditional Wine By New Age Alchemists



By Nick Antonaccio

Over the course of the last decade many wines have gone through a transformation in style. They have become more fruit focused and higher in alcohol.

This is a radical departure from the past for wines such as Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. In the past, the dominant style that winemakers strove for was balance – a balance of acid, tannins, fruit and alcohol.

The overweighting of the fruit and alcohol components of wine has created a debate in wine circles on the cause and effect of this new approach. Consumers have mixed feelings about the result. Wine is a living, breathing organism that is highly sensitive to changes introduced during its creation and maturation. It is these changes that we will explore this week.

I often think of winemaking as alchemy: Mother Nature provides the raw ingredients and science adds a certain consistency to the formula. Combining these ingredients in a cauldron with a wizard's proprietary ingredients, this mixture is transformed into a hand-crafted creation, distinct unto itself. Taking a

common product and transforming it into an altered state as "liquid gold" is a centuries-old endeavor – both in Merlin's laboratory and in winemakers' caves.

However, in the 21st century, an additional element has been added to the alchemist's formula. It is from an unlikely source: the word masters. These power lords have invaded the denizens of winemakers worldwide, subtly and covertly changing centuries-old winemaking formulas with a sociological component of great power – the power of the pen.

Yielding influential opinions that are accepted by the consuming public at face value, these wordsmiths, the media, can force a winemaker's hand to alter a proven formula in order to appeal to changing consumer perceptions of wine.

How has the change in the balance of wine's components occurred?

First, Mother Nature's influence in the vineyards has been compromised by changes in global climate. Growing seasons are becoming more variable as increasing temperatures may cause grapes to ripen more fully than in the past, increasing the levels of sugar (and

the resulting alcohol in fermented grapes) while enhancing fruit flavors.

Second, science has introduced high-tech equipment that allows greater control over the steps in the winemaking process; this allows the alchemists/winemakers much more latitude in finessing their wines.

Third, alchemists are better educated and have a deeper understanding of the art of winemaking. Utilizing this knowledge permits them to create a finite, personalized wine style.

Perhaps the most influential element is the fourth element – the fourth estate. Wine critics have created an aura of infallibility in the minds of a large segment of the public. Their opinions are dictums for producers, distributors, retailers and consumers. They have changed the style of a number of wines in the last decade, more so perhaps than any of the three elements mentioned above.

The debate continues over the merits or detriments to this changing style in 21st century wines. Advocates appreciate the enhanced fruit forwardness and the refined aroma/flavor profiles afforded by a winemaker's mastery of advanced technology and techniques. Opponents

criticize the lack of sophistication and balance in recent vintages of their favorite wine. Where will this dilemma take us?

The future of wine style is in the hands of the alchemists. Will they be able to master the influences of climate change and science? Will they stand up to or succumb to the influence of critics? The consuming public will be the ultimate arbiter, each time we enter a wine shop and open our wallets.

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# Krave Brings Modern Caribbean Cuisine to Westchester



By Morris Gut

A vibrant Chrissy Crisp and her team have brought downtown New Rochelle an exciting modern Caribbean/American Soul restaurant loaded with colorful, comforting dishes from the islands and America's South. Krave Restaurant is a notable addition to the major development taking place in the 'Queen City on the Sound'. Krave has partnered with the talented Chef 'Chrissy'.

As you enter, there is a long sparkling marble-topped bar/lounge area with bright yellow and green banquet seating. Perfect for networking. Move into the sprawling multi-sectioned dining room, a dramatically glass enclosed area, and part deep blue banquet seating. Overhead sparkling crystal chandeliers offer soft lighting throughout the room.

Chef Chrissy's menu offers such tempting starters as: Lamb Meatballs topped with yogurt mint sauce; Cod Fish Cakes; Crab & Lobster Roll, Asian style fried rolls with a Caribbean twist; and Krave's already popular Wings served lemon pepper, jerk, or fried.

Krave's Signature Salad includes mixed power greens, pistachio, cranberries, apples topped with Gorgonzola cheese. Quinoa Salad includes tri-color quinoa mixed with grapes, cashews and seasonal vegetables.

The friendly staff will help take you through such signature specialties as: 'Pass The Dutchie', traditional foods served in Dutch pots: Dutch Pot Fried Chicken; Jerk Pork & Jerk Chicken; Stewed Oxtail; Ackee with choice of fish; even Curry Goat on weekends.

Dishes from the sea include: Whole Red Snapper, choice of brown stewed, steamed, or escovitch style; Salmon broiled or

grilled; Whole Bronzini, Mediterranean Sea Bass broiled or grilled, drizzled with house jerk sauce; and curried or jerked Lobster Tail.

BBQ lovers, check this out! Chef Chrissy has a couple of vintage smokers on hand for special occasions, and a gleaming Southern Pride smoker in the kitchen putting out such specialties as: Beef Brisket, Bone-In Baby Back Pork Ribs, House Made Jerk Sausage, and Pork Belly Sticky Buns topped with homemade slaw. House smoked meats and BBQ are served Thursday thru Sunday. Each dish comes with Fried Dumplings and Pickled Cucumbers.

If you're in a vegetarian mode try the Tofu Chop Suey, Asian style; Veggie Fried Rice, seasoned with herbs and spices, served with seasonal vegetables; or the Run Down, seasonal vegetables and provisions cooked down in a coconut milk reduction. Chicken or Shrimp can be added as supplement.

Flavorful a la carte sides include: baked mac and cheese, Jasmine rice, rice and peas, mashed potatoes or fries, and asparagus.

Special Hint: Live entertainment is planned. Check ahead for details. A special Brunch Menu is served Sundays.

Krave Restaurant is located at 8 South Division Street, New Rochelle. Open Tuesday-Wednesday from 4 to 10 p.m.; Thursday, to 11 p.m.; Fridays, 4 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, 4 to 10 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 10 p.m. Closed Mondays. Menu price range: small plates from \$10; Main courses: \$10 to \$45. Vegetarian specialties. Bar/Lounge. Party facilities and outside catering. Full take-out. Major credit cards. Proper casual dress. Municipal parking. Reservations accepted. Phone: 914-740-7240. Website under construction at this

## Menu Movers & Shakers

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### City Limits Diner Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Since its founding by the Livanos family back in 1994, City Limits Diner in White Plains has become a bustling mainstay along Central Park Ave. and Route 119, across from the Westchester County Center. This month the restaurant/diner will mark 25 years with raffles, prizes and entertainment. The official anniversary day is May 24, when all in-house diners at breakfast, lunch and dinner will be treated to 25 percent off their entire bill. Raffles winners will be

announced all day long. Raffles for special prizes from area businesses, by the way, can be purchased at CLD any time. City Limits is located at 200 Central Ave., White Plains. Open 7 days. Phone: 914-686-9000 [www.citylimitsdiner.com](http://www.citylimitsdiner.com).

### Captain Lawrence Brewery Expands in Elmsford

Captain Lawrence Brewing in Elmsford has opened a newly expanded 4000 sq. ft. beer hall accommodating up to 180 guests, a larger bar featuring 20 beers on tap, and state-of-the-art kitchen at its facility in Elmsford. It is officially open for visitors.



Crab and lobster rolls at Krave, New Rochelle.



Stuffed squash blossom at Le Sirene, Larchmont.

Z Prime, and Pax Romana. I guess the closure of the original Executive Billiards on Mamaroneck Ave. made this effort possible. Rumor has it that it is the same owners. Meanwhile, there is a lot of development taking place at this very corner between Mamaroneck Ave. and E. Post Road. For info: 914-607-2200. No website at this writing.

### Spring Squash Blossoms at Le Sirene, Larchmont

It is a delicious spring treat, stuffed squash blossoms. They are a special here along with recent tastings of deliciously light Lasagna, Ai Tre Formaggi Pizza, house made stuffed Stromboli, and comforting Soft Polenta with sweet bay scallops. They all made my palate swoon. Fratelli Bruno are veteran restaurateurs who also own such venerable dining rooms as San Pietro, Caravaggio and Sistina in Manhattan. They know how to cook with finesse the authentic Italian way. Owner Cosimo Bruno is general manager and host, but also shares kitchen duties with talented Executive Chef Alberto Pepe. Let their signature flavors guide you into the pastel dining room. The bar/lounge is a good spot for cocktails and a snack. The Brunos know their wines. Cosimo is a

Certified Sommelier. The 'pizzaoli' is at his wood fired pizza oven at the end of the bar ready to prepare over a dozen of his tasty individually styled pies. Le Sirene, 1957 Palmer Ave., Larchmont. 914-834-8300 [www.lesirenorestorante.com](http://www.lesirenorestorante.com)

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Wasowicz said half of his income from "DI" is from digital, audiobook and Amazon sales, with the other half coming from bookstore purchases. "I've been to 50 stores from Vermont to South Carolina and every store has been an enriching experience because of the people I've met, the stories we've shared and the support I've received," he said.

Wasowicz said his second novel will be published later this year. "Jones Point" is the second Mo Katz novel and it comes out Labor Day weekend," he said. "It involves two grisly murders and a firefight on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge that crosses the Potomac River. Jones Point is the southernmost tip of the original diamond that formed the District of Columbia and it is located

directly beneath the Wilson Bridge. The book opens with a body being dumped at Jones Point."

Wasowicz said several authors have influenced him as a writer including Raymond Chandler, Dashiell Hammett and Sue Grafton.

Wasowicz was born and raised in Chicopee, MA. "I went to Washington fresh out of college to work for the late great Ed Brooke (R-MA), the first African American elected to the U.S. Senate post Reconstruction. I never left," Wasowicz said. "I live in the Mount Vernon area of Fairfax County along the G.W. Parkway with my wife in a house where we raised our three sons, all of whom have taken flight to pursue their dreams and aspirations."





# 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, May 14

**Tuesdays@Dorries.** Candidate in primary for White Plains Common Council Jenn Puja, mother, advocate, leader is the Executive Director of the local branch of the AFL-CIO. She has stood up for working families her entire career and is proud to be a candidate for White Plains Common Council. Jenn hopes to be a voice for all, not just some. An advocate at heart, Jenn knows the value of a listening ear and an open mind. Jenn sees the future of White Plains as one that is focused on the unity of each neighborhood and community. As one of the three candidates of the all-female slate endorsed by the WPDCC, Jenn is looking forward to meeting with the Dorries' Diner group and discussing the future of White Plains. Weekly table talk 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering begins at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome. Dorries' Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

**Families of Veterans Writing Workshop.** Are you a family member or caretaker of a veteran or active duty service member? White Plains Public Library and Veterans Writing Workshop are pleased to offer a free 10-week creative writing workshop just for you. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required. To register visit [fwww.weebly.com](http://fwww.weebly.com), call 914-629-4016 or email: [info@fwww.org](mailto:info@fwww.org). White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Talkie Tuesdays.** Come and watch a different "classic" movie each week. 4 p.m. at the White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Tech Tuesdays (Grades 1-3).** Students in grades 1-3 are invited to come take part in a fun STEM-focused activity. Activities will include coding, computer animation, robotics, video game design, augmented reality, and other possible programs; 4:30 p.m. at White Plains Library.

**Tech Tuesdays (Grades 4-6):** Operating Systems. This class is a session for preteens, specifically children in grades 4-6. The topic this week is learning about Mac, PC and Linux and what an operating system is. 4:30 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

## Wednesday, May 15

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

**Noonday Getaway Concert.** Downtown Sinfonietta, the resident chamber orchestra, featuring members of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, plays a celebratory concert featuring the Symphony No. 33 in B-Flat major, K. 319 of W.A. Mozart and the Symphony No. 5 in B-Flat major, D. 485 of Franz Schubert. Vincent Lioni conducts. 12:10 p.m. Grace Episcopal Church at Main and Church St., White Plains. 30-minute free concert; donation accepted. This concert is made possible, in part, with a gift from Hannah and John Nelson.

**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. For more information, contact Christiane Deschamps at 914-422-1496 or [cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov).

**Prosecuting Evil:** The Extraordinary World of Ben Ferencz." "The United States

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## Thursday, May 16

**Herb Society of America Spring Meeting.** The annual spring meeting of the New York Unit of the Herb Society of America. The featured speaker is Dr. Kanchan Koya, author of "Spice Spice Baby," and a believer that spices can enhance your health and well-being. Also includes a luncheon, a plant sale and a Ways & Means table with a variety of garden equipment. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. Registration at 10 a.m. Program at 10:30 a.m. Non-members: \$20. Info: e-mail [herbsocietyny@gmail.com](mailto:herbsocietyny@gmail.com).

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## Friday, May 17

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**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., V. JOHANNA PURVIS, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 21, 2019, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, wherein REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. is the Plaintiff and JOHANNA PURVIS, ET AL. are the Defendants. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the WESTCHESTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 111 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD. LOBBY, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601, on June 4, 2019 at 9:30 AM, premises

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 395 WYTHE LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/1/19. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **395 Wythe Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE FEISTY WOMAN LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/27/19. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any process to **602 Williamsburg Dr., Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.**

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LLC. THE NAME OF THE LLC IS MARY DARRAGH MACLEAN LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on 4/16/2019. The County in which the office is to be located is Westchester. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail copy of any process against the LLC is: **Northwest Registered Agent 90 State Street, Ste 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ORAINE PHOTOGRAPHY, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 3/6/2019. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **Oraine Photography, LLC, 406 Home-**

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**FORMATION OF ELMSFORD CHICKEN, LLC** filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/10/19. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to **Ashish Parikh, 100 Menlo Park Mall, Ste. 500, Edison, NJ 08837. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

**APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF THE TAILORY, LLC** filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/25/19. Formed in PA 2/18/14. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC on whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to Anthony Lopes, 3901A Main St., Ste. 203A, Philadelphia, PA 19127. The office address in PA is 1105 Tyson Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111. Cert. of formation filed with **Kathy Boockvar, Acting Secy. of State, 302 N. Office Bldg., 401 North St., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).** The name of the LLC is: **Nate The Dog Man, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 02/14/2019. The County in which the Office is to be located: Westchester. The SSNY is designated

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF QUILT-STONES, LLC.** filed with SSNY on 4/25/18. Office in Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **126 Kelbourne Ave, Sleepy Hollow, NY Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF TIG & PEACH LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 4/2/2019. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, **545 Fowler Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given to interested parties that a Public Hearing will be held by the **Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday May 23, 2019 at 6:30 at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road** for the purpose of considering the following petitions and requests together with all other matters that may properly come before the Board at this time. **AGENDA Held Over 1. Correia, Carlos, 1135 Williams Street-84.-2-48; CD Request front yard setback variance and 280A variance for two lot subdivision. 2. Steger, Kurt, 330 Lake Drive, 83.66-1-**

**2; LP Request lot coverage and side yard setback variance for detached workshop. New Application 3. Perez, Octavio, 55 Ridgecrest Road- 83.56-1-5,6 & 7; R-1& LP Request for side and front yard setback variance for the construction of a single family residence. 4. DiPillo, David, 370 Church Road,-73.13-1-25; R-3 Request side and rear yard setback variance for propane tank. 5. Martinez, John & Brandy, 54 Lincoln Road, 73.17-1-51; R-2 Request side yard setback variance for above ground pool. 6. Harris, Alex & Lindsay, 45 Lake Shore Road, 41.14-1-14; R-3 Request side and front yard setback variance and variance under Section 165-44 A (1) of the Zoning Code for height for entryway and mudroom addition. 7. Casar, Barbara, 39 Chippewa Road, 51.73-1-10; R-3 Request a side, rear lakefront and lot coverage variance for proposed deck. 8. Anderson, David, 48 Winnebago Road, 51.73-1-29; R-3 Request a side and front yard setback variance and variance under Section 165-44 A (1) of the Zoning Code for addition to existing residence. 9. Lennon, Patrick, 8 Oakdale Road, 51.14-1-23; R-3 Request side, front, rear yard and lot coverage variance for proposed new entryway. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN**

**NOTICE:** Please be advised that the next meeting of the **Town of Putnam Valley Planning Board will be held at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday May 20, 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 May 20, 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

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By Jade Perez

The inaugural Sleepy Hollow Lit Fest this Saturday promises to be an event like no other for readers and writers of all ages.

The family-friendly festival, on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., will feature events at eight venues across Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown, as well as over 100 authors and artists taking part in free readings, panels, signings, performances and other activities.

Tarrytown children's author, David Nielsen, who came up with the idea for the festival, was inspired after visiting book festivals up and down the east coast over the last few years.

"(They) were well-run and a lot of fun. But I'd always felt that our region, particularly Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow, had a historical connection to American literature that the other locations lacked," Nielsen said. "Washington Irving was America's first internationally renowned author. What better place to celebrate literature than in his backyard?"

The festival will mark the launch of an 18-month celebration of the 200th anniversary of the publishing of "The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon," a collection

of stories by Irving, which included "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

Nielsen noted that the Sleepy Hollow Lit Fest will be different from other festivals, but that there will be something for everyone.

"Our tag line is No Ordinary Literary Festival and we have taken that to heart," he said. "There are so many great, historic locations between the two villages and we wanted to incorporate as many of them as we could."

According to Nielsen, there will be creepy children's readings in the Old Dutch Church on Route 9; a presentation from African-American culinary historian Michael Twitty at Phillipsburg Manor; music acts and a spoken-word open mic at Jazz Forum Arts in Tarrytown; and best-selling children's author Chris Grabenstein's "Inside Mr. Lemoncello's Library" presentation at the Warner Library in Tarrytown.

Other venues for the Sleepy Hollow Lit Fest include Patriot's Park in Tarrytown, which will host an Event Tent and Vendor Village, selling food and various merchandise. There will also be at the park a cookbook talk with tastings, Dinosaur

Storytime, Philipse History, prisoner works reflecting on Rip Van Winkle presented by the Words Beyond Bars Project, a Spooky Panel, and talk with a teenager who has been published.

The Hudson Valley Writers Center at the Philipse Manor Station train station in Sleepy Hollow, will host a robust lineup of authors and poets, including performance artist Karen Finley, a panel on "The Poetry of Witness" and an after-hours keynote from American-Ukrainian acclaimed poet, translator and professor Ilya Kaminsky at 7:30 p.m.

The Tarrytown Music Hall's new Music Hall Academy will offer a series of theatrical workshops by director Peter Royston around fairy tales with the help of some of the festival's picture book authors.

Scattered Books in Chappaqua is the festival's main bookseller.



Tarrytown children's author David Nielsen was the driving force behind establishing this Saturday's first-ever Sleepy Hollow Lit Fest.

For more information, including a complete list of events and participating authors, visit [www.sleepyhollowlitfest.org](http://www.sleepyhollowlitfest.org). You may also e-mail inquiries to [ask@sleepyhollowlitfest.org](mailto:ask@sleepyhollowlitfest.org).

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copy of the application 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. O'Brien Family - 19 Cindy Lane (TM# 84.14-1-11/File: 2019-0193)** The subject property consists of + 1.0 acres of land and is located on 19 Cindy Lane and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is seeking a Special Use Permit, Site Development Plan to legalize a basement apartment. **SKETCH 2. Squeglia & O'Brien - 7 Stephen Smith Drive (TM# 85.-01-18/File: 2019-0192)** The subject property consists of + 3.33 acres of land and is located on 7 Stephen Smith Drive and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is seeking a Site Development Plan, Major Grading Permit and Wetland Permit, for pond restoration, pond spillway and tree removal and planting. **3. Lamanna Residence- 39 Roberts Drive (TM#85.5-1-37/File 2019-0194)** The subject property consist of + 1.0 acres of land and is located on 39 Roberts Drive and within the R-1 Zoning District. The applicant is seeking an Amended Site Plan for deviating from previously approved Site Plan and increasing the paved driveway area. **EXTENSION 4. Reape / Ferreira- 64-68 Pleasant Road (TM# 83.65-1-37 & 35/File 2018-00182) 5. Juliano, Sam,-50 West Shore Drive (TM: 62.13-2-18 / File:2010-0073) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

## 6. Approve Minutes of May 6, 2019

**AT&T MOBILITY, LLC** is proposing to construct an approximate 180.0-foot monopole telecommunications tower with an associated equipment compound located at Barnes Lane, New Castle, Westchester County, NY 10514 (N41° 10' 58.1" and W73° 48' 16.6" W). AT&T Mobility, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under National Historic Preservation Action Section 106. Comments pertaining specifically to historic resources may be sent to **Impact7g, Inc., Attention Ms. Madeline Sarcone at 9550 Hickman Road, Suite 105, Clive, IA 50325 or call 515-473-6256. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIT SPORTS LOUNGE & GRILL LLC** Art. of Org. filed with Sec. of State 04/11/2019. Off. loc.in Westchester CO. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process **Tracy Arce and Carlos Reyes, 234 North Ave New Rochelle, NY 10801. PURPOSE: Any lawful business.**

## TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY Town Board Meeting May 15, 2019 6 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance. 2. Department Reports 3. School Report 4. Legislators' Reports. 5. Presentation by Chris Kopf, O'Connor Davies, of the 2018 Audit for the Town. 6. Accept Town Board minutes from April 3, 10 and 17 and May 01. 7. Camp designated as parkland resolution 8. Approve Personnel for the Sunset Series 2019. 9. Authorization to sign MS4 Annual Report. 10. Discussion de-icer ordinance. 11. Set hearing for decibel level addition to noise ordinance. **Building Department** 12. Daily Fee Report - Summary **Parks & Recreation** 13. Personnel 14. Refunds **Districts** 15. Authorize Supervisor to sign contract for a Lake Oscawana fish survey. **Highway Department** 16. Driveway Opening Permit 17. Budget Transfers 18. Public Comment 19. Audit of Monthly Bills

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# The 52nd Annual Glenn D. Loucks Memorial Track & Field Games

## The WHITE PLAINS Examiner Sports



The 2019 Eleanor Loucks Memorial Award was presented to Frank Stefanelli (right) by Loucks Assistant Meet Director Nick Panaro. Stefanelli has been the Director of Facilities and Operations for the White Plains City School District since 2011. Stefanelli is also a Loucks Committee member. The Eleanor Loucks Memorial Award is the highest form of recognition for distinguished service bestowed in connection with the Loucks Games.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

On Saturday, Tigers Farrah Miller (right) sprints to a time of 56.95 to finish second in her heat in the 400 Meter Dash. Miller just missed making the podium by one spot as she finished sixth overall in the Women's 400 Meter Dash at the 52nd Annual Glenn D. Loucks Memorial Games at WPHS.

### By Albert Coqueran

The 52nd Glenn D. Loucks Memorial Track & Field Games was held at White Plains High School from Thursday, May 9 through Saturday, May 11. Approximately, 3020 total athletes from 255 high schools participated in the event.

The athletes traveled from as far as Halifax, Nova Scotia and Quebec, Canada to compete in the event. The United States high schools included teams from Maine to Virginia in the east and Ohio in the west.

After rain threatened the first two days of the marquee event, the sun broke through on Saturday for the Opening Ceremonies and final day of competition. Board of Directors member Michael Greenspan was the Master of Ceremonies for the Opening Ceremonies, as Meet Director Fred Singleton honored prestigious guests.

Superintendent of White Plains Public Schools Joseph L. Ricca, Ed. D. addressed the

packed bleachers and honored guests with his son Harrison at his side. Dan Woodard, the longtime Chairman and one of the original Founders of the Loucks Games presided over the event. Barbara Loucks also attended in the spirit of her late father and event namesake Glenn D. Loucks.

Also, Charlie Norris, VP White Plains Board of Education and Loucks Committee Member attended with WPHS Principal Ellen Doherty and Athletic Director Matt Cameron.

A Special Recognition was bestowed upon Richard O. Mann, the longtime Chairman of Officials and Coordinator of Special Events at the Loucks Games, who will step away from his position after this year.

The 52nd Glenn D. Loucks Memorial Games Combined Team Champion and Women's Team Champion was Paul Robeson H.S.; Men's Team Champion was Christopher Columbus H.S. The Ed Kehe Trophy for Outstanding Male Track Athlete presented to Sincere Rhea of St. Augustine H.S. in New Jersey. The Doc Blanford Trophy for Outstanding Female Track Athlete went to Chibugo Obichere, Valley Stream South H.S. The Henry McWhinnie Trophy for Outstanding Male Field Athlete won by Ian Hall, Rogers H.S. in Rhode Island and the Dan Woodward Trophy for Outstanding Female Field Athlete presented to Alissa Braxton, Commack H.S.

On Saturday, in the final event at this year's Loucks Games, the WPHS Women's 4 x 400 Meter Relay Team of Netani Bolton, Guerdyna Gelin, Clara Friend and Farrah Miller logged a 4:04.71, to place eighth out of 19 teams.



On Saturday, May 11, White Plains Mayor Tom Roach spoke at the Opening Ceremonies of the 52nd Annual Glenn D. Loucks Memorial Games at WPHS. Roach is an avid runner who admits to running five miles almost every morning. He is a staunch advocate of Track & Field athletes. "For track athletes, at least in this country, they do not get a lot of attention, so it is great for these young people who work so hard to get this attention," said Roach.



Loucks Games Meet Director and Tigers Girls Track & Field Head Coach Fred Singleton (right) spends a moment with his sprinter Farrah Miller (left), after Miller placed sixth running 56.95 in the 400 Meter Dash. "Farrah is closing in on the school record; she dipped under 57 seconds for the first time. She has become one of the best leaders that I have ever had," acknowledged Singleton, who has been coaching at WPHS for 43 years.



# EXAMINER SPORTS



WPHS Boys and Girls Track & Field Team members who participated in the 52nd Glenn D. Loucks Memorial Games included, (l-r) Team Captain Bianca Quirindongo, Amanda Antenucci, 4 x 800 relay, Elma Mrkusic, 100 meter hurdles, Justin Baez, 4 x 800 relay, Sebastian Quinn, 4 x 800 relay, Andrew Schick, 4 x 800 relay, Mike Hunter, 100 meter dash and relay, Carl Fischer, 4 x 100 relay and Eli Gordon 100 meter dash and relay.



Lt. Larry Mosley of the WPF (left) was the first ever WPHS athlete to win at the Loucks Games. Mosley pictured with Loucks Games Meet Director Fred Singleton (right) was honored during the Opening Ceremonies. Also honored was Jacqueline Gail Roberts (not pictured), the first female to ever win at the Loucks Games.



Lamont McCormick (left) has been the Head Boys Track & Field Coach at WPHS for 21 years. McCormick joined WPHS Girls Team Captains, (l-r) Lauren Cassidy, Bianca Quirindongo, Isabela Kent, Farrah Miller (with torch), Clara Friend and Netani Bolton as they prepared to light the Olympic Flame to officially open the 52nd Annual Glenn D. Loucks Memorial Track & Field Games, on Saturday.



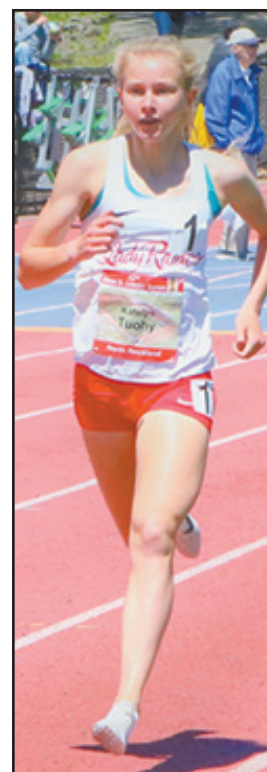
Stepinac High School's Mekhi Green (left) and White Plains High School's Eli Gordon (right) battle with other competitors during a heat in the 100 Meter Dash at the 52nd Annual Glenn D. Loucks Memorial Games.



Tigers sprinter Mike Hunter (right) gives it his all in a heat of the 100 Meter Dash, as he races against Jake Rosenthal (left) from W. Tresper High School, in Westbury, NY and Zach Love from Dalton High School in NYC, at the 52nd Annual Glenn D. Loucks Games.



Victoria Bossong (center) from Cheverus H.S. in Maine holds "The Olympian" Trophy after winning the popular Women's 400 Meter Dash. Grace Devaney (2) from Concord H.S. in New Hampshire, placed second, Alena Smith (3) from Danbury Ct. was third, Tatianna Martinez (4), Benjamin Cardozo H.S. was fourth and Abby Comella (5) from Wellesley H.S. in Massachusetts, placed fifth. WPHS sprinter Farrah Miller (not pictured) just missed the podium placing sixth.



They all came to watch Katelyn Tuohy run at the 52nd Annual Glenn D. Loucks Track & Field Games. At the 2018 Loucks Games, Tuohy from North Rockland H.S. set the National Record in 3200 Meters. On Saturday, Tuohy ran the Women's Loucks Mile at 4:46.24, which is the fastest high school Women's time in NYS and third fastest nationally this season.



## EXAMINER SPORTS

# White Plains Holds off Ursuline Rally for Senior Day Win

By Rob DiAntonio

White Plains senior Julia Mancini gathered her teammates together at midfield with the Tigers clinging to a one-goal lead with 10 minutes remaining against Ursuline on May 6. The Tigers, who had a six-goal halftime lead, heeded the message she delivered and were able to pull out a 12-10 win on senior day.

"We all just had to settle down and work together better," Mancini said. "We got a little ahead of ourselves. We were working too fast and making crazy passes. But we all worked together and finished the game off. We played really strong."

Ursuline started the second half by scoring four straight goals to cut White Plains' lead to 10-8 with 14:27 to play.

"It's a rivalry game, so even with that six-goal cushion at halftime, we knew we had to come out firing on all cylinders and hopefully try to pull away," White Plains coach Gabe Robles said. "We had opportunities to start the second half. I think we had four or five possessions and came up with nothing. Ursuline made a



MATTHEW BERKAMN PHOTO

White Plains seniors Julia Mancini and Kyra Broderick gather with their parents during the pregame ceremony on senior day.



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS

Kristen Russo of the Tigers races up the sideline.

good save or we committed a turnover. We allowed them to creep back in. All the credit to [Ursuline]. They came out with a ton of intensity. They played aggressive defense and we really struggled to acclimate to that."

Alexa Donahoe responded with a goal

who finished with 11 saves, came through with a big save with a minute left to preserve the lead. She also made a key stop with 2:35 left.

"Anna's been huge for us all year," Robles said. "She had 16 saves against New Rochelle and had eight saves against

Mamaroneck. She's been playing out of her gourd for us and it's nice because she's a sophomore. She bailed us out and the defense as a whole really bailed us out."

Mancini scored all of her game-high six goals in the first half to help the Tigers get out to the 10-4



Madison Sanchez clears against Ursuline last week.



White Plains' Julia Reggio battles through two Ursuline defenders.



JoJo Denion controls for the Tigers.

for the Tigers just 15 seconds later. She secured the draw control, charged in and scored to make it a three-goal game again.

The Koalas got a goal back with 10:01 on the clock. They then made it a one-goal game with five minutes to play.

Donahoe had the answer again. She scored on a free position shot with 1:50 left to make it 12-10 Tigers.

Tiger goalie Anna Chochrek,

lead. Four of the senior's goals were on free position shots.

"Julia is a four-year starter on the varsity and she's really starting to heat up lately," Robles said. "She's starting to find her little groove. I wish that we as a unit could start to find a little more offensive consistency. We scored two goals in the second half. That's just not going to cut it."

Mancini said that "focusing on shot placement" was the key to her first-half scoring success.

"Sometimes I shoot at random places," she said. "I was just focusing on making sure it gets to the back of the net."

Donahoe netted three goals. Katie McAteer had two goals and an assist. JoJo Denion tallied a goal and two assists. Julia Reggio dished out three assists.

White Plains' two seniors, Mancini and Kyra Broderick, were honored before the



White Plains senior Kyra Broderick races across midfield.

game. Both athletes are four-year varsity players and four-year starters. Broderick has mainly started on defense, but has filled in on attack at times.

The Tigers closed the regular season with a thrilling 12-11 last second win over Scarsdale last Wednesday. Scarsdale tied the game with 12.9 seconds left but Donahoe netted the game winner with just 1.3 seconds to go on a feed from Reggio. It was Donahoe's sixth goal of the game.

Mancini scored four goals for White Plains. Reggio had a goal and two assists. Denion added one goal. Chochrek made 11 saves.

The Tigers concluded the regular season with an 8-8 record. The Section 1 Class A playoffs begin on Tuesday, May 14. White Plains' seed and opponent were yet to be determined at press time.

"I definitely think we've really picked it up from the beginning of the season," Mancini said. "There's been a big transition in the last few games from the beginning."



# EXAMINER SPORTS

## Tigers Lose to North Rockland, Comeback vs. Suffern Falls Short

By Rob DiAntonio

The White Plains' boys lacrosse team celebrated its 12 seniors last Tuesday but fell short in a 12-4 setback against visiting North Rockland.

Despite the loss, White Plains coach Mark Armogida was still able to look back on what his seniors have meant to the program.

"Those guys are hardworking players," Armogida said of his seniors. "Some of those guys are three-year (varsity players) and it really hurts when they leave. They're solid players and it's going to be hard to replace that leadership. The other guys provide depth. They're going to fine institutions. I'm really proud of them. Sometimes, it's about a little more than lacrosse. It's the type of person that we're graduating out of this program that's important. No one's really going to

remember your wins and losses. But the type of quality kid that comes out of our program we're really proud of. Those 12 are definitely going to make us proud."

The Red Raiders took a 2-0 lead to start the game. Sean Larkin cut across the middle and released a deep shot to cut it to 2-1 with 5:11 left in the first quarter.

White Plains then had a long possession but turned the ball over. North Rockland quickly went the other way and made it 3-1 in a sequence that summed up the game.

"They have a pretty strong defense," Armogida said of North Rockland. "I thought we were getting looks but we just couldn't get our shots off. When we did get our shots off, they just weren't placed very well. It's been a struggle offensively here and there. I thought we'd been coming around and playing better. Today just wasn't our best game."

The Red Raiders then went up 4-1 before White Plains answered with a man-up goal. Ryan McDonough found Jason King with 45.4 seconds left to cut it to 4-2.

The second quarter belonged to the Red Raiders as White Plains couldn't carry the momentum over from the previous quarter. They outscored the Tigers 3-0 to take a 7-2 lead into halftime.

North Rockland extended its lead to 9-3 after three quarters in a game where Armogida felt the defense played better



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS

Ryan McDonough heads up the field while being pressured.



Jared Stiebling, a senior, receives high-fives from his teammates before White Plains' senior day game vs. North Rockland.



Luke Leone notched his 100th career point last Thursday against Suffern.



Patrick Harnaga heads for the cage on senior day.



Nicolas Spista is set in goal for the Tigers.



White Plains senior Bryan Figueiredo dodges on his way to the cage.

in the second half.

"We were trying to stay in our zone defense and they were just really cutting us up a little bit," Armogida said. "In the second half, we went more to a man defense. I thought we were more aggressive and overall I thought we played much better defense in the second half. It was just trying to pick a defense that was working."

Larkin added a second half goal to finish with two goals on the day. Luke Leone notched an assist. Bryan Figueiredo closed out the scoring for the Tigers in the fourth quarter.

White Plains rallied to tie the game late but fell 10-9 to host Suffern last Thursday to close out the regular season. The Tigers trailed 6-3 at halftime before rallying to tie the game at 9-9.

Leone notched his 100th career point in the loss.

The Tigers, who finished the regular season with a 6-10 record, were scheduled to begin the Class A sectionals on Wednesday, May 15. Their opponent and seed were yet to be determined at press time.



# 52nd Annual Glenn D. Loucks Memorial Track & Field Games



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

On Saturday, the highlight of the Opening Ceremonies of the 52nd Annual Glenn D. Loucks Memorial Track & Field Games was when WPHS Boys and Girls Track & Field Senior Team Captains led the ceremony to light the Olympic Torch, officially opening the games. Tigers sprinter Eli Gordon (left) and sprinter Farrah Miller (right) had the prestigious distinction to Light the Olympic Flame with the original torches from the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.