



## Rochambeau Students Maintain Walking Paths at Stoney Hill Cemetery



Students from the Rochambeau Alternative High School in White Plains participated for the fourth year in the Stoney Hill Cemetery Restoration Project. During the week prior to Memorial Day, they cleaned, created and maintained a walking path, and placed American flags throughout for African-American soldiers from America's earliest wars, in honor of their sacrifices. Each year more of the cemetery is restored and new paths are created for the enjoyment of the community. Teacher Eliseo Lugo supervises the event and Director Paul Bratcher oversees the project.

## Democratic White Plains Common Council Candidate's Appeal Heard in Brooklyn

By Neal Rentz

The appeal by Kat Brezler, a Democratic candidate for the White Plains Common Council who was recently taken off the June party primary ballot, was heard by judges from the state Supreme Court Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department in Brooklyn.

Thomas Musich, a spokesman for the Brezler campaign, said on May 24, "The decision could come today or next week."

Brezler will be on the November general election ballot as an endorsed candidate of the Working Families Party, Musich noted.

Brezler is challenging the action of a judge who ruled to invalidate signatures based on them not matching voter registration cards, some of which were

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Kat Brezler

## White Plains Voters Overwhelmingly Approve 2019-20 School Budget

By Neal Rentz

White Plains School District voters gave overwhelming support for the \$226,588,509 budget for 2019-20 on May 21.

The 3.44 percent tax levy increase is the largest allowable hike for the district while still complying with the tax cap under the state formula.

The budget received nearly 86 percent support with the "yes" votes outnumbering the "no" votes by a margin of 962 to 165.

Moments after the votes were tallied at Education House, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Ricca explained why the budget and two other propositions were so overwhelmingly approved by



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

White Plains Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Ricca waited for votes to be tallied for the proposed 2019-20 budget at Education House on May 21.

district voters. "I'm extraordinarily grateful to the community for continuing to support our kids. White Plains has had a tradition of really putting children first and coming out and supporting them. So I'm just so humbled," he said. "Putting forward conservative and responsible tax cap compliant budgets has been something that the board has done over the years in the tax cap era.

We did it again. I think the results are indicative of the community's support of that work and our schools and our kids."

Voters also approved two propositions in addition to the budget by wide margins.

One of those propositions asked voter approval for the district to spend \$6.4 million from its capital reserve fund to pay for improvement projects at Highlands Middle School and White Plains High School. The vote in favor of the proposition was 1017 with 107 votes against.

Improvements will include work on the courtyard; new windows; lintels; repointing and lighting; and replacement of the artificial field at Parker Stadium. High school projects will include a new



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from the 1970's, according to the Brezler campaign. Signatures ruled invalid included those from women who had remarried; a voter afflicted with Parkinson's, disease and newly registered voters, according to the campaign.

Brezler is seeking to face off against three candidates endorsed by the White Plains Democratic City Committee in February – incumbent Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson, who was first elected to the Council in 2014, as well as Victoria Presser and Jennifer Puja.

Brezler's campaign said it collected 1,175 signatures of which only 696 were necessary to qualify for the ballot. The Board of Elections validated 780 of the signatures.

White Plains Voters Overwhelmingly Approve 2019-20 School Budget

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security vestibule (\$175,000); replacement of the electric service (\$1.5 million); pool building improvements (\$890,000); additional funding for the public address system (\$425,000); and artificial turf and drainage improvements (\$1 million).

Voters approved the creation of the capital reserve fund in May 2016. Ricca said previously the district anticipates that by the end of the current school year on June 30 there will be a projected \$15.89 million in the fund.

The remaining proposition, to allow the district to create a new capital reserve of up to \$25 million over a 10-year period, was approved 1003 to 114. The district needs an additional capital reserve fund because they expire after 10 years. Passage of the two propositions will not result in tax increases. Money in the capital reserve funds are mainly derived from leftover funds from the district's annual budget.

Incumbent Board of Education, Sheryl Brady and Charlie Norris, ran unopposed in this year's Board of Education race. Brady and Norris will begin their fifth,

three-year terms on July 1.

"It's very exciting," Norris, the board's vice president, said after the votes were counted. "I really enjoy being on the Board of Education." Norris received 934 votes.

"I still have such tremendous passion for the district, as does Sheryl Brady," Norris said. "I think the district's in really good hands with the superintendent and the cabinet. I'm really proud of what we do."

"We and the administration have worked really hard on the budget to be fiscally responsible, but also to provide more opportunities for our students

and this budget really reflects that," Brady said. "I think our administration; our board members have gone out and really responded to the public about any concerns, answering questions. And I think that's why the public's behind us and the community's behind us and the parents are behind us when it comes to the budget."

"I am very excited to have been reelected," Brady said. "I consider this to be the most important work that I do. I love being on the board and working on behalf of the students and the families in the school district." Brady received 949 votes.

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# Lowey, Local Officials Seek to Curb Drunk Driving

By Neal Rentz

At the start of the unofficial beginning of summer on May 24, Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) came to White Plains to discuss her proposals to curb drunk and irresponsible driving.

Lowey, chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee, was joined last week by Westchester County Executive George Latimer, White Plains Mayor Tom Roach, White Plains Public Safety Commissioner David Chong, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving advocate Carole Sears, as well as White Plains police officers.

According to Lowey's office, from 2013 to 2017, Westchester and Rockland lost 55 residents to alcohol-impaired driving.

"In addition to warm weather and fun in the pool and at the beach, the summer months also unfortunately bring the 100 deadliest days of the year for drunk driving," Lowey said. "In 2017 an estimated 10,874 people were killed in drunk driving crashes in the United States. This horrifying statistic is amplified by this truth: drunk driving is 100 percent preventable. And while drunk driving even once is too many times, we should not allow convicted offenders to repeat those mistakes."

Last week Lowey introduced the Impaired Driving Repeat Offender



Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) proposed measures to curb drunk and irresponsible driving during an event on May 24 in White Plains.

Prevention Act, legislation that would require the installation of an ignition interlock device for a minimum of 180 days on each motor vehicle operated by an individual convicted of driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence. The device, which requires the driver to

submit a breath sample before his car will start, has been successful in curbing repeat drunk driving offenses in many states that are already using ignition interlock devices, including New York, according to Lowey.

Lowey is also seeking federal funds to invest in modernizing drunk driving prevention technology through the Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety program. The proposed fiscal year 2020 transportation spending bill includes over \$5 million for the research and development program.

"Memorial Day weekend marks one of the busiest travel weekends of the year and while we want all our residents to get out and enjoy, we also want them to play it safe," Latimer said. "I want to thank Congresswoman Nita Lowey, Westchester County police and our local law enforcement agencies

for their coordinated effort to reduce the number of drunk and drugged driving-related deaths and injuries this weekend, and throughout the summer."

"As we head into the busy summer travel season and look forward to road trips and get-togethers with family and friends, we need to also remember that safety must remain our biggest priority," Roach said. "Congresswoman Lowey's legislation, the Impaired Driving Repeat Offender Prevention Act, does just that. Representative Lowey's proactive approach is exactly what is needed to keep on top of the problem of impaired driving."

"When an incident of impaired driving occurs, its impacts ripple outward and affect not just those involved in the incident, but their families, friends, and community at large," Chong said. "We need to do everything within our power to curb impaired driving."

"MADD thanks Representative Lowey for her steadfast leadership to help eliminate drunk driving," Sears said. "Since the introduction of our Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving, MADD has worked to pass 33 all offender ignition interlock laws. This legislation will ensure that every state protects all citizens from the 100 percent preventable crime of drunk driving."

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Hackham and Galef said they were hopeful both bills could be approved in the Senate and Assembly before the current legislative session ends in June.

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# Latimer Signs Executive Orders to Protect Watershed Near Airport

By Lindsay Emery

Westchester County Executive George Latimer signed two executive orders last Wednesday at Westchester County Airport that aim to protect the surrounding watershed.

Latimer introduced the first order that ensures groundwater testing at the

airport for pollutants after the program was discontinued in 2011. The second order will ban the use of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at the airport once it is permitted by federal law, Latimer said. PFAS is a type of chemical that has been found in water sources and had once been used at the airport.

Latimer was joined by County Legislator Nancy Barr (D-Rye Brook) who introduced legislation that would codify the executive orders, preventing future administrations from discontinuing well water testing. The testing program was discontinued eight years ago without the approval of the legislators and without public dialogue, Latimer said.

"I think that we feel in the legislature that this is our job to protect the health and safety of our residents and that's precisely what this law does and it shouldn't be up to the whim of whoever happens to be

the county executive at the time," Barr said.

She said it is her job as a lawmaker to protect people's health and safety and protect the water supply. There are many bodies of water around Westchester County, including ones near the airport, said Barr, whose district includes communities just to the south of the airport.

George Klein, chairman of the Coalition to Prevent Westchester Airport Expansion and Peter Schlactus of the Westchester County Airport Advisory Board, both applauded the signing of the executive orders and look forward to working with the Latimer administration.

"These executive orders and the follow-up legislation to make them permanent are a sign that this administration, which has been talking about being concerned about the airport and its effects on the environment and public health, is actually doing something," Klein said.

Schlactus echoed Klein's comments, saying many airport-related issues are finally getting the attention that is warranted. Further collaboration between the community and the administration is possible in the future, he said.

Westchester County Attorney John Nonna explained the history of the PFAS in firefighting foams that were used by the Air National Guard until 1983 for

firefighting training. The use of these foams led to groundwater contamination that is still showing up in the test wells, Nonna said.

In addition to the executive orders, Latimer also discussed the Westchester County Airport Master Plan. He anticipates it will be completed over the next 18 months.

"Whatever has been done up to this point is inadequate, or dated at best," Latimer said. "We have not had a full, proper Master Plan of this airport since 1989."

The Latimer administration has also asked a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) representative to come to Chappaqua for a public meeting to listen to residents, some of whom have been disturbed over the last couple of years by the increasing noises levels from flights landing at the airport, Latimer said. New Castle Councilman Jeremy Saland announced on Facebook last Tuesday that the county has contracted with the consulting firm Harris Miller Miller & Hanson to conduct the first phase of a noise study.

"We need the FAA to see what that problem is, understand it and then help us come up with solutions that will deal with the actual issue on the ground," Latimer said.



LINDSAY EMERY PHOTO

County Executive George Latimer signs two executive orders last week that will ensure groundwater testing and ban PFAS chemicals, which had been previously used at the airport.



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## Obituaries

### Pasquale Ciero

Pasquale Ciero, 84, of Silver Lake died on May 18, five days short of his 85th birthday. He was born May 23, 1936 to Rocco Ciero and Anna Marie Sgobbo.

He was one of four children, Phyllis, Anna and Rocco Jr.

Pasquale married the love of his life Victoria Holdefehr and had two children Patrick and Debra.

He ventured to Ocala, Florida and became a dairy farmer, which he loved doing. Pasquale was laid to rest with his family on May 23 at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

### Roberta Collins

Roberta E. Collins, of White Plains, passed away on May 13, at White Plains Hospital.

She was born Oct. 29, 1942 in New York City to Mr. Sidney and Helene Strasberg.

Known lovingly by her many close friends as "Bobbi."

She was a college graduate in 1989 and was a lifelong learner of a variety of subjects.

Bobbi had an extensive career as an office administrator at White Plains Hospital.

She could always be counted upon to

liven up any gathering by sharing her humor and wit.

Among Bobbi's passions were travel, reading, and attending concerts, which was highlighted by attending Woodstock in 1969.

She was a volunteer at The Bronx Zoo and at the rape crisis center. Additionally, she was unselfishly lending a hand at Community Unitarian Church of White Plains.

She was an independent free spirit who always colored outside the lines.

As a mother and grandmother she was creative, energetic, supportive, encouraging, and loving. She was known as affectionately as "googly eyed Grandma."

She is survived by her daughter Julie Kappers (Vincent Belardino), grandson Jefferson Kappers, granddaughter Sydney Kappers, and her brother Andy Strasberg (Patti).

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 8 at the Community Unitarian Church 468 Rosedale Ave White Plains, 10605.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Wildlife Conservation Society at wcs.org.



## County BOL Passes Anti-Tethering Law to Protect Dogs from Abusive Treatment

By a bi-partisan vote of 16-1, the Westchester County Board of Legislators passed a measure May 20 to protect pets by restricting how and when dogs can be tethered outdoors.

Under the new legislation, dogs in Westchester no longer will be allowed to be tethered outdoors overnight or during a weather alert. Also, tethering to a stationary object is banned for dogs less than six months old, sick or injured dogs, or nursing mothers whose offspring are present. The new measure requires someone to be home when a dog is tethered outdoors, and defines what types of tethers are safe and acceptable, and requires tethered dogs to have adequate access to food, water, dry ground, and sufficient space, among other conditions to ensure safe and humane treatment.

Co-sponsor Kitley Covill (D-Bedford), chair of the Board's Legislation Committee said, "This is a clear, specific, focused piece of legislation that not only will protect the safety of animals, but also gives animal control officers unambiguous guidelines to enforce, making their jobs easier."

Co-sponsor Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant), chair of the Board's Public Safety Committee, said, "This legislation helps codify proper care, treatment and maintenance of dogs and

will be a tool for animal control and law enforcement officers. Chaining or tethering a dog and leaving her or him out in extreme weather with little or no shelter is an inhumane practice. I am proud to have worked on this legislation and I look at this as a starting point to examine other issues involving the care of animals."

Dogs that are left tethered outdoors are at risk from extreme weather conditions. Often they lack access to food, water and shelter. Dogs tied up outside can strangle or injure themselves on their tethers. And tethering can increase the threat to humans. According to a study from the Centers for Disease Control, chained dogs are nearly three times more likely to bite someone than unchained dogs.



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# CARRIAGE HOUSE FLOWERS, WHITE PLAINS

By Neal Rentz

Over more than three decades White Plains has experienced significant changes.

But over that time period there has been one constant – Carriage House Flowers.

White Plains native and resident John Di Pilato opened Carriage House Flowers on E. Post Road 35 years ago.

Di Pilato has been in the retail flowers business since he was a youth working for a florist after school. “I continued to work at different flower shops,” he said. “During the early ‘80s there were a lot of stores vacant in town and I was living out of town and I felt this would be the best place for me to start a business.”

Di Pilato said he enjoys the flower business because he “makes people happy.”

Carriage House Flowers provides its products “from births to funerals to corporate work to events every day,” Di Pilato said. The days leading up to Mother’s Day each year are his busiest every year.

Di Pilato’s business delivers flowers throughout Westchester County and to portions of Fairfield County in Connecticut. “I’m very popular in town,” Di Pilato said.

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NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

White Plains resident John Di Pilato opened Carriage House Flowers on E. Post Road 35 years ago.

In listing the most popular flowers he sells, “roses are always number one,” Di Pilato said. Other customer favorites include imported, upscale flowers, including daisies and French tulips, he said. The store also offers plants, including plants sold to corporations, and “everything that pertains to the flower industry.”

The business of selling flowers is competitive with shops not only competing against other brick and mortar stores, but against such online sellers as Pro Flowers. The keys to the success of his business are “service and quality,” Di Pilato said, noting his satisfied customers have expressed their support on Yelp.

“Now you’re even competing against

gas stations carrying flowers,” Di Pilato said. “Everybody wants to carry flowers.”

To have his store differentiate itself from others businesses that carry flowers, “I give good quality. I give good value and we’re super nice to our customers,” Di Pilato said.

Di Pilato said his goal was to give his business to his children, “Hopefully they’ll see it’s a lucrative business,” he said.

There are both pros and cons to running your own business, Di Pilato explained. One of the downsides is that there are periods when I must work every day, including holidays, because I’m “always on call,” he said.

An upside to business ownership is having good staff to allow him to take longer periods off than other people. Unlike many workers who are limited to two weeks off, as a business owner “I can do five of them,” Di Pilato said.

Owning and operating his store for such a long period, “I know all the retailers (in the area),” Di Pilato said. “I’ve seen everybody come and go and I think White Plains is a great place to do business.”

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# The League of Women Voters Supports a Single-Payer Health System

By Madeline Zevon

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government and works to increase understanding of major public policy through education and advocacy. The League has advocated on behalf of all New Yorkers for over 20 years on the issues of health care. The League believes that affordable, quality health care should be available to all New York State residents and that health care policies should include equitable distribution of services and the efficient and economical delivery of care.

As long as private health insurance corporations are the middleman between patients and providers, services will not be distributed in an equitable manner. Persons who are less likely to need care will have greater access to coverage, while



those who are in need will go without. We believe that the way to achieve substantial and lasting reductions in the cost of care is to adopt a single-payer system such as

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In a single-payer system of publicly financed, privately delivered health care for all New York State residents, citizens will decide the level of basic care. Under the single-payer model, every New York resident would be eligible to enroll. There would be no premiums deductibles, or co-payment. Coverage would be funded based on ability to pay through a progressively graduated state payroll tax and taxable non-payroll (investment) income. Federal funds now received for Medicare, Medicaid, Family Health Plus and Child Health Plus would be combined with state revenue in a New York Health Trust Fund. The "local share" of Medicaid funding—a major burden on local property taxes—would be ended. It is projected that New York State would save \$11.4 billion under a single-payer system according to the RAND Corporation.

All New Yorkers would be covered for all medically necessary services, including: primary preventive, specialists, hospital, mental health, reproductive health care, dental, vision, prescription drugs, and medical supply costs. In January 2019 the act was amended to include long-term care—the bill is more comprehensive than most commercial health plans.

Here, in New York, we have the opportunity to lead the way in implementing cost-effective, universal health care, effectively making health care a right for all New Yorkers.

—Madeline Zevon, Co-Chair Health Care, League of Women Voters of New York State

This article is a shortened version of a testimony Madeline Zevon delivered to a hearing of the New York State Health Committee on May 28 in Albany.

## County Police Marine Unit Rescues Man on the Hudson

The Westchester County Police Marine Unit rescued a man in the Hudson River Friday who had fallen from his Jet Ski and had been adrift for 45 minutes.

At about 4:15 p.m., Officers Willie Saez, Isai Morreira and Kirt Maddocks were patrolling the Hudson when they came upon an unattended personal watercraft in the middle of the river off Croton-on-Hudson. They began a search of the area and requested the County Police Aviation Unit to respond to assist.

About 30 minutes later, the Marine Unit

spotted a man down river from where the unattended PWC was found. The man, who was wearing a personal flotation device, was struggling against the current and was extremely fatigued.

Officers brought the 56-year-old Rockland resident aboard the Marine 3 patrol boat. The Marine officers, who are also trained as EMTs, provided initial medical care.

The man told officers he had fallen off the watercraft in rough waters and been adrift for 45 minutes. Due to strong currents and

windy conditions, he had been unable to swim back to his PWC or swim to shore. Marine Unit officers brought the man and his PWC back to a marina in Rockland, where he was turned over to EMS on shore.

Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason commended the Marine Unit officers.

"On multiple occasions, our marine officers have recovered Jet-Skis, kayaks and small boats that have simply come free of their moorings and drifted out into the river. But every incident is treated as a possible person in distress until we rule

that out. In this incident, a diligent search of the river located a person who was in serious danger."

Gleason also noted that the man's use of a life vest – a personal flotation device – was most likely a lifesaver in this incident.

"The incident is a reminder that every recreational boater should be wearing a PFD," Gleason said. "Things can happen in an instant on the river, as it did when this man was thrown from his watercraft. A PFD can keep an incident like this from becoming a tragedy."

## Correction

In the May 21 edition of The White Plains Examiner there were clarifications requested by the interviewee regarding the story "Injured Former White Plains Firefighter Seeks Full Retirement Pay." We have posted a corrected version of the story on the [www.TheExaminerNews.com](http://www.TheExaminerNews.com) website. The new article can be viewed in The White Plains Examiner section of the site.

## White Plains Youth Bureau Seeks Part Time Pilots to Help Kids Soar

The White Plains Youth Bureau's Aviation Academy Program is looking for a part-time pilot to train youth to fly on its Flight Simulator. The Aviation Academy Program prepares young people for careers in the expanding aviation industry. Youth are able to fly a Piper, Cessna, 787 and even a fighter jet. The program is designed to increase interest in pursuing academics in S.T.E.M

areas, provide youth with opportunities in the expanding aviation industry, and provide youth skill development in flight operation.

### Qualifications/Skills:

- Licensed Pilot or above (no CFI Rating required)
- Experience working with youth
- Must have a flexible schedule and be

able to work weekends

- Bilingual a plus but not required
- Duties would include the following:
  - Instruct video based lessons on the principals of flight
  - Instruct education and career exploration classes related to aviation
  - Cockpit Flight Simulator Instruction

If interested in the position, send resume to [cvbackes@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:cvbackes@whiteplainsny.gov).

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# Saints Contend for No. 2 Spot: Who is Your Favorite?



By Brian McGowan

It's nearing the end of May, and a few lesser-known "dates of fame" in the Irish calendar are soon upon us. The first is the feast day of a truly Irish saint, St. Colmcille (Irish: Chaluim Chille), or Columba, as he may be more commonly known and referred to.

Born in 591 to a noble Irish clan in what is modern-day Donegal, Colmcille was a great-great-grandson of Niall of the Nine Hostages, a famed warrior who ruled as High King of Ireland in the fifth century. From an early age Colmcille demonstrated great promise and studied extensively under some of the great learned men of Ireland. He was ordained a priest and established several monasteries throughout Ireland.

But the warrior within his blood rose up on several occasions and he slew men in battle, a sin that he could not expiate, and to avoid excommunication chose to go into exile in Scotland in 563. He dedicated his life there to converting the Picts of Northern Scotland to Christianity.

A kinsman, King Conall of Dál Riata,

whose kingdom spanned both shores of the Irish Sea, uniting parts of Ulster and southwest Scotland, gifted him with the island of Iona, and there Colmcille founded the monastery destined to become one of the most famous in the world. In his journeys throughout Scotland, he is alleged to have fought and vanquished a water beast in Loch Ness, perhaps the progenitor of the Loch Ness Monster. Over time, he converted many of the Pictish clans to Christianity and established Iona as a major base for Christian missionaries throughout the then-known world.

He stayed involved in Irish affairs for many years while in Scotland, and returned for several visits, founding several additional monasteries, all of which became distinguished centers of learning. His feast day is June 9, and marks the day of his death in 597. In 794, the first of many Viking raids began the end of Iona as a monastic center, but not the influence of its founder, who remains a strong influence in religious observance and thought to this day.

A recent Irish Eclectic column suggested

St. Columba as Ireland's No. 2 saint, following St. Patrick, and edging out St. Bridget, or Brigid, the proper Irish form of this revered name. A reader suggests that St. Brigid is definitely No. 2, no disrespect meant to Columba.

There is merit to the argument, certainly, so let's give equal time to Ireland's true patroness, St. Brigid of Kildare (Irish: Naomh Brid Cill Dara). Born in 451 in today's County Louth, the saint shares many facets with the Celtic goddess of the same name. There is debate as to whether she is a Christianization of Brid, one of

the most revered goddesses in the Celtic pre-Christian pantheon, or possibly even a chief Druid at the temple of Brid, who converted to Christianity and spent the remainder of her life bringing converts into the Christian religion.

Traditions differ and there is likewise a store of legends depicting her birth, early years and subsequent life as a holy woman. In 480, she founded a monastery at Kildare, the site of a shrine to Celtic Brid. Under her leadership, Kildare emerged as a center of religious learning and education. Her feast day is Feb. 1, the date of her death at 72 years old, at the monastery she founded

in Kildare, a day which, coincidentally, is also the Celtic feast of Imbolc.

Call it a tie? Colmcille (St. Columba) or Brigid (St. Bridget)? Cast your vote at [brian.m.mcgowan1952@gmail.com](mailto:brian.m.mcgowan1952@gmail.com).

There is another important festival date approaching – Midsummer Day. Celebrated on or near the longest day of the year, the summer solstice, Midsummer Day is often celebrated on June 24, which became known with the advent of Christianity as St. John's Day for St. John the Baptist.

The observance actually begins the evening before, June 23, St. John's Eve, showing its roots in the Celtic concept of a day lasting from sunset to sunset. This day is marked in many parts of Ireland by building roadside bonfires, with accompanying song and dance.

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## Guest Column

Crossword by Myles Mellor

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## The Most Practical Room in the House – the Kitchen Pantry

As I opened the door to my condo's kitchen pantry to grab a quick snack, it occurred to me that I've lived in homes and apartments that didn't feature a pantry and wondered how I ever managed without one.

As a kid, I distinctly remember how happy my mother was when she and my dad were able to purchase an older home that featured a "butler's pantry" which we hadn't had before. To me, it sounded like something that only a fancy home should have.

A pantry might be as small as a shelf in a cupboard or as large as a walk-in closet. It's where we keep the foods and supplies used most often. This also is where small appliances will most likely be used such as the toaster, kettle, mixer, juicer and coffee machine. In my case, I also squeeze in a dry mop standing to one side and a small canister vacuum cleaner on the floor under the bottom shelf.

Being naturally curious about the origin of things, I also wondered how the pantry came about. The history of kitchen storage is an interesting reflection of what was going on through the ages socially, economically and, today, architecturally.

The word pantry comes from the French word paneterie, a form of the word pain, which means bread. In medieval times, food and supplies were stored in specific rooms. Meats were kept in a larder,

alcohol stored in a buttery and bread was placed in the pantry.

In Europe, traditionally, the butler's pantry was used to store silver, serving pieces and other kitchen-related items. Because of its value, silver was kept under lock and key with the butler actually sleeping in the pantry to guard against thievery.

In America, pantries evolved from "butteries," built in a cold north corner of a home, into a variety of pantries in self-sufficient farmsteads. A cold pantry was the place to keep foods that did not necessarily need to be refrigerated. Breads, pie, cheesecakes, pastries, eggs and butter were commonly kept in a cold pantry. Vegetables could be brought up from the root cellar and stored in the cold pantry until ready to use.

Prior to World War II, America's smaller homes did not have closets, cabinets or pantries for food and kitchen storage. To fill the need for kitchen storage, the Hoosier cabinet, made by the Hoosier Manufacturing Co. in Indiana, was



By Bill Primavera

created in the early 1900s to be an all-in-one pantry for the new American home.

Most Hoosier cabinets were about six feet high, four feet wide and two feet deep, making it ideal for small kitchens. The cabinet was typically sold with built-in storage bins and containers for everyday items like flour, sugar, coffee, tea and household spices.

Hoosier cabinets today are found mostly on eBay. For those that don't have a pantry, there are tall pantry-type cabinets that go from floor to near the ceiling. These cabinets can store a lot of items, particularly if they are equipped with pull-out can racks, shelving on the back of the doors and built-

in bins.

Whether a home features an elaborate pantry room or just designated shelves in kitchen cabinetry, there are now so many storage gadgets and devices that can make available space go much further. The lazy Susan helps with access to items that would normally be stored in the back of a shelf. Pull-out shelves accomplish the same goal. Bins can help keep loose items

together and organized.

Because pantries can store some things that can be quite small, it can be enhanced with a few smaller containers or drawers for loose items. Also, there can be mini shelves or racks for spices that can be added to the back of the pantry door. Of course, pantries are good places for bulkier items, like paper towels and plastic storage containers.

In today's homes, butler's pantries can serve as an "in between" room located between the kitchen and dining room. Typically, you will also find countertop space to be used as staging areas for serving meals, as well as storage for tableware, serving pieces, table linens, candles, wine and other dining room articles. More elaborate versions may include refrigerators, sinks or even dishwashers.

If the kitchen is regarded as the heart of the house, then certainly the pantry is its blood supply.

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## Inspired by the Beauty and Bounty of Nature's Synergies



By Nick Antonaccio

If it grows together, it goes together.

We're moving into the height of the growing season here in the Hudson Valley. I visited the Pleasantville Farmers Market this past weekend and was smitten with the array of farm-fresh produce, dairy products, organic meats and other culinary components that tantalized my home-chef's palate.

The spring offerings are especially appealing to me. Yes, in several weeks, beautiful tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers and berries will be abundant at the market. But there is a special attraction to the market as we come out of the doldrums of late winter into the vibrancy of spring.

A cornucopia of greenery, be it lettuces, peas or asparagus or highly seasonal offerings such as ramps, spring garlic and fiddlehead ferns, provide inspiration after the profusion of flowering spring shrubs I admired on my short journey to the market.

Of course, my wine-centric mind immediately segued to the wines being offered. This week Fjord Winery was featured in a stall next to its Hudson Valley neighbor, Neversink Farms. I began to focus on a theme for a meal.

If it grows together, it goes together.

My palate began to salivate as I meandered from stall to stall, picking up fresh greens along the way, staples for a spring garden salad to pair with a Fjord Rosé.

If it grows together, it goes together.

This farm- and vineyard-to-table practice has been evolving for millennia. Early man's trial-and-error approach to farming and winemaking became intertwined with the culture and traditions of societies across the globe. Ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans cultivated grapes and produced wine as an accompaniment to meals prepared from indigenous crops and local cattle, hogs and lamb.

The Romans developed and refined food culture in each land they conquered. They sought to plant grapes that were compatible with local crops. These are the symbiotic practices that are sustained today.

When I travel abroad, I'm impressed with the seeming coincidental compatibility of certain food dishes with regional wines. How many of us have marveled at how well Chianti pairs with local tomato dishes or bistecca alla fiorentina in Tuscany?

Or Barolo and Barbaresco wine with the hearty game and fowl dishes of Piedmont? Or remember enjoying a light seafood meal in Provence with a locally produced Rosé?

None of these ethereal pairings are coincidental. They evolved over centuries of experimentation and refinement.

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Here in the United States, we've come full circle in the last hundred years. Until the late 20th century the farm-to-table diet was common; as global trade evolved and modern transportation methods emerged, our palates expanded well beyond the local farm. The abundance of food ingredients grew

exponentially and year-round availability of produce from across the globe became the standard. Fresh berries in the dead of winter? No problem. Cargo ships and planes delivered fresh South American strawberries to our doorsteps every day.

However, over the past 25 years our focus and sensibility has changed. Now, we seek out local foodstuffs whenever possible. We are supporting local farmers and winemakers, who are gaining a foothold in the marketplace – and the carbon footprint of their products is much smaller than that

of imported food sources.

The United States is a mosaic of ethnic diversity – in our culture and our cuisine. Recently, winemakers have taken this diversity into the vineyards. Indigenous grape varieties of distant wine regions have been acclimated to the American terroir, retaining Old World charm but expressing themselves with a new freedom not found in their native lands.

Next week I'll explore this recent phenomenon as it has manifested itself in California and the American Northwest. California now grows many international food ingredients and produces wines from many international grapes. Local wines and food have become the new international standard for the farmlands of central and northern California.

In the meantime, I'll be heading to the Pleasantville Farmers Market this weekend for another experiment in pairing local food products and wine.

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# Mughal Palace Adds Vibrant Vegetarian Non-Vegetarian Specialties



By Morris Gut

I crave Indian cuisine from time to time, and when I do this is one of the best spots in the county to enjoy it. The exciting sights, scents and flavors of regional Indian cuisine have been coming alive at Mughal Palace in Valhalla for the past 15 years. Proprietor Mohammed Alam and his friendly professional staff are great tour guides and always strive to make your visit a pleasant one.

Mr. Alam has announced a variety of new vibrant vegetarian and non-vegetarian kitchen specialties to add to the recently enhanced décor. The dining room is dressed in blue, burgundy and pink with wrap-around green awnings and is highlighted by Indian art and artifacts along with a framed rendering of the Mughal Palace. There is a cozy bar for cocktails.



A buffet sampling at Mughal Palace, Valhalla.



Tasty appetizers at Eugene's Diner, Port Chester.

New changing specialties currently include such appetizers as: Ambi Jhinga, shrimp sautéed with onion, bell pepper, tomato, mango and sweet spices; and Imli Baingan, sliced eggplant topped with fresh coriander, chaat masala, seasoned yogurt, tamarind and mint sauce. Entrees include: Bhuna Medley, tender pieces of chicken, lamb and jumbo shrimp cooked in a medium spiced sauce of bell peppers, tomato and Indian herbs; Grilled Salmon, fillets marinated with blended spices and baked tandoori style; Shrimp Malabar,

black tiger shrimp cooked in coconut milk, fresh cumin, mustard seed, garlic and curry leaves; Murgh Tikka Bhuna, chicken breast cooked in medium spices with tomato, bell pepper, ginger and garlic; and Mushroom Sag, fresh mushrooms cooked in seasoned pureed spinach.

There is a daily Luncheon Buffet offering a changing variety of fresh menu specialties. Over a dozen selections with all the trimmings from soup, salad and fresh baked breads to main courses and dessert is fixed price, all you can eat. The buffet is served daily 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. If you are new to the cuisine, it is a great way to taste a variety of dishes at one sitting.

The regular menu covers a wide span of vegetarian and non-vegetarian tastes from North and South of India. Popular starters include: Samosa, triangular patties stuffed with potato, green peas and spices; Seek Kebab, Kashmiri style minced lamb with aromatic herbs and spices wrapped around a skewer and roasted in the clay oven; Masala Dosa, paper thin rice crepe with spiced potato and peas served with coconut chutney and sumner; and Singara Sag Paneer, Patties filled with stuffing of homemade cheese and spinach. A large combination platter includes: keema samosa, chicken kebab, shrimp tikka, seek kebab and papad served with mint sauce.

Over 15 vegetarian entrees include: Aloo Gobi, cauliflower, potato and tomato cooked in a delicately spiced light gravy; Bhindi Do Paiza, fresh okra cooked with onion, ginger, tomatoes, herbs and spices; and Avial, eggplant, squash, potatoes, yams and carrots in a coconut sauce tempered with fresh curry leaves.

Meats, poultry and fish specialties include: ever popular Chicken, Lamb, Fish and Prawn Tandoori seared in the traditional Indian clay oven; Lamb, Beef or Prawn Rogan Josh, cooked in traditional Kashmiri masala (paprika, royal cumin, cardamom, clove and onion

gravy; Muglai Biryani, a classic Mughal dish of aromatic long grain basmati rice cooked with chicken, dry mixed fruits, nuts, blended herbs, spices and saffron; and Tandoori Mixed Grill, a big platter of lamb tikka, chicken kebab, tandoori shrimp, seek kebab and tandoori chicken.

The fresh made Indian breads are a must to help lap up those delicious gravies: Nan, Onion Kulcha and Garlic Nan are favorites. A variety of Indian beers or Mango Lassi will help you wash it all down.

**Special Hint:** Mr. Alam recently opened Ambadi Kebab & Grill Halal Cuisine at 141 E. Post Road, White Plains. Phone: 914-686-2014. [www.ambadiusa.com](http://www.ambadiusa.com).

Mughal Palace Fine Indian Cuisine is located at 16 Broadway, Valhalla, just off the Bronx River Parkway. The restaurant is open 7 days a week for buffet lunch, dinner and weekend Brunch Buffet. Buffet



Chef David DiBari spinning cotton candy at Eugene's Diner.

served: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 .m. daily, \$12.95 per person, \$14.95 Saturdays, \$15.95 Sundays. Dinner served from 5 to 11:30 p.m.; Sundays to 9:30 p.m. Appetizers from \$4.95 to \$13.95; Main courses: \$13.95 to \$24.95. Bar & Cocktails. Full take out. On & Off Premise Catering. Local Delivery. Major credit cards. Casual dress. Free and municipal parking. Reservations suggested for larger groups. Phone: 914-997-6090. [www.mughalpalace.com](http://www.mughalpalace.com).

**Eugene's Diner & Bar Opens in Port Chester.** It has taken some extra months, but dynamic Chef/Restaurateur David DiBari and company have opened his newest: Eugene's Diner & Bar in Port Chester. Chef DiBari also operates such popular eateries as The Cookery, The Parlor, The Rare Bit, all in Dobbs Ferry, and Dough Nation, his popular food truck. This newest endeavor is a retro diner-inspired restaurant serving jazzy



Mr. Alam at Mughal Palace, Valhalla.

cocktails. It is named after his uncle and grandfather, both named Eugene, and longtime diner aficionados.

During a recent bounce through Port Chester, I met up with a group at Eugene's where a warm-up event was taking place. From the dark façade along N. Main Street with its understated sign overhead: Eugene's Diner & Bar, you would never anticipate the colorful interior. Once you get past the sparkling bar/lounge area, the diner-like design elements, the booths, counter seats, bustling open kitchen and retro lighting fixtures put on a technicolor display. Add to that the rotary cake display case and small nearby sign: Burgers, Shakes, Pancakes and Caviar. That about sums up the eclectic menu, too.

Got to taste rounds of menu based appetizers and beverages: their house made Hot Dog, with kraut, crispy onion, and mustard; Belgian Waffle, maple sausage, whipped butter, blueberry syrup; House made Rotisserie Spam, pineapple glaze; Griddled Meatloaf with Swedish gravy; Grilled Cheese, inside out with cheesy sauce; and more. It was all tasty, I must admit. It's been quite a few years since I tasted Spam, and this version was good...really! Meanwhile, we got a kick out of watching Chef DiBari and his crew preparing cotton candy behind the kitchen counter.

**Special Hint:** There is a private upstairs lounge area in the rear for small groups. Chef DiBari said he already has one of his famous pig roasts planned for the space. The staff was most friendly, too. Open for dinner only at this writing. Breakfast and lunch are coming.

Eugene's Diner & Bar is located at 112 N. Main Street, Port Chester. Phone: 914-481-5529. [www.eugeneshdiner.com](http://www.eugeneshdiner.com).

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ter County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to principal business address: **111 North Road, White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**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 Homestead Ave, Mount Vernon, NY 10553. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

**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.**

**STYLE MIXX LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 11th, 2019. Office in Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail process to **Nicole Hamilton-Wint, 3439 Fish Avenue, Apt 2C, Bronx, New York, 10469. Purpose- any lawful acts.**

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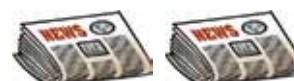
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of Org. filed with Sec. of State 04/11/2019. Off. loc.in Westchester CO. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process Tracy Arce and Carlos Reyes, 234 North Ave New Rochelle, NY 10801. PURPOSE: Any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

**PUBLIC NOTICE: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Village Treasurer of the Village of Pleasantville has received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 2019-2020. Payments will be accepted in the Finance Department on the Third Floor of Village Hall, 80 Wheeler Avenue, in said Village from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays as follows: Taxes and other assessments, if any, become due and payable June 1, 2019, but may be paid in two installments without penalty. The first installment may be paid without penalty from June 1, 2019 to and including July 1, 2019. The second installment may be paid without penalty from June 1, 2019 to and including December 31, 2019. To all first installment taxes remaining unpaid after July 1, 2019, five percent (5%) will be added for the month of July, and an additional one percent (1%) for each month or fraction thereof until paid. To all second installment taxes remaining unpaid after December 31, 2019, five percent (5%) will be added for the month of January, and an additional one percent (1%) for each month or fraction thereof until paid. On or before February 1, 2020 a delinquent list will be published.

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# ARTSBASH TAKES OVER ARTSWESTCHESTER FOR BIGGEST HOUSE PARTY OF THE YEAR



ArtsWestchester’s biggest house party of the year gave art lovers a chance to explore open artists’ studios and enjoy the latest gallery exhibit, Modern Families, all while sampling creative cuisine presented by over 20 of the area’s hottest chefs and restaurants. Taking

place in the nine-story historic ArtsWestchester building in downtown White Plains on May 16, the annual ArtsBash event was co-chaired by Karen and Andrew Greenspan, Pat and Jim Houlihan, Rob Petrone, David DiBari and John Crabtree.



L-R: Honorary ArtsBash Chair Rob Petrone, Host and Executive Producer of “Restaurant Hunter” on Verizon FiOS1 News, Lower Hudson Valley; Culinary Co-Chairs David DiBari, Restaurateur; and John Crabtree, Restaurateur.



L-R: ArtsBash Co-Chairs Karen Greenspan and Pat Houlihan.



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L-R: Shari Rosen Ascher, Advocacy & Community Liaison, County Executive George Latimer’s Office; and New York State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins.



L-R: Kitley S. Covill, Westchester County Legislator; David DiBari, Restaurateur and Culinary Co-Chair; Janet Langsam, ArtsWestchester CEO; and Ken Jenkins, Deputy County Executive.



L-R: ArtsBash Co-Chairs Jim and Pat Houlihan with guests Froma and Andy Benerofe.



Kirk Howell, studio artist.





# 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 28

**Tuesdays@Dorry's.** David Buchwald serves as the Assembly's Chair of the Commission on Government Administration and is a member of several committees. They include the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force, and the Committees on Election Law, the Judiciary, and Consumer Affairs and Protection. He returns to Dorry's to tell us what he has been accomplishing, and what his concerns are. He will want to know our concerns as well. Bring your questions. Weekly table talk 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering begins at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome. Dorry's 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 [fvww.weebly.com](http://fvww.weebly.com), call 914-629-4016 or email: [info@fvww.org](mailto:info@fvww.org). White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Talkie Tuesdays.** Come and watch a different "classic" movie each week; 4 p.m. 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., White Plains Library.

**Tech Tuesdays (Grades 4-6):** How Does The Internet Work? This class is a session

for preteens, specifically children in grades 4-6. During this particular session, learn about the giant "network of networks" is - something we call the Internet- and see how it is able to exist; 4 p.m., White Plains Library.

## Wednesday, May 29

**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.** Angelica, the women's chamber choir directed by Marie Caruso, has delighted our Downtown Music audience with its holiday programming for many years. This wonderful group offers an annual spring concert as well which, this season, carries the title Vox Feminarum, and features works written by women from the 13th to the 21st century. Highlights include music of Hildegard von Bingen and Maddelena Casulana; selections from the Codex Las Huelgas (13th c., Anon.); and the premieres of works by 18th-century composer Maria Rosa Coccia. 12:10 p.m. Grace Episcopal Church at Main and Church St., White Plains. 30-minute free concert; donation accepted.

**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).

**The Artists' Loft.** With Art Bennett & Lord Judah (Hip Hop). On the last Wednesday of each month from February through September, join Art Bennett and other guest teaching artists in the library's café space from 6 to 8 p.m. for evenings of fun, creativity, and community. Musicians are welcome every month, with all musical skill levels welcome. Bring your instrument and any tunes you want to work on, or just bring your ears to relax and listen. Art likes to run a workshop-style event, where you get a chance to see how musicians who have never played before work together to create! An electric piano and a PA will be available. The Artists' Loft creates a place for artists of all mediums to come together in downtown White Plains. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

## Thursday, May 30

**Songs of the Civil Rights Movement.** The Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Library invites everyone to this program featuring musician Ricardo Gautreau who will present original recordings of songs from the Civil Rights Movement and talk about how they came to be written.

Thomas H. Slater Center, 2 Fisher Court, White Plains. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-525-3076 or e-mail [library@mlkwestchester.org](mailto:library@mlkwestchester.org).

**T(h)ech Thursday For Teens.** How Does The Internet Work? T(h)ech Thursday is a weekly meetup for teenagers who wish to learn more about various aspects of digital technology. From coding to 3D printing, there are many opportunities to learn and have fun. The particular topic of this week's session is learning about the massive "network of networks," we call the Internet. 4 p.m., White Plains Library.

**STEM Buddies.** Children in grades 1-4 can sign up at the Compass Desk in the Trove to work on STEM activities in small groups for 30 minutes with teen volunteers or college students. Sign-up will start at 4 p.m. STEM = Science Technology Engineering Math. White Plains Library

**Stories & Stuff.** Preschool storytime, including a craft activity, for ages 4 and 5 without adult. Literacy connections are made at "Stories & Stuff" where stories are centered around a theme and children listen and interact with corresponding rhymes, songs and/or finger plays. A final craft project ties in with the topic fostering a sense that stories are imaginative, yet lasting, and continue to enrich our creative thoughts and play; 4:30 p.m. White Plains Library.

## Friday, May 31

**National Geographic Live:** When Women Ruled the World. When it comes to women in power, we've come a long way, right? Join Dr. Kara Cooney, professor of Egyptology, for a look at a time in ancient history when women ruled the world. Often neglected in the history books, these women were considered exceptions to the rule, political pawns in a patriarchal society. But their power and influence are undeniable. Cleopatra used her sexuality - and her money - to build alliances with warlords of the Roman empire. Neferusobek was the first woman to definitively take the title of king. Nefertiti is known more for her beauty than for bringing a fractured Egypt together. What can we learn from how these women ruled? Dr. Cooney shares some illuminating answers. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35 and \$45. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

## Saturday, June 1

**Farmers' Market.** Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains. Saturday opening day with music and special events. Hours of operation each Saturday are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Vote Like a Girl.** Pay tribute to fearless women past and present at Washington Irving's Sunnyside. There will be art

activities, games, music and a parade highlighting the day's celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, passed by Congress on June 4, 1919. State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins will visit from 12 to 1 p.m. to talk about how she became involved in public service and will answer questions. Sunnyside, 3 W. Sunnyside Lane, Irvington. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$16. Seniors: \$12. Children (under 17) and Historic Hudson Valley members: Free. (Prices are \$2 more per tickets when purchased on-site or by phone.) Info and tickets: 914-366-6900, [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org).

**Hike to the Quarry.** Hear about history and nature during a leisurely hike to this remote part of the preserve. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 11 a.m. to noon. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

**Asian Heritage Festival.** Music and dance, entertainment, vendors and food featuring Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Indian, Indonesian, Japanese, Malaysian and Thai culture. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 12 to 6 p.m. Free admission and parking. Rain or shine. Info: 914-231-4033.

## Sunday, June 2

**Albanian Heritage Festival.** Music and dance, entertainment, vendors and food. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 12 to 6 p.m. Free. Info: 914-231-4033.

**Westchester Pride Workshop:** The Art of Runway Walking With Twiggy Gucci Garçon. Pose. Turn. Strut. Stance. Attitude. A workshop in the art of runway walking and vogue, led by FX Pose choreographer, LGBTQ youth rights advocate and runway icon Twiggy Pucci Garçon, along with ballroom artists Milan Garçon and Mermaid Garçon. Dr. Tavia Nyong'o, professor of American Studies at Yale University, will join the House of Comme des Garçons for a pre-workshop conversation about the history of runway in the New York ball scene. A program co-sponsored by The LOFT LGBT Center and is being held in conjunction with Westchester Pride. Attendees will have the opportunity to demonstrate their newfound runway skills on the outdoor Pride Festival stage following the workshop. ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 1 p.m. Free. Reservations encouraged. Info and reservations: Visit [www.artswestchester.org](http://www.artswestchester.org).

**Wildlife Conservation.** Spend time with an expert naturalist and discuss a wide range of conservation issues and some of the measures being taken to reduce their effects. Meet some of the animals that are affected by these issues and learn about their lives in the wild. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

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# The WHITE PLAINS Examiner Sports

## Lady Tigers Escape Ketcham, 3-1, to Advance to Section One AA Semifinals

By Albert Coqueran

White Plains High School Softball pitcher Ella Utschig stepped off the rubber took a step back on the mound and a couple of deep breaths. With Tigers leading, 3-1, in the bottom of the last inning, R.C. Ketcham had loaded the bases on a walk and two hits.

Utschig, the freshman ace pitcher for White Plains already had 11 strikeouts and needed one more strike for her 12th and to end the game. Utschig fired. "Strike three," the umpire screamed! Utschig jumps off the mound victorious, as her teammates surround their young freshman pitcher.

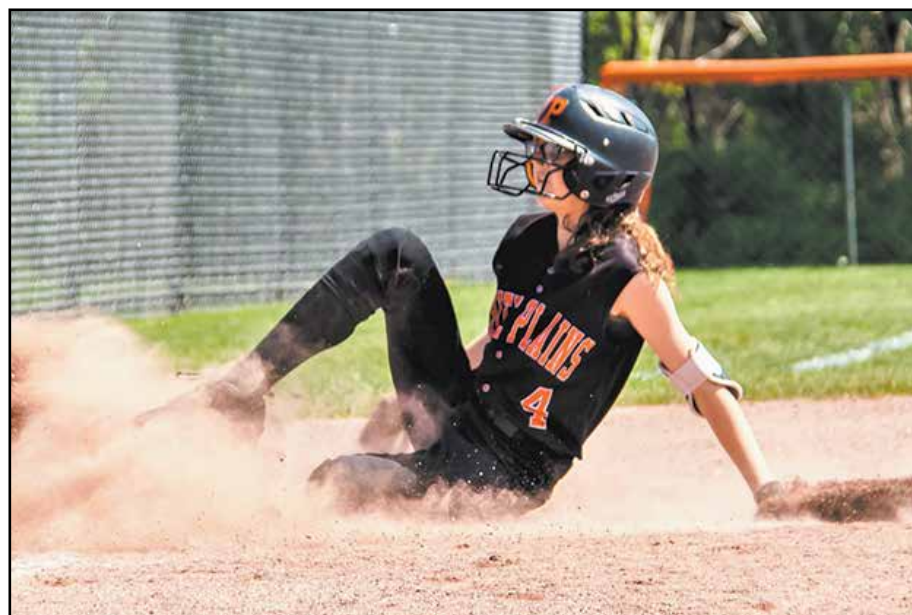
The Tigers while leading, 3-1, in the last inning escaped the Indians by third baseman Sarah DiSanto making a crucial catch in foul territory against the fence in front of the home team dugout. And Utschig settling down and striking out

her second batter in the last inning.

The WPHS Softball Team, the number one seed in the Sectional One Tournament, won their 19th game this season by beating the number nine seeded R. C. Ketchum High School, 3-1, in the Quarterfinals of the Section One Playoffs, to advance to the AA Semifinals.

"The nerves were definitely getting to me so I had to make sure I took a deep breath and then just threw the ball," said Utschig, regarding her last strikeout. "It feels amazing to advance but not just for me but for my entire team, because everything I do is for my team," said Utschig, who scattered seven hits, walked two and struck-out 12 Indians.

The Lady Tigers is a very supportive and unified group. No more influential in this young loyal group is sophomore Team Captain Zoey Kovach. It is very evident during the course of any game



MATTHEW BERKMAN PHOTOS

Lady Tigers centerfielder Amanda LeMark (pictured) slides into third base after leading off the second inning with a triple to rightfield. LeMark scored the Tigers third run of the game on a sacrifice fly by Alexa Galligani. The Tigers went on to beat R.C. Ketcham, 3-1, on Saturday at WPHS, to advance to the Section One AA Semifinals.



White Plains High School Varsity Softball pitcher freshman Ella Utschig held R.C. Ketcham to one run, while scattering seven hits, walking two and striking out 12, as the Lady Tigers beat Ketcham, 3-1, in the Section One Quarterfinals to advance to the AA Semifinals.

that Kovach keeps Utschig focused and the team anchored on defense.

"I have a lot of confidence in Ella's stuff and it is just important to me that she feels the same way," commented Kovach. "I would not be able to do all that I do without Ella. I am really proud of us because we work together really well," acknowledged Kovach.

It was the first inning when Utschig got the most support from her teammates on offense in the Quarterfinal game. The Tigers scored two runs on five hits in the first frame, which was the difference in the game.

Alexa Galligani hit a leadoff double and took two bases on a single by first baseman Ava Rainone. Then, early in the game, Indians pitcher Sky Brandemarte had to deal with Tigers slugger DiSanto with a runner in scoring position. DiSanto delivered an RBI single and Kovach followed suit with an RBI single. "Before the game we were talking about that we wanted to just jump on it because when we put runs up first we do not fall behind," said Kovach.

Although, Brandemarte got the loss for

the Indians she did pitch well, while only allowing the big Tigers bats, one run, one hit and one walk after the first inning. The one hit was leadoff triple in the second inning by steady centerfielder Amanda LeMark. Then, Galligani, at the top of the order, brought her teammate home with a sacrifice fly.

Utschig loaded the bases twice in the game once in the first inning and again in the last inning. Both times she ended the innings on strikeouts without allowing a run. "That was a real money pitch," said Head Coach Ted O'Donnell, referring to Utschig's 12th strikeout to end the game. "When the going gets tough: Ella gets going, so it does not surprise me," complimented Coach O'D.

The Tigers will play the Number 13-seeded Arlington High School in the Section One Semifinals, on Wednesday, May 29, at 4:30 p.m. at WPHS. The Admirals upset the number five-seeded Scarsdale High School, 7-1, in the Quarterfinals to advance to the AA Semifinals.

"It feels good to move on White Plains is hungry," emphasized Kovach.



..... EXAMINER SPORTS .....

# Stepinac Baseball Sweeps St. Joe's in CHSAA Playoffs

By Rob DiAntonio

Stepinac's baseball team made quick work of St. Joseph's with a two-game sweep in the third round of the CHSAA playoffs. The Crusaders advanced to the championship tournament for the third time in four seasons.

In the first meeting on Tuesday, May 21, the Crusaders cruised past the visitors, 8-2.

Southern Connecticut-bound senior Izaiah Walker earned the win, tossing six innings while striking out five and letting up two earned runs. He also went 2 for 3 at the plate with a double and an RBI.

Mike Becchetti (2 for 3, home run, 3 RBI), Chris Antonelli (3 RBI), Anthony Pressimone (2 for 3) and Matt Mercado (RBI) also did damage offensively.

"We did a really good job of battling with two strikes and fighting off tough pitches," Stepinac coach Keith Richardson said of the offense. "This allowed us to wear down their pitching, draw walks to get guys on and we really came up with a bunch of clutch hits. We had several with two strikes and two outs."

In game two of the best of three series on Friday, May 24, Stepinac went on the road against St. Joe's and picked up the 6-2 win.

Antonelli started on the hill and pitched five innings while striking out five and surrendering just one earned run. He also had an RBI.

"Chris and Izaiah both really set the tone with first-pitch strikes and establishing



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Stepinac's baseball team had plenty to celebrate during a two-game sweep of St. Joseph's in the CHSAA playoffs.

their fastballs," Richardson said of Walker and Antonelli's pitching performances in the two wins. "Both worked ahead and gave us length, which in a three-game series really made the difference. Izaiah

especially set the tone in game one to get us off on the right foot."

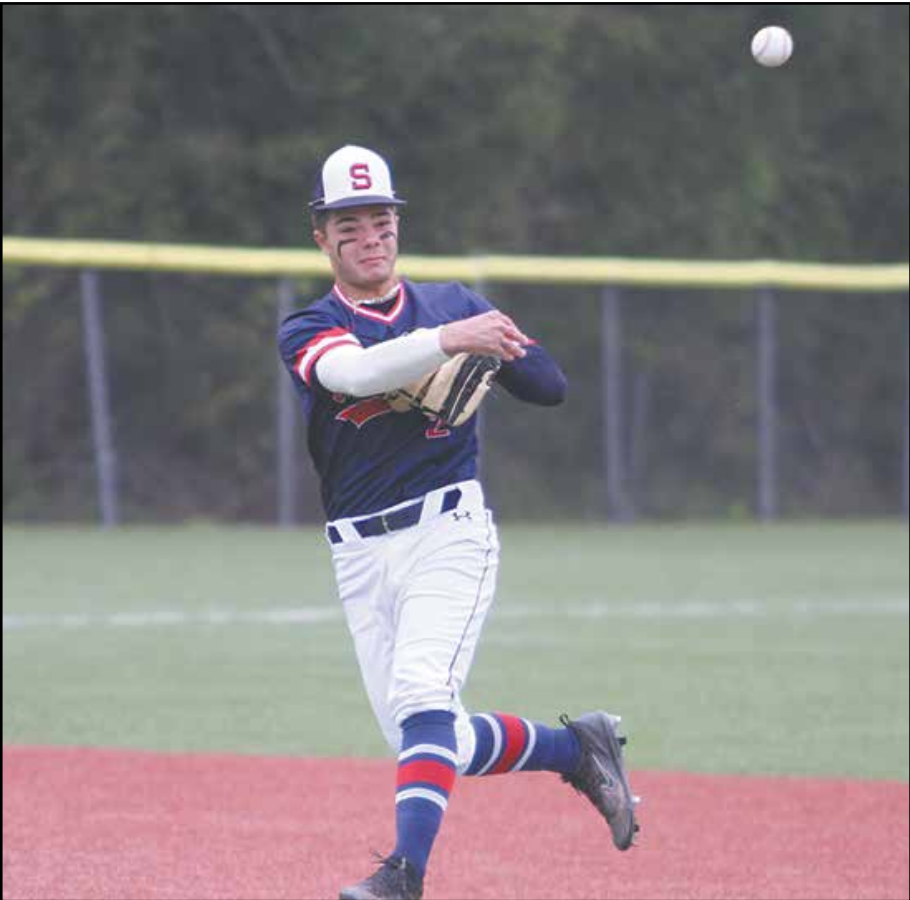
Christopher Fox pitched two innings of scoreless relief to close out the win last Friday. He fanned two batters.

Walker (2 for 3, triple, 3 RBI) and Becchetti (double, 2 RBI) led the offense.

"After a tough end to our regular season, we played really well the last two games in the playoffs," Richardson said. "The

guys really came to play and played very solid all around. We hope it continues this week."

Stepinac was scheduled to face Archbishop Molloy on Monday, May 27, to open the eight-team double-elimination championship tournament. After that, they will play Tuesday with the time, location and opponent to be determined at press time.



Mike Becchetti and the Crusaders returned to action against Molloy in the opening round of the CHSAA championship tournament on May 27.



Izaiah Walker tossed six innings to earn the win in the first game against St. Joe's



# ..... EXAMINER SPORTS ..... NY Liberty Open 2019 Season at the Westchester County Center

By Albert Coqueran

The New York Liberty opening their 23rd season in the WNBA and second season at the Westchester County Center was bittersweet, on Friday. It was not just because the Ladies of Liberty lost their 2019 Home Opener to the Indiana Fever on a buzzer beating lay-up, 80-81.

It was foremost because this is the last season the Liberty will play at the County Center and their inaugural season playing for an entity other than the Madison Square Garden Company.

The NY Liberty was sold to an entity owned by Joe Tsai and his family on Jan. 23 this year. Tsai is a 49% minority owner of the Brooklyn Nets; therefore the Liberty will be calling the Borough of Brooklyn their home after this year.

The Liberty will play their full slate of 17 home games at the Westchester County Center this season with one home game against the Seattle Storm played at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, on Sunday, Aug. 11.

Nonetheless, the Liberty led by center Tina Charles with 32 points, 12 rebounds while shooting 10-for-10 from the foul line, certainly gave the 1,965 fans many thrilling moments during their Home Opener at the County Center. The only missing element was the win, which was snatched away at the final buzzer.

The game against the Fever had seven lead changes and ties in the fourth quarter, Charles playing like a woman possessed had 22 points and 10 rebounds in the initial three quarters and scored 10 of the Liberty's final 13 points of the game.

Charles put the Liberty in the lead, 80-79, with two free throws with seven

seconds left in the game. But the Fever got the ball to their six-time WNBA All-Star Candice Dupree, who looped it to 6' 7" rookie center Teaira McCowan, who flipped it up and in the basket for the win, 81-80.

Charles and the Liberty fought hard in the game. It did not seem to matter to them who they are affiliated with or where they will play next season. They just want to win. "We came out and played hard. We jumped on them but then we died down a bit, the turnovers hurt us, I think they had 16 points off turnovers," commented Charles.

## Teresa Weatherspoon is a Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer

If anyone knows anything about playing in tough games, it is NY Liberty legend Teresa Weatherspoon, who is presently the Director of Player and Franchise Development for the Liberty. "Spoon" as she is affectionately nicknamed, is one of the original members of the NY Liberty having joined the team during their inaugural season in 1997. The Liberty is one of the original teams of the WNBA.

Weatherspoon, who presently resides in White Plains, played 16 seasons with the Liberty (1997-2003) and led them to four WNBA Finals appearances (1997, 1999, 2000, 2002). She is a five-time All-Star and two-time WNBA Defensive Player of the Year, who was named one of the top-20 best and most influential players in the WNBA in 2016. She is also a member of the Liberty Ring of Honor and the first player in the history of the WNBA to post 1000 points and 1000 assists in her career.

During Enshrinement Weekend at the Naismith Memorial Basketball

Hall of Fame from September 5-7, in Springfield, Massachusetts, Weatherspoon will covet the ultimate prize when she is inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. "My family; we are extremely excited because it is not just for me it is definitely for my family," emotionally stated Weatherspoon, who will join Liberty Head Coach Katie Smith, in the Hall of Fame, who was inducted last year.

I covered "Spoon" during her entire playing career with the Liberty, she reminisced with me regarding jumping on the scorer's table with the Eastern Conference Championship poster after the Liberty won the WNBA Eastern Finals in



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Liberty center Tina Charles (left) lends some support to rookie teammate 6' 9" center Han Xu from China, who was the Liberty 2019 second round Draft Pick. Charles netted 32 points and grabbed 12 rebounds but it was not enough as the Indiana Fever spoiled the Liberty Home Opener, 81-80, at the County Center.

2000, some 19 years ago. "I remember that like it happened two seconds ago. This game brings so much excitement and joy to me that I wanted everyone to feel what I felt," remembered Weatherspoon.

Weatherspoon shares credit with many people for her success including her family and all they sacrificed for her to achieve her goals, her teammates who

she calls" her sisters for life." Also, the fans, the front office, the media and even the behind the scenes help including the garage attendants and security guards.

However, she dedicates this ultimate basketball honor to her late parents Charles and Rowena Weatherspoon. Congratulations Teresa Weatherspoon much deserved!



Former NY Knicks player and Assistant Coach Herb Williams (left) congratulates Teresa Weatherspoon, the Director of Player and Franchise Development for the Liberty, on her upcoming induction into the Naismith Hall of Fame. Williams has been the Assistant Coach for Liberty since 2015 and has been like a "big brother" to "Spoon" throughout their many years shared in professional basketball.



Liberty guard Rebecca Allen (right) wins a jump ball against Indiana Fever center Natalie Achonwa in the third quarter but the Fever spoiled the Liberty 2019 Home Opener at the County Center on a buzzer beating lay-up, 81-80.





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