



White Plains Common Council Approves DeKalb Avenue Housing Project

By Neal Rentz

Backed by neighboring residents, the White Plains Common Council voted unanimously during its August meeting to approve a project to create 21 housing units in a vacant building at 37 DeKalb Ave.

The Council provided Special Permit and amended Site Plan approvals.

The applicant, 37 DeKalb Owner, LLC, has established a new Special Permit use that will permit the former 65-bed nursing home to hold multi-family housing. The Common Council approved the developer's request to add the use to the R2-2.5 Zoning District.

The two-story building at Carhart and DeKalb, which has been vacant for over

eight years, will be renovated, preserving the existing structure, to accommodate 21 multi-family rental units and the addition of a third floor.

The zoning change will also apply to three other non-legally conforming properties in the White Plains R2-2.5 district, operating as multi-family housing and bring them into compliance with the zoning ordinance. The zoning change will not apply to new buildings or new development projects within the district on vacant sites.

The building design includes development of the basement into an amenities area for residents. The first floor will include a lobby and parking garage and the second and third floors

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Stepinac's Football Team Returns with Great Talent

With weapons returning all over the field, Stepinac's football team is aiming for its fourth CHSAA state title in five seasons. Stepinac quarterback Joey Carino (pictured) threw for 2,351 yards and 26 touchdowns last year.

See page 18 for the full Stepinac High School Football Preview.



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Local Officials, Residents Rally for Gun Safety Legislation in White Plains

By Neal Rentz

Following the recent mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton, dozens of local residents rallied in front of White Plains City Hall on Aug. 17, one of a reported over 100 similar "Recess Rallies" for federal gun safety events scheduled for every state in the nation last weekend.

The White Plains event, which an organizer said drew 200 attendees, was sponsored by Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense Legislation.

The rallies were held to demand that US Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell call back the chamber from its summer recess and pass gun safety legislation, including a background check law, which have been approved by the House of Representatives.

White Plains Mayor Tom Roach said the need for federal gun safety is a sentiment shared by both Democratic and Republican



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White Plains Mayor Tom Roach spoke at the Aug. 17 White Plains Recess Rally for federal gun safety measures in front of the White Plains City Hall.

mayors throughout the country. "To have the US Conference of Mayors two weeks ago circulate a letter demanding that Mitch McConnell bring the Senate back to work to do something for this country, signed by mayors of both parties, says a lot about how important this issue is to Americans," Roach said.

Roach said he is a member of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, which was created by former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Roach said now police officers are being trained for active shooter situations. "It wasn't this way in the past," he said. Police officers often respond to an active shooter incident with a handgun and standard issue protective vest possibly facing a gunman who has a military weapon wearing body armor, Roach said. On Aug. 16 mayors

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and police chiefs from around the country participated in a conference call conducted by the US Conference of Mayors to hear from the mayor and former police chief of Orlando, FL “to tell us what they had to deal with” during the Pulse night club massacre in 2016.

The majority of Americans and gun owners favor reasonable gun safety regulations, Roach said, adding he had been frustrated by a lack of legislative progress on the issue in the past. However, through the efforts of gun safety advocates, “you flipped the table over and changed everything” in New York State regarding gun regulation, Roach said.

State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Yonkers) said, “Stop the violence and do sensible things to protect our people. Why are we here? I was at a concert last night. What do you do at a concert? You dance. You clap. You have fun. Why was I thinking about where the exits were? Why was I thinking that something very awful could happen at this concert?”

“We’re here today to tell the US Senate to do their job,” Stewart-Cousins said. “We’re the Senate (NYS Sentate) that really expanded the background checks. We’re the Senate that says you’ve got to lock up your guns. We’re the Senate that banned assault rifles. We’re the Senate that refuses to arm teachers.”

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison)



State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins at the Aug. 17 White Plains Recess Rally for federal gun safety measures in front of the White Plains City Hall.

thanked “all the moms who are demanding action.”

“Unfortunately, there are some on the other side of the aisle who won’t even come back, not even to background checks,” Lowey said, adding, “Why should assault weapons be on the streets of our cities and why should weapons of any kind be on (college) campuses in the United States of America?”

“We should bring the Senate back and make sure that every person must stand up and vote,” Lowey said.

White Plains resident the Rev.Colon-Berezin, minister of Christian education for the Scarsdale Congregational Church, UCC, led the attendees in the chant –“No more silence. End gun violence.”

“We will not be silent about the crisis of violence in this country any longer,” Colon-

Berezin said. “We will not be silent about our history, our inequality, our gun epidemic. We will not be silent for one more election cycle, not for one more year, not for one more day, not even for one more minute. We will not be silent because the brokenness in society has broken too many of our hearts. Because this moment demands a moral reckoning about who we are as a nation. We will not be silent until Washington bends toward the will of the people and away from the will of the almighty dollar.”

Irvington resident Barry Graubart, New York State deputy chapter leader, for advocacy for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, noted he was wearing wristbands on his arms. “These wristbands represent friends of mine who have lost their loved ones to gun violence,” he said.

Sleepy Hollow resident Adriana Pentz, a member of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, shared her story while holding a picture of her brother Luke holding her daughter. Her brother was 30 when he took his own life using a gun, Pentz said.

“My brother struggled, as we all do, with things in our lives,” Pentz said. “I wish that ending his life with a gun was never an option. Two-thirds of firearms deaths in this country are suicides. Most people who attempt suicide do not die unless they use a gun. Eighty-five percent of suicide attempts with guns end in death.”

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Group Home Project Criticized During Citizen's to Be Heard at WP Council Meeting

By Neal Rentz

A White Plains resident sharply criticized an agency, saying they mislead state officials about the need to move its group home from Mount Vernon to White Plains.

At the Citizen's to Be Heard segment of the August White Plains Common Council meeting, resident Charles Phillips expressed his criticisms of the executive director of Tarrytown-based Applied Human Dynamics, Stanley Silverstein. The agency is seeking to relocate a group home for between 10 and 14 developmentally disabled residents to the Prospect Park section of White Plains. Two years ago the Common Council voted 6-1 against the proposal following special meetings held on the proposal in February and March 2017.

"Stanley Silverstein stood before this Common Council and misrepresented the group home project by claiming that the 22 New York Ave. home was needed because JCCA (Jewish Child Care Association), the owner of the Home at 165 Esplanade, Mount Vernon operated by IAHD, was evicting the 10 developmentally disabled residents who have been living there for over 30 years," Phillips told the Common Council.

Phillips said OPWDD (Office for People With Developmental Disabilities) granted IAHD preliminary approval and funding for the White Plains project because Silverstein said the residents were on the verge of being evicted from their Mount Vernon residence. "Mr. Silverstein also provided an informational document to the mayor's

office in January 2017 in which he stated, and I quote 'IAHD attempted to extend the lease or to purchase the home in Mount Vernon, but the current owners have no interest in either option.'" Phillips said.

The Common Council voted 6-1 in opposition of this project in 2017 stating at the time, that "the establishment of the community residence in the proposed location will jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood," Phillips said. He added the Council determined the streets in the neighborhood could not handle the additional traffic, including truck traffic that the home would generate and there are no sidewalks for the area's narrow streets.

Phillips said an OPWDD appeal hearing was then held in April 2017 with attorney Robert Spolzino representing the City of White Plains. Phillips said according to a transcript of the April 19, 2017 hearing procedures, Silverstein said, "We assumed operation of the home in April 2016. However, there was one critical caveat to this takeover. The residents would need to move out of their current home as the property owner was unwilling to extend the expiring lease, which expires in December 2019."

Phillips said that after the hearing about the lease the IAHD had no choice but to allow Silverstein to find another location for the group home.

Phillips said that under questioning from Spolzino, Silverstein said his group home was on the verge of being evicted in 2019. They were unwilling to extend the lease,

Silverstein told Spolzino, Phillips said.

The Acting Commissioner of OPWDD subsequently overturned the Common Council's vote against the group home, Phillips said. The Common Council declined to file an Article 78 lawsuit to overturn the decision by OPWDD.

"We now have definitive proof of fraud associated with this project based on my phone interview on Wednesday, July 31 with Judge Ronald Richter, CEO of JCCA," Phillips told the Common Council on Aug. 5. Quoting from the transcript of his interview with Richter, Phillips said he was told, "I am happy to go on the record and say that at no point in time did JCCA intend to force IAHD out of the Mount Vernon property. It was always our intention and remains our intention to extend the lease for them."

Phillips said Richter also told him, "We were in good faith you know trying to negotiate with them (JCCA), it appears that they had an intention to also open some units in White Plains and somehow implicated us in that, but I do not know why."

Phillips said this interview proves the eviction story is not true and demonstrates that the Padavan Law might have been defrauded as well as taxpayer funds through Medicaid.

Also criticizing JCCA was White Plains Councilman Dennis Krolian, who noted that only one member of the Common Council supported the group home application and that person is no longer on the Council. "We were opposed to it," Krolian said.

Echoing comments from Phillips, Krolian

said Silverstein mislead the city's attorney, Spolzino, by claiming the group home was being forced out of Mount Vernon. "There have been no consequences, Krolian said, adding the application should be suspended by the state.

Messages left last week for Silverstein were not returned.

JCCA responded to the criticisms from Phillips in a statement last week. "We're proud that adults with disabilities have had a place to live in dignity for more than 30 years on our property in Mount Vernon, which we plan to make available for that purpose for years to come. JCCA and IAHD have agreed on terms, and we are currently engaged in good faith negotiations with IAHD to finalize a new lease before the current one expires."

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NYS Construction Grants Awarded to Local Libraries

By Pat Casey

The White Plains State legislative delegation comprised of Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Yonkers), State Senator Shelley Mayer (D-Yonkers), State Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains), and Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale), all of whom represent the City of White Plains, announced a \$140,591 grant to the White Plains Public Library.

The New York State Library Construction Grant will be used for renovations to the Library's second floor public meeting rooms

and Museum Gallery. The public meeting rooms serve as classrooms for a wide range of programs including citizenship classes and are also used by community organizations. The Museum Gallery provides space for established and emerging artists.

"The New York Library construction grants are hugely important to us," said White Plains Public Library Director Brian Kenney. "The New York State funds, combined with City of White Plains and White Plains Library Foundation support, mean we can really move important projects forward."

Past Library Construction Grants for

the White Plains Public Library include a \$153,807 grant in 2017 that funded extensive first floor renovations to the community room, classrooms and a cafe, and a grant of \$67,400 in 2014, for the renovation of the first floor that featured the construction of a Learning Commons for Adults.

New York State library construction grants were also awarded for building improvements that will support improved energy efficiency, new heating and cooling systems and patron accessibility at libraries in the Towns of Harrison and North Castle. The Harrison Public Library was awarded \$101,400 for a stand-by generator to keep the

library operating during power outages. The North Castle Public Library's North White Plains Branch was awarded \$124,445 for energy efficiency improvements, including a new heating and air-conditioning system and new windows and doors, along with building enhancements including renovated restrooms. The North Castle Public Library's main library in Armonk will receive \$32,363 to renovate three restrooms for Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility compliance.

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will accommodate studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments.


The third floor will include a setback of the dwelling units and a terrace around the entire building.

No target market has yet been established for the building.

During the public hearing, residents expressed their support for the project.


Ken Krystal, a member of the board of the Carhart Neighborhood Association, read an e-mail from Claudia Murphy, co-president, of the Association. "I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the public hearing regarding 37 DeKalb Ave due to work obligations. However, I would like my support of this project to be known," Murphy said. "Our neighborhood has been hoping for a project such as this for the property at 37 DeKalb. We would welcome such a development. The developer has been a pleasure to work with as well, he has kept us updated on the progress of the project and presented the building plans to some of our board members. Before casting your vote for this project I ask you to consider the neighborhood's desire for this to move forward."

Krystal said he also supported the project. "It's been a long and arduous journey to get to this night," he said. "On behalf of the residents of Carhart, I urge you to support this project."



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Lowey, Gun Legislation Advocates Step Up Demand for Change

By Martin Wilbur

Stunned by the recent back-to-back mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton, proponents of stronger firearms legislation, gun violence survivors, law enforcement and researchers vowed Aug. 12 to exert political pressure and curtail attacks.

About 20 speakers attended Congresswoman Nita Lowey's (D-Harrison) roundtable discussion at the Greenburgh Public Library as victim counts from gun violence and mass shootings continue to spiral.

Lowey, who called on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to reconvene the Senate from its August recess to pass a pair of national background check laws while reiterating her support for the banning of assault weapons and a national red flag law, said the victims and their family and friends deserve to see the bloodshed come to an end.

"We have too many guns and too few laws on the books to protect our communities from the senseless acts of violence," Lowey said.

Participants in the roughly 90-minute forum uniformly agreed with Lowey that there is a direct correlation between the number of firearms in circulation and the number of deaths by gunfire. Dr. Charles Branas, chair of epidemiology at the Columbia University School of Public Health, said the school recently completed a study revealing that mass shooting rates in states with lax gun laws are higher than



Congresswoman Nita Lowey led a roundtable discussion with about 20 speakers in hopes of combating the scourge of gun violence across the United States.

those with tighter measures.

Meanwhile, New York State, which passed tougher gun laws following the December 2012 Sandy Hook shooting and strengthened them during this year's legislative session, has seen its number of gunfire deaths continually diminish, he said.

"States that are permissive have significantly higher mass shootings and that applies to all other day-to-day issues as well," Branas said. "Homicides and suicides

are part of that as well. This spillover effect is something to really, really be concerned about."

White Plains Assistant Police Chief Joseph Castelli said the more restrictive lawmakers can make the legislation, typically the safer the environment.

"New York is very good," Castelli said. "You're never going to eliminate it but it's very good, especially around here. So on a national level, the more restrictive it can be

helps some of the areas where it's already bad."

During the discussion, Las Vegas shooting survivor Erin Fuller Brian, a Westchester resident and co-president of the Westchester chapter of Brady, which has been fighting for gun control legislation, said it was important for her and others to relate their stories despite the pain it causes.

Brian said opponents of common-sense gun control measures can dismiss generic calls for tighter laws or the citing of statistics but it's harder for them to do that to her face.

She said national legislation is needed because while New York and other states have effective gun laws, that's not enough because firearms can find their way across state lines.

"You're only as safe as the state with the weakest gun laws," Brian said.

Several high school students also participated in the forum. One student, Samantha Tellefson, who attends Clarkstown South High School in Rockland County, said there has to be greater consequences for violent threats made by peers against fellow students.

Other panelists said the time is at hand to make political gains against the gun lobby. If there is no movement toward some meaningful legislation following the El Paso, Dayton and Gilroy, Calif. shootings the past two weeks, then the answer is to make inroads at the voting booth in 2020.

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Man Arrested on Criminal Possession of Weapons Charges

On Aug. 12, the Tuckahoe Police Department arrested Matthew Bonanno, 47, of Great Neck, for multiple criminal possession of weapons charges. The arrest resulted from an investigation into a report that the defendant had made threats against his estranged wife, a Westchester resident,

five months.

The suspects are accused of engaging in identity theft and credit card fraud, having obtained numerous credit cards through fraudulent means and using the cards to purchase merchandise before the fraudulent cards were discovered and shut down.

The ring would purchase several thousand dollars in merchandise a day, including high-end pocketbooks and clothing, televisions



Westchester County DA, Anthony Scarpino, Jr. (left) and Tuckahoe Police Chief, John Costanzo, review the weapons stash found in Matthew Bonanno's vehicle in Tuckahoe.

and her family. The police were contacted by someone who heard the threats and believed the defendant to be armed. Tuckahoe Police responded to the defendant's location, Growler's Beer Bistro on Main Street, Tuckahoe, where he was found to be illegally in possession of a loaded Glock semi-automatic handgun. He was taken into custody without incident.

A subsequent search of his vehicle led to the recovery of five fully loaded assault rifles with high capacity magazines, three handguns, 29 high-capacity loaded magazines, over 1600 rounds of ammunition, a stun gun, heavy ballistic body armor and helmet, handcuffs, full head cover face masks, multiple military style knives, four brass knuckles, pepper spray fogger, and scopes, binoculars and other paraphernalia.

The Tuckahoe Police Department working closely with the Westchester County District Attorney's Office obtained search warrants for the defendant's known residences, one in the Town of Mount Pleasant and one in Great Neck.

Three additional unlicensed handguns were recovered in Mount Pleasant. The residence in Long Island yielded another large cache of assault rifles, shotgun, handguns, high capacity magazines, body armor, hundreds of rounds ammunition, smoke grenades and other weapons. Those weapons were turned over to the Nassau County Police Department.

The defendant was arraigned by Village Justice David O. Fuller on Aug. 13, and remanded without bail to the Westchester County Jail to await his next court appearance Tuesday, Aug. 20, in Tuckahoe Village Court.

The investigation is ongoing.

Five Charged with Widespread Fraud at Westchester Retail Stores

Westchester County Police arrested five persons last week and charged them with stealing over \$500,000 in merchandise from TJ Maxx and other retail stores over the past

and furniture, the investigation revealed.

The suspects are preliminarily charged with multiple counts of Grand Larceny and other offenses. The investigation into the scheme is continuing and additional charges are anticipated.

Westchester County Police detectives, assisted by members of the County Police Special Response Team and investigators from the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, executed search warrants Aug. 14 at one residence in Mount Vernon, three in the Bronx and one in Queens. The suspects were taken into custody at those locations and numerous items of stolen property, valued at more than \$100,000, were seized.

Several vans and a U-Haul truck were needed to haul away the seized stolen goods, and a complete inventory of the recovered items is still under way. In addition, devices used to make fraudulent credit cards and fraudulent identification were also seized.

Arrested in Mount Vernon were Hassan Miller, 46, of Chester Street, Mount Vernon and Dawn Anderson, 48, of East 143rd Street, Bronx. They were each charged with Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 2nd Degree, three counts of Criminal Possession of a Forgery Device and 76 counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, felonies.

Miller and Anderson were arraigned Aug. 14 in Mount Vernon City Court and were remanded to the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla. The remaining three suspects were held overnight at county police headquarters in Hawthorne and were latter arraigned in Yonkers City Court. They are: Stanley Awala, 45, of 200th Street, St. Albans, Queens, charged with Grand Larceny 4th Degree and Identity Theft 2nd Degree; Asanimio Riesa, 37, of East 146th Street, Bronx, charged with Grand Larceny 3rd Degree and 4th Degree and Identity Theft 2nd Degree; Peter Onogwu, 63, of North Oak Drive, Bronx, charged with Grand Larceny 4th Degree and Identity Theft 2nd Degree.

The Investigation is ongoing.

Obituaries

Ann Cremins

Ann M. Cremins, 88, of White Plains, formerly of New City, NY, passed away Aug. 11. She was born Dec. 13, 1930 in Buffalo to Stephen and Kathleen Masterson.

On June 19, 1954 Ann married the late Eugene J. Cremins in Buffalo.

Ann enjoyed watercolor painting, hiking, piano, and reading. She finished The New York Times crossword every day for years. Ann was also very involved within her community including the Dutch Settler's Society, being a CCD Teacher, and community service. She also worked as a schoolteacher, a hospice social worker, and was an administrative assistant for Prentice Hall in Englewood, NJ.

She was a supportive and kind mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, aunt, and community member. A passionate spiritual seeker and student of Irish literature and history. Finally, compassionate advocate for people in need.

Ann is survived by her three children Laura Cremins of White Plains, Patricia Ann Cremins of Brooklyn, and Thomas Cremins of Rockville, MD.

Also surviving are three grandchildren Kellen, Sontanna, and Brendan, and a brother Daniel Masterson.

Ann is predeceased by a sister Mary Jane Fitzgerald.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to The New York Times Neediest Fund.

Joan McCoy

Joan G. McCoy, 89, passed on peacefully in her sleep on Aug. 9.

She is survived by her two daughters, Kim and Karen, her two grandsons, Erik and Liam, her extended family, and her many friends.

Joan was born in Manhattan on Jan. 17, 1930, to Joseph and Henrietta Gillette.

She was one of five children, a sister to Gwen, Hank, Gloria and Billy.

On Nov. 26, 1959, Joan married her beloved spouse, William McCoy, with whom she shared 50 years of love and life. Joan was a loving mother to Kirk, Kim, and Karen and wonderful grandmother to Erik and Liam.

Joan was an amazingly talented and elegant woman who was truly one of a kind. No one who met Joan could forget her indelible grace and style. She will be dearly missed.



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Lowey, Gun Legislation Advocates Step Up Demand for Change

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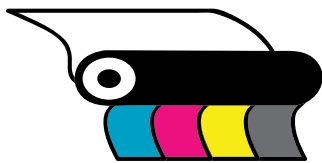
With polls showing that 92 percent of Americans and 83 percent of gun owners favoring background checks, it's possible for the tide to change, said Barry Graubart, state deputy chapter leader for advocacy for Moms Demand Action.

"Once again, gun violence has torn apart the lives of Americans," Graubart said. "No single law can stop all gun violence, but there's so much more we must do to keep our families safe."

Lowey said in addition to background checks, a national red flag law and outlawing assault weapons, the proposed Stop Online

Ammunition Sales Act would require federal licensed ammunition dealers to confirm the identity of individuals who look to make purchases online.

"Make no mistake: this is not just a mental health issue, it's a guns issue," Lowey said. "We cannot let our country continue to devolve into a hub of fear. I'm inspired by the discussions we've had today and looking forward to working with all of you to combat the President's racist, anti-immigrant, hate-filled rhetoric and fight to change gun laws in this country once and for all."



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And How Are the Children? Responding to Public Charge and ICE Raids

By Allison Lake,
Exec. Dir. Westchester Children's Assoc.

It's hard to know where to begin.

There has been a steady onslaught of new policies and actions that have targeted children and families lately with little regard for the long-term implications. From the separation of children from their families at our nation's borders... to Census questions that would do anything but provide an accurate count... to ICE raids that leave children with no adult to come home to... to gunfire ringing out during a Saturday morning of back-to-school shopping...to the latest proposed changes of what constitutes public charge...they have come one after

the other.

"Kasserianingera?" one says to another. It is a traditional greeting among the Masai that means, "And how are the children?"

In this case the answer is, "Not good."

WCA works tirelessly every day to make sure Westchester's children are healthy, safe and prepared for life's challenges. Life can be hard enough for children in our county and beyond and their wellness is closely linked to the welfare of their parents. Children should not have the added burden of suffering the trauma of losing their parents, permanent housing, or security of their next meal. At our 2012 Advocacy Breakfast, we learned about the lifelong consequences of early trauma that are called Adverse

Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Our recent report on child and youth homelessness in Westchester, Making the Invisible Visible, cites research on the negative impact of losing your home and caregivers.

Recent government actions and inactions could make unmet health care needs rise, as well as childhood hunger, child poverty, inadequate or unsafe housing, and other social determinants of health and well-being.

We, at the Westchester Children's Association, call upon elected officials and gatekeepers at all levels to value our children and the households in which they reside.

When our children are well, we all are well.

Brandwein Appointed Executive Director of WPBID

The White Plains Business Improvement District (WPBID) has appointed Brittany Brandwein as the organization's new Executive Director effective Sept. 9, 2019. Brittany who has been with the WPBID for six years, previously served as the Director of Events and Business Promotions. In that capacity she worked closely with many White Plains downtown stakeholders, including business leaders, community organizations, government officials and elected leaders. Prior to joining the WPBID, Brittany was the Special Events Promotions Manager for the

Metropolitan Opera.

Brandwein succeeds outgoing Executive Director Kevin Nunn, who informed the WPBID Board earlier in the year of his desire to work part time. Kevin has been with the WPBID for eight years and has had a long and successful 37-year career in government, in addition to heading not for profit organizations in Connecticut and New York.

Bonnie Silverman, Chairwoman of the WPBID said she was thrilled to have Brittany take over as the organization's new Executive Director. "Brittany knows our

programs and activities inside and out and is well respected by our downtown business owners. She has significantly raised the profile of WPBID events during the last six years. She possesses a deep understanding of our downtown and is without doubt the right person to assume the leadership role". Bonnie thanked Kevin for his eight years of service and all that he has done to strengthen the organization over that period. "I am also very happy that Kevin has decided to remain with the BID on a part time basis and continue to contribute to our success".

Until Common-Sense Gums Laws Are Enacted, Evil Has Triumphed

By Joel Gingold

What is happening to us?

It seems that every day the blood of innocent civilians, so often children, is flowing in our streets. And we make some noise about it and offer condolences, and in a week or two, it's forgotten. Have we simply become inured to the slaughter? Does it not even bother us anymore?

In just a week we've experienced murder in a Walmart in Mississippi, a street fair in Brooklyn and a festival in Gilroy, culminating in the horrendous massacres in El Paso and Dayton. And it goes on and on and nothing of consequence is done. What is wrong with us?

The president on the first day of his campaign branded Mexicans as murderers and rapists and continues to rail against immigrants. Then he declared that there were "good people" among the white supremacists and neo-Nazis in Charlottesville. And yet we're shocked when a deluded man in Texas travels 600 miles to wreak havoc on Mexicans shopping at Walmart in El Paso or an equally misguided individual opens fire in a synagogue in Pittsburgh.

Dayton's valiant police officers confronted the shooter within 30 seconds of his first shot. Thirty seconds! Yet nine people were slain and 27 injured. Why? Because he was using an assault weapon just like his counterpart in El Paso.

After each incident, the president and the governor and senators and representatives and state legislators offer their time-worn

thoughts and prayers and then check with their campaign treasurers to see how much the National Rifle Association (NRA) has donated to their next campaign. They do nothing that would stop lunatics from getting their hands on assault rifles and blowing away dozens of their neighbors.

So, we have Dayton and El Paso and Gilroy and Brooklyn and Las Vegas and Marjory Stoneman Douglas and Sandy Hook and Santa Fe High School and Virginia Tech and Sutherland Springs Baptist Church and Tree of Life Synagogue and the Capital Gazette and Thousand Oaks, Calif. and Orlando and San Bernardino and on and on. It's so bad that folks fear going to school or to religious services or even to their neighborhood Walmart. Schools have become fortresses and six-year-old children endure active shooter drills.

And every one of you who has fought so hard to thwart common-sense gun controls. You all had your fingers on those triggers just as much as the shooters did. You, too, bear the guilt.

This, of course, doesn't apply to everyone who owns a gun. There are millions of trustworthy gun owners around the country. I know many of you personally and no one wants to take your guns away. That's just a myth perpetrated by the NRA to keep you in line.

But I'm sorry. Just being responsible is no longer good enough. As gun owners, you have a special obligation to stand up and speak out against the insanity of gun violence in this

country. You have no choice but to support common-sense gun laws and pressure your representatives to do the same. As one who knows and understands firearms, your voice will carry much more weight than mine and you can be instrumental in stopping this senseless slaughter.

Because it's getting worse. And if it continues, maybe someday the only answer will be to remove all of the guns out there so the rest of us can live our lives without the threat of being gunned down in the street every time we go out. I know you don't want to see that and I don't want to see it either. So it is imperative that you, the responsible gun owners, become part of the solution. To have the guts to stand up to the NRA and its purchased politicians and say ENOUGH! It all stops here! NOW!

If I sound angry, it's because I am. I'm furious with the NRA and with a president who spews hate instead of promoting healing while his sycophants stand around and nod their heads and mumble platitudes. I'm fed up with the never-ending stream of mass shootings and the thoughts and the prayers and the nothing that ever gets done about it.

The Irish political philosopher Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men (and women) to do nothing." In the realm of gun violence, evil has been indisputably triumphant. Where are all those good men and women?

Joel Gingold is a Croton-on-Hudson resident.

The Millennial Migration



By Jim Fagan

The Millennial Generation is the 'echo' of the baby boomer generation and is the largest and most influential generation since the baby boomers. The millennial generation is generally defined as being born between 1980 and 1999, meaning that they are currently between 20 and 39 years of age. They currently make up more than 35% of the workforce in New York City as of 2018. That number is expected to grow.

It became evident in 2009-2010 that the New York City suburbs of Fairfield and Westchester Counties were missing the demographic shift as millennials poured out of colleges and universities into the big cities as well as university cities to make their mark on the world. Austin, New York City, Palo Alto, Boston, Pittsburgh, Chicago as well as many others were perfectly positioned to attract this wide-eyed millennial generation to live, play and work. In an effort to attract and retain human capital, corporations have expanded their presence in these cities and have gone out of their way to improve the unique work-experience that millennials seek. With corporations focused almost solely on these cities for expansion, the workforce population in these cities has ballooned while the suburbs of Fairfield and Westchester Counties have failed to

recapture the jobs lost in the last 'great recession' much less enjoy the growth that these other cities have enjoyed.

What's next? With the maturation of the millennial population, despite the delaying of family formation, the millennial generation is starting to embark on the next migration. These young professionals will be forming families and will be forced from a space and economic basis to leave the city and search-out a new suburban life.

The new suburban lifestyle will be different than the baby boomer's way of life. The baby boomers used to cry-out "not in my back yard" (NIMBY) when there was urban influence. The millennial generation is wondering "What do you mean not in my back yard? I want things in my back yard!" Successful communities that will be attractive to millennials will be close to transportation hubs such as airports and train stations, will be smaller in scale and on smaller more communal lots in areas that are amenity rich - having community pools, golf courses, beaches, shopping, recreation areas and transportation. In short, they will gravitate toward a suburban amenity-rich lifestyle. The good news for Westchester and Fairfield Counties is that their inherent strength is that they are ideal for raising families.

Westchester and Fairfield Counties have some of the best public-school systems in the world, transportation systems that are good, but need work, great beaches, recreational

facilities, access to New York City and a full four-season climate that is neither too cold in the winter or hot in the summer.

As millennials move to the northern suburbs, the commercial real estate market will continue to improve as well. While they have not as of yet recovered from the 2008 recession, corporations are rethinking their space requirements and location strategies.

According to Cushman & Wakefield's research, new leasing activity in Fairfield and Westchester counties continues to increase each year.

"Attract and retain talent" is the mantra of corporations today. With that in mind, and as this next migration materializes, companies will be following their talented millennial workforce out to the suburbs, taking space in office buildings throughout Fairfield and Westchester counties. In short, as millennials trade in the city for the suburbs, so are companies. Companies that were traditionally located in city centers are now beginning employ a "hub and spoke" strategy keeping their urban cores and opening spoke locations in the suburbs in order to keep and enrich the lifestyles of their millennial employees.

The needs and desires of young and maturing families will drive companies to come out to places like Westchester and Fairfield counties, as the war for talent continues. As the millennial demographic shift to the suburbs continues, companies will seek to allow employees to have a better

quality of life; allowing them to attend little league games, chorus performances and parent teacher conferences.

While owners of office buildings in both Westchester and Fairfield Counties have faced challenges over the past decade, this demographic shift will lead to renewed prosperity for commercial property owners as the migration of companies out of the city look at the relatively inexpensive options in the suburbs as an inexpensive hedge to maintaining their workforce.

A word of caution, if our suburbs do not cater to and attract this new great millennial migration, they will lose to other more progressive, forward-looking communities. Our chance for economic growth and prosperity will have been squandered by a lack of vision, action and fortitude.

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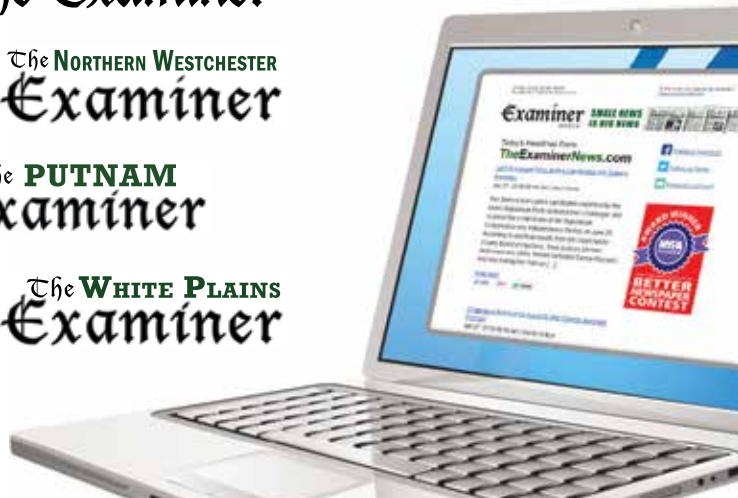
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Bridge Over I-287 Will be Renamed in Honor of Fallen NYPD and Air Force Hero

NYPD Detective and Air Force Technical Sergeant Joseph G. Lemm's service to his country will be memorialized by renaming in his honor the White Plains Avenue bridge that crosses over Interstate 287 and connects White Plains Avenue and Westchester Avenue in the Town of Harrison to North Street in the City of White Plains. Legislation sponsored by State Assemblyman David Buchwald9D-White Plains) and State Senator Shelley Mayer (D-Yonkers) to rename the bridge was signed into law by Governor Andrew Cuomo this past week.

Joseph G. Lemm was a 15-year NYPD veteran and Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force after having been activated from the Air Force Reserves and New York Air National Guard. He was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan in 2015 when his convoy was attacked by a suicide bomber before Christmas. Detective/Technical Sergeant Lemm was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star for valor by his commanding officers for putting himself in front of the bomber to protect his comrades. NYPD



The White Plains Avenue bridge that crosses over I-287 will be renamed in memory and honor of NYPD Detective and Air Force Technical Sergeant Joseph G. Lemm.

Det./TSgt Lemm was serving his third tour of duty overseas, two in Afghanistan and one in Iraq. He also worked tirelessly as a first responder during 9/11.

Everyone knew him as "Superman," not because of his size, but for how big his heart was. He never said "no" when someone asked him for help.

"I am pleased to honor the commitment and sacrifice of NYPD Detective and Air Force Technical Sergeant Joseph G. Lemm by sponsoring legislation to rename a West Harrison bridge over I-287 in his honor," said State Senator Mayer. "Det./TSgt. Lemm served our community and our nation in numerous ways with pride and courage. While serving in Afghanistan, Det./TSgt. Lemm paid the ultimate price. We honor his contributions and his legacy by renaming a bridge in West Harrison, where his family still resides, in his honor."

"The legislation now signed into law honors an American hero and reminds us of his sacrifice, and that of all our men and women in uniform who are committed to protecting our freedom and security,"

said Assemblyman Buchwald. "The bridge dedication will commemorate Det./Sgt. Lemm's commitment and the strong civic bond that he had for West Harrison, the people of New York, and his country."

Det./TSgt. Lemm's family resides in West Harrison and he is survived by his widow, a son in elementary school, a daughter in college and mother.

His widow, Christine said, "I am so happy and excited that Joe will be honored with this tribute right in our hometown, keeping his legacy and life of service alive. His name on the bridge will spike conversations in the future about who Joe was, and remind us what service to country means."



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What Will You Be Putting in Your Child’s Lunchbox This School Year?

According to Gina DeVito, a registered dietitian and director of wellness initiatives at Open Door Family Medical Centers in Westchester and Putnam counties, parents can do a great deal in preventing childhood obesity by collaborating with their children when it comes to lunch and snack decisions.

“When children are younger, nutritional counseling is geared more towards the parents as far as preparing and buying foods. But once children are in school, they are freer to make their own decisions,” DeVito said. “We try to educate parents about making foods appetizing and palatable and we teach children about different food groups, the nutritional benefits, portion control and how it all connects with doing well in school and athletic performance. It starts with learning what the child likes to eat and then making recommendations around that.”

DeVito acknowledged that children, like most adults, need the occasional bag of chips or slice of pizza, but that small changes can go a long way.

“Kids will have birthday parties and be exposed to not-so-healthy foods and as a parent you can’t be unrealistic,” she said. “We emphasize balancing these foods with healthier options. Yes, you can have chips, but not in the lunch box and maybe only on Friday, but the rest of the week you need to eat something more nutritious. And if the parents model this behavior at home, it can become a power message for the entire family.”

DeVito recommends:

- Avoiding soft drinks with no nutritional value and replacing them with flavored infused water.
- Employing crunchy vegetables (like carrots or cucumbers) for after school snacks instead of chips or sweets.
- Choosing fat-free milk rather than chocolate milk.
- Avoiding energy drinks.
- Offering after school snacks that may include whole grain crackers with some peanut butter or almonds instead of sweets or ice cream.
- Making certain changes in the preparation of vegetables and other foods that will replace junk food. If a child has to choose between ordering French fries or blandly prepared string beans there won’t be much of a choice.
- Teaching older children, who will stop at the pizzeria after school, to opt for one slice with mushrooms or peppers instead of two with highly processed meats.

“Making even minor changes can make a big difference in overall health and in preventing obesity,” DeVito said. “Food can be both happy and healthy. You don’t want to demonize certain foods, but rather demonstrate balance and mindful choices.”



Great Reading Ideas to Try and Inspire Young Students

A new school year means new classes, new teachers and new schedules. At home, you can riff on this theme with new books to be enjoyed outside the classroom that spark interest in different subjects.

To open doors for young minds, consider the following titles:

- Crafty coding. For kids with a potential interest in computers and coding, consider “How to Be a Coder.” Breaking down the principles of coding into bite-sized chunks, it will get them thinking like computer scientists in no time. Learn about loops by making a friendship bracelet, find out about programming by planning a scavenger hunt and discover how functions work with paper fortunetellers. Children can then use their new knowledge to code by following instructions to build programs in Scratch 3.0.
- Inspiring true stories. In “DK Life Stories: Jane Goodall” kids can discover Goodall’s inspiring story, a pioneer of primatology whose groundbreaking work changed the way we understand animals and ourselves.

When she embarked on her career, women were discouraged from conducting scientific research, especially when that work meant living side by side with wild animals. A self-taught scientist, Goodall bravely ventured into the bush of Tanzania to discover the secret world of chimpanzees.

This new biography series for kids from DK goes beyond basic facts to tell true-life celebrations and holidays enjoyed by people all over the globe. From why skeletons dance at the Day of the Dead in Mexico to how the world’s biggest tomato fight – La Tomatina in Spain – gets cleaned up, stunning original illustrations and fascinating facts will inspire and inform children about cultures and religions from all over the world.

- Medieval mania. Spark an interest in

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37. El Greco’s birthplace

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2. Old mansion decoration

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5. PC capacity, for short

6. Where leopards can be spotted

7. Pays for a hand

8. Name

9. Weeder

10. Elder

18. Touch up

19. Fifth in N.Y.C.

20. Large volume

21. Sinusitis-treating MD

23. Spill

24. Ham and egg dish

26. Bel ___ cheese

27. Advantages

28. All ___ (fully attentive)

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1. Arise

6. Belonging to actor Galifianakis, or Mahopac pizzeria

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14. Playful animal

15. “Sands of ___ Jima”

16. Ending for car

17. Press statements

22. Italian for “welcome” or Mahopac pizzeria

25. It moves heat from a cool space to a warm space

27. Fairy tale veggie

29. “Give ___ break!”

30. “Whooping” bird

32. Luxurious fur

34. Veranda

35. Van Gogh painted

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stories of history’s most interesting people.

- Edible science. Cooking is chemistry, and all 20 science experiments inside “Science You Can Eat,” are edible and fun. Young minds can find out why popcorn go “pop,” explore how taste is affected by smell, then discover the secret to making the perfect cookie.

Examining interesting ingredients and exciting eating, as well as peeking into the future of food, kids will get a better understanding of what’s happening with food and why.

- A global celebration. Young readers of “Celebrations Around the World” will embark on an exciting journey through the most interesting and important festivals, history and architecture with “DK findout! Castles,” which includes lots to learn about medieval castles, including knights, jousting, sieges, drawbridges and forts. Kids can learn about castle design, from the earliest motte and bailey styles to stone fortresses and beautiful castles in Japan and India, as well as view some of the most impressive castles in the world.

Packed with information and color, this book is part of a series introducing children to a range of topics in a fun, engaging way.

After school is the perfect time to explore topics of interest, and a treasure trove of books can make learning new things fun.

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When Buyers and Sellers Want Realtors to Be Big Blabbermouths

You'd never know it to meet me today, but I was born with some kind of neurological condition that resulted in my reaching the age of five without speaking a word. That was in the days before autism spectrum disorder had been diagnosed and certainly there was no treatment available for kids like me who were non-social, withdrawn and didn't verbalize.

But from what my mother tells me, I recovered from whatever that condition was completely and miraculously on the final day of a nine-week novena she made at St. Donato's Roman Catholic Church in North Philadelphia. After hearing this story, I never questioned reports of miracles, because I started verbalizing at the end of the novena and haven't shut up since.

While I was able to speak, I still had to challenge myself to become more socially interactive in school. I debated, I wrote for the school newspaper, then once out of college, my first job was as a newspaper reporter and, after that, a public relations practitioner, all requiring verbal communication. But only when I ventured into real estate did I find myself talking all the time. And from what industry pundits say, that's a good thing.

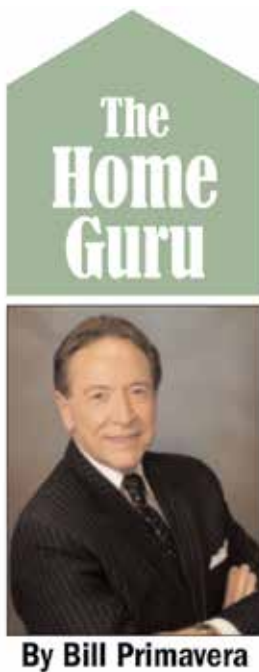
At a real estate convention I attended early in my career, one of the keynotes impressed me when he identified the chief "irk" that sellers and buyers have with realtors, and it's all about communications. Specifically, he said that the most common real estate situation that negatively impacts

realtors' clients is inadequate disclosure. Then he went on to paint scenarios that might convince potential home buyers and sellers to have frequent heart-to-hearts with their realtors to know as much as they can about the whole process, particularly what is likely to happen next.

In defense of myself and my fellow real estate practitioners, I would say that out of self-preservation, we're way ahead of the game. I've never heard any group of people who talk as much as realtors do in their mission to inform their clients. Whenever I'm in my office, there is a cacophony of many voices on the phone, all explaining to clients what is happening and what to expect.

But the real estate purchase or sale process is so complex and so all-encompassing a discipline that the totally unexpected or unknown can happen at any time. And it's the realtor who can get blamed for lack of disclosure on the matter.

There are the standard disclosures which sellers and realtors sign when taking a listing: the disclosure of agency that identifies the relationship of the realtor to the seller; a



By Bill Primavera

lead disclosure if the house was built before 1978, and the affiliated business disclosure, so that sellers can be aware of the other businesses that the realtor's company owns.

The big disclosure that most buyers and sellers relate to is the property condition disclosure in which the seller identifies all the known defects of a house to its buyer. While it is required in many states, such as California where the code is particularly stringent, in New York, the seller may choose not to issue such a disclosure, but rather pay \$500 at closing to the buyer. The overwhelming majority of sellers choose this option, rather than risk being liable for serious house defects.

But above and beyond these expected disclosures are those that require a simple explanation before the fact, rather than after. Nobody likes surprises or hearing, "oh by the way," when it may be too late to be informed. This is best accomplished by the realtor preparing a list of frequently asked questions, such as: Do I need a lawyer, and who pays the commission? Besides asking such questions, it is suggested that we realtors also present a list of what sellers

or buyers can expect along the way, such as: Realtors who make appointments to show your home will sometimes be late or not show up; know that the HGTV shows are scripted; expect that the closing date will be delayed; and, expect that you won't know until the last moment how much money you must bring to the closing.

The more realtors paint a futuristic picture, especially accompanied by stories of personal experience, the better sellers and buyers will feel empowered to make informed decisions. That kind of clear and open communications is what helps avoid problems in the form of misunderstanding, missteps and/or unlawful acts.

Not so long ago I was in Philadelphia and happened to pass the very church where my mother told me I was miraculously granted my ability to speak. I looked at the granite steps leading to the impressive church doors and could recall walking up and down them, holding my mother's hand, all those years ago. It brought a lump to my throat, nudging alongside my voice box that has had a lot of practice in the years I've worked as a realtor who blabs on and on to clients about what's going on.

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Delving Into Core Principles and Practices of the Wine Universe



By Nick Antonaccio

It's the dog days of August and I'm wilted from the heat we've been experiencing. I've decided for this week's column to reprise a previous nugget I wrote for you. Hope you enjoy it.

Here are random factoids, choice nuggets to elevate your game or to supplement your memory banks. Some of you will consider these to be revelatory; others may have a "tell me something I don't already know" reaction.

1. Always clear your palate before you taste a wine. Previous foods in your mouth will influence your experience with a wine. You will not enjoy a Cabernet Sauvignon if you just finished off a bag of salty chips.

2. Wine is best experienced when paired with food. In combination in your mouth, a "new" flavor is created. Remember that regional wines evolved over the centuries as accompaniments to regional foods, not as stand-alone expressions of a grape. I have often changed my opinion of a wine once it interplays with the flavors and aromas of a food dish.

3. Aromas dominate your appreciation of a wine. Our physiology has four elements of taste and over 10,000 elements of aromas.

4. Corollary to Number 3 above: swirling the wine in your glass releases the aromas and bouquet more quickly. Always swirl. It's functional, not snobbery.

5. Sub-corollary to Number 3: Don't fill your glass more than a one-third; it allows the aromas to concentrate in the other two-thirds. Swirl a glass that has curved sides and a rim. It funnels and therefore concentrates the aromas toward your nose as you sip the wine.

6. Don't swallow too soon. Hold the wine in your mouth for a few seconds and "chew" it. This will allow the wine to coat the sensory areas of your tongue and mouth, enhancing your ability to appreciate the

many nuances of the wine.

7. Red wine is healthier than white wine. The red grape skins that ferment with the juice contain compounds that are powerful antioxidants. One of these, resveratrol, has been proven to be a key to our overall health.

8. All grape juice is white (with one or two minor exceptions). Red wines derive their color from the grape skins, which are fermented with the juice and thereby impart the familiar color to the wine.

Corollary: Red grapes can produce a white wine – just remove the skins before fermentation begins. A classic example is sparkling wine, which invariably is produced from some or all red grapes. Brut Champagne is part Chardonnay and part Pinot Noir and/or Pinot Meunier; Blanc de Noir (White from Black) on the label signifies only red grapes were vinified in the production of the wine; Blanc de Blanc – you've got it, only Chardonnay was vinified. Rosé Champagne signifies that the skins of the red grapes used in production were allowed to sit with the fermenting juice for a very short period – just long enough to infuse a light red/pink color to the wine.

9. Generally speaking, during the course of a meal or a wine tasting, enjoy the lighter wines first and then move to the heavier wines. Your palate will thank you and will remain fresher for a longer period of time. Likewise, white wines should generally be enjoyed before reds; dry wines before sweet

wines; and young wines before older ones.

10. Need to chill a bottle of wine quickly? Don't put it in the fridge or the freezer. Rather, place it in an ice bucket filled one-quarter with water and the remainder with ice. Fill as high as possible in order to surround the neck of the bottle. Add a hearty pinch of kosher salt, wait 10 minutes, open and pour.

Feel free to refer to these facts whenever you wish to impress friends with your wine knowledge, but most importantly to better understand the fundamental precepts and practical wisdom of wine appreciation.

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Mario's Marks 100 Years on Arthur Avenue in the Bronx



By Morris Gut

Westchester residents Joseph Migliucci and his family, personable proprietors of Mario's Restaurant on Arthur Ave. in the Bronx, are marking 'Cent Anni', a remarkable 100 years of serving their robust Neapolitan Italian-American cuisine.

Joseph's great grandparents left Naples in the early 1900s and actually opened one of the first Italian restaurants ever in Cairo, Egypt. After coming to the States, they opened a pizza shop in Harlem, then moved to Arthur Avenue in the Bronx helping create the legendary Italian enclave known as 'Little Italy'.

Since 1919 five generations of the Migliucci family have been working the front- and back-of-the-house at Mario's making sure the customer is well served: Joseph and his wife Barbara, and daughter Regina Migliucci-Delfino. Sons Michael and Mario are in the kitchen. It's kitschy and delicious. Renovations to the two-floor

granddaughter. If it is on the menu, don't miss the massive Osso Bucco, the size of Mt. Vesuvius, oozing is delicious marrow. It will send you to foodie heaven. And, those veteran waiters on the floor, they are the best, loaded with stories and vignettes right out of a period movie.

After a palate pleasing lagniape of Mama Rose's marinated carrots, hot peppers and good crusty bread, great starters include: Spiedini alla Romana, skewered deep fried mozzarella sandwiches; Pulpo Salad; Hot Antipasto, a platter of various appetizers; Stuffed Artichoke; Clams Oreganate; Stuffed Mushrooms; or the crusty Individual Pizza. The Hot Antipasto for two is extraordinary.

Hearty pastas include: Spaghetti with oil and garlic; Linguine with Calamari; Fettuccine in a creamy Alfredo sauce; House made Lasagna; Spaghetti with Clam Sauce; Ravioli with Broccoli Rabe; classic

the regular menu.

Special Hint: Mario's started out as a pizza shop, so as an Anniversary Special, during the months of August, September and October, the house will serve complimentary individual-size pizzas to each table at dinner Tuesday through Thursday, just to whet your appetite. You must order dinner, too. They are truly among the best in the city! Also, Mario's is offering a \$13.95 Lunch Special Tuesday through Friday from noon to 4:30 p.m. There is also a 4-course fixed price dinner served Tuesday through Thursday from 4 to 9:30 p.m. priced at \$29.95.

Through the years, celebrities and politicians from all walks of life have visited Mario's on Arthur Avenue. It was almost a rite of passage. But as the

Migliucci family always says, all who come in the door are made part of the family.

Mario's Restaurant is located at 2342 Arthur Ave., Bronx, in the Little Italy section, near the Bronx Zoo and New York Botanical Gardens. Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday to 11 p.m. Price range: Appetizers from \$9.50; Pastas from \$15.25; Entrees from \$22.50 to \$38. Catering facilities for up to 150. Major credit cards. Free validated parking, valet evenings. Proper casual dress. Reservations suggested. Phone: 1-718-584-1188. www.mariosrestarthurave.com.

Goosefeather coming to Tarrytown House. Chef/Restaurateur Dale Talde had made a big name for himself in Park Slope, Brooklyn, with his take on Pan-Asian cuisine. Now, his newly formed restaurant group is working on Goosefeather at the Tarrytown House Estate in Tarrytown. The restaurant will specialize in Cantonese/Hong Kong-inspired cuisine, including



Proprietor Joseph Migliucci of Mario's speaks at 100-year anniversary celebration.



Shrimp Francese at Mario's.

building have added elegant multi-purpose catering facilities for up to 150 guests. Mario's history is full of colorful chapters. Just ask Joe and he is happy to share photo albums and stories.

After a recent visit to the beautiful New York Botanical Garden, I brought my family down for a fine old-time Italian-American feast: a big platter of Fried Calamari, Chicken Parmigiana, Shrimp Francese, Salsiccia alla Griglia, broiled sausage with mushrooms and peppers, Chicken Giambotta, pieces of chicken on the bone with sausage and potatoes, and a plate of ziti marinara for my

Fettuccine Carbonara; and Penne Rustica.

Flavorful main courses include: Zuppa de Pesce over Linguini, with a variety of seafood; Veal Scallopine a la Marsala with mushrooms; stuffed Braciola Napolitana, with peppers; Chicken Livers sautéed with mushrooms; Shrimp Francese; Veal Parmigiana; Broiled Half Spring Chicken; Broiled Veal Chops; Broiled Lamb Chops; and traditional Tripe a la Livornese. All are delicious choices right down to the homemade potato croquettes on the side. A variety of tasty side dishes are available a la carte. Daily blackboard specials augment



Hot antipasto platter for two at Mario's.



Manicotti at Mario's.

Dim Sum. Sounds exciting! Still looking for more good Chinese restaurants around Westchester. www.goosefeatherny.com.

OKO Kitchen coming to Rye. Westchester native Chef Brian Lewis was a founding chef at The Bedford Post Inn in Bedford and moved to operate restaurants in Connecticut. There is another OKO in Westport. They call it an "innovative take on traditional Japanese cuisine." OKO will be located on Purchase Street in Rye at the former location of Rosemary and Vine, which closed last April. www.okokitchen.com.

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Happenings

Tuesday, Aug. 20

Toddler Tuesday. Toddler Tuesday is an early literacy story and playtime for ages 2-4 with a caregiver. Children and their caregiver will hear stories, play together, and increase their early literacy skills. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis beginning 30 minutes prior to the program. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Talkie Tuesdays. Come and watch movie trilogies. Three great movie trilogies in July. For teens. 2 to 4 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

“Cage Shuffle.” The sequence of the stories is random. The sequence of the dance is not. In this abbreviated version of “Cage Shuffle,” Paul Lazar speaks a series of one-minute stories by John Cage from his 1963 score “Indeterminacy” while simultaneously performing choreography by Annie-B Parson. The stories are spoken in a random order with no predetermined relationship to the dancing. Chance serves up its inevitable blend of strange and uncanny connections between text and movement. With live tape and digital collage scored and performed by composer Lea Bertucci. Followed by a Q&A with Lazar and Parson moderated by Peter Pucci. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 21

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

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

Tech Wednesday for Adults. 3D Printing. Participants will learn about 3D printing. 12 to 1 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Which Craft Wednesday. Express your creativity with paint. For students in grades 6 to 8 on a first-come, first-served basis. 3 to 4 p.m. White Plains Library.

“Deconstructing the Beatles’ Abbey Road Side 2.” The latest from “Beatleologist” Scott Freiman is a masterpiece filled with such classic Beatles songs as “Come Together,” “Something” and “Here Comes the Sun.” Take a track-by-track journey into The Beatles’ inspiration and evolution in the studio with the man who’s been presenting his beloved, exhilarating multimedia deep dives into the band’s work here for years. Because of the depth of the “Abbey Road” songwriting, he created two separate presentations for this album, and both have been captured live for all to enjoy. Freiman is on hand for a Q&A following the evening presentation. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 1 and 7:30 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Thursday, Aug. 22

Noonday Concert. Free concert 12 to 2 p.m. at Renaissance Plaza, White Plains, featuring River of Dreams.

Web Literacy. Cookies, trackers and data privacy. Who’s tracking you online? How do you stop them? Learn how to use tools that show how you’re being tracked and strategies that limit your exposure when you’re online. If you have a laptop, bring it if you can. 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

National Theatre Live: “The Lehman Trilogy.” From a cold morning in 1844 when an ambitious young man from Bavaria sets foot on a New York dock to a time 163 years later when the firm he co-founded spectacularly collapses, this critically acclaimed and five-time Olivier Award-nominated play tracks the rise and fall of Lehman Brothers. Written by Stefano Massini, it is directed by Academy Award-winner Sam Mendes, whose stage work includes “The Ferryman,” for which Mendes received the Tony Award for best direction. With Simon Russell Beale, Adam Godley and Ben Miles. About three hours and 40 minutes; includes two 20-minute intermissions. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 and 7 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$30. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Block Party: Featuring Foxanne. This singer-guitarist carefully lilts through

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delicate lyrics as the band swells and intimate whispers grow to a room-shaking vibrato. Includes complementary soft drinks, craft beer, wine and specialty cocktails along with light refreshments. Rain or shine. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St., Katonah. 6 to 8 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$25. Children (under 18): Free. Info and tickets: Visit www.katonahmuseum.org.

8th Annual VOB Film Festival Opening Night. Four short films followed by a feature film and a meet-and-greet with several of the filmmakers. Each film – “WanderLust,” “Asian F,” “Villager,” “It’s Time for Tea” and “Myth” – has been carefully selected by a juried panel over several months. Genres range from crime to animation to drama and comedy. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford. 7 p.m. \$14. Info and tickets: Visit www.bedfordplayhouse.org or the box office.

Friday, Aug. 23

Movie Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG13, 2017). Four teenagers are sucked into a magical video game, and the only way they can escape is to work together to finish the game. Starring Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart and Karen Gillan. 2 to 4:45 p.m. White Plains Library.

Ossining Food Truck Fridays. Featuring Novablue. Ossining continues its summer concert series with an evening of food trucks, craft beer, wine and cider and music. Louis Engel Waterfront Park, 25 Westerly Rd., Ossining Food trucks at 5 p.m. Music at 7 p.m. Free admission. Info: Visit www.OssiningChamber.org.

Westchester Photographic Society: “Preparing a Slide Show.” Society member Charlie Koenig will demonstrate how to arrange individual pictures into a slideshow for presentation. Members show images explaining how they captured the image and the post processing techniques used. All photographers, beginner to professional, are welcome. Must be 18 years old and up. Westchester Community College’s Technology Building, Room 107, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-827-5333 or visit www.wpsphoto.org.

Celebrating Woodstock: Three Days of Peace, Love and Music at Yasgur’s Farm With Peter Calo and Friends. An evening of celebration in music and stories about a music festival that influenced a generation. Musical director Peter Calo and friends Lauren Fox,

Jamie Mohamdien, Victor Santos Jr. and Laurel Massé (Manhattan Transfer) will perform the songs of Tim Hardin, Richie Havens, Melanie, Santana, Creedence Clearwater Revival, The Band, Sly and The Family Stone, The Who, Jefferson Airplane, Joe Cocker, Crosby, Stills and Nash, Jimi Hendrix and more. Schoolhouse Theater, 3 Owens Rd., North Salem. 8 p.m. \$25. Info and tickets: Visit www.schoolhousetheater.org.

Saturday, Aug. 24

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.

Painting With Alternative Media. This workshop will introduce its participants to a variety of techniques and approaches, primarily using alternative (non-artist) materials, with some traditional water-based media integrated into the process. Working on masonite boards, explore rusting agents, patinas, molding paste, texturizing agents, gold leaf, crackling agents and the drip method. Led by Jill Kiefer. For participants 15 years old and up. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 1 to 4 p.m. Members: \$59. Non-members: \$66. (Plus a \$20 material fee.) Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.pelhamartcenter.org.

Pack Chat for Kids. This is the best introduction to wolves for families with young children. Kids will learn about the mythology surrounding wolves and the important role they play in the natural world. This is an exciting time for wolves as they are out searching for prey as they prepare for the birth of this year’s pups. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and possibly the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 2 p.m. Also Aug. 25 and Sept. 1, 7, 8, 15 and 29 at 11 a.m. and Aug. 31 and Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-763-2373 or visit www.nywolf.org.

Sunday, Aug. 25

Muslim Heritage Festival. Music, entertainment, crafts and food vendors. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 12 to 7 p.m. Free admission. Free. Info: 914-864-PARK or visit parks.westchestergov.com.

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Hudson Valley Honor Flight Seeks Veterans for Fall Flight

Hudson Valley Honor Flight is seeking veterans for its fall flight, taking place on Saturday, Oct. 12. The October flight will depart from New York Stewart International Airport in New Windsor and will take veterans on an all-expenses-paid trip to visit our nation’s war memorials. Veterans will travel by a police-escorted bus convoy while in D.C. for the daylong tour and fly back to New York that evening. All area World War II, Korean War and

Cold War veterans from the following counties who have not previously taken part in a Hudson Valley Honor Flight are eligible to participate: Orange, Ulster, Dutchess, Westchester, Rockland, Sullivan, Putnam, Pike (Pa.), Bergen (N.J.), and Fairfield (Conn.). In addition, veterans who served in the time between World War II and the Korean War are eligible to participate. Vietnam era veterans are also invited to apply for future flights. Applications can be found online at www.hvhonorflight.com.

“Our fall flight is just around the corner and we still have seats to fill,” said Chairman Frank Kimler. “We’re seeking veterans to join us for an unforgettable day of reflection, thanks, lots of laughs and maybe a few surprises along the way. We know they’re out there! We consider it a privilege to escort our heroes on this trip to our nation’s capital. Thank you once again to ShopRite for their generosity in supporting our missions.”

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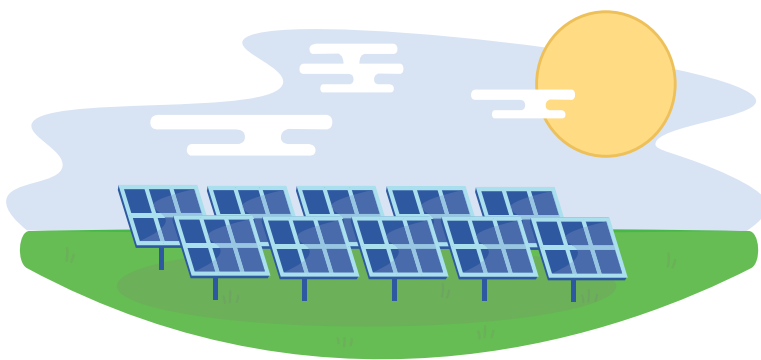
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titions and requests together with all other matters that may properly come before the Board at this time. **AGENDA New Application** 1. Gonzalez, William, 243 Old Church Road, 73.-1-14; R-2 Request front yard setback variance for proposed shed. 2. Swezey, Jean, 141 Oscawana Heights Road, 52.-2-12; R-3 Request a side and front yard setback variance for proposed garage. 3. Davino, Alfonse, 7 Briar Court-73.18-1-14; R-2 Request for side and rear yard setback variance for proposed pool and deck. 4. DiLeo, Louis, 569 Lake Shore Road, 41.10-2-32; R-3 Request side yard setback variance for new generator. 5. Maskiell, William, 135 Barger Street, 84.-2-56; R-3 Request side and height variance under Section 165-44 A (1) of the Zoning Code for replacing second floor to existing barn. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL, CHAIRMAN**

Town of Putnam Valley August 21, 2019 Town Board Agenda 1. Pledge of Allegiance 2. Departmental Reports 3. Supervisor's opening comments 4. Legislator's Report 5. School Report 6. Approval of minutes for June 19, July 10, and July 17, 2019. 7. Waive all permit and building fees for Fire Department projects. 8. Discuss de-icers on lakes. 9. Approve the agreement between the Town of Putnam Valley and Brookfalls Cottages, Inc. Districts 10. Authorization to go out to bid for District Garbage Pick-Up. 11. Waiver of building permit and wetland permit waiver fees associated with the demolition of the old Lake Peekskill pump house. Building Department 12. Daily Fee Report Parks and Recreation 13. Approve person-

nel additions/changes: Wacaser and Brown. 14. Approve personnel additions/changes: Call, Nastri, Astrologo, Riley, Sainz and Cassidy. 15. Refunds. 16. Budget Transfers 17. Public Comment 18. Audit of monthly bills.

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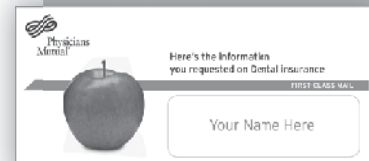
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Local Youth Talent to Perform in New Musical Production in New York City

By Pat Casey

"A Little Princess" is a brand new musical adaptation by British writing team Carl Miller and Marc Folan based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett. The musical made its debut last year at Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Other Palace in London, and now makes its United States premiere at The Pershing Square Signature Center this month, where it will be produced by Kids of The Arts Productions.

Kids of The Arts Productions is a nonprofit company that produces professional theater focused on child actors.

A Little Princess will feature six young cast members from White Plains. Madison Lagares plays the lead role of Sarah Crewe. Isabella Lagares, Isabella Preston, and Liora Shuf play Clara, Anne, and Anne.

The story is about Captain Crewe and his daughter, Sarah, who have arrived in London after living abroad in India. Captain Crewe is quite wealthy and believes Miss Minchin's Seminary for Young Ladies in London will be the best route for Sarah. When unfortunate circumstances leave her impoverished, Sarah begins



Madison Lagares



Isabella Preston



Isabella Lagares



Liora Shuf

to discover things she never knew about the world, and that a true princess's light shines from the inside.

Sixth grader, Madison Lagares, will be appearing in the following performances: Aug. 22 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Aug. 23 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Aug. 24 at 2 and 8 p.m., Aug. 25 at 2 and 6 p.m.

Fourth grader, Isabella Lagares, will be appearing on Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 25 at 2 p.m.

Fifth grader, Isabella Preston, will be appearing on Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 24 at 2 p.m.

Fifth grader, Liora Shuf, will be appearing on Aug. 22 at 2 p.m. and Aug. 24 at 8 p.m.

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The WHITE PLAINS Examiner Sports

Stepinac's Football Team Aims for Fourth State Title in Five Years

By Rob DiAntonio

With weapons returning all over the field, Stepinac High School's football team is aiming for its fourth CHSAA state title in five seasons.

"We always expect to win," senior Kevin McKenna said. "That's what we breed here. We're really excited for this year and have a lot of great returning talents along with some new talent. I think that as long as we take it day by day, follow what the coaches are telling us to do and execute our plan, we'll be fine and get that third (state) championship (in a row). That's always the expectation."

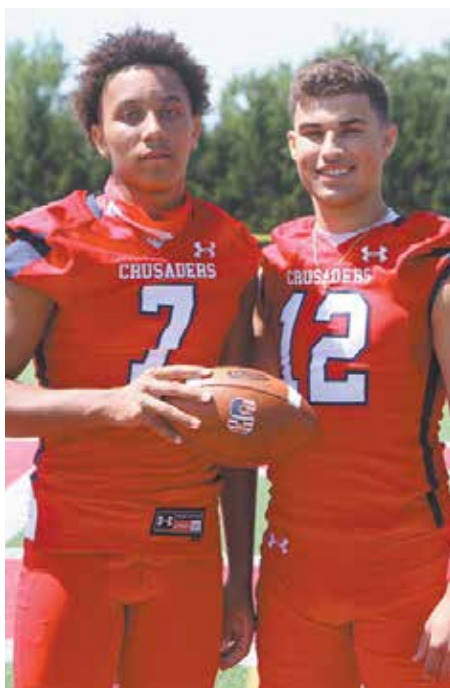
Following a slow start to the season last year, the Crusaders kicked it into high gear. They won their second straight state title, defeating St. Francis 49-7 in the AAA title game.

"We've got some great kids coming up from the JV and some great kids that are



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS

Brendan Wilkins, Zach Barnes, Matt Halas, Chance Wilson, Corey Richards, Jamel Fleming, Mekhi Green, Kyle Benjamin and Jaylin Montgomery of the Stepinac High School Crusaders football team.



Sophomore quarterback James McCauley, left, and senior Joey Carino.

returning," Stepinac coach Mike O'Donnell said. "Some guys are going to fill different roles than they filled last year. It's kind of the Stepinac way where sometimes you've got to wait your turn. We've been lucky to have great athletes and 20 of our guys are going to play at the next level. That's an unbelievable statistic. They're ready and I don't think we'll miss a beat. They worked very hard in the weight room in the offseason."

Joey Carino, a senior, returns at quarterback after throwing for 2,351 yards and 26 touchdowns as a junior. Carino recently decided to decommit from his lacrosse scholarship at Syracuse University and has committed to the University at Albany, where he will play football.

"Joey's a great competitor," O'Donnell said. "He made a lot of plays when things broke down. He's a great leader and it'll be his third year on varsity. I don't know too many quarterbacks around this area who've

had Division 1 offers and have a shot at winning their third state title. We expect the ultimate from him."

Protecting Carino on the offensive line will be Ajani Cornelius, a 6-foot-5, 325-pound guard. He's committed to Howard University. Joining Cornelius on the line are Amari Broady, Chris Peller, Matt Dilullo and Mike Tartaglia.

"We have a big line and I can't wait for them to block for me this year," Carino said.

McKenna is a star linebacker and will also be counted on to be a productive running back. Despite playing most of last season in an arm cast, he recorded 123 tackles and 11 sacks. The senior was committed to Utah for lacrosse but decided he will be a two-sport Division 1 athlete when he committed to also football at Utah.

"He's one of the best offensive players in the area as well, but because of the way things are here, we really need him to be

a great defensive player," O'Donnell said. "He made plays all over the field the last two years. He's going to be a three-year starter. When you look at him, he doesn't fit the mold of a guy you would say, 'Oh my God, look at him.' But when you watch him on the field...I hear other coaches talking about him all the time. The kid's all over the place. And offensively, he's an unbelievable weapon."

Mekhi Green, a senior running back, stepped up last season after an injury to Malik Grant and helped the team defeat rival Iona Prep with a 30 carry, 202-yard effort. Green will take on a much bigger role in 2019. He is also a key player on defense in the secondary.

"He's one of the best athletes in this area," O'Donnell said of Green. "He also does an unbelievable job for us at safety. It's kind of coincidental, but he took over at

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safety when we started winning last year. He solidified our defense when we really needed it.”

Junior Jayden Jenkins will be another threat in the backfield for the Crusaders. Kyle Benjamin, another junior, is a bruiser in the backfield.

Carino has plenty of players he will be targeting at wide receiver. Quentin McCauley is a 6-2 senior who O’Donnell thinks will have a breakout year. Myles Walker, who is also a senior, is another outstanding athlete with lightning speed. Senior Matt Halas is the team’s possession receiver who is able to get himself open and has a high football IQ. Green and McKenna are also receiving threats out of the backfield. Nazir Hibbert, who was a state champion in the long jump, is another key receiver. Corey Richards and Gianni Cardenas are two other players in the mix.

“They’re all really athletic and all can catch the ball,” Carino said. “I’m really excited.”

James McCauley, a sophomore, is the team’s backup quarterback and already has two Division 1 offers to play football at the next level. O’Donnell called McCauley “a talented young man with a great arm.”

“We’re in very good shape at the quarterback position,” the veteran coach added.

O’Donnell said the team hasn’t named captains yet but said they will have a large group of senior leaders. He noted that the team has eight players who are members of the National Honor Society.

“It’s a very smart team and we’re proud of that fact,” O’Donnell said. “They’re looking at the Ivy (League) and some great schools. It’s a great opportunity. We have a 64-man roster and only one sophomore of the 64 kids.”

McKenna is expecting big things out of the defense.

“We have some really strong players coming in on defense,” he said. “We have some young d-linemen that are really good. I think, as a whole, once we get these first two to three weeks of practice in, we’ll be fine and will have our chemistry together. We’ll be firing on all cylinders for the first game.”

That first game will be against Lincoln on Saturday, Sept. 7, at Rutgers University, with the opening kickoff slated for noon.

“This year the expectations are high,” Carino said. “We want to win that state championship again but we’re just going to take it slow and go game by game. We want to treat every game like it’s the state championship game. We also feel like we have a target on our back, but it just motivates us even more to win.”



From left: Kevin McKenna, Mekhi Green, Kyle Benjamin, Corey Richards and Chance Wilson.



Stepinac has a big offensive line consisting of Michael Tartaglia, Chris Peller, Matt Dilullo, Ajani Cornelius and Amari Broady.



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