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Greenburgh Suffers 9th Pedestrian Accident In 16 Months

By Pat Casey

There was another pedestrian accident in the Town of Greenburgh over the weekend, the ninth reported since September 2018.

The victim, a 70-year-old resident of Hartsdale, was found by police responding to 911 calls lying on the roadway on East Hartsdale Ave. between Central Ave. and Wilson Street, Saturday around 8 a.m. He was unconscious and bleeding from the head.

The victim was treated by Greenburgh EMS and transported to the Westchester Medical Center where he was admitted.

Greenburgh Detectives responded to the scene and recovered video evidence that shows the victim had been walking on the sidewalk south on Central Avenue then turned onto East Hartsdale Avenue proceeding past the crosswalk walking east on the sidewalk when he decided to cross East Hartsdale Avenue from north to south. East Hartsdale Avenue has two westbound lanes with one dedicated left turn lane and one eastbound lane. The victim was in the left turn lane approaching the center point of the roadway when he was struck by a vehicle proceeding east on East Hartsdale Avenue. The vehicle continued on and did not stop.

An Accident Investigation was conducted and Greenburgh detectives have located the vehicle, a 2018 Honda CRV that was being operated by an 87-year-old Hartsdale resident. He was alone in the vehicle at the time and was not injured.

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R.J. Davis Receives No. 20 McDonald's All American Jersey



ALBERT COOUERAN PHOTO

Stepinac star guard R.J. Davis displays his number 20 McDonald's All American jersey presented to him at Stepinac High School, on Thursday, Feb. 13. Davis was accompanied to the jersey presentation by (l-r) his father Robert, his brother Bryce and his mother Vanessa. See full story on page 18.

County Exec Forms Traffic Safety Task Force to Address Wrong-Way Driving Accidents

By Pat Casey

the With number rising of automobile accidents Westchester County involving wrong-way driving, due to intoxicated drivers, distracted drivers, or poorly marked signage, County Executive George Latimer announced the creation of a new Traffic Safety Task Force last week.

The task force will be made up of citizens and elected officials, who will review all entrance and exit ramps on the Bronx River Parkway. As first proposed, this pilot task force will consist of two members of the Board of Legislators, two New York State elected officials, one member of

the Latimer Administration and two citizen-commuters.

"This review is meant to take inventory of potential problem zones in light of recent 'wrong-way driver' incidents," Latimer said in a statement.

In addition, the County's Department of Public Works/ Transportation is in the process of reviewing the 'wrong-way driver' incident that took place Jan. 30 in Harrison on I-287 where an Ardsley high school student and parent lost their lives.

Just a few days later, Harrison Police stopped a driver who had entered I-287 and was traveling in the wrong direction. A police investigation said the signage



was correctly marked and they asked drivers to use common sense when following GPS directions.

The purpose of this task force is to identify potential immediate 'common sense' remedies, like new signage, and act quickly on the recommendations, Latimer said, adding, "Our number one job in government is to ensure public safety. For a variety of reasons, drivers in Westchester are finding themselves in lifethreatening situations due to motorists operating their vehicle on the wrong side of the road. This is a serious issue that we must take action on

to correct."

At the time of Latimer's announcement, Westchester County Legislators Colin Smith (Peekskill) and Vedat Gashi (D-Yorktown) and State Assemblyman Tom Abinanti (D-Greenburgh) had agreed to join the Task Force, with additional announcements expected to follow.

DPW/T Commissioner Hugh J. Greechan said, "The Latimer Administration is committed to working with all stakeholders to find solutions. Our Department is taking immediate action to review the particular intersection in Harrison in the short term and we look forward to working with this

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The investigation is continuing and Greenburgh detectives are asking anyone who may have witnessed the incident to call them at 914-989-1725.

Greenburgh Police Chief Brian Ryan advised that the police department had officers on East Hartsdale Ave. to target drivers who are speeding, distracted, and fail

to yield to pedestrians over the weekend and would continue the monitoring into the work week.

In recent weeks a man died after being struck on Tarrytown Road in Greenburgh and a 14-year-old Edgemont High Student was struck by an SUV in the area of S. Central Avenue and Underhill Road. He is okay.

Earlier in January, 57-year-old woman was hit and killed by an SUV as she was crossing the Bronx River Parkway at Fischer Lane. And back in November, a woman was killed near Fort Hill Road.

Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner said he wants the state to allow red light cameras to be installed in the township. The

revenue would then go toward sidewalks and other safety initiatives including education, digital speed signs and legislation for speed cameras. The Town Board is also reviewing other potential pedestrian safety initiatives such as infrared sensors to alert drivers when someone has stepped into the roadway.

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citizen task force in the long term."

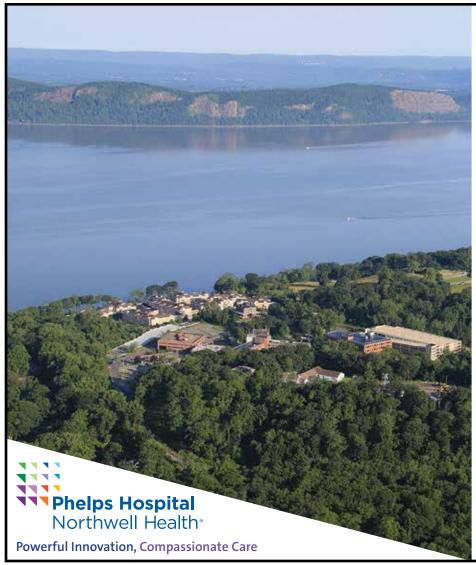
According to the Federal Highway Administration, In the United States, wrong-way driver crashes result in 300 to 400 people killed each year on average, representing approximately 1 percent of the total number of traffic related fatalities that occur annually. Studies further indicate impairment by alcohol is a major cause of wrong-way driver crashes.



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Cuomo Appoints Westchester Attorney to 'Love Makes a Family' Council

By Martin Wilbur and Pat Casey

Westchester attorney Kristen Browde, of Chappaqua, was appointed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo last week to the 22-member Love Makes a Family Council, part of a campaign to help legalize gestational surrogacy in New York.

Browde, currently one of five Democratic candidates vying for the nomination in the 93rd Assembly District, has been board president of the LGBT Bar Association of New York and is a national leader on LGBTQ issues.

"Surrogacy is how couples with fertility issues and LGBTQ New Yorkers get their families started," Browde said in a statement. "I'm grateful that Gov. Cuomo is standing with us – as he has consistently – and I know that like us, he won't stop until this landmark legislation is the law in New York."

Currently, state law prohibits gestational surrogacy, creating barriers for the LGBTQ community and families struggling with fertility. There are 47 states that permit gestational surrogacy. The newly appointed council will support replacing New York's outdated laws with the strongest in the nation for surrogates and parents.

The campaign will also include a petition where New Yorkers can endorse Cuomo's proposal, which he advanced in last year's executive budget, as well as a new campaign at https://www.governor.ny.gov/programs/legalize-gestational-surrogacy that includes testimonial videos.

Cuomo said in a statement that it is "shameful" that New York is one of just three



Amy Paulin urges passage of the Child Parent Security Act to reform New York's outdated laws on Gestational Surrogacy Agreements. She is pictured here with Bravo TV's Andy Cohen.

states that denies families with fertility issues and those from the LGBTQ community the ability to use surrogates.

Paid surrogacy is punishable by a fine, and unpaid surrogacy agreements are unenforceable and not legally binding.

Under the proposal, a Surrogates' Bill of Rights would be created, which will guarantee the strongest protections in the nation for surrogates; establish criteria for surrogacy contracts to protect all parties; and eliminate burdensome and expensive barriers for "second parent adoption," instead of requiring a single visit to court to recognize legal parenthood while the child is in utero.

State Assemblymember Amy Paulin

(D-Scarsdale) is the sponsor of the Child Parent Security Act (S. 2071B/A. 1071C) in the Assembly. Senator Brad Hoylman (D-Manhattan) sponsored the bill, which passed in the Senate in June of 2019.

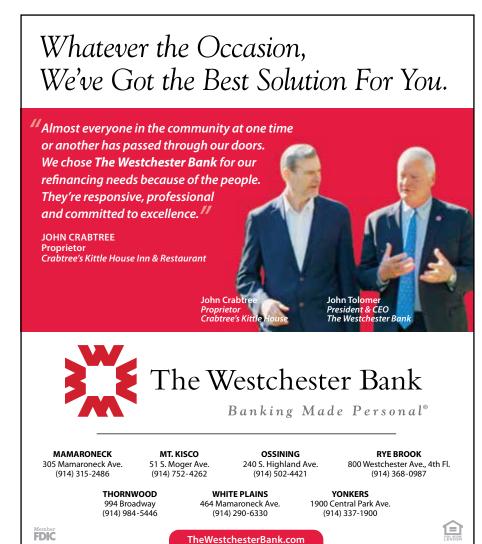
"It's not enough for New York to catch up to where other states have been in terms of allowing same-sex and infertile couples to start their families through gestational surrogacy agreements. What we have proposed is the strongest possible law to protect parents, children, and surrogates. Our bill directly addresses the thorny legal questions that have frustrated New Yorkers dealing with out-of-state surrogacy arrangements and that have left either parents or surrogates with inadequate legal



Kristen Browde, who was appointed this week by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to a council that will work toward legalizing gestational surrogacy in New York

protection. Specifically, we've created a strong framework that amounts to a Surrogate's Bill of Rights, including requirements for life insurance, coverage of healthcare costs for up to one year post-birth, providing an independent attorney to safeguard her through the process, and ensuring that all health and welfare decisions are made by the surrogate," Paulin said in a recent statement.

Earlier this month Paulin met with lawmakers and advocates, including Bravo TV's Andy Cohen who himself became a father through surrogacy, to discuss and to urge Assembly Members to vote in favor of this legislation.



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Carlucci, Others Call for Passage of Alyssa's Law for Parkland Victim

State Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland/ Westchester), along with Assemblywoman Elle Jaffee (D-Suffern), held a press conference last week in support of installing silent panic alarms in all public schools in New York State.

The call for the school security measure, known as Alyssa's Law, coincided with the two-year anniversary of the school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, which left 14 students and three adults dead. The legislation is named after Parkland victim, Alyssa Alhadeff, who was a freshman at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and a talented soccer player.

Since Parkland, there has been a school

shooting in the U.S., on average, every 12 days, according to CNN.

"Today is a time to honor Alyssa, the victims of Parkland and families impacted by gun violence in schools. In Parkland, there was no silent alarm, and instead a fire alarm went off causing mass confusion," Carlucci said. "A silent panic alarm in every school in the state is a common-sense safety measure that will allow law enforcement to get to an emergency quickly when seconds are precious. I hope in New York that these alarms are never used, but our educators are now dealing with the prospect that they may need to protect the lives of their students, and this is a simple step to improve safety."

Alhadeff's cousins Jadyn Turner and Jordan Turner, who are from Carlucci's district in Rockland County, brought the idea for the bill to his attention after Alhadeff's mother and father helped get the bill signed into law in New Jersey in February 2019. Jadyn, 16, has been advocating for the bill's passage in New York and at the federal level.

"On Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, my cousin Alyssa was sitting in her English class at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. In one single moment, everything changed. She took her last breath after being shot 10 times," Jadyn Turner said. "Never again, would Alyssa attend her English class, kick a soccer ball,

or run into the freezing cold ocean. The reality is too common for too many victims of school shootings. This is why we must pass Alyssa's Law so that I can go to school feeling safe, and not one more child has to run out of the school screaming because they saw a bullet go through a classmate in math class."

Silent alarms are usually a button on the wall that someone can press to signal law enforcement immediately. They can also be set off through a phone extension an educator dials, depending on the model. The alarm is silent because when an emergency is happening in a school, experts say chaos can ensue, so the idea is to prevent children from running into the hallways in panic.

Right now, the National Center for Education Statistics found only 27 percent of schools across this country report using silent alarms that are connected to local law enforcement. The U.S. has had 1,316 school shootings since 1970 and these numbers are increasing.

Alyssa's Law is currently in the education committee in both houses.



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Chordsmen's Singing Lessons a Life-Changing Experience

By Al Schwartz

The Westchester Chordsmen, a nonprofit performing arts organization, has a long history of providing free community service programs throughout the year. This includes its autumn a cappella youth music festival for high school students, its college singing scholarships and its holiday season sing outs at senior residences and medical facilities.

The Chordsmen also offers free singing lessons for men twice a year. The next session, which starts on Monday, Feb. 24, consists of six 90-minute classes on Monday evenings at 6:45 p.m. The classes are led by Keith Harris, a professional voice coach who has been director of the Westchester Chordsmen for the last 12 years.

As one who went through the Chordsmen's free Ready, Set, Sing program and who previously had never sung in any school, religious or adult choir, I can tell you it was a life-changing experience.

When I first heard about the lessons, I thought this isn't for me; but after considering it for a few days, I thought why not? Getting free singing lessons taught by a professional voice teacher was a unique opportunity. At the very least I'd sing better in the shower or at social events, but like over a third of the students who take the course, I found the experience so rewarding that I wound up joining the choir. Singing now fills a gap in my life that I didn't realize I had.

At the beginning of the first lesson, Harris told us that by learning the fundamentals



The Westchester Chordsmen during their holiday concert in December. The next six-week session of free singing lessons for men begin Feb. 24 in White Plains.

of singing – diaphragm breathing, relaxing our vocal cords and having proper body alignment, all of which improve our health – we would get the most beautiful sound possible from our voice. I didn't really believe that and thought, "Yeah right!" But Harris knew what he was talking about.

As a non-singer I used to think that only a small percentage of the population were naturally good singers and the rest would never be able to sing well. But now I know

that for many, good singing is a learned skill, and people who learn the fundamentals of singing can often sing far better than they ever thought possible.

For many of us, our enjoyment of vocal music is limited to listening to recordings of celebrity singers. But it is hard to describe the joy people feel when they sing competently, which is very doable, or the camaraderie felt among people who are singing together – camaraderie that is sorely

missing in the world today. Rediscover the joy of singing with others that past generations experienced.

The Westchester Chordsmen is a member chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society whose motto is to keep the whole world singing. We sing a wide range of musical styles, including pop, Broadway show tunes, doo-wop and jazz arranged in beautiful a cappella four-part harmony.

Your voice, after all, is the one musical instrument you always have. For me singing is a gift from heaven, and I look forward to singing with others for years to come.

Ready, Set, Sing lessons will be held at Congregation Kol Ami, located at 252 Soundview Rd. in White Plains. Enter through the back entrance and a Chordsman will direct you to the rehearsal area. Come one night or complete the entire six-week course.

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Obituaries

Sr. Mary Dorothea Power

Sr. Mary Dorothea Power, RDC, died on Feb. 13. She was 93.

Sister entered the Sisters of the Divine Compassion in Sept. of 1946. She received the bachelor's degree in English from Good Counsel College and master's degree in education from Seton Hall University. She was also certified by the Archdiocese of New York in Spiritual Direction. Sister's diverse ministries in the Archdiocese and in Connecticut have included teaching in Our Lady of Good Counsel Elementary

School, 1950-1951, St. Joseph's in Croton from 1951-1961, administration as principal at St. John the Evangelist School in Mahopac, 1961-1967, at Good Counsel Convent and schools as treasurer and teacher until 1975, as pastoral assistant at St. Luke Parish in Westport, Conn. from 1980-1991, as Director of Health Care in the Good Counsel Infirmary from 1990-2000, and as a member of the Spiritual Renewal Center staff at Good

Known for her indefatigable energy and exceptional commitment to the charism of compassion, Sister, in her "retirement" years, served the elderly and infirm as a volunteer at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx and in other hospital visitation and home care.

Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 20; 9:45 to 11 a.m. at Chapel of the Divine Compassion, 52 North Broadway, White Plains, followed by a service at the same location at 11 a.m.

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Catherine Natalie

Catherine Natalie Skelly, 90, of Granby, Conn., passed away Feb. 13.

Catherine was born Nov. 20, 1929 in White Plains to William T. and Pamela (nee DeLuca) Skelly.

For 20 years Catherine worked for the Insurance Company Marsh & McLennan, retiring in 1994.

Catherine is survived by her brother William T. Skelly Jr. and his wife Cynthia, nieces and nephews Pamela Knoll and her husband Robert of Ocean View, DE; Elizabeth Fischer of Greenwich, CT; Lynn A. White and her husband Michael of Omaha, NE; William T. Skelly III of North White Plains; and Walter Reinhardt of Granby, Conn.; and grand nieces and nephews Tara Buck, Michelle Knoll, Patrick White, Christopher Fischer, Brendan White, Chelsea and Seth Reinhardt and their mother, Lisa, and a great grand niece Scarlett Buck.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to either Humane Society of Westchester or Granby Ambulance Association of Granby, Conn

A Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, Feb. 20, 11 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church White Plains. Interment Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

David G. Powell

David G. Powell, 94, of White Plains, passed away Feb.13.

David was born May 6, 1925 in Chicago to Jack and Ethel (nee Rabinowitz) Goodman. David served in the US Army, and was owner of Powell Accessories Retail Lighting Store, retiring at the age of 92. He was a musician, vaudeville entertainer, and was in the USO entertaining the troops during WWII.

In 1952 David married his wife, Caryl Powell, in White Plains. She predeceased him in 2010.

A wonderful warm and generous man who adored his family, entertaining and living life to the fullest. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a memory for jokes, spontaneously coming up with a joke on the spot. He and his wife Caryl traveled the world with the USO entertaining the troops and had wonderful memories and countless hours of stories to share. He had a passion for the lighting business and enjoyed talking with all the customers. He enjoyed good food, fine dining, lighting the candles, and most of all having all his family together.

David is survived by his four children Ruth (Peter) Clinton of Orange Park, FL; Brian (Fran) Powell of Greenwich, CT; Sari (Larry) Maenza of Shenorock, NY; and Paul (Bree) Powell of East Windsor, N.J; nine grandchildren Curtis Maenza, Heather Geisler, Nicholas Maenza, Kimberly Clinton, Steven Clinton, Jason Clinton, Rebecca Powell, Brady Powell, and Cooper Powell; and three great grandchildren and one on the way. Besides his loving wife Caryl, David is predeceased by his sister Myrna Bermant.

Dennis J. Stinziani

Dennis J. Stinziani, of Elmsford, died Feb. 11, peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family. He was 72 years old.

Dennis was born April 22, 1947 in Elmsford, son to the late Anthony and Mary Stinziani. He married Cathy Krupp on April 12, 1969 in Tarrytown.

Dennis was an avid New York Yankees and New York Giants fan. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and golfing. Dennis doted over his grandchildren by attending his grandson's baseball games from a very young age and attending his granddaughter's musical and dance performances. He was very proud of his daughter becoming a very successful and professional registered nurse at MSKCC as well as his son's professional career and marriage to Josephine. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 50 years, his two children Joseph and Mary "Stinz" Stinziani and two cherished grandchildren Massimo and Giuliana Stinziani.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center by visiting mskcc.org.

Judith Kaylee Glinert

Judith Kaylee Glinert, a devoted wife, proud mother and grandmother, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 8, surrounded by her family.

Judy was born on May 3, 1935 and grew up in Bayonne, NJ. She graduated from New York University and was the Director of the Senior Center for the Town of Greenburgh for 20 years. She raised her family in Scarsdale and then moved to White Plains where she lived with David, her husband of 60 years.

Most importantly, Judy was the heart and soul of her extended family and her large circle of friends. She was cherished by all for her love of life, warm heart, humor and generosity of spirit.

She is survived by her beloved husband, David Glinert; her daughters, Alice, Liz, Kate Glinert; her sons-in-law John Foxe, David Chidekel and Peter Nash; and her grandchildren, Cole Chidekel, Emmett, Nessa and Oona Foxe and Helen and Elisabeth Nash.

She will be sorely missed.

Memorial service details will be forthcoming. A private interment was held Feb. 12 at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hawthorne.



WPHS Sports Hall Nomination Deadline is March 24

The deadline to submit nominations of candidates for the 2020 White Plains High School Athletics Hall of Fame induction event has been finalized as Tuesday, March 24.

Anyone who has previously been nominated but not inducted does not have to be resubmitted. Those candidates automatically will be reconsidered.

To access the criteria for eligibility and a nomination form, go online to the school district website: www. whiteplainspublicschools.org/Page/16127.

Nominations may be submitted either via regular mail sent to the WPHS Athletic Office, 550 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605, or via e-mail to Chuck Stogel (chstogel@aol.com).

The sixth annual WPHS Athletics Hall of Fame induction event is scheduled for a Friday evening in early to mid November in the high school media center. The exact date and the roster of inductees for this year will be announced in late spring.

Video recordings from all five of the previous induction ceremonies are available for viewing online. To access, please go to: www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/Page/600.

The following is a year-by-year list of the first five classes of inductees:

2015: Nicole Boykin, Frank Briante, Mal Graham, Larry James, Harry Jefferson, Grover "Deacon" Jones, Dean Loucks, Glenn Loucks, Anthony "Champ" Marano, Craig Masback, Art Monk, Dick Nolan, Dr. Jason Parker, Jay Saldi, Len Watters.

2016: Tom DePaso, Manson Donaghey,



Milleties Hall of Fame

Alan Egler, Whitney Ford, Otis Hill, Aaron Hopkins, Charlie Jenkins, Ed Kehe, Oscar Moore, Frank Navarro, George Rooks Sr., Don Salls, Art Schult, Carl "Rusty" Waite, Bruce Weinstein, Brant Wintersteen, Sal Yvars, 1966 880 and Mile Relay Teams.

2017: Frank Becerra Sr., Kristin Donahoe Becerra, Sam Bowers, Bill Cain, Michelle Donnelly, Ricky Edwards, Dick Gardella, Jim Gray, Bob Horton, Dave Jackson, Jermaine Johnson, Frank Lyman, Lou Mark, John Messemer.

2018: Kim Adams, Sue O'Gorman Adams, Dominick "Monk" DePalo, Bill Drummond, J. Brian Hansbury, Greg Herzog, Mark Johnson, Sean Kilpatrick, Tony Mazziotti, Dennis Morgan, George "Duffie" Rooks, Chuck Young, Jermaine Young.

2019: Arnold Clinton, Tom Donahoe, Liz Flooks, Mark Martino, Joe Materile, Nick Panaro, George Perry, Dan Woodard.



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County Dept. of Consumer Protection Prepares for Census Scams

In conjunction with the Westchester County Department of Public Safety, the county's Consumer Protection Department is gearing up to prevent potential scams targeting Westchester residents during the completion of Census 2020.

Some examples of telltale signs of a scam, according to 2020Census.gov, are centered on questions that will not be asked by the Census Bureau. During the 2020 Census, the bureau will never ask for Social Security numbers, money or donations, anything on behalf of a political party or bank or credit card account numbers.

If someone claiming to be from the Census Bureau contacts you via e-mail or phone and asks for one of these things, it's a scam and you should not cooperate.

"We see evidence each day that scammers are everywhere and look to take advantage of any opportunity to steal your hard-earned money or identity," said Consumer Protection Director Jim Maisano. "That is why, with our county police, our department is diligently watching for any Census 2020-related scams. If you see anything that

may be of concern, contact us; we are here to protect you."

Regular updates about any Census scams will be provided on the county's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts.

Here are additional things to know to protect yourself, items that will never be requested by the Census Bureau: taxpayer identification numbers, gift cards, identification and passwords. Census Bureau workers will also never enter your home.

"Westchester County police have shared information with all our municipal police partners about potential scams related to the 2020 Census," said Department of Public Safety Commissioner Thomas Gleason. "The county's law enforcement community will work together to identify and investigate any fraudulent activity that might occur."

If you have you seen or heard something about the 2020 Census that is confusing, let the county Consumer Protection Department know by calling 914-995-2155. You can also let the Census Bureau know by contacting rumors@census.gov.

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Al Smith, the Klan, Choosing a President and a Riot in Peekskill

Guest



By Brian McGowan

I just finished reading an excellent book, Jon Meacham's "The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels." For those concerned about our nation's ability to return to an even keel in these turbulent waters, take

heart. We have gone through rough seas before and survived. We will again.

Meacham tackles extremism throughout our history. Most illuminating is his treatment of the 1924 Democratic National Convention, held in Madison Square Garden, where New York City native and Irish-American Al Smith first tried to become a candidate for president of the United States.

Smith had some major strikes against him as he sought the highest prize in American politics. And it wasn't that he was a New Yorker. Four New Yorkers had already filled the seat: Martin Van Buren, Chester Arthur, Grover Cleveland and Teddy Roosevelt all came from the Empire State.

But Smith was different. He was the son of Irish immigrants. He was a liberal and favored repealing Prohibition, then still in its infancy and popular with many Americans, especially conservatives. But most objectionable of all, he was a Catholic.

Smith had risen from poverty to become New York's governor. At the 1924 convention, attended by some 1,200 delegates from across the nation, a resolution was proposed by Smith's liberal and Catholic supporters to denounce the Ku Klux Klan, then re-emerging as a vibrant political force throughout the nation, including New York and Westchester County.

There were 343 delegates who were members of the Ku Klux Klan, with a major goal of blocking liberal, Irish-Catholic Smith from running. The resolution failed. The emboldened Klan exerted tremendous pressure upon the convention to nominate

their favorite, Georgia native William G. McAdoo. It took 103 ballots to pick a candidate, and in the end neither McAdoo nor Smith were selected. The nomination went to John W. Davis, who failed that November to unseat the Republican incumbent, Calvin Coolidge.

Smith gained the Democratic nomination four years later but lost to Herbert Hoover. Then, no Catholic was subsequently a candidate for the nation's highest office until John F. Kennedy, who, in the 1960 election, became the first Catholic elected President. Now, 60 years later, a candidate's religion is barely mentioned. Progress.

How strong was the Klan that they swayed a major U.S. political party? In the 1920s, their membership stood between four million and six million. And they were not solely in the South. They operated openly in our backyard.

"The Klan," a 1928 New York Times article, reported, that it "has an especially large membership in Peekskill and other northern sections of Westchester."

Klaverns, their basic organizational unit, were cited in Port Chester, New Rochelle, Yonkers, Hastings, Mount Pleasant, Bedford and White Plains. The Klan's influence waned as the decade progressed.

But the 1930s saw a revival. In September 1934, under the banner "Westchester Klan Revives, Backs Nazis," The Times reported on "an organization meeting and field day" held in Port Chester and attended

"by hundreds." A Klan official stated their goal: "to give back to the American people the fundamental rights conveyed by the Constitution." He then proceeded to heap scorn on the New Deal, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Jews while praising Hitler.

While World War II sharply diminished the Klan, an undercurrent remained in Westchester starkly different than the image we have today. In 1949, recalled The Forward recently, the Klan orchestrated a riot during a concert performance by African-American singer Paul Robeson, Pete Seeger and others. An angry mob attacked concertgoers and performers, inflicting numerous injuries.

In the end, a fiery cross was burned, affirming a claim by one of the Klan's leaders that "the crosses will begin to burn north of the Mason-Dixon Line tonight."

Seventy years on, progress?

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FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

In the Matter of a Proceeding Under Article 10 of the Family Court Act Docket No. NN-00156-20 F/U No. 150734 (1022 REMOVAL) SUMMONS (Child Neglect Case) ANEL T. WILSON A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age Alleged to be Neglected by NIGERIA WILSON, Respondent.

NOTICE: PLACEMENT YOUR CHILD(REN) IN FOSTER CARE MAY RESULT IN YOUR LOSS OF YOUR RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD(REN). IF YOUR CHILD(REN) STAYS IN FOSTER CARE FOR 15 OF THE MOST RECENT 22 MONTHS, AGENCY MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO FILE A PETITION(S) TO TERMINATE YOUR PAREN-TAL RIGHTS AND TO COMMIT **GUARDIANSHIP AND CUSTODY** OF YOUR CHILD(REN) TO THE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADOPTION. IN SOME CASES, THE AGENCY MAY FILE BEFORE

THE END OF THE 15-MONTH PERIOD. IF SEVERE OR REPEATED CHILD ABUSE IS PROVEN BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE, THIS FINDING MAY CONSTITUTE THE BASIS TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO COMMIT GUARDIANSHIP AND CUSTODY OF YOUR CHILD(REN) TO THE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADOPTION.

UPONGOODCAUSE, THE COURT MAY ORDER AN INVESTIGA-TION TO DETERMINE WHETH-THE NON-RESPONDENT PARENT(S) SHOULD BE CON-SIDERED AS A RESPONDENT; IF THE COURT DETERMINES THE CHILD(REN) SHOULD BE RE-MOVED FROM HIS/HER HOME, THE COURT MAY ORDER AN INVESTIGATION TO DETER-MINE WHETHER THE NON-RE-SPONDENT PARENT(S) SHOULD SUITABLE **CUSTODIANS** FOR THE CHILD(REN); IF THE CHILD(REN) IS PLACED AND REMAINS IN FOSTER CARE FOR FIFTEEN OF THE MOST RECENT TWENTY-TWO MONTHS, THE

AGENCY MAY BE REQUIRED TO FILE A PETITION(S) FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THE PARENT(S) AND COMMITMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CUSTODY OF THE CHILD(REN) FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADOPTION, EVEN IF THE PARENT(S) WERE NOT NAMED AS RESPONDENTS IN THE CHILD NEGLECT OR ABUSE PROCEEDING.

A NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUEST TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT CUSTODY OF THE CHILD(REN) AND TO SEEK ENFORCEMENT OF VISITATION RIGHTS WITH THE CHILD(REN).

BY ORDER OF THE FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO THE ABOVENAMED RESPONDENT(S) WHO RESIDE(S) OR IS FOUND AT [specify address(es)]:

NIGERIA WILSON (Mother) Homeless Current Whereabouts Unknown A Petition under Article 10 of the Family Court Act having been filed with this Court, and annexed hereto

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this Court at 111 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., 3rd Floor Annex, White Plains, New York 10601, on March 18, 2020, at 11:00 o'clock in the morning afternoon of that day to answer the petition and to be dealt with in accordance with Article 10 of the Family Court Act or any future adjourned date.

Upon your failure to appear as herein directed, a warrant may be issued for your arrest and/or the Court may proceed to Inquest and hear and determine the petition as provided by law.

Dated: January	, 2020.
/s/	
Clerk of Court	

I Think I May Know Where to Find Jimmy Hoffa

After almost a half-century of living with my wife Margaret, we frequently like to reminisce about experiences we've shared and keepsakes we've gathered together. That included collectibles of all varieties, whether antiques, such as the 19th century end-of-day glass playing marbles I collected for some years, or new items such as Battersby porcelain boxes that my wife favors.

Sometimes when we sit together, reading or watching television, I'll recall an item that seems to have gone missing and will ask, "Where is that item?" Margaret will reply, "Oh, it's in 'my box," referring to a moving box she says was filled with collectibles and important papers in our last move when we downsized from a six-bedroom colonial home to a two-bedroom condo.

But where is that box, labeled "Margaret's box," that may or may not exist? She swears by it, but it hasn't yet turned up anywhere in our condo or in our storage room after we've been in our new location for more than five years. It's even become somewhat of a joke. I'll think of something that's gone missing, and just as I'm about to ask Margaret if she knows where it might be, I stop short and say, "Oh, wait a minute, it's in Margaret's box, right?

Maybe we all have a Margaret's box for all things that once graced our lives and now are mysteriously missing. It can happen over time when the memory of where things are stored slowly fades.

There is one memory box I've had since I was a teenager. It's a sturdy box originally containing oranges from Florida that was sent to my family as a Christmas gift. After

the oranges were consumed, I appropriated the box for my memorabilia that I've held on to since I was six years old. Only the most important papers are stored there: my Holy Communion certificate, my confirmation certificate, my Selective Service card, my high school and college diplomas, etc.

As I think about these important papers, I wonder whether that's the best system for filing them. It's doubtful.

That brings me to my basic point: Where should we place important papers to save?

One online source suggests:

- 1. Wallet. You are, obviously, very limited in what you can keep in such a small space.
- 2. Safe deposit box. You can rent one at your bank or credit union for a small annual fee
 - 3. Home safe.
 - 4. An attorney's office.
- 5. Out-of-area friend or relative. (This suggestion begs the question, where would they place the papers?)
- 6. Online or digital storage.

If the home option is chosen, where at home should money or important papers be placed? The suggestions I find are:

1. Again, a home safe.





By Bill Primavera

2. Plastic page slips filed in a fireproof filing cabinet.

3. Under the mattress, as many people do with their money.

And speaking of that...

When we lived in a singlefamily home in Brooklyn Heights, we were once burglarized in the middle of the night by an intruder who had taken our back door from its hinges. It was the most frightening experience of our lives when we woke and Margaret told me that she had a strange dream that a man was standing in our bedroom, looking at us in bed. Thank goodness she staved in a halfsleep state, or who knows what might have happened.

At any rate, the experience taught me something. For some years, I've maintained

a library of rare books that I inherited from an aunt, which have always graced built-in bookshelves in our living room. When I went downstairs the morning after the burglary, I found that each and every book had been riffled through, obviously looking for cash. So is that where people keep their cash at home, I thought? I was also told by the police the next morning that thieves also look in the freezer. Who knew?

What that thief didn't know was that, young as we were, we were living far beyond

our means in a home that we could barely afford. We really had no money, certainly none to hide around the house. The one item the thief stole was my then-three-year-old daughter's piggy bank that probably had less than a few dollars in change.

As I ponder these questions and memories, I marvel at the claim that our most important documents are safely stored in Margaret's box. All I have to do now is find that box. I joke with her that if I ever do find our important documents in it, I'm sure to find Jimmy Hoffa as well.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 21, 2019, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, wherein REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLU-TIONS, INC. is the Plaintiff and JOHANNA PURVIS; ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the WESTCHESTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOBBY, 111 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD., WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601, on February 28, 2020 at 9:00AM, premises known as 89 CHAUNCEY AVENUE, NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10801: Section 5, Block 1442, Lot 13.

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The Latest on the Tariff Wars Threatening Wine Imports

You Heard It

Through the



By Nick Antonaccio

"The world we live in is changing. The old order transitioning; welcome to the new reality."

Whether are proponents or opponents of the entwined economic,

social, technological and political new order of the 21st century, one thing is clear. Each waking day brings new discoveries, economic change and political upheaval around the world.

One of the areas I tend to focus on, perhaps more than others, is the changing world of wine. And recent European Union (EU) political skirmishes have created an uncertain future for the United States wine market over tariffs.

"Who cares about European wines?" Buy American," might seem a reasonable response.

If the prices of Italian, French, Spanish, English and German wines increase significantly, won't American wines, typically more expensive than a number of European wines, gain a windfall profit? Won't American wineries benefit from greater profit margins at the expense of their European rivals?

All politics aside (as difficult as that may be in today's hotbed of opposing ideologies around the globe), the economic impact of the recent wine tariffs imposed and/or threatened by the United States is casting

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than to eat at this mid

a doomsday spell over a wide swath of the domestic wine industry. From producers, to importers, to distributors, to restaurants, to retail shops and to consumers, the financial impacts threaten the livelihoods of business owners and the wallets of consumers. The

magnitude and breadth of the latest round of tariff threats has the potential of causing grievous economic and financial damage to the wine industry in the United States.

backdrop: November 2019, the United States imposed 25 percent tariffs on select products, principally wine, exported

from select EU countries that historically have been subsidizing Airbus. Affected wines include those under 14 percent alcohol by volume from France, Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom.

The immediate impact: In the first month the 25 percent tariffs were implemented, French sales to the United States fell by 42 percent compared to the prior November.

Fighting for their economic lives, and to preserve their otherwise unsold wines, French producers turned to new markets. French wine sales to China last November surged 35 percent. Wily French winemakers have found a way to deflect the intended punishment of United States tariffs. Is this a portent of a long-term loss of access to French wine in favor of China, our arch-tariff war adversary?

The economic and financial impact of

the November drop in French imports was

It is estimated the ultimate cost up and down the import, distribution and retail chain was as much as \$148 million in lost cash profit and taxes. This loss of volume is

> not readily compensated for by increased sales of United States wines. The supply chain disruption will affect sales by reducing the channels available to American wineries.

> December, In United States tentatively set new tariffs on select

goods imported from all 28 EU countries. Unless otherwise withdrawn before a Feb. 17 deadline (after this column was penned), a 100 percent tax will be imposed on all wines, cheeses, olive oil, whiskey and other consumer products.

Enactment of the threatened 100 percent tariffs would further reduce EU imports. Increased costs and reduced imports would cause employee layoffs and even small business closings at each of the layers of American support chains. Restaurants and retail stores would not have American substitutes for a number of their bestselling wines, thereby losing a significant portion of the profit margins that sustain their overall success.

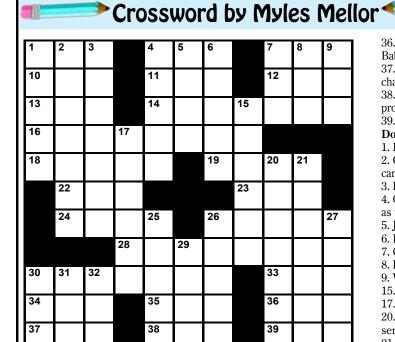
Overall, it is estimated that the wine industry could lose 11,000 to 80,000 jobs as a result of 100 percent tariffs.

The United States has won the World Trade Organization court case, entitling it to \$7.5 billion in tariffs from Airbus and EU countries. It would seem reasonable to collect such tariffs to the minimal detriment of the American economy.

Will the current tariff wars have a shortterm effect on the domestic wine industry, or will the fallout of these tariffs have a more lasting, permanent impact? The ability to fully assess this seems to change every hour, day, week and month, as battle lines become clearer and conflict resolution more cogent.

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Mardi Gras Reveling on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 25



By Morris Gu

Proprietor Peter
Van Cott of The
Bayou Restaurant,
580 Gramatan Ave.,
Mt. Vernon, has been
serving up the spirited
sounds and flavors of
Cajun country since
1991, and the place is
still funky and enjoyable.

So, if you can't make it to New Orleans, this is the spot to revel to authentic blues and zydeco music while hunkering down to an overstuffed Po' Boy or such house specialties as: Big Muffulettas, Southern Fried Chicken, Grilled Peppered Catfish, Tender Pork Ribs Smothered in BBQ Sauce,

Jazzy Jumpin' Jambalaya served with Louisiana Andouille Sausage, Alligator Sausage, and Crawfish Tails Smothered in Rich Creole Gravy. Their 30th Annual Mardi Gras Bash will be held on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 25, featuring live entertainment and a full-course dinner. Seating times are at 6, 8 and 10

p.m. If you just want to hang at the bar there will be a \$20 cover charge. Entertainment will be provided by CJ Chenier & and The Red Hot Louisiana Band. Reservations are suggested. Phone: 914-668-2634. www. bayourestaurantny.com

Proprietor, artist, model, actor and consummate host Alvin Clayton of Alvin & Friends, 14 Memorial Highway, New Rochelle is marking his 10th year with solid doses of American Soul Food, a taste of the Caribbean, and spirited jazz sessions. Alvin & Friends Restaurant has a sophisticated Manhattan vibe. Check out the Classic Iambalava, Shrimp & Grits, Fried Chicken. and Bourbon Glazed Pork Chops. Burgers and Mac & Cheese, too. Combine your visit with some live music. Love their Friday night jazz featuring local talent. Saturdays, too. The Sunday Jazz Brunch is a winning combination as well. 914-654-6549. www. alvinandfriendsrestaurant.com

Owner Spiros Chagares of Artie's Steak & Seafood, 394 City Island Ave., City Island in the Bronx, does a wonderful job with his Seafood Jambalaya. It is a blackboard special and it is loaded with the flavors of the New Orleans. It can be easily shared, as so many of their other big combo platters. Good craft beer selection. Phone: 718-885-9885. www. artiescityisland.com

You can also check out **Rye Roadhouse**, 12 High Street, Rye on Fat Tuesday. The fun starts at 4 p.m. with specialty cocktails, authentic New Orleans dishes and traditional King Cake. Beads and giveaways are also promised. Phone: 914-925-2668. www.ryeroadhouse.com

Holy Crab, 32 Mamaroneck Ave.,

White Plains, serves fresh
Cajun-style seafood as
you would see in New
Orleans. It is a long
sprawling space with
bustling bar/lounge
during Happy Hours:
4 pm to8 pm. Check
out such specialties
as: Lobster Mac and

Cheese, Po' Boys, Gumbo, Snow Crab Legs and Jambalaya. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Phone: 914-948-3888. www.holycrabny.com

Freebird Kitchen & Bar, 161 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, serves a Southern-themed menu that includes such specialties as: Pimiento Cheese Balls served with pecans and Ritz crackers; Fried Green Tomatoes; Shrimp & Grits; and Chicken Fried Steak. Look for a swarm of flying birds hanging from the ceiling. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Happy Hours 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. Phone: 914-607-2476. www.freebirdkitchenandbar.com

Southern Table Kitchen & Bar, 39 Marble Ave., Pleasantville, offers a big dose of Southern hospitality along with such house specialties as: Fried Green Tomatoes, Cheddar Biscuits, Grit Bowls, Cajun-style Seafood Boils, and Chicken and Waffles. Good Fried Chicken, too. Open daily. Phone: 914-618-3355. www.southern-table.com



So, you've had enough of winter and you miss visiting your favorite farmers market. Well, some of our most popular markets have been operating indoors all season, and while you may not get all the spring/summer harvest can produce, it still is a good place to pick up a variety of artisanal goods such as meats, cheeses, jams, breads, etc. Here are some local purveyors and happy grazing:

Pleasantville Farmers Market, Pleasantville Middle School, 40 Romer Ave., Pleasantville. Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through March 28. www. pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org

Mamaroneck Winter Indoor Farmers Market at Harbor Island Park Pavilion, 1 Harbor

Island Park, Mamaroneck. Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through April 18. www. downtoearthmarkets.com

Ossining Winter 'Down to Earth' Farmers' Market, corner of Main & Spring Streets, Ossining. Year round, Saturdays, 8:30 to 1 p.m. www.downtoearchmarkets.com

Irvington Winter Farmers' Market, Main Street School Auditorium, 110 Main St., Irvington. Saturdays through May, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. www.irvmkt.org

Hastings -on-Hudson Winter Farmers' Market, James V. Harmon Community Center, 44 Main St., Hastings. Every 1st and 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Through April. www.hastingsfarmersmarket.org

Gossett's Farm Market, Gossett Brothers Nursery, 1202 Rt. 35, South Salem. Year round. Saturdays through April, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. www.gossettbrothers.com

Cold Spring Indoor Farmers Market, Parish Hall, St. Mary-in-the-Highlands, 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. www.csfarmmarket.org

Hudson Valley Regional Farmers' Market,



Fried chicken platter at Southern Table Kitchen, Pleasantville

Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association, 15 Mount Ebo Road South, Brewster. Year round: Sundays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. www. hudsonvalleyfarmersmarket.org

Westport Farmers Market at Gilbertie's Herb Farms, Sylvan Road, Westport, CT. Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. www. westportfarmersmarket.com

In the Hudson Valley, Rhinebeck, Kingston & Poughkeepsie also support and winter Farmers Markets: www.rhinebeckfarmersmarket.com and www.kingstonfarmersmarket.org and www.sustainability.vassar.edu/campus-initiatives/indoor-farmers-market/

For a general overview check out: www. nyfarmersmarket.com/winter, or www. downtoearthmarkets.com

Happy Winter Foraging.

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Big Muffuletta Sandwich at the Bayou, Mt. Vernon.



Creole Seafood Stew at Alvin & Friends.

Happenin8s

Tuesday, Feb. 18

STEM Mini-Camp For Teens: School Vacation Maker Camp will focus on Robotics, Engineering, Design Thinking, and Computational Thinking. Teens will attend four sessions in the morning and complete low tech to high tech projects each day to learn these different skills. 9:30 a.m. Registration is required, attendance at each day is a must. There is a \$5 materials fee due on the first day. Snacks and refreshments will be served. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Black History Month Film Series. Red Tails (PG-13, 2012, 124min). 1944. As the war in Europe continues to take its toll on Allied forces, the Pentagon brass has no recourse but to consider unorthodox options - including the untried and untested African-American pilots of the experimental Tuskegee training program. Just as the young Tuskegee men are on the brink of being shut down and shipped back home, they are given the ultimate chance to show their courage. Against all the odds, with something to prove and everything to lose, these intrepid young airmen take to the skies to fight for their country - and the fate of the free world. 6:30 p.m., White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Tuesdays at Dorry's. Democratic Presidential Candidates Continuing the Conversation. Nora Freeman (postponed from an earlier date) will speak about Bernie Sanders. John Collins will discuss Amy Klobuchar. Roslyn Rothstein will talk with us about Michael Bloomberg. And then we will open the floor for questions and comments. Weekly table talkers. All are welcome. Food ordering begins at 5:15 p.m. Presentation 6 to 7 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

"Midnight Traveler." When the Taliban puts a bounty on Afghan director Hassan Fazili's head, he is forced to flee the country with his wife and two young daughters. Capturing their uncertain journey, Fazili shows firsthand the dangers facing refugees seeking asylum and the love of a family on the run. An award-winning, influential documentary, which is creating a buzz on

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the festival circuit. Written, produced and edited by Emelie Mahdavian, a 2018 Jacob Burns artist-in-residence under its Creative Culture program. Part of the Global Watch Crisis & Social Action series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter. org.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Noonday Getaway Concert. The Blithewood Ensemble Teresa Buchholz. mezzo soprano. Marka Gustavsson, viola, and Erika Switzer, piano offer a program which features the Brahms viola songs, along with works by Loeffler, Bridge, Strauss, and Marx. A Downtown Music debut, 30-minute, free concert (donations accepted) begins at 12:10 p.m. at Grace Church, White Plains. This concert has been made possible, in part, with the generous support of White Plains Hospital.

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 p.m. For more information, please contact Christiane Deschamps at 914-422-1496 or cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov., White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains

Black History Month Film Series. Spider-Man: Into the Spider-verse (PG, 2018, 117min). This Oscar winner for Best Animated Feature tells the story of how teen Miles Morales becomes the Spider-Man of his reality and crosses paths with five counterparts from other dimensions to stop a threat facing all realities. 6:30 p.m., White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Black History Month Family Storytime. Listen to a Liberian folktale about a resourceful mother hen, "Mrs. Chicken and the Hungry Crocodile." Includes craft and a cookie snack. For children 3-plus and their families. 7 p.m., White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Spirited Away: Talking Film With Tracy Cochran. Director Hayao Miyazaki once said he created his magnificent 2002 animated movie "Spirited Away" for 10-year-old girls. Adults around the world were captivated. Now as we face climate catastrophe, the adventure offers unexpected guidance and hope. Following 10-year-old Chihiro through a wondrous world full of spirits, Miyazaki reveals how a pure heart and sincerity can light our way. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$11. Non-members: \$16. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Black History Month Film Series. A Wrinkle in Time (PG, 2018, 109min). Meg meets three supernatural beings who transport her through the universe to rescue her father, who mysteriously disappeared and is being held captive by an evil force. 2 p.m., White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

T(H)ech Thursday For Teens: "Open Media Lab" T(h)ech Thursday is a weekly meet-up 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. In this "open access" session, participants will be able to experiment with various technology equipment owned by the library. 4 p.m. at White Plains Library.

Stories & Stuff. During Stories & Stuff, stories are centered around a theme and children listen and discuss the topic. The children create a craft project that ties in with the theme. Caregivers are invited to assist children during the craft portion of the storytime. 4:30 p.m. at White Plains Library.

Common Ground: Community Conversations. Common Ground is a community conversation where participants can express their viewpoints and listen to different perspectives in a civic environment. The YWCA of White Plains and Central Westchester, the White Plains Public Library and the White Plains League of Women Voters are collaborating to continue the Common Ground Conversations we started last year. We will use the World Café model to structure our conversations. Participants will create small groups and will be paired with a table captain, who will help keep the discussion on track. We will mix the groups up a few times during each event, to maximize the number of people who interact with each other. There will be time for both dialogue and reflection. 3rd Thursday of every month January - May 2020. Topic for February 20: Economic Inequality, Affordable Housing, and the impact upon creating a larger community. 6:30 p.m. at White Plains Library.

Black History Month Film Series. Race (PG-13, 2016, 134min). Legendary black Olympian Jesse Owens competes in track and field at the 1936 Games in Nazi Germany, despite the host country's attempts to turn the event into a celebration of national pride and Aryan supremacy. 6:30 p.m. at White Plains Library.

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Friday, Feb. 21

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Saturday, Feb. 22

"A Taste of Mame-Loshn, From Old Country to the New World." The theme and title of a special solo concert featuring Nina K. Gordon and her guitar. Gordon enjoys performing a variety of musical genres and has performed professionally for many years. She favors Yiddish folk songs as well as songs from the Yiddish theater of the Lower East Side. Sponsored by the Westchester Community for Humanistic Judaism. Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains. 2 p.m. Free; donations welcome. Info: Contact Charlotte Klein at 914-218-8535 or e-mail info@wchj.org.

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Black History Month Film Series. Selma, Lord, Selma (NR, 1999, 120min). Clifton Powell as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in a tale about the civil-rights movement, set in 1965 Alabama. Jurnee Smollett, Yolanda King. 2 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Black History Month Storytime. (Grades 1-6) Catching the Moon: The Story of a Young Girl's Baseball Dream. Hear the story of Toni Stone, one of the first women to play professional baseball, as well as books with similar themes. Afterwards families can create a collage celebrating Black History Month and their dreams for the future. 3 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

The Carlos Jimenez Mambo Orchestra. Put on your dance shoes for a night of all things salsa. Westchester's hottest seven-piece salsa band will play live for your listening and dancing pleasure. Arrive early for a salsa lesion with dancers Nilsa De La Luz and George Acevedo, then test your moves on the open dance floor. ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. Dance lesson at 7 p.m. Party at 8 p.m. \$20. \$35 for two tickets. (Each ticket includes the lesson, dance party and a free

glass of wine, beer or a soft drink. Info and tickets: Visit www.artswestchester.org.

Sunday, Feb. 23

"Build a Bigger Table: Homelessness and Food Insecurity." Featuring personal stories from people who have been homeless and those working to combat the issues of homelessness and food insecurity in local communities. Speakers will include Laura Case, who was once homeless and now serves on the board of the statewide grassroots organization Community Voices Heard, which is largely made up of women of color and low-income families and advocates and organizes on affordable housing and homelessness issues; Douglass DeCandia, who stresses the repair of relationships between human beings, each other and the earth, builds gardens and grows food with incarcerated individuals around Westchester; and Tuckahoe resident and retired police officer Jeff Meyer, a full-time volunteer for Feeding Westchester and Ridgeway Church Food Pantry. Part of the 2019-20 Irvington Theater Diversity Series. Irvington Town Hall Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 2 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.irvingtontheater.com.

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fun interactive Shabbat themed singalongs with Tkiya, the Jewish community music initiative. Event ideal for children up to six years old. All welcome. Greenburgh Hebrew Center, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry. 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: E-mail Stacey at PJLibrary@g-h-c. org





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Reggio Wills White Plains Past Ossining on Senior Day

By Rob DiAntonio

Julia Reggio would not be denied.

The senior scored a game-high 30 points to lead White Plains to a huge 63-60 league win over Ossining last Wednesday. It was also the Tigers' senior day and regular season finale.

"I put a lot of pressure on her and she has to handle it," White Plains coach Benji Carter said of Reggio, who also had four steals. "She's about to go to college and I've told her, 'You've got to take us where we've got to get to. We can only go as far as you take us.' I think she kind of loosened up a little bit and got the stress off of her. She built her confidence and this is what happened, she scored 30 and got back on the right track."

After an Aliya McIver bucket, White Plains held a 60-50 lead with just 3:16 to play against the defending Class AA state champions. But the Pride fired back with an 8-0 run, capped off by a corner three to cut the deficit to two.

Reggio, however, grabbed a defensive rebound and scored on the other end to make it 62-58 with 1:23 remaining. Ossining answered once again to make it a two-point game.

"We just had to stay calm and play defense," Reggio said when asked how they weathered Ossining's late run. "That's what we're focusing on. Just keep our hands up and don't make any silly mistakes and turnovers."

With 14.3 seconds left, McIver headed to the line, but missed both free throws. India Newman skied for the rebound on the second attempt and was fouled. She made 1 of 2 to give the Tigers a three-point lead.

"India's been doing that all season long," Carter said. "Her vertical is amazing."

Ossining was unable to get a good look at tying the game and the Tigers rejoiced following the historic victory.

"This is really big," Carter said. "We have belief but it was just a matter of mentally staying focused as we did throughout the game. We had some setbacks where they went on a run and got it down to two (points). But we kept our composure."

White Plains started the game strong with Reggio scoring six quick points with two baskets coming off steals. Daisy Klink's baseline jumper stretched the lead to 8-3



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS

The Tigers" Aliya McIver drives to the hoop vs. Ossining.



White Plains' Adriana Moreno gets off a shot in the paint.



Savannah Williams takes a baseline jumper in the first half.



Ineivi Plata runs the offense for the Tigers.

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Tigers Boys Basketball Celebrates "Senior Day" and League Co-Championship

By Albert Coqueran

The White Plains High School Boys Basketball Team is the Section 1 Conference 1 League D Co-Champions with Horace Greely High School. The Tigers completed the regular season by winning their final two games to capture the League Title.

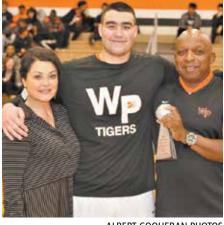
The Quakers finished their 2019-20 season in first place with a record of 17-3, 6-1 Conference 1D, after beating White Plains, 73-55, on Thursday, Feb.6. However, the Tigers still had two more regular season league games remaining on their schedule with a 4-1 League mark at the time

The Tigers celebrated their "Senior Day" by trouncing Port Chester High School, 69-35, at WPHS, on Monday, Feb. 10. This put them one win away from sharing the League Title with the Quakers.

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, the Tigers completed their mission of winning their final two regular season games by beating



White Plains High School senior Casey Furry (center) of the Cheerleading Squad enjoys Tigers Boys Basketball "Senior Day" with her Coach Jessica Telesco (left) and mother Caroline Furry.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Tigers senior forward Johnny Pasqualini celebrates "Senior Day" with his mother Michelle Pasqualini (left) and Head Coach Spencer Mayfield.



Tigers Boys Basketball leading scorer senior forward Quion Burns gives an emotional hug of gratitude to Head Coach Spencer Mayfield during the "Senior Day" ceremony, on Monday, Feb. 10, at WPHS.

Ossining High School, 94-86, at Ossining, to capture the Conference 1 League D Co-Championship.

The Tigers earned a number five-seed

in the Section 1 AA Playoffs. They will face the number 12-seeded Ramapo High School, on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. at White Plains High School.



Tigers second leading scorer senior forward Jayon Norwood (second left) is congratulated by (l-r) his mother Layia Bryant, Head Coach Spencer Mayfield and his father Steven Thomas for an outstanding two-year varsity basketball career, on "Senior Day" at WPHS.



On "Senior Day" the Tigers Boys Basketball Team celebrated six senior players and one senior cheerleader and their families. The senior players included, Jayon Norwood, Quion Burns, Jonathan Fortes, Paul Sevcik, Mike Mayeri and Johnny Pasqualini with senior Cheerleader Casey Furry.

White Plains Hockey Celebrates Four Seniors on "Senior Day"

By Albert Coqueran

On Thursday, Feb. 13, the White Plains High School Hockey Team honored four graduating seniors and their families in a pregame ceremony before the Tigers played Rye High School, at Ebersole Ice Rink.

The four seniors included Assistant Captain Defenseman Erik Lora, Assistant Captain Defenseman Jason Manorqui, Assistant Captain forward Devin Garnett and forward Marcello Cappello. All four seniors have been members of the Tigers varsity hockey team for three seasons.

"I am really proud of them," acknowledged Tigers Head Coach Howard Rubenstein. "I hate to see these guys go, especially quality student/athletes like

these four seniors. But I am excited for their future, so it is a happy and sad day," commented Rubenstein.

"I loved playing for Coach Rubenstein," said defenseman Manorqui. "It is kind of upsetting that my career here is coming to an end but it was fun and I really enjoyed it," revealed the Tigers defenseman.

"It has been amazing. I would not change anything, I love it here," stated Garnett, who transferred from Iona Prep after his freshman year.

Unfortunately, the Tigers lost their final two games of the regular season. They lost to Rye, 6-3, on "Senior Day" and to Mamaroneck High School, 9-3, at Hommocks Middle School, on Friday. The Tigers finish the regular season at 9-11 with Playoff Brackets TBA.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

WPHS Hockey honored four seniors and their families on Senior Day. (L-r) Marcello Cappello with his father Sal and mother Nadia (front), Erik Lora with his father Tomas and mother Viivi (front), Devin Garnett with his father Jeff (left) and his mother Mary (front) and Jason Manorqui with his mother Tina and father Rich.

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Davis First Ever Stepinac Basketball McDonald's All American

By Albert Coqueran

On Jan. 23, Stepinac senior guard R.J. Davis learned he had been selected as a McDonald's All American while viewing the announcement on television surrounded by his teammates in the locker room at Stepinac High School.

Davis's McDonald All American distinction was solidified when Crusaders Head Coach Pat Massaroni presented him with his number 20 McDonald's All American jersey at a press conference on Thursday in the Stepinac gymnasium.

Davis is the first player ever from Stepinac named as a McDonald's All American in the game's 43-year history. Davis is also the first McDonald's All American to be honored from Westchester County since Peekskill High School's Elton Brand in 1997.

"It is a special day for R.J. Davis, his family and the Stepinac basketball program for him to be selected as the first McDonald's All



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

The entire Stepinac varsity basketball team was in attendance to congratulate their teammate R.J. Davis (center) on the presentation of his McDonald's All American Team jersey at Stepinac, on Thursday, Feb. 13



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

City of White Plains Mayor Tom Roach (left) congratulated Stepinac star guard R.J. Davis on his McDonald's All American selection. The Mayor also presented Davis with a Proclamation, while proclaiming Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020, as "R.J. Davis Day" in the City of White Plains.

American in the school's history," announced Massaroni

Davis was accompanied to the jersey presentation by his mother Vanessa, his brother Bryce, a freshman at Stepinac and his father Robert, who is the All-Time Leading Scorer at Mercy College.

"It is a blessing and an honor to see your child follow in your footsteps and want to play the same sport that you played and as a Dad you always want your child to do better than you," said R.J.'s father Robert. "He worked very hard to get to where he is today. I am so proud of him," emotionally stated R.J.'s father, while holding back tears.

City of White Plains Mayor Tom Roach took time out of his schedule to pay tribute to Davis and present the Greenburgh native with a Proclamation, thus proclaiming Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020, as "R.J. Davis Day" in the City of White Plains.

"It is a great testament to his dedication and hard work and to the coaching staff at Stepinac for bringing out the best of him. When someone at such a young age reaches an accomplishment of this magnitude it is important to pause and recognize it," acknowledged Mayor Roach.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer could not attend the event due to a prior engagement but did forward a Certificate of Recognition from Westchester County, which was presented to Davis.

Davis is Westchester County's All-Time Leading Scorer for high school basketball. He broke a record held for 27 years by Danya Abrams of Woodlands and Hackley, when he scored his 2,119 career-point, at the Empire Invitational, on Jan. 12.

Davis now joins the ranks of such basketball legends as, Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Lebron James, Carmelo Anthony, Kevin Durant, James Harden and the late Kobe Bryant as a McDonald's All American.

"It feels great. It has always been a goal of mine growing up watching my role models play in this game. Now for me to be a part of it is just something very special, especially with me being the first to participate in the game in Stepinac history," said Davis.

Also joining the jersey presentation was Training and People Development Manager Angela DuPree, representing the Local McDonald's franchise. "Congratulations from McDonald's. Not every action you take is going to give you a reward but I can guarantee you that every reward you receive is part of a lot of action but do not forget how you started," said DuPree.

Davis, who will graduate this May, maintains a 3.8 GPA. The Crusaders star guard is averaging 27.3 points 7.7 rebounds, five assists and 2.3 steals per game this season and is listed as number 39 in the country by ESPN of the high school recruiting class of 2020.

Davis has committed to the University of North Carolina and will play for the Tar Heels of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) next season. Stepinac shooting guard junior Adrian Griffin, Jr. has also been recruited into the ACC and will play for Duke University in 2021. "Just seeing how hard he worked throughout the years, I am happy for him and I want him to enjoy it," said Griffin, regarding his teammate's McDonald's All American selection.

Davis will play on the McDonald's All American Boys East Team at the Toyota Center, in Houston, Texas, on Wednesday, April 1. The game will be aired live on ESPN and ESPN2, at 7 p.m. after the McDonald's All American Girls Game at 5 p.m.



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The Stepinac Basketball Program celebrated "Senior Night" before defeating Holy Cross, 85-65, on Friday. Stepinac Assistant Coach Rodney Swain (left) and Head Coach Pat Massaroni (right) honored four graduating seniors and their families including (l-r) Justin Morety, R.J. Davis, Luke Fizulich and Matt Brand.

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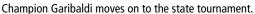
White Plains Wrestler Captures Sectional Championship

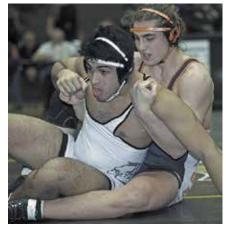
Sebastian Garibaldi of White Plains High School captured the sectional championship at 220 pounds on Sunday afternoon, pinning Matt Ferrer of John Jay (Cross River) in the second period of the title match at Clarkstown South High School.

Top-seeded in his weight class with a season record of 31-2 heading into the weekend, Garibaldi, a junior, now moves onto the state tournament up in Albany Feb. 28 and 29.



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WPHS Junior Sebastian Garibaldi pins Matt Ferrer of John Jay.

Reggio Wills White Plains Past Ossining on Senior Day

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Katie McAteer drives baseline.

less than three minutes in.

The Tigers held a 15-12 lead after one quarter. Reggio was fouled and made two free throws with 0.7 seconds left to send White Plains into halftime with a 26-18 advantage.

"I was very determined to keep going and



White Plains' Sequoia Layne goes up for two in a home win over Ossining.

push myself to my limits," Reggio said of her 30-point effort.

A big third quarter gave White Plains some breathing room. It was 40-35 Tigers with less than two minutes to go but they closed the quarter on a 9-1 run, capped off by a Sequoia Layne bucket on a feed from Ineivi Plata with three seconds left. White Plains led 49-36 heading into the final frame.

"It's unreal, I can't believe it," Reggio said of the win. "It's such a great feeling. It was a whole team effort and we just really wanted it today."

The Tigers struggled handling the Pride's pressure at points, but limited the turnovers in the second half to pull out the win.

"In the last game that's what happened (turnovers) when they took the lead from us," Carter said of their first meeting with Ossining, a 63-48 loss on Jan. 29. "We got rattled and we mentally didn't

stay focused. This time around they stayed focused. It was one step at a time and one possession at a time."

Savannah Williams, another senior, added 10 points and 10 rebounds. Layne (9 points) and McIver (7 points) also contributed in the scoring department.

White Plains, which finished the regular season 14-6, honored its three seniors, Reggio, Williams and Elma MrKulik, before the game.

The Tigers earned the No. 8 seed and



White Plains' Adriana Moreno gets off a shot in the paint.

an opening round home game in the Class AA sectionals. They will host ninth-seeded North Rockland at noon on Saturday, Feb. 22.

"I think the team finally realizes how good we are and the potential that we have to win this whole thing (sectionals) because we just beat one of the best team's in the section," Reggio said after the win over Ossining.







Julia Reggio Scores High for a Tigers Win on Senior Day



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Julia Reggio scored a game-high 30 points to lead White Plains to a 63-60 win over Ossining in their regular season finale. White Plains, which finished the regular season 14-6, earned the No. 8 seed and an opening round home game in the Class AA sectionals. See page 16 for the full story.