



Hat Exhibit Opens with a Milliners Ball



The ArtsWestchester exhibit HATitude: The Milliner in Culture and Couture opened Sunday afternoon in White Plains with nothing short of a milliner's ball. The hats on the guests at the reception were as exciting to view as the hats on display and everywhere was the fire of characters changing their persona with the change of the hat they wore. The exhibit includes a series of lectures and workshops and ends on April 12. See page 9 for the full story and an interview with the show's curator Judith Schwartz.

The Keys of Harrison's New Master Plan

By Jon Craig

If all goes as planned, 2014 could be a major year for development in the town of Harrison.

Harrison's town/village board adopted a new master plan on Dec. 19. The 166-page plan, which can be found on the municipalities' web site, outlines development goals and zoning recommendations for the foreseeable future.

During a recent interview with Examiner Media, Harrison Mayor/Supervisor Ron Belmont called development of MTA-owned property along the village train station; a new "town center" next to the library, park and village hall; and the so-called Platinum Mile, also nicknamed "the Medical Mile" — key areas for development for this year.

Monday night, the town board was expected to approve a PILOT

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White Plains Council Names Hunt-Robinson to Vacant Seat

By Pat Casey

The White Plains Common Council voted unanimously Monday, February 3, to appoint Nadine Hunt-Robinson to fill the Council seat left vacant by Benjamin Boykin (D-White Plains) who began service as Westchester County District 5 Legislator on January 1.

Hunt-Robinson took her seat at the Council table immediately after the vote and upon her swearing in Monday night.

In a later interview with The White Plains Examiner, Hunt-Robinson said her interest in government had focused on the national level where she witnessed

a lack of compromise on the part of Congressional leaders who did not reach across the aisle creating a dysfunctional government environment.

After Election Day, when news of Boykin's move to the County Legislature was confirmed, members of Hunt-Robinson's community, in particular her ministerial fellowship group, suggested she approach the White Plains Council and make an application for the vacant seat.

Hunt-Robinson is a resident of White Plains, living on Walworth Avenue with

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Greenburgh's Game On 365 Still On

By Jon Craig

Game On 365 is going into overtime to develop an indoor sports facility along Dobbs Ferry Road in Greenburgh.

Although a public referendum in November OK'd development of the complex on property owned by Frank's Nursery, 715 Dobbs Ferry Road, developers continued to encounter opposition and litigation at that site.

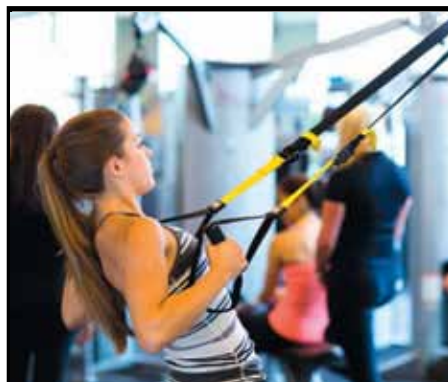
During a work session Tuesday, Feb. 11, the Greenburgh Town Board was expected to consider rezoning an adjoining property at 701 Dobbs Ferry Road, owned by the Westchester Golf Range, also known as Family Golf. The "overlay zone" would allow for new development as a Field House for year-

round recreation including soccer, lacrosse, football, baseball and field hockey. The plan includes 80,000 square feet of turf and 14,000 square feet of hard court playing area for volleyball and basketball. A walking track would circle the entire field. Game On 365 LLC has said it could additionally utilize the Frank's Nursery property for field sports.

"In the event the Town elects instead to entertain other offers or to open a bid process, Game On 365 will participate in that process," the developer said in a news statement.

Game On's managing partner could not be reached for comment.

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Deputy Fire Chief Position Expected to Cause Fireworks in Fairview

By Jon Craig

The proposed hiring of a deputy fire chief in the Fairview Fire District is expected to cause fireworks on Thursday during a 7:30 p.m. meeting at the Fire House, 19 Rosemont Blvd., just off Tarrytown Road.

That's because some Town of Greenburgh residents, the town supervisor and even one of the fire commissioners think the fire district's spending has grown out of control in recent years.

"My taxes are as high as I want them to go," said Fire Commissioner Michael Cotter.

Cotter said he will vote against hiring a new executive deputy fire chief at an estimated cost of \$160,000 annually.

But Fairview Fire Chief Anthony

LoGuidice said the controversy is much ado about nothing. "That whole thing is misinformation," he said Monday. "We had the job four years ago. I held that job."

Fire commissioners informally approved the hiring by a 4-1 vote in December.

When the next person to replace LoGuidice as chief is selected through a civil service process, they could be appointed executive deputy fire chief until Loguidice retires, he said. "I told the commissioners I'm likely to retire within the next three years. We've been talking about this for three months," LoGuidice said.

But Cotter said the hiring should have been included in the fire district's annual budget and may push spending over the state tax cap. "I am dead against it,"

Cotter said.

The Fairview Fire District is independent of the Town of Greenburgh, which also collects property taxes for municipal services. The fire district tax bill is included with the town tax bill since the town is the collection agent.

Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner said he shares some of Cotter's concerns. "The position never existed. I doubt that it is needed," he said.

But LoGuidice called the deputy chief position "nothing out of the ordinary. Feiner just makes up stories instead of calling and finding out."

Fairview, with an annual budget of \$12.5 million, is the largest of three fire districts that protect the unincorporated parts of Greenburgh. It covers 5.5 square miles from Valhalla to the north, the

city of White Plains and a Metro North railroad yard to the east and the Hartsdale Fire District to the south. The Villages of Ardsley and Elmsford border Fairview to the west.

The other fire districts within Greenburgh are Greenville and Hartsdale. They have budgets of \$11 million and \$8 million, respectively.



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Greenburgh's Game On 365 Still On

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At the Jan. 28 Greenburgh Town Board work session, members of the Town Board heard from representatives of Game On 365 regarding a petition that seeks a zone change to create a recreation open space overlay district in the Town that would allow a sports facility to be built at the driving range. Game On 365 has an option to purchase the driving range property owned by Family Golf. The golf range would continue to stay in business.

The sports facility would be built on vacant land near the golf range. The proposed site development that would result from the petition is very similar to the proposal the company submitted for the Frank's Nursery property. At the Jan. 28 work session, there were questions regarding the application and the applicant has decided to make some modifications to their petition based on



Rendering of aerial view of proposed Game on 365 sports facility.

the feedback from the Town Board.

Last year, three of the five members of

the Greenburgh Town Board voted to ask the Commissioner of Planning to prepare

a plan for the rezone of the Dobbs Ferry corridor for recreation uses. Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner said any revisions to the Game On 365 plans would be posted on the town website at www.greenburghny.com.

"We are continuing to show the Frank's Nursery property to potential purchasers," Feiner said. "There is significant interest in that property from different possible purchasers, including recreation uses. We expect to sell the property in the coming month."

Game On 365 started out as a group of soccer parents, mostly from Tarrytown, who wanted a place for their kids to play during the winter. Teaming up with a partner who runs two similar complexes in New Jersey, they initially sought to lease Frank's Nursery property for 15 years.

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her husband Rev. Dr. Tyrone Robinson, pastor of the First Community Baptist Church of Greenburgh.

"I contacted the Council members and through one-on-one discussions I decided to solidify my application," Hunt-Robinson said. She added: "I am committed to the city. I want White Plains to continue to have development, to go forward with its second wave of renaissance, but to protect the environment as well."

Hunt-Robinson also indicated she was interested in the activities of the White Plains Youth Bureau and was familiar with the agency's work through its executive director Frank Williams.

As a registered member of the Independence Party, Hunt-Robinson did not make her way to the Council seat through the White Plains Democratic City Committee, a misconception Council President John Martin wished to



Newly appointed White Plains Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson.

clarify when he spoke with the Examiner last week.

"In the time I have been on this Council there have been three appointments: myself, John Kirkpatrick and now Nadine

Hunt-Robinson," he said. "In all three instances the Democratic City Committee was not involved. This is an appointment made by the Council."

Martin added that there had been seven or eight applicants who had come forward, some as early as just after election night to express their interest in filling Boykin's seat. He further said that the Council did not meet as a group to decide on their choice, but had communicated and met individually with each applicant and that process had led to their ultimate decision.

Originally from Jamaica - her family emigrated here in 1971 - Hunt-Robinson has spent a good portion of her life in Westchester County. She lived in Mount Vernon and now White Plains.

She attended New York public schools and later received her B.A. from Adelphi University and then a J.D. from Villanova University School of Law. She has worked in private practice and the corporate

arena, with a focus on environmental issues. Currently, Hunt-Robinson is an executive for a multinational corporation.

According to her resume, during her 20 year professional life, Hunt-Robinson has been committed to service. While an attorney in private practice, she mentored students on legal careers and helped them find summer internships. As a business leader, she continues to mentor children from underprivileged neighborhoods in their journey to higher education, through various organizations.

It is her ability to deliberate across multiple disciplines with no pre-conceived mindset that will make her a good member of the White Plains Common Council, Hunt-Robinson claims.

Councilman Martin said her fresh and qualified perspective was a key factor in how the Council's decision was coalesced in making her appointment.

White Plains Hospital and Montefiore Health System Plan Alliance

White Plains Hospital and Montefiore Health System, an academic medical center and the University Hospital for Albert Einstein College of Medicine, announced plans last week to form a new healthcare partnership. The Board of Directors of White Plains Hospital approved the signing of a letter of agreement to enter into a partnership with Montefiore at its February 5 Board meeting. This new affiliation enhances the missions of both hospitals as they provide healthcare to their communities and an expanding service area of nearly 3 million people.

"Our Board of Directors established the qualities it sought in selecting a partner for the future, and Montefiore meets all of these criteria," said Jon Schandler, CEO, White Plains Hospital in a media statement. "Our hospital provides an exceptional level of care through a close working relationship between our physicians, nurses and staff. With Montefiore as our partner, we will be able to build upon and continue this remarkable culture and together deliver advanced health care to the entire community."

White Plains Hospital is undergoing a major renovation with recent funds approved by the Westchester County LDC. The plan includes additional beds, better lab facilities and new technology,



Architect's rendering of new White Plains Hospital entrance at Davis Avenue.

a new lobby area and a pedestrian bridge across Davis Avenue from the hospital building to the parking lot across the street.

Montefiore's main campus is 10 miles south of White Plains and has a growing network of practices in Westchester.

Steven M. Safyer, MD, President and CEO of Montefiore, explained in a prepared statement that Montefiore's vision is to build a regional network of hospitals and community physicians closely aligned in an integrated system of care. White Plains Hospital will serve as

the center of that network to strengthen and expand the network's position as a healthcare leader in Westchester and the Hudson Valley."

For more than 120 years, White Plains Hospital has provided patient-focused care to the Westchester Community. The recipient of many prestigious awards, the hospital has been repeatedly recognized for high performing excellence in several areas including oncology, cardiology, stroke care, gynecology and geriatrics. In 2012, White Plains Hospital received Magnet designation from the American

Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), and in 2013 the hospital was recognized by the Joint Commission as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures.

"Over the past several years, White Plains Hospital has been actively re-defining community health care," said Susan Fox, President, White Plains Hospital. "Advances in technology and medicine, and recruitment of expert physicians have allowed us to increase our level of services and keep care local." Fox continued, "Montefiore is an academic medical center, with strong community values. Our visions are aligned and we are excited about working closely with Montefiore and supporting the continued advancement of services provided close to home."

Montefiore is nationally renowned for its clinical excellence, scientific discovery and innovative care. Ranked among the best in the nation, Montefiore has several notable Centers of Excellence including the Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care, the Children's Hospital at Montefiore, the Montefiore Einstein Center for Heart and Vascular Care, and the Montefiore Einstein Center for Transplantation.

The formalization of the new partnership will take several months to be finalized. State applications will also need to be filed and approved.

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Committee and Board Appointments Highlight White Plains February Council Meeting

By Pat Casey

With new year business to clear out of the way including the appointment of Nadine Hunt-Robinson to fill the Council seat left vacant by Ben Boykin (see story on page 1 of this issue) and the naming of Renee Cohen and Frances Jones to the White Plains Conservation Board and former Councilman Dennis Power as chairman of the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, the Council moved on to regular business.

A discussion about the taxi service quality or lack thereof at the White Plains Train Station encouraged Mayor Tom Roach to repeat for citizens information that if they are uncomfortable entering a cab with multiple riders, they are legally able to demand the ride as solitary rider with payment of a \$1 surcharge.

Roach also noted that if riders have a favorite cab company they use within White Plains, they might call in advance to have a taxi from that company meet them at the station. He further advised that any passenger with complaints should call City Hall or the Mayor's office to explain their particular situation.

Roach also noted the city had secured a \$1 million grant to redesign the train and bus station and said part of the problem is the way cabs were handled in the original design of the area.

The ordinance to require certain stores



(L to r) Steve Cohen, Renee Cohen and Frances Jones (new members of the White Plains Conservation Board) and George Jones at the ArtsWestchester opening reception for HATitude, Sunday, Feb. 9.

and restaurants in the White Plains downtown to install video cameras accessible by the Department of Public Safety is expected to go into effect next year. Over the next few months, members of the Public Safety Department will visit the affected stores to review the requirements.

Councilman John Kirkpatrick said he would like a full review before the ordinance goes into effect next year.

The public hearing on improvements to

the existing building at 120 Bloomingdale Road continued with attorney William Null, representing the building owner explaining the site plan and layout for a 10,000 sq. ft. day care center to be added to the ground floor of the building.

The plan is before the Council because it requires a special permit.

Null and the building owner described a parking plan for parents of children attending the day car located at the back of the building. A key pad secure access

walkway from the back along the side of the building to the ground level would be the only entry to the day care.

The day care would serve 110 children from infant to pre-K age groups.

A small rubberized outdoor play area that once functioned as a patio for outdoor dining at the building's cafeteria would be used by small groups of children scheduled at various times throughout the day.

The new building owner is requesting permission to enhance the façade facing Bloomingdale Road with wood-toned panels that would be placed over the building's current 1950's plain white surface.

Concerned about pulling attention to the building in a positive way, the new owner also plans to remove damaged trees in the front of the building.

Council members concerned that the removal of trees would take away from the nicely landscaped boulevard as people come in to White Plains from I-287, asked if the removed trees would be replaced. They were advised by the landscape architect that all trees removed would be replaced "with better trees" and the look of the road would not be compromised.

Lighting currently on the top of the building would be removed and new lights would be installed at the pedestrian and vehicular levels.

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Local State Lawmakers Call for Moratorium on Common Core Implementation

By Janine Bowen

Local legislators appear to finally be listening to concerned parents and teachers when it comes to problems plaguing the Common Core standards.

On Tuesday, legislators across the state in both parties requested a two-year delay in using Common Core testing to evaluate students and teachers. Several Westchester legislators are among those who support the delay.

"I join my colleagues in the State Assembly in taking a strong stance to improve the implementation of Common Core," Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) said in a Feb. 4 statement. "Parents, teachers, administrators and educational professionals have spoken – we need more time to implement the Common Core in a thoughtful and successful manner for our kids in Westchester and throughout the state who have been subject to onerous testing and unnecessary burdens."

"The minimum two-year delay of Common Core implementation will allow everyone to be heard. As always, my focus is, and will continue to be, our children's education so that they learn at their highest potential," Buchwald added.

In a recent interview with The White Plains Examiner, state Sen. George Latimer (D-Rye) also called for a moratorium, stating that school boards and parents should have been consulted during the early stages of implementation.

State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Yonkers) agreed with Latimer.

In a January statement in reaction to movement to try to stop advancement of the plan Stewart-Cousins said: "It is clear that there are serious concerns about the Common Core curriculum, which is why I have been calling for a moratorium on the consequences for Common Core. There is overwhelming evidence that we are moving at too fast a pace and not giving our teachers and students proper training in these new principles. While the goals of Common Core are commendable and the methods to implement those goals are innovative, the fact remains that this new curriculum is untested and not performing adequately. Rather than moving forward in the face of criticism and obvious flaws with the Common Core roll-out, the State Education Department should listen to and address the concerns raised by parents, students and educators."

In a statement released Monday evening Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale) said: "I am very discouraged by today's vote of the Board of Regents and with the recommendations of the Work Group to reject a moratorium on grades three to eight testing. These actions show, once again, that the Regents are not listening to the unanimous voice of educators, parents and students – stop the testing now. Only three Regents voted to enforce a moratorium including our

Regent, Harry Phillips. Shame on the other fourteen."

Paulin further explained that the recommendations by the Work Group actually highlight the inadequacy of the rollout of the common core in several areas. "They admit that teachers need more and better curriculum guidelines, but they refuse to stop testing until the teachers are ready. They are advising school districts to make adjustments to student promotion and placements, and they are advising teachers to blame an ineffective rating on the school district for not providing necessary teaching materials. To me this shows that the Regents and the State Education Department are disavowing the relevance and validity of these assessments," she said.

On the other hand, Paulin recognized that some of the Regents' recommendations are good including allowing more time to phase in the common core aligned regents exams. This allows students with severe disabilities to be tested at their instructional level rather than their chronological age, and allows English Language Learners to be tested in their native language for their first two years.

"Reducing field testing and printing more versions of state tests so that teachers can see more test questions is important; but teachers have been asking for child specific test results so that they can see where a child is struggling, which is not in

the report," Paulin contends.

"I strongly agree with delaying the launch of the data dashboards (inBloom) to address concerns about security. This will be most welcome by parents who are adamant about protecting their children's privacy. I am asking that the Regents reconsider and do what I had suggested back in October -- delay the testing until SED has given the schools the tools and resources they need to implement a program that will truly improve teaching and learning," Paulin concluded.

In response to the recent opposition, Gov. Andrew Cuomo's office released a statement acknowledging that it is aware of the issues surrounding the Common Core.

"The Governor believes that the way that Common Core has been managed by the Board of Regents is flawed, leading to too much uncertainty, confusion and anxiety among students and their parents. The strength of public education in New York is dependent on a rational system that is well administered," Cuomo's Communications Director Melissa DeRosa said in a statement.

However, Cuomo has maintained that it is premature to consider a moratorium. He recently announced that a panel of education experts and legislators will be assembled to correct flaws in the rollout of the Common Core. No decision will be made regarding a moratorium until the panel has completed its work.

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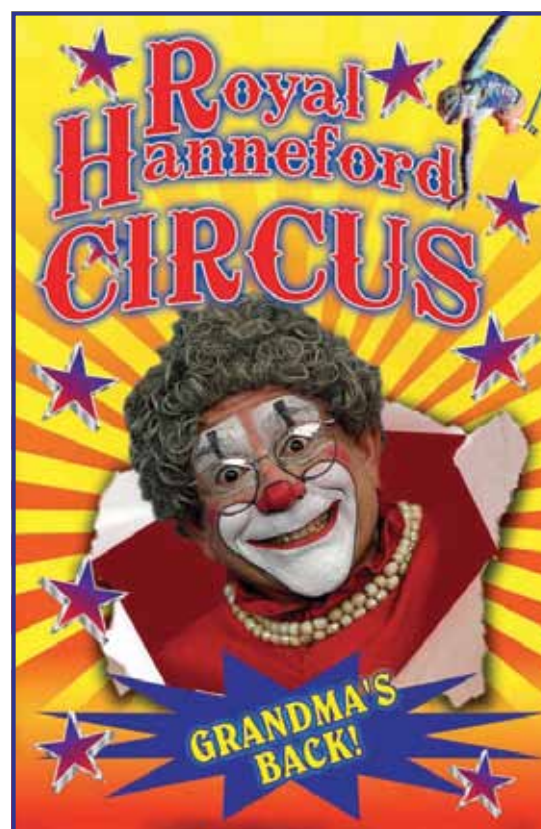
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My First Movie for Toddlers Debuts at Cinema Deluxe, White Plains

By Pat Casey

White Plains has been selected as one of 10 cities across the United States for the roll out of a new interactive movie play date for children aged 1 to about 5 years to enjoy with their parents on Saturday mornings.

Called My First Movie, the event includes a 50-minute movie produced by Baby First, a popular TV Show for the very young set, at Cinema Deluxe in the White Plains City Center.

In an interview Baby First executive vice president Sharon Rechter, called the shows "prime time for moms."

The lights are left on in the theater and kids are encouraged to interact throughout the program with live and familiar character Mitten the Kitten, popular from the TV show, who appears in costume.

Mitten the Kitten is on stage throughout the entire event.



Live character Mitten the Kitten interacts with children throughout the performance.

"We encourage the audience to be involved as much as possible," Rechter said. "The goal is to provide quality educational content in a format that develops thinking skills and is fun and nonthreatening at the

same time."

Rechter commented on how the content of some popular children's movies can be unsettling for children, especially when there is a death or other violent action

played out in the story. She also said independent research indicates children learn from media, especially when sign language is used.

The Baby First children's channel is available in 41 million U.S. homes and 81 million homes worldwide and is available in 10 different languages.

Coming to the big screen are Harry the Bunny, Tillie Knock-Knock, Peekaboo, VocabuLARRY and Rainbow Horse.

My First Movies will premiere in White Plains on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. The series will feature four different events over the course of six months.

On Saturday a birthday is being celebrated. There will be snacks and a goodie bag for children to take home.

For more information visit www.myfirstmovies.com.

Art Honor Society Inducts 42 Students

Forty-two White Plains High School students will be inducted into the National Art Honor Society in a ceremony in the school's Media Center on February 12th. They will join six other students who are current members

of the Society. As part of the community service requirement for membership, the students raised funds, through the sale of note cards which they designed, and will present \$800 to White Plains graduate Maya Leggat who was injured

at the White Plains train station last fall and is facing a long and difficult recovery.

Selection to the National Art Honor Society is based on outstanding artistic scholarship and service to

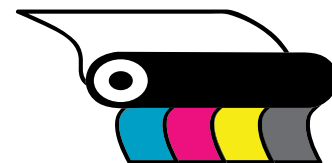
the school and community through development of artistic endeavors. In addition, candidates must exemplify strong moral character. Art Teacher Michael Chiariello is Faculty Advisor to the group.

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Jewel of Himalaya, Harrison

By Jon Craig

If you don't have the time, or money, to visit any countries along the Himalayan mountain range, you can at least get a taste of their specialties in Harrison.

Nuru Sherpa has opened his eighth restaurant – and the second one named Jewel of Himalaya – at 385 Halstead Ave. The eatery at Harrison Shopping Center mirrors one opened four years ago in Yorktown.

The restaurant's all-you-can-eat luncheon buffet, priced at \$11 weekdays and \$13 on the weekend, has caught fire in the village. It runs from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily except Monday when the restaurant is closed.

During the buffet, Sherpa offers about



Sherpa at the Himalaya Buffet.

JON CRAIG PHOTOS

20 dishes including two desserts including vegan and vegetarian dishes.

Some of Himalaya's most popular dishes are made with garlic and ginger as well as fresh, organic vegetables. Sherpa said his cooks avoid using oil or dairy products in the meals. Each meal begins with a small dish of tamarine sauce, mint and onion chutney.

Last week, some customers' favorites included chicken chili, chicken tabouli, Himalayan noodles and vegetable pakoda.

Throughout your visit you can watch beautiful, calming scenes of the Himalayan mountainsides played on

the restaurant's video screen above the bar.

"I like to create a nice ambience," said Sherpa, who is a native of Nepal.

The Himalayan mountains cross or abut six countries: Afghanistan, Bhutan, China, India, Pakistan and Nepal. Sherpa has 150 different documentaries that play on his video screen. It's "healthier than watching news and sports all the time," he insists.

The restaurant, which opened last fall in Harrison, has gotten rave reviews from Mayor/Supervisor Ron Belmont and nursing home staff from the Osborn,

30 of whom celebrated a year-end holiday party there.

Sherpa, who has lived in the United States the past 15 years, said he's built upon the success of his first Jewel of Himalaya



The ambience in the new Himalayan restaurant is calming, with tranquil landscapes and spiritual art adorning the walls.

restaurant in Yorktown, named one of the county's "best restaurants" by Westchester Magazine.

The restaurant is open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, and 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday. For reservations, call (914) 630-7921 or 630-7922.

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High-Fashion Authority Mary Jane Denzer is Relocating Within White Plains

Iconic high-end women's fashion destination Mary Jane Denzer has announced it will be relocating to a new home at the Ritz-Carlton, Westchester, in late spring or early summer 2014.

Mary Jane Denzer, which boasts a 35-year pedigree in Westchester County, is moving from its current space on Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains to join other high-end retailers like Landsberg Jewelers that recently established themselves at Renaissance Square.

The new space will showcase premier designs, peerless service and owner Mary Jane Denzer's nonpareil fashion sense in a glamorous, 5,000-square-foot space.

The store tapped globally renowned



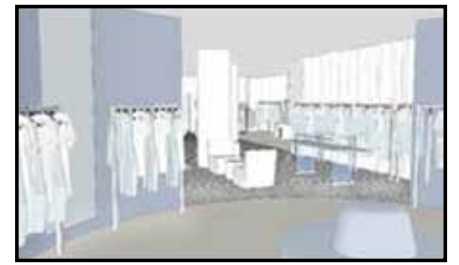
Architect's renderings of the new Mary Jane Denzer space at 7 Renaissance Square, White Plains.

architectural firm Brand Allen, which

has a track record of crafting posh retail spaces around the world, including Mary Jane Denzer's previous location. Cushman & Wakefield, the world's largest privately-owned real estate firm, acted as the selling agent.

Founder Mary Jane Denzer said the boutique's acclaimed selection, which has earned a reputation as one of the finest in the metropolitan region will remain at the fore. But the new space will allow the store to offer a more comprehensive and personalized shopping experience, as well.

Denzer is known for her trips abroad to fashion capitals like Paris, Milan and London, her access to top couturiers like Oscar de la Renta and Valentino, and a



keen ability to bring de rigueur styles home to Westchester.

"It's a fabulous location, and our merchandise will continue to have the same exciting impact on fashion," Denzer said about her move to the Ritz. "With the new space, we are thrilled to be able to host more events and designer appearances."

Clients can visit the location on the ground floor of 7 Renaissance Square, adjacent to the Ritz-Carlton residences. The new boutique will offer validated parking at the Ritz.

Reports say the Mamaroneck Avenue location will remain fully operational until the boutique settles at its new location.

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HATtitude: The Milliner in Culture and Couture Opens at ArtsWestchester

By Pat Casey

Hats follow form and function. They provide protection, a method for identifying the wearer, and they provide the perfect opportunity for a character change. As an art form, they create the opportunity for the wearer to be whoever they want to be.

At the opening reception for the HATtitude exhibit on Sunday, Feb. 9, the hats worn by the guests were as exciting as the hats on display and if like Janet Langsam, executive director for ArtsWestchester, you were able to model several styles, then you might have been able to play many roles.

The exhibition takes up two floors of ArtsWestchester's main gallery at 31 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains.



FRANCES JONES PHOTOS

This hat designed by Carlos Hats could become your Easter bonnet.



Judith Schwartz is the curator of HATtitude: The Milliner in Culture and Couture.



The vintage styles hold up well with today's contemporary styles.

There is a milliner's workroom on display and a study of hats as they developed over time through many cultures and as a modern fashion statement.

This show is entertaining and educational for both women and men, because as a fashion statement, it is often through the wearing of a hat that a gentleman can express his inner self most freely.

The curator for the exhibit is Judith Schwartz. In a recent interview with the

Examiner Schwartz, who is a professor at New York University, explained that she originally ran craft classes, working with fiber, metal and glass. In this art area she began curating shows and then writing books. Five years ago she curated a show for ArtsWestchester called All Fired Up, Confrontational Clay.

"About 15 years ago I began looking for another art form," Schwartz said. "I decided to look into the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) and learned about their milliners certificate program. It did not take me long to see the similarity between pots and hats. They were both functional and offered the perfect opportunity for surface decoration that required the precision of detail."

Schwartz says she loves the search for new and unique materials. For cloth, she will travel to Paris to seek out printed felts and to Turkey for silks, and Korea for materials with embroidered symbols.

Because of her extensive travels, Schwartz has an extensive hat collection and at least 30 of the hats in the show featuring over 150 different designs come from around the world.

There is a rice paddy hat, a one-year-old boys hat from Korea, Peruvian hats, her mother's nurse's cap and her father's firefighter hat.

Schwartz said she is particularly pleased to have been able to honor her parents in this way.

The show mixes vintage with contemporary styles. "The vintage designs hold up very well today," Schwartz contends, noting that this show opens right before Fashion Week in New York



This colorful hat was made with feathers from her own pet birds, after they had naturally fallen out, of course.

City, giving the whole environment of the event a special twist.

To pull the show together, Schwartz worked with the Milliners Guild of New York and students and teachers from FIT.

One exhibitor, Janet Sikirica of Dobbs Ferry, has two hats in the show. She specializes in felting, creating her own felt from beaver and rabbit hairs.

For Sikirica, millinery is something she can do with her hands. Having grown up on military bases in Germany with a mother who made hats, Sikirica seeks to find the materials she used to see her mother use. If she can't find the materials she wants, Sikirica will roll her own silk flowers, she told the Examiner in an interview.

The hats on exhibit at HATtitude are for sale. There is also an area where guests can try on different hats to determine which styles best suit their fancy.

"Hats make a statement. They are a wonderful art form," Schwartz says. "I would like to begin working with materials for hats that fold for our contemporary sustainable lifestyles and hats made with new and recycled materials."

To find out more about the HATtitude exhibition visit www.artswestchester.org where you will find a schedule of seminars and workshops and exhibit hours.



The guests at the HATtitude opening reception wore hats as exciting as those on display.



Hats for fun and fancy can change the mood of the wearer, like a change of costume.

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Assessing Tax Inequalities Across Municipal Boundaries

Last year the Westchester County Executive and Board of Legislators approved the 2014 budget, which kept the tax levy flat. Although most people think that the tax levy did not result in any tax hikes different communities in Westchester will be treated differently in 2014. Some communities will experience tax hikes. Others will experience tax cuts. The percentage increase or decrease will be different for every locality.

Greenburgh will experience a 3.66 percent tax reduction on the county tax bill. Which will make people smile, until we learn that Bedford residents will see the county portion of the tax bill go down

by 12.29 percent. Cortlandt's portion of the county tax bill will be going down 6.12 percent and Pound Ridge by 5.48 percent. Mount Vernon's tax bill will decrease by 5.06 percent.

Some communities in Westchester will experience large tax hikes on their county portion of the tax bill. Rye City will see their taxes go up 9.76 percent. Mamaroneck is getting a 7.06 percent tax hike. Scarsdale's tax hike will exceed 4.2 percent.

If Westchester County would reassess all properties in the county and update the county rolls on a regular basis every municipality in Westchester would be

treated equally in the future. Because of the lack of a county-wide reassessment, every year some Westchester residents pay a percentage tax increase or decrease that is more or less than their neighbors. Every year communities in Westchester are treated differently.

The town of Greenburgh is undertaking a town-wide reassessment of all properties. It will create fairness on town tax bills. Until county-wide reassessment takes place there will be inequities.

**—Paul Feiner,
Greenburgh Town Supervisor**

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receive important communications from the City no matter where you are and even if service to your land line is down.

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Third Annual Harlem Fine Arts Show Comes to White Plains

The Third Annual "Harlem Fine Arts Show Comes to White Plains"-the premier showcase for modern and contemporary African Diasporic art-will honor James W. Cobb and Dr. Mary Lane Cobb on Thursday, Feb. 27, 6 p.m. at the White Plains Public Library, 100

Martine Avenue, White Plains.

This year's theme is "Artists and Authors." Attendees will have an opportunity to view and purchase works by youth and professional artists as well as well-known authors Sarah Bracey White (Primary Lessons), and Flo

Anthony (Deadly Stuff Players).

Married for 54 years, the Cobb's are role models for activism, grace, charm and enduring love. As a couple they have served Westchester County through philanthropy and steadfast volunteerism.

Obituaries

Daniel Lagano

Daniel Lagano, age 58 of West Harrison, and San Francisco, passed away on February 8 after a long illness. He was born in White Plains on January 16, 1956. Dan is survived by his father Santo, his brother Stephen and his wife Laura and their three children, Victoria, Isabella and Zachary. He is predeceased by his mother Antoinette.

Dan had a distinguished career in the nursing home industry as an assistant administrator and director of social services. Dan was in the forefront of advocating for the emerging need for more HIV aids units for the incarcerated. He worked with abused and wayward children in orphanages and in nursing homes caring for the elderly. He also worked for the San Francisco Aids Foundation where he tirelessly advocated for the HIV/Aids population. Dan loved music, attending concerts and Led Zeppelin. He was also an avid Major League Baseball fan.

Angela Albanese

Angela (Ann) Albanese passed away on February 8 at the age of 101. She was born December 5, 1912 in Brooklyn, to Domenico and Concetta (Tricarico) Albanese and lived most of her life in Greenburgh/White Plains and Florida,

residing at Hebrew Home of Westchester for the last 11 years. She is survived by her sister Madeline (Helen) Altamura and many nieces, nephews, great nieces/nephews, and extended family. In lieu of flowers a donation to Hebrew Home of Westchester, Valhalla, is appreciated.

Katharina Mackay

Katharina (Kathy) Mackay, 89, of White Plains, died February 6. Born in Koslar Julich Germany on April 26, 1924 to Arnold and Marie Becker, she left the war torn country with her husband for an uncertain future in Scotland and then moved to White Plains over 57 years ago. She retired from the YWCA of White Plains after 30 years of service.

She was predeceased by her husband Albert Mackay. She is survived by her daughters, Carola Slater, Hopewell Junction and Norma (Daniel) Rutberg, White Plains, and by five grandchildren: Betsy (Jimi) Scheffel, Emily Griffin, Jeremy (Michelle) Griffin, Eric (Jessica) Rutberg and Mark Rutberg. She is also survived by six great grandchildren.

Maria Penirelli

Maria Concetta Penirelli of West Harrison passed away February 4, at the age of 95. She was born April 5, 1918 in

Montesarchio, Italy to the late Maria Cristina Ferraro and Carmine Cipriano.

She is survived by her son Tommy (Dianne) Penirelli of Ossining, and her daughters, Margaret (Giulio) Fuca of Pleasantville, Carmella Miele of White Plains, Lena Perruccio of White Plains and Sandra (Anthony) Sciandra of West Harrison, 12 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and two expecting.



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Police Blotter

Greenburgh Police Department

Narcotics: Greenburgh police arrested two people and recovered nearly 100 glassine packets of heroin with a street value of more than \$1,000 on Feb. 1 during a traffic stop along Knollwood Road. A passenger named Tefon Hall, no address listed, was found to be concealing 50 glassine envelopes of heroin in his waistband. Another 35 packets of heroin were found in his underwear, police said. He was charged with criminal possession of narcotics and intent to sell.

Gunshot: About 2:20 a.m. on Feb. 2, police responded to a report of shots fired at 149 S. Central Ave., Hartsdale. With the assistance of county police, state police and White Plains police, six males were handcuffed and questioned. They said they arrived by taxi and had been denied access to a party and had nothing to do with the shootings. They were released. A shooting victim was transported to Westchester Medical Center for treatment of a gunshot wound.

Petit Larceny: Stop & Shop, 610 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, reported a shoplifter in custody about noon Feb. 6 with nearly \$28 in stolen goods. Unnamed suspect was charged with petit larceny and given a court appearance ticket.

Shoplifting: Shoplifting reported at 2:51 p.m. Feb. 1 at Loehmanns, 29 Tarrytown Road, White Plains. Two

women and a male, who were not named in the police reports, were apprehended in parking lot with stolen items worth nearly \$344 in their possession.

Car Chase: After a high-speed chase, police arrested four suspects in a Jan. 30 theft from a CVS store at 253 North Central Ave., Hartsdale. Stolen items totaled \$629, and the chase reached speeds of 80 mph. Names of suspects not included on report.

Burglary: A resident at 50 Mulligan Lane, Irvington, reported his white iPad2 was missing. He "pinged" the device to locate it and it was traced to an adjoining apartment, police said. Andrew Joffe, who lived next door to Christopher Arlotta, admitted to police that he stole the iPad and sold it. He was charged with second-degree burglary.

Harrison Police Department

Outstanding Warrant: Jose O. Lorenzo Duran, 28, of 100 River Road, A22, Bogota, N.J., stopped Jan. 30 when officers observed a rear brake light out on his vehicle. Records check showed that Duran had an arrest warrant outstanding in the town of Harrison for prior failure to answer a summons. After Duran was placed under arrest, police also found his driving privileges had been suspended by the state on Dec. 21, 2013. Duran was released on \$100 bail.

Suspended License: Daisy L. Soriano, 22, of 28 Lester Place, Larchmont was stopped Feb. 4 for failure to stop at a stop sign. She told police she did not have her driver's license on her. A database check found her license had been suspended due to her failure to answer a summons in the town of Harrison. She was released on \$100 bail pending a Feb. 18 court appearance. Her car was impounded.

Narcotics: Thomas N. Barr, 45, of 360 Westchester Ave., Port Chester was arrested on Jan. 27. Barr was stopped initially for an improper lane change and for operating with high beams due to a missing headlight. Barr told police his license had been suspended for not paying child support. A database check revealed Barr's license had a total of 17 suspensions and revocations. As Barr stepped out of the car, the arresting officer spotted a small aluminum foil packet on the floor near the brake pedal. The packet contained a white crystalline substance. Another eight packets were discovered during a search of the vehicle. Barr told officers that the packets did not belong to him. During a search at Harrison police headquarters another packet was found as Barr shook his left pant leg. He was charged with driving while ability impaired and failure to pay child support.

Outstanding Warrant: Donald Atterberry, 40, no home address listed,

was arrested Feb. 2 after being pulled over for failing to signal, an unsafe lane change and a seatbelt violation. Atterberry told police he did not have his license with him. Asked for identification, he produced an American Express card and told the officer that his license had been suspended. A database check found the vehicle registration had been suspended due to five tickets within a year. Police also found two bench warrants from New York City: one for failure to pay child support and another for a total of 17 suspensions and revocations.

A search of his vehicle turned up two bags of marijuana and two marijuana joints.

Atterberry taken to Westchester County Jail pending a court appearance.

DWI: Anthony C. Cables, 24, no home address listed, was stopped Jan. 31 for driving a car without license plates and a broken left taillight. He told police he had been drinking at a bar in Port Chester. A breath test confirmed the arresting officer's suspicion that Cables was intoxicated. After twice refusing to have his blood alcohol tested, Cables was charged with DWI and released to the custody of his girlfriend.

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From the Harrison Mayor and Town Hall, February 10, 2014



Harrison Mayor Ron Belmont

It appears that this winter is regularly bringing significant snow fall to our area. Given the magnitude and type of storms we are experiencing, the Highway Department's main concern is to keep our primary roadways clear for emergency and official vehicles. After plowing, the focus is to remove large piles of plowed snow, located at intersections that may be causing sight distance issues. These locations also typically include catch basins, which may be covered with snow, leading to the potential for road flooding. After plowing these main arteries and clearing intersections, tertiary roadways

will be cleared. Please be patient as crews from our Public Works Department work hard to keep our roadways safe for vehicles and pedestrians.

Recently, Town personnel were invited to a preview tour and luncheon at the new Life Time Fitness athletic facility located on Westchester Park Drive, formally Gannett Drive, in Harrison. The design features of the health club highlight the importance and benefits of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Lifetime's magnificent accommodations and state of the art health classes and equipment are examples of why they are a leader in the health club industry. It was an honor to cut the ribbon at their Grand Opening

Guest Column

Ceremony and I'm sure that Life Time Fitness will be regarded as a premier property in our community for years to come.

Please note the following February Sanitation schedule change: Monday, February 17th, is a Holiday. Garbage and/or recycling normally collected on Monday, Feb. 17th, will be collected on Tuesday, Feb. 18th. Garbage and/or recycling normally collected on Tuesday, Feb. 18th, will be collected on Wednesday, Feb. 19th. There will be no Bulk Trash collection on February 19th.

In closing, I would like to recognize the accomplishments of Harrison High School senior and football player, Michael Amicucci. Michael recently became a

member of this year's Golden Dozen team. This team is comprised of Westchester area athletes, and members are recognized for their exceptional athletic, academic and civic accomplishments. Congratulations to Michael, and all the athletes, on this well deserved honor.

The next "Lunch with the Mayor" is on Friday, February 14th. I will be at Aquario, located at 141 Lake Street in West Harrison and will be joined by Legislator Benjamin Boykin, a member of the Westchester County Board of Legislators. On February 21st, I will be at Gus's Franklin Park Restaurant located at 126 Halstead Avenue in downtown Harrison. I will be at these locations from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and look forward to meeting with residents and talking about issues facing our community.

The Keys of Harrison's New Master Plan

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(payment in lieu of tax agreement) for a new Lifetime Fitness workout center spanning 220,000-square-feet at the former Gannett Westchester Newspaper offices off Corporate Park Drive, along I-287 and Westchester Avenue. A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place last week. The master plan adopted in December calls for the potential rezoning of an area near the corporate parks to allow for retail

space and senior housing.

Another goal contained in the 2013 master plan includes redeveloping a four-acre stretch of property along Halstead Avenue and the Metro-North Railroad station, converting a parking lot into a new shopping center, condominiums and enclosed parking.

"This year," Belmont said, while pounding his fist on a conference table.

"This year we're going to get it done."

The mayor said details are still about six weeks off, subject to closed-door negotiations.

Belmont called it a joint project of a yet unnamed developer, the town and village, and the Metropolitan Transit Authority. The master plan calls for a "second street wall of stores, housing and open space, using downtown urban design principles."

The mayor also said he hopes the village will undertake a comprehensive study of the "civic center" area around Ma Riis Park which adjoins the library and village hall/courthouse.

The master plan calls for: "exploring strategies to develop the park as a unifying element for the surrounding uses to create a true civic center in downtown Harrison, and to provide safe and convenient pedestrian access among uses, to and through the park. This study should be undertaken in cooperation with the library and with consideration given to the planned adaptive reuse of the former train station building and potential renovations to the Sollazzo Center."

Finally, Belmont said he remains sensitive to the flooding concerns of residents throughout Harrison, saying he's not going to wait for the next 100-year flood to plan and push for major infrastructure changes to alleviate flooding.



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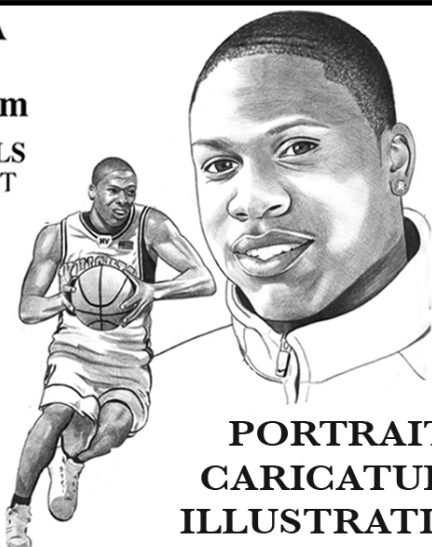
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When Homeowners Decide Who They Don't Want as Neighbors

"Don't believe anything you hear and only half of what you see," was one of my mother's favorite expressions when teaching me how to find my way in life. When I became old enough to think for myself, however, I asked myself, what kind of nonsense is that?

But after a formal education as well as attending a rigorous college of hard knocks, I find myself still relying on those pearls of wisdom doled out at my mother's knee. From time to time, however, I forget. Recently, I found myself in a situation where I believed everything I heard when I shouldn't have. And I was ashamed of myself for it.

As registered voters, we all take part shaping what our towns are and what they are to become in the future. Through zoning codes and by whom we elect as our town officials and by whom we appoint to our planning and zoning boards, we also determine who gets the privilege to live next door to us and down the street from us, even the types of houses they can live in and what kinds of businesses they can open to serve us.

Some would say that we have even more control on such situations depending on how much money we have and how much we pay in taxes – local, state and federal laws notwithstanding.

All of these factors became crystal clear to me little more than a week ago in my home community of Yorktown Heights when I attended a town board meeting. A group of citizens had gathered to

protest the application for a special use permit that would allow a large single-family home to operate as a "sober living" residence. It would temporarily house people who had been treated for substance abuse to help them transition back into their communities.

The surrounding neighbors had organized quite effectively to block any such use. If I were to believe what I heard that evening, it would seem that my community was about to be invaded by criminals who would endanger my safety, sexual predators that would be after our children and substance abusers who would be dealing drugs on the streets. Besides all that, property values would plummet.

One woman in particular, a lawyer who was a lead spokesperson for the group, did a grand job of presenting her case as though she were pandering to a jury, building to a crescendo, rousing the crowd to a frenzy and milking applause from her claque. When she finished presenting the evidence, I found myself believing every word she spewed out and went home hoping the application would



By Bill Primavera

be denied.

But life is strange. Besides being The Home Guru, I also happen to be the founder of the longest running public relations firm in Westchester. No sooner had I arrived home, I found an email from an unknown sender, which at first I thought was spam. On an inexplicable impulse, I took a chance and opened it to find that it was from the very applicant who was seeking the special use permit, asking if he could meet with me.

I replied yes, curious to hear his side of the story. The next day, he arrived with two associates and in a clear and concise way was able to educate me about the background and professional experience of all parties associated with the organization, its methods of operation, its screening processes, the safeguards in place, and its mission and goals, all of which were solidly grounded in principle and practice.

I was actually ashamed to realize that unwittingly I had allowed myself to become part of the lynch mob, part of the Salem witch trials, part of the group that would deny fair access and fair housing to other responsible citizens and businesses who have just as much right to share my community as I do. And as for the suggestion that property values would

plummet, as a realtor I know that there is no real evidence that supports such speculation.

Bottom line: I am now involved, and not just for my own town, but for all the towns we live in. I am on board to fight this kind of bias and discrimination. To me, this issue goes beyond the application for a special use permit. It speaks to an overriding big picture of what kind of town I want to live in and what it might become in the future.

To me this application symbolizes either the best that a town can be, a progressive community of neighbor helping neighbor, one of diversity and acceptance, or the worst, an exclusionary place that erects walls to ban certain kinds of people based on rumor, discrimination and fear mongering.

I will keep you posted on what happens in my own town with this issue. If you agree with me about the kind of town we should all want to live in, please keep alert in your community. Should any hint of this kind of vigilantism ever rear its ugly head, like me, be prepared to do something about it.

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Sixties Student Protests Redux? On British Campuses?



By Nick Antonaccio

Remember the student college campus protests that were held across the United States and Western Europe in the late 60s and early 70s? They arose over the on-going war in Vietnam, perceived intrusive government policies and a myriad of social issues. For the most part they were peaceful, representing idealistic statements from students whose view of the world evolved from their isolation on college campuses. Many were founded on high moral principles; others on socio-political issues. Many of us remember campus sit-ins and marches, perhaps even as participants. Others remember these protests as polarizing events between left and right student populations, disrupting their daily collegiate lives rather than inspiring them to participate.

It's been over 40 years since the height of those demonstrations. That generation of students now constitutes the aging Baby Boomer population, many with different political and social viewpoints; it's amazing how post-college economic and financial needs can sometimes change

our ideological activism.

Today's college generation doesn't seem as inclined to voice their discontent. Certainly there are numerous protests occurring across the globe, but many are carried on outside of college campuses; many are based on governmental oppression of citizens and changing political ideologies.

I read with interest of a protest that erupted in the United Kingdom recently. It proved that the spirit of dissent and activism is alive and well – even if the underlying cause hardly has the same universal appeal and impact as those in the 60s and 70s.

And of course it revolves around my favorite interest: wine.

Protestors on United Kingdom campuses have taken to the commons, with placards protesting the economic and financial policies of universities over social issues that have curried favor with today's British youth. Their issues: campus life and the plight of the downtrodden.

The genesis was a report in The Guardian newspaper that disclosed information concerning the amount of money spent



to purchase and hold wines at prestigious Cambridge University (18,000 students) for the consumption of administrators, faculty, staff and fellows (8,000 in total).

Students seized on this perceived abuse of academic power to lever against two other current student causes: University budget cuts to reduce and outsource campus dining services and raising awareness of the low minimum wages of University workers (approximately \$12.50).

The correlation was simple to make: cut back on wine budgets and allocate funds to dining halls and the wages of workers. Their mantra? "Wages Not Wine."

They may have a point concerning excessive expenditures on wine. According to The Guardian report, total wine purchases by the University's 31 colleges last year aggregated \$5 million, the equivalent of \$13 thousand per day. Over the last three years the total was \$13 million, an amount asserted by the students as more than ample to offer higher wages to University workers. The wine cellar of one of the constituent campuses, Trinity College, contains 25,000 bottles, valued

at over \$2.6 million. As one might expect, the cellars have a long legacy, originally endowed by King Henry VI in 1446.

The University response to the sit-in protests? Call in the police. The students' response to the police incursions? Clashes with the police, which resulted in violence and 41 student arrests. Not a good outcome for any of the parties. These confrontations on campus grounds evoked additional demonstrations by students over police brutality and the English equivalent of America's First Amendment rights.

The ultimate outcome is still uncertain. Are these demonstrations the fomenting of youthful exuberance and idealism? Will they achieve the desired results? Will they result in a coalescence of British youth as they did with American students in the 60s and 70s? Or are they merely a tempest in an English teapot? Perhaps only the light of history will tell.

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Romance Over Food and Wine on Valentine's Day



By Morris Gut

Amore! The coupling of good food and wine with the sensual is the aphrodisiac of literature and verse through the ages. Pucker up! Valentine's Eve Thursday, Feb. 13th and Valentine's Day, Friday,

Feb. 14th. Warm things up a bit, make a whole weekend out of it. Restaurants and nightspots are gearing up to serve some of their most titillating specialties. Here is an eclectic roundup of delectable dishes and dining venues for you and your loved one and don't forget to reserve early.

A Rhythmic Latin Valentine's Day

Host-owner J R Morales and his team brought Sofrito, 175 Main Street, White Plains, up from Manhattan in 2011 and the place has become a must-stop on the Latin-themed dining and nightlife crawl. A special 3-course Prix Fixe Menu will be served during Valentine's Day. First course will include choice of: Seafood Sancocho, Valentine Salad, Lobster and Corn Quesadilla, Grilled Rib Eye Taquitos, or Wild Mushroom and Spanish Manchego Potato Cheese Croquette. Second course offers a choice of: Spaghetti with shrimp or chicken, Broiled Lobster



Fresh Strawberry tart at Stone Fire Pizza, Irvington.

the kitchen at Greenwich Country Club. Last May this talented trio partnered and opened SFP Stone Fire Pizza, 76 Main Street, Irvington, and the crowds have been flocking in for such house specialties as their delicious artisan pizzas baked in a rotating wood burning stone oven, along with



devoted to Croatia, a multi-level 85-seat establishment with seasonal outdoor patio, state of the art temperature controlled wine cellar, al fresco rotisserie BBQ, lush seasonal herb garden and bar/lounge. Talented chefs man the kitchen and they will transport you to

the beautiful Adriatic in flavorful style. Jerry Tomic and his wife 'Jackie' Kaszas also insists they will be using all the finest ingredients in the seasonal marketplace just as his mother did at their highly popular restaurant on the Island of Lopud, near Dubrovnik. Most everything is house made from the bread to desserts. Try the Warm Octopus Salad; Steamed Mussels; Bay Scallops on the Shell; Fresh Cod Filet with grapes, olives, pearl onions; Mama Tereza's lobster, shrimp, scallops, fish, clams and mussels steamed in a seasonal broth over pasta; Grilled Rack of Lamb; or whole roasted fish prepared out on the BBQ. Special Valentine's Day menu. Open 7 days for lunch and dinner. Live entertainment. Reservations suggested. Private party facilities. Valet parking. Tel: 914-637-3777; www.durbrovnikny.com

Cia to All Lovers

Zef and the amiable crew at Ciao, 5-7 John Albanese Place, Eastchester, are marking their 25th Anniversary at their bustling trattoria with generous platters of Italian/American cuisine served with gusto. Be seated and have Peter, the genial general manager suggest such open kitchen specialties as: Hot Antipasto for two, loaded with delectable fruits of the sea; giant Scallops Appetizer with drizzled wasabi; fresh Arugula Salad with goat cheese, marinated Portobello mushrooms, sprinkled with balsamic vinegar; house made Pappardelle with fresh tomato, basil and chunks of fresh mozzarella; Salmon ala Ciao, with white wine, lemon, capers and asparagus; delicious Chicken Paillard, or Veal Salvaggio, decadently good with cognac, garlic, sage, shitake and porcini mushrooms. From the grill come such hefty cuts as: Broiled Veal Chop, Black

Angus Shell Steak, Sausages Frioli served with peppers (hot or sweet), mushrooms, onions and sliced potatoes; and Pork Chops with vinegar peppers. Good crusty pizzas, too. If you have room left, try one of the house made desserts. Cozy, friendly bar. Party facilities. Open seven days a week. Major credit cards. Free and valet parking. Tel: 914-779-4646; www.ciaoeastchester.com

Continental Flair at Manor Inn

Take a restaurant location with a long history, meld it with a veteran operating team who have taken great care to maintain its setting and esteem, and you have the opening of the Manor Inn, 2047 Boston Post Road in Larchmont. The free-standing house had a long run as La Cote d'Argent from the 1970s through the early 1990s. Now after an enhancement to the multi-level premises seasoned proprietor Robert Pastore and his partner Seamus Costigan are bringing back the Continental flair once on display here along with a nod to present culinary



Dover Sole at Dubrovnik, New Rochelle.



Scallop Appetizer with a dose of hot wasabi at Ciao, Eastchester.

Tail, Cornish Hen a la Plancha, Grilled Filet Mignon with red wine cumin sauce, or Crispy Malanga Crusted Filet of Basa Fish. And for the third course there is a dessert sampler for two. The house would be delighted to personalize your set up by advanced reservation. Sounds great. Check out the hot specialty cocktails at the bar and Latin Sushi, too. Open seven days a week for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. Dancing and live entertainment schedule. Municipal and valet parking. Tel: 914-428-4740; www.sofritowhiteplains.com.

Stone Fire Pizza is Hot

Danny Zandel had managed the original La Fontanella in Pelham, Chef Philippe Flory, a native of Nice, France, has been a baker and pastry specialist for 40 years, and Chef Tom McAliney ran

tasty versions of Mozzarella in Carozza; Arancini; Frisee aux Lardons Salad; Veal or Chicken Paillard; Vegetable Lasagna; and good old Veal, Chicken or Eggplant Parmesan. There's a fine version of Chicken Scarpariello on hand, too. Leave room for the stellar fresh desserts via Chef Flory. Sit at the bustling counter and watch the action, or in the dining room and let Danny and his friendly staff set the pace. Open Tuesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Street parking. Tel: 914-591-5800; www.sfpny.com.

Love, Croatian Style

Jerry Tomic, a native of Croatia, has flavorfully melded historic cuisines of Croatia served in a refined atmosphere. He premiered Dubrovnik, 721 Main Street, New Rochelle last summer and it became a hit: Westchester's first restaurant

trends. Robert Pastore notes, you will not see many menus like this. It espouses the best of the traditional with the modern, touching on American, Italian and French roots and not bound by borders. Be seated in the beautifully redesigned 70-seat main dining room and let Pastore and his floor staff take you on a genteel dining experience. Colorful artworks and flowers are on display around the room. A mural of the Manor Park gazebo is on one wall. There is a cozy bar tending to the spirits. There are lovely table settings and decorative plates. A floating cart with its glistening silver serving pieces are ready for tableside service. A handsome stone fireplace warms the room in winter. Private party facilities. Open Tuesday-Sunday. Ample free parking. Tel: 914-732-3100. www.manorinn.net.

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WHITE PLAINS AFTER DARK



HAPPY HOUR
Beechmont Tavern – 3-7PM,
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Black Bear Saloon – 4-7PM,
Weekdays All drink ½ off, \$5 appetizers

Bob Hyland’s Sports Page Pub – 4-7PM, Weekdays \$1 off all drinks

City Limits – 9PM, Daily
\$4 wines and draft beers, \$7 cocktails, 25% off appetizers!

Brazen Fox – 4-8PM, Weekdays
\$4 drafts, \$5 martinis, \$5 cocktails, \$5 wines, \$15 samplers

Elements – 4-8PM, Daily
\$3 and \$4 drafts, \$5 wine and well drinks, \$6 select martinis, \$8 mojitos

Executive Billiards – Happy Hour, 3-7PM, Mon-Thurs \$10 per hour per table, \$3 beers

Lazy Boy Saloon – 4-7PM, Weekdays
Beer and drink discounts

Porter House – 12-8PM, Mon-Sat
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Ron Black’s Beer Hall – 4-8PM,
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Wicked Wolf Tavern – 4-7 PM,
Weekdays ½ off all drinks, \$5 appetizers

Vintage – 11AM-7PM
Live bands, \$4 drink specials

TUESDAY, February 11
The Brazen Fox 10-11PM Bonus Night

Elements Jazz Tuesdays – 6:30-9:30PM

Lazy Lounge Bar Trivia – 9PM

Ron Black’s Beer Hall
Battle of the Brains Trivia – 8PM \$100 for the winner!

Wicked Wolf Tavern
Tijuana Tuesdays
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WEDNESDAY, February 12
Black Bear Saloon Beat the Clock Wednesdays \$2 domestic drafts starting at 7PM, prices go up 50 cents every half hour, \$5 fishbowls

Bob Hyland’s Sports Page Pub
Trivia Night – 7:30PM sign up, 8PM start

Brazen Fox Ladies Night 5-11PM. A portion of all proceeds is donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Dunne’s Pub Music Seisun – 7:30-10:30PM Traditional Irish music with Brian Conway and friends!

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THURSDAY, February 13
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Brazen Fox Suds for Scrubs – 9PM Show your Medical ID for \$5 drafts!

Dunne’s Pub Oktoberfest every third Thursday

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**FRIDAY, February 14 -**
HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY

Black Bear Candy Land, 9 PM to close

The Brazen Fox
DJ party After 11 PM

Lazy Boy Saloon LAMB STEW Featuring Jessie Lambaise & Gil Parris plus special guests!

Porter House Live DJ – 11PM

Wicked Wolf Tavern Friday Night Live with Almost Easy Band 10PM

SATURDAY, February 15
The Brazen Fox DJ Party After 11 PM

Lazy Lounge Live DJ!

Porter House Live DJ – 11PM

Ron Black’s Soccer Saturday

SUNDAY, February 16
Elements Join Chopper Dan for the best Classic Rock n Roll. 8PM Bring your guitar and attitude!

Lazy Lounge Live DJ!

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MONDAY – February 17
Wicked Wolf Tavern Flip n Sip Mondays – flip a coin for a fee drink

Black Bear Saloon Monday One Day \$1 Menu



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Irish Eyes Will Be Smilin’ and Rockin’ at Empire City Casino March 16

The Luck of the Irish will be musically profound at Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway when the Black 47 and Shilelagh Law perform on Sunday, March 16, from 2 to 6 p.m. in a pre-St. Patrick’s Day outdoor trackside concert (rain, snow or shine).

Black 47, in its 25th year, has performed more than 2500 shows and recently announced that it will disband November 2014 after having recorded its final album, Last Call, and touring the country. The band became popular nationally after heavy airplay and television exposure on Leno, Letterman and Conan O’Brien. The concert at Empire City Casino is expected

to draw thousands for what will be one of their final performances.

Shilelagh Law is known to embody all that is New York Irish music. By interpreting traditional Irish music through a filter of urban grittiness, Shilelagh Law helps define the Irish-American experience that is such a part of New York. Their fan base is widespread and one of the most loyal in the music industry.

Tickets are priced at \$20 and will be sold online at empirecitycasino.com beginning February 10. All tickets are general admission/standing room. An online pre-sale for Empire Club members

began February 6.


Fittingly, with Black 47’s connection to first responders after 9/11, discounted tickets are being made available for EMS, police and fire personnel at a 25percent discount (\$15 tickets) for tickets purchased onsite at Empire City Casino at the second floor cage window. Proper identification is required.

A Jameson Tent will serve shots and fan favorite cocktails and the Irish Beer Tent will quench the thirst of concert goers with Guinness, Harp Lager, Smithwicks Irish Ale, and Magners Cider. There will be food aplenty with the traditional corned beef and cabbage, bangers,

burgers with Guinness onion rings and more.

When the outdoor concert ends, the party moves inside for more live entertainment with the Steve Reilly Duo performing in Dan Rooney’s Sports Pub from 8 to 11 p.m. and Girsra performing in the Entertainment Lounge from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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Tuesday, Feb. 11

HATtitude: The Milliner in Culture & Couture. Featuring over 150 hats from 40 contemporary milliners and private collections, HATtitude highlights the hat's function in global cultures and its position in 20th and 21st century couture fashion. Also featured will be the Milliners Guild showcase, One Block, Many Milliners, with forty unique hats all formed from the same hat block. An exciting calendar of engaging lectures by fashion and art historians as well as hands-on workshops lead by exhibiting milliners rounds out the associated exhibition programming. Even people who say "I just can't find a hat for me," will find a bit of HATtitude tailor-made to suit their taste. Open 12 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains.

Tuesdays at Dorry's. Sylvia Samilton-Baker will talk about her experiences with the Black Panthers. The Black Panther Party began in 1966. Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale worked at the North Oakland Neighborhood Anti-Poverty Center where they also served on the advisory board. The BPP discourse emanated from a long history of social criticism, political struggle and urban activism.

Third Annual Brain Bee

Burke Rehabilitation Center is hosting the 3rd Annual Westchester County Brain Bee on Feb. 27 at 4:30 p.m. in the Rosedale Conference Room of the Billings Building on Burke's main campus at 785 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains.

The contest is open to all high school students in Westchester County. The competition will be judged by a distinguished panel of neurologists and the winner will go on to compete in the national Brain Bee tournament.

Students can prepare for the Local Brain Bee by studying the 2012 edition of Brain Facts, published by The Society for Neuroscience. This publication is available as a free download at SFN's homepage.

For additional information or to register, contact Janet Goodman at (914) 597-2237 or orjgoodman@burke.org.

Their decision was to focus directly on political action. The work centered on social justice programs for the children and poor. The Breakfast Program was started in a Catholic church in Oakland in January 1969. By the end of that year, the program was feeding approximately 10,000 children. Kitchens were set up all over the nation in order to feed children before school. Coast to coast the BPP established medical programs to assist people in obtaining health care--i.e. door-to-door health services along with testing for sickle cell, diabetes and other chronic diseases from which poor people suffer. The Panthers believed such work was absolutely key to moving African Americans forward. As a young person Sylvia Samilton-Baker was part of it. She will be speaking about her transition from party participant/worker to human and social services worker. Everyone is invited to join this weekly table talk at 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains. Call 914-682-0005 for more information.

Council of Neighborhood Assoc. (WPCNA). White Plains Public Safety Commissioner David E. Chong oversees police, fire, emergency medical services and all hazard-planning bureaus. He will give tips on home safety and updates on current and future safety developments in White Plains. A question and answer period will follow. Light refreshments will be served. 7:30 p.m. at Education House (downstairs Meeting Room), 5 Homeside Lane, White Plains (off North Street).

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Noonday Getaway Concert. Nicole Sharlow, violin, Kirsten Jerme, cello, and Mory Ortman, piano. The program includes selections from the Piano Trio of Turina, and the Duo for Violin and Cello of Martinu. 12:10 p.m. Downtown Music at Grace, Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church Street (Main Street at Mamaroneck Avenue), White Plains. Admission is free.

"Dad's in Heaven With Nixon." A special one-night screening of this film by Tom Murray, whose brother Chris suffered brain damage at birth and was subsequently diagnosed as autistic. As their mother unites the family to maximize Chris' potential, his father, a charismatic entrepreneur with issues of his own, refuses to participate. Followed by a Q&A with autism experts and a reception. Presented in Partnership with Pleasantville SEPTA and New

York Collaborates for Autism. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$7. Non-members: \$12. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org or www.pvillesepta.com.

Garbage to Black Gold: Food Waste Composting. Why Not in Westchester? They're doing it in San Francisco, Portland and Seattle---families putting their kitchen food waste out with their recycling and trash for municipal pick-up. What was garbage is turned into valuable compost rather than land-filled or incinerated. Can this be done in Westchester? Plans for a municipal food waste composting pilot are waiting to be implemented. Find out how it would work and how to support this initiative. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. Refreshments by Sierra Club at 7 p.m. Program at 7:30 p.m. Free. Snow date: Feb. 13. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Valentine's Day Trunk Show. Spoil yourself or someone else this Valentine's Day. Specialty retailer, Walin & Wolff in Rye, who is known for bringing the latest styles and sophisticated brands to the Westchester area, has teamed up with KZK Jewelry for a trunk show on 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Walin & Wolff is located at 62 Purchase Street in Rye. For more information about the store, call 914-305-6601.

Semi-Formal Valentine's Day Ball for Seniors. The City of White Plains Mayor's Youth Council, in collaboration with the White Plains Community Center and the Department of Recreation and Parks, will once again sponsor the Annual Semi-Formal Valentine's Day Ball for White Plains seniors. Seniors will engage in an evening of dinner, dancing, games and prizes. The Crowne Plaza Hotel has graciously donated dinner for the evening. Students from various Youth Bureau programs participate in this intergenerational extravaganza assisting with set up, clean up and most importantly, interacting with the seniors. The purpose of the ball is to bridge the gap between senior citizens and the youth of White Plains. The Annual Valentine's Day Ball will take place 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the White Plains Community Center, 65 Mitchell Place, White Plains.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Raptors for Rookies. Erin Baker, Teatown's raptor expert, will show a few

raptors and talk about their conservation status in the region. Be prepared to walk outdoors. Adults only. Teatown Lake Reservation, 1600 Spring Valley Rd., Ossining. 10 a.m. to noon. Members: Free. Non-members: \$5. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-762-2912 ext. 110.

Opening Reception for "On and Off the Wall." Featuring an eclectic mix of affordable two-dimensional works in pastel, water media, drawing as well as small-scale sculptures created by members of the Mamaroneck Artists Guild. Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 3 to 5 p.m. Gallery open Tuesday through Saturday 12 to 5 p.m. Free. Exhibit runs through March 1. Info: Visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

Water Marbling Demonstration. At 2 p.m., the White Plains Public Library with the collaboration of the Turkish Cultural Center Westchester presents the beautiful ancient art form of Ebru, Water Marbling. Artists Yurdagul and Yasemin Ozsavasci will create elegant works of art by dripping special paints over a water table, which disperses into free flowing designs of floral arrangements. Come and join us for a wonderful experience. White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Avenue, White Plains.

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Sunday, Feb. 16

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Woodlands Wrestlers Take Fifth at Section 1 Championships

By Skip Pearlman

The Woodlands High wrestling team earned a fifth place among small schools (Division 2) at the Section 1 Wrestling Championships over the weekend at Beacon High School.

Putnam Valley took first, Edgemont was second, Nanuet placed third and Pleasantville was fourth.

Falcons coach Jason Parker was pleased about the school's finish.

"This was our best all-around finish yet at the Section 1 championships," Parker said. "I thought it was good. Unfortunately, we had some upsets we weren't expecting. But overall I was definitely pleased – it was a great step forward for the program. Of course we want higher and better, but that doesn't happen overnight, it takes some time."

Elder Calim took a second for Woodlands at 152 pounds, after falling to Frank Paratore, 9-2, in the finals. Calim, a senior team captain, closes the winter at 22-5.

"Elder had a great tournament," Parker said. "He pretty much pinned his way to the finals, then there were some questionable calls in the final. It was a controversial match, so that was a little disappointing. But I was not disappointed in his effort. It was a great tournament for him."

Woodlands had a pair of fourth-place finishers in Antonio Espada and Sebastian Ovelar. Espada, a sophomore, went 3-2 in the tournament and closes the season at 16-12. Ovelar, a junior, was 2-2 at the tournament and closes the season with a record of 11-5.

"They are two first-year wrestlers," Parker said. "Antonio was seeded eighth and finished fourth, so he wrestled



SKIP PEARLMAN PHOTOS

Antonio Espada of Woodlands placed fourth at 126 pounds at sectionals.



Elder Calim of Woodlands took second place at 152 pounds at the Section 1 wrestling championships.

amazing. He upset the third-seeded wrestler, and just missed finishing third. Sebastian has also been great. He's coming off a concussion, and he had a good tournament."

Sumner Katake (132), Daniel Kraemer (145), Houston Porter (195) and Giovanni Betances (182) all took fifth place for Woodlands, and Awa Nyambi (126) and Marshawn Dickson (170) placed sixth.

"Dickson has only been wrestling three years," Parker said. "He's worked so hard. He wasn't seeded, and he beat the No. 3 seed, and he was winning fifth place match, then got pinned. But he's got a lot to be proud of. He's come so far."

Parker also pointed to a good showing



Houston Porter took a fifth place at 195 pounds at the Section 1 wrestling championships.

by Joe Hadley, at 152 pounds. "Joe has only been wrestling two years, so he had an amazing tournament. He lost a close decision to the third seeded wrestler, and just missing placing. He showed intensity and toughness."



Daniel Kraemer of Woodlands took a fifth at 195 pounds at the Section 1 championships over the weekend.

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Harrison Boys Close Tough Week With Split at Dapper McDonald Tournament

By Skip Pearlman

The Huskies of Harrison High knew this would be one of the toughest weeks of the regular season, and they were right.

Harrison was 13-1 heading into the final week of regular season play, and if the Huskies could have beaten Greeley early in the week, they would have had a shot at winning a league title by beating Fox Lane at the Dapper McDonald Tournament.

But it wasn't to be. Harrison fell to Greeley, 53-46, last Tuesday, and then dropped the first game of the Dapper McDonald Tournament, losing Thursday to Fox Lane, 53-50. The Huskies went on to drop a 48-41 decision to Byram Hills Friday, but came back to win Saturday's McDonald tournament consolation game, topping Port Chester, 67-44.

It was a whirlwind week of action for the Huskies, who close regular-season play at 14-4 overall and 6-4 in league play. But coach Gary Chiarella liked the



Nick Esposito of Harrison puts up a jumper in loss to Fox Lane.

fact that his squad closed it out - with a win - and momentum he believes the team will carry into this week's Section 1 Tournament.

"Right now we're feeling good," Chiarella said. "The kids are upbeat. No one can remember the last time Harrison had a record like this. We're absolutely happy with that. Now the goal is to take one game at a time. We're hoping for a good seed, and to get two home games."

In the first round of the McDonald tournament, the Huskies played Fox Lane



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Harrison's Matt Stein gets big air time as he goes to the basket in a loss to Fox Lane last week.

(16-2, 10-0), close all the way.

The Foxes led 12-10 after one, 25-24 at halftime, and 38-37 at the end of three quarters.

Harrison took a lead late in the third, and went up 37-32 after a Coby Lefkowitz free throw with 2:42 remaining in the period.

But the Foxes regained the lead by the end of the quarter, and surged again to open the fourth.

Harrison - as it had all night - came back to stay close, making it a 49-47 game with 41 seconds left, but two big turnovers in the final 90 seconds hurt the Huskies' cause. From there the Huskies had to foul, and Fox Lane put the game away by hitting four free throws in the final 37 seconds.

Nick Esposito's three-pointer with two seconds left accounted for the final margin.

"It was back and forth, very tough and physical," Chiarella said. "Every time we tried to take the lead we seemed to make some kind of error. It was a struggle. We didn't execute offensively (down the



Zac Evans of Harrison skies to the hoop Thursday against Fox Lane

stretch), and we turned the ball over, that hurt us."

Lefkowitz had 14 points and 10 rebounds for Harrison, Esposito had 14 points six rebounds and five assists, Matt Stein added 11 points, and Joe Nannariello pulled down nine rebounds.

In the consolation game win over Port Chester (5-13), Stein led Harrison with 18 points, including four three-pointers. Justin Stagg had 13 points, and Lefkowitz added 11 points.

Section 1 basketball playoffs were scheduled to open with first-round action Friday.



Harrison's Coby Lefkowitz drives to the basket for two of his 14 points.



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