



White Plains Reveals Inventive Snow Removal Plan

By Pat Casey

The winter of 2013-14 is going to go down in the record books as one of the region's worst.

In the six weeks beginning the day after New Year 2014, White Plains and the surrounding area had received from 50 to 60 inches of snow, according to Joseph (Bud) Nicoletti, Commissioner of White Plains Department of Public Works, and was looking at possibly another three to six inches over the President's Day weekend.

"In the 29 years of storms that I've been working with DPW, I've never experienced anything like this Nicoletti said in an interview on Friday. He noted that the winter of 1996 had dumped about 80 inches of snow on White Plains, but that the temperatures had been more moderate and the storms further apart than they have been this year.

"When you have three storms in one week with temperatures in the frigid zone that do not allow the snow to melt



PAT CASEY PHOTO

The White Plains Snow Loader, mechanically reconfigured from loading dirt to snow is one of White Plains' storm emergency secret weapons.

between storms, it's like dealing with a storm that's dumped two feet of snow at one time," Nicoletti said.

But never fear, Nicoletti has several tricks up his sleeve that have helped White Plains stay ahead of the fray.

It could be said that Nicoletti himself is the secret weapon that White Plains has to fight the winter storms. In actuality, it is a combination of Nicoletti and his staff's engineering and mechanical genius as well as strategic planning that adds up to White Plains' overall success – and one machine in particular. Nicoletti calls it the Snow Loader.

If you were on Mamaroneck Avenue on Friday morning, you most likely navigated the two-way street with a several foot high snow median running down the center, where the green St. Patrick's Day stripe will soon appear. Later, during the afternoon, DPW crews were out with the snow loader, working their way down the avenue, parallel to traffic flowing in both

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Harrison Approves PILOT Agreement for Life Time Fitness Center

By Jon Craig

The Town of Harrison approved a tax agreement last week that allows Life Time Fitness to move ahead with its plan for a 200,000-square-foot athletic center at the former Gannett Newspaper offices on Corporate Park Drive, off Westchester Avenue.

Harrison Supervisor Ron Belmont sees new development along Harrison's "Platinum Mile," which has been dubbed the "Medical Mile" in recent years due to the influx of new offices for healthcare professionals, as a positive sign.

Life Time Fitness' center will feature indoor and outdoor pools, cardiovascular and resistance machines and personal training programs. Also planned are 10 indoor tennis courts, a pro shop and bar. The center includes a salon, spa, cafe and multiple Pilates, yoga and cycling studios.

"It is our distinct honor to become part of Westchester and we welcome the opportunity to serve the health, fitness, recreation and entertainment goals and objectives of the entire community," said Jeff Zwiefel, Life Time executive

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Greenburgh Residents Debate Rezoning at Public Hearing

By Jon Craig

It was "game on" last Wednesday for the Town of Greenburgh and residents opposed to rezoning Dobbs Ferry Road so that an indoor sports bubble can be built there.

During a public hearing at the Town Board meeting, a half-dozen people from the Worthington and Tarrytown road neighborhoods spoke out against the project, saying it would bring their property values down while reducing green space.

Game On 365 has proposed construction of an indoor sports facility at 701 Dobbs Ferry Road.

Although a public referendum in November OK'd construction of the Game On sports bubble on Frank's Nursery site at 715 Dobbs Ferry Road, developers continued to encounter opposition and litigation there.

The adjoining property at 701 Dobbs Ferry Road is owned by the Westchester Golf Range, also known as Family Golf.

An "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

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vice president and chief operating officer during a recent ribbon cutting ceremony for the center.

The fitness center held its grand opening on Feb. 6. It's the first Life Time Fitness center in Westchester and

Life Time Fitness is here for at least 10 years. It includes economic incentives from Westchester County government.

In December, MasterCard's headquarters announced plans to renovate and extend its life in Harrison



The grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony included Assemblyman David Buchwald, Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett, Harrison Supervisor Ron Belmont, and Life Time executives.

only the second in New York State. The company has more than 100 centers in 22 states.

The Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement (PILOT) approved at last week's Town Board meeting guarantee's

after financial incentives were agreed upon. A sales tax exemption was given to MasterCard for all supplies purchased during the six-year renovation period at an estimated company savings of \$1.3 million.



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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 opposition, Town resident Tom Bock presented photos to the town showing how traffic regularly backs up on Tarrytown Road, also known as Route 119.

"You are on this tear to create this rezoning overlay ... It's going to be a nightmare," Bock said, noting that many residents cannot easily drive out of the neighborhood due to increased traffic from commercial development.

Chet Watson of Westchester View Lane said, "I don't see how rezoning benefits our community. This whole situation borders on being a nuisance for the community and a distraction for you guys. The town board should focus, instead, on selling the former Frank's Nursery, which adjoins the proposed bubble."

Town Councilman Ken Jones tried to reassure residents that it's only the start of the review process. There will be many more opportunities to speak, he said. "This is the very, very beginning of the process."

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 rezoning petition is very similar to the proposal the company submitted for the Frank's Nursery property.

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

Feiner has said the Town continues to show the Frank's Nursery property to potential purchasers.

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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Retail Closings in White Plains Could be Explained as Business as Usual

By Pat Casey

As the first quarter of 2014 opened with several store closings in White Plains, all within a few blocks of each other along Mamaroneck Avenue from Quarropas to Main Street, residents and other business owners were asking the same questions: "What's going on? Is there a problem?"

Easily rattled by a slow economic recovery from a recession that caused financial pain all around, people are concerned.

According to Kevin Nunn, executive director of the White Plains Business Improvement District (BID) that supports businesses within the area of the recent closings: "It's around Christmastime when you usually see people go out of business."

Nunn said he has spoken with the landlords in the affected area and has been told leases are out. "That means someone is looking at the space," Nunn explained. "I would be more concerned if that were not the case. These recent closings are different from the empty storefronts on the Post Road," he added.

Nunn further noted that it is difficult to be an entrepreneur. "You need a capital cushion to get through the bad times," he said, adding that the banks are not as inclined to make loans to small businesses that do not have a long and proven track record.

White Plains Mayor Tom Roach expressed the same opinion, saying



The location of former business Buttercup Bake Shop will soon see a new retail opening.

that White Plains is an attractive city for business and new people are always looking to come in. He agreed with Nunn that it is the nature of small businesses to come and go, even though we find that disappointing.

Roach said he was encouraged by growth at White Plains Hospital, which would encourage more business in the city, an indication that White Plains' economic strength could be trending in the direction of medicine and new technology.

Both Nunn and Roach expect a new venture to open soon at the former location of the Buttercup Bake Shop on

the corner of Martine Avenue and Court Street. The small bakery featuring home-baked cupcakes made in small batches was a spin off of a very popular bakery in Manhattan.

The nature of the new business remains undisclosed.

The other retail closings, all on Mamaroneck Avenue, Rite Aid, Cheeburger Cheeburger, Energy Kitchen and Legal Seafood, are franchises.

Nunn noted that Legal Seafood had been struggling for a while at the White Plains location.

According to Boston restaurant blog sites the Massachusetts-based Legal

Seafoods made the decision to close two of its franchises in late 2013. The Boca Raton, Florida restaurant closed in October and the White Plains location shut down on December 22. The Legal Seafood franchises at other locations both inside and outside Massachusetts have remained open.

The situation is similar for Rite Aid, which according to dailyfinance.com had been lagging behind competitors Walgreen and CVS Caremark nationally. That organization closed numerous under-producing stores and pharmacies at the end of 2013.

Cheeburger Cheeburger's story in White Plains is echoed in other cities as well. Sudden store closings where the business appeared to be doing well one day and the next day were closed were reported in local newspapers in several states.

As for Energy Kitchen, a message on the parent company's website explains they had decided to close down all their locations and were saying "goodbye to all their loyal customers."



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County Executive Astorino Not Quite Ready to Confirm Run for Governor

By Pat Casey

Despite conjecture by the New York press and regional politicos expressing their 'knowledgeable' opinions, it looks like everyone is going to have to wait until at least the end of February for confirmation about whether or not Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, a Republican, intends to run for governor against incumbent Democrat Andrew Cuomo.

An article in the February 10 New York Post quoted State Conservative Party Chairman Mike Long as saying



Rob Astorino is going to run for governor and that Long is ready to back him.

The Post article further notes that Donald Trump, who has been toying with the idea of a run for governor, will soon step down.

At the same time, a new website www.robastorino.com clearly says it is "Paid for by Robert Astorino for Governor" and asks: "Is New York winning or is New York losing?" The site provides information about Astorino's policies and work in Westchester County and provides a button to a page for campaign contributions.

Despite the positive support, efforts to raise funds, and rhetoric by Astorino himself that he is seriously considering the idea, confirmation is still at bay.

When asked by Examiner Media what

Astorino's intentions are, campaign manager William O'Reilly had this to say: "County Executive Astorino is at this point leaning toward running for governor. He'll make a final decision in the next few weeks. This is a natural extension of his work as county executive. There is a vacuum sucking money out of Westchester and other counties, and the plug is in Albany. Until Albany gets real about reforming taxes and spending, the extraordinary tax burden we all face will continue to grow. Something has to be done."

Harrison Youth Present Special Valentines to War Heroes

By Jon Craig

A dozen young hearts from Harrison met a dozen war heroes at Veterans Memorial Hall and it was a magical evening for all last Wednesday.

Countywide, more than 2,000 valentines were collected for veterans as part of Assemblyman David Buchwald's "Valentines for Vets" program. A local presentation ceremony was held involving Parsons Memorial Elementary School youngsters, their teachers, Christine Gallagher and Emily Almeida, and Principal Mark Woodard.

"Sometimes, it's the small gestures that really make a difference," Buchwald said.

Veterans participating from Harrison



JON CRAIG PHOTOS
Parsons teacher Christine Gallagher, left, and Emily Almeida, right, with fifth grade student Hannah Karkout.

were from American Legion Post 559 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3047.



Mark Woodard, left, principal at Parsons Memorial Elementary School, Harrison mingles with veterans.

American Legion Commander Joe Mazzullo said, "I am very, very impressed

and I am very, very humbled by how many people showed up today."

Hannah Karkout, a fifth-grade student at Parsons who spoke for the school's Green Key Club, a community service organization, called the valentine collection a success. The students also have raised money for local soup kitchens and the Harrison Food Pantry.

Students from Valhalla Middle School, White Plains Middle School and Mamaroneck Avenue Elementary School in White Plains also made Valentine's cards for veterans.

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Halstead's Bar & Grill, Harrison

By Jon Craig

If you can survive one of Westchester's worst winters in recent years, Harrison has a new restaurant opening on Purdy Street in March.

John Muscatella of Valhalla, whose in-laws and other family members have operated T&J's Pizza and Pasta Restaurant in Port Chester since 1990, is putting the finishing touches on an eatery that will replace the former Trinity Grill at 7 Purdy St.

Muscatella said Halstead's Bar & Grill will offer popular Italian dishes, salads and pasta. It also will feature a new brick oven to cook 12-inch personal pan pizzas.

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He said his menu will include "American comfort food with some of my old Italian favorites. Everything from burgers to wings."

The new restaurant is modeled after successful businesses operated in Port Chester by Muscatella's in-laws. At 227 Westchester Ave. T&J's Pizza and Pasta offers classic Southern Italian family recipes passed down through the generations.

The bar will offer eight different beers on tap, Muscatella said.

For more details on the new restaurant, or to be among the first to make a reservation, call 914-835-8335.



John Muscatella plans to open Halstead's Bar & Grill in March.

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White Plains to Appeal \$2Mil Award in Russo-Carriero Wrongful Death Suit

Nearly nine years after Concetta Russo-Carriero was stabbed to death in the parking structure next to the Galleria Mall in White Plains, a six-member jury in the State Supreme Court of Judge Sam Walker determined White Plains was negligent in providing adequate protection in the city-run garage and should pay almost \$2 million in damages.

Inadequate surveillance including nonoperational video cameras and a lack of police protection were cited as primary reasons for the decision.

After the verdict was announced Monday, Feb. 10, John Callahan, corporation counsel for the City of White Plains released a statement indicating the city would be seeking an appeal.

According to Callahan White Plains already had an appeal pending because it believes the city has immunity from this

type of suit and the case should have been dismissed prior to trial.

Callahan also indicated White Plains would appeal the recent verdict.

Standing behind the overall safety of White Plains, Callahan's statement indicates that random acts of violence can occur anywhere.

According to case transcripts, Phillip Grant, who is now serving a sentence of 25 years to life, said he wanted to kill a white person on that June day in 2005 and he waited in hiding until a suitable victim crossed his path.

The Russo-Carriero family was quoted by News-12, saying the case was about justice, not about the money, and it will donate a portion of the awarded money to an organization that helps young children who have lost a parent.



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directions, removing the snow median and carting the snow off to Gedney Yard.

With most of the city's snow storm budget already spent on supplies as well as labor and overtime, technology like the snow loader helps to keep things running as smoothly as they can and reduces costs.

The machine was purchased by White Plains at a used vehicle auction two years ago, Nicoletti explained. "It had originally sold for \$28,000, but we got it used for \$18,000. It also was originally intended to move dirt, but with the addition of rubber bars to the belt, it moves snow."

Since White Plains has been strictly enforcing its ban on overnight street parking, plows are able to work close to the curb to remove snow, allowing room for a traffic lane with the snow median in the middle. Because the snow loader works parallel to traffic instead of perpendicular to it, as with regular plows and loaders, the remaining snow can be removed during regular work hours.

"This works great on the straight a



PAT CASEY PHOTO

Snow removal from residential streets is made easier when cars are parked off-street. White Plains DPW truck at work.

scenes in clearing out the street during and after these storms," Nicoletti further explained. "Because there is some melting during the day and then freezing again at night, ice builds up in the catch basins, causing water to back up. We often have to send out teams to clear up the catch basins between snow removal operations."

The city has also been faced with seven water main breaks during the same six-week period.

Nicoletti also bemoans the recurring potholes, which he says are filled and then appear again after each storm; a difficult problem to keep up with when the fills have not fully set before the next storm

move faster through neighborhoods. "They don't have to go back and remove snow left behind from a parked car and if residents are shoveling snow into the street and then call for a crew to come back and plow, the property from which the snow was plowed will be cited," Nicoletti said.

The Mayor's Office has also reported that residents are using the free overnight parking offered as a courtesy during extreme weather situations at the Hamilton-Main and Chester-Maple garages and that has helped to streamline snow removal.

In closing Nicoletti noted that White Plains had experienced unusually high



PAT CASEY PHOTO

The White Plains Snow Loader runs parallel to traffic removing snow from Mamaroneck Avenue on Friday afternoon.

ways like Mamaroneck Avenue and we've already saved over \$100,000 by using this machine," Nicoletti said.

The newly capped landfill at the Gedney Yard has also proven useful this winter. "We've had so much snow that there's nowhere to put it," Nicoletti explained. The blacktopped area of the Gedney Yard with water treatment technology to purify the run-off, is being used as a snow dumping area, again saving money in snow carting charges.

"There's a lot that goes on behind the



PAT CASEY PHOTO

Snow medians on Mamaroneck Avenue.

strikes.

White Plains DPW Yard, off of Westchester Avenue, has a large protected storage area where the city keeps its supplies of rock salt and sand. It can store up to 4,000 tons if necessary and uses 1,000 to 1,5000 tons for each storm.

"We have enough to get us through another storm and another delivery is expected Monday," Nicoletti said.

Because it has the room, White Plains has been storing more supplies as the weather forecasts indicate.

Depending on the expected temperatures, DPW often needs to apply calcium chloride to the regular sodium chloride (rock salt) to melt ice at temperatures below 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

"Calcium chloride is a liquid we apply to the rock salt and mix with sand," Nicoletti explained. "There was a back-up in delivery of the liquid because of high demand and we were afraid we might not get what we needed before the next storm. We sent our own tanker on the two-hour trip to get what we needed."

On residential streets, Nicoletti said the overnight parking ban has helped crews



PAT CASEY PHOTO

The indomitable Don McClain and his snow blower is out early after each storm, helping neighbors create a clear path.



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DPW crews working in Harrison.



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Harrison storeowner cleaning off the sidewalk.

snowfall amounts in a short period of time. For residents and business owners with a flat roof, he advised that those roofs built to code should be able to withstand two and a half to three feet of snow. Beyond that, snow removal from rooftops is encouraged to avoid roof collapse.

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Forte Convicted of Murder in Greenburgh Robbery Shooting Death

A 26-year-old man from Cortland Manor was convicted Friday of first-degree murder in the shooting death of a Bronx man during a robbery in Greenburgh a year ago. Daniel Forte of 817 Terrence Place faces life in state prison when he is sentenced on May 13.

Westchester County District Attorney Janet DiFiore said Forte was convicted of murder, first-degree robbery and second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, all felonies, in the death of Kujtim Rushiti, 20, of Wallace Avenue, the Bronx, on Jan. 26, 2013.

Enrique Ansell, a 27-year-old accomplice from 126 Valley Street in Sleepy Hollow, pleaded guilty to a first-degree robbery charge. Ansell faces 25 years in state prison when he is sentenced on April 29, according to the District Attorney's office.

Greenburgh police said Rushiti was fatally shot about 8:10 p.m. near Oak Street and Warren Avenue where the defendants were buying a half-pound of marijuana. They insisted on weighing the marijuana before making the purchase.

Some friends of the victim walked up during the sale, and Forte apparently struck Rushiti with his handgun. He



Daniel Forte

yelled out to his friends, and as they ran to his aid, Forte shot Rushiti in the neck, according to police. The friends dragged Forte back to their car, which was parked at Tarrytown Road and Manhattan Avenue, and called police.

Rushiti was taken to Westchester Medical Center and subsequently died.

Greenburgh police and the District Attorneys office initiated an extensive investigation, processing the crime scene, interviewing witnesses, forensically analyzing cell phone movements, and developing information on the defendants and their movements before and after the shooting.

Both defendants were arrested by Greenburgh detectives.

Assistant District Attorney Christine O'Connor, Chief of the Narcotics and Firearms Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Strongin of the Narcotics and Firearms Bureau are prosecuting the case.

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White Plains Students Win Science Research Awards



Five students in the White Plains High School Science Research Program won awards last week at the Westchester-Rockland Junior Science & Humanities Symposium (JSHS) held at Sleepy Hollow High School. They competed among 600 participants from over 30 local high schools. Students and their awards were: Tanveen Dhallu, 2nd place Medicine & Health II PowerPoint: "Effects of Aromatherapy Inhalation on Pain and Anxiety in Patients with Chronic Wounds." David Lumelsky, 4th place Physical Science III PowerPoint: "Use of Slippery Liquid Infused Porous Surface (SLIPS) Coating on Aircraft to Prevent Icing During Flight into Known Icing Conditions." Ty Ingram, 4th place Environmental Science II PowerPoint: "The Productivity of a Corrugated Algae Turf Scrubber Compared with that of a Conventional Algae Turf Scrubber." Arielle Hazi, 2nd place Biology II Poster-board: "The Effect of Nestbox Decoys on Nesting Habits of Eastern Bluebirds." Diana Medina, 3rd place Behavior II Poster-board: "The Effects of Daylight Saving Time on Sleep and Vigilance." Ty, David and Tanveen will move onto the Junior Science & Humanities Symposium Regional competition at SUNY Albany on March 10 to 11. Pictured above (left to right) David Lumelsky, Arielle Hazi, Diana Medina, Tanveen Dhallu, Ty Ingram. Kimberly Fleming is the teacher of White Plains High School's Science Research Program.

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In the face of the threat of continued snow, below freezing temperatures and a shortage of necessary supplies to keep roadways open and safe, White Plains DPW is to be congratulated for its advance planning and strategic organization.

Anyone who had to shovel and plow themselves out in recent weeks knows how difficult these winter storms have been.

When the Commissioner of DPW tells you there were people who called to thank him for the work of his department and how grateful he was to hear that thanks, you know that standing behind are the complaints about snow on the sidewalks – which is the responsibility of property owners, as is shoveling out the parking meters – and snow on the curb cuts, snow on the roads, melting ice and

pot holes.

White Plains is ahead of the curve on preparation and execution when it comes to handling severe winter weather. Residents need to know how lucky they are. Their tax dollars are being spent well and saved by their Public Works Department.

Thank you to the entire team.

Community Development Block Grant Funding Available in White Plains

The City of White Plains is designated as an Entitlement Community by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and as such, receives annual funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CDBG Program is a principal revenue source for local communities to address the roots and consequences of poverty. Each year, White Plains must prepare an Annual Action Plan and submit it to HUD in order to maintain its eligibility to administer these federal funds. The

Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2014-15 describes the City's proposed use of approximately \$820,000 in new federal funds anticipated under the CDBG program. Final funding depends upon official notification from HUD. The primary objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

White Plains is accepting public

service program applications to assist eligible projects to meet local community development needs. Assisted projects must serve or be located in designated CDBG target neighborhoods of the city. Applications for CDBG public service program funds will be received until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2014. Complete applications must be submitted by the deadline to be considered for funding. Visit www.cityofwhiteplains.com for applications and further information.

Letters

Exempt Snow Removal Costs from NYS Tax Cap

Many local governments are going to have a harder time trying to comply with the tax cap in the coming year. The reason, the excessive snow storms. 2014 has become a difficult year for every local government in NYS. We're spending a fortune on overtime, salt, road repairs, repaving, equipment repairs and other snow related expenses.

The substantial additional costs will be passed along to the taxpayers. These expenses are essential. The extra dollars we're spending during the winter of 2014

will make it harder to comply with the tax cap law. And, those that do comply could deplete fund balances, impacting bond ratings. I recommend that the tax cap legislation be amended to provide for an exemption for emergency costs such as snow removal, weather related road repairs, purchase of salt and equipment repairs.

I also think that our state lawmakers would become state heroes to local governments if some of the 2 billion dollar surplus in the state budget

could be given to local governments to offset our extra costs of addressing the winter of 2014 snowstorms. This would help local governments do what state officials advocate: keep property taxes to a minimum. We will be able to avoid passing the extra snow removal costs to the property owners. We all want the same thing: lower property taxes. State officials can help.

-Paul Feiner,
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

Obituaries

Christine DeLorenzo

Christine Francin DeLorenzo passed away Thursday, Feb. 13. She worked for the NYS Dept. of Labor and, most recently, the Harrison School District where she retired from her position as a Teacher's Assistant last year. The Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church in West Harrison. Interment will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

Blanche Delaney

Blanche A. Delaney, a longtime Hartsdale resident, died February 13 at the age of 94. She was born March 21, 1919 in White Plains to the late Frank C. and Mary Sullivan Foxwell. In 1939, she married Edward L. Delaney in White Plains. He predeceased her in 2008.

Blanche worked as a chef at Maria Regina High School in Hartsdale for

35 years.

She is survived by her son, Dr. Edward L. Delaney Jr. of Trappe, MD, a sister Marjorie Zern of Buchanan, NY and her grandson Robert L. Delaney of Hartsdale. She is predeceased by her sons, Robert Delaney and Richard J. Delaney, her brothers Howard and Francis Foxwell and her sister Florence Foxwell.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests Memorial Donations in Blanche's name to Maria Regina High School Scholarship Fund, 500 W. Hartsdale Ave., Hartsdale, NY 10530.

Bertha Simnowski

Bertha Simnowski, a White Plains resident, died February 9 at the age of 85. She was born November 2, 1928 in White Plains to the late Phillip and Minnie DelSoldato.

She is survived by her children, David (Joan) DeIacova, Dennis DeIacova and Sharon (John) Werner

and five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband Frank (2008) and her brothers Jack and Philip.



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Top Tips For Doctor Visits

Studies show that patients get about 15 minutes face-to-face with their physicians during office visits, and a recent study found that patients in hospitals may only get an alarming eight minutes. Parents are patient advocates,

"When you have a doctor who knows your child's history, you have a better chance of receiving comprehensive care."

and they need to come prepared to get the most out of limited time. Here are some tips for optimizing time spent with your child's doctor.

Be prepared with questions and take notes. It's easy to get flustered during appointments and forget to ask certain questions or provide certain information. Write down questions beforehand, along

with any information you think your healthcare provider might need to know. Not every doctor will ask, but it's important for them to know what your child's diet is like and what supplements he might be taking. Even over-the-counter medications can interact negatively with prescriptions. Also, it's easy to forget details about prescription doses, etc., so take notes or use a mobile app to record details.

Use the Internet with caution. The Internet can be an extremely useful tool but it also has the risk of becoming distracting and somewhat addictive. Don't overwhelm your doctors with numerous printouts. If there is something you think your doctor must see, email it or drop it off days in advance to give your doctor time to review the

material. Know which websites you can trust and use caution when taking advice from readers as opposed to the professional writing an article. HealthyChildren.org is run by the American Academy of Pediatrics and is a useful resource.

Opt for consistency. "Kids need what's called a 'medical home'—a place where you've established a relationship with one pediatrician, or even a nurse-practitioner," says William Stratbucker, M.D., pediatrician

and associate professor of pediatrics at Michigan State University. When you have a doctor who knows your child's history and doesn't simply glance at a chart, you have a better chance of receiving comprehensive care. In addition, parents should try to consistently attend appointments rather than sending a nanny or a relative.

Emergencies happen, but it's best for parents to get medical information firsthand rather through a game of telephone.

Trust your gut. Parents know their children better than anyone else. If you think that something just isn't quite right about your child, persist. If you feel your concerns are being dismissed, seek a second opinion. It's important to go to professionals who you like and trust and can develop a relationship with. Don't go to doctors just because you've heard they are "the best." Many of "the best" think they know everything and fail to take parents seriously. It's important to find the right balance between the qualifications of your health care professional and how comfortable you are working with that person.

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Parenting Pep Talk



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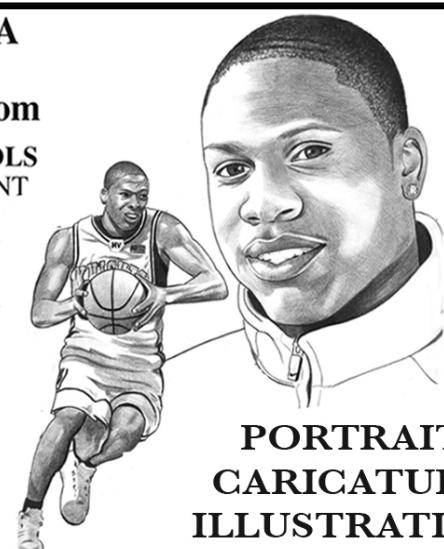
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Suddenly, I hear a warning buzz, then ominous silence. Then, the sound of a skillful landing nearby, unseen. I look

"The pestilence that everybody is talking about but few seem to be able to do anything about, is the stink bug."

around with trepidation. Is it on the lampshade? The end table? The side of my chair? Oh my God, could it be on ME? I see nothing. Silence.

Maybe that nasty little creature with the primitive shield on its back slithered into some crack in the space between the flooring and the wall. Or better yet, maybe I was just imagining the whizzing sound and landing? Still nothing.

Then there's an itch on my calf. I reach

down to scratch it, but the itch seems to have moved to my lower thigh. Oh my God, it's crawling up my leg! I scream, more piercing than a little girl on a roller coaster. My wife runs in, startled.

"What AM I doing?" she asked?

I look at her incredulously. I don't need to speak. It's the drama, the fear, the dread of that pestilence that most of us find within the inner sanctum of our homes this winter: the invasion of the stink bug.

We do so much to secure our homes from an intruder or the elements, yet there's always something, usually small and seemingly harmless, yet disgusting, that can sneak in and scare the hell out of us. Do any of us really like to see a spider with a big ugly sack lurking around in our bathrooms. Or how about that tiny little field mouse scurrying across the kitchen floor from under the kitchen range.

And when we're in the attic late at night looking for that file and we hear something that sounds like the flapping of a bat's wings, aren't we certain we'll be

grabbed by our hair and never let go? Heck, in the dead of summer, it can be as tiny as a mosquito that lights on our arm and suddenly the biggest bruiser of a guy is defenseless against a creature so small that you can't even see it.

But the invader of the moment, the pestilence that everybody is talking about but few seem to be able to do anything about, is the stink bug.

"You just have to wait until spring," my wife advised. "Then they just go away. They just need to be warm in the winter."

Great, I think to myself. So that's why I'm paying \$700 a month in heating bills, so I can keep the disgusting critters warm and scream when they crawl up my leg.

"Don't worry," she said while comforting me, "I hear that they hatch just once every 17 years."

"Where did you hear that?" I asked. My research yields nothing.

"Oh, just something I heard someplace," she responded in her usual scientific way.

"Isn't that some other insect you're talking about, maybe the locusts? Or wasn't it the birds in that Alfred Hitchcock film?" I asked.

For now, I learned that there are only two remedies. You can simply seal every crack and crevice in your home to keep them from getting in. But, considering that I live in a 275-year-old home, I would have to cover my entire house in an air-tight tarp like the kind they used in "Breaking Bad" when they were cooking crystal meth inside.

The other alternative is to use a small trap I've seen online with an electric light inside. It seems that the little stinkers are attracted to light. But why would they go to a tiny electric light in a small box when they have every big light bulb in my house around which they party every night?

If I took the time, I suppose I could call my pest control service, but to date my method to get rid of my stinky visitors, which gives me tremendous, almost sadistic satisfaction, is to take them on one by one, mano a mano, with a tissue and squash them flat.

Oh, but when you do that, I should mention that stink bugs tend to stink.

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Rock the River Benefit to Support Sunrise Day Camp

On Thursday, Feb. 27 beginning at 7 p.m., the Vintage Bar and Restaurant at 171 Main Street, White Plains, will host "Rock the River" a fundraising event with all proceeds going to support Sunrise Day Camp – Pearl River. The \$125 ticket includes music by the rockin' sounds of the NERDS, along with an open bar, dinner and silent auction. It is a great evening to get on your dancing shoes, enjoy terrific food and prize, all to help children impacted with cancer.

Sunrise Day Camps are the only full summer dedicated day camps in the nation for children with cancer, ages 3 to 16 and their siblings. Sunrise Day

Camp – Pearl River, located on 95 beautiful wooded acres in the Henry Kaufman Campgrounds in Pearl River, is a member of the Sunrise Day Camp Association, along with a Sunrise Day Camp - Long Island and Sunrise Israel. The camp serves children from Manhattan, the Bronx, Westchester and Rockland County, Southern Connecticut, and Northern New Jersey.

Every day these families deal with the tremendous financial and emotional burdens of medical costs related to cancer treatments and hospitalizations. In order not add to that burden, Sunrise is offered completely free of charge. It



Nicole Mendola with Sunrise Day Camp Counselors

is only through the generosity of others, and events like Rock the River, that Sunrise can make certain no child is turned away. Every dollar raised at the Rock the River event, will ensure that those who desperately need a summer filled with fun, joy and laughter, will get to have one.

Nicole Mendola, an enthusiastic 13 year old, who suffers from a variety of cancers, attended Sunrise Day Camp – Pearl River last summer. She will be at Rock the River with her entire family and will speak briefly about her experiences.



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Tuesday, Feb. 18

YWCA Kindergarten Open House from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester, 515 North Street, White Plains. For more information, visit www.ywcawpcw.org or contact the YWCA Children's Learning Center's Office at 914-949-6227 x142.

Essay Writing Workshop to help students in grades 6 – 12 sharpen their skills will be offered at The Center for Literacy Enrichment-Pace University (White Plains) from February 18 to 21 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Staffed by certified teachers, the workshop will focus on the top skills for successful essay writing including understanding the topic, brainstorming, sentence structure and paragraph flow. The cost \$175. To register or for more information, call 914-422-4135 or mdelany@pace.edu.

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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 jgoodman@burke.org.

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Wednesday, Feb. 19

Noonday Getaway Concert. Fan-Ya Lin, prizewinner of the New York International Piano Competition, plays a program of personal favorites. A Downtown Music debut. 12:10 p.m. Downtown Music at Grace, Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church Street (Main Street at Mamaroneck Avenue), White Plains. Admission is free.

Alternative and Holistic Medicine Overview. Sponsored by Aging in Place in White Plains, featuring Eleanor L'Abbate, certified gerontological clinical nurse specialist, Laura Himmelstein, Licensed Master Social Worker, Ellen Lamanoff, R.N., M.S., Clinical Specialist Holistic Nursing, Westchester Jewish Community Services, and Toyoko Yasui, R.N., M.S. in Advanced Holistic Nursing; certified Clinical Aromatherapy Practitioner. 3 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue (in the Youth Room), White Plains. Free parking behind the church. For more information or help with transportation call 914-319-1609.

Friday, Feb. 21

Westchester Community College Music Faculty Benefit Recital. To raise funds for a music scholarship to enable a student to perform in Italy with an international group of composers. The program will range from opera to electronic music. Westchester Community College's Academic Arts Theatre, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. Suggested donation: \$10. Info: 914-606-6262.

Saturday, Feb. 22

American Indian Sugaring. Fireside stories and demonstrations describe how maple sugaring was discovered and perfected. 1 p.m.; Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Route 35 and 121 South, Cross River. Call 914-864-7322 for more information.

Volunteer Work Project: Trail Maintenance. 1 to 3 p.m. Bring work gloves; hand tools provided. Marshlands Conservancy, Boston Post Road (Route 1), Rye. Call 914-835-4466 for more information.

Wildlife in Winter. Come for an hour

of fun as a naturalist shows off some of our favorite animals. This entertaining and informative program allows visitors to hear, see and touch many of our fascinating furry, feathered and scaly friends. Best for children five years old and up. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

The Tortoise and the Hare. Animals have always figured in stories and folk tales but are they depicted accurately? Meet some of these animals and find out for yourself. All welcome. Teatown Lake Reservation, 1600 Spring Valley Rd., Ossining. 2 to 3 p.m. Members: Free. Non-members: \$5. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-762-2912 ext. 110.

Ballo Di Carnevale in Maschera (Masquerade Ball). Join us for dancing to live music by Emilio & Federico. Wear a Carnevale costume if you like and enter the costume contest. Westchester Community College's Student Center, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. to midnight. \$10. Info: 914-606-6790.

Sunday, Feb. 23

George Washington's 282nd Birthday. Flag raising ceremony, historic talk by Barnet Schecter on Revolutionary War Battles in New York through George Washington's Maps, and refreshments; 1 to 3 p.m. at Jacob Purdy House National Historic Site (Washington's Headquarters), 60 Park Avenue, White Plains.

Deer and Turkey Detectives. 2 p.m. A guided scavenger hunt with clues in search of furry and feathered friends at the preserve. Marshlands Conservancy, Route 1 (Boston Post Road), Rye. For more information call 914-835-4466

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Danceworks Program for Children. The dance company of Westchester Community College will perform this special program. Children will be invited to join on stage. For children three years old and up. The troupe, a diverse ethnic and cultural combination of college

students and alumni, is led by Company Director Mollyann Franzblau. Westchester Community College's Academic Arts Theatre, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 3 p.m. \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the door or calling 914-606-6262 in advance. Info: Visit www.sunywcc.edu.

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Tuesday, Feb. 25

Westchester Community College Film Series: "Red Like the Sky." A nearly sightless boy is sent to a school for blind children where he secretly discovers the possibilities of recorded sound. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-606-5616.

"Lincoln Revisited." Pleasantville resident Bob Huerster, a Lincoln enthusiast for almost 30 years, will look beneath the familiar image of Lincoln and highlight some of the personal qualities and skills that contributed to his greatness. He will also recommend books about our 16th president, including the one that first sparked his interest in him. Mount Pleasant Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548.

Ongoing Events

"Skeletons." This exhibit by Charles McGill merges his passion for golf with a conceptual understanding of found objects. Westchester Community College's Academic Arts Building, Fine Arts Gallery, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. Gallery open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Thursdays 4 to 6 p.m. Free. Exhibit runs through March 8. Info: 914-606-7867 or visit www.sunywcc.edu/gallery.



WHITE PLAINS EXAMINER SPORTS

Harrison Girls Get Past Saunders, Fall to Ardsley in First Round

By Skip Pearlman

The 12th seed Harrison High girls basketball team played a strong game at home Saturday, thumping No. 21 Saunders, 54-31, in a Section 1, Class A outbracket game. The win put the Huskies in Sunday's first round, where they dropped a 53-36 road decision to fifth-seeded Ardsley.

In Sunday's loss to Ardsley, the Panthers (15-4) led 20-11 at halftime, then used an



Gabby Morris (14) of Harrison puts up a shot in a playoff win over Saunders.

18-6 third-period run to put the Huskies away.

Kyle Lefkowitz led Harrison (10-10) with 13 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, and Gia Mancini added 12 points and six rebounds.

Harrison coach Louis Kail said the Panthers forced his team to go away from

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Harrison's Paige Brabant (2) gets two of her 15 points in win over Saunders Saturday.

what it likes to do.

"I think they did a great job pushing us out of our comfort zone," Kail said. "They made us shoot jumpers all game long. They had a good 2-3 zone, and we had a hard time making contested shots. Playing back-to-back games is tough, and I think that today we ran out of gas."

Harrison had plenty in the tank Saturday against Saunders, controlling the game from the start, racing to a 12-3 lead after one, and increasing that to 27-11 by halftime. A 16-3 third-period advantage gave the Huskies a 43-14 cushion at the end of three.

Paige Brabant had a strong game for Harrison, scoring 15 points to go with six steals, five rebounds and five assists. Lefkowitz added 10 points and 11 rebounds, and Erica Dattero chipped in with eight points and 11 rebounds.

"We played really well, we were



Gia Mancini (22) finished with 12 points and six rebounds in a playoff loss to Ardsley Sunday.



Julia Soltz (33) of Harrison shoots Saturday in a playoff win over Saunders.

energized," Kail said. "We ran the floor, and made shots. Paige and Erica both played really well for us - they played with great effort, and got to the basket and finished."

Despite the first-round loss, Kail was pleased with where his team ended up, and felt the team played well down the stretch.

"This is the first time in a long time that Harrison finished with 10 wins," the coach said. "We play in a tough conference, and we felt that we'd be in the eight win area, and we got to 10. So we exceeded some expectations, and I think we played good basketball at the end of the season. We just didn't play well today (Sunday). But as a staff and a team, we're happy about where we're headed."

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Section 1 Crowns D-I Champions; State Tourney Next

By Tony Pinciario

Fox Lane senior Ben Ettlinger was a Section 1 place finisher in his first three varsity wrestling seasons, but the veteran wanted more this time around.

Ettlinger wanted to extend his senior year on the mat an additional two weeks. He achieved his goal and, by doing so, booked a trip to Albany.

Ettlinger registered a 5-2 win over Roy C. Ketcham's Danny Murphy in the 145-pound final at the Section 1 Large School Wrestling State Qualifier. His victory ensured him a berth in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Championships at the Times-Union Center in Albany, March Feb. 28 to March 1.

Ettlinger is one of three large-school grapplers from the Examiner coverage area to qualify by winning a sectional title. Brewster senior Gino Gioielli, the 170-pound champion, and Byram Hills' junior Jon Errico, the 120-pound titlist, are automatic qualifiers. Errico recorded his 100th victory in the final and in doing so became Byram Hills' first sectional champ.

"I told myself I wasn't going to lose," said Ettlinger, who finished sixth twice and third. "I have been working hard, every day for this. I wanted to win this more than anything."

Ettlinger, who was seeded first, showed his determination in the opening period with a quick takedown of Murphy. Once Ettlinger had Murphy on the mat, he locked up the cradle for two additional back points and a 4-0 lead.

The title match was the only one in which Ettlinger surrendered points. His first two wins were by pin in 27 and 51 seconds, respectively. He followed it up with a 16-0 technical fall in the semifinals.

"Even though I was seeded first I still wanted to prove to myself that I deserved to be the first seed," Ettlinger said. "Right after I got takedown and cradle, that gave me confidence to know that even if I made a mistake I would still be in command."

Ettlinger, now 37-4 this season, helped Fox Lane finish second in the team standings behind repeat champion North Rockland. The Foxes accumulated 113.5 points and had three runners-up in senior Brandon Fay (106 pounds), junior Frank Surace (152) and eighth-grader Matt Grippi (120). Sophomore Jon Clune (195) finished third.

Bear Gioielli stamped his ticket to Albany with a 12-1 major decision over New Rochelle's Demetrious Rodriguez. The top-seeded Gioielli, now 43-2 this season, was looking forward to sectionals, especially after his junior year resulted in a fifth-place finish.

"In eighth grade through 10th grade I missed sectionals because I was sick or hurt and last year I finished fifth, but I was not happy," Gioielli said. "I felt I was a better wrestler then what I showed last year, so I trained all summer at Iowa Style Wrestling School because I did not want to be denied this year."

Gioielli had confidence in himself that he was a strong contender for a title. Following his fourth-place finish at the prestigious Eastern States Wrestling

Classic in January, Gioielli said his wins over seeded wrestlers/high-caliber competition gave him a greater sense of himself.

"It feels great," said Gioielli of his championship win.

Brewster teammate Liam Erickson, a 2013 sectional champ, was the runner-up at 138 pounds for the Bears, who finished ninth overall. North Rockland's Matt Caputo scored a last-second takedown for a 3-1 win.

Errico made Byram Hills' wrestling history with a 7-3 win over Grippi. Errico, now 39-3 on the season, took a 2-0 lead in the second period with a tilt, resulting in two back points. He would add an escape to open the third period and a takedown.

Somers' senior Dom Celli closed out his senior year with a second-place finish at 160 pounds and classmate Liam Heine was fourth at 152 for the Tuskers, who finished 20th.

Lakeland/Panas had a strong showing, finishing 14th with 63 points and three top-six finishers. Chris Carlucci (152), Blake Cohen (145) and John DiDomenico (132) all advanced to the championship semifinals. Carlucci went on to place third while Cohen and DiDomenico were fourth.

Mahopac junior Ryan Delahanty placed

second at 220, Mike Tartaglia (145) finished fifth and Liridon Hasanramaj (182) was sixth.

John Jay-Cross River freshman Conor Melbourne had a solid tournament with a second-place finish at 132 to returning sectional champ John Muldoon of Pearl River. Melbourne, who finished 33-10 on the season, was seeded third and earned a finals' berth with a 6-3 win over second-seeded DiDomenico in a semifinal. Teammate Brian Kershner was fourth at 138.

Carmel sophomore Kevin Knox reached the semifinals at 113 before losing to eventual champ Jay Albis of John Jay-East Fishkill. Knox rebounded with two wins to take third.

The Harrison tandem of Max Lukaswitz (132) and Frankie Barchella (106) finished fifth.

Team standings Top 20: 1. North Rockland 179.5; 2. Fox Lane 113.5; 3. Suffern 104; 4t. Arlington 94; John Jay-East Fishkill 94; 6. New Rochelle 86.5; 7. Clarkstown South 84; 8. Pearl River 83; 9. Brewster 76; 10. RCK 70.5; 11. Mamaroneck 69; 12. Horace Greeley 66; 13. Tappan Zee 65; 14. Lakeland/Panas 63; 15. Mahopac 59; 16. Clarkstown North 52; 17. Yonkers 50; 18. East Ramapo 46.5; 19. John Jay CR 46; 20. Somers 43.



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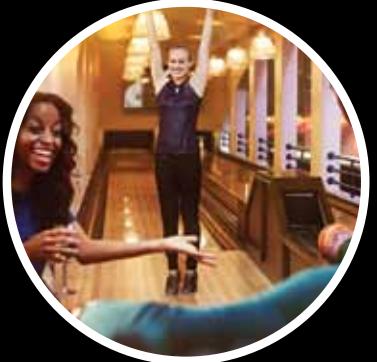


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