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Earth Day Festival Combines Art and Technology



White Plains capped off Earth Week this year with an outdoor festival that highlighted the energy saving efficiency of new technology while at the same time, encouraging art in its most down to earth fashion – chalk drawing right on Mamaroneck Avenue. This was a favorite of many children; some spent hours on their unique colorful works of art. White Plains city vehicles, pictured in the background, have become famous in the region for their advanced energy efficiency. For more White Plains Earth Day festival photos go to page 9.

Fashion Show Brings Attention to Hunger

By Jon Craig

Two-dozen high school and college students, most of whom are studying fashion as a career option, showed off food-themed designs Thursday during the Food Bank For Westchester's "Food For Fashion Show" at its headquarters in Elmsford.

The show, titled "Fashion Plate: From Soup to Nuts," aimed to raise awareness of hunger and food shortages in the United States.

According to the Food Bank, one in five Westchester residents are hungry or at-risk of being hungry. Half of those suffering from food shortages are senior citizens and one-third are children.

Proceeds from the fund-raising event went to more than 265 hunger-relief programs throughout Westchester, including food pantries, soup kitchens, senior and child daycare centers, shelters and residences.

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Harrison School Board Approves \$109 Million Budget, Levy Remains Within State Tax Cap

By Jon Craig

Harrison's Board of Education approved a \$109 million budget for the 2014-2015 school year on Wednesday, subject to approval by district residents on May 20. The tax rate is expected to rise by 3.51 percent, within the state mandated tax cap.

A public hearing is scheduled for May 7.

Superintendent Louis Wool said the budget includes elimination of the elementary level foreign language program and its four teaching positions. Elimination of the eight-year old

elementary foreign language program saved \$490,044.

Teachers will instead focus on core curriculum, Wool said. "The decision to eliminate elementary foreign language is not an easy one," Wool added.

The district will spend \$105,270 more next year to create a job for a new elementary instructional coach. It will spend another \$65,500 in stipends for associated teachers who will work 12 months of the year as coaches "to enhance support of classroom teachers."

Wool said, "We feel we have suffered. . . a loss of feedback to keep their practice

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Yankees Great Mariano Rivera Leads Elmsford Little League Opening Day as Parade Grand Marshall

The Elmsford Little League Opening Day Parade and ceremony has become one of the most exciting community events in Greenburgh. This year, the Grand Marshall for the parade was Yankees great Mariano Rivera. Last year five-time World Series champion and former Yankees right fielder Paul O'Neill kicked off the season in style. In 2012 the Elmsford Little League Grand Marshall was legendary Dodger's manager Tommy Lasorda. And, in 2011 the Grand Marshall was Daryl Strawberry.

Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul

Feiner said: "The greats recognize the potential of our youth. If they practice hard enough they could one day follow the example of Rivera, Strawberry, O'Neill and Lasorda, who knows? They may be tomorrow's great players."

The president of the Elmsford League, Rich Wurtzburger, and his hard working board of directors, coaches, umpires and volunteers have done an amazing job, Feiner continued. "Last year they dedicated a 2,000 square foot clubhouse. With the addition of the new clubhouse Elmsford was granted the

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Harrison Planners OK Pro Soccer Practices at Manhattanville; Purchase Neighbors Cry Foul Over \$10 Million 'Corporate Deal'

By Jon Craig

The Harrison Planning Board last week gave a new professional soccer team permission to renovate indoor and outdoor facilities at Manhattanville College in Purchase.

The 4-2 vote allows the New York City Football Club, co-owned by the Yankees and Manchester (England) City Football Club, to remove outdoor tennis courts and convert the existing outdoor fields into a regulation-size field with new lighting for practices. The \$10 million project also includes removing an indoor pool at the college's 56,000-square-foot Kennedy Gymnasium so indoor practice turf can be installed.

But a Battle Royale is shaping up between soccer enthusiasts and area residents who expressed concern about increased traffic, noise and the possibility the facilities will become a permanent training site for the

pro team. Neighbors said they may seek a court injunction to block the project.

Pro soccer practices are expected to begin at Manhattanville in January 2015.

The soccer team's site change application explained that only 35 parking spaces are needed for players and coaches and that the impact on traffic would be negligible. But that is operating under the assumption that the team will only use Manhattanville's campus as a practice facility, and possibly a few exhibition matches. The team is searching for a permanent home stadium in New York City. Meanwhile, the pro team recently secured permission to play its first 17 home games next year at Yankee Stadium.

Officials from the 173-year-old college, which will not incur any of the proposed renovation costs, praised the plan for a "state-of-the-art-facility." The college has given the soccer team a five-year lease with

options for two, one-year renewals.

College President Jon C. Strauss said: "Manhattanville College has found a strong partner that truly cares about the local community. This is ideal for us given our longstanding history and commitment to Westchester County residents. We look forward to a fruitful and mutually beneficial partnership. . ."

Manhattanville Athletic Director Keith Levinthal called the development "a promising step for Manhattanville College, and equally important, for the Harrison community."

But Purchase resident Michael Tokarz, an attorney and chairman of the Purchase Environmental Protective Association, said the project will change the character of Manhattanville's campus, calling it a "corporate takeover."

At an earlier planning board meeting, town officials were told the practice fields

would only be used until a new permanent stadium was found for the Major Soccer League team. The team also plans to sponsor an academy for up to 100 youths who would use the fields at night and on weekends.

Fate of Purchase Free Library at Stake

Another landmark along Purchase Street (Route 120) at Anderson Hill Road is facing change.

The Purchase Free Library, a tenant of the Purchase Community House since 1928, recently was asked to pay rent month-by-month, and told it may be evicted.

The popular library has five part-time employees and has seen its use rise in recent years.

The Community House's Board of Directors may decide the library's fate as early as next month.

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Students designed evening outfits using food and food packaging. At least 50 percent of each outfit had to use actual food or its packaging.

Over the years, many performers have worn food, from 1940s actress Carmen Miranda, who became wildly popular for singing and dancing while wearing an elaborate fruit hat, to Lady Gaga, who recently wore a meat dress to make a point.

Among the designers were fashion and merchandising students from the Southern Westchester BOCES Center for Career Services in Valhalla.

"This was a very challenging assignment because food can be difficult to manipulate as you can imagine, and unless it is very processed, does not last," said Carmen Galiano, a BOCES fashion teacher. "But the students came up with great ideas, and we are proud to be part of this original event that is for such a good cause."

Dana Brown, 17, of New Rochelle was



JON CRAIG PHOTO

BOCES designer Dana Brown, 17, and her mom, Lorraine. Dana is displaying her "Sparkling Ice" drink evening gown.

among Galiano's students competing last week. She designed a dress out of Sparkling Ice black raspberry vitamin drink bottles. Her mom, Lorraine, proudly helped show off Brown's dress, as well as

their gold designer jewelry. Dana said she hopes to get into FIT next year. Her three older brothers gave her the drive and confidence to compete, she said.

The students' creations were judged by

a panel of fashion experts including fast-rising designer Rolando Santana, Denzer owner Mary Jane Denzer and Ravi S. Rajan, dean of the School of the Arts at Purchase College.

Other designers from Southern Westchester BOCES were Latasha Bonner and Tangella Boyd, both of Greenburgh Central Schools, Sabrina Dewan, Jordan Goodlett, Caroline Hager, Cheriann Mason, Chantay Matthews, Ashley Mitchell and Kane Young of White Plains.

Students participating from the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES were Jessica Grossman, Mirian Lazo, Carly Lembo, Laura Elizabeth Walther and Gabriela Zhagui.

Designers from Westchester Community College were Tyler Bland, Aleida Cruz, Danielle Etienne, Sheneka Grant, Sarah Higgins, Okki Kim, Margaret Krapish, Hwa Yeon Lee, Edith Marc, Sara Matsoukas and Jasmine Rutherford.

Lee was chosen as the best designer.

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89 Assembly Members Sign On to Buchwald's Anti Corruption Legislation

NYS Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) announced last week that legislation he authored that would permit stripping state pension benefits from public officials convicted of felonies where the public's trust has been violated has picked up crucial momentum in the New York State Assembly. As of this month, the bill (A.7173) has been co-sponsored by 89 members of the Assembly, representing well more than the 76 votes needed to pass the bill on the Assembly floor. Of particular note, both a majority of Democrats and a majority of Republicans in the chamber support the



NYS Assemblyman David Buchwald

measure.

"This ethics reform is long overdue for the people of New York," stated Assemblyman Buchwald. "It's unacceptable that even the most corrupt officials are allowed to continue to collect a state pension. This type of behavior should not be tolerated any longer."

Buchwald's bill is an amendment to the New York State Constitution aiming to strengthen the current "Public Integrity Reform Act," which only strips pension benefits of convicted officials who first entered the State pension system after the law took effect in November 2011.

Buchwald's bill would apply to any public official, regardless of when he or she first held office.

The assemblyman had asked constituents to provide input on this pension reform bill on his website at assembly.state.ny.us/member_files/093/public_trust/.

In an interview Friday, Buchwald said he has received much positive feedback not only from his constituents in District 93, but from all over New York State.

The Senate companion of this bill, S. 1133, is sponsored by State Senator Neil Breslin (D-Albany).

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at pinnacle achievement."

Assistant Superintendent for Business Robert Salierno said, "Every year we're cutting and cutting. . . We have real challenges ahead of us."

Wool thanked the teachers union for working with district officials, while keeping the average increase in salaries at just 1 percent next year over this school year. "We have worked very hard with our unions," Wool said. "Lots of people (are) making lots of sacrifices."

The tax levy totals \$99,657,561, up \$3.3 million over this year's levy. State aid increased by \$117,825 over last year.

Salierno said the district saved \$520,639 through early retirement incentives offered to six teachers and helped balance the budget by postponing repairs and capital improvements worth \$650,000.

The annual spending hike of 1 percent is the lowest budget increase in six years, according to Salierno.

While some costs have been brought under control, energy costs are rising nearly 17 percent, he said. Property tax challenges continue to come in and could result in new costs. The district plans to spend \$120,000 on two buses once provided by BOCES.

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JARED THALER PHOTO

Mariano Rivera and Phillip Orsini lead the Elmsford Little League Opening Day Parade.

9/10s Tournament All Stars Championship Game. During the off-season the League hired a professional baseball field landscaping company to repair and rebuild the infields.

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White Plains School District and Beautification Foundation Celebrate Arbor Day 2014

By Pat Casey

The White Plains City School District celebrated Arbor Day 2014 at Eastview Middle School on Friday, April 25.

Facing a rising morning sun on a beautiful spring day Kathy Masterson and Suzanne Evans of the White Plains Beautification Foundation presented three Pink Dogwood trees planted on the school grounds.

One tree was planted in honor of Howard Britton and James P. Masterson and in honor of Julie Mae Britton and Gladys Mae Masterson, parents of Kathy (Britton) Masterson and her husband Joseph Masterson. The other two Pink Dogwoods were gifts from The Care of Trees, which also presented fir tree seedlings for the



Kathy Masterson, Director White Plains Beautification Foundation at the podium with Eastview Chorus and Guitar Club on Arbor Day 2014.

students to take home and plant in honor of Arbor Day.

The Eastview Orchestra, Band, Chorus and Guitar Club played selections with Earth themes.

Department of Public Works Commissioner Joseph Nicoletti presented the Tree City USA flag given to The City of White Plains for 31 years in a row.

Nicoletti explained that White Plains has 13,500 trees all categorized and identified. "After Hurricane Sandy, the city lost many

trees, but has been adding new ones each year since," he said.

White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach, Eastview Middle School Principal Joseph



Amanda Nirenberg reads her poem "Tree Transformation."

Cloherty and New York State Senator George Latimer spoke to the students about the importance of nature and celebrations of spring.

Eastview student Amanda Nirenberg read her poem "Tree Transformation."

Tree Transformation By Amanda Nirenberg

In autumn I am colorful
Blazing orange, yellow and red
And soon when winter comes
My leaves will all be shed

In winter I am bare
Not a leaf in sight
And after a large snowstorm
My branches are covered in white

The spring brings pink flowers
That pop up all around
Until the air gets warmer
And they fall to the ground

In summer I am green
With new leaves galore
Until autumn comes again
And I change once more

The cycle goes forever
Until my time is done
But where I used to stand
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The Eastview Band plays Rocky Mountain Romp by Brian Balmages, conducted by teacher Laura Mazziotti. The tree to the left is one of the newly planted Pink Dogwoods.

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Pictured from left to right are: Paul Garbuio, Tina Sacchetti, Dr. Amarpreet Singh, Dr. Robert Meyer, Gina Cappelli, Founder and President of Formé, Gina DeVito, Annamaria Macciocco, Nanci Gunthert, Dr. Angelo Baccellieri, Gracious John, PA at the grand opening.

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Kaplowitz: Affordable Housing Stalemate With HUD Will Be Resolved

By Martin Wilbur

County legislators will take a more active role in helping Westchester comply with the affordable housing settlement after officials were informed last week that the federal government could revoke \$5.2 million in grant money.

Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz pledged last Thursday that he and his colleagues would enlist the help of its congressional representatives and reach out to federal monitor James Johnson and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) officials to help satisfy the county's obligation. The county must build 750 units of affordable housing by the end of 2016.

Kaplowitz's announcement came a day after HUD sent the county a letter stating that it would reallocate \$5,227,328 in Community Development Block Grants from fiscal year 2012 unless Westchester resolved the remaining issues pertaining to the settlement by May 9.

The county already lost about \$7.4 million from 2011 when it failed to pass required source of income legislation on time.

Kaplowitz's message was delivered shortly after the Rev. Al Sharpton arrived outside the county building in White Plains to blast County Executive Rob Astorino for attempting to sidestep the settlement agreement, costing Westchester's less



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz

affluent communities millions in grant money.

"We will follow you everywhere until the money flows in Westchester," Sharpton declared.

Kaplowitz, who declined to address Sharpton's comments, said the only remaining sticking point with HUD is to have the Analysis of Impediments -- a report that outlines how local zoning can prevent affordable housing from being built -- submitted and approved.

Six of the 31 mostly white communities that were required to build affordable housing under the settlement are still deemed by Johnson to have zoning that is exclusionary based on race. However,

Kaplowitz said that the monitor is working actively with five of those communities to resolve that issue.

"The fact that the funds are being stopped for another year is unacceptable, untenable and requires solutions," Kaplowitz said.

"We are asking them to help us craft a legislative solution to this problem," he continued. "We are in a logjam. It's a situation where the county is not in compliance."

Kaplowitz also called on HUD to extend the deadline for a "reasonable" period of time before the \$5.2 million is reallocated while the county works on a solution.

Ned McCormack, Astorino's director of

communications, said HUD's strategy of threatening to withhold millions in grant money is likely being done to force the county to go beyond the parameters of the settlement.

Westchester remains ahead of schedule with the development of the new units, with funding currently in place for 403 affordable units while 385 building permits have been issued, McCormack said.

"We just don't think it's right because we're complying with the settlement and they're holding us to a standard that doesn't exist," he said.

He also said HUD is not permitted to take away funds from one program because of alleged noncompliance with a separate program.

Kaplowitz said the most unfortunate part of the dilemma is that the communities that stand to lose the grant money, such as Yonkers, Ossining and Peekskill, need the money the most and are not required to build the affordable housing.

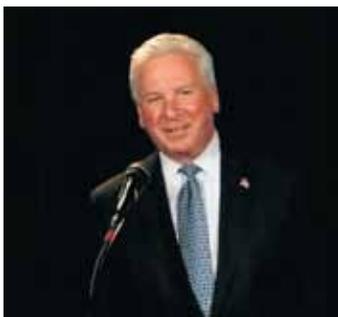
However, the chairman remained upbeat that a solution can be reached.

"I'm optimistic that the legislature will, through its efforts, be able to bring a solution," Kaplowitz said. "This is not an intractable problem. It's not an unsolvable problem. This is going to take leadership. That's what we're here today announcing, and this is going to take focus and resolve."

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Mamaroneck Ironworker Opens Something on the Softer Side: Harrison's McKisses Features Hot Designer Accessories, Clothes

By Jon Craig

McKisses is offering the cachet of Midtown Manhattan in Downtown Harrison.

The new accessories store opened last month at 159 Halstead Ave.

Bathing suits and various spring wear are the store's newest feature. The shop, owned by Marcello Cajamarca of Mamaroneck, has been an instant hit among local teenagers and college

students.

Colorful purses by Gucci, Michael Kors, Coach, Ruby and other top designers are currently on sale. McKisses also sells sunglasses, bracelets, belts, headbands, nail polish, cellphone cases and jewelry.

Marisol Calderone, the store's manager, said that by mid-May the store will be stocking more dresses, beachwear

and shorts for summer use.

While showing off a pair of Anna footwear, Calderone said, "I think the girls will love these shoes."

Other popular shoes currently in stock include Nature Breeze, Eye Candie, Lilianna Forever and the I Heart collection.

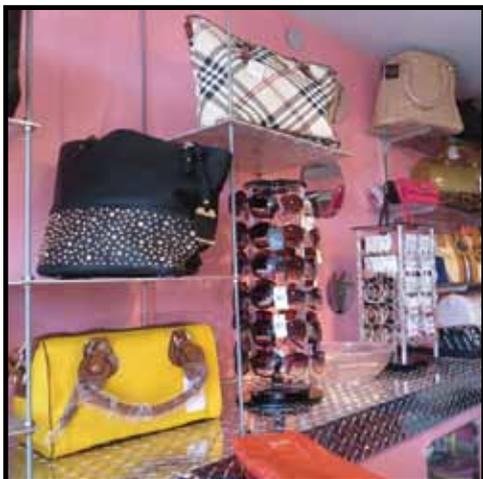
As business picks up, Calderone said the store will add more designer lines, seasonally appropriate clothing and newly released accessories.

McKisses is Cajamarca's second business near the Sound Shore. He also owns B & E Iron Works in Mamaroneck, a family business in operation since 1996.

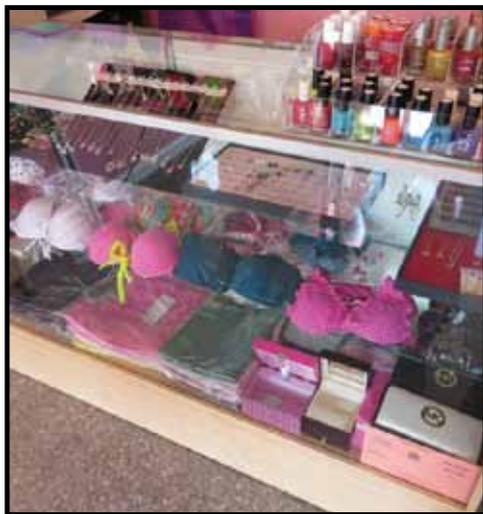
Cajamarca said that he was able to open a shop offering trendy, seasonal items because of his steady success supplying homeowners, commercial customers and construction companies with handcrafted railings and other wrought iron fabrications from his specialty metal shop at 324 Northrup Ave.,

Mamaroneck.

McKisses is open six-days-a-week: 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday; and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.



Outdoor window display of spring fashion accessories at McKisses, which opened for business at 159 Halstead Ave., Harrison, on March 29.



Two-piece bathing suits and nail polish for sale at McKisses.



Gucci, Michael Kors and other purses for sale at McKisses.



McKisses store manager Marisol Calderone shows some popular Anna footwear.

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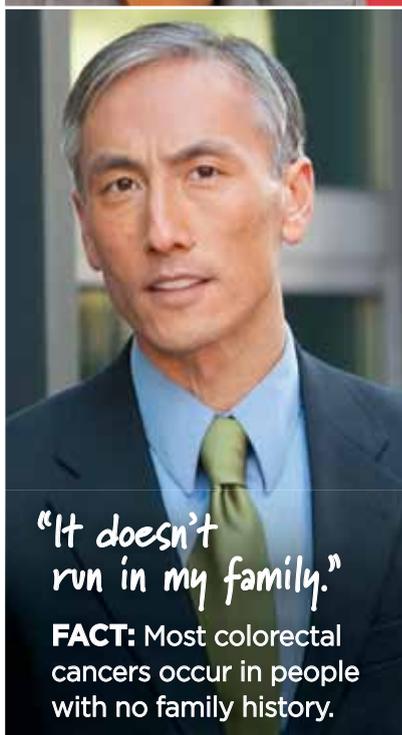
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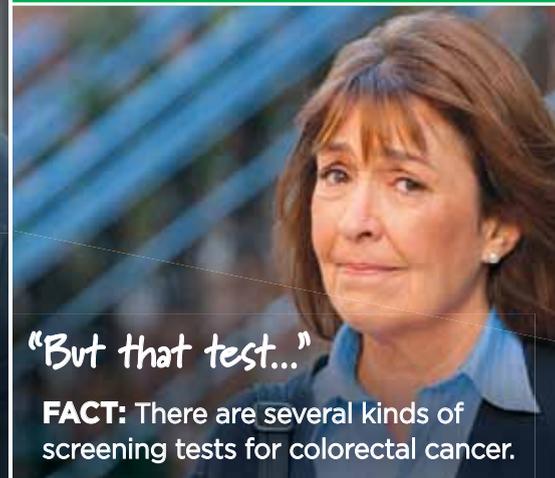


"It doesn't run in my family."

FACT: Most colorectal cancers occur in people with no family history.



"Why Should I Get Screened?"



"But that test..."

FACT: There are several kinds of screening tests for colorectal cancer.



Soles for Souls collected 10,000 pairs of shoes that will be refurbished and given to people who need them.

Sustain White Plains Outdoor Street Fair

By Pat Casey

Even the weather joined in for the Sustain White Plains Outdoor Street Fair this year. After a morning of rain, the skies cleared, temperatures rose and welcomed people outside. Right at 4 p.m. as things were winding down, the drizzle began again.

Drawing with chalk was a big attraction for the skilled as well as the beginning artist.

Featured prominently at Fountain Plaza, was a 3D chalk mural created

by artist Anthony Cappetto in the lobby of the SL Green building on Hamilton Avenue earlier in the week. It was brought outside to demonstrate how art can be woven into the texture of public spaces.

Contributions of about 10,000 pairs of slightly used and new shoes to Soles for Souls, doubled last year's efforts and energy efficient vehicles, always an attraction, were available for inspection as well as one special red electric car that now bears the art of many fair attendees.



Artist Anthony Cappetto poses with his 3D chalk masterpiece. Not as easily visible with the naked eye, when photographed from a designated spot, the 3D elements jump to life.



Here's one electric car with a lot of love all over it.



Earthy arts and crafts are always popular with the kids.



A Kendo demonstration with wood swords by N.Y. Shinbukan and Yushinkan.

WHITE PLAINS CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL 2014

By Pat Casey

The blossoms were not quite ready to bloom Sunday, April 27 in White Plains' Turnure Park, but the Japanese springtime Sakura celebration went on without a hitch.

The annual festival continues to support the 3.11.11 Disaster Relief Effort in Japan and again this year

drew record crowds.

Booths sold many food and gift items as well as opportunities to learn Japanese calligraphy, Origami, the movements of the tea ceremony, even a kimono demonstration where you could try one on and have your picture taken.



Children dance and sing from Kodomo no Kuni N.Y.



Kimono demonstration under the cherry trees.



Taiko drumming sets a rhythmic and mesmerizing beat by W.P. Taiko and Sakura Taiko.

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Letters

Urging NYS to Consider an Infrastructure Bond Act for Repaving Roads

In recent weeks I have had the opportunity to meet with other municipal officials from around Westchester County. Every locality in Westchester has a big pothole problem. Our roads are in bad shape. If we want to comply with the property tax cap we can't spend the funds needed to repave all the roads that need to be repaved.

The NYS Legislature recently approved an increase in CHIPS (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) funding of \$40 million statewide. The funding increase to

localities helps a little but not very much.

Although local governments are trying to keep property taxes down, I worry that in a few years our roads will be in worse shape. It's going to be very expensive to get New York roads in the shape they should be. If roads around the state are in bad condition, it will also have an impact on property values.

I recommend that the NYS Legislature consider placing on the ballot a road repaving infrastructure bond act. The Legislature, consulting with local, county and state governments, should

determine how much funds are needed for the infrastructure road repaving projects. Let the people vote on this initiative. If the referendum is approved local governments would be able to repave more roads without increasing property taxes since funds would come from the bond act.

I also request that the state review the formula currently being used for CHIPS reimbursement.

—Paul Feiner,
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

Apply Now for White Plains Public Schools Universal Pre-K

White Plains Public Schools Pre-Kindergarten is a free half-day program for four-year-olds born in 2010. The quality early childhood program is available in partnership with Family Services of Westchester – Fisher Avenue, Little Disciples Learning Center – So.

Lexington Avenue, United PreSchool Center – North Street, YMCA – Mamaroneck Avenue, and YWCA – North Street.

Morning and afternoon classes are available. Applications are requested by Friday, May 30, 2014.

For information see the White Plains School District Website www.wpcsd.k12.ny.us, call 422-2038, or pick up an application at one of the sites listed above or the Family Information Center located at 500 North Street.

Obituaries

John Zilembo

John N. Zilembo passed away peacefully on April 26 at White Plains Hospital. He was 91. John was born on Feb 28, 1923 in Stockton, Calif. to John and Mary (D'Angelo) Zilembo. He graduated White Plains High School in 1941. John served in the U.S. Army during WW II in the medical corp. John was the Assistant Principal at White Plains High School until his retirement in 1982. John was inducted into the White Plains High School Hall of Fame in 1999.

He is survived by his wife Marie of 55 years, his daughter Donna Barnum (Peter) and one granddaughter Joanna Barnum/Callahan both of Baltimore MD. Also surviving is one sister Frances Gill. John was predeceased by one brother Joseph on Nov 1, 2012.

Services will be held Tuesday, April 29 at 10 a.m. at McMahan, Lyon & Hartnett Funeral Home, 491 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, interment to follow Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Donations may be sent to the V.F.W. 5463 Vets of Foreign Wars, PO Box 322, North White Plains, NY 10603

Ellen Jackson RDC

Sr. Ellen Catherine Jackson, RDC, (formerly known as Sister Mary Reparatrice) a Sister of the Divine Compassion, died peacefully on April 25.

Sr. Ellen was born in the Bronx in 1930, the daughter of Samuel and Helen Jackson. She attended St. Frances de Chantal School in Throgs Neck and St. Jean the Baptiste High School in Manhattan. Sister received her nursing degree from St. Vincent Academy and for many years served as the nurse in the Congregation. She went on to earn a Master's degree in Pastoral Counseling from Iona College and was a certified as an AIDS Counselor and an Alcoholism Counselor.

In addition to serving as the nurse at Good Counsel, Sister also worked at the Harlem Valley Psychiatric Center, the Rockland Psychiatric Center and New York Hospital in White Plains.

Sister Carol Wagner, President of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion said, "There is not a Sister of the Divine Compassion who does not recall with fondness the outstanding service Sr. Ellen Catherine offered our congregation over her 60-plus years as a member. She was an outstanding and compassionate nurse and clinician. Her dedication in service to others will long be remembered."

Sister Ellen Catherine is survived by her cousin, Linda nephew, Stephen Jackson and several grand nieces and nephews.

The wake will be on Tuesday, April 29 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Good Counsel Convent and the Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on April 30 in the Chapel of the Divine Compassion, 52 North Broadway, White Plains. Interment will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, White Plains. Arrangements will be handled by McMahan, Lyon & Hartnett Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, 52 North Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603.

Frank Robinson

Frank W. Robinson, 87, of Westfield, NJ, White Plains, and Mt. Kisco, passed away peacefully on April 25.

Frank was born October 22, 1926 to James P. and Margaret Carey. He was the fourth of seven children. He graduated from Queens College in 1951 with a BA degree.

He served in the US Army, post war Berlin, from 1946 to 1949 with the Allied Control Authority in the 310th Infantry Company "H." In 1991, he retired as a Senior Vice President for National Life & Health/Claims Sales for NYC. He

is predeceased by his wife, Grace M. Robinson.

He is survived by his former wife, Kathryn L. Robinson with whom he had four children: Gerard Robinson, Atlanta, Ga, Jimmy & Karen Robinson, Atlanta, Ga, Kevin & Cindy Robinson, Shelton, Ct and Laura & Tom Travers, Westfield, NJ, his seven grandchildren, Jamie, Jessica, Jim Jr. and Kathryn (Katie) Robinson, Kevin Robinson Jr., and Kelly and Sarah Travers along with five great-grandchildren; Avery, Luke, and Connor Podraza, and Sydney and John (Jack) Brouillard.

The family will receive friends at the Ballard-Durand Funeral Home, 2 Maple Ave., White Plains, NY on Wednesday, April 30, from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. A mass of Christian Burial will be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Elmsford on Thursday, May 1 at 10 a.m. with burial following the service at Gate of Heaven in Hawthorne, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Frank's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, act.alz.org or 1-800-272-3900.

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Police Blotter

White Plains Police Department

Stolen sneakers. Luis S. Moreno, 50, of 158 S. Lexington Ave., was arrested about 11 a.m. April 22 after walking out of Sears, 100 Main St., in a pair of new black Fila sneakers worth \$65. Police said Moreno was carrying his own shoes under his right arm and had not paid for the sneakers.

Failure to answer summons. Lisa Gotti, 40, of 128 Underhill Road, West Harrison, was charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation at 7:37 p.m. April 22. Police said Gotti was traveling south on Aqueduct Road, crossed the double yellow line and passed another car, which was stopped at a stop sign at Central Avenue. A computer check found that Gotti's license was suspended since Dec. 28, 2011, for failure to answer a summons from White Plains as well as on July 31, 2011, for failure to pay a fine out of the Town of Harrison. She was released on \$100 bail pending a court appearance May 7.

Caught blue handed. Samuel Woodruff, 22, of 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase College, was charged with fourth-degree criminal mischief at 7:29 p.m. April 23 at the White Plains Train Station, 10 Hamilton Ave. Police said they spotted Woodruff jump on top of a magazine dispenser behind a "do not enter sign," and looking as if he was writing on the back of the sign. Police noticed writing in blue ink was still wet. Police said a large blue marker was protruding from Woodruff's front right shorts pocket and that he had blue ink on both his hands and pants. "I know it was stupid," he reportedly told police. Police said they found cans of spray paint in his backpack. He additionally was charged with making graffiti and possession of graffiti instruments.

Credit card fraud. An unidentified male apparently tried to use a stolen New Jersey driver's license to open a store credit card account at Nordstrom, 135 Westchester Ave., at 5 p.m. on April 23. The man was attempting to buy a red Burberry coat worth \$635 when the fraud occurred, police said. Store loss prevention officers tried to detain the man, shoving him to the ground and placing handcuffs on his left wrist. But he suspect managed to flee on foot with two other males, escaping the store wearing the handcuffs.

Shoplifting. Kevin L. Daniels, 50, of 25 Operations Drive, Valhalla, was charged with petit larceny about noon on April 23 at Macy's, 100 Main St. Police said Daniels attempted to take two bed sheet sets worth \$340 from the store, without paying, in a book bag.

Harrison Police Department

Driving While Impaired. A broken taillight drew police attention to a vehicle traveling southbound on Lake Street on the afternoon of April 8. The car was stopped at the intersection of Harrison and Veterans Memorial Drive. The driver was identified as Lenora A. DiMarino, 55, of 4 Livingston St., West Harrison. DiMarino was asked to produce her license, registration and proof of insurance. The officer noticed that her eyes had a watery glazed appearance and that her pupils appeared to be dilated. Speaking rapidly, she told police that she was on her way to see her doctor. Upon exiting the vehicle, she was asked to perform a series of tests to determine if she was under the influence of any alcohol, drug or other substance. DiMarino was not able to perform these tests successfully and was arrested for DWAI.

After an additional officer arrived on the scene, an inventory was made of the car's interior that turned up a broken pen barrel with white powdered-residue; a pill bottle with three tablets of Valium; five straws containing a white powdery residue; and a syringe filled with an unknown substance believed to be a narcotic. A bud of marijuana was also found.

DiMarino was taken to police headquarters and booked on charges of DWAI. She was released on \$500 cash bail. A court date was set for May 6.

Speeding violation. On April 10, in the vicinity of Lake Street, police observed a vehicle traveling southbound moving at 51 mph in a 25 mph zone. The driver produced a license and registration identifying him as Guillermo Cano, 61, of 141 Orchard St., Yonkers. A records check showed that Cano's license had been suspended and he was then arrested for aggravated unlawful operation and processed on the scene. He was released on his own recognizance and is due in court on May 22.

No texting while driving. An initial stop for texting while driving led to a summons for driving with a suspended license due to a previous DUI conviction for Betsey S. Haywood, 21 of 5 Salem Drive, Scarsdale. The stop occurred April 10 near the intersection of Westchester and South Kensico avenues. Haywood was arrested and her car was impounded. Haywood is scheduled to return to court May 6.

Cell Phone Stop/Fictitious License. On April 12, police stopped Hector Rosario, 59, of 527 Willets Ave., Port Chester after they saw him talking on a cell phone while driving. The stop was made at Halstead and Marion avenues. Rosario told police that the car belonged

to a friend and that he did not know where the registration was. He told them that he did have a New York driver's license and gave it to the police officer. A subsequent database check showed no NYS license on file for Hector Rosario. In addition, the check showed that the vehicle's registration had been suspended due to an insurance lapse as of March 7. Rosario was arrested, processed at headquarters and then released on his own recognizance. He was ordered to return to court on May 6.

Child Endangerment. Police followed up on a report of possible child endangerment on April 14, at 3 Woodside Ave., West Harrison. At that address, police asked the resident, Kevin Lencki, to come to police headquarters for an interview about a child endangerment complaint.

At headquarters, Lencki admitted to police that he had made comments to neighborhood children describing his private parts. He also admitted that he had told the same children a lewd anecdote about a Super Bowl party incident. Lencki was charged with four counts of endangering the welfare of a child and was served with an order of protection for the four children that he had allegedly approached. He posted \$100 bail and was ordered to return to court on April 22.

Greenburgh Police Headquarters

Driving with a suspended license. On April 18, police stopped a car driven by Mikhail Epshteyn after police observed him making an illegal U-turn on Knollwood Road. A database check showed that Epshteyn's license had been suspended in both New York and Connecticut, with six prior suspensions in New York. Epshteyn was arrested and transported to Greenburgh Police Headquarters for processing. He was issued summonses for unlicensed operation and for an unsafe turn. He was released on \$250 bail and is due in court on May 24.

Driving with a revoked license. A vehicle with tinted windows, observed backing up on a controlled access highway, was stopped April 18. As officers approached the vehicle, they saw the passenger, later identified as David Bordin, grab a clear plastic bag from the center console and jam it into his jeans. Police retrieved the bag and saw that it contained four baggies containing phencyclidine or PCP. Both the driver, Lorena Salerno, and Bordin were arrested. A database check showed that Salerno was driving with a revoked license.

Larceny. On April 19, police responded to a report from Patricia Smyth, 57, of 103 Country Road, Elmsford, of property

stolen from her vehicle. Smyth told police that the incident occurred sometime on April 18 and that she was unsure whether or not the car had been locked during the night.

Possession of narcotics. A man observed casing other vehicles on April 21, led police on a car chase that resulted in the confiscation by police of 10 glassine envelopes of heroin. Police saw Kevin Lyons park his vehicle in a lot at 413 Tarrytown Road and then slink around the lot looking for a car to possibly break into. Police saw Lyons enter an unlocked, unoccupied 2011 Toyota Camry and then go through the glove box and remove an item, which he placed in his pocket. He then got back into his 2009 Honda Pilot and drove east. The officer activated his lights and siren, which caused the suspect to speed off. The suspect lost control of his vehicle near the intersection of Tarrytown Road and Manhattan Avenue where he hit the curb which flattened his front passenger side tire. He continued to drive west in the eastbound lane toward other cars. The vehicle then pulled back into the parking lot at 413 Tarrytown Road. At this point, the suspect's vehicle was no longer operable so the suspect exited the car and fled on foot. The car, which had been left in drive, began rolling down the parking lot. An officer saw Lyons throw a packet containing heroin. Arrested after a brief struggle, Lyons told police that he'd gotten the heroin from "that Camry over there."

Police called the registered owner of the Camry, identified as Brian Strati, an employee at 413 Tarrytown Road. Police interviewed Strati, who told them that he knew Lyons, and that he had left the heroin in the car for him to retrieve. He then told the officer that he had oxycodone on his person and gave police 10 oxycodone tablets. Police found an additional container of heroin in the center console of the vehicle, additional tablets of oxycodone and \$200 in cash. Both men were arraigned and taken to county jail.

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SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

From the Harrison Mayor and Town Hall, April 28, 2014



Ron Belmont,
Supervisor/Mayor of
Harrison

This weekend, I had the pleasure of attending the Harrison Fire Department's pasta dinner, which benefits the Department's scholarship fund. The

dinner followed a recruitment drive where the Fire Department conducted tours of the station, allowing visitors to try on firefighter gear, and provided various activities throughout the firehouse. It was a great success and the Department should be commended for their efforts in maintaining a top-notch staff.

I would like to bring your attention to a wonderful annual event taking place in town. The Harrison's Children Center Art Exhibit is currently installed in Town Hall and the West Harrison Senior Annex. On Friday, May 2nd, there will be a reception at the Senior Annex from 6 to 8 p.m. Special thanks goes to the Harrison Council for the Arts, and their

dedicated staff, for providing a program that offers a creative platform for our youngest residents.

On April 22nd, I attended an economic forum, for elected officials and municipal leaders, hosted by Assemblyman David Buchwald. The meeting was very informative and focused on attracting and retaining young professionals and small businesses in Westchester County. The New York Works program connects businesses, in our area, with the young adult work force and provides tax credits to those businesses that hire at-risk youth. This program's impact will build a skilled work force, thereby fortifying our region's economy. For more information, visit nyyw@labor.ny.gov (for businesses) or info@youthworks.ny.gov (for youth).

This year, the Harrison Fire Department Memorial Mass will be held at St. Gregory's Church on Sunday, May 4th. At this service, those firefighters who have recently passed away will be

honored. The service begins at 8:30 a.m. and after mass, there will be a brief ceremony in front of the Department's Memorial Bell.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the National Junior Honor Society students, and their parents, who organized the Stonewall Circle 5k Fun Run. It was a wonderful event, benefiting the fight against pancreatic cancer, and all participants should be recognized for their support.

On Sunday, May 4th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date-Sunday, May 18th) Harrison's Japanese community will be hosting a Harrison-Japan Spring Festival, in Ma Riis Park, in front of the Harrison Library. Traditional Japanese performances, including a tea ceremony, Japanese drums and dance, and kimono dressing, will be featured along with Japanese games, food and beverages. There will also be a raffle and profits will benefit the Harrison Library and Recreation Center, as well as the victims of Japan's earthquake. I

will be participating in the fashion show, donning an authentic kimono, and hope to see many friends, and familiar faces, supporting this very worthwhile event. For more information, visit www.japanblockfair.com.

The next "Lunch with the Mayor" is on May 2nd and I will be at the new Halstead's Bar and Grill (Formerly Trinity's) located at 7 Purdy Street in downtown Harrison. I will be at this location from 12:30 to 1:30 and look forward to meeting with residents and talking about issues facing our community.

Guest Column



Why Willpower Is Not Enough

Whether you are trying to change your diet, exercise routine, or parenting practices, willpower is often thought to be the most important element. If willpower is all it takes then why do many of us fall into old habits so easily? Willpower alone is not enough. If you fail to reach a goal it's not likely because you were simply weak-willed. There are many reasons you might not reach a goal, and understanding those factors will increase your chances of success. A recent article in Psychology Today magazine cited 14 reasons why willpower often fails us. Below are some practical tips for avoiding willpower pitfalls.

Avoid All or Nothing Thinking: Many

of us overcommit to goals. We decide to exercise every single day, swear off all highly caloric foods, or vow to never ever miss our kid's sporting event. We think that because we care so much we can proceed without error. This type of thinking, often called all-or-nothing thinking, is a cognitive distortion that leads to failure. If we expect to get it right all the time we are more likely to fail big. We tend to think it's OK to eat the whole cake just because we slipped and had a few bites.

Don't Overestimate Your Self-Control: "Our brains are prone to overestimating our willpower at the very points at which we are most liable to take a fall," according to David DiSalvo in Psychology Today. Called "stimulus control," people are often advised to avoid situations that are likely to trigger old habits. Gambling addicts should avoid casinos and alcoholics should avoid bars for good reason.

Try to Manage Stress: The more stress we face the more our cognitive resources get sapped, leaving less energy

Parenting Pep Talk



By Dr. Jaime Fleckner Black

for exercising self-control. Build some de-stressing moments into your schedule. Stretch, take a walk, or do anything that can help calm and refocus you. We don't hesitate to tell kids to take a break when they feel frustrated, but adults have a hard time following that advice themselves. We are more likely to stick to our guns when stress doesn't have us on edge.

Don't Go It Alone: If you are trying to get healthier, enlist the support of your family or friends. Make healthy cooking and physical activity part of your

routine. If you are trying to stop snapping at your kids or partner after a long day, ask them for help when you are in a good mood. Explain the change you are trying to make and accept support.

Don't Underestimate the Importance of Sleep: Like stress, lack of sleep saps us of the energy necessary for sustaining willpower. It tires our brains and causes slower processing, less mental and physical energy, and lower frustration tolerance.

Dopamine Matters: The pleasure center of our brain craves certain rewarding activities or foods. It's

important to remember that it takes a while for your brain to register what it no longer needs. Recognizing that your brain has a hard time letting go can help you sustain your efforts even if you slip up.

Don't Ruminant About Failure: When we focus our energy on imagining the worst possible outcome we have less energy to focus on doing what we need to do to succeed. Spend time addressing and overcoming obstacles rather than fearing the worst.

Practice Practice Practice: No one becomes a star athlete or top-notch surgeon by sheer willpower. Technique, practice, and plans for overcoming failure are a critical ingredient for success.

Avoid "Moral Licensing": "All of us live on a seesaw. When we do something morally questionable, we feel a sense of balance restored if we then do something morally laudable," says DiSalvo. This is called "moral licensing." Giving in to this seesaw can cause you to avoid exercising your will. Recognizing it can increase your chances of success.

Dr. Jaime Black is a licensed psychologist practicing in Westchester and New York City. Jaime works with high-functioning individuals on the autism spectrum, doing psychotherapy, conducting evaluations, and facilitating socialization groups including an improv social skills group. Visit www.spectrumservicesnyc.com, e-mail JaimeBlackPsyD@gmail.com or call (914)712-8208.

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Get Fit White Plains! Program Begins with Free 5K Family Fun Run and Walk

The City of White Plains, along with Forme' Urgent Care and Wellness Center, is leading the way towards better health this spring with Get Fit White Plains! Charity Miles Program, a citywide, month-long effort aimed at jump starting residents fitness routines while at the same time raising funds for charity.

The Program begins with a Free 5K Family Fun Run and Walk on Sunday, May 4, 9 a.m., at the Highlands Middle School, Parker Track (rain or shine). On-site registration begins at 8:15 a.m. The 5K will feature a festive, family-friendly atmosphere with music, face painters, balloons, raffles, vendors and free t-shirts (while supplies last). Certified instructors of the White Plains YMCA will lead a dynamic warm-up. Following the 5K, which can be run and/or walked at your own pace, there will be a free raffle featuring items donated from Life Time Athletics, Dick's Sporting Goods, Sofos

Get Fit White Plains!

Charity Mile 2014 Events Schedule

Pre-registration and registration fees may be required contact the sponsoring agency for requirements.

Sunday, May 4, 9 a.m. - Get Fit White Plains! Charity Mile 5K Family Fun Run and Walk: Food, fun, music, vendors, raffles and giveaways. Highlands Middle School, Parker Stadium (on-site registration begins at 8:15 a.m.) Free, White Plains Recreation and Parks, 914-422-1336.

Sunday, May 4 to Sunday, June 8 - Free One-week Guest Pass: Enjoy a complimentary one-week membership at the White Plains YMCA from May 4 - June 8, 2014. Stop by the YMCA for your one-week pass or download at whiteplains.ymca-cnw.org.

Wednesdays, May 7 to June 4, 6 p.m. - Open Spin Class: All levels welcome, beginners are encouraged to arrive 10 minutes prior to class start. Free, YWCA of White Plains, Brian Kaczmarek, 914-949-6227 ext. 208.

Wednesday, May 7 - White Plains Public Schools Walk/Bike to School Day
Friday, May 9, 8:20 p.m. - Glenn Louck's

Chiropractic Care, Big Apple Smoothie and Forme' Urgent Care and Wellness Center.

Refreshments at the event are being supplied by Whole Foods. Additional sponsors of the Get Fit White Plains! Charity Miles program include the White Plains YMCA, YWCA of White Plains, Danny's Cycles, Trader Joe's, Barnum Financial Group, Dannon, Strata Health, Cycleworks and the Juneteenth Heritage Committee. Additional activities and programs will be offered throughout the City from May 4 to June 8.

How do my efforts to get fit help charity, you ask? Here's how it works: The City of White Plains has created its own team ("#whiteplains") on the Smartphone App known as Charity Miles. The App allows you to log your mileage while walking, running or biking. Each mile that is logged raises money for charity.

Funds earned through exercise can be 1 Mile Masters Run (men and women): White Plains High School (pre-registration required), \$15; www.theloucksgames.org.

Saturday, May 10, 8 a.m. - Glenn Louck's 5K Road Race: White Plains High School, Bryant Ave. entrance (on-site registration begins at 7 a.m.) \$20. www.theloucksgames.org. Healthy snacks and refreshments provided by Whole Foods.

Saturday, May 17, 9:15 a.m. - Walk with the Mayor: Join Mayor Roach for a morning of walking at your own pace and distance. Eastview Middle School Track sponsored by the White Plains Juneteenth Heritage Committee; Free.

Sunday, May 18, 9:30 a.m. - Every Step Counts, Walk from Obesity Fun Walk/Run: White Plains High School Track sponsored by White Plains Hospital.

Wednesday, May 28, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Senior Health and Fitness Day: Make a Move Toward Better Health - Lectures, raffles, giveaways, food and group exercise. Burke Rehabilitation Hospital (pre-registration required) Free, call 914-422-1255.

Wednesday, May 28, 8 a.m. to Noon - Older Adult Day: White Plains YMCA, 250 Mamaroneck Ave. Free. Call 914-949-

directed to the following charities as you choose: Team RWB, Wounded Warrior Project, Every Mother Counts, Girls on the Run, Shot@ Life, The World Food Programme, Nothing But Nets, The Partnership for a Healthier America, Feeding America, RED, Stand Up to Cancer, ASPCA, Autism Speaks, Habitat for Humanity, Alzheimer's Association, The Nature Conservancy, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, The Michael J. Fox Foundation, DoSomething.org, Pencils of Promise, Soles4Souls, Special Olympics, She's the First, Vision Spring, Crohn & Colitis Foundation of America, Achilles International and the Ironman Foundation.

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Saturday, May 31, 9:15 a.m. - Run with the Mayor: White Plains High School Track (on-site registration begins at 8:45 a.m.) Free. White Plains Recreation and Parks 914-422-1336.

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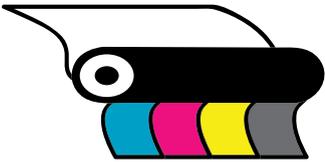


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Tuesday, April 29

Tuesdays at Dorry's. Zoe Colon, Executive Director of the Hispanic Resource Center (HRC), will speak about immigration trends, immigrant needs and how HRC responds. Tuesdays@Dorry's is an informal gathering of people who share dinner while listening to and discussing issues of importance. No reservations are required. The public is welcome. Food ordering begins at 5:30 p.m. and the presentations are from 6 to 7 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains. Call 914-682-0005 for more information.

Wednesday, April 30

White Plains Outdoor Farmers Market. Opens for the season from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Court Street between Main Street and Martine Avenue, White Plains.

Noonday Getaway Concert.

Downtown Music is delighted to welcome the return of Jörg-Michael Schwartz, Karen Marie Marmer, and John Moran, principals of the internationally acclaimed REBEL Ensemble for Baroque Music. They will play works of J.S. Bach, Giuseppe Torelli and W.A. Mozart; 12:10 p.m. Free Admission. Grace Episcopal Church at the intersection of Mamaroneck Avenue and Main Street in White Plains.

LWV White Plains City Budget Presentation.

City Finance Commissioner Michael Genito presents the White Plains City Budget for 2014-2015. Co-sponsored by the White Plains Council of Neighborhood Associations, the White Plains Public Library and the White Plains League of Women Voters; 7 p.m., White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Avenue, White Plains.

Thursday, May 1

Caregiver Coach Training. Westchester County's Livable Communities Caregiver Coaching volunteer program will take place Thursday, May 1 and Friday, May 2 at Fordham University's West Harrison campus at 400 Westchester Ave. Caregiver coaches are volunteers trained by professionals to help family caregivers better care for an older or disabled person. The one-on-one support the coaches

provide enables caregivers to make more informed decisions to meet the many challenges and responsibilities they face. The free program, which is part of the county's Department of Senior Programs and Services, has won awards from the National Association of Counties and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. The May 1 session will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The session on May 2 will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Registration is preferred. To sign up, contact Colette Phipps at (914) 813-6441 or cap2@westchestergov.com

"Wonderful Town" Short-Story Discussion. Join White Plains Librarian Barbara Wenglin to explore compelling short stories from the acclaimed anthology, "Wonderful Town: New York Stories from The New Yorker" Celebrating 75 years of the magazine's enduring literary influence, edited by David Remnick (Random House, 2000). Copies available for loan hard copy and e-book formats, with one on reserve at reference desk. For this session, please read "Distant Music" by Ann Beattie (p.16) and "Physics" by Tama Janowitz (p.35). 2 p.m. Refreshments served. White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Avenue, White Plains.

Concert and Spaghetti Dinner. 5:30 to 7 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church in White Plains featuring SUNY Purchase opera majors singing excerpts from Hansel and Gretel and Elijah Wolf-Christianson performing new music from his CDs: As Tall As the Sun and The Lonesome World Among the Trees. This family friendly event will provide dinner and great entertainment for all ages. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$10 at the door. St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church 82 Prospect Street, White Plains. Call 914-949-5577 for more information.

Friday, May 2

Photography Competition. 5a Digital Color and Open Mind Westchester Photographic Society's Digital Color and Open Mind competition. Digital Color (levels B, A, and Salon) Open Mind (imaginative manipulation of an original image) are rated by a professional judge. The evening is motivating for both club members and the guests. WPS welcomes all photographers, whether budding or professional, to become members. Mutual support for the enhancement of our craft is our specialty. 8pm, Westchester Photographic Society, Tech Bldg., WCC, No charge. Guests are welcome, 914-827-5353 www.wpsphoto.org



Movie Night Under the Stars at the Wolf Conservation Center. The Wolf Conservation Center presents "The Rise of Black Wolf" by Emmy award-winning wildlife cinematographer and friend of the WCC Bob Landis. Guests will enjoy a screening of Landis' wild film under the stars alongside WCC's resident black wolf, Ambassador wolf Zephyr, and his sister Alawa too! Bleacher seating will be available but we recommend guests to bring beach/camping chairs of their own for more a comfortable experience. Following the one-hour film, guests will have the opportunity to visit Atka as well as the WCC's critically endangered wolves. 8 p.m.; \$16 adults, \$13 children under 12. Bring flashlights. Pre-registration is required. Information and registration are available at www.nywolf.org.

Saturday, May 3

For the Love of Bees: Teachings of the Beehive. Bees and humankind have a long history together, and the teachings of the beehive offer a beautiful and critical message for survival of both species; 1 p.m. Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Playland Park, Rye. Call 914-967-8720 for more information.

Sunday, May 4

Children's Carnival. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Games, rides and refreshments for all ages include Bumper Cars, Trackless Train Ride, Zipline, Deluxe Carousel, Rock Climbing, Bouncy Castles galore, Face Painting, Balloon Making, Frannie's Goodie Shop, Pizza and Ice Cream Truck and much more! Free entertainment includes scheduled performances throughout the afternoon. Proceeds support programs for children with special needs and their families at the Rosenthal JCC. Advance discount ticket purchase can be made at www.rosenthaljcc.org. Rain Date May 18; Rosenthal JCC, 600 Bear Ridge Road, Pleasantville.

Wildflower Walk. A walk to learn about and identify the wildflowers of spring at the preserve; 1 p.m. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains; 914-428-1005.

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Church in the Highlands, 35 Bryant Ave., White Plains; Tickets \$20, Seniors \$15, Children under 12 free.

Tuesday, May 6

Tuesdays at Dorry's Jonelle Ward will involve Dorry's attendees in her current Gerontology project. Research shows that Westchester County has had the highest property taxes in the nation. As a result, out-migration is a major issue in the older adult community, particularly for the 65 and over population and for younger family members who are potential caregivers. Local Westchester colleges are researching this issue as a Think Tank. At Dorry's Jonelle looks forward to hearing insights and reactions to their research findings. Tuesdays@Dorry's is an informal gathering of people who share dinner while listening to and discussing issues of importance. No reservations are required. The public is welcome. Food ordering begins at 5:30 p.m. and the presentations are from 6 to 7 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains. Call 914-682-0005 for more information.

Wednesday, May 7

Noonday Getaway Concert. Pianist Alex Ruvinstein, heralded by the Moscow News as a player of "phenomenal technique and emotional depth," returns to Downtown Music with a program which includes music of Bach and Beethoven, 12:10 p.m. Free Admission. Grace Episcopal Church at the intersection of Mamaroneck Avenue and Main Street in White Plains.

Thursday, May 8

White Plains Historical Society Annual Dinner. 25th Annual Meeting honoring Dorothy Schere as Citizen Extraordinaire with guest speaker Anthony J. Czarnecki who will speak about "When Mr. Churchill Came to White Plains." Reception 6 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m. at The Woman's Club of White Plains, 305 Ridgeway, White Plains. Tickets \$55, RSVP by May 2 914-328-1776 or e-mail info@whiteplainshistory.org.

Friday, May 9

Tango Quartero in Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Music Conservatory of Westchester, 216 Central Avenue, White Plains. A suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated for the Conservatory's Music Therapy Institute and Scholarships Fund. For reservations please call the office Manager Katie Goulart at 914-761-3900 ext. 103.



Tigers Continue Lacrosse City Rivalry Winning Streak, Edge Crusaders 9-8

By Albert Coqueran

Stepinac High School came close but still has not beaten White Plains High School (5-3) in varsity Lacrosse since 2005. Stepinac (7-3) came back from a 4-1 deficit at halftime to tie the score 4-4, with a man-down goal by Dylan DeMuro at 3:14 in the third quarter. But the Crusaders were defeated by the Tigers again, 9-8, despite scoring seven goals in the second half, on Tuesday, April 22, at Stepinac High School.

“Now we have not won in 10 years, last time we won was in 2005 and we are really trying to break this streak. We have been getting closer and closer

but it is just about getting this hex off our backs,” stated Crusaders Head Coach James Goldmann.

White Plains Head Coach Mark Armogida reviewed the final minutes of the game. “We had adverse conditions towards the end of the game. We were man-down for the last minute and a half. We killed off the penalty and it was a hard fought win,” said Armogida. “You have to give credit to Stepinac, they fought hard and they always fight hard. We were fortunate to win this game, they deserved to win too, but we are happy that we came out on top.”



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Chris Polanco scores at 5:17 in the fourth quarter to put the Tigers in the lead 9-8, in the City of White Plains high school rivalry lacrosse game at Stepinac. Polanco's goal turned out to be the winning goal for the Tigers.



White Plains attackman Nico Mancini drives to score one of his six goals in the Tigers win April 22. The Tigers held on to win the game, despite Stepinac scoring seven goals in the second half to overcome a 4-1 deficit in the first half.



Crusaders defender senior Liam O'Donnell (right) chases Tigers attackman Liam Broderick (left) from behind the goal in the first quarter.



Tigers sophomore attackman Liam Broderick played an energetic and aggressive game for White Plains. Broderick (center facing goal) positions himself at the net on offense in the first quarter to score the Tigers first goal of the game.



White Plains junior attackman Nico Mancini (left) is chased by Stepinac defender Timmy Hill (right) in the fourth quarter. Mancini could be chased and checked but not stopped, as his six goals lifted White Plains over Stepinac, 9-8.



The Crusaders sticks are up in unity during a timeout in the second quarter of the Stepinac vs. White Plains High School rivalry lacrosse game. The Crusaders won their first ever CHSAA A Championship and captured their first ever CHSAA A Lacrosse State Title last year, but they still could not tame the Tigers on April 22. Attackman Tommy Keane had four goals in the loss for Stepinac.

.....WHITE PLAINS EXAMINER SPORTS.....

Special Olympics Homecoming Day Basketball Game at WPHS

By Albert Coqueran

On Thursday, April 24, about 300 people gathered in the Harry Jefferson Gym to watch the Homecoming Day Basketball Game for Special Olympics at White Plains High School between the Tigers and Sleepy Hollow Horsemen. The Tigers varsity spring sports participants from baseball, softball and lacrosse also attended in support of the Special Olympic athletes.

The Tigers outlasted the Horsemen, 61-60, to win the Homecoming Day basketball game. Nevertheless, it was the talents and sportsmanship displayed by these student/athletes with disabilities that was the highlight of the day.

The Special Olympic players for both teams scored a combined 121 points in the game with a variety of shots that included hook shots, layups, and jump shots and remarkably three-point shots from behind the arc as well.

Of course, it took a lot of hard work and practice for the Special Olympic athletes with disabilities to develop these skills



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

On Thursday, April 24, Special Olympics at White Plains High School held their annual Homecoming Day basketball game. The Tigers Special Olympics team included (front l-r) Mike Abele and Korey Colas. The White Plains Special Olympic team was led by (back l-r) Head Coach Kevin Brown, Assistant Coach Mike Beaton and Student Assistant senior Austin Cunny.

and nobody was happier for them on Homecoming Day than their coaches who helped them learn these skills.

"We had a public address announcer, cheerleaders, mascot and a disc jockey enhancing the event on Special Olympics Homecoming Day," stated White Plains Special Olympics Head Coach Kevin Brown. "It was a great day and the Special Olympic players were the center of attention. I love this work, it is very rewarding and these students are the best to work with. They just want to be included and have fun," said Brown, who is in his sixth season coaching Special Olympics.

The Special Olympics student/athletes from White Plains attend White Plains High School as part of the Strategy for Adults Independent Living (SAIL) Program.

During the year, besides basketball, the Special Olympics student/athletes with disabilities also compete in indoor soccer in the fall, floor hockey in the winter, volleyball in the spring and have a dance at the end of the school year.

A Proud Day at White Plains High School, Crabbe's Scholarship to Concordia College

By Albert Coqueran

In the early morning hours of Tuesday, April 22, Room G121-122 was filled to capacity with about 100 people before the start of the curriculum day at White Plains High School.

Tigers' senior centerfielder Cameron Crabbe sat on the dais with his sister, Leah, father, Steven and mother, Joretta, as White Plains Head Baseball Coach Marcel Galligani hosted his star player's official signing of a Letter of Intent to attend Concordia College, in Bronxville.

Crabbe played varsity baseball for three years for the Tigers. He also participated in two varsity sports (football and baseball) for two years, while playing three sports (baseball, football and basketball) his senior year at White Plains High School.

On April 22, Crabbe made his college selection official and announced what sport he would pursue in college when he accepted a four-year athletic scholarship to play baseball at Concordia College.

"It just came down to the fact that I love baseball. I had not put that much time into baseball because I played three sports. But I want to see what I can do and hopefully it goes well," said Crabbe. "This is really the payoff for working this hard for 18 years. The reason you play sports and why you work so hard is for moments like this," Crabbe said.

Galligani orchestrated the event and an array of White Plains City School District personal, teammates, coaches, teachers and family members took turns verbalizing publically how proud they were of Crabbe's achievements during his



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

White Plains High School senior Cameron Crabbe (center) celebrated signing a Letter of Intent, while accepting a four-year athletic scholarship for baseball at Concordia College. Crabbe is pictured with (l-r) his sister Leah, father Steven, Head Baseball Coach Marcel Galligani and his mother Joretta, at WPHS on Tuesday, April 22.

four years at White Plains High School.

"The fact that all the people here are proud to associate with you means a lot. Thank you for being an outstanding athlete and most of all thank you for being an outstanding young man," stated Interim Superintendent of Schools Timothy Connors to Crabbe.

Crabbe is presently in the midst of his final season as the centerfielder for the Tigers baseball team. Last season he led the Tigers to the League Championship. Furthermore, as the quarterback for the White Plains football team, Crabbe led the Tigers to their first ever Section 1 Championship last season.

Crabbe also played varsity basketball last season for Head Coach Spencer Mayfield, while helping the Tigers compile a 16-4 record and an appearance in the Section 1 Quarterfinals.

"While attending White Plains High School, Cameron kept his goals on the top of his bedroom wall at home," mentioned Crabbe's father Steven. Galligani stood proud in front of the room filled with people and announced that Crabbe had achieved his major goal that day. "Cameron has been able to accomplish his goal to be able to get to the next level and play baseball. It is extremely gratifying that he has been able to accomplish that

goal," Galligani said emotionally.

Cameron's mother, Joretta teaches pre-school classes for the White Plains Recreation Department. She understands quite well what it takes for a student/athlete to be athletically inclined in multiple sports, while simultaneously staying focused on academics.

"Cameron has been extremely focused. He gets home from practices sometimes at 8:00 at night and he is able to relax a little bit and then do his academics, which is obviously most important," said Joretta Crabbe. "We are just incredibly proud of him on all levels today," smiled Cameron's proud mother Joretta.

Also in attendance at "A Proud Day at White Plains High School" was Cameron's grandmother, Helen Crabbe, his aunt Shirley, WPHS Principal Ellen Doherty, Athletic Director Jennifer DeSena, Head Football Coach Skip Stevens, Head Basketball Coach Spencer Mayfield, Head Softball Coach Ted O'Donnell, White Plains School Board Member Rose Lovitch and The Repetti Family.

Also joining Crabbe for the celebration were his teammates from the Tigers baseball team, as well as members of the basketball and football teams, including Marshon Morris and Chris Jordan (who both received scholarships for football to SUNY Cortland), Mike DeMello (who received a four-year scholarship for basketball to Pace University), Justin Tapper (who will attend SUNY Fredonia) and Rexler Noel (who will choose between SUNY Cortland and Buffalo State University).

.....WHITE PLAINS EXAMINER SPORTS.....

Rios Goes Distance as Falcons Cruise to 12-6 Win Over Hamilton

By Skip Pearlman

Travis Rios pitched a complete game and picked up the victory for Woodlands Friday night, as the Falcons rolled to a 12-6 win over Alexander Hamilton at Rumbrook Park in Greenburgh.

Woodlands (3-7) also split two games at Saturday's Port Chester Tournament, dropping a 13-9 decision to Port Chester in the opener, then beating Roosevelt, 13-7, in game 2.

In the win over Roosevelt, Jesus Molina



Ray Pujols of Woodlands had a key three-run double in Friday's win over Hamilton.



SKIP PEARLMAN PHOTOS

Gowayne Stockton of Woodlands is safe sliding into third in Friday's win over Hamilton.

earned the win for the Falcons, turning in a complete-game performance.

Rijos doubled and drove in two runs in the win, Bryan Rosado went 2-for-4 with two RBI, Gowayne Stockton doubled and went 2-for-4 with two RBI, and Ray Pujols was 2-for-4 with a pair of RBI for Woodlands.

"That was a good win for us," Falcons Manager Vinny DeMaria said. "We lost to Roosevelt in the opener, so it was nice

to come back and take game two. Molina threw very well for us, he threw strikes and was around the plate. And every time we scored he came back with a shutdown inning. And Rios, Rosado, Stockton and Pujols all hit the ball well."

In the loss to Port Chester, Rosado took the loss for Woodlands, going six innings.

Danny Booth went 3-for-4 with a double and one RBI, Molina was 2-for-3

with two RBI and a double, and Stockton also doubled and went 2-for-4 with a pair of RBI.

But sloppy defense was a problem for the Falcons.

"We played a little sloppy," DeMaria said of the loss. "But we hung around - even though we didn't play our best defense. We made some physical and some mental mistakes that hurt us... but Rosado threw well enough to keep us in the game."

In Friday night's win over Hamilton (0-9), it was Pujols' three-run double in the fourth that was the big blow for the Falcons. Pujols went 2-for-4 at the plate, and Stockton, Molina and Booth each had an RBI in the win.

"That was a good win," DeMaria said. "It's a bit of a rivalry... we got pitching

and we got some timely hitting. The last couple of games we've been hitting the ball a lot better. With two wins in our last three games, I feel like we're moving in the right direction. Hopefully we'll be able to make a push toward sectionals."

Woodlands was scheduled to travel to face Solomon Schechter Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.



Travis Rios of Woodlands earned the win over Hamilton Friday night at Rumbrook Park.



Bryan Rosado of Woodlands had two RBI in a Falcons win over Roosevelt Saturday.

.....WHITE PLAINS EXAMINER SPORTS..... Woodlands Hangs On to Beat Hamilton in High Scoring Affair

By Skip Pearlman

Shannon Valentin tripled and knocked in five runs to lead the hit parade for the Woodlands High softball team, as the Falcons posted a 15-12 victory over crosstown rival Alexander Hamilton in a game played Friday night at Rumbrook Park in Greenburgh.

Katie Sims tripled, went 2-for-4, and had three RBI, Sienna Stockton had two doubles and two RBI and went 2-for-5, Carly Maninno went 2-for-4 with one RBI, and Amber Aponte swiped three bases and went 2-for-5 for Woodlands, which improved to 5-3 with the win.

Maninno picked up the win on the mound for the Falcons, striking out 12 batters.

“Carly did a great job for us,” Falcons coach Thomas Newkirk said of Maninno. “She’s been the backbone of the team all season. She’s pitched five complete games out of our eight games so far, and she’s pitched well.”

Woodlands broke things open with a seven-run fourth inning to grab a 9-1 lead.

“Valentin had some key plays for us,” Newkirk said. “Her three-run triple in the fifth was big after they had closed the gap. And Hamilton played very well... their coaches are doing a great job with their team.”

Woodlands also picked up a 15-0 victory over Palisades Prep earlier Friday.

Maninno picked up the victory for the Falcons, fanning 11 while tossing a two-hit shutout.

“Carly had a very good game pitching,” Newkirk said. “She didn’t walk a batter and struck out 11, she kept the batters off-balance and only gave up two hits.”

Meanwhile, the Woodlands offense was



SKIP PEARLMAN PHOTOS

Shannon Valentin of Woodlands slides in safe at second in a win over Hamilton Friday night. Valentin had five RBI and a triple in the victory.



Carly Maninno of Woodlands delivers during a win over Hamilton Friday at Rumbrook Park.

in high gear, pushing home four runs in the second, and adding eight in the third to blow the game wide open.

Sims and Tania Ocampo each doubled and drove in a run, Maninno had two RBI, Nachure Collins went 2-for-4 with two RBI and Sophia Amendola was 2-for-3 with three stolen bases (including home) and one RBI.

“Tania had a good game,” Newkirk said. “She was in a slump and she really broke out, she helped start a rally in the third. Jillian Berridge played well for us – she made a couple of really good catches in right field, and our catcher, Sims, had a great game behind the plate, and a nice game offensively. She hit the ball hard, and to the gap.”

Newkirk said he’s happy about the team’s 5-3 start, but said the Falcons need to keep improving.



Nachure Collins of Woodlands slides safely into second in Friday’s Falcons win over Hamilton. Collins injured her right ankle on the play, and was forced to leave the game.

“The girls play well together, and we’re starting to gel,” he said. “We’re getting better as the season goes on, and they’re learning to work better together. Maninno, Collins and Aponte have been

giving great senior leadership to the underclassmen.”

Woodlands is scheduled to travel to take on Solomon Schechter Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.



Tania Ocampo of Woodlands slides in safe at home as Hamilton pitcher covers.

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