



WP Hospital Tops Off New Cancer Care Building

By Pat Casey

Located in the middle of an active urban renewal area, White Plains Hospital continues its expansion and renovation program with the topping off of its new cancer care building at the corner of Longview Avenue and East Post Road.

The occasion was memorialized as hospital staff, patients and community leaders signed the final steel beam and it was hoisted six stories into the air and placed atop the new structure.

Construction and ironworkers from A.P. Construction and Local 40 Ironworks are doing the work.

When construction is finished in fall 2015, the 40,000-square-foot, 6-story building will more than double the size of White Plains Hospital's cancer program



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The signed steel beam is ready to be fitted into place by construction and ironworkers from A.P. Construction and Local 40 Ironworks.

to 70,000 square feet. Amenities include a welcoming reception area, space for a café, gift shop, complementary therapies, and a patient medical library, as well as office space for staff. Patient volume increased 15 percent in the Hospital's Cancer Program in 2013.

The new cancer care building is expected to open in fall 2015.

The construction is part of the Hospital's most significant capital transformation project in its 121-year history, which includes another new 6-story patient tower at the other end of the campus on Davis Avenue. That structure will include five new operating suites specially designed for minimally invasive

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Stepinac Record at 5-5 After Defeat by Hayesmen, 85-70

By Albert Coqueran

The Stepinac High School Basketball Team record stands at 5-5 thus far this season, after losing to Cardinal Hayes High School 85-70, on Saturday.

The game marked the return to the Stepinac hardwood of former Head Coach Tim Philp, who resigned after the 2012-13 season to tend to family issues. Philp, a 1995 graduate of Stepinac, coached 10 years at Stepinac, with nine of those years serving as the varsity Head Coach.

Philp departed Stepinac after having one of his best seasons in 2012-13, while

leading the Crusaders to a 20-8 record and the CHSAA AA Semifinals for the first time since 1986. Philp was selected as the CHSAA AA Coach of the Year for his efforts that season.

Philp decided to return to coaching after the birth of his second child, who is presently one and half years old. He joined the ranks of Cardinal Hayes High School, under Head Coach Joseph Lods, as their new Associate Head Coach this offseason.

"It feels good to be back. I love Stepinac, I am alumnus here and it always feels good to return," said Philp. "Joe (Lods)

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Police Expand Search for Missing Edgemont Teen

The Greenburgh Police Department is still actively attempting to locate missing 16-year-old Christine (Ji Woo) Kang. Up to this point, the investigation has relied on intelligence gathered from family members and the community to direct the initial steps of the investigation. Today, police expanded their search with the assistance of the Westchester County Police Aviation and Canine Units.

At approximately 5 p.m. Monday evening, Greenburgh Police investigators positively confirmed that Christine boarded a southbound train at the Scarsdale Train Station on Friday, Jan. 2, at approximately 10:15 p.m.

They are asking anyone that has had communication with Christine



Photo of Christine Kang obtained from the Scarsdale Train Station.

within the last month to come forward and contact Greenburgh Detectives at 914-989-1700. All calls can be kept confidential.



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The new cancer care building will be six stories high and is located at the corner of Longview Avenue and East Post Road, White Plains.

surgery, three stories of private patient rooms, a new lobby and entranceway, and is also expected to be unveiled in the fall of 2015.

Already, through traffic on Davis Avenue to the Post Road has been diverted as the new entranceway and access to the existing parking structure begin development.

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White Plains Cabaret Law Focus of January Public Hearings

By Pat Casey

A series of new applications and renewals for cabaret licenses in White Plains was expected to be the focus of public hearings at Monday's meeting of the Common Council.

Adjourned from December, many establishments along Mamaroneck Avenue and some located on the periphery of the city's core are asking city management to hurry up the process of developing a new cabaret law.

Some business owners fear increased restrictions. Some residents, out in force, are hoping to quiet things down a bit on weekends. And, according to comments made by Mayor Tomas Roach at the December meeting, a new cabaret law should enable applications to go through more quickly and even eliminate the need for some businesses that might not need the now-required special permits.

Roach further suggested that owners check the current law to make sure they actually need a permit to operate the type of entertainment they are proposing.

Coughlan's on South Broadway has a hearing in process and nearby residents, representing the 10601 zip code area – the White Plains downtown – said at the December meeting that the vibrant quality of their life on weekdays was raised to a loud thumping from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. on weekends and has to end.

Coughlan's owner was not present at the December hearing, thinking it had been adjourned to January. His lawyers, however, said police reports indicated the decibel levels at the club were within legal range and that people should call the owner's cell number, which he had given out, if the music is too loud.

Executive Billiards, Ron Black's, Ichiro Asian Fusion and The Red Plum, all located on Mamaroneck Avenue, had their cabaret license hearings adjourned to January 5 as well.

Each of the public hearings appears on the Council's agenda for Monday's meeting. However, there appears to be no indication that the developing cabaret law is in a final phase and it is expected that the outcomes of each of the public hearings will again be postponed.

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Good Counsel Academy Students to Rally and March Again in White Plains

By Pat Casey

As the calendar pages turn further into 2015, Good Counsel Academy High School students, parents and their supporters prepare to rally on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 6, with a march into White Plains to raise awareness about the possible fate of their school.

With a pending July 2015 move out date from the school's campus at 52 North Broadway, White Plains, and a February acceptance date for incoming 9th grade students, the organized group is demanding answers from the leadership of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, the religious order running the school.

"We want answers," an email circulated to advertise the rally says.

Will Good Counsel Academy High School continue at the 52 North Broadway site, will it move to another location, or will it be closed down?

Already the elementary school has stated intentions to move out of its existing home on the White Plains campus in favor of another location. The fate of the high school and several nuns living in the convent on the same property is still uncertain.

The 16-acre site was put on the market at the end of May 2014. Stamford-based real estate firm CBRE was hired to find



Good Counsel Academy High School students attend a candlelight vigil in November 2014 to save their school

potential buyers for the property.

In October 2013, a town-hall-style meeting held by the Board of trustees of Good Counsel Academy High School began the search for answers regarding the fate of the school. At that meeting the Board announced they wanted at least a one-year extension from the July 2015 move out date to explore possibilities.

A hasty search by the school board had turned up one possible move for the

academy to an abandoned school in New Rochelle run by the Catholic Archdiocese. However, the building required massive repair work and rent to be paid. The funds needed to be raised for the repairs would end up in the millions of dollars and did not make sense for the school.

Tuition paying parents expressed anger and sadness at the meeting, saying they want to know what the sale price might be and who the potential buyers are for the property at 52 North Broadway. They also wanted to know why they had not been given more time to "save their school."

As time went on the New Rochelle site choice was abandoned and rumors indicated a group of investors had interest in buying the existing campus property and keeping the school, convent, chapel and other possible buildings on the site and for use by the religious order in a special leasing arrangement.

This may not have been what the order was seeking, or perhaps the bidding price was not high enough – all communication went underground with no one giving a hint as to what the outcome might be.

Many parents of enrolled students

expressed concern that their daughters should be focused on looking for colleges and not stressed by wondering where they would be attending high school next year.

As time has progressed concern has deepened and the relationship between the school's supporters and the order's leadership team severely stressed.

White Plains community groups alerted to the pending sale of prime green space in the center of White Plains also began to question the fate of the property, fearing high-rise development and the loss of historic buildings that have landmark status on the site.

Facing financial difficulties similar to those experienced by other religious orders in a day when the traditional roles of religious leaders are being challenged worldwide, the Sisters of the Divine Compassion are in the midst of an apparent schism evidenced by the fact that many of the sisters within the community seem to be in complete disagreement with the decision by their leadership team to sell off the parcel, possibly taking their ministries in a totally different direction from the focus on education of the order's founders.

Bound by vows of obedience and having lived silently in service for most of their lives, fighting back is not an easy action for the many sisters who are now making it known that they would like to see another solution to their financial problems than the selling off of their mother house and a chapel that has been listed as both a national and state historic site that should be preserved.

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Youth Bureau Celebrates 6th Grade STEM Learners

The White Plains Youth Bureau celebrated the completion of an intensive eight week STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning program, which brought hands-on STEM learning to fifteen 6th grade students in the White Plains Youth Bureau's After School Connection program at Eastview Middle School.

Twice a week the students in the program participated in hands-on projects in areas such as rocketry, roller coaster design and hovercraft design. In the process they honed their STEM skills, learned from their successes as well as their mistakes, and learned how to make adjustments as they went along. Additionally, the students documented their work in writing and on video. The workshops were led by experienced science teachers under the direction of Lawrence Perreto, Executive Director of the STEM



Sixth grade STEM students with their teachers and supporters.

Education Leadership Center.

At a final session and celebration of the program on December 16th the students worked on a final project about electrical circuitry with an audience of fascinated guests including Mayor Roach, Common Council Member Dennis Krolan, Eastview Principal Joseph Cloherty, Westchester County Youth Bureau Director Dr. Iris

Pagan, Youth Bureau Director Frank Williams and Youth Board member Dorothy Schere, parents and other friends of the program. The day's activities culminated in a magnetic "fishing contest" with groups of students competing to see who could most effectively design and operate a magnetized "fishing pole" and catch the most paper clip fish. The excitement of the students said a great deal about the degree to which the program achieved its aim of awakening the curiosity and interest of middle schoolers, both boys and girls, in the area of STEM learning, which can not only foster overall intellectual development but introduce them to future careers in these crucial and

promising areas.

"I was amazed at what these students achieved in a very short period of time and delighted to witness their obvious excitement about their projects," said Mayor Roach. "Working cooperatively with our school district, County Youth Bureau and the STEM Education Leadership Center, we are pleased to be able to offer this valuable opportunity to White Plains youth.

This project is one of a number of significant initiatives of the White Plains Youth Bureau in the area of STEM learning. Other initiatives include a Saturday Boys Academy, a Saturday Girls Academy and the hiring of a STEM specialist to provide STEM learning in the elementary after school programs.

This project was made possible by a grant from the Westchester County Youth Bureau with additional support from the Friends of the White Plains Youth Bureau.

WP Woman's Club Raises Funds for PEACE OUTside Campus



Maryann Martin, Chairwoman of the recent Woman's Club of White Plains Cork's & Forks event presents Kathleen Bonistall of PEACE OUTside Campus a check for \$ 7,500. The Woman's Club of White Plains Foundation is very proud to make this donation to PEACE OUTside Campus, The Lindsey M. Bonistall Foundation. PEACE OUTside Campus is celebrating its tenth year of serving the community by providing educational programs designed to keep our children safe in college environments.

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Westchester County Social Services Closes Valhalla Homeless Shelter

By Janine Bowen

Westchester County legislators expressed frustration and concern last week over the Department of Social Services' (DSS) abrupt decision to shut down a Valhalla homeless shelter.

DSS announced its decision to close the county-owned Valhalla Residence Shelter on Hammond Road on Dec. 31 at last Monday's Board of Legislators Community Services Committee meeting. The closure will save Westchester about \$500,000, but legislators questioned why the issue was not raised during budget proceedings in November.

"If this was the intent, I really don't understand why, just a month ago when we were here discussing [the DSS] budget going forward for 2015, that none of this was brought up," said Legislator Alfreda Williams (D-Greenburgh).

Legislators also haven't received a quarterly report from DSS since April, she added.

DSS Commissioner Kevin McGuire and Deputy Commissioner Phillippe Gille said the facility is being closed because its services are redundant. The Grasslands homeless shelter is just a quarter mile away and the building that houses the Valhalla Residence Shelter, which accommodates up to 18 people, could be used for other purposes.

Gille explained that five residents have enough income to move into permanent

single-resident homes, one will move in with relatives and another was placed in an adult home. The remaining 11 residents will be relocated to temporary housing and shelters throughout the county.

"It seems like ... Scrooge-like behavior to dispossess people or ask people to move" around Christmas, Williams said.

McGuire and Gille said the facility's closure is justified because the number of homeless people who utilize DSS shelters has been reduced over the past year. They said the remaining facilities will be able to absorb the influx of residents because only 80 percent of the beds at all county-owned shelters were filled as of Dec. 19. That statistic does not include the Valhalla Residence Shelter.

"We're fairly comfortable, absent a catastrophe of some kind, that we'll be able to make it through the year with this capacity," Gille said.

The Valhalla Residence Shelter opened more than 20 years ago to help homeless people who were suffering from HIV/AIDS. As treatments and attitudes toward the disease changed, the shelter evolved into a place for the medically frail.

According to Gille, 40 percent of people who use the shelter receive no medical care. Those who do need medical assistance are placed in a care facility, such as a nursing home, if their condition is serious enough, or they receive treatment off-site through medical providers. Gille explained that

DSS did its best to relocate residents so their medical services would continue uninterrupted.

Catherine Marsh, who opened Valhalla Residence Shelter, said she was concerned about what will happen to Westchester's homeless who suffer from mental, physical and psychiatric disorders.

Following Monday's two-hour meeting, Marsh said she would like to know if residents who are being relocated were assessed to determine whether their medical issues warrant placement in a different facility. Marsh said she recently met with a shelter director who mentioned that he was unprepared to receive a resident who recently had an amputation. She feared some shelters would be unable to accept medically frail residents.

Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) voiced skepticism whether the DSS would be able to handle the homeless population if it closes the shelter, noting that she still sees people on the streets at night. Gille countered that the DSS can only help those who arrive at the shelter for help. He explained that many homeless people will not come forward because they don't comply with DSS requirements, such as attending rehab or therapy or finding employment.

Last winter, shelters often reached capacity because of the harsh weather. Marsh said she is concerned that the shelter's closure will force people to remain

on the streets this winter.

"There was reference to the cold weather last year and the bump in the numbers, and it's winter again," Marsh said.

McGuire and Gille explained that the reduction in the number of homeless is due to more intensive case review. They spoke of a focus on eviction prevention and permanent housing solutions while developing individual living plans to avert a return to the shelter once someone is placed in a permanent home.

"I have to say that that approach seems to have been a success because we've been able to reduce the number of people that are in our system significantly in the past year," McGuire said.

Although legislators applauded the prevention approach, they urged that more work be done to treat the underlying causes of homelessness, including mental illness and substance abuse. Williams said there needs to be greater communication and cooperation between government and nonprofit agencies and community organizations.

"It seems to me that, going forward, we need to emphasize the fact that in order to provide the assistance that we need to provide to help people to be able to stand on their own feet and be employed and be in stable family situations, there needs to be a coming together of all of these agencies to work in a better relationship with one another," Williams said.

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New Year's Eve Attack. A 39-year-old man was hospitalized early Jan. 1 following an attack outside of the Royal Palace Restaurant on Knollwood Road. The man was jumped as he was leaving the restaurant by two male assailants. He was struck in the head numerous times and was taken to Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla for treatment.

No description of the attackers was given, but Greenburgh police are asking that anyone with information about the incident contact the department at 914-682-5325.

Attempted Burglary. On December 22 at 8 a.m. police responded to a call about a break in at a residence on Chelsea Road, White Plains. The resident said he and his wife had been home, but did not hear anything unusual. In the rear of the house, the den sliding door was damaged, but no entry appeared to have been made. The last time the residents had looked at the sliding door was at about 12:30 a.m. and the door was not damaged. The scene was canvassed.

Petit Larceny. On December 22 at about 12:20 p.m. police responded to Party City at 431 Tarrytown Rd. for a report of a larceny. Upon arrival the manager reported that two females in their mid-twenties had entered the store and exited with an unknown amount of items concealed in their purses. The manager noted that when the suspects exited the store, they entered a silver colored four-door sedan possibly a Honda or Acura with dark tinted windows in the parking lot. They then exited the parking lot at a high rate of speed westbound on Tarrytown Road. Additional units canvassed the area with negative results. The security camera video was reviewed but the image was blocked by balloons hanging in the store. Report filed for documentation purposes only at this time.

iPhone Thefts. On December 22 officers responded to the FedEx facility for a report of an employee stealing Royal Apple iPhones from the warehouse floor. FedEx corporate security reported that during an internal investigation one Apple iPhone along with several empty iPhone boxes were removed from the boot of an employee. Security also reported that over a period of several weeks approximately 30 to 35 iPhones had been missing from the warehouse and that 30 to 35 empty iPhone boxes had been found on the warehouse floor and in restrooms, and an additional three iPhones had been located in a FedEx truck. Security was questioning several employees about the thefts. An internal investigation included numerous videos regarding the thefts. Security intended to pursue the matter further with Police as more information was uncovered.

Pedestrian Hit. On December 23 at 12:30 a.m. police responded to the Hartsdale train station on a call of a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian. The victim said while walking up the hill from the station towards the crosswalk at E. Hartsdale Avenue, she was struck head on by a West Side taxi. The crosswalk is located on the westbound side of E. Hartsdale Avenue. The victim further reported that once struck by the vehicle she was forced onto the hood of the vehicle and then landed on the pavement on her head, using her hands and knees to brace her fall. The victim's husband, who was walking in front of her, witnessed the accident. He said he saw the vehicle coming and quickly moved to the right to get out of the way. He was unaware of where his wife was at the time. Another witness was also in the area at the time of accident and said he saw the entire incident, and that the taxi was traveling east on E. Hartsdale and made a left towards the train station, at the crosswalk near Chase bank. He also reported that the driver of the taxi

made a very sharp left turn just before striking the pedestrian. The victim said she believed the vehicle was going 15 to 20 mph. The taxi driver was issued a ticket and the victim was transported to Westchester Medical Center. She sustained injuries to both knees, an abrasion to her forehead, and pain at the back of her neck. When questioned, the taxi driver explained that he did not see the pedestrian at or near the crosswalk.

Trespass. On December 23 at 10:30 a.m. police responded to the Hackley School where the headmaster reported that bicyclists repeatedly trespass on school property. That morning he had observed three male bicyclists riding the trails in a wooded area on the property. The headmaster said there are cross-country trails on the property that are designated for use by students, and that no one else had been given permission to ride bicycles or be on that portion of the school property. The property is posted as "Private Property: No Trespassing" but the signs are repeatedly torn down. The school is ordering metal signs to post in that area. The headmaster was advised to contact police headquarters with any further issues.

Suspicious Incident. On December 23 at 10:45 p.m. police responded to a residence on Buena Vista Drive, White Plains, for a report of a suspicious vehicle. The resident, a NYPD officer, said that when he left his house at approximately 7 p.m. that evening, he saw a gray Honda Civic sitting outside his house with headlights on. He noted that one headlight was missing. He said the vehicle left but when he left his house again at approximately 10:30 p.m., the vehicle was again sitting at the edge of his driveway. When the driver of the vehicle saw the officer he drove off and the officer proceeded to follow him. He followed the vehicle down Knollwood Road where the vehicle drove through a red light and onto the highway. The officer wants to document the incident.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered. On December 24 at about 7 a.m. police responded to East Hartsdale Avenue on a call of an abandoned vehicle. Upon arrival, police noted that the vehicle was parked next to the train track with keys in the ignition, windows rolled down and a strong odor of gas emanating from the interior of the vehicle. The gas tank latch of the vehicle was also open. The surrounding area was checked, however no one was located. A NCIC check of the vehicle revealed that it was stolen out of White Plains. White Plains Police responded to the scene and waited for the arrival of the vehicle's registered owner.

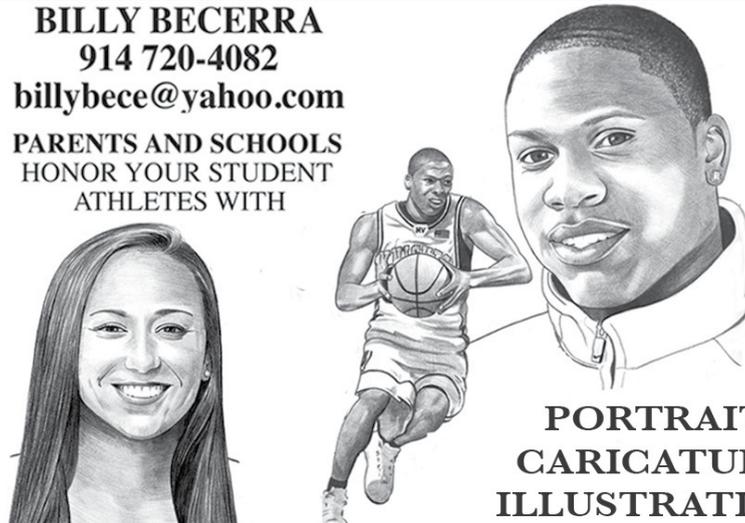
Welfare Check. On December 24 at about 3 p.m. while on routine patrol, a police officer observed a male walking from the Greenburgh Police Department parking lot into the roadway of Tarrytown Road (westbound), with no regard of vehicular traffic and caused numerous vehicles to take evasive action to avoid striking him. The male then stood in the lane of travel preventing vehicular traffic from moving. The police officer advised him to get off the roadway, which he did, but then became irate and combative and began yelling. The officer reports smelling the odor of alcohol emitting from this person and placed him in handcuffs for safety. The male voluntarily stated he had been drinking Smirnoff all day, and the reason he walked into traffic was to stop traffic and allow the officer to make a left turn into police headquarters. The male was removed from handcuffs and transported to Westchester Medical Center for intoxication.

Larceny. On December 24 at about 7:40 p.m. officers responded to the Best Buy on Central Avenue to investigate a report of a larceny. On arrival officers met with the store security guard who reported that a heavy set male, about 6'4", wearing a dark baseball cap, black shirt, and black bubble jacket came into the store and stole two X Box Ones. The security guard reported that while the suspect was in store, he spoke with the suspect and asked him if he needed help. The suspect responded no and took the boxes and walked around the store and then ran out the front door. The security guard followed and saw the suspect run across Central Avenue westbound on foot. The area was canvassed with negative results.

Officer Assist. On December 25 several Greenburgh Police units responded to 73 N. Goodwin Avenue/White Plains Avenue, Elmsford, at 12:30 a.m. for a report of shots fired called in by the Elmsford Police Department. The Greenburgh units canvassed the area with negative results. Multiple parties were also out on the street in the surrounding area coming home from or leaving residences and reported not hearing any loud noises or shots fired. The Elmsford and Greenburgh units found nothing further and left.

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Playwright Returns to Axial Theatre to Help Budding Writers

By Janine Bowen

Aspiring writers in the region will have the opportunity to get a helping hand from an award-winning playwright at the Axial Theatre in Pleasantville this winter.

Gabrielle Fox will join the faculty of Axial's playwriting program starting next Wednesday, Jan. 7, when she will offer a free introductory class from 7 to 9 p.m.

Leading the class marks a full circle career move for Fox, who attended a free writing workshop more than a decade ago and was inspired to pursue professional playwriting.

"I just loved it. I've been a writer my whole life, but when I walked into the workshop that was it," Fox said. "I knew playwriting was what I wanted."

Fox grew up around the theater because her mother was an actress, but her experience studying under Axial's first literary manager, Tony Howarth, helped her grow as a writer. She recalled how Howarth was enthusiastic about his craft and was able to nurture budding writers while providing feedback and constructive criticism.

"It was just a very, very supportive and nurturing environment, which is kind of what I'm trying to carry on," Fox said. "I think it's an important aspect for artists



Playwright Gabrielle Fox, who started on her path to become an award-winning playwright at Pleasantville's Axial Theatre more than a decade ago, returns next week to offer a writing class.

to feel safe and supported and feel free to be able to stumble and fall and make mistakes."

Since leaving the Axial Theatre playwriting program, Fox has maintained a working relationship with the organization. Axial has produced a few of her pieces and Fox has also maintained a connection with

the theater group through her role as director of extension services at Westchester Community College. Her works have been produced throughout the state and, most recently, she was honored with the Planet Activist Award for her play "The Home," which focused on the aging population and helped raise money for the Alzheimer's Association.

Fox said the play marked one of her greatest achievements personally and professionally because she raised awareness for a serious issue.

"To be able to use the play as a way to generate discussion and raise some money for a great organization was just very rewarding, and then to get the award for playwriting on top of that, it was just a great experience,"

Fox said.

Following the free class on Jan. 7, Fox will offer six subsequent classes that will run on Wednesday nights through February for a fee of \$265. The course is open to all types of writers, from beginners to advanced, regardless of what type of pieces they wish to work on.

She said novice writers will have the chance to learn from those who have had more experience, while the advanced writers will be able to hone their skills and have the chance to provide feedback and editing advice.

Perhaps most important, the writers will have an opportunity to bring something new to class each week and a forum to share their work.

"It's going to be a real working, vibrant type of group," Fox said.

Axial Theatre is located at St. John's Episcopal Church at 8 Sunnyside Ave. in Pleasantville. Anyone interested in attending the free workshop on Jan. 7 can register by calling 914-286-7680. There is no obligation to continue with the course after attending the free class.

YMCA Adds New Members to Community Advisory Board

The White Plains branch of the YMCA of Central and Northern Westchester is starting off the New Year with the appointment of new community leaders to its current White Plains branch Advisory Board.

The new members are: Gregg Baker, Esq, of Corrigan and Baker LLC, Board Chair; Kathryn DeSilva, Director of Sales, The Daily Voice; Al Gutierrez, Colliers International; Kellie King Slater, Assistant Director of Community Outreach, White Plains Hospital Center; Andrew Kutcha, ALK Investigations; Linda Levine, Licensed Financial Representative; Stuart Levine, Owner, Vino 100; Joseph Pizzimenti, President, CClean Inc.; Rori Sagal, AVP/Westchester Relationship Manager, Greater Hudson Bank; and Marie Smith, Clientele Manager, Williams

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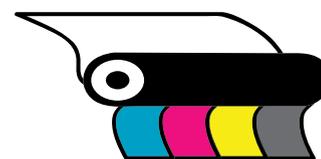
Tom Hay continues as Executive Director.

The White Plains YMCA is a 120,000 square foot facility on Mamaroneck Avenue. Organized in 1898, the current Tudor-style building was dedicated in 1927, with a new wing built in 1972. It welcomes 200 children a day to childcare, aftercare and Universal Pre-K. Over 30 aquatics programs, including aqua-cycling, serve 1500 swimmers from six months to 100+ years. Over 3000 gym members enjoy 70 exercise programs offered from Kids Boot Camp to Silver Sneakers. The Y also houses 144 residents and exchange students at its residence and has an award-winning Youth and Government program; www.ymca-cnw.org.

Ron Black's Raises \$7,000 for Alzheimer's Research



Ron Blacks Beer Hall hosted a golf outing on October 20 to support Alzheimer's research at Burke Rehabilitation Center in White Plains. More than 50 golfers participated in the event at Lake Isle Country Club in Eastchester, helping to raise over \$7,000. The funds will go towards Burke's new research study on the therapeutic use of benfotiamine in Alzheimer's disease. Pictured: Gary Gibson, Ph.D., (center) Director, Laboratory for Mitochondrial Biology and Metabolic Dysfunction in Neurodegeneration at Burke Medical Research Institute, Bronxville resident and Ron Blacks owner Declan Rainsford (far right) and members of the Ron Blacks staff.



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Obituaries

Maria Zicca

Maria Zicca passed away on January 4 surrounded by her family at home. Maria was born March 23, 1924 in Fagnano Castello, Italy. She was predeceased by her husband Agostino Zicca, Sr. She is survived by her four sons Camillo (Susan) of Mahopac, Frank (Ellen) of Mahopac, Vinny (Pam) of Cortlandt Manor, Augie Jr. of Hartsdale, her daughter Carmelina Zicca Stancato (Franco) of White Plains, eight grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Maria was a homemaker and retired seamstress. Maria and her husband Agostino immigrated to the United States in 1956 and made their home in White Plains for over 50 years.

John Kellberg

John Enoch Kellberg III passed peacefully the morning of January 3. He was 72. Born in White Plains, he graduated in 1961 from White Plains High School. He then served in the United States Marine Corp. After leaving the service, John worked for Xerox Corporation for over 40 years. John is survived by his wife Joyce, mother Alice Blando and two children John and Amy. John's wife Angela and their children Stephen and Alex. Amy's fiancé David Janecek. The family will receive friends at Ballard-Durand Funeral Home, 2 Maple Avenue, White Plains from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday Jan. 6. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday Jan. 7 at Grace Lutheran Church, 59 Grand Boulevard, Scarsdale. Place of final disposition will be at Ferncliff Cemetery following the service.

Matthew DiTomasso

Matthew DiTomasso, Jr. a longtime resident of White Plains, died on January 2 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 77.

Born on February 21, 1937, to the late Matthew, Sr. and Norina DiTomasso, the second of three children, Matthew was raised in Tuckahoe. He served in the United States Army from 1960-1962. He had a career of over 20 years with the White Plains School District, first as Grounds Foreman, then as Custodial Supervisor for White Plains High School, and finally as Evening Custodian Supervisor for the district. He was a lifelong NY Yankee fan, who enjoyed watching all manner of sports. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Marie, son Matthew III, grandson Christopher, sister Rosemary Fama and, brother Vincent DiTomasso.

Joseph Brody

Joseph Brody, of White Plains, died January 2 at home, he was 85 years old. Joseph was born on August 26, 1929 in Leon France. Joseph came to the U.S. in early 1950s and soon thereafter joined the Air Force, and was stationed on Okinawa during the Korean Conflict. Joseph was

president of the Holy Name Society at St. John the Evangelist Church.

Joseph is survived by four children; Paul Brody of Prattsville, NY, Patricia Edwards of Branford, CT, Andre Brody of White Plains and Michelle Antini of Branford, CT, a sister Dora Sadeski in Leon France, six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Frances B. Caridi

Frances B. Caridi, a lifelong resident of White Plains, passed away peacefully on January 2 surrounded by her loving family. She was born March 7, 1927 to the late Demetrio and Carmela Ferrante Vocola. Frances married Dominick R. Caridi on May 1, 1949 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in White Plains. He predeceased her in 1985.

She is survived by her children, Patricia Caridi, Deborah (Doug) Wood, Michael Caridi, Barbara Caridi and Angela (Dan) Berube, all of White Plains. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Scott, Kimberly, Matthew, Samantha and Christopher along with her sister Pasqualina Figueroa, her brother-in-law, sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her sisters, Angela Lettiere and Santa Vocola and her brother-in-law Angelo Lettiere.

Frances was loving, kind, generous and sweet. She enjoyed travels near and far and was a wonderful cook. She will be greatly missed by her children and grandchildren, who called her Mima.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. www.lls.org.

Alvin Mallet

Alvin Mallet, "Captain Al", 77, of Poughquag, NY, passed away on December 30, 2014 at Vassar Hospital after a long illness. He was the husband of Sally (Gratta) Mallet. Al was born on September 16, 1937 to the late Alphonse and Lucia (Bourgeois) Mallet. He grew up in North Tarrytown and moved to Silver Lake where he raised his family. He was a firefighter for the city of White Plains for 23 years and was an avid sportsman who loved fishing, hunting, and all things outdoors. In addition to his wife of 57 years, he is survived by his sons Ron, Steve (Donna), and Rich (Donna) and daughter Carol (Larry); 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society.

Jayden Morrison

Jayden Andre Morrison entered this beautiful life on February 3, 2010 in White Plains. He went to be with the Lord on December 24, 2014. Jayden was the son of Tabatha I. Walker-Morrison and Andre P. Morrison. He was the twin brother of little Jordan Michael, Kelsey Carolyn was his baby sister and Kennedy

Nicole his older sister. Jayden attended Hawthorne Country Day in Hawthorne. He was proficient in technology and enjoyed playing with his blue iPad. His favorite television programs were Sesame Street and Sid the Science Kid, favorite station Nick Jr. He actively participated and became involved in these children's learning activities. His gross motor skills were very good and he loved running, jumping and climbing. Jayden found comfort in the usage of his "Yuk-Yuk" and being in the arms of his mother, father and grandmother, Carolyn Sumpter. He was dearly loved by everyone who knew him and touched many lives. Jayden will be remembered by his warm, pleasant smile and big hugs. He leaves to cherish loving memories his parents, brother and sisters; maternal grandmother Carolyn Harvey Sumpter; paternal grandmother Olga Andrews (deceased); surrogate grandparents Brenda and Eugene Washington Sr.; uncle Robert T. Sumpter Jr.; cousin Brandon Jaiden Sumpter; uncles Eusebio (Poppy) Pimental (deceased); Julian Phillips; aunts Angela R. Jacobs & Lenita Jacobs-Simmons; and a host of cousins and friends. The family also acknowledges the following special people in Jayden's life: Godmothers Bessie Chance and Shanauzelda Montgomery; Godfathers Eugene Washington and Norman Edwards.

Greenburgh's Feiner Wants to Recycle Potted Christmas Trees

Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner is asking residents with potted Christmas trees to donate them to the town for use as plantings to make "Greenburgh greener."

Citing a similar project in Bayonne, New Jersey, where residents are encouraged to purchase potted rather than cut trees and then donate them to the town in January, Feiner says he wants to give the program a try.

The recycled trees in Bayonne are planted in municipal parks.

If you are interested in making such a donation contact Greenburgh Town Hall or email Feiner at pfeiner@greenburghny.com.

If you have a cut tree, the town picks them up similar to the leaf bag system. Leave used trees at the curb.

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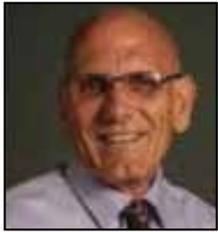
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From the Harrison Mayor and Town Hall, January 5, 2015



Ron Belmont,
Supervisor/Mayor of
Harrison

I would like to take this time to extend my warmest wishes for a happy and healthy new year. I hope you, and your family, had a peaceful and joyous holiday season, appreciating and celebrating the blessings in our

lives. As we begin 2015, I am happy to report that Harrison continues to build on the success of the last few years. In addition to our improved bond rating from Moody's, Harrison's 2015 Budget was adopted and remains under Governor Cuomo's mandated tax cap. Three new police officers were added to the Harrison Police Department. DPW staff remains steady and buildings and equipment have been kept up to date. The Recreation Department continues to increase and improve their programs, with a record number of residents using

the facilities. The Town Board successfully entered into an agreement with Verizon, allowing residents to enjoy FiOS service. I am proud to say we have made great strides while keeping tax increases in check, maintaining a healthy reserve and providing all necessary municipal services. Building on this momentum is a priority and I look forward to the challenges and opportunities in the year ahead.

Recently, my office was contacted by the Community Relations Officer from the online publication, Safe Choice Security. The Town/Village of Harrison has been named one of the 20 most improved cities in New York. To ensure the accuracy of rankings, the publication compared crime statistics (including both property and violent crimes) of all municipalities, with populations of over 5,000 from the years 2007 to 2012, to determine the list of the safest cities. Visit www.safechoicesecurity.com/blog/20-cities-

[in-new-york-with-the-most-improved-crime-rate-for-the-full-list](http://www.safechoicesecurity.com/blog/20-cities-in-new-york-with-the-most-improved-crime-rate-for-the-full-list).

I would like to bring your attention to the Harrison Girl Scouts. Frequently, over the last several months, the Girls Scouts have generously donated Girl Scout cookies along with creating artwork and cards for the Senior Citizens that receive Meals on Wheels. These items have been received with much joy and appreciation. During the holiday season, the Scouts sang holiday carols, prepared holiday cards and provided candy canes. Thank you to all involved, specifically Troop 1880, Leader Selena Cefaloni, Troop 1896, Leader Anna Catanzariti, Troop 2376, Leader Lindsey Helmer, Troop 1885, Leaders Patti Rube and Morela Paris and Troop 2468, Leader Veronika Frohlich for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

The Harrison Public Library is continuing its community movie program. While the Library is under

construction, the new location for Brown Bag Cinema is in Harrison's Town Hall. The Library staff will show "Gone Girl" on January 16th at 12 noon. For more information, call 914/948-2092.

Please make note of the Sanitation Schedule Change for the week of January 19, 2015: Monday, January 19th is a Holiday and Town Offices will be closed. Garbage and recycling normally collected on Monday, 1/19 will be collected on Tuesday, 1/20. Garbage and recycling normally collected on Tuesday, 1/20 will be collected on Wednesday, 1/21. There will be no Bulk Trash pickup on Wednesday, 1/21. The normal collection schedule for household trash and recycling will resume on Thursday, 1/22.

The next "Lunch with the Mayor" is on Friday, January 16th. I will be at Casa D'Italia located at 265 Halstead Avenue in 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

The 4 Worst Things to Say to a Suffering Loved One

In this month's issue of Psychology Today, Andrea Bonior, Ph.D., author of The Friendship Fix, describes the worst things to say to a friend who is suffering. These platitudes, she says, may make matters worse even though the urge to use them may be strong. The same applies to when we are talking to our children. If you are mindful about what you say you are less likely to confuse or anger your loved ones and more likely to be helpful, as intended. Here are four

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things to avoid saying to friends or children and suggestions for what to say instead.

"I know how you feel." Whether you are talking to a friend or a child, be careful to avoid turning someone else's problem into a chance to talk about yourself. Even if you've been through similar circumstances, other factors are at play that makes how you felt and coped different from how another person might. Age, psychological characteristics, situational characteristics, and a host of other variables can affect how each individual handles struggles. It's great to empathize and relate to other people's challenges, but validate their feelings before assuming you know exactly how they feel.

"This is God's plan." This remark

Parenting Pep Talk



By Dr. Jaime Fleckner Black

can be confusing for some and infuriating for many. Children in particular may not understand why exactly God would plan for them to bear such adverse circumstances and to feel so helpless and sad. If these beliefs bring a friend peace, allow her to share that with you, but avoid offering it up on your own. You might come off like you think you've got fate all figured out.

"If you need anything, give me a call." Don't put the

burden on the sufferer to come to you for help. This line offers a friend a vague promise of help, but you are better off offering tangible help, for example, asking if she'd like you to pick up her kids up after school or to do some food shopping for her. When it comes to your own children, don't wait for them

to come to you if you know something is going on. Talk to them about what they need from you. This is especially important if you are a parent who does not live with your children.

"..." Saying nothing at all can be the worst thing you can do to a friend or a child who is dealing with adversity. People are often scared of saying the wrong thing and, especially when it comes to subjects like dating and sex, parents can be afraid of handling a subject all-wrong. Saying nothing, however, can be painful and leave children feeling confused and left alone to jump to their own conclusions. Don't wait for them to come to you. When in doubt ask questions and let your loved one explain their feelings to you.

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White Plains to Open New Tennis Bubble at Delfino Park

Word from the White Plains Mayor's office is that a new indoor year-round tennis court is being constructed at Delfino Park – and it is expected to open later this month.

According to the city news report,

the facility, which will be operated by Tennis Innovators, will give residents access to courts from Labor Day through Memorial Day when the City's outdoor courts are not open.

The total number of courts at Delfino

will increase from 6 to 8 with existing courts upgraded and new Har-Tru courts created.

The facility will also include a new tennis clubhouse with a lounge area, changing rooms and pro shop. Tennis

Innovators will construct, operate, manage and maintain the courts year-round at no cost to the city. White Plains residents will receive a 15 percent discount on court fees. There will be no membership or initiation fees charged.

Beauty of Cut Flowers as Part of Décor Lifts Spirits as Well

Ever since our first year of marriage, there's always been something special to my wife and me about adding fresh cut flowers to our home decorating scheme. To this day, mostly every week when I stop off at A&P to pick up my copy of The Examiner, I look for the special bargains in the flower section.

If I hadn't become a reporter, then a PR guy and realtor, I know I would have been perfectly happy as a florist because I love coming home, choosing one of the many vases we keep under the sink and making a new and large floral arrangement, challenging myself to have each one look very different from any I've made before. Then I place it in the center of our kitchen island that has an overhead light that beams down directly on it where it will be sure to catch my wife's attention when she returns home from work.

What is it, I wondered, beyond their beauty, that makes fresh flowers so much a desirable part of our interior décor?

I remembered reading about a study that answered this question.

Sponsored by the Society of American Florists and conducted by Dr. Nancy Etcoff of Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, that study considered the immediate effects flowers have on mood in comparison to a generic piece of home décor over a period of a week. Those who lived with fresh cut

flowers during that period felt an increase in compassion and kindness and felt less negative. They most frequently placed flowers in their kitchen (our favorite spot), dining room and living room where they spend most of their time at home. It was also found that having flowers at home had a positive carryover impact on their mood at work.

Presenting flowers at home doesn't seem to hurt in the romance department either. According to a 2012 study reported in the Journal of Social Psychology, men who sought to engage women (vernacularly speaking, pick them up) in a shopping mall

scored more successfully near a flower shop than they did near a cake shop or shoe store. Flowers are proven scientifically to convey emotion, from our early prom date to that final funeral spray.

I especially enjoy the creative "hunt" aspect to decorating with flowers when I come across special "buys" that look exotic -- beyond the roses, carnations, daisies and mums that you would expect to find -- perhaps a variety of lily that I might never have seen before, laden with buds that haven't quite opened, full of promise



By Bill Primavera

for the beauty that awaits me in the days ahead.

We take special delight in using unusual conveyances for the flowers. We don't settle for just ordinary vases, but look for other vessels not normally considered for flowers such as antique pitchers, mixing bowls, canisters and vintage milk bottles.

Throughout the seasons, I like to add color, sticking to the yellows and pinks of spring, the oranges and purples of fall and the reds, greens and whites of winter, all etherealized with lots of baby's breath, which I always use as the finishing halo to most arrangements I do.

There are times when I'm feeling particularly elaborate, such as this past holiday season when I found bargain bunches of flowers as cheaply as \$4.99 and bought a dozen of them for a massive and thick Christmas display. I followed that up during New Year's week with one that was quite delicate, open and loose, with generous spacing between stems, standing straight with the use of a frog at the bottom of the container.

By the way, my favorite trick for having tulips stand straight as a stick in the vase in

spring -- and I was surprised when I had a co-worker who didn't know about it -- was to place a few pennies in the bottom of the vase. The copper in the pennies make them stand straight...but look for older pennies which have more copper in them.

I've just purchased a condo where I have a Juliete balcony high above ground level with no way to just swing open the doors and step outside to enjoy a flower garden. But I have a fabulous idea to have fresh flowers indoors all year long. I'm taking an antique iron urn from the garden of my country home and placing it just inside my balcony windows and, from spring through fall, I will plant a profusion of geraniums in it. During winter, I will fill it with a large bowl of fresh cut flowers. It will be my way of always having the color and mood-lifting energy of fresh flowers indoors all year long.

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A World-famous Restaurant is the Victim of Holiday Foul Play



By Nick Antonaccio

My wife and I have been fortunate over the years to enjoy high-end travel destinations and the sophisticated restaurants that thrive nearby.

Several of these destinations and restaurants have been in the wine regions of several countries, notably France, Italy and the United States.

Whenever we see one of these destinations in the news, it rekindles our fond memories of the unique times

his (at the time) innovative approach to menu offerings, eclectic ingredients and groundbreaking food preparation. The restaurant has earned the coveted top ranking from the dining review arm of Michelin (three stars, one of only nine restaurants so acclaimed in the United States).

We returned to The French Laundry several years later for a similarly glorious meal and wondrous wine pairing, but recently its reputation has influenced its price: \$295 for a nine-course chef's tasting dinner, before considering the world famous, and equally expensive, wine list offerings.

With these memories now brought to the forefront of my consciousness as I read last week's news, I sought out the details of the burglary more closely.

Keller and his staff served their last meal on Christmas Eve, before a scheduled renovation and expansion of the restaurant, and "had just settled down for a long winter's nap," to blatantly use a line from the Clement C. Moore poem I recently read to our young family members.

The vacant restaurant was broken into on Christmas Day.

How did they enter? The thief (or

thieves) clumsily smashed open the door to the wine cellar -- with a hammer, splintering the lock and the door. "They spoke not a word but went straight to their work. And filled all their stockings."

What did they flee with? Precious wine, valued at over \$300,000, according to the Los Angeles Times. And not the first

wines they could grab, but specific bottles from specific high-end wineries. These facts had me thinking it was an inside job perpetrated by one or more knowledgeable burglars.

However, when I saw the story, my first thought was Whoa! What a collection. This surely ranks with the most expansive and expensive restaurant cellars in the United States. Even an average price of \$300 per bottle for the higher-end wines would equate to about 1,000 bottles -- and this would represent just a portion of the cellar contents. Reading further, Keller confirmed that only 76 bottles were missing. That is an average value of nearly \$4,000 per bottle.

Additional details began to emerge.

The list of stolen bottles read like a Who's Who of high-end wines, many of which are rarely on a restaurant wine list, unless you're a three-star Michelin restaurant serving \$295 dinners. And

did I mention that this expansive and expensive cellar caters to a capacity of only 62 seats at The French Laundry? This is a striking example of rare, quality wines at a rare, quality restaurant.

The list of individual wines is dominated by the most expensive bottles in the world: Domaine de la Romanée-Conti from the French Burgundy region (60 bottles), the most valued bottle of which is estimated to be worth \$15,000. The American cult wine Screaming Eagle is also represented on this now infamous list, as are several bottles of Dom Pérignon, a French cult Champagne.

Here the term "valued at" refers to retail pricing. The prices on a restaurant wine list are typically marked up two to three times over retail (and for rare wines even higher), which if this is the case for The French Laundry list, would catapult this theft to grand proportions.

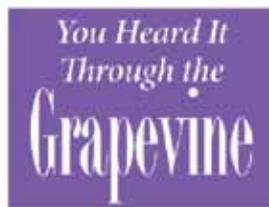
Certainly Keller will recover from this tragedy -- and most likely more quickly than I.

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we enjoyed. But every so often, these destinations are in the news for less than glorious reasons. So it was last week. The French Laundry restaurant, deep in the heartland of Napa Valley, was burglarized.

We were patrons when the owner and chef, Thomas Keller, first opened the restaurant in 1994 to critical acclaim for





The Restaurant Examiner



Westchester's Creative Chefs Meet Chris Hettinger, Cellar 49, Tarrytown

By Jerry Eimbinder

Chef de Cuisine Chris Hettinger oversees the food operations at Cellar 49, a restaurant located on the Tarrytown House Estate.

Cellar 49 occupies the cellar of the historic Biddle Mansion, the former home of heiress and philanthropist Mary Lillian Duke Biddle whose family's American Tobacco Company dominated the tobacco industry for many years.

Hettinger, a Mahopac resident who graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park in 1996, joined the estate's staff in 1997 as a breakfast cook, and after several promotions, was named executive chef in 2009.

He favors the use of Hudson Valley and mid-Atlantic meat, fish and produce and his preference for local, sustainable and organic sources extends to locally caught seafood.

Below is the recipe for his Oscar's smoked pork chop is shown below (Two servings).

1. Ingredients for cheese grits

½ cup coarse-grind yellow or white grits
1-½ cup water
½ cup heavy cream
¼ pound aged cheddar cheese, shredded
¼ pound parmesan cheese, grated
2 Tbsp. butter
2 Tbsp. fresh Herbs, chopped (thyme,



Oscar's smoked pork chop served at Cellar 49.

rosemary, chives, parsley)

Salt and pepper to taste

2. Ingredients for Swiss chard

1 bunch Swiss chard
2 Tbsp. cider vinegar
1 tsp. sugar
1 tsp. butter
2 cloves garlic, minced
Salt and pepper to taste

3. Ingredients for chops

2 each. Oscar's smoked pork chop (1-¼ inch thick)

2 Tbsp. Peach preserves

Instructions for Swiss chard

Add one gallon of water, the cider vinegar, the sugar and salt and pepper to a sauce pot. Bring to a boil. Trim

away any heavy stem and wilted pieces of leaves from the Swiss chard. Rough chop the chard into bite-size pieces and rinse in cold water to remove any dirt or sand. Add the cleaned Swiss chard to the boiling water/vinegar/sugar mixture and simmer for two minutes. Remove the chard from the water using a strainer and put in a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking process. Strain out the ice water and reserve the Swiss chard.

Instructions for grits

Bring 1½ cups water and ½ cup cream to a boil. Add the grits in a stream to the boiling liquid while stirring. Lower the heat to medium and cook grits until done. (Refer to the package information

on cooking time as this may vary from brand to brand.) Add the cheeses, butter and herbs until fully incorporated. Season with salt and pepper. Keep warm.

Instructions for chops

Heat your grill until the grates are very hot. Place the chops on the grill and cook for four minutes. Rotate the chops 90 degrees and continue cooking for another four minutes. Flip the chops over and lower the grill temperature to medium. Spread the peach preserves on the cooked side of the chops. Continue to cook the chops until cooked all the way through about six to eight minutes.

Note: The smoked chop is a cooked product. The grilling of the chop is really the heating of it through and adding the grill marks for flavor.

Plating instructions

While the chop is grilling, melt the butter in a sauté pan until bubbling. Add the garlic and sauté until fragrant. Add the Swiss chard and cook until hot and slightly wilted (about four minutes). Season with salt and pepper. On two separate plates, add the reserved grits in the center. Place the Swiss chard on top follow by the chop. Serve.

Cellar 49 is located at the 26-acre Tarrytown House Estate & Conference Center, 49 E. Sunnyside Lane in Tarrytown. 1-800-553-8118 or visit www.tarrytownhouseestate.com.

Creative, Appetite-whetting Dishes to Savor in Tarrytown

•**Bistro 12.** Grilled octopus on top of escarole. Octopus is grilled for 20 seconds. Prepared with oil and golden garlic. Served as an appetizer or entrée.

•**Bistro Z.** Chilean sea bass with diced fennel, butternut squash and purple potato.

•**Cooper's Mill.** Hudson Valley apple-brined Berkshire pork chop, roasted apple, spicy apple chutney, asparagus.

•**Demeter's Tavern.** Roast beef, sliced ultra thin, piled high and served hot. This is not your ordinary roast beef sandwich. With cheese, onions and hot or sweet peppers.

•**Equus.** Lobster and cauliflower salad. Truffle vinaigrette dressing (shallot, leeks, truffle oil/juice, champagne vinegar, grape seed oil). A gluten-free option, minus the lobster, is also available.

•**Horsefeathers.** Flounder or shrimp stuffed with Maryland blue crab.

•**Lefteris Gyro.** Aegean platter: Moussaka, pastitsio, spinach pie and gyro. Served with dinner Greek salad, pita bread and choice of French fries or rice.

•**Little B's.** Bratwurst and half-bacon



Lobster and cauliflower salad with truffle vinaigrette dressing is served at Equus.

sliders are smoked in-house. The bratwurst is served with sauerkraut (cooked down with stout beer), cheese sauce, red onion, pickles, baconaise spread and house's chipotle ketchup.

•**Mr. Nick's.** Chicken Rollatini with broccoli rabe, roasted peppers, fresh mozzarella, marsala sauce.

•**Osaka Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi.** Sushi bar and hibachi.

•**RiverMarket Bar & Kitchen.** Maine mussels in spicy lobster bisque with toasted Italian county bread for soaking up the leftover bisque.

•**Ruth's Chris Steak House.** "Classic Dinner" entrée: Combination of Chilean sea bass, veal rib chop and choice of rib eye steak or filet.

•**SB&G.** A restaurant name change and a new menu will be introduced in early January, 2015.

•**Silver Tips Tea Room.** Egg Souchong sandwich. Hard-boiled eggs are marinated in Lapsang Souchong tea, which is a smoky black tea, mashed and blended with seasonings, including mustard and chives to create the egg salad. Available as a toasted tea sandwich but not toasted as part of an afternoon tea service. Closes at 5 p.m. on weekdays and 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

•**Sunset Cove.** Monkfish medallions. Capers, plum tomato, roasted garlic and artichoke over couscous.

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spicy mayo (hot) and eel (sweet, plum-color).

•**Swagat.** Chicken Madras. Chicken cooked with roasted coconut, mustard seed and hot chili pepper.

•**Sweet Grass Grill.** Roasted Asian jackfruit, mashed potato, lentil, carrot, mushroom.

•**Tarry Tavern.** Profiterole of escargot filled with garlic potato purée and a parsley Beurre blanc. (Uses the classic Pate à choux dough from which éclairs are made.)

•**The Taco Project.** Mexican takeout.

•**The Tapp.** Fig and prosciutto pizza. Red onion, fig goat cheese, mozzarella, black sesame seeds.

•**Twisted Oak.** Chatham cod rubbed with pastrami spice. Ribbons of braised red cabbage, pumpernickel pain perdu, melted Gruyère cheese and Thousand Island dressing.

Tarrytown also has two popular diners: Bella's, which closes at 8 p.m. on weeknights and 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and Eldorado West open 24/7.

New Wave Icons the B-52s to Perform at the Capitol Theatre in Port Chester

By Jacob Kussmaul

For fans of flamboyance and danceable nostalgia, Athens Georgia's the B-52s are still as pertinent as ever. Best known for such classics as "Rock Lobster," "Love Shack" and "Roam," the band will wrap up the month of January at Port Chester's Capitol Theatre on Saturday, Jan. 31. The show will commence at 8 p.m.

Over three decades strong, the band's rollicking persona and catchy call-and-response tactics have ruled them as longstanding innovators in the alternative nation.

In the mid 1970s, Kate Pierson, Cindy Wilson, and Fred Schneider recruited Keith Strickland and Cindy's brother, Ricky, to be in their band. While thinking up potential names, the group settled on "the B-52s" after the evocative hairstyles of Pierson and Wilson. In an interview with Jon Bream of the Star Tribune, Pierson gave a precise explanation of how the name influenced their concept.

"When we named ourselves the B-52s—that's slang for big beehive hairdos—it was all about being Fellini-esque and changing it up and transformation; wearing a mask or a wig can be transformative in theater," she was quoted as saying.

The quintet's chemistry blossomed in a unique way. Contrary to the virtuous dynamic of other Athens bands, all five members had no formal musical training or experience. By their debut gig on Valentine's Day 1977, they made a drastic leap in their



The B-52s Cindy Wilson, Fred Schneider and Katie Pierson.

competence as a live act. A proper line up of Schneider and Pierson on lead vocals, the Wilson siblings on guitar and bass, and Keith Strickland on drums allowed the group to experiment while performing. Pierson's singing voice exhibited an exceptional range, from tuneful and whimsical to raucous screaming. Coupled with her sparse organ riffs, Schneider's comical narratives, and Cindy Wilson's harmonies, the B-52s gave the otherwise bleak and mysterious Athens music scene a dose of life.

In a relatively short time, the band established a solid fan base within the punk and new wave communities of the United States and United Kingdom. Their first single, "Rock Lobster," featured a drop

C tuning and a lighthearted, yet chaotic energy, which was unique for the time. Its B-side, "52 Girls," featuring greater emphasis on melody and harmony, was equally representative. Such exposure led to a series of prolific gigs, including New York City's CBGB club, and the Electric Ballroom in London, England. In late 1979, the band released their self-titled debut album. An extended, more radio friendly take of "Rock Lobster" was included, peaking at 56 on the Hot 100 chart. Riding on the success of subsequent efforts (1980's "Wild Planet" and 1983's "Whammy!" respectively), the debut album eventually reached platinum status.

The death of Ricky Wilson in 1985 from AIDs prompted a three-year hiatus, but the

B-52s soldiered on. They skyrocketed to greater heights with their comeback album, 1989's "Cosmic Thing," winning a Grammy Award in early 1991. Based on the strength of monster hits "Love Shack" and "Roam," this allowed the band to finally benefit from music royalties.

Despite overwhelming success, however, it did not guarantee them financial security. Thus, the B-52s are primarily a touring band, packing a myriad of dates into their itinerary each year. In an interview with Howard Stern back in 2010, Fred Schneider expressed that the band has played "... upwards of 50 shows a year." Since then, their touring activity has remained relatively consistent, according to songkick.com. Schneider told Stern, "I'm not wealthy. We only started making money after 'Cosmic Thing.'" He added, "I live pretty modestly. I'm not broke, but I can't retire."

Schneider has most recently been involved with his side project, the Superions. Their single, "Konnichiwa" released in May of last year and has been made available via iTunes. Additionally, Kate Pierson also plans to release her debut solo album, "Guitars and Microphones," with a release date slated for this February.

Tickets for the B-52s' performance at the Capitol Theatre, located at 149 Westchester Avenue, will cost \$35 for Balcony seating, \$55 for Loge, and \$75 for Orchestra. For more information, visit www.thecapitaltheatre.com, or call 914-937-2146.

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Wednesday, Jan. 7

Noontime Getaway Concert. Pianist Tanya Gabrielian rose to international acclaim with first prizes in the Scottish International Piano Competition, and the Aram Khachaturyan International Piano Competition. Hailed by the London Times "a pianist of powerful physical and imaginative muscle," she plays the Suite in A Major of J.S. Bach and Scenes from Childhood of Robert Schumann. A 30-minute free concert, 12:10 p.m., presented by Downtown Music at Grace Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Church Streets, White Plains.

Mother Nature's Story Time. Enjoy winter days at the center with nature-themed stories, nature walks, live animals and/or crafts during this six-week program. For children two to four years old with a parent or caregiver. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: \$50 per child. Non-members: \$90 per child. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Info and pre-registration: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

American Civil War Program. Virginia's Confederate Monuments with historian, author and educator Rev. Dr. Timothy Sedore. 7:30 p.m. at The Purdy House, 60 Park Ave., White Plains. For further information contact 914-949-4679 or Program@CivilWarNY150.org.

Thursday, Jan. 8

Greenburgh Early Childhood Program. Pre-Registration will be held at 6 p.m. in the Woodlands High School Auditorium at 475 W. Hartsdale Avenue, Hartsdale. The Pre-K program is for all children who will be turning 4 years old by December 31, 2015 and who are residents of Greenburgh. No income-requirements required for Pre-K. Applications will be distributed based on a "First Come, First Served Basis." The program includes both Regular Education as well as Special Education Classes. Limited Head Start Pre-School space for children in district/out of district turning 3 or 4 years old by December 31, 2015, through Head Start Program. The Head Start Program is based on household income set forth by the Federal guidelines.

Manhattanville School of Business Open House. This program will provide

an overview of Manhattanville's graduate business programs, adult undergraduate programs, advanced certificates and what to expect when applying and enrolled. Prospective students can meet with program directors, admissions staff, financial aid staff and representatives from student services. There will also be a panel discussion featuring current students, representing each of the college's graduate business programs. Reid Castle at Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 6:15 to 8 p.m. Free. (There will be a \$75 application fee waiver for attendees.) Registration required. Info and registration: e-mail business@mville.edu or visit www.mville.edu/business.

Friday, Jan. 9

Photography Competition. Westchester Photographic Society's thought provoking competition, in which each maker has significantly contributed his/her own originality, talent, humor and/or philosophy to the subject. Members compete in print, slides, and digitally projected categories. This evening is inspiring for both 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. Westchester Photographic Society, WCC, Tech. Bldg., Rm. 107, 8 p.m. No charge. Guests are welcome; 914 827-5353; www.WPSphoto.org.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Winter Wonderland Hike. A hike to enjoy the fresh, crisp air. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 11 a.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

Forest Magic. Come discover the magical world of the forest, hear some mythical lore, build fairy and troll houses and more. Costumes are encouraged. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Sunday, Jan. 11

Music of Freedom Concert. An Interfaith Community Gathering in Honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; 4 p.m. at Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains. Refreshments following concert. There is a free-will offering. Please bring non-perishable food items for our Westchester neighbors. For information contact MLK Institute at 914-949-6555 or info@mlkwestchester.org.

Winter Walk. Bring your hat and gloves and come explore the grounds with a naturalist. Take an easy walk to study

winter life and to see what animals do to survive the cold. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Blasting Belly Fat Through Nutrition & Cleansing. 4 p.m. Complimentary Lecture/Tasting Party: Art of Dressing by Tonia Boutique & Event Room, 555 E. Boston Post Rd., Mamaroneck. Hosted by Board Certified Dietician-Nutritionist Renee Simon, M.S., C.N.S. Learn the keys to lasting belly fat loss and boosting metabolism, what causes weight gain and plateaus, the role that stress and toxicity play in weight issues and how to cleanse effectively. Improve your energy, vitality and overall health for the New Year. The lecture will be followed by a Q & A session and a healthy smoothie tasting. Space is limited, register by calling 914-806-6559, or emailing cindyr@happykidspersonalized.com. For more information visit www.totalwellnessnutrition.com

Monday, Jan. 12

Irvington Stage Door Series: "The Stranger." Presenting new works in a relaxed setting where audience members can give their feedback to the creative team, this reading is an adaptation of the Albert Camus novel. Presented by The Seeing Place Theater Ensemble. Irvington Town Hall Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 7:30 p.m. Advance online sales: \$10 (plus \$1.60 per ticket fee). At door: \$13. Info and tickets: 914-591-6602 or visit www.irvingtontheater.com.

Friday, Jan. 16

Mentoring: "Show us What You've Got." Westchester Photographic Society presents a Mentoring Session that will surely be enjoyed by both club members and its guests. WPS welcomes all photographers, whether budding or professional, to become members. Mutual support for the enhancement of our craft is our specialty. Westchester Photographic Society, WCC, Tech. Bldg., Rm. 107, 8 p.m. No charge. Guests are welcome; 914-827-5353; www.WPSphoto.org.

Saturday, Jan. 17

Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 17 and 18, 2015. Register for available projects at volunteernewyork.org/MLKWhere or call 914-948-4452.

Main Street Market. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Local foods, artisan crafts and handmade merchandise; Free admission; parking fees may apply. Westchester County Center, White Plains; 914-995-4050.

Meet the Animals. 1 p.m. Meet and learn all about the animals while you get an up close look. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains; 914-428-1005.

Monday, Jan. 19

MLK Freedom Library Fundraiser. On Monday, Jan. 19, Linda Tarrant-Reid, author of *Discovering Black America: From the Age of Exploration to the Twenty-First Century*, autographs her book and discusses discoveries she made while researching this book and her upcoming book, *Harlem: From Dutch Suburb to Black Metropolis* at Barnes & Noble City Center, 230 Main Street, White Plains. Events are planned throughout the day from 1 to 8 p.m. and are part of a fundraiser: for everyone who makes a purchase at any Barnes & Noble on Jan. 19 and gives the Library Bookfair ID, 12527711, Barnes & Noble will make a donation to the Freedom Library. The Library will also get a donation if you visit bn.com/bookfairs from Jan. 19 to 24 by entering Bookfair ID 12527711 at checkout. For further information, call the library at 914-949-6555 or go to www.mlkwestchester.org. This fundraiser will raise money to buy books and films for the White Plains-based Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Library, free and open to the public.

Square Dances. Friendly Squares Dance Club announces two free square dancing fun nights on Monday, Jan. 19 and Monday, Jan. 26; 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Katonah Methodist Church Parish Hall, 44 Edgemont Rd, Katonah. Square dancing is a lot of fun and great exercise for both the body and mind. It is a great activity for all ages and also an opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. This event is open to singles, couples and families. The attire is casual and no experience is necessary. For more information, contact Tee at 914-433-2919.

Ongoing Events

"Becoming Disfarmer." The first museum exhibit in the New York metropolitan area of works from commercial photographer Mike Disfarmer, whose postcard-sized portraits, made between 1915 and 1959 in Heber Springs Ark., vividly and artfully depicted everyday people in rural America. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. Gallery hours Tuesday through Sunday 12 to 5 p.m. \$5 Seniors: \$3. Children (under 12) and Purchase College students, faculty and staff: Free. Exhibit continues through March 22, 2015. Info: 914-251-6100 or visit www.neuberger.org.

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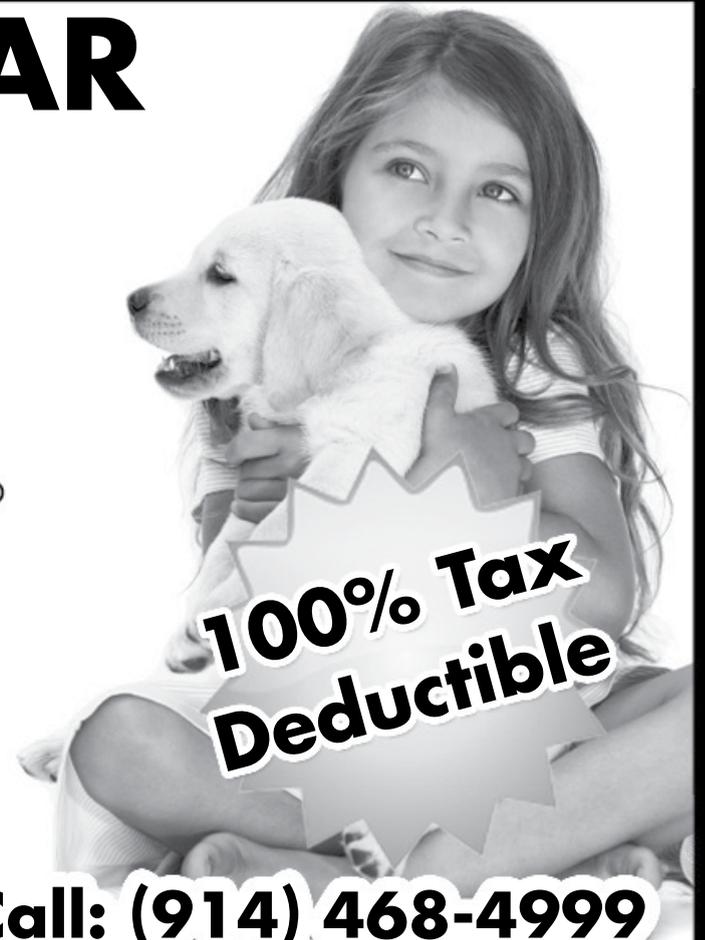
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EXAMINER SPORTS

Stepinac Record at 5-5 After Defeat by Hayesmen, 85-70

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and I have a great relationship and we always did. Joe let's me do a lot with the team and I like this role. I am learning from him and he is learning a little from me, so it is good," commented Philp.

Philp coached such Crusaders basketball notables as Stepinac's All-Time Leading Scorer Tony Taylor,



Yes, that is former White Plains High School player Jordan Tucker draped in a Crusaders red, white and blue uniform. The sophomore phenom transferred to Stepinac High School in September and is making an impact on the Crusaders basketball team.

Melquan Bolding, Conroy Baltimore and Josh James. He sent 17 players on to college, during his tenure as the Head Coach at Stepinac. "Tim is an excellent coach, he won Coach of the Year in the past and City Championships; it is a God send to be able to have a man with his resume sit next to me on the bench," commented Lods.

Just how well will the Lods/Philp partnership work for Hayes is yet to be seen. Nonetheless, eight games into their



Second-year Stepinac Head Basketball Coach Steve Herman speaks to his team, as he tries to rally his squad against Cardinal Hayes. Nonetheless, the Crusaders lost their fourth straight game, while losing to the Cardinals, 85-70.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

The "Big Zero" on the back of his uniform is certainly no indication of his scoring aptitude, as Cardinal Hayes forward Jeffrey Hayden scores two of his 26 points, in the Hayesmen's win over the Crusaders, 85-70, at Stepinac, on Saturday.

first season together, Hayes is 5-3, and dealt Stepinac a 15-point loss when the Crusaders desperately needed to "stop the bleeding" after three straight losses.

Stepinac began their 2014-15 campaign winning four straight games until they were defeated by St. Raymond's High School, 85-48, on December 16. The Crusaders bounced back against St. Peter's High School, on December 21, with a 57-50 victory but were set back again by Xaverian, 70-52, two days later.

The Crusaders faced two strong teams in this year's Slam Dunk Tournament at the Westchester County Center and suffered defeats in both games. They lost to probably one of the best Section 1 teams, Spring Valley High School, 76-67, in the Opening Round and succumbed to Iona Prep in the Consolation game, 72-58.

Therefore, Stepinac remains playing .500 percent basketball. But as second-year Head Coach Steve Herman said, the season is still young. "There are no easy games in this league. It is a long season, it is January 3, and we have 14 games left. We are still learning, we are still young and we are still getting better," stated Herman.

Relatively, the Crusaders Head Coach has much reason for optimism with White

Plains High School transfer Jordan Tucker donning the Crusaders red, white and blue this season. Tucker transferred to Stepinac this season and already has had prominent Division 1 college coaches visiting Stepinac for a look at the sophomore phenom.

Tucker had 12 points against Hayes but fouled out with one minute left in the game. "Coming into the game, I was off but my teammates were picking me up," said Tucker. "I was just trying to play hard for my teammates. I got in a little foul trouble, so I felt a little resistant on defense, worried to pick up that next foul," Tucker said.

However, Tucker's addition to the Stepinac line-up with seniors Kylan Guerra, Tyrin Miller, Tommy Cola, Dylan DeMuro, Rashad Baker with junior Kaellen Henderson is well understood by Herman. "I thought Jordan played well. When he touches the ball on offense good things happen because he is such a facilitator and teams tend to double team him," said Herman.

Regarding Tucker's statement that his "teammates picked him up" against Hayes, nothing could be truer considering Guerra's game-high 30 points and Miller scoring 16 points in defeat. "Kylan has been great for us this year, I cannot speak highly enough about him. But it is a team game and we need more than just Kylan to step up, we need everybody to step it up," said Herman.



Stepinac senior guard Kylan Guerra scored 30 points in the Crusaders loss, 85-70, to Cardinal Hayes, on Saturday. Guerra, a Captain on the Crusaders basketball team was also selected as this week's Con Edison Athletic Award Winner for athletic and academic achievements.

Guerra also received a prestigious distinction this week, being selected as the Con Edison Athlete of the Week for athletic and academic achievements. "It definitely feels good knowing that you can compete well athletically but also demonstrate that you can perform well in the classroom too," said Guerra.

Stepinac will get another opportunity against the Cardinals when they face them again in the Bronx, on Tuesday, Jan. 13. Hayesmen forward Jeffrey Hayden and guard Clive Allen exploited the Crusaders in the paint for 26 points and 23 points respectively, on Saturday. However, two of Stepinac's tough defenders Cola and DeMuro did not play. Cola was out with a concussion and DeMuro was serving a league suspension for Technical Fouls.

"The season is still young" as Herman said. However, Stepinac begins a three-game road trip starting at Iona Prep, on January, 9, at Mt. St. Michael, on January 10, while ending the trip with the rematch against Hayes. And as Herman also noted, "There are no easy games in this league."



Former Stepinac Head Basketball Coach Tim Philp (right) returned to the court of Stepinac High School for the first time since departing his position to tend to family issues in 2013. Philp joined the staff of Cardinal Hayes Head Coach Joseph Lods (left), as his Associate Head Coach this season.

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