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White Plains Budget Director Continues Plea for Mandate Relief

By Pat Casey

The City of White Plains 2015 to 2016 Proposed Budget was submitted to the Common Council on Monday evening.

Keeping within the tax cap of 1.65 percent for this year, White Plains has proposed and maintained a budget within State tax levy constraints for the fourth consecutive year and is yet to experience any relief from the State mandates that have kept most New York municipal budgets extremely tight.

The total General Fund Proposed Budget is \$162.9 million, an increase of \$2.2 million or 1.4 percent over last year. The total combined proposed budget is \$179.1 million, an increase of \$3 million or 1.7 percent.

The proposed Property Tax levy of \$56.3 million is within the State tax levy cap by approximately \$12,000 and would result in a tax rate of \$200.74, an increase of \$4.60 or 2.4 percent over last year. This means that with a median assessed value of \$13,500, a White



White Plains Budget Director Michael Genito with Budget Assistant Carolyn Mayo as they release the 2015-2016 Proposed Budget for the City of White Plains.

Plains homeowner would pay \$62 more in City tax.

Sewer fees would also remain at 21 percent of the bill for water consumption.

Stressing the fact that White Plains has a stable financial base, Michael Genito, Budget Director, noted that the path to economic recovery continues slowly and incrementally, and has been constructed to maintain the city's Aa1 credit rating with Moody's Investors Service.

The real property tax levy remains the largest revenue generator. A small increase in the assessment roll (up \$75,915 or 0.03 percent) provided by slightly more property tax revenue because of one apartment complex coming on the roll after PILOT payments, is an indicator why White Plains

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White Plains Introduces Historic Preservation Law

By Pat Casey

The much anticipated and long-time coming White Plains Historic Preservation Law has been drafted and a copy was submitted to the Common Council at their April meeting on Monday night. The hope is to get the proposed legislation onto the public hearing schedule and onto the books later this year, perhaps as early as this summer.

When it became known late last spring that White Plains was considering an Historic Preservation Law, many updates were being made to preservation laws at the State level and the city was able to

incorporate those updates into its current proposal by working with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHIPO).

The new local law would take the form of an amendment to the White Plains Municipal Code by adding a Section 9-6 to be titled "Historic Preservation."

According to the draft, the intent is to make it a matter of public policy that the protection, enhancement and perpetuation of landmarks and historic districts are necessary to promote the cultural, economic, safety and general welfare of the public.

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State Budget Elicits Varied Reactions From Area Legislators

By Martin Wilbur

Area state legislators gave mixed reviews to last week's passage of New York State's nearly \$142 billion 2015-16 budget that linked controversial changes to education and ethics reform to the annual spending plan.

While local lawmakers were able to find positive aspects to the budget, completed in the wee hours of last Wednesday morning, some voiced concern over the heavy-handedness of the Education Transformation Act, which tied a \$1.3 billion statewide increase in education funding to new rules for tenure and teacher evaluation.

"It's very mixed," said Assemblyman Tom Abinanti (D-Greenburgh). "(There's) some good, some not so good and some terrible."

Key education changes include extending the period for tenure from three years to at least four years and requiring that teachers be rated as effective or highly effective for at least three of those years.

A redesigned evaluation plan is also in place combining student performance with teacher observations. Districts may use a standardized state measure or a state designed supplemental assessment. Observations will be done by principals

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and independent observers.

“This budget addresses two of the most fundamental and intractable issues that have vexed the state for generations—education and ethics,” Gov. Andrew Cuomo said in a statement released by his office following the budget’s approval.

“When it comes to education, the budget we approved will transform our school system in comprehensive ways. The reforms we have included will move us to an education system that rewards results, addresses challenges and demands accountability.”

The ethics reform package will see new disclosure requirements for legislators. Also, Assemblyman David Buchwald’s (D-White Plains) pension forfeiture proposal that would strip public officials of their state pension if convicted of a corruption-related offense was included. A second passage is needed by the legislature before it can go to voters in 2017.

“When I was first elected to the state Assembly two years ago, some seasoned legislators said there’s no way this will make progress,” Buchwald said. “Thanks to a concerted effort on my part and many great partners, we’re on the threshold of real meaningful changes that will improve ethics in state government.”

Abinanti, who has been critical of many of Cuomo’s policies, praised the 6 percent across-the-board increase in

education spending, which resulted in the additional aid. That pushes state spending on education to about \$23.5 billion and includes a roughly 60 percent reduction in the Gap Elimination Adjustment.



NYS Assemblyman Tom Aninanti



NYS Assemblyman David Buchwald



NYS Senator George Latimer

He also applauded the \$1 billion from the \$5 billion settlement money that will be put toward the construction of the new Tappan Zee Bridge.

However, Abinanti blasted many of the education policy changes that he said will make it more difficult for city school districts to attract and retain quality teachers.

The assemblyman also bristled that Cuomo sought to have greater disclosure requirements for legislators but no additional safeguards for the

executive branch.

State Sen. George Latimer was critical on the education reforms, which tied policy change with the budget. He called using money as a threat to districts that

need the money “a bad way to make change” and blasted the loss of local control.

“I believe all this change in education is built on a faulty presumption--that is the presumption that public education in New York is failing,” said Latimer who voted against the Senate bill. “I do not believe that.”

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) called the budget “a compromise,” pointing out there were some policy decisions that didn’t survive.

She said she didn’t think the final ethic reforms and campaign finance reforms in the budget were strong enough.

Galef agreed with her colleagues that the state Education Department and Board of Regents should be responsible for crafting a better evaluation system for teachers. Though Cuomo wanted tenure to be attained over five years, legislators modified it to four years, she said.

Meanwhile, Buchwald and state Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) were the most upbeat about the new budget.

Buchwald was pleased with the sharp increase in state education aid and the \$50 million increase in funding to repair local roads.

Murphy said he was happy the budget contains a \$12 million increase to combat opioid addiction, a \$200 million boost for new clean water and infrastructure and the extra \$50 million for road improvements.

As for the controversial education bill that Murphy voted in favor of, he said “I joined my colleagues in rejecting the Governor’s evaluation proposals for our teachers and shifted this responsibility to professionals at the state Education Department with the goal of reducing standardized testing and returning local control to our schools.”

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White Plains Hospital CEO Jon Schandler to Retire, Susan Fox to Take Helm

By Pat Casey

A transition lies in store for White Plains Hospital this year as current CEO Jon Schandler retires and turns the reigns over to Hospital President Susan Fox.

The two have been working together for the past five years, a power team, plotting a course through medical technology and healthcare market changes to make White Plains Hospital a leader in the New York Metropolitan area as well as in the country.

White Plains Hospital is in the top 5 percent nationwide.

Schandler, who joined the Hospital 38 and a half years ago, remembers that



Architect's rendering of the future White Plains Hospital.

diagnostic imaging and digital networks that made access to patient records easier to access, Schandler said implementation of such new technology made White Plains Hospital a leader. "While other hospitals in the area were closing their doors, White Plains was headed into prime time," he said.

Schandler also credits the hospital's Board. "There was a lot of collaboration with the Board to create strategy," Schandler said. They are dedicated to making the hospital the best it can be and were solid in backing the hiring of good people.

"In the late 1970s and into the 1980s, the best doctors were focused on New York City, but that was changing because people wanted to work in their communities," Schandler added. The other element he credits is a good philanthropy program. "Fundraising is a very large source of creating capital for us. Everything at White Plains Hospital is up-to-date and new. Nothing at this hospital is old."

Partnerships also play a key role in White Plains Hospital's success. "We would not have been as successful as we were without Stellaris Health Network," Schandler said.

In August of 1996, HealthStar

Network was formed by Northern Westchester Hospital (Mt. Kisco) and White Plains Hospital Center. In March 1997, Lawrence Hospital Center (Bronxville) joined the network and in October 1997, Phelps Memorial Hospital Center (Sleepy Hollow) joined. HealthStar Network, Inc. began operating under the trade name of Stellaris Health Network in 2001.

Together, the organizations set an agenda for working together to accomplish goals that, alone would be more difficult to achieve, including cost reduction initiatives such as supply chain management of consolidated business functions such as joint insurance procurement programs and

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the implementation of a state-of-the-art information system and clinical initiatives such as the sponsorship of an Emergency Medical Service (EMS).

In January 2014, Stellaris transitioned from the active parent of the hospitals to a Shared Services Organization.

Today, White Plains Hospital has again expanded its options through a new partnership with the Montefiore Health

System, with White Plains the focus of a new tertiary care center north of Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx.

"The combining of our strategies, cultures and resources is of great value," Schandler explained.

Fox said that in conjunction with the Montefiore partnership, the Affordable Care Act has created a focus on preventative care that is not only more affordable, but also more efficient. "Montefiore has been a pioneer in this area, having developed a successful skill set that will benefit White Plains Hospital patients in a positive way," she said.

As he steps away, Schandler says he is excited about the next generation of leaders. "Susan is bright and dedicated," he said. And Fox agreed that in the five years they have worked together their leadership styles have complemented each other. She intends to continue working proactively to continue on the path they created together as a team.

"The next five-year plan is a continuation of what we have been doing," Fox said. "We will be enhancing the hospital's role in the community, building on tertiary care and recruiting more healthcare professionals. With the Montefiore partnership patients will not have to leave White Plains to get the care they need. They will be able to find it right here."

With enhanced technology, a new cancer care center, more operating rooms, patients will not have to look to New York City for advanced care.

Fox also noted that White Plains Hospital has plans to provide single-patient rooms only and will be expanding geographically with satellite offices. There is already one office in New Rochelle and a second planned for Armonk.

Schandler says he intends to read the over 100 books he has put aside when he retires and he plans to spend time with his grandchild. But he will continue to play a role in a fund-raising capacity.

Happy to have worked with Fox for the past five years to create a strategy, his advice to her is to "keep on working with all the parties."



Jon Schandler and Susan Fox.

when he came to White Plains in the early 1980s the city was a huge vacant lot.

"Downtown White Plains was leveled," he recalls. "I have worked through two, maybe three Renaissances of the city. You almost cannot compare the White Plains then to what it is now."

When it comes to medical technology, Schandler said much has changed over the years. Referring to innovations in

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The act would protect and enhance the historic and architecturally and culturally significant buildings, structures, sites, monuments, streetscapes and neighborhoods, which represent distinctive elements of the City's historic, architectural, and cultural heritage; Foster understanding of and civic pride in the accomplishments of the past; Protect and enhance the City's attractiveness, which supports and stimulates the local economy; and Insure the harmonious, orderly, and efficient growth and development of the City.

The proposal calls for establishment of

the White Plains Historic Preservation Commission, with members appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Common Council.

To qualify a member has to be a resident of the City of White Plains and have an interest in historic preservation and/or architecture. It is preferred that members have a background in archeology, architecture, arts, education, history, law, real estate, urban planning, or a related field.

Responsibilities of the Commission would include making recommendations to the Mayor and Common Council

regarding new or amended local laws or other regulations that the Commission believes would further the goals of this local law, as well as making proposals for the acquisition of interests in real property and proposed demolitions.

The Commission would prepare reports and recommendations in response to referrals or requests from the Common Council, and maintain an inventory of designated historic landmarks or districts within the City.

The Commission would conduct surveys and prepare maps, reports and recommendations regarding historic preservation policies, regulations and local law, and review applications for alterations to or demolition of local landmarks or districts.

Recommendation for the designation of local landmarks or historic districts would be an important role of the Commission.

The draft suggests that an individual property could be identified as a local landmark if it possesses special character, historic, aesthetic interest or value as part of the cultural, political, economic or social history of the city, region, state or nation; or derives its primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance; or identifies with persons or events significant in local, state, or national history; or is a cemetery

that derives its primary importance from graves of persons of transcendent importance, from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events.

An historic landmark might also be the birthplace or grave of an historical figure of outstanding importance or a building that embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style or is the work of a noted designer, architect, or builder.

The Commission might designate a group of properties as an historic district if the majority of properties meet one or more of the criteria for designation of an individual landmark. The proposal also suggests that districts may be geographic or thematic in nature.

The document, which will be made available for public review, also contains an outline for several procedures regarding applications, renovations, sales, maintenance and other processes relating to activities within the proposed law.



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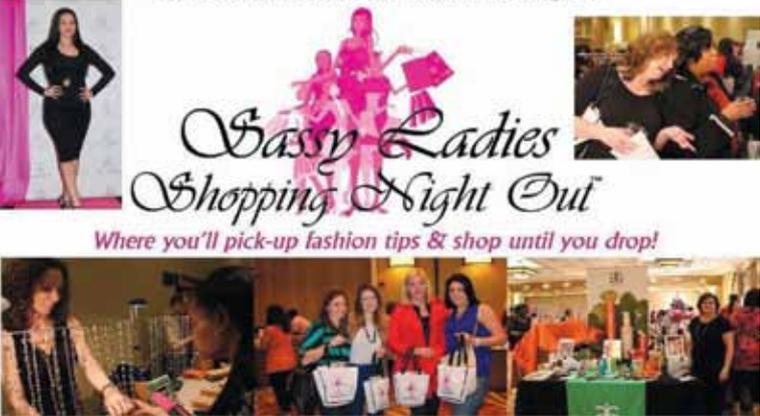
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Officials, Police Urge for More Traffic Enforcement at Rail Crossings

By Janine Bowen

Stricter enforcement of traffic laws and levying heftier fines for drivers who ignore railroad crossing warnings was recommended by a group of local, state and federal representatives last Tuesday at Chappaqua's problematic Roaring Brook Road crossing.

Sarah Feinberg, acting administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), was joined by Rep. Nita Lowey, MTA Police Chief Mike Coan, New Castle Police Chief Charles Ferry and other officials and police officers to explore various actions that can be taken at Roaring Brook Road and many other grade crossings throughout the metropolitan area to enhance safety.

A key focus is ticketing drivers who unlawfully race through crossings when the warning lights and gates are activated, Feinberg said. By more aggressively penalizing drivers for breaking the law, they would be less likely to repeat making risky decisions, she said.

Ferry also suggested that state officials should raise fines and the number of points associated with that offense.

"What is amazing to me is that that horrific accident [in Valhalla], the vision of the loss of life and the pain and the suffering wasn't imprinted, implanted on the minds of people and that they could still race to get across," Lowey said.

Feinberg said there are more than 800 grade crossings in the tri-state area belonging to Metro-North, New Jersey Transit and the Long Island Railroad. She said education and enforcement should be stepped up as officials look to find more permanent solutions to improve grade crossing safety.

During the past month 20 tickets have been issued to drivers who tried to sneak under the arm at Roaring Brook Road, Ferry said. He noted those drivers made the attempt to beat the train while marked police cars were present and wondered how many drivers have tried that when no officers are present.

"It's not just an issue for the person driving the car...it's dangerous to all the commuters who are on the trains, so I



JAN NE BOWEN PHOTO

Rep. Nita Lowey, surrounded by local, county and state officials, called for more aggressive enforcement of drivers who ignore warnings at rail crossings last Tuesday as one way of increasing safety.

think we need more enforcement," Ferry said.

New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein, who was unable to attend Tuesday's press conference, has repeatedly called for a bridge to be constructed at the Saw Mill Parkway-Roaring Brook Road interchange over the tracks since the Valhalla accident. Greenstein has stepped up that appeal following two more recent incidents.

On March 7, a driver was trapped after the arms came down, but was able to escape by putting the vehicle into reverse to move back from the tracks and causing the gate to break away. On Monday, an unidentified driver drove through the safety arm after it had lowered in order to get across the tracks before the train arrived.

"We need a bridge," Greenstein said in an e-mail following Monday's incident.

The Roaring Brook Road crossing is also less than a half-mile from Horace

closely with local, county and state police on enforcement. With so many crossings, it is impossible to have officers at all of them during peak hours, Coan said. The MTA will send officers to various locations when resources are available, especially when there is a nearby accident that requires drivers to be rerouted near a grade crossing.

It is believed that Ellen Brody, the driver of the SUV involved in the Feb. 3 Valhalla accident, ended up at the Commerce Street crossing after being diverted off of the Taconic Parkway because of a car crash. Feinberg said it is still being investigated and that permanent solutions there will not be proposed until probable cause is known.

Lowey also spoke at the Roaring Brook Road crossing last month with Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney to discuss the need for a public awareness campaign, similar to the "click it or ticket" seatbelt campaign. Metro-North President Joseph Giulietti said the railroad is also working with the state Department of Transportation and the Town of New Castle on making road and sign improvements at the crossing.

Several representatives who attended Tuesday's press conference also renewed calls for improved technology that would detect obstructions at grade crossings and stop an approaching train remotely.

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Bronxville Recruits Teacher Residents for Classroom Experience

Aspiring Bronxville Teacher Residents were welcomed on March 24 at Bronxville School for an Open House by teachers and administrators of the school and representatives of LIU Hudson, Long Island University's campus in Westchester. Trevon Troja, current student at LIU/Hudson and '08 graduate of Bronxville School, found the event engaging and informative: "It was great to learn more about the program and to hear from administrators, Elementary School teachers and current interns."

The Open House marked the expansion of the Teacher Residency Program, which provides a limited number of paid, clinically

rich and full year experiences for future teachers. Bridging the gap between theory and practice, the residencies facilitate the transition of talented students from novices to full fledged professionals. The Teacher Residents work and learn under the attentive eyes of Bronxville teachers and administrators, and University professionals, who prepare teaching candidates to take on the challenges of the classroom. As Associate Dean Dr. Lea Rutmanowitz explains, "LIU Hudson and Bronxville Schools are seeking the best and brightest to take part in the residency program."

Elementary School Assistant Principal

Adrienne Laitman outlines the many benefits of the program, "Unlike a typical student-teaching experience, Bronxville Teacher Residents become an integral part of our school community for an entire year. As full fledged members of grade level teams, residents are involved in high level professional development and curriculum planning. Along with learning from master teachers, residents spend part of their time as substitutes. This ensures that Bronxville students have knowledgeable, highly skilled instructors in the room when their teachers are absent. Overall, this program provides new educators with exceptional field experience while also

ensuring consistent, quality instruction for the students in the district."

Applications for the 2015-2016 Teacher Residency Cohort are still being accepted. Appointments will be awarded on a competitive basis. Candidates presenting appropriate academic credentials, and prepared to commence master's degree coursework in Summer or Fall 2015 are welcome to learn more about it by visiting the LIU Hudson website at <http://www.liu.edu/Hudson/About/News-Events/Press-Releases/2015/February/Bronxville-Teacher-Residency> or by contacting Dr. Rebecca Rich at Rebecca.rich@liu.edu or 914-831-2714.

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has applied to New York State for its own IDA (Industrial Development Agency), rather than having to work through Westchester County, which reaps many of the benefits of new development in White Plains.

The second largest revenue source, Sales Tax, at \$46.2 million (based on actual receipts received through December 2014 and estimated receipts through February) represents 28.4 percent of total General Fund Revenue.

Citing a slow retail season because

of extreme winter weather conditions, Genito expressed hope that future sales would increase because of new development in White Plains and any of the planned developments set to come online that are now in the approval process. For now, sales tax revenue is up a little, but not rebounding.

The city must also secure the approval of the NYS Legislature to extend the three-quarters percent sales tax necessary to balance the budget and remain within the tax cap, according to Genito.

The city also seeks renewal of the quarter percent sales tax rate which funds the Tax Stabilization Account and of the hotel occupancy tax, which provides about \$1 million in annual revenue.

Parking related revenue of \$23.1 million represents 14.2 percent of General Fund revenues. Other sources include inter government grants and aid of \$7.3 million representing 4.5 percent of total General Fund revenues.

Since 2010, Genito explained, White Plains has made significant strides in addressing the expenditure side of the budget. This was accomplished by the consolidation of administrative functions, workforce reductions, wage freezes and citywide reductions in various operational accounts. Despite efforts many costs, such as debt service continue to increase at rates greater than revenues, indicating the continued pressure of keeping costs down, to maintain tax levies under the state cap, while receiving no relief from mandates that are driving costs up.

Despite the pressures and a continuation of hiring restrictions, funding has been included to operate the city's new Community Education Center now under construction at the Winbrook Housing site on S. Lexington Avenue. The Center is scheduled to open this summer

and will receive revenue by leasing part of the facility that will help to offset costs.

A new position, Special Patrol Officer, has been added to the Police Department to monitor taxis at the Transcenter to ensure a friendlier consumer experience.

The full Proposed Budget for 2015-2016 is available for view on the city's website at cityofwhiteplains.com

On April 15 at 5:30 p.m. there will be a joint meeting of the Budget & Management Advisory Committee for a general review of the entire budget. Public Works, Public Safety and Parking will be reviewed at a 5:30 p.m. meeting on Monday April 20. Community Services at a 5:30 p.m. meeting on Wednesday, April 22.

A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 7:30 p.m. in Common Council Chambers and the budget vote is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27.

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2nd Degree Manslaughter Sentencing. Eric Gaulin (DOB 6/7/88) of Tarrytown, was sentenced to shock probation, six months in County Jail and five years post release supervision, on his October 2014 guilty plea to Manslaughter in the Second Degree, relating to the death of Megan Bookstaver.



Eric Gaulin

“Having any type of firearm in one’s possession is a full-time job. As evidenced in this case, one cannot emphasize enough how a gun owner must know how to use, handle and store a firearm safely. The defendant, by abrogating that responsibility was liable for the outcome that resulted in the tragic consequences for all involved,” said District Attorney Janet DiFiore in a media statement.

On Monday, September 2, 2013, Labor Day, the defendant, his girlfriend, the deceased, and a mutual friend spend time together at the Palisades Center Mall in Rockland County.

They went to Dick’s Sporting Goods where they purchased a Savage Arms Axis 243 caliber rifle for the victim in a pink and black camouflage color, along with a box of ammunition for a 308-caliber Winchester rifle owned by the defendant.

They all then went to the defendant’s home in Tarrytown.

The defendant then took out several other rifles that he had in his possession at the house.

At about 4:20 p.m. a shot rang out and the victim was struck in the face by a projectile from one of the rifles.

Family members in the house called 911.

Tarrytown police and EMS responded but the victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

Assistant District Attorney Perry Perrone Chief of the Homicide Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Kristina Dushaj of the Investigations Division are prosecuted the case.

Greenburgh Police Department

Aggravated Harassment. On March 23 a White Plains resident called police to say he was receiving threats from an associate who had lent him money. The

victim explained that in September 2013 he borrowed money from the alleged suspect and had been paying it back with interest until the day of the report, when the suspect asked for the money back in full. The victim said he was unable to do so. The suspect then left several voicemails on the victim’s phone including one that states: “I’m coming to your house, I’m going to f...* you up, f...* your wife. Call the cops I don’t care.” The victim advised his wife of the threats. She left the residence to stay with friends until further notice. The victim claims he has reason to believe that the suspect might actually hurt him and his wife and is willing to press charges. A formal statement was made at police headquarters.

Suspicious Incident. On the morning of March 24, police were called to the Richard J. Bailey School. Upon arrival contact was made with a faculty member who reported that just before 7 a.m. he was parked in his vehicle in the school parking lot when he observed a suspicious individual taking pictures on the school grounds. The teacher reported that the suspicious individual was parked in a grey Minivan and was described as an elderly white male with grey/brown hair. He was parked in the southwest area of the parking lot and appeared to be taking pictures with a professional photography camera, possibly of other staff as they entered the southern entrance of the building. The teacher approached the individual and attempted to question him as to why he was taking pictures on the school grounds. The subject appeared startled and replied: “I’m just here taking pictures of the sunrise.” The suspect was never seen outside his vehicle. After being approached, the subject slowly drove off the property and was last seen traveling toward route 119. A check on the vehicle’s registration revealed it to be registered to a Rye resident. Police department communications personnel attempted to find a phone number for the suspect, but nothing turned up. City of Rye Police were notified, but they did not have any reports on record regarding the suspect.

Petit Larceny. On March 23 two Red Max backpack blowers were reported stolen from a trailer in White Plains. The lock hasp on the trailer had been cut. No other items were taken and no other damage reported. The victim, who reported a similar larceny the previous month, said he only wanted to document the incident at this time.

Reckless Endangerment. During the late afternoon of March 24 police responded to calls of shots fired in the area of Winthrop Avenue and Payne Street. After determining that there

were no immediate threats visible at the residence where the report was made, police began to canvas on foot. They discovered multiple shell casings on the pavement down the street. As more units arrived, a crime scene was established the length of Winthrop Avenue, extending from Payne Street to White Plains Avenue. The shell casings were marked, and officers began conducting a door-to-door canvas of the area to ensure that there were no shooting victims, and to obtain information.

It is suspected that just before calls were placed to 911, a suspect vehicle, believed to be black in color, was traveling South on Winthrop Avenue, and did approach a group of subjects standing near 151 Winthrop Ave. Occupants of the suspect vehicle began shooting at the subjects standing on the street, at which time the subjects standing on the street, shot back. The suspect vehicle then fled South on Winthrop Avenue toward White Plains Avenue, and the subjects on foot, fled in an unknown direction. Bullet holes were found in the window of one home and the fence on the property of another. After canvassing, the scene was preserved for the Detective Division.

Burglary. On March 24 police were dispatched to a residence in Greenburgh on the report of a burglary. The resident remained outside while police searched the property. Inside the premises things were in disorder with jewelry, clothing and other personal items strewn about in most rooms. Several electronic items including TVs and a Toshiba tablet were missing. It appears that entry was made through the sliding doors in the dining room. The doors were completely pushed in bending the frame and the glass but not shattering the glass. The sliding doors in the kitchen had pry marks showing an unsuccessful attempt to make entry. Photos were taken and the area canvassed. Neighbors had not seen anything suspicious, but did notice that lights had not been on in the house for a few days, which they said was unusual. The resident was not sure what items had been taken and was given a form and advised to contact police headquarters when her list was complete.

Suspicious Incident. On March 25 police responded to the Springhill Suites Marriott where they were told that a male had on three separate occasions in the past two days approached the front desk looking to break large denomination bills into smaller amounts even after being told that it was against hotel policy. The party is described as a black male in his mid to late 20’s with short black hair, a goatee, and black framed glasses, wearing a grey hoodie with a Champion logo across the front, a dark blue denim jacket, black Adidas pants with white

stripes, and white sneakers with black laces. Video surveillance shows the party entering the premises from the west and leaving in an east bound direction toward housing across the street on Old White Plains Road. The hotel manager said they have no employees or customers fitting the description, and were concerned because of a recent burglary. Photos of the suspect party were to be emailed to police headquarters and the manager was told to call police if the party returned to the hotel.

Grand Larceny. On March 26, police responded to the new Saks Fifth Avenue at 29 Tarrytown Road. Store security informed them that they had a past larceny of \$2,999.99 on 3/17/2015 that they observed on surveillance cameras. (The store did not file a police report sooner because they did not have the exact amount and total of the items stolen.) The offending suspect was observed entering the store through the front doors, grabbed a Saks Fifth Ave mesh bag then walked over to a table by the front door that had wallets and handbags on it. The suspect stuffed the mesh bag with 10 Burberry wallets and two handbags, then turned around and ran out of the store front doors, and turned right running Eastbound towards Fulton Street. The Store Security has the entire larceny on surveillance video and will furnish the tape to police.

Suspicious Activity. On March 28, officers and other police units responded to Five Below in Crossroads at 389 Tarrytown Rd. on a report of a man with a gun. The complainant was a customer at the store, who reported that a black male wearing a black jacket, black pants and orange sunglasses was bothering customers in the store and had what appeared to be a gun strapped to his chest. Officers interviewed the store manager and other employees who confirmed the identity of the man with the gun. They said he was bothering customers in the store and had what appeared to be a brown colored rifle handle strapped to his chest with the other end tucked into his jacket. One of the employees knew the man and asked him to leave the store, which he did without incident. No one actually saw a gun, just a handle. The man never took the item out of his jacket nor did he touch it. There was no videotape available from the store. However, the same man had been identified at the Not Just Deli at 250 Tarrytown Rd. on a similar report. Police made contact with the man, who had no weapons on him at the time. No further report at this time.

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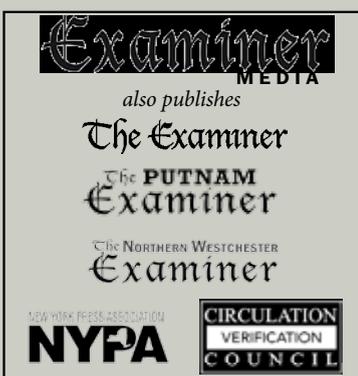
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Applications Sought for Ruth Taylor Social Work/Public Health Scholarships

Westchester County graduate students pursuing careers in social work or public health are invited to apply for scholarship assistance through the Ruth Taylor Award Fund.

The fund was established in tribute to Ruth Taylor upon her retirement as the county's Commissioner of Public Welfare and in recognition of her nearly four decades of outstanding service. The annual awards are sponsored by United Way of Westchester and Putnam, Westchester County government and the Urban League of Westchester County.

Applicants must be residents of Westchester County and enrolled in graduate studies in Social Work or Public Health on a full-time basis. For the 2015-2016 academic year awards will range between \$1,000 and \$5,000 for tuition or maintenance, or both.

The submission deadline is Friday, June 19, 2015 by which time the application and all supporting documents must be received.

Financial need, public service and scholastic capacity are part of the evaluation criteria. Recipients must

maintain the minimum cumulative university GPA for the duration of the award. Awards are issued annually, and students are eligible to apply if they have not previously received the scholarship. A change in major or enrollment status (to part-time) will result in loss of the scholarship award.

Inquiries can be directed to: United Way of Westchester and Putnam, Karen Bonaparte, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, via e-mail at kbonapar@uwwp.org or download application and cover letter at www.uwwp.org/rt.

Friends of Westchester County Parks to Hold Fundraiser Benefitting Camp Morty

Friends of Westchester County Parks has announced a special fundraiser for Camp Morty that will take place at its Annual Best Friends Awards Reception on Wednesday, April 8 at the Glen Island Harbour Club in New Rochelle.

Guests will have the opportunity to participate in a dedicated auction to fund several enhancements to the program. Camp Morty, which is located at Sal J. Prezioso Mountain Lakes Park in North Salem, hosts approximately 300 children annually through the Department of Social Services. Children that visit the camp each summer come from homeless shelters, the foster care system, or are on public assistance in Westchester County.

With a special emphasis on

environmental awareness, Friends' supports the program so campers can have a quality, traditional camp experience.

During the Awards Reception, Friends will hold a silent auction for enhancements at Camp Morty. The auction will include:

- Help Fund a Gaga Pit! - \$5,000
- A 3-D projector - \$1,400
- A new library of books for kids of all ages - \$1,000
- "Superhero" grants for guest artists and special programs - \$500 each
- iPods w/portable speakers - \$300 each

Camp Morty activities include hiking and nature study, swimming, boating and canoeing, as well as campfire programs and more, at the 1,081-acre site.

With the theme "Celebrate a Year of

Growth with Friends," this year's honorees at the Friends' Awards Reception are Westchester Medical Center, Business Council of Westchester's Rising Stars Alumni, Robert DeTorto and REI. The event co-chairs are Friends of Westchester County Parks board members Linda Carrington of Hudson Valley Bank and Christopher L. Cawley of William Raveis Legends Realty.

The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Glen Island Harbour Club in New Rochelle. The ticket cost is \$275 per person and sponsorship packages are available. For ticket or sponsorship information, call 914-231-4548 or email Linda@friendsofwestchesterparks.com; friendsofwestchesterparks.com.

Obituaries

Anne Cameron

Anne M. Cameron passed away on April 1. She was 93. Anne was born on Feb 12, 1922 in Scranton PA to Andrew and Mary (Barrett) Peil. She graduated from nursing school in Scranton PA in 1944 and worked as a registered nurse at St. Agnes Hospital until her retirement in 1998. She married her loving husband Terence Cameron on Aug 22, 1954; he predeceased her in Oct 1975. She is survived by her son Terence Cameron of Jamaica N.Y., and her sister-in-law Geri Peil of Scranton PA, and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her brother Robert Peil.

Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Interment Mt Calvary Cemetery. Donations may be made to American Lung Association in her memory.

Lucille Arciolla

Lucille DiVenuto Torres Arciolla entered eternal rest on March 31. She was born on April 2, 1924 in Yonkers. Daughter of Grace (Meglio) and Antonio DiVenuto. Pre-deceased by brothers Michael (Caroline) and Daniel (Faye) and sisters Jean (Frank) Anunziato, Connie (Sam) Oliveri, Margie (Jim) DeSetto, and Rose Marie (Pat) Armentano. Pre-deceased by sons Anthony and John Torres as well as her husband Larry Arciolla. Lucille

is survived by two grandchildren John Torres and Katherine Rosen and great granddaughter, Sophie Kay and many loving nieces and nephews. She was an active member of St. Anthony's Church in Harrison and a member of the Ave Maria Guild. She volunteered many years at the yearly feast of St. Anthony laboring with her cooking and working the fair. She was also a member of Dunphy Council Columbiettes of Columbia. Lucille was proud to be an American of Italian heritage and always looked forward to yearly family reunions, which spanned five generations and included three states. In her later years, Lucille enjoyed playing Bingo with her senior friends and her great grandchild. As the last DiVenuto family member of her generation, may she rest in peace.

Betty Suarez

Betty Lee Suarez, a Valhalla resident since 1946 and most recently a resident of Sunrise Assisted Living in Fleetwood, passed away on March 30 at the age of 99. She was born December 23, 1915 to Arthur and Clare Donado in Pittsburgh, PA. Betty was a parishioner of The Valhalla Methodist Church. She worked as the secretary for the Principal in the Valhalla School system and later as treasurer. Betty was also a member of the Valhalla's Women's Club. She was predeceased by

her husband Tino Suarez in 1962 and a brother Cedric Donado. Betty is survived by her loving children; son, Richard (Carol) Suarez, and daughter, Linda Suarez; three adoring grandchildren, Richard (Donna) Suarez, Andra (John) O'Brien, and Erica (Ray) Leak; as well as nine cherished great-grandchildren, Ryan Suarez, Mia Suarez, Matthew Suarez, Quinn O'Brien, Brendan O'Brien, Lilah O'Brien, Clara O'Brien, Isabella Leak and Mason Leak. A memorial visitation will be held on Sunday, April 12th, 2015 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Ballard-Durand Funeral Home, 2 Maple Avenue at South Broadway, White Plains.

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The Fun Just Keeps Getting Better at White Plains Day Camps

Experience the excitement of Day Camp this summer in White Plains. The City of White Plains Recreation and Parks Department announced recently that camp registration has begun for children 4 years old -9th graders and this year more than any other, campers can expect to have the best times of their lives right here in White Plains. Camp runs from June 29 – August 7 this year. Campers can expect a full summer of swimming, art & crafts, sports, music, dancing, magic, storytelling, theme days, special events and trips.

Some of the exciting changes this year that will benefit both parents and children include: New Age Groups, this summer campers as young as 4 years old will be able to join in on the fun under the guidance of our nurturing and caring staff at Camp Panawok. Early Bird Registration, come in and reserve your space with a deposit by April 15, pay the 2014 rate and save money! In addition payment plans are available. Camp Registration a la Carte, flexible scheduling now allows you to register one week at a time Camp Hours, new flexible camp hours give you more time and give your child more fun. Camp Panawok will now offer a ½ day program. Early bird drop off and extended day programs are available for working parents at a 1 camp

Camp Panawok: Ages 4 years old – entering 2nd grade, held at George Washington Elementary school, full day program is 8:15am – 3:15pm, ½ day program is 8:15am – 1pm, Extended Day program available until 5:30pm. Activities include: free breakfast and lunch daily, daily swimming, sports, art, science, playground activities, music/movement, circle time, nature, kid yoga, storytellers, trips and White Plains Library storytime, treasure hunt and more. After April 15, fees are 1 week- \$175, 2 weeks- \$330 and 6 weeks -\$900.

Camp Quarropas: Campers entering 3- 5th grade, held at White Plains High School, 8:30am – 3:30pm, Early drop-off program at 7:45am, Extended Day program available until 5:30pm. Activities include: daily swimming, sports, art, science, trips, game room, DJ dance parties, Who's Got Talent Event, Water Wars, Win It in a Minute Event, Water Inflatable Day, Ice Cream Day, Treasure Seekers Challenge, Banner Day and much more. After April 15, fees are 1 week - \$175, 2 weeks - \$330 and 6 weeks-\$900

Ten Camp: Campers entering 6th -9th grade held at White Plains High School, 8:30am – 3:30pm, Early drop-off program at 7:45am Extended Day program available until 5:30pm. Activities

include: trips 2 times a week, Sports, Art, daily swimming, Science, game room, special events. Trips include Glow Bowling, Laser Tag, Splashdown Water Park, Mini- golf, the Castle and Jiminy Peak Adventure Park. After April 15 fees are 2 weeks -\$380 or 6 weeks -\$1080.

"I feel very comfortable in knowing that we have selected very professional, experienced, trained, caring and nurturing staff to lead our Camps this summer" states Wayne Bass, Commissioner of Recreation and Parks, "and that they will see to it that each child has a fun and enriching summer". The Camp Directors at each camp are: Jody Conroy, Camp Panawok, Jody is a White Plains resident with a Masters' degree in Elementary Education. She is employed by the White Plains School districts as a teacher at George Washington Elementary School and has been the Assistant Director at Camp Panawok for the past two years. Laura Sturchio, Camp Quarropas, is a resident of White Plains and has been a part of the Camp family in White Plains since she was a camper herself. Her full-time job is as a Special Education teacher in the Mt. Vernon School District. Brian Robinson, Teen Camp Director, born and raised in White Plains is a New York State certified Physical Education teacher working with

the New York City Board of Education. He has over 10 years' experience working in White Plains camps.

For more information visit the City of White Plains website at www.cityofwhiteplains.com, recreation and parks, call (914)422-1336. The Registration office, located at 85 Gedney Way, White Plains is open Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:15pm and Saturdays, 9am – 12pm. Financial aid is available for those who qualify. Residents and non-residents may register for camp.

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A Westchester-Style Sampling, Plus Continuing the Search for Good BBQ



By Morris Gut

Lord & Taylor Hosts a Tasty Charity Day. Thousands of patrons arriving at Lord & Taylor in Eastchester for their bi-annual fundraiser, "Shop Smart, Do Good Day" held on March 27th found a flavorful addition to the shopping event on the main floor. Guest restaurants had set up tables throughout the afternoon and evening offering a cross section of complimentary tastings from their menus.

station.

Chowing Down at Brother Jimmy's BBQ. It was a busy Saturday night, so once we arrived we were told the wait for a table would be about 45 minutes. There is a dearth of BBQ in Westchester, so I was anxious to try this newcomer and we hung in. Some background: Stamford got a Dinosaur BBQ a couple of years ago, now downtown White Plains has a 200-plus seat Brother Jimmy's at

out well. And being located alongside the flock will not hurt them either. Brother Jimmy's is also known for its big bustling bar and nightlife scene. We tried a dry ribs sampler platter and my guest the brisket sandwich. Both were fine, and our waitperson was quite nice despite the uproar in the dining room. It does get quite loud.

Right now you can take in Brother Jimmy's South Carolina style BBQ and



Brother Jimmy's BBQ, White Plains.

Mamaroneck Ave. at East Post Road in the short-lived Butterfield 8 space. It opened as a full-fledged Brother Jimmy's style BBQ franchise last summer and has been packing them in ever since.

So what is Brother Jimmy's style BBQ? On my ongoing quest for great BBQ I have been to Brother Jimmy's restaurants in Manhattan on a number of occasions and I found them hit or miss. They had one on the Upper East Side on 3rd Ave., which closed a couple of years ago though it always appeared busy, and that one was consistently fine. On the other hand, their original Manhattan unit further downtown on First Street was just okay, at least in my opinion. So all you BBQ lovers out there anticipating White Plains' first



Michael Pasqualini (left) of Mansion on Broadway with John Gambelli.



Dickey's BBQ Pit, Yonkers.

photos of the Lone Star original on the wall and a line of utensil, drink and sauce dispensers in the rear. Simple, and that's how no-frills BBQ joints usually come off. After ordering bags full of take-out here several times (they do a great job of wrapping it all) I have come away quite happy. The succulent ribs roasted in hickory wood burning pits right on the premises, beautifully fatty crusted brisket and moist Italian marinated chicken, which you can order cut or uncut, are all delicious. Sides that we tried were a good down home complement to the meal, too: BBQ beans, creamy cole slaw, mac & cheese, green beans & bacon. A friend of mine raves about the fried okra. Dickey's BBQ Pit is located at 1789 Central Park Ave., Yonkers. Phone: 914-509-6569; www.dickeys.com.

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Chef/owner Paul Caputo of Gina Marie's Chianti.

Hosted by Lord & Taylor General Manager Charles McGuinness were appearances by Domenic Cesarini, proprietor of The Quarry, Tuckahoe; Chef/owner Paul Caputo of Gina Marie's Chianti, Tuckahoe; Bill Etzel, partner at Coals Grilled Pizza Restaurants, Bronxville and Port Chester; Michael Pasqualini, proprietor of Mansion On Broadway caterers; and the DiNapoli family of Angelina's and Olde Stone Mill Restaurant in Tuckahoe. It was a crowd stopper as lines formed at each sampling



Partner Bill Etzel of Coals Grilled Pizza with Blanca Restaino and Danielle Lent.

BBQ restaurant (with all respect to the Great American BBQ pop-up at Sam's of Gedney Way), I hoped this one turned

southern cooking at franchises from South Florida to Yankee Stadium. The new Brother Jimmy's BBQ is located at 147 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. Phone: 914-358-4838; www.brotherjimmys.com.

Dickey's BBQ Pit, Yonkers, Deserves Mention, Too. While we're on the subject of BBQ, I must mention the arrival of Dickey's BBQ Pit in the High Ridge Shopping Center off Central Park Ave. in Yonkers. It could be the best BBQ in Westchester right now. Dickey's is part of a chain

out of Texas with just a handful of tables, a take-out station, vintage



Proprietor Domenic Cesarini (center) of the Quarry Restaurant with Leah Cesarini and Juan Carlos.



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Tuesday, April 7

Tuesday at Dorry's. Seamus McGovern works with Vintage Home Solutions, a company that provides "High Tech Solutions for Pre 70s Homes." Seamus, along with a satisfied customer, will tell us about the several ways their work is eco-friendly and green. Partly that is because of the materials they use and the responsible ways they use them; and partly it is simply by making homes more efficient and less wasteful. Seamus will also speak about the ways some European countries are far ahead of the United States in conservation efforts. Please join us. No reservations are needed. Presentation is 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains; 914-682-0005.

Wednesday, April 8

Noontime Getaway Concert. Black Marble Violin Duo Jörg Michael Schwarz and Karen Marie Marmer, co-directors of the internationally acclaimed REBEL Ensemble for Baroque Music, play virtuosic works by Leclair, Shield & Telemann on instruments of the period; 12:10 p.m. Free Admission. Grace Episcopal Church at the intersection of Main and Church streets in White Plains.

Neu First Wednesdays: The Influence of Kuba Textiles on the Art of Europe and the United States. A roundtable discussion exploring two important aspects of Kuba textiles: their design and production and the influence of those designs on Western art. Guests include artist Ghislaine Sabiti and textile designer Brooks Hagan (Rhode Island School of Design) who will join Purchase professors Genevieve Hyacinthe (art history) and Julian Kreimer (painting and drawing) for a lively conversation. Try your hand at techniques employed by Kuba textile designers afterward. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 4:30 p.m. \$5. Seniors (62 and up): \$3. All students, Purchase faculty and staff, museum members and children (under 12): Free. Info: 914-251-6100 or 914-251-6117 or visit www.neuberger.org.

New Media Lecture: Artie Vierkant. Working across sculpture, photography

and the Internet, Vierkant's conceptual practice interrogates the autonomy of the physical object in our current digital age. . Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 6:30 p.m. \$5. Seniors (62 and up): \$3. All students, Purchase faculty and staff, museum members and children (under 12): Free. Info: 914-251-6100 or 914-251-6117 or visit www.neuberger.org.

A Local Family Saves By Going Solar.

Most months John Mancuso and his family pay nothing for electricity since they installed solar panels on their roof three years ago. Come hear their story and learn how you can generate energy on your own property—free from the sun. Also, Lee Streisfeld-Leitner of Sunrise Solar gives a basic primer on the technical requirements and financing of residential solar installations. Followed by a Q&A. Presented in partnership with the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. Refreshments at 7 p.m. Program at 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Thursday, April 9

The Midtown Men in Concert. This production reunites the four stars from the original cast of Broadway's "Jersey Boys." Tony Award winner Christian Hoff, Michael Longoria, Daniel Reichard and Tony Award nominee J. Robert Spencer star in this one-of-a-kind concert experience celebrating the music that defined the '60s. Presented by the Women's Council of REALTORS® (WCR), Empire Westchester Chapter and benefitting the Wounded Warrior Project. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 7:30 p.m. \$50, \$100, \$150 and \$250 (includes a pre-show VIP cocktail party with The Midtown Men.) Info and tickets: Contact Pat Palumbo at 917-673-0830 or e-mail ppalumbo@houlihanlawrence.com.

Friday, April 10

Creating Broadway Series: Martin Charnin. Tony Award-winning lyricist Martin Charnin will give a lecture-style class where he will share stories about his life in the theatre and give advice for rounding out songs in an actor's repertoire for audition or performance. Six to eight people will be selected from ticket buyers, by audition, to join Charnin on stage. White Plains Performing Art Center, 11 City Place, White Plains; 7 p.m. \$20. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.



Saturday, April 11

Scholarship Luncheon. The Woman's Club of White Plains annual Scholarship Luncheon and Spring Fashion Show at 11:30 a.m. Lunch, fashion show and silent auction will be offered. Proceeds go to scholarships for White Plains students entering college. Cost is \$65/adult and \$45/student. A portion of the cost is tax deductible. Further information on tickets can be obtained on the website www.womansclubofwhiteplains.org.

Comedy at WPPAC. Brian Scott McFadden with Special Guest Tom Van Horn will be on-stage on Saturday, April 11 at 8 p.m. at the White Plains Performing Arts Center located on the third level of City Center off Mamaroneck Avenue in downtown White Plains. 18+ Show. Tickets are \$25. For tickets: visit the theatre box office Monday-Friday (11am-6pm), purchase the tickets online at www.wppac.com or call 914-328-1600. For Group Sales, please contact barbara@wppac.com.

NewWSRO Opera Reading. Come Play Opera Overtures With A New Reading Orchestra. New Westchester Symphony Reading Orchestra is a new ensemble meeting once per month on Saturdays in White Plains. This month NewWSRO will read through Rossini's Barber of Seville Overture, William Tell Overture, and Bellini's Norma Overture. This opportunity is for anyone who wants to play in an orchestra once in a while. No auditions, open to all ages and abilities. Pre-registration through our website is highly recommended, though walk-ins are welcome; 2:30 to 5 p.m.; \$20 Participation Fee; \$10 Students/Seniors; St. Bartholomew's Church, 82 Prospect St, White Plains; 914-623-8075; www.newsymphony.org.

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Spring Crafts at Lyndhurst Include Many Gourmet-Food Exhibitors

By Jerry Eimbinder

At the upcoming "Spring Crafts at Lyndhurst" fair, May 1-3, long rows of booths will display jewelry, clothing and various other creative and unique handmade objects. But prominent booth space will also be occupied by gourmet food-and-beverage exhibitors.

Gourmet products to be offered will include chocolate wine, wildflower honey elixir, pear/ginger jam, butter fudge and premium venison cuts.

This is the 31st annual staging in Tarrytown of Spring Crafts at Lyndhurst. Approximately 275 artists and craftspeople will present hand-crafted wares on the grounds of Lyndhurst, a Tarrytown estate that was once the home of railroad baron Jay Gould. A similar fall show will be held



Awesome Specialties of Little Tikes will sell dip mixes, salsa mixes, soup and chowder mixes, muffin and cookie mixes at its booth.

September 18 to 20, 2015.

Food-related exhibitors and their wares are described below.

Gourmet "Take-Home" Food Exhibitors :

Awesome Specialties of Little Tikes. Dips and spreads to include salsa mixes, soup and chowder mixes, muffin and cookie mixes.

Bella's Home-Baked Goods. Home baked goods including Italian biscotti, butter toffee, cookies and brownies.

Betty Jane's Sweet Delights. Peanut



Syrups for purchase at the Sumptuous Syrups of Vermont booth will include black currant, yellow ginger, black berry, and lemon/basil and chocolate mole.

brittle packaged in bags.

Bittersweet Herb Farm. Dips, sauces, jams, oils and balsamic vinegars.

Casa De Jorge. Salsa. Flavors include raspberry, peach, pineapple, mango and more.

Dutch Desserts. Chocolate pies and fruit tarts. Pies also include Dutch apple, blueberry, red cherry, peach, raspberry, strawberry-rhubarb, pumpkin and pecan.

Heitmann's. Glazed nuts include Bavarian, coffee and liquor. Handmade candies include licorice, "gummies," salt water taffy, lollipops, rock, candy corn and candied popcorn.

Highland Farm. Venison cuts including steaks, roasts, chops, medallions and cutlets.

Hillrock Estate Distillery. Small-batch spirits, wine, bourbon and rye whiskey.

ImmuneSchein. Ginger elixirs. Ingredients include organic ginger root, wildflower honey, organic lemon juice organic turmeric root and organic Ceylon cinnamon.

JD Gourmet. Barrel-aged balsamic vinegar and olive oil blends from Italy, marinades and handmade pasta.

Kissed By The Sun Spice Company. All-natural Caribbean spices.

Oliver Kita Chocolates. Made with satin cream, sweet butter, fruit, roasted nuts, etc.

Mostly Myrtle's. Gluten-free baked goods including brownies and muffins.

Pazdar Winery. Wine including chocolate wine.

Pika's Farm Table. Hot Belgian super-size Belgian sugar waffles and take-home quiche, soup and potpies.

Platte Clove Naturals. Nut-based Granola and salad topper products include maple cranberry, maple ginger, apple cranberry nut and curry nut crunch.

Popcorn Man. Kettle corn.

Really Good Fruit Spreads. Jams and jellies including apricot, pineapple mango, strawberry, peach, blueberry, tart cherry, rhubarb/strawberry and pear/ginger.

Sumptuous Syrups of Vermont. Syrups include yellow ginger, black currant, lemon basil, blackberry and chocolate mole.

The Olive Oil Factory. Oils and balsamic vinegar.

To The Queen's Taste. Giant-size pastries and baked goods.

Udder Ideas Fudge. Cream and butter fudge.

Warwick Valley Winery & Distillery. Red and white wine, port and dessert wine.



The thirty-first annual staging of Spring Crafts at Lyndhurst will be held May 1-3, 2015, rain or shine.

Food Concessions:

Aba's Falafel. Gluten free/vegan falafel. The Israeli falafel balls are made with chickpeas, garlic, onion, parsley, and cilantro, seasoned. Served in a pita pocket or on a plate.

Everything About Crepes. Sweet and savory crepes and baguette sandwiches.

Greek Isle. Lamb and chicken pitas and Greek salad.

Island Cow Ice Cream. Organic, homemade ice cream from Maine

Skinny Buddha Organic Kitchen. Soup and salad.

S&S Concessions. Sausage and peppers, hamburgers, coffee and smoothies.

Thai Taste Restaurant. Pad Thai and chicken skewers.

Items offered for sale include jewelry, clothing, leather, glassware, ceramics, woodwork, scenic photography, sculpture, handcrafted furniture, quilts, pottery, prints, paintings and blown-glass objects.

Live dance music will be provided by the Lindsey Webster Band. Activities for children include face painting, storytelling, and balloon animal making. Stilt walkers will entertain.

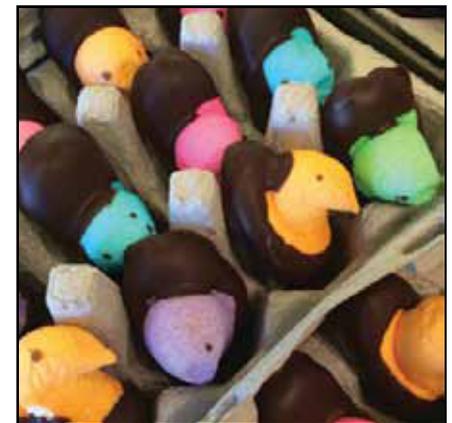
Other activities include making Shibumi silk scarves under the guidance of Patricia Disantis, watching or participating in craft demonstrations by potter Scott Martin and wood-turner Don Hart, trying over one hundred musical instruments in an interactive musical experience, and exploring a sculpture garden.

Admission costs (cash or check accepted only) for a weekend ticket are: \$12 per adult, \$11 for seniors (62 or older), \$4 for children (6 to 16) and kids under 6

are admitted free. Parking is free on site and at other nearby parking areas with frequent free shuttle-bus service.

The show opens each day at 10 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. on Friday and Sunday and at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

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Aba's Falafel will occupy a stand at Spring Crafts at Lyndhurst.

EXAMINER SPORTS

Westchester Knicks Conclude Inaugural Season at the County Center

By Albert Coqueran

The Westchester Knicks concluded their inaugural season with a loss to the Canton Charge, 101-89, at the Westchester County Center, on Saturday, April 4. The



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

The Westchester Knicks concluded their inaugural season at the Westchester County Center, on Saturday, April 4, with a loss to the Canton Charge, 101-89, followed by an autograph session to thank the fans for their support this season.

Charge (31-19) is now preparing for the NBA Development League Playoffs, as the local Knicks head home, while their administration seeks to rebuild the team.

To say the least, the Westchester Knicks had a disappointing inaugural season, after becoming the NBA D-League's 18th franchise, as the exclusive affiliate of the New York Knicks, on March 10, 2014.

The Westchester Knicks ended their

inaugural season with a 10-40 record and did not make the playoffs. The County Center inhabitants lost the last 19 of 21 games. More devastating, they only produced one road win the entire season, while recording a 1-25 record on the road.

The local Knicks insurmountable amount of losses was certainly the reason for the firing of Kevin Whitted, the Westchester Knicks inaugural Head Coach. But why he was fired with four games remaining in the season remains a mystery?

Whitted was hired as the Westchester Knicks inaugural Head Coach, on October 8, 2014. The highlight of his tenure has to be the elevation of his original

roster player Langston Galloway into the starting line-up of the NY Knicks.

On March 30, Whitted was replaced by Assistant Coach Craig Hodges, as the Westchester Knicks Interim Head Coach. Hodges played in the NBA for 10 seasons and is a disciple of NY Knicks President Phil Jackson. Hodges won two NBA Championships (1990-'91 and '91-'92) with the Chicago Bulls, when Jackson was

their Head Coach. Hodges was also an assistant coach under Jackson with the Los Angeles Lakers from 2005-2011.

Now the only two questions that remain regarding Hodges are whether he is hired as the Westchester Knicks second Head Coach in franchise history and can he create a winning team at the County Center?

"I have not heard anything (concerning my status as coming back as the Head Coach). It is enough said that the season is over and I am disappointed. I am a Champion and nobody could have told me that this would be our record this season," stated Hodges.

Hodges went to reflect on the Westchester Knicks inaugural season and his chances of returning as Head Coach. "This is a good situation but it is not my decision, it is their decision, if it was my decision, I would definitely be back just from the bitter taste in my mouth," commented Hodges.

The Westchester Knicks undoubtedly were a major disappointment on the court concerning competing with other teams in the NBA D-League. However, as far as their fan base, they were winners merely for making Westchester County and the



Westchester Knicks Interim Head Coach Craig Hodges (left), signs an autograph for a young fan at the autograph session that followed the Knicks last game of their inaugural season, at

Westchester County Center their home.

The County Center for the Westchester Knicks 24 home games, registered a 90 percent capacity overall, with an average attendance of 1,906 fans per game in an arena that seats 2,119. Furthermore, there was never a lack of enthusiasm or fan participation at any home game.

"I feel the fans in Westchester County deserve a playoff team. I feel while playing across the country, we are probably the top two or three venues as far as fan support," said Hodges. "We appreciate the fans coming out and we thank them very much for their support. It is indicative of New York fans; they are knowledgeable of the game and they stick with you through thick and thin," concluded Hodges.

Kyle Adams, Former Tigers Baseball Star-Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week

By Albert Coqueran

Kyle Adams, the Tigers former star catcher, graduated in 2013 and attended Salisbury Prep School in Connecticut. Adams was recruited by the University of Richmond and joined the team this year as a freshman.

Adams is already making a name for himself with the Spiders. The White Plains native was selected as the Atlantic 10 Conference Rookie of the Week for Baseball, on March 30.

Adams, while playing outfield for Richmond, batted .562 going 9-for-16 at the plate, with a double, six RBI and seven runs scored, as the Spiders went 4-0 for the week of March 23-30.

Adams did most of his offensive-damage in a three-game homestand against visiting Fordham University, while getting seven hits in 13 at bats (.418), a double and six RBI. Adams must have had some added incentive while playing against the Bronx located Fordham, as the Rams passed on the local talent



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

Kyle Adams (right) was selected as the Atlantic 10 Conference Rookie of the Week for Baseball for the week of March 23-30. Adams, now playing for the University of Richmond, is a former WPHS baseball star, who played for (left) Tigers Head Coach Marcel Galligani. Adams was honored as the White Plains Examiner WPHS Spring Athlete of the Season in 2102.

upon his graduation for WPHS in 2013.

Adams was selected as The White Plains Examiner WPHS Spring Athlete of the Season in 2012. He is pictured above accepting the award with Tigers Head Coach Marcel Galligani, at WPHS in 2012.

In 18 games for the Spiders (17-8 overall, 8-1 A-10) this season, Adams is batting .407 with five doubles, two homeruns, 26 RBI and 17 runs scored.

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EXAMINER SPORTS

Tigers Open 2015 Baseball Season with Loss to Mahopac, Galligani Tossed from Game

Anyone who has attended White Plains High School baseball games for the past decade would admit that Tigers Head Coach Marcel Galligani has a flare for the dramatics. But of those same people, nobody would suggest that Galligani does not have the best interest of his student/athletes at heart and that he has an unwavering passion for the game of baseball.

Galligani began his 14th season as White Plains Varsity Head Baseball Coach, with the Tigers Home Opener against Mahopac High School, on Wednesday, April 1.

The Tigers lost a hard fought game to the Indians, 4-3, as catcher Andy Iglesias halted a seventh inning scoring opportunity by trying to take two bases on a sacrifice bunt with only one out.

The Tigers had not scored the entire game against Indians starter John Reda, who threw a three-hitter for five innings. However, White Plains did manage to get to reliever Cal Lawrence, who gave up three runs in the sixth inning, which included a two RBI-double to Tigers starting pitcher Daniel Lotito

The game remained 4-3, after Lotito was relieved by freshman pitcher Spencer Lodes in the sixth inning. Lodes held the Indians scoreless for one and two-third innings with two strikeouts to end the top of the seventh inning.

With the score 4-3, Tigers catcher Iglesias was hit-by-pitch to leadoff the



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Tigers junior pitcher Daniel Lotito pitched a quality five and one-third innings in the White Plains Home Opener. Lotito relinquished four runs, on seven hits with five strikeouts and five walks in a losing effort, 4-3, to Mahopac High School.

Mendez, who already doubled in the game. Mendez grounded out and the Tigers lost, 4-3.

"It was crazy. We just had to capitalize on that play with the runner getting to third base. We will regroup, learn from our mistakes and comeback next game," stated Mendez.

One has to wonder if Iglesias, while representing the tying run with only one out in the last inning, would have even have thought about running, if Galligani had not been ejected from the game after the fifth inning and had remained at his usual position, as the Third Base Coach.

not called on Iglesias. Galligani stated that he did not use any of the "magic words" when speaking with the umpire.

Furthermore, there was no apparent commotion whatsoever on the field. Also, the ejection-gesture was so nonchalant by the field umpire while speaking with Galligani that even the White Plains bench, including at least one of the coaches, were not aware immediately that Galligani was tossed from the game.

However, according to the veteran Head Coach the ejection was prompted by an earlier discussion with the same umpire. "I think it was the second or third inning, I went out for a conference with my pitcher. I was there for 15 or 20 seconds literally and the same umpire was rushing me off the mound," revealed Galligani. "So I asked him why he was rushing me. I asked him how much time I had for conference and he replied 'a minute,' so I said if I get a minute why are

you rushing me off the mound. I think he felt disrespected by me saying that in front of the players on the mound and that is the reason he took it out at that junction of the game," expressed Galligani.

It was a crucial time of the game and Galligani stated, "At that point all I said to both umpires was that I cannot believe that both of you missed that call, while discussing the second no-call on a hit-by-pitch. The umpire said what did you say and I asked him why he was coming at me controversial like a tough guy, and then he tossed me out of the game," said Galligani.

Maybe Galligani should have let it go but he was losing 4-0 at that time and every base runner meant a chance to win. Also, he was discussing the play in a normal tone of voice between innings and not during the course of play.

Nonetheless, the Tigers young team has an entire season to right the course of events and make this year a winning season. They have a young team with four seniors, 10 juniors one sophomore and freshman pitcher Lodes.

"I feel like everybody is going to come together and we are going to be good this season. I have a lot of faith in these young guys. This year we have a lot of young new players, give them a couple of games and we should be good," commented Mendez.



Gerigh Hauser was brought up to the varsity as a sophomore to play first-base for the Tigers. Hauser (right) almost got the tag down on Mahopac leadoff hitter C.J. Sager (left) for a pick-off but Sager got back safely.

bottom of the seventh inning. Tigers' centerfielder Steven Rand laid down a beautiful sacrifice bunt and the throw was a little high to first base, so Iglesias decided on his own to try and take third base, after reaching second base with the tying run.

The physical posture and expression of Tigers Assistant Coach Brian Pirone, who was coaching Third Base at the time, indicated quite clearly that Iglesias was thrown-out at third base. What made this an even more crucial base running error was that on deck was senior Ricardo

Not to take anything away from Pirone, who is a very qualified assistant coach. But Galligani's presence alone on the diamond demands a lot of attention from his players.

Galligani was ejected from his own Home Opener by the field umpire between the fifth and sixth innings for discussing two hit-by-pitches, whereas his players did not get granted bases.

The ejection occurred when after the fifth inning ended; Galligani approached the field umpire to ask him about what seemed to be a hit-by-pitch that was





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