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Athletes Converge at WPHS for Glenn D. Loucks Games

The 49th Annual Glenn D. Loucks Track & Field Games brought 3424 registered competitors from 371 high schools from nine states of the United States and the Province of Quebec, Canada, to White Plains High School from May 12-14. The 49th Annual Glenn D. Loucks Track & Field Games Honorees included Benny Cipriano, who was presented The Eleanor Loucks Memorial Award, along with other notable athletes celebrating achievements over the years. The Combined Boy's and Girl's Teams winner of the 49th Annual Glenn D. Loucks Games was North Rockland High School. The Boy's Team winner was Huntington High School and the Girl's Team winner was Paul Robeson High School. Cardon Furry (left) and Adrian Ojeda-Britz (right) seniors on the White Plains High School Girl's and Boy's Track Teams lit the Olympic Torch, during the Glenn D. Loucks Games Opening Ceremony, on Saturday, May 14. **See Page 18 for more photos and coverage of the 49th Annual Glenn D. Loucks Games at WPHS.**



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

White Plains Schools Hold Budget Meeting, Candidate Forum

By Andrew Vitelli

The White Plains School District held its final meeting on the district's 2016-2017 budget last Monday, with Assistant Superintendent for Business Fred Seiler urging voters to approve the district's \$208,750,000 spending plan when residents go to the polls on Tuesday, May 17.

"I think the real positives about the expenditure side of this budget are that the large increases are in the areas of instruction and special education," Seiler said, noting that spending on instruction and special education would jump 3.5 percent and 3.7 percent, respectively. "These are the areas that are closest to the students."

The budget represents an increase of close to \$3 million, or 1.43 percent, from the current year's spending plan.

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Faith Leaders Stand Together to Support Raise the Criminal Age Legislation

Westchester-area clergy joined a growing chorus of faith leaders from other parts of the state when they released a letter of support for Raise the Age legislation. Over 35 clergy members signed onto the letter that will be delivered to Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Majority Leader Flanagan and Speaker Heastie.

Westchester Children's Association (WCA) organized a press conference on the release of the letter last week.

Pastor Jeffrey Geary of White Plains Presbyterian Church on North Broadway, spoke about why the time is now to pass raise the age legislation for criminal responsibility from 16 to 18 years of age.

"As faith leaders from many backgrounds, traditions and beliefs, we stand here united by our great concern for the future of children in our communities," Geary said. "This is crucial legislation that needs to pass this June to increase public safety and help end the cycle of crime. We want our elected officials to hear our plea to raise the age of criminal responsibility from 16 to 18 years-old."

The Raise the Age campaign supports age-appropriate punishment for youth who commit crimes. What they want the public to know is that adult prisons do not focus on rehabilitation, and are not

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Lawmakers Press for State to Force DOT Rail Crossings Study

By Arthur Cusano

Two state legislators renewed their call last Friday for the state Senate to require the Department of Transportation (DOT) to study grade crossings throughout New York in hopes of avoiding future tragedies.

State Sen. David Carlucci (D-Clarkstown) and Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville) were joined by Edgemont resident Alan Brody, whose wife Ellen was killed when her SUV was struck by a train at the Commerce Street crossing in Valhalla on Feb. 3, 2015.

"We've had so many different types of situations that it's time to bring in some experts to take a look at the problem,"

Abinanti said at the same crossing where last year's accident occurred.

Five Metro-North passengers were also killed in the incident, which drew national attention. Brody has since filed a wrongful death suit in state Supreme Court against the state, MTA, Metro-North and the Town of Mount Pleasant claiming safety hazards had not been properly addressed.

On Apr. 27 a car was struck at the Green Lane grade crossing in Bedford just after the vehicle's occupants managed to escape.

"The public has to stay on top of this, or

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nothing will change” Brody said.

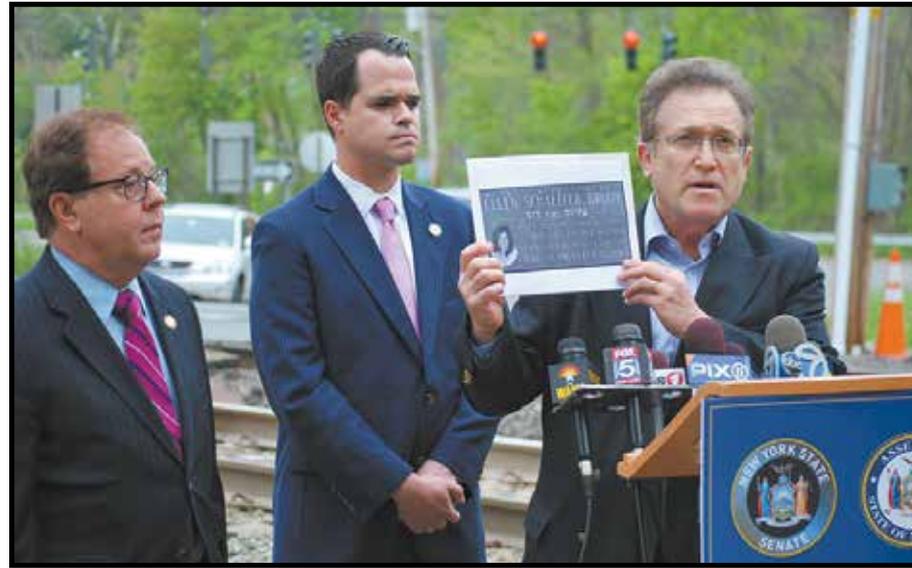
Carlucci’s and Abinanti’s bill instructs the DOT to conduct a study of the more than 5,300 railroad crossings statewide to assess where safety improvements could be made. They are calling for the cooperation of the MTA and commercial railroad companies.

Many of the current railroad crossings were designed for less populated areas and have antiquated safety features that are inadequate for modern cars and higher traffic volumes, Abinanti explained.

The bill was already passed in the Assembly and now awaits a vote in the Senate. Carlucci said he hopes it will soon be approved.

“We no longer live in rural America,” Abinanti said. “You see here at noon a steady stream of traffic going across. If you come back here at 5 p.m. you’ll see bumper-to-bumper traffic. You have a problem on the Bronx River Parkway where the cars back up onto the railroad tracks.”

“We need to know which rail crossings are the most deadly, which rail crossings are the most dangerous, which ones have to be completely eliminated and which just need minor signage or maybe some new technology with positive rail controls,” Carlucci said. “We need to have a complete inventory so we can spend our resources and the taxpayer’s money in the most effective and efficient ways to save



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

James Johnson is the monitor overseeing the affordable housing settlement between Westchester County and the federal Housing and Urban Development agency (HUD).

people’s lives.”

The Federal Railroad Administration recently informed the states that funding is available for safety-related rail crossing improvements, Carlucci said. He said creating inventory of what needed to be done in New York was the first step in obtaining funds for various projects.

However, Carlucci said complaints about crossings from the public or elected officials, no matter how legitimate they may seem, carry little weight with the state. A DOT study would have much

more influence, he said.

The two lawmakers said they believed the DOT could fund such a study. It could also get additional funding from the governor’s office.

Brody said a small sign indicating a sharp turn at the Commerce Street crossing is an example of a needed improvement.

“The DOT gave the MTA \$160,000 to put a warning sign over there, but they never did it,” Brody said. “Instead, they took a small amount of money and

changed the light bulbs so they’ll never have to change them again. They’re LED, but nobody asked them for LED, they asked for a warning sign.”

Brody said he also didn’t understand why the speed limit on the Taconic State Parkway, which runs parallel to the rail tracks, was 40 miles per hour but the railroad speed limit is 60 miles per hour and runs through a well-traveled area. He said easy solutions using modern technology could be implemented if the MTA wanted to do so.

“This is like a neighbor who has a rickety staircase, and when you ask them why they don’t fix it (because) I almost killed myself, they say ‘Why should I, I’m used to it,’” Brody said.

Last week New Castle Supervisor Rob Greenstein said state Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) is sponsoring a bill requiring the MTA and DOT to conduct joint inspections of traffic signals at interconnected grade crossings every two years. New Castle officials have voiced concern over the safety of the Roaring Brook Road crossing in Chappaqua.

“Anything we can do to increase railroad safety crossing is a very good thing,” Greenstein said. “The cooperation with the federal government is also very encouraging. That cooperation will certainly be needed as we work to eliminate on-grade railroad (crossings).”

-Martin Wilbur contributed to this article.



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Youth Bureau Recognizes Educators for Excellence in STEM Instruction

The White Plains Youth Bureau held its first Annual STEM Awards Recognition Program May 10 at New York Power Authority, in White Plains.

The program recognized individuals and organizations that have supported the Youth Bureau STEM initiatives. The program also recognized White

School; Damien King, White Plains Middle School; Caitlin Smith, Bits N' Pieces Camp; Delores Croslan, After School Connection. A Special Award was also given to Jordan Galloway, a White Plains High School Senior.

The keynote speaker for the program was Jill Anderson, Senior Vice President,



The White Plains Youth Bureau STEM honorees with Frank Williams at far right.

Plains School District Teachers for their dedication, and for providing instruction in (STEM) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

The honorees are: Dr. Pauline Mosley, PACE University; Dr. Gerald Ardito, PACE University; Rob Kissner, CEO, The Digital Arts Experience; Lawrence Perretto, STEM Leadership Center; Al Martinez, Teacher, White Plains High

New York Power Authority. "The utility and energy industries need to fill their pipeline with the next generation of employees to help us meet clean energy goals," said Anderson. "That pipeline begins in the classroom and the White Plains STEM curriculum is an excellent example of inspiring students to pursue technical careers that are both interesting and rewarding."

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designed to meet the needs of children. Young people confined in adult facilities more re-arrests for felony crimes than youth retained in the youth justice



Front row left to right: Rev. Dr. Bonnie Rosborough, Briarcliff Congregational Church, Rev. Erwin Lee Trollingier, Calvary Baptist Church White Plains, Allison Lake WCA, Rev. Jeffrey Geary White Plains Presbyterian Church, Bart Worden Clergy Leader Ethical Society of Westchester. Back row: Kerry Megley Family Ties, Cora Greenberg WCA, Kay Schonberg retired SW, Prof. Merrill Sobie Pace Law School, Frank Williams WP Youth Bureau. Photo courtesy of Westchester Children's Association

are much more likely to face traumatic physical and sexual violence than those in juvenile facilities. Current law sets young people up to become re-offenders: young people who go through the adult system are much more likely to re-offend than those in the juvenile system, WCA research has shown.

Studies have found that young people transferred to the adult criminal justice system have approximately 34 percent

system. Around 80 percent of youth released from adult prisons reoffend often going on to commit more serious crimes.

Although Governor Cuomo has set aside money in the budget, the state legislature has failed to pass legislation. New York is only one of two states that automatically prosecute 16 year-olds as adults.

Visit wca4kids.org to read the full letter from clergy.

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The tax levy would jump just .24 percent in compliance with the state's property tax cap. The district will add the equivalent of approximately 22 full time positions.

"We do have some significant staffing changes in the district for next year," Superintendent of Schools Paul Fried said. "The budget was not driven by any staffing reductions."

Voters will also see a capital reserve proposition on the ballot, proposing the establishment of a fund of \$25 million and a term of 10 years. The fund would set aside money for future construction projects the district may need.

"Many school districts do this," said Seiler. "We've never done it in White Plains, but probably about half the school districts around the state do this on a fairly regular basis."

Seiler urged residents to turn out and support the budget, noting that if it were defeated (and if a resubmitted budget were subsequently defeated) the district would have to cut approximately \$400,000 and defer replacing old equipment.

"I've got to tell you, when districts get in that position, it takes years to catch up,"



Assistant Superintendent for Business Fred Seiler (left) and Superintendent of Schools Paul Fried.

Seiler said.

An Uncontested School Board Race

Voters Tuesday will be presented a fait accompli in this year's school board election, as incumbents Sheryl Brady and Charlie Norris are the only two candidates on the ballot for the two open seats on the board. Brady and Norris took part in a question and answer Monday, answering questions on subjects including Common Core, the role of the school board, the relative lack of black educators, and



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"I believe that I have value, knowledge, and a unique perspective to [the board's] work, and that's why I'm running for re-election," Brady, whose career is in the field of education and who has a doctorate in Math, explained. "With a love for the White Plains schools and a passion for education, as a long-time volunteer prior to becoming a member of the school board, I have long sought to serve our children and

to strengthen our school district."

Norris, a litigator, said that his fourth term would be his last on the board.

"I fervently believe that the manner in which a community educates its children is one of its most significant functions, and speaks volumes about the heart and soul of the community," said Norris. "Indeed, the district is financially sound and as compared with some other districts in our area we're good to go."

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Celebrating the 100-Year History of the Woman's Club of White Plains

Part 4 – The 1950's

By Colleen Fay

The Fifties were a decade of enormous changes in the United States. There was much to be grateful for – a booming economy, tremendous developments in medicine, science and technology, rock and roll music. There was a darker side as well – the Korean War, McCarthyism, the Cold War, civil rights unrest. The Woman's Club continued to embrace the changes in society, maintaining a strong influence in White Plains while continuing its philanthropic mission.

The most momentous event for the Woman's Club during the fifties occurred when the mortgage on the C.V. Rich mansion was paid off. Diligent and careful financial planning had allowed the Club to make payments on the principal over the years and thus pay off the mortgage ahead of schedule. In March 1956 on the 40th anniversary of the Club, 360 members gathered at the clubhouse to witness the burning of the mortgage. The ashes were kept in an urn in the library.

The Woman's Club continued to be very popular amongst the women of the day. There were nine sections: Civic, Art-Travel, Literature & Drama, Music, American Home, Garden, Evening, Juniors and Sub-Juniors. There was little interaction between the groups, particularly the Evening section and the remainder of the Club and the Active section remained the most influential.

Overall the Club was one of the largest women's clubs in the country. In 1953, there were 600 members, which became a significant problem due to inadequate parking facilities; limited tearoom facility for luncheons and the auditorium capacity was then only 500. Because of these concerns, in 1957, the Club voted to



Woman's Club members staff the Burke Coffee Shop.

limit membership to 500.

Philanthropy, as always, was an important function and in 1952 the Club received the State Federation Award for philanthropic work in child welfare.

The Coffee Shop and Gift Shop at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital opened and was staffed full time by Club members beginning in 1956. Frequent recipients of donations from the Woman's Club were the Community Chest, YWCA, Children's Aid Societies, Legal Aid Society and local hospitals. At a cost of \$640, a defibrillator was donated to White Plains Hospital in 1957, the first in White Plains. Saint Agnes Hospital received an infant cystoscope and a portable delivery room lamp.

The Evening Section continued to

award scholarships to nursing students at White Plains Hospital and in 1956 the first scholarships were also awarded to White Plains High School students. The Thrift Shop remained a vital component of the Club's charitable work. Anecdotes from the Thrift Shop appeared in the Club's newsletter "Club Dial" describing the types of people who benefited from it – men needing a suit to find work, a crime victim who had his money stolen, a family who lost almost everything after a fire and several people who did not have quite enough money to pay for their purchases but were allowed to keep them anyway. Between 1944/45 and 1954/55 over \$40,000 was donated to various charities by the Club.

The Civic Committee spearheaded interest in current affairs and sought to make club members aware of the

issues facing the country. It encouraged voter registration and wrote letters to their Congressmen with complaints and suggestions about government. The section also sponsored a lecture and discussion on the revelations of the highly organized workings of the Communist Party in America. The Woman's Club supported a movement to re-establish the Westchester Legal Aid Society. In 1955 members took part in a Panel Discussion on "Our Immigration Laws – Good or Bad?" a prescient topic. It supported a resolution proposed by the Federation of Woman's Club calling for stores to remain closed on national holidays including Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Labor Day, 4th of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Unfortunately, it never got approved.

In the mid 1950's, average attendance at Club Day was 300. Many Club Day programs featured topics that would be entirely relative today: 1951 "Is Socialized Medicine the Answer?" 1952 "Women in a Men's World" highlighting that women could bring new perspectives and understanding to international problems, 1952 "American Women Mean Business" expressed concerns that opportunities be widened, women's abilities be strengthened, their achievements be recognized and compensation made equivalent to men, 1953 "The Middle East Today" with suggestions for changes in U.S. policy, 1954 "Need for Conservation and Environmental Awareness" starting in our public schools. In the words of the late great Yogi Berra, "It's like déjà vu all over again."

Of course, there were programs of a lighter nature. Arthur Treacher, a well-known English comedian, Red Barber, sportscaster for the New York Yankees and Ogden Nash, acclaimed poet, all entertained on Club Day. The Art-Travel



Woman's Club members burn the mortgage.



Mrs. James Gorton, Philanthropy Chairwoman with White Plains Hospital Nursing Students.

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Kee Oyster House, White Plains

By Pat Casey

Kee Oyster House, White Plains, recently cut the ribbon to open a new restaurant at the location of the former Tango Grill at the corner of East Post Road and Court Street in White Plains.

The restaurant is the conception of Elvi Hoxhaj and friends Ekrem and Kenan, all Westchester natives, who have worked in the bar and restaurant field for many years, gaining experience and entrance into the distribution networks for quality

food and beverages at top-notch locations in Manhattan and Westchester.

According to Hoxhaj, they love the New York lifestyle and want to bring back some of the old New York history when the city was considered the Oyster Capital of the World. For Hoxhaj personally, his grandfather was an immigrant to New York and the family is grateful for the opportunities they had and the successes they experienced. "Kee Oyster House is a way to give back," he said. The restaurant opened its doors on February 29.

Situated in White Plains, where the partners feel there is a strong market and a serious lack of seafood dining opportunities, Kee Oyster House caters to those wanting a fine dining experience. "Everything is high quality from the drinks at the bar to the items on the menu," Hoxhaj said. The menu features oysters from the east and west coast, including French Canadian varieties, delivered daily. Menu



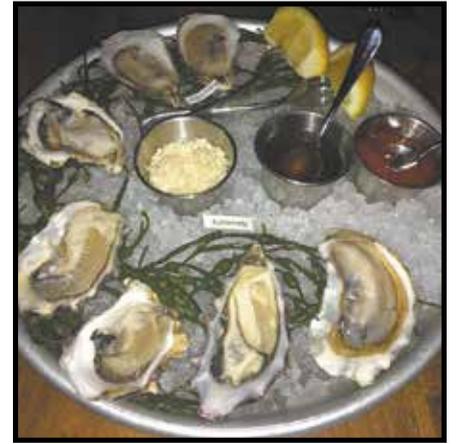
specialties for lunch and dinner include a raw bar, hot bar, seafood starters, and fish and steak entrees. Sides include the more gourmet variations of potatoes and vegetables.

Head chef, Lou Rexepi has over 25 years experience including time as the sous chef at Blue Water Grill.

The décor is reminiscent of the Prohibition Era and the staff dresses in theme. Counter tops feature marble, and black and white is prominent throughout.

A brunch menu will be introduced for the weekends in a few weeks. For the time being, Hoxhaj has decided to focus on lunch and dinner menus. The current feature is soft shell crab.

Kee Oyster House, 126-128 E. Post Road, White Plains is open 7 days a week from 11:30 a.m. to 11p.m. Call 914-437-8535 or make a reservation at opentable.com.



Kee Oyster House features fresh selections daily.



The new Kee Oyster House opened at the former location of Tango Grill on the corner of Church Street and Post Road, White Plains.



Kee Oyster House partners took part in a recent event at The Westchester.

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Section explored the world and various cultures through film. The Sub-Juniors received a lesson on the intricacies of football from the WPHS football coach.

Club members were also interested in the arts. There was a flower show every year as well as the Annual Art Show. The artwork of a different artist was displayed in the lounge each month. There were Fashion Shows as well, usually featuring Club members as models, a tradition which continues today.

The 1950's saw the Silver and 30th anniversaries of Club Dial, which remained

very popular and a significant source of revenue for the club. Club Dial was also well regarded by other organizations. In fact, in 1952, the Westchester County Federation of Woman's Clubs sponsored a workshop on club publications entitled "A Successful Experiment in Club Magazine Publishing." Club Dial was chosen as the example publication to conduct the workshop for the benefit of other clubs. Common submissions included poetry, recipes, book reviews, and the "Junior Page," along with news of upcoming events. The Evening section also had a

segment devoted to their activities, as did the Sub-Juniors. One article on tips for the upcoming ski season included recommendations on preseason exercises, fashion tips (the new stretch pants were highly touted) and advocated the quick release bindings, which could prevent injury. The numerous ads in Club Dial reflected the improving standard of living and desire for goods. One issue had nearly 70 ads. There

were ads for cars, for mortgages to buy or build a house, for silver place settings and accessories, and for fine couture clothes including hats for \$5.98. Con Edison even advertised in several Club Dials, its full-page ad extolling the virtues of an automatic washer run by electricity. "Costs so little, too - only 1¢ for the electricity to do a whole load of wash.

Repair and maintenance of the clubhouse continued with the usual upkeep as well as special additions. The flagpole in the front of the house was dedicated on Flag Day June 14, 1956. Over 200 clubwomen were present including six charter members, 11 past presidents and White Plains mayor Edwin Michaelin. Belle Knight, the first president of the Club then living in Florida, raised the flag attended by an honor guard composed of sons and daughters of members.

A new public address system had been installed in 1957 and a Steinway Concert Grand piano was purchased in 1959 to replace one damaged by flood two years prior.

As the 50's drew to a close, the Woman's Club was as strong as ever, an important supporter of the White Plains community and socially involved. Life generally was stable; people looked out for each other; personal responsibility and conservative values were important; the future looked bright. Little did we know what the 60's held in store.



Mrs. Paul Miller Presents Infant Cystoscope and Lamp to Saint Agnes Hospital.



Mrs. Martha Gambee, Mrs. Belle Knight, Mrs. Jane Weise.

Police Blotter

Westchester County District Attorney's Office

Identity Theft. Simone Barrett Johnson (DOB 10/6/86) of Mount Vernon, was found guilty on May 11, after a jury trial,



of Identity Theft and Larceny.

Between February 20 and February 23, 2014, the defendant assumed the identity of the victim, a resident of Ohio by using the victim's personal identifying information.

The information used in the theft was

specifically the victim's Marion Community Credit Union Debit Card number, which was used to pay the defendant's Time Warner Cable bill in the sum of \$181 and to purchase shoes from NastyGal.com in the sum of \$342.

The defendant used the victim's name and home address in Marion, Ohio, as the billing address for the order while using the victim's name, but defendant's home address, 125 North 6th Avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York as the shipping address to obtain the shoes.

The victim filed a police report with the Marion City Police Department. Their report was then sent to the Mount Vernon Police Department. The detective assigned to the case was able to track down the defendant by using her email address and street address used in her shoe purchase. She was subsequently arrested.

Witnesses from Ohio and Kentucky testified at trial.

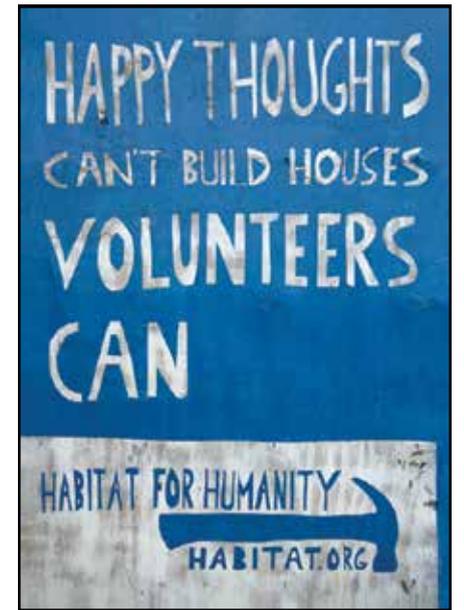
Through her actions, the defendant caused the victim, who earns approximately \$400 a week, a financial loss of \$530. Due to the nature of the theft, that money cannot be credited back to the victim or her credit union.

The defendant was remanded to the Westchester County Jail. She is due to be sentenced on June 15, 2016, and faces a maximum of four years in prison.

Greenburgh Police Department

Burglary. On April 30 at 10:30 p.m. police responded to a residence on Don Lane, for a report of a possible burglary. The complainant reported that she left her house at approximately 6 p.m. and returned home at 10 p.m. She said that she left the house through the garage door, and returned home the same way. When she arrived home she found that her family room sliding glass door was left slightly open. Upon further inspection she found that several drawers were open that had not been when she left. Officers cleared the interior of the home and found that there was no damage to the rear sliding door. The complainant could not recall if she left the door unlocked, and does not know who may have entered her home, but when asked if she had any cameras on the premise, she showed police a camera she had positioned in her family room, by the sliding door. She had received an e-mail from the camera company at 11:16 p.m., that there was motion in her family room, and there is a picture of legs standing on the outside of the sliding glass doors. Detectives were notified and responded to take photos of the home. The complainant was not sure what was taken, but could confirm there was jewelry missing. A nearby resident reported hearing the sound of wood cracking in the direc-

tion of the complainant's home around the time of the alleged break-in. A vehicle, which was the only vehicle parked in Woodlands Temple Parking lot, was also documented.



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WPH Recognizes White Plains Resident for 50 Years of Service

White Plains Hospital has recognized Sheran Lyons for 50 years of service to the organization. Lyons, 73 and a resident of White Plains, began working at the Hospital in 1966 as the first registrar to be employed in the Emergency Department. She held that position for 15 years before moving to Nursing Administration where she has worked as a scheduling coordinator for the last 35 years. Leigh Anne McMahon, RN, Senior Vice



Sheran Lyons (left) with White Plains Hospital President and CEO Susan Fox.

President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer, remarked on Ms. Lyons longevity within the organization, "Sheran has been an ideal representative of our mission to provide exceptional care to the community over these many years," she said. "We have been so incredibly fortunate to benefit from her loyalty and dedication to this Hospital. "Lyons was honored during a ceremony recognizing White Plains Hospital employees for

years of service during National Hospital Week, an annual period of recognition for hospital workers that was launched by the American Hospital Association nearly a century ago. Overall, more than 500 employees were recognized for tenures at the organization ranging from three to 50 years. "Years ago, I set a personal goal of giving 50 years of service to White Plains Hospital," Ms. Lyons commented. "The Hospital is so special to me, and I feel very blessed to achieve that goal."

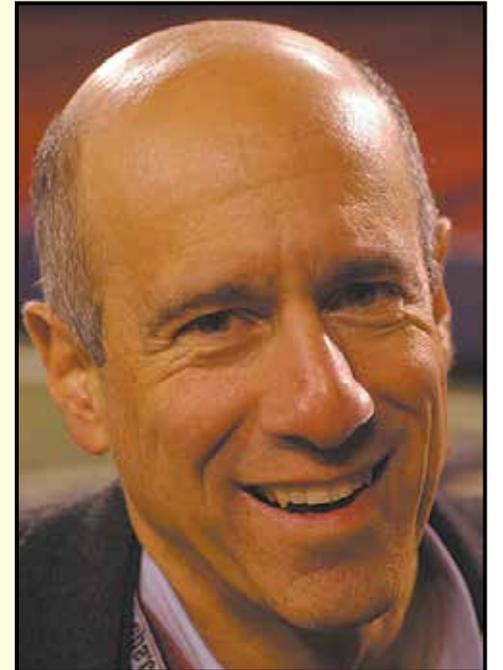
Child Support Association Awards White Plains Attorney

John Vorperian, of White Plains, and an Assistant County Attorney with the Westchester County Law Department's Family Court Bureau received the first-ever "Front-Line Professional of the Year Award" from the Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association (ERICSA) at its 53rd Annual Training Conference & Exposition held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

On May 2, 2016, during the week-long event, ERICSA comprised of new and experienced child support professionals including caseworkers, managers, directors, and lawyers from 41 States, 28 Tribal Nations, and one U.S. Territory announced the inaugural award winner.

"Frankly, I'm amazed and humbled to be given this kudo, given all the other candidates who do their utmost to help children and families," said Vorperian.

In accepting the honor from ERICSA President Margot Bean, Vorperian, who has worked for over 25 years as a child support attorney further said, "I was



John Vorperian

once told, in life you can do well or you can do good. Hey, ERICSA let's keep doing good."

SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

Obituaries

Iole Jannace Gardella

Iole Jannace Gardella passed away on May 10 at the age of 98. She was born in New York City on May 18, 1917 to Italian immigrant parents, Giacomo and Ida Jannace. Her parents moved to Greenburgh and Iole was graduated from St. John's in White Plains, finishing high school at age sixteen. Iole received her B.A. degree from Good Counsel College in 1937 and went on to receive a Master's Degree from NYU in 1944. One year later, Iole married World War II submarine veteran Silvio Joseph Gardella of White Plains. From 1954 on, Iole served as Professor of Italian at Good Counsel College. At the same time, she also worked as a church organist, choir director, and music teacher in the Westchester parochial school system. After Good Counsel College merged with Pace University, Iole became an Italian teacher in the White Plains adult education program for the next 34 years. After her children were raised, Iole loved nothing

better than to travel on educational trips, organized by her colleague and great friend, Helena Brady. They accompanied Good Counsel girls and others to China, Italy, Thailand, Egypt, Brazil, and beyond. Iole was predeceased by her parents, her brothers Louis and James Jannace and her very good friend and companion, Theresa Praskach. Iole is survived by her three children, James Joseph Gardella (Patricia Buckley Gardella), Nancy Gardella, and John Silvio Gardella (Nancy McPartlin Gardella). Also surviving her are four grandchildren, David Gardella (Elizabeth Figueroa), Daniel Gardella (Moah Son), Christopher Leigh Clark (Librada "Lilly" Garza Clark), and Jonathan Gardella as well as two great-grandchildren, Corbyn ClarkGarza and Dominic Clark. She is also survived by her brother Manlio Jannace and his wife Joan Jannace, her two canine companions, Silvio and Lil'Bit, and her feline companion, Teddy. Iole loved children, music, art, animals, her faith, her friends, and her country. She had a special

love and appreciation for the Sisters of the Divine Compassion and Good Counsel College which gave her a wonderful start on her path to her life's desire, teaching.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 18 at 10 a.m. at Good Counsel Chapel, 52 N. Broadway, White Plains, followed by burial at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Friends may call on Tuesday, May 17 from 5-9 p.m. at the Ballard-Durand Funeral Home, 2 Maple Avenue at South Broadway, White Plains.

Donations in Iole's memory may be made to the Sisters of the Divine Compassion or the White Plains Beautification Foundation.

Lorenza Morettini

Lorenza Morettini, of West Harrison, died May 11, at her home in West Harrison surrounded by her loving family. She was 95 years old. Lorenza was born August 7, 1920 in Fabriano, Italy daughter to the late Antonio and Giuseppa Conti. Along

with her husband Perseo, Lorenza departed Italy for America in 1957 and settled in West Harrison. She raised her family in West Harrison and was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Church. Surviving are daughter, Pat Castellano and her husband Mike, her son, Remo Morettini and his wife Susan and a sister, Lina Conti. Lorenza is also survived by her cherished grandchildren Michael (Chrissy), Marc (Rebecca), David (Breanne), Jennifer (Steve) and John and her five great grandchildren Luke, Jesse, Samuel, Sophie and Ella and a sixth on the way. Lorenza was predeceased by her husband Perseo in 1959.

Memorial contributions in Lorenza's memory may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester, 1025 Westchester Ave, Suite 200, White Plains, NY 10604 or to St. Anthony of Padua Church, 85 Harrison Street, West Harrison, NY 10604.



White Plains Youth Bureau's 4th Annual Father of the Year Awards

The White Plains Youth Bureau is accepting applications for the Father of the Year Awards. The awards will be announced at the 4th Annual Father of the Year Awards Breakfast to be held Saturday, June 1, 8:30 a.m. at Eastview Middle School. The program honors fathers and father figures for their leadership, service to the community and for being positive

role models in the lives of young people.

To enter, please submit an essay on one of the following topics: What does your father/father figure mean to you? Why do you think your father/father figure should win the 2016 Father of the Year Award?

Please submit a 200-word essay to Donnie Simmons, White Plains Youth Bureau, 11 Amherst Place by Friday, May 20, 2016.



Greenburgh Town Supervisor Seeks Input to Help Central Ave. Businesses

The Austin Ave and Ridge Hill developments have hurt businesses located on Central Ave., and the soon to open Rivertowns Square shopping plaza off the Saw Mill River Parkway will hurt local businesses even more. We all have been depressed, seeing vacant storefronts stay vacant. Landlords haven't given their merchants breaks either. We need to figure out a way to attract more shoppers to Central Avenue.

Here's a suggestion: Hold an event in the fall or spring in the early evening, after rush hour. Shut down one side of the avenue. Only allow pedestrians to walk up and down the side of the avenue. Hastings on Hudson and Tarrytown have successful street fairs and turn their downtown areas into giant parties. Dobbs Ferry and Ardsley have also held annual street fairs that are fantastic. The entire Dobbs Ferry downtown area is wall-to-wall pe-

destrians with music, food, and other fun things to do. New York City turned Times Square into a pedestrian friendly outdoor area. We could do the same.

The benefit: Right now most people drive to specific destination locations on Central Avenue. If the avenue were opened up to pedestrians only, many people would be introduced to businesses they are not very familiar with. Local businesses would be helped. And the creation of a Central Ave Chamber of Commerce might be encouraged. If the concept works we could schedule future events on the avenue once a month during the spring, summer and fall.

What do you think? I will also reach out to the Yonkers and White Plains leadership and business and government officials promoting the concept. Let's make Central Avenue a fun place to go to. E-mail me your thoughts at pfeiner@greenburghny.com.

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Correction

In the May 10 to May 16, 2016 issue of The White Plains Examiner in the story "White Plains Centennial Ball Reflects on 100 Years of History," we incorrectly wrote that NYS Governor Charles E. Hughes had signed the charter to make White Plains a City. It was Governor Charles S. Whitman who signed the bill granting the White Plains charter as a city.

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Camp Section 2016

What to Look for in a Summer Dance Camp Program

Summer is right around the corner, which means kids will be looking for something to do. Children love sports and games and keeping cool, so why not check out a summer dance camp this year?

Dance camps are a great way to allow your child to experience the environment and culture of a dance studio while keeping active during the hot summer months. They will be introduced to different dance styles and techniques as well as varying approaches to teaching.

A dance camp is usually divided by age groups and many times have a theme. Popular themes for younger children are "Princess Camp," "Beach Party," "Rock Star," "Born in the USA" and "Frozen." Your child should expect a daily routine that includes a warmup/stretch activity, games, crafts, snack time and story time along with learning a dance choreographed to music that goes along with the



week's theme.

Older campers will focus more on dance technique and the week will be more dance intensive. Campers will watch videos and presentations on iconic choreographers and learn dance history. Some studios hire guest teachers who bring a master level class to the camp. Older dancers may be lucky enough to go on a day trip to a museum, ballet or Broadway show.

Parents should visit a dance studio prior to registering for a summer camp. Most facili-

ties are air-conditioned, which keeps the children cool. Make sure the studio is safe and securely monitored during camp hours. Parents should give any pertinent health information to the director, including dietary restrictions or allergies.

Parents should ask around or check out the studio's website or Facebook page to read recent reviews of the business. You want your child to have fun but also get great exposure to dance and fitness. Every camp is different, so ask what sets a studio apart? You also want to make sure the group size is manageable and that there is an adequate staff-to-camper ratio. Safety first should be the priority.

Here's to a safe and fun-filled summer!

Instilling Love of Fitness Best Way to Make Children Love Exercise

With all the talk about childhood obesity it's no wonder parents are desperate to instill a love of fitness in their kids. The last thing they want for their children is for them to become a statistic on poor health.

To combat this, the best lesson a parent can teach a child about fitness is that it can be fun. Make it a priority in your life, and your children will not only reap the benefits they will see the improvements it can make in their lives.

Bad eating habits and inactivity have become bigger problems, thanks to the advent of tablets, cell phones, texting and video games.

Whatever happened to the days when kids spent hours upon hours outdoors – riding bikes, playing tag or hide-and-seek – until they were so exhausted they were asleep before their heads even hit their pillows?

What's missing in the daily routines for kids these days? Fun and socialization. A video game doesn't compare to a game of soccer with neighborhood kids. When children participate in a game that involves other children and physical activity, they're not only getting exercise, they're picking up social cues, learning how to work with a team and building confidence and friendships.

The trick is to get children active and socializing at the earliest age possible. Seek out activities that you enjoy as a family and participate in together. Children can be exercising and not even realize it. It's important that physical activity doesn't become another item on their list

of chores, like cleaning their rooms.

If the parent has fun and gets creative about activities, the child will have fun, too. Parents can create a contest. For example, see who can rake leaves faster or put on some music and have a dance party. Make walking the dog a family event and search for the prettiest leaves or rocks along the way. Anything that will engage the child will help her or him associate fitness with fun.

Another thing to remember is self-acceptance. Teaching self-acceptance to children takes time and patience. As a parent, you have to be able to practice what you preach. Children learn best through example. If you are living a healthy lifestyle and focusing on the importance of exercise, children will follow your lead.

If you want your child to have a healthy body image, make sure to accept yourself as you are. Exercise is for fun and for your health. Parents should not put too much emphasis on image. What you don't want is to set a child up for failure with unrealistic expectations.

Aside from health benefits and socialization, physical fitness can boost a child's self-esteem. When children find something they enjoy, they are likely to continue and grow in the sport or activity. Encourage their devotion without pushing them. Not only will a child benefit physically, he or she will also thrive emotionally, socially and cognitively.



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In a Major Political Year, Equal Time for Red and Blue

Recently when I wrote a column dedicated to decorating in red, I received a comment from a reader asking whether my personal devotion to the color was politically motivated. Honestly, the thought never entered my mind; however, I thought that it was certainly a creative association.

When it was suggested by that same reader that I should give equal and unbiased time to the color blue, I thought it only fair, considering that some surveys have identified blue as America's favorite color, and at the same time, the latest polls show that a greater number of Americans identify with the political party that has adopted blue as its color.

Interestingly enough, red and blue have not distinguished the two major political parties for as long as we might expect. It wasn't until the epic 2000 Bush-Gore race that color coded maps were standardized to identify Republicans with red and Democrats with blue.

Psychologically, color is credited with influencing our moods, eating habits, sleeping routines, even our romantic inclinations. The colors we choose in decorating can have a major impact on day-to-day living.

I had never thought about a strong color themed décor early in our married life, my wife and I met Myrna and Harry, another young couple who lived in the same apartment complex as we. Myrna was an

art teacher and her favorite color was blue. In her own artwork, she painted in oil, and every painting was a study in various shades of the color. All of the walls in her apartment were stark white and all of her upholstery and window treatments, while simple, were blue.

It all made a definite statement, but was definitely not for me. I was deeply entrenched in warm colors in my early years, as was my wife, and our surroundings reflected it. From creamy off-whites and yellows for the walls to rich reds and browns for the decor.

But according to a survey by House Beautiful, we're in the minority. In the magazine's Color Report, 29 percent of 4,000 respondents nationwide chose blue as their overall favorite color. A close second, at 21 percent, was green (my second least favorite color) while red and purple lagged behind, tied at 8 percent (again, weirdo me would choose these as favorite colors).



By Bill Primavera

Giving blue its due for those who love it, it's all around us in nature from the sky to the water. Known for its peaceful quality, blue is a favored color for bedrooms. Studies have shown that it actually slows down the metabolism, so it would make sense that it could help induce sleep. Blue is also very useful as the principle decorating color in a business setting, particularly meeting rooms designated for negotiation and keeping "cool" heads.

Blue also conveys a certain royalty or being set apart (blue bloods), as well as authority or confidence (as in "Big Blue"). Blue can be associated with isolation, which might explain why someone feeling lonely could be said to have "the blues." In the final analysis,

it all depends on how we relate to blue individually.

The "power" suit for men has always been a navy blue, while women have adopted red to convey the same message of authority. As for the man's tie, red will always – ahem – trump blue in claiming the adjective "power."

When it comes time to decorating, blue actually offers more variety and latitude than red. A little red goes a long way and can easily be overdone and overwhelm a room's occupants with too heavy a hand.

In my "red" column I related the story about my disastrous first decorating job as a teenager when I painted my bedroom blood red (make that dried blood red). When the house was put on the market, the first prospects walked into that room and uttered, "Wow!" It would be difficult to overdo with blue no matter how extensively used. I once decorated a family room with a wildly busy paisley wallpaper trimmed with a bright blue woodwork and got away with it.

Having just transitioned from a living room that was predominantly pink and red to one that is primarily blue, I suppose it might be a change of life thing. My pace is a little calmer, a little more peaceful and my surroundings are falling in line.

But wait a minute. Here I am, preferring red but choosing blue to decorate. Is it to keep people guessing about my political leanings?

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Time for State, Federal Governments Step Up Childcare Support

By Jose Perez-Vivaldo

High cost of childcare is an obstacle to employment among low-income families, affecting those living at or below 200 percent of poverty with young children.

Childcare subsidies are intended to support both parental employment and child development by reducing the cost of childcare and making high quality childcare accessible to low-income families.

High quality childcare promotes child development by providing children the opportunity to learn and advance skills essential for success in academia and life. Research has shown that low-income families who receive childcare subsidies have higher rates of employment than similar families who do not receive subsidies, according to a 2013 report "Child Care Subsidies Critical for Low-Income Families Amid Rising Child Care Expenses" by Kristin Smith. Parental employment is one of the most important factors in reducing the risk of child poverty. With recent pressures to cut state budgets and federal stimulus money gone, childcare subsidies have decreased. A government subsidy that aids payment for childcare is essential.

Childcare subsidies are a mix of federal and state funds that reimburse child care providers on behalf of families. It

is critical to low-income households. These subsidies have been eroded by inflation, growing demand and recently by reduction in state budgets.

"States have dropped their investment in child care substantially," said Linda Saterfield, vice chair of the National Association of State Child Care Administrators. "We're being expected to do more with less."

Eligibility for the subsidies is more stringent and co-payments from families have been raised to cover increasing demand. Only one in seven families eligible for government childcare subsidies in 2014 received them, stated Sheila Zedlewski in her article "Family Economic Resources in the Post-Reform Era," published in the online periodical www.thefutureofchildren.org. The long waiting list for subsidies indicate unmet needs.

The Child Care and Development Block Grant is the primary source of federal funding for childcare subsidies for low-income working families. States contribute matching funds and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) maintenance-of-effort. Some states use the TANF block grant funds to deliver childcare assistance. However,

programs are being cut as Congress seeks deficit reduction. States are trying to balance their budgets; some view cuts in services for families as a necessary step.

Policies in the United States create strong incentives for parents to work and provide additional income support among low-income households, but are less effective in ensuring that children whose parents work have access to an appropriate and stimulating early care environment. The supply of subsidized childcare in New York City has decreased. Working parents with low-income wages struggle to pay for shelter and food. Childcare is a problem; it costs more in New York than any other state except Massachusetts, wrote Thomas Hilliard in his 2011 article "Subsidizing Care, Supporting Work."

Families with young children and employed mothers rely on informal, low direct-cost care supplied by relatives.

"However, over half of these families purchase childcare, and for those without access to subsidized care, childcare costs can be a sizable financial burden," wrote David Blau in his article "The Economics of Child Care" for the Russell Sage Foundation. Low-income families spend an average of 18 percent of their income

on childcare, compared to 7 percent for non-poor families, Blau said.

Childcare impacts the development of children. Children in low-income families score worse on a wide range of indicators. Economically secure children are healthier and perform better in school, they are less likely to commit crime and more likely to graduate from high school and college.

There is a strong consensus that high quality early childcare, whether by parents or others, enhances children's cognitive and social development. Proponents argue that high quality care should not damage the family budget.

However, high quality childcare is unaffordable for low-income families without government assistance, especially in New York State. A family of four at the poverty level has estimated childcare costs of \$10,847 annually, according to Hilliard's article.

Confronting the financial realities facing low-income working parents, policymakers created work supports and childcare subsidies. However, fewer than 7 percent of low-income working families receive these supports.

Therefore, it is time to expand federal and state childcare funding.

Jose Perez-Vivaldo is a White Plains resident.

Guest Column

Italian Regulators Offer Guidelines on Wine Labels



By Nick Antonaccio

In recent columns I've been focusing on wine labels. For many consumers this is their introduction to a particular bottle of wine. Their one-minute speed date, if you will, to judge the inner qualities and intrinsic appeal based solely on a first impression.

As in the dating ritual, the introduction to a wine through its label provides a modicum of information, often with confusing signals, and rarely any meaningful insights into a wine's character, history or DNA.

Wine labels as vehicles for speed dating can be useful tools in making a decision to proceed with, or retreat from, a particular wine. But labels vary wildly in the data they contain and the emotional profile they convey.

And each label, just as each speed-dating prospect, is a product of its environment. The culture and personality of each country is evident on a wine label.

American labels are bold and in your face, on occasion a bit provocative. This is where I was born and this is my DNA, do you have a problem with that?

French labels are a bit more demure. This is where I was born, I expect you to

know my background and DNA. My reputation precedes me.

Italian labels are more self-asserting. This is where I'm from and here are my references of how wonderful I am. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for an amazing experience.

I've been reporting on wine label speed dating in the United States and France. This week I turn to self-assertive Italy.

Italian regulators go one step further to inform consumers than their counterparts in other wine nations. They have devised a system of grading all wines produced across the vast landscape of Italian wines. Consumers have a standard against which they can measure the qualities of a wine based on an acronym designated on a wine label.

The 2,000 grape varieties, grown in 20 geographic regions, are categorized into four distinct classifications. Rated in ascending order, these classifications are intended to create uniformity in the production of wines and to provide the wine consumer with a broad, generalized means to evaluate wines.

•VdT (Vino da Tavola): Translates to Table Wine. These are wines produced in

the countryside, or in bulk, which do not strive to meet any basic regulations. This category encompasses the vast majority of Italian wines.

•IGT (Indicazione Geografica Tipica): Translates to Typical Geographical Indication. It denotes that the wine is from a specific area of Italy, but may not fit into the traditional grape heritage of a region or vineyard area. The emergence of Super Tuscans contributed to the creation of this classification in 1992. For consumers it generally means a higher quality wine. There are hundreds of wines in this category.

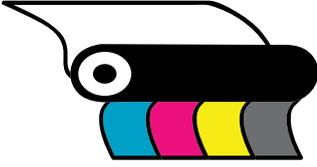
•DOC (Denominazione di Origine Controllata): Translates to Controlled Origin Denomination. This is typically the sweet spot for Italian wines. The requirements include the specific areas in which the wines may originate; specific grape varieties; minimum/maximum alcohol levels; maximum yields in grapes per vine per hectare; basic sensory and maturation characteristics; and required minimum periods of aging. There are about 300 DOCs, an excellent guideline for quality and consistency.

•DOCG (Denominazione di Origine Controllata E Garantita): Note the last word. This translates to Guarantee. Don't

misconstrue this label. This is not an assurance from the Italian regulators that you will enjoy this wine or that its quality is above reproach. What is guaranteed? The wine inside the bottle has received additional testing and a higher level of scrutiny than all other wines. These expand on the DOC definition and include requirements for lower vineyard yields; in-depth chemical analyses of a wine's physical composition; and sampling of each producer's wines by expert tasters to determine if they meet specified sensory standards. There are only 57 DOCGs.

The regulators act as surrogate Italian mothers. He's a good boy. You can take my word for it.

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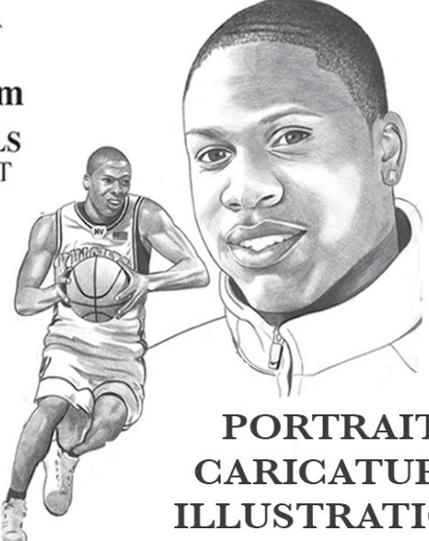
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Delicious Spring Culinary Encounters



By Morris Gut

As I make my rounds all over greater Westchester I have many delicious culinary encounters. Here are a few recent indulgences.

Soft Shell Crab Season at La Piccola Casa, Mamaroneck

Proprietor/self-taught chef Walter Ricci is originally from Peru and had an Italian grandfather. Through the years he worked many popular kitchens in greater Westchester including the former Umberto's in Rye and Giorgio's in Port Chester, which he ran for 10 years. He moved his cozy 20-year-old La Piccola Casa from the old Le Shack location along Rt.1 in Mamaroneck to refurbished quarters in the landmark DeLancey House where author James Fenimore Cooper lived for a time across from scenic Harbor Island Park along Boston Post Road. Walter is serving his new updated menu featuring many of his well-known specialties: Italian classics with concentration on the finest ingredients. Walter does his own shopping daily. If you crave Soft Shell Crab, Walter's are among the best I have encountered in Westchester thus far.



Oysters Rockefeller at Artie's, City Island.

They are a must, sautéed, plump, meaty and juicy. Walter has them on the blackboard regularly now, but check ahead just to make sure. During a recent visit I also saw a customer being served a giant Double Cut Pork Chop. Looked darn good, too.

La Piccola Casa is located at 410 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck. The restaurant is open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. Free street parking. Reservations accepted. Phone: 914-777-3766. www.lapiccolacasa.com.

Oysters Rockefeller at Artie's, City Island

This restaurant is right in the middle of City Island, the charming seaport village just below the Westchester line. Owner Spiro Chagares and his staff are marking 20 years, serving patrons an inspired melding of traditional and contemporary dishes served with flair. Sit back in one of several refurbished dining areas and enjoy such changing specialties as: hearty

Seafood Chowders; Oysters Rockefeller; Smoked Salmon Roll-Ups; Wood Grilled Jumbo Shrimp and Scallops; hunks of tender Short Rib; a massive Zuppa Di Pesce; tender Oven Roasted Rack of Lamb; Chardonnay Poached Salmon with seafood; and fresh Lobster prepared in a variety of styles. There's a loaded Lobster Salad Roll at lunch and their Mediterranean style Pizzas are good to share, too. Check out the redesigned bar/lounge most evenings for good networking. Private party facilities. Off premise catering. Open 7 days. Free parking. Artie's is located at 394 City Island Ave., City Island, Bronx. 718-885-9885 www.artiescityisland.com.

Antipasti Platter at La Bocca, White Plains

Chef Tony Spiritoso is currently marking 35 years as a chef and restaurateur in Westchester and the public is invited to be a part of the conviviality and savor the regional Italian specialties. It usually begins at his signature antipasti bar loaded daily with tempting cured imported meats, cheeses and appetizing house made salads. Tony has brought his vintage bright red slicing machines along wherever he has been, and they sit here ready to roll on the antipasto counter. Breads are served in folded paper bags. And the wine selection is among the best in Westchester. A titillating combination for the palate. The name 'La Bocca' comes from the famous open-mouthed statue in Italy 'La Bocca Della Verita' (the mouth of truth) via the classic film 'Roman Holiday'. The dining room is strewn with artistic columns and serving pieces. There is banquette and table seating in the main 80-seat dining room, while the bar is often a perfect spot of networking with locals. There is a new wine room for private events for up to 60 guests. Tony and his son in law Alessandro and the veteran staff will take good care of you. Great menu starters right now also include: Crespelle Fiorentino, eggplant rollatine with ricotta cheese and spinach in a pink sauce; Mozzarella di Bufala, Buffalo mozzarella served with tomato and basil; Insalata Contadina, arugula, pear, walnuts and bleu cheese; Polpo alla Calabrese, octopus sautéed with cherry tomato, hot pepper, garlic and oil; and Tony's popular Sapori d' Italia, a selection of Italian delicatessen. La Bocca is located at 8 Church Street, White Plains. Phone: 914-948-3281 www.laboccaristorante.com.

Pasta Making at Pax Romana, White Plains

Partners Christian Runco, Alfredo Runco and Paul Russo have opened Pax Romana Cucina Pastificio and Bar on E. Post Road, White Plains, at the former site of Taleggio. The sprawling contemporary Italian restaurant features a long 50-seat marble topped bar and lounge, dining

room with well-spaced tables, an open air tasting bar that will be used for cooking classes, and a 'graffiti wall' reminiscent of side streets in Rome. In charge of the open kitchen is Chef Cristian Petitta who had previously worked at La Bocca in White Plains. His menu is a playful take on Roman style Italian cuisine with special emphasis on house made fresh pastas. Dishes that are gluten free, vegetarian, or vegan are clearly marked.

Prices are reasonable. The heart of the menu is the section devoted to fresh pastas: 'Farinacei e Pasta Fresca/Grains and Fresh Pasta'. Signature specialties include: Spaghetti a' Carbonara, with egg yolk, guanciale, black pepper, pecorino cheese; Chitarra ar Salmore Affumicato, with smoked salmon, zucchini, red onion, saffron; Pappardelle ar Cacao con Sugo de Cinghiale, cocoa infused pasta with wild boar ragu; Fettuccine ai Porcini, Spec e Panna, with porcini mushrooms, smoked prosciutto, cream; and Ravioli a' Vaccinara, oxtail ravioli, celery stalk, tomato. Pax Romana is located at 189 E. Post Road, White Plains. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner 7 days a week. Prices at lunch: \$6 to \$18. Dinner menu: \$6 to \$22. Bar/lounge. Take out. Private party facilities for up to 80 guests. Major credit cards. Proper casual dress. Handicapped access. Municipal parking. Reservations suggested for larger groups. Phone: 914-437-5791; www.paxromanany.com.

Stuffed Calamari at Mamma Francesca, New Rochelle

When Nick DiCostanzo was growing up on the Island of Ischia on the Coast of Naples in Italy, his earliest memories where of the simple seaside meals he would enjoy with his family, farm-to-table and of course sea-to-table. As proprietor of Mamma Francesca Italian Restaurant in New Rochelle for over 30 years, located on the banks of Long Island Sound with 6-story views of the 'Queen City's' seafaring boat clubs, this culinary philosophy still holds true, albeit with a sprinkling of contemporary taste. There is a talented new kitchen staff preparing a seasonal menu of robust specialties: fresh Ischia Salad; individual sized pizza; Giant Meatballs; good retro versions of Chicken, Veal or Shrimp Parmigiana; Mamma's Chicken Breast Europeo, stuffed with prosciutto, mozzarella, mushrooms and spinach in a Marsala wine sauce; a big platter of Misto Frutti di Mare loaded with shrimp, clams, calamari and mussels in a red sauce over linguini; and Pork Chops or Sirloin della Nonna, served with sliced potatoes, peppers, mushrooms and onions. We recently enjoyed Nick's big Stuffed Calamari. Daily



Stuffed Calamari at Mamma Francesca, New Rochelle.

Happy Hours. Party facilities & off-premise catering. Free parking. Mamma Francesca is located at 414 Pelham Road, New Rochelle. Phone: 914-636-1229; www.mammafrancesca.com.

Truffled Pizza at Le Sirene, Larchmont

The buzz has been spreading among food aficionados throughout the area since its opening last July. My recent visits have proven it is a stunning addition to the Westchester restaurant scene. The Fratelli Bruno: Cosimo and Gerardo, and their family have combined their considerable talents in opening Le Sirene Ristorante on Palmer Ave. in Larchmont. The site formerly housed Palmer's Crossing. The Bruno family are veteran restaurateurs who also own such venerable dining rooms as San Pietro, Caravaggio and Sistina in Manhattan. They have had ties to their native Southern Italy for generations, having farmed olive trees and produced wines in and around their hometown of Salerno. And they know how to cook in the authentic Italian way: "Let natural food flavors express themselves," is their culinary philosophy. Owner Cosimo Bruno is general manager and host, but also shares kitchen duties with Executive Chef Alberto Pepe, his nephew, who also grew up in Salerno. Hospitable Maitre d' is Gabriele Pepe, also a nephew. Let the warmth guide you to your seat and let the professional staff give you a tour of the menu. The bar/lounge is to your right as you enter. The Bruno's know their wines. Cosimo Bruno is a Certified Sommelier. Olga, the inviting barkeep who divides her time between operations in Manhattan and Larchmont, knows her wines and pairings well. The 'pizzaoli' is at his wood fired pizza oven at the end of the bar ready to prepare over a dozen of his tasty individually styled pies. Le Sirene is located at 1957 Palmer Ave., Larchmont. Phone: 914-834-8300; www.lesireneristorante.com.

Morris Gut is a restaurant consultant and former restaurant trade magazine editor. He has been tracking and writing about the food and dining scene in greater Westchester for 30 years. He may be reached at: 914-235-6591. E-mail: gutreactions@op-tonline.net.





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Larchmont's Plates Offers Sunday Bottomless Barbecue

By Jerry Eimbinder

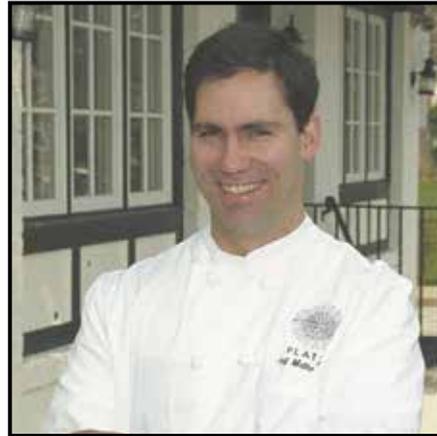
On Bottomless BBQ Sundays, the smoker at Plates works overtime, cooking brisket for 12 hours, pulled pork for 10 hours and St. Louis ribs for eight hours.

The combination is served with a variety of accompaniments such as cole slaw, baked beans and a biscuit for \$28 per person, plus tax and tip. Extra portions of any desired combination are refilled free. A children's barbecue plate is available at \$10 (refills are not included). There is an additional charge for beverages.

Bottomless BBQ Sunday service is available inside and on the patio from 5 to 9 p.m. in addition to the restaurant's regular dinner menu.

An eight-hour, smoked pastrami sandwich has been added to Plates' menu along with the newly introduced New Orleans specialty – shrimp Po'Boy.

Barbecue lovers can also order Bottomless BBQ on Thursdays for \$28 (or a single BBQ serving at \$20) during a live music summertime program with



Matthew Karp, the chef and owner at Plates in Larchmont.

food service starting at 5 p.m. The regular menu is also available.

The live music attraction scheduled for May 19 is The Mighty Fergusons, a local band with vocalists/guitarists Dennis Bolger and Matt Urbania, James Kirkpatrick on drums, vocalist Todd Nocera on keys and bassist Jorge Delrio.

The music starts at 6 p.m.

Brunch is served on Saturday and Sunday and includes bottomless BBQ at \$28 (a single serving is \$20), smoked brisket with scrambled eggs, tortilla and barbecue beans (\$14) and a smoked pulled pork sandwich (\$10).

Also offered at brunch are fried chicken atop waffles (\$16), burgers (\$14 and up) and a \$10 prix-fixe kid's menu. The Bloody Mary and Bloody Mariachi are priced at \$6 each. A 25 percent discount is offered for bottled wine during brunch.

Chef/owner Matthew Karp is a graduate of the Cordon Bleu School in Paris. In 2004, he and his wife Wendy bought a century-old historic structure not far from the Metro-North train station in Larchmont. Originally built as a rest house for New Haven railroad engineers and conductors, the building



The bottomless BBQ Sunday dish.

had been converted to a speakeasy during Prohibition. It then became a restaurant named Carl's on the Park in 1950.

Plates is named for Karp's vast collection of dishes, accumulated during his travels, which decorate the walls of the restaurant.

Plates is located at 121 Myrtle Blvd. in Larchmont. For more information, call 914-834-1244 or visit www.platesonthepark.com.

French Cooking Demos Offered at La Panetière in Rye

By Jerry Eimbinder

How to prepare Atlantic halibut will be covered in a demonstration of French cooking techniques to be held at Jacques Loupiac's La Panetière in Rye this Thursday.

Attendees will be guided step by step in the use of a citrus-herb persillade, snow peas, yellow wax beans fricassee and a basil-pesto sauce to create the halibut meal.

The demonstration will be followed by a three-course luncheon with the halibut as the main course. The cost for participating in this event is \$40 per person plus beverages, tax and gratuities.

The usual luncheon menu will be avail-



La Panetière in Rye will be offering a French cooking techniques demonstration.

able to customers who aren't participating in the demonstration. This menu includes a large selection of seafood dishes such as Maine lobster medallions and grilled Dover sole along with roasted quail and a rack of lamb noisettes.

The lesson, which starts at 11:30 a.m., is the latest demonstration in an ongoing cooking series.

La Panetière will also host a prix-fixe wine tasting event, including dinner, on May 24, with winemaker Alain Serveau of Domaines Albert Bichot Burgundy

Wines serving as guest speaker. A 7 p.m. reception will be followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. The cost to attend is \$140 per person. Look for the posting of the menu at www.lapanetiere.com.

Loupiac comes from a long line of bakers who made a living selling pastries in the south of France.

La Panetière is open for lunch Tuesday through Friday and Sunday. Dinner is served seven days a week. The restaurant, which opened in 1986, is housed in a charming, cottage-style building located at 530 Milton Rd. in Rye.

For reservations, call 914-967-8140 or visit www.lapanetiere.com.

Mount Kisco's Exit 4 Food Hall to Expand Services

By Jerry Eimbinder

Exit 4 Food Hall created a stir when it opened in February with nine independently-owned stations co-existing under one roof. Now it is preparing to add new functionality for delivery, catering services and take-out options.

"Delivery and catering from food halls is rare and complex and, therefore, Exit 4 is rolling out delivery in two phases," said Jeff Friedlaender, a partner at Exit 4 Food Hall. "Phase one will include delivery to businesses and catered events and Phase two will add delivery to local residents."

"Imagine being able to have pizza, sushi, barbecue, seafood, pasta, sandwiches and salads delivered from the same location," he said.

Participating in the two-phase program are Charcuterie 153, offering platters of smoked and cured meats and savory



cheeses; Rawsome Seafood Bar (operated by Joe DiMauro of Mount Kisco Seafood) serving oysters, shrimp and seafood small plates; Inno Sushi by James, a sushi

bar with fresh grab-and-go and dine-in items; Rotiss-A-Q, featuring rotisserie-cooked meats, including chicken, pork and beef dishes, prepared by John Cioffi, the former owner of A&S Marketplace; Piacci Pasta Bar, offering chef specialties made with fresh homemade pasta and sauces; Fuoco Wood-Fired Pizza (fuoco is Italian for fire); Dirty Roots by Myong, a Korean/Asian twist on healthy salads and juices and paninis featuring local

chef Myong Feiner; and X4 on Tap, offering local craft beer, wine, coffee and a late-night small plates menu.



Pizza is available at Exit 4 Food Hall's Fuoco food station.

Exit 4 is located at 153 E. Main St. in Mount Kisco. For more information, call 914-241-1200 or visit www.exit4foodhall.com.



Happenings



We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Pat Casey at pcasey@theexaminernews.com.

Tuesday, May 17

Tuesdays at Dorry's. Being an Activist in the 21st Century, a conversation led by Michael Hackett. Tuesdays @ Dorry's gathers "conversation partners" weekly for informal table talk. There is no charge. Just come and order your food from Sylvia and enjoy the discussion and the company. Food ordering begins at 5:30 p.m. Presentation and discussion usually 6 to 7 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains; 914-682-0005.

WPCNA Monthly Meeting. Together with the League of Women Voters and the White Plains-Greenburgh NAACP, WPCNA is co-sponsoring a Forum for the two White Plains School Board Candidates, incumbents Sheryl Brady and Charlie Norris, immediately followed by a proposed 2016-2017 School Budget presentation by Fred Seiler, Assistant Superintendent of Business for the White Plains School District. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Fried will also be at this meeting. The meeting is open to the public and will start promptly at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Education House, 5 Homeside Lane, White Plains.

Wednesday, May 18

White Plains History Roundtable. On World War II, The Holocaust and White Plains; 7 to 8:30 p.m. at White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Avenue, White Plains. We will be joined by two speakers: Peter Somogyi, from the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center's Speakers' Bureau and Bernard Mayrsohn, a decorated World War II veteran and White Plains resident.

White Plains Farmers Market. Located on Court Street between Martine Avenue

and Main Street, the White Plains Farmers Market features produce and flowers, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, pickles and olives, handmade and imported cheese, seafood, bread and baked goods, organic honey, prepared food and flavors from around the world, a line of gluten free products, all natural soap, organic tea and more. Open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine.

Noonday Getaway Concert. Gilda Lyons, a composer and vocalist who is a fierce advocate of contemporary music, has commissioned and premiered new works by dozens of composers. Of her performance in Daron Hagen's Shining Brow (Buffalo Philharmonic/ Falletta) (Naxos), David Shengold of Opera, UK writes "Gilda Lyons's clear soprano compels admiration." She is joined at the piano by Daron Hagen, one of America's most prominent, prolific, and respected composers. All eight of his major operas are currently in production or revival somewhere in the U.S., Europe, or Asia. We welcome their return to Downtown Music. This concert is made possible with the generous support of the Brian Wallach Agency, White Plains. Take a break from your busy day and join us for this delightful free 30-minute performance at historic Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church St., White Plains; 12:10 p.m.

Thursday, May 19

Problem Gambling Training. Free conference - Thursday, May 19 through Friday, May 20 at 8 a.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel, 66 Hale Ave., White Plains, hosted by Problem Gambling Training to train counseling professionals to diagnose problem gambling-related disorders. To register or learn more, visit [http://nypgtp\[dot\]org/](http://nypgtp[dot]org/).

Saturday, May 21

Radical Compassion. Point - Counterpoint, Pope Francis and Elizabeth Johnson on "Mary: Archetype of Radical Compassion." Presented by John. C. Haughey, S. J. Manhattanville College, Reid Castle, Purchase; 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Pre-registration and payment \$20; \$25 at the door. To register call: 914-844-8304.

Big Truck Day. At White Plains Gedney Recycling Yard, Gedney Way; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free event with food and fun events.

Sunday, May 22

Car Show. Join the Panas Parent Club to help raise funds for the senior scholarship program and mini-grant program for Walter Panas High School projects. Spectators welcome. Walter Panas High School, 300 Croton Ave., Cortlandt Manor. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration for cars: \$15. Info (including on how to register a vehicle): Contact Cathy Johansen at 845-270-2515 or e-mailppc@lakelandschools.org.

Spring Dance Concerts. The Steffi Nossen School of Dance will hold its spring concerts at White Plains High School, performance times at 1 and 3:30 p.m. The ballet, "Passport Around the World" will take us on an international tour with dances celebrating iconic international and American attractions - from the pyramids of Egypt to the Eiffel Tower and the Hollywood sign. It has been set to a score composed by the school's musical director, Cary Brown, who will perform live. The 1 p.m. show will feature students in the White Plains Wednesday and Monday Chappaqua modern classes, and the Tuesday Ballet classes. At 3:30 p.m. youngsters in the White Plains Thursday and Saturday modern and ballet classes will perform. The Steffi Nossen Junior Master Class, Jazz, Tap, Hip-Hop Ensemble and the pre-professional Steffi Nossen Dance Company are featured in both the 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. performances. White Plains members of this dance company, Vanessa Aceituno, Rachel Cutsumpas, and Alisia Ortiz will be featured dancers. Seating is by general admission. Tickets prices are: \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for children. Tickets and information are available at the school office 914-328-1900 or steffinossen.org, at White Plains High School the day of the performance,

or online at <http://steffinossen.eventbrite.com>.

Ongoing Events:

White Plains Story Walk. The City of White Plains Recreation and Parks Department, in partnership with the White Plains Public Library, is pleased to re-introduce StoryWalk at Bryant-Mamaroneck Park. The StoryWalk combines a children's story with a popular walking route. Children's books are selected, the pages separated, laminated, and placed along a walking path at regular intervals so readers can follow the story as they walk the route. All are welcome. The experience is free. "The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss kicks off White Plains' new season of StoryWalk. Written nearly 40 years ago, "The Lorax" was ahead of its time in terms of its focus on conserving the Earth's precious natural resources. The message of this whimsical yet powerful tale resonates today more profoundly than ever. In every corner of the world, we are at risk of losing real-life Brown Bar-ba-loots, Swomee-Swans, Humming-Fish, Truffula Trees, and the forests they all inhabit. Enjoy this wonderful story and take part in The Lorax Project by learning about the environment and inspiring earth-friendly action worldwide. To learn more about The Lorax Project, visit www.theloraxproject.com.

Parent Behavior Management Training. Feb. 23 to May 31; 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. at WJCS Hartsdale, 141 North Central Avenue, Hartsdale, NY 10530. WJCS is offering a 12-session, evidence-based Parent Behavior Management Training Group for parents of children on the autistic spectrum or with a developmental disability. Parent Management Training has been shown to be effective in decreasing oppositional, aggressive and antisocial behavior. It trains parents to manage their child's behavioral problems in the home and at school. Call 914-949-6761 x408 for more information.



New from White Plains Recreation and Parks

New Kayak Boat Launch at Liberty Park. Liberty Park is a two-acre park located on Lake Street on the White Plains/Harrison border. This park is a favorite for residents wanting to enjoy passive recreational activities. A peaceful environment tucked away from the busy downtown, Liberty Park lends itself to picnicking, hiking and fishing in the 22-acre Silver Lake. New this year, and open May 14 through October 16, is a Kayak Boat Launch. Kayaking is a fun and easy to learn activity for adults and children

alike. Kayaking will be allowed by permit only and is available for daily or seasonal use. In addition, kayaking classes for families, adults and kids will be provided by Mountain Valley Guides. Kayak rentals are also available through Mountain Valley Guides.

For additional information contact the White Plains Recreation and Parks Department at 914-422-1339.

Bocce, Anyone? Park-goers of all ages can now make a leisurely game of bocce

part of their outdoor plans in the City of White Plains. The City of White Plains has opened two regulation size bocce courts in Turnure Park. The courts are located near the bathrooms and playground on Canfield Avenue and are open to the community.

The game of bocce is a sophisticated spin on outdoor bowling and is easy to play and fun to watch. Players must bring their own bocce balls (available at most local sporting goods stores). The Recreation and Parks Department also has

a set to lend to residents with a current Recreation ID card and a \$20 refundable deposit.

The courts are free to use and open to individuals on a first come, first serve basis. Groups larger than 16 must contact the Recreation Department for a permit, additional Rules and Regulations for court use are posted in the park.

For additional information, call 914-422-1339.



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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING CHAPPAQUA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted on April 13, 2016, a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be

held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the Gymnasium of the Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, New York for the purpose of voting upon the following Bond Proposition: **BOND PROPOSITION RESOLVED:**

(a) That the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to undertake a District-wide capital improvement project (the "Project") substantially as described in a "Capital Bond Proposal," dated March 30, 2016, prepared by the District with the assistance of Kaeyer, Garmet & Davidson, Architects, P.C. (the "Proposal"), available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk and on the District's website, consisting of the construction of alterations and improvements to District buildings and sites, and the Chappaqua Public Library; including construction of additions and interior reconstruction and reconfiguration space to create global and STEAM learning centers and new public library space; upgraded science, auditorium and other educational space; building code, ADA, roof, door, window, ceiling, floor, security, lavatory, locker, heating, ventilation and airconditioning improvements; playground and athletic field improvements including installation of synthetic turf fields and field lighting; and curb, sidewalk, paving, masonry and other building exterior improvements; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$42,500,000; provided that the costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Proposal may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$42,500,000 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$42,500,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable. Such Bond Proposition shall appear on the ballot used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form: **BOND PROPOSITION YES NO RESOLVED:**

(a) That the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, in the County of Westchester, New York

(the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct alterations and improvements to District buildings and sites, including the Chappaqua Public Library, and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$42,500,000; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$42,500,000 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$42,500,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable. The voting will be conducted by ballot on voting machines as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that registration of voters is required pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law. If a voter has registered to vote with the School District and has voted at an Annual or Special School District meeting within the last four calendar years, (after January 1, 2012) s/he is eligible to vote at this Special District Meeting. If a voter is currently registered to vote with the Westchester County Board of Elections, s/he is also eligible to vote at this Special District Meeting. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Registration may be done on any business day at the Office of the District Clerk, during business hours, at the Education Center at 66 Roaring Brook Road, Chappaqua, up to June 9, 2016, five (5) days prior to the Special District Meeting. Any person possessing all of the following qualifications may register to vote:

1. Is a citizen of the United States; and
2. Is eighteen years of age or older; and
3. Has resided in the School District for a period of thirty days immediately preceding the day of the Special District Meeting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the register of voters so prepared shall be filed in the Office of the School District Clerk and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:30 o'clock A.M. and 4:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) beginning June 9, 2016, except Sunday. Said register will be open for inspection at the polling place on the date of the Special District Meeting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained during school business hours from the School District Clerk. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed ap-

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection by qualified voters of the District in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, 8:30 o'clock A.M. to 4:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) until the day of the Special District Meeting. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Only qualified voters who are duly registered will be permitted to vote. **BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION Dated: April 13, 2016 Therese Dell'olio, District Clerk**

THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CLEARSTONE WEALTH STRATEGIES, LLC were filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 24, 2016. Office location: Westchester County, New York. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to **45 Knollwood Road, Elmsford NY 10573**. Purpose is: to operate a financial advisory service and wealth management service and to do all lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be organized.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: FORMS TO FINISH HOME INSPECTIONS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with

SSNY on 03/18/16. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Forms To Finish Home Inspections, LLC, **1511 Route 22, Suite 104, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LADY BLOW MUSIC ,LLC. ART. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/19/2016. Office Location: Westchester County . SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served to. SSNY shall mail process to **Legal Zoom 7014 13th Avenue suite 202, Brooklyn, New York 11228. :Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ARENA CONSULTANTS GROUP LLC. Art. Of Org. led with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/14/2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Joseph J Arena, PO Box 353, White Plains, NY 10605 Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT THE TRIAL COURT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION SUFFOLK DIVISION. DOCKET NUMBER: 15W1336 Navarro, Mercedes Asteria, Plaintiff (s) Collazo, Hector A , Defendant(s) To the above named Defendant(s): A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiffs Mercedes Asteria Navarro seeking a Complaint to Establish Paternity. You are required to serve upon Mercedes Asteria Navarro for plaintiff(s) Panagiotis A. Konstantilakis - whose address is 111 Everett Ave , Ste ID, Chelsea MA 02150-Phone #617-884-4300 your an-

swer on or before the 21st day of July, 2016. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Witness, **JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 5th day of May, 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village Treasurer of the Village of Pleasantville has received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 2016-2017. Payments will be accepted in the Finance Department on the Third Floor of Village Hall, 80 Wheeler Avenue, in said Village from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays as follows: Taxes and other assessments, if any, become due and payable June 1, 2016, but may be paid in two installments without penalty. The first installment may be paid without penalty from June 1, 2016 to and including July 1, 2016. The second installment may be paid without penalty from June 1, 2016 to and including December 31, 2016. To all first installment taxes remaining unpaid after July 1, 2016, five percent (5%) will be added for the month of July, and an additional one percent (1%) for each month or fraction thereof until paid. To all second installment taxes remaining unpaid after December 31, 2016, five percent (5%) will be added for the month of January, and an additional one percent (1%) for each month or fraction thereof until paid. On or before February 1, 2017 a delinquent list will be published. **Mary Schwartz Village Treasurer Dated: May 17, 2016**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT THE TRIAL COURT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION SUFFOLK Division. DOCKET NUMBER: 15W1337

Mercedes Asteria Navarro , Plaintiff (s) Hector A Collazo , Defendant(s) To the above named Defendant(s): A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff (s), Mercedes Asteria Navarro seeking a Complaint to Establish Paternity.

You are required to serve upon Mercedes Asteria Navarro - or attorney for plaintiff(s) Panagiotis A Konstantilakis - whose address is 111 Everett Ave, Ste ID, Chelsea, MA 02150 - Phone #617884-4300 your answer on or before 21st...Day of July if you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston. Witness, JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 3 day of March, 2016.

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49th Annual Glenn D. Loucks Track & Field Games

By Albert Coqueran

The 49th Annual Glenn D. Loucks Track & Field Games brought 3424 registered competitors from 371 high schools from nine states of the United States and the Province of Quebec, Canada, to White Plains High School from May 12-14. "We are blessed. This is leading us to our 50th Anniversary next year and we are looking forward to it," said Daniel A. Woodard, the Chairman of the Glenn D. Loucks Games for all 49 years.

The 49th Annual Glenn D. Loucks Track & Field Games Honorees included Benny Cipriano, who was presented The Eleanor Loucks Memorial Award. Also, Shelby Greany, who was celebrating her 10th Anniversary winning seven trophies at the Loucks Games, Simone Brown, 20th Anniversary of winning the 200 Meters Dash for three consecutive years, Tony Harlin, 40th Anniversary, who held the Shot Put record from 1976-2005, Art Monk, graduate of WPHS ('76) and NFL Hall of Famer, who was celebrating his 40th Anniversary winning two events at the 1976 Games and the 1966 WPHS record-setting Relay



Seniors from the White Plains High School Boys and Girls Track & Field Teams gathered with Boys Head Coach Lamont McCormick (right) and Assistant Coach Dan Furry (left), before they participated in the Olympic Torch Lighting, at the Glenn D. Loucks Games Opening Ceremony, on Saturday, at WPHS.

Team of the late Larry James, Otis Hill and Carl Reed and the only surviving member David Jackson.

"Dave Jackson being here from the 1966 Relay Team is like royalty being in the sta-

dium. I think track athletes are the least recognized of all athletes and I think it is the most beautiful sport to watch," said White Plains Mayor Tom Roach, an avid runner himself.

The Combined Boy's and Girl's Teams winner of the 49th Annual Glenn D. Loucks Games was North Rockland High



Glenn D. Loucks Games Meet Director Fred Singleton (left) presents a plaque to Martha James (center) and Larry James, Jr., the mother and son of the late famed White Plains High School track star Larry James ('66), who passed away in November 2008. James, also a Gold Medal Olympian and his three relay team members were honored at this year's Loucks Games. James, Dave Jackson, Carl Reed and Otis Hill famed Tigers 1966 Relay Team set New York State high school records in the 880 and Mile Relay, which remain standing today.



The 2016 Eleanor Loucks Memorial Award was presented to Benny Cipriano (left) by Loucks Games Assistant Meet Director Nick Panaro, who was the 1994 recipient of the annual Eleanor Loucks Award. Cipriano is a native of White Plains and a 1977 graduate of WPHS. Cipriano worked for the White Plains Department of Public Works for 16 years before becoming the lead grounds keeper for the White Plains School District, where he has tenured for 15 years.



The Hackley High School Relay Team was presented "The Olympian" Trophy by Glenn D. Loucks Track & Field Games Chairman Daniel A. Woodard (center), after placing first in the Boy's 4 x100 Relay. The Hackley Relay Team consists of (l-r), Darius Inzar, Elijah Ngbokoli, Anthony Roderick and Onye Ohia-Enyia. Roderick also placed second in the Boy's 100 Meter Dash.



White Plains High School famed track star Dave Jackson (left), the only surviving member of the 1966 Tigers national record setting relay team, which included Larry James, Carl Reed and Otis Hill, joins his former Coach Ed Kehe (center), while presenting a plaque to White Plains Athletic Director Matthew Cameron, distinguishing the induction of the White Plains High School 1966 Mile Relay Team into the Penn Relays Wall of Fame this year.

School. The Boy's Team winner was Huntington High School and the Girl's Team winner was Paul Robeson High School.

The Edwin Kehe Award for Outstanding Male Runner presented to Infinite Tucker, of Huntington H.S. and the "Doc" Blandford Memorial Award for the Outstanding Female Runner presented to Alyssa Sandy from Paul Robeson H.S.

Rayvon Grey from Beacon High School was awarded the Henry McWhinnie Award as the best Male Performer in Field Events and Brianna Duncan from Cambridge Rindge H.S. won the Dan Wood-

ard Award, as the top Female Performer in Field Events.

Local favorite, Andrew Cannistraci from Iona Prep won "The Olympian" Trophy for placing first in the Boy's Discus Throw.

"This is an incredible occasion and such a testament to the community. Loucks is a crowning jewel. I am very proud to be here and represent the White Plains Board of Education," said V.P Board of Education and Loucks Games Executive Committee Member Charles Norris.

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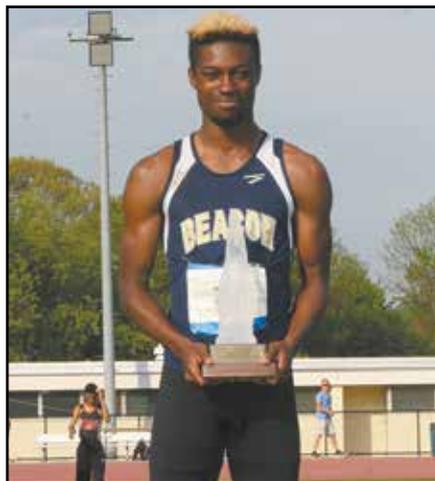
Stepinac High School had a Relay Team participating in the Boy's 4 x 100 Relay at the 49th Annual Glenn D. Loucks Track & Field Games. The Crusaders Relay Team of (l-r) Jonathan Gomez, T.J. Morrison, Tyger Winston and Nick Piloco ran a 44.63, in the very competitive 4 x 100 for 20th Place out of 33 registered competitors.



White Plains High School freshman Farrah Miller (right) gives it her all in the Girl's 400 Meter Dash. Miller finished the race with a time of 100.26, which was her best time ever in the 400 Meters Dash.



Alyssa Sandy (left) a senior from Paul Robeson High School was awarded the "Doc" Blanford Memorial Award as the Outstanding Female Runner of the 49th Annual Glenn D. Loucks Track & Field Games. Sandy placed first in the 100 and 400 Meters Hurdles.



For the second consecutive year, Rayvon Grey from Beacon High School won the Henry J. McWhinnie Award for the Outstanding Male Performer in Field Events, at the Glenn D. Loucks Games, on Saturday at WPHS. Grey, who will attend Louisiana State University next year, placed first in the Long Jump and Triple Jump this year.

NY Liberty Open 20th WNBA Season with Two Straight Wins

By Albert Coqueran

The NY Liberty has opened their 20th Season in the WNBA, like a team destined to win their first WNBA Championship. On Saturday, May 14, the Ladies of Liberty opened their 2016 campaign by beating the Washington Mystics, 87-76, at the Verizon Center, in Washington, D.C.

2015 Liberty All-Star forward Tina Charles led the way with a double/double

Liberty won their Home Opener, 79-71.

Charles finished with the same double/double statistics she produced in the Liberty season opener, 24 points and 11 rebounds. However her sidekick, Sugar Rodgers stepped it up a bit in the Home Opener, while scoring 24 points and grabbing seven rebounds. The 24 points for Rodgers was a career-high and she also shot a career-best six- of-eight from



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO
[L-r]- Renee Elise Goldsberry, Jasmine Cephas Jones and Phillipa Soo from the cast of the hit Broadway musical "Hamilton" sang the National Anthem to thunderous applause from the Madison Square Garden crowd, at the NY Liberty 2106 Home Opener, on Sunday.

of 24 points and 11 rebounds, as guard Sugar Rodgers complemented her with 19 points and five rebounds against the Mystics.

The Ladies of Liberty quickly returned home and were greeted by a rousing 10,120 fans at Madison Square Garden for their 2016 Home Opener, against the WNBA new franchise, the Dallas Wings, (formerly the Tulsa Shock), on Sunday, May 15.

The back-to-back games on consecutive days did not seem to deter the Liberty. After members from the cast of the hit Broadway musical "Hamilton" sang the National Anthem; Charles scored the initial eight points of the game and the

three-point range.

"She (Sugar) has put a lot of work in with Coach Weatherspoon. Teresa Weather- spoon gives her a tremendous amount of credit for getting to this point both mentally and skill wise," said Head Coach Bill Laimbeer.

On February 1, 2016, the Liberty signed veteran free-agent guard Shavonte Zellous and with her two points in the first quarter against Dallas, she joined the elite of the WNBA, by scoring her 2000th career-point.

Also, the trade the Liberty made with Home Opener opponent Dallas proved resourceful, as center Amanda Zahui B. scored 10 points in 13 minutes against her former team.

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