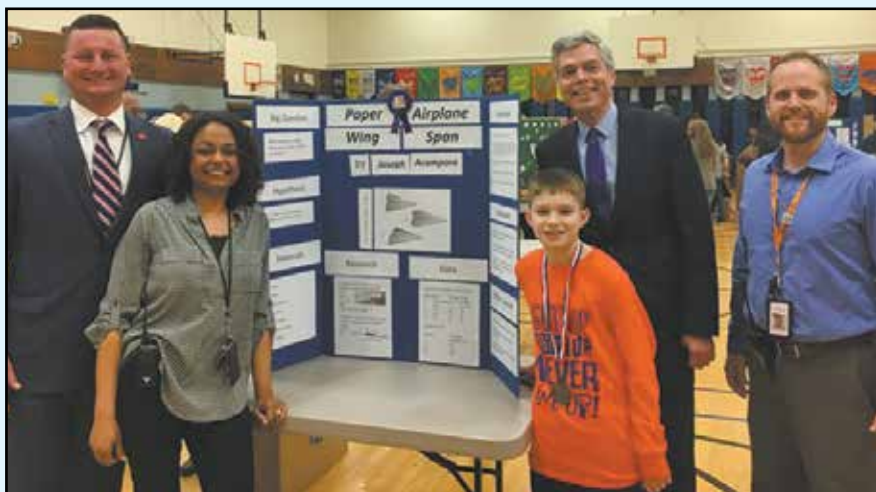




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White Plains George Washington Elementary School's third, fourth and fifth graders presented their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) projects at the school's annual STEM Fair last week. The students showed off a wide variety of inventions, experiments and research projects to the school community. Left to right are: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph L. Ricca, Principal Laura Mungin, Mayor Tom Roach, Assistant Principal Brendan McCarthy, and in front, student Joseph Acampora, displaying his prize-winning project.

Latimer, Local Officials Demand Resignations of Utilities' Leaders Con Edison, NYSEG 'Missing in Action'

By Martin Wilbur

County Executive George Latimer demanded resignations of Con Edison and New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) leadership last Friday following the utilities' dreadful response to the two recent storms that plunged thousands into darkness.

Latimer was joined by dozens of angry elected officials in White Plains from across the county and several residents recounting stories of erroneous information from the utilities regarding estimated restoration time. Some residents also were informed by robocalls that their power had been restored when it had not.

Officials called for investigations by the Public Service Commission (PSC) related to the preparation for the Mar. 2 Nor'easter and Mar. 7 snowstorm. Latimer

accused the utilities of having been "missing in action," for failing to arrange for adequate mutual aid from out of state and for inept communication with the public and officials afterward.

"As you remember, changes were made on Long Island after Sandy. Changes can be made again," Latimer declared, referring to Gov. Andrew Cuomo's signing of legislation effectively ousting the Long Island Power Authority. "Do the right thing. Stand up for the decisions you should have made, make changes in senior management, put people in there who understand they're directly accountable to the people, not customers, people that they serve."

Other officials mentioned that after every major weather event that results

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New Postmaster Hired in Hartsdale, Delivery Remediation Sought

In efforts to remediate extreme problems with local mail delivery, Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner has met with the regional administrator of the United States Postal Service, with the inspector in charge of the United States Postal Inspection Service, with key postal service leaders from the New York area and with the Regional Director to U.S. Senator Charles Schumer and with representatives from Congresswoman Nita Lowey's office about Postal Service operations.

Feiner reports that the Postal Service has been taking the many complaints from local residents very seriously. "They have appointed a new postmaster for the Hartsdale Post Office and have senior

officials monitoring delivery," Feiner said in a recent email. "They are training their employees better and have implemented new procedures. Mystery shoppers are stopping by at different post offices to monitor conditions. As well, local postmasters have been given more control over hiring," Feiner continued, adding, "I had previously suggested that they hire local residents, and they are receptive to that concept."

Feiner believes local residents are more passionate about doing a great job for their neighbors. One of his suggestions includes supplying the Post Office with the phone numbers of residents on each postal service route. If there will be no delivery on a given day, the residents

could be called and offered the option to pick up their mail. If there are problems on specific dates, Feiner says the Postal Service should let residents know what's going on.

The recent problems in Hartsdale that resulted in several days with no delivery, were caused by an office that was not fully staffed and employees calling in sick.

A snapshot of postal service stats shows that revenues are declining. In 2016 there were 213 billion pieces of mail delivered a year. In 2017 the numbers nationally dropped to 149 billion, with \$1.8 billion less revenue in 2017. "The Westchester regional office had a 2.5% decline in mail from 2016 to 2017, but packages increased by 14.4% from 2016 to 2017. The



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growth is not in mail but in packaging," Feiner explained.



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in power outages, the utilities promise to make changes but the same problems occur.

Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi urged the state to end Con Edison's and NYSEG's monopolistic hold on their territory. By last Friday morning, 1,900 customers in her town were still without power and 28 roads were closed, many because utility crews had not arrived to address downed wires.

"It needs to be broken up," Puglisi said. "They need to hear us. They haven't yet. In 27 years as town supervisor they have not heard us, but darn it, they're going to hear us this time."

The same day, Con Edison President, CEO and Chairman of the Board John McAvoy held his own press conference explaining the challenges his organization faced and where the problems occurred.

He said the utility was hurt by the severity of the first storm that featured wind gusts upwards of 70 miles per hour, toppling thousands of trees. The fact that nearly the entire Northeast was affected by both events delayed restoration because many of the utilities in the region that Con Edison relies on for mutual aid had to service their own territory.

"These storms with the tree damage we're seeing is much more extensive," he said. "Large limbs are down, many trees (were) completely uprooted and the result of that is we're not just repairing



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

County Executive George Latimer, surrounded by representatives of more than 30 Westchester municipalities last Friday in White Plains, called for a massive shakeup at Con Edison and NYSEG following what officials characterized as poor performance following two recent storms.

our systems in many cases, we're actually rebuilding it."

Despite the challenges, McAvoy said Con Edison was successful in restoring power to 90 percent of the roughly 100,000 customers who lost electricity in Westchester by last Tuesday night. Just under 10,000 Con Edison customers in Westchester were reported without power by the time the Mar. 7 snowstorm started.

There were an estimated 50,000 additional outages in the county caused by the snowstorm, he said.

McAvoy acknowledged that the utility suffered "significant problems in our

technology systems" that dispensed erroneous information on its outage map and robocalls to individual customers, along with constantly changing estimated restoration times. He said Con Edison has its arms around the problem to make sure the glitches never occur again, although he did not go into detail what caused the problems.

However, McAvoy sidestepped the issue of Westchester officials calling for him and his senior management team to resign.

"We are laser-focused on the restoration of our customers in as safe and as fast a manner as possible, and my role as CEO is to make sure I lead the organization in a way that accomplishes that," McAvoy said. "That is what I'm focusing all of my attention on."

Con Edison spokesman Alan Drury said the utility had about 2,300 crewmembers in the field working on restoration. It also recalled about 80 workers from Puerto Rico. Last fall, Con Edison was one of many utilities to send crews to help the hurricane-ravaged island.

Calls made to NYSEG were not returned.

Officials said citizens weren't just inconvenienced by the utilities' inaccurate information, but residents or their relatives with medical issues were put in potentially life-threatening situations because of the utilities' failures.

Anthony Carpentieri of Valhalla said his daughter suffers from Multiple Sclerosis and her medicine must be kept at a certain temperature. Carpentieri said if knew that he would have been without power for a week rather than being told his power would return by 11 p.m. each night, he could have made other arrangements for his family.

"I think if people know what the story is they can make proper plans," he said. "They can go to a hotel, they can go and stay with family. They can help their children, whatever the case may be. They really need to know the real story and I feel Con Ed wasn't doing that."

Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville) said Con Edison has "forfeited its right to be a public utility" because of its poor performance following the storms. Action must be taken to replace them or break its grip on the area.

"If we can't convince the PSC, then I think we have to put in legislation, I think we have to follow Linda Puglisi's suggestion of breaking up Con Edison,"

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EXAMINER

Westchester Immigrant Protection Act Approved by County Board of Legislators

By Anna Young

The Westchester County Board of Legislators received enough votes Monday night to approve the Immigrant Protection Act (IPA), a bill that would restrain Westchester from using its resources for immigration enforcement.

Following bipartisan collaboration between county officials, lawmakers voted 11-3 along mainly party lines. The Democrats, who unanimously supported the measure, maintained that immigrants would be provided the protection to keep them from living in fear of deportation.

"This is a justice for all bill," Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) said. "A lot of the things that are provided in this piece of legislation are just a reaffirmation of the fact that the United States Constitution and particularly the Bill of Rights applies to every human soul on U.S. soil and we know that that is true and we want that affirmed and we want people to know that is true in Westchester County."

Following President Donald Trump's controversial executive order restricting travel by refugees and immigrants from seven predominantly Muslim countries, Borgia introduced the bill last February hoping to reduce fear in Westchester's immigrant community.

The Board of Legislators passed the original bill last August by a 10-5 margin



Board of Legislators Chair Ben Boykin and Legislator Catherine Borgia surrounded by Immigrant Protection Act advocates.

– also along party lines – but was later vetoed by former County Executive Rob Astorino. Astorino said the legislation created a sanctuary county that violated federal immigration laws and put the county at risk of losing upwards of \$13 million in federal grants.

A month later members of the

Democratic Caucus pushed to override the veto, but it ultimately failed to gain support missing by one vote. It needed support from 12 of 17 legislators.

"There was a grave misunderstanding about what this legislation did," Borgia said. "This law does not protect criminals, this law allows for criminal investigations

because it's a public safety measure."

Republican David Tubiolo (Yonkers), who voted against the bill last year, supported the legislation Monday night.

Lawmakers have been working with law enforcement officials, local organizations and advocates to draft a new law that would comply with federal guidelines and create clear procedures for law enforcement.

"This bill is a better bill. It provides the kinds of protections that we hope for and need in Westchester County for all of our citizens to feel comfortable and good about their lives and what they can do and how they can raise their children without fear," Vice Chair Alfreda Williams (D-Greenburgh) said. "I just want to say how very delighted and very grateful I am that this bill has finally passed."

While Majority Leader Catherine Parker (D-Rye) stressed the law is not a sanctuary bill, Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill) said federal guidelines stipulate that legislation will classify Westchester as a sanctuary jurisdiction. He said if legislators codified the executive order put in place by former County Executives Andy Spano in 2006 and updated by Astorino in 2017, the bill would have received unanimous support.

He added that law enforcement doesn't

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work in immigration enforcement and lawsuits could eventually emerge against the county due to the restrictions placed on police officials.

The revised bill would confine the county from sharing information with federal immigration authorities based on race, gender, religion, or national origin and restrict law enforcement officials from asking individuals questions relating to their citizenship or immigration status.

"The Immigrant Protection Act is designed specifically to do only two things; protect undocumented criminals

sitting in the county jail, and eliminate the distinction between legal and illegal immigration," Testa said. "Anything that inhibits local law enforcement from working closely with their federal law enforcement partners like the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security and other agencies is a bad and reckless idea."

Despite opposition, the several hundred supporters in attendance during the meeting erupted in loud applause and cheers after lawmakers approved legislation. Borgia immediately broke down in tears and rushed to Tubiolo to



After the BOL vote to approve the Immigrant Protection Act loud applause and cheers broke out from those viewing the proceedings.

give him a hug and thank him.

Chairman Ben Boykin (D-White Plains) added that County Executive George Latimer is in support of legislation and will sign it into law.

And to that effect, Latimer released the following statement shortly after the vote: "The Westchester County Board of Legislators has completed important work on this legislation. They came together, in a bi-partisan way, to protect the people of Westchester. They listened to law enforcement officials, advocates and residents, and drafted a law that is about safety – and nothing else. This legislation in no way goes against Federal law, and in no way will allow criminals to be harbored. To say otherwise is simply not true. This legislation goes to the heart of protecting good honest citizens in their home. Westchester County was built on the backs of immigrants; we cannot forget the path that our ancestors walked. Pope Francis once said: 'Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger and war.' I want us, as a community and the people of this County, to focus on that idea."

"Everyone in this county – do not fear – you can interact with our public safety and our police," Boykin said. "Have no fear, you are protected."

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Abinanti said. "I think we need to better regulate and set standards for performance and time and response."

Mount Pleasant Town Clerk Patricia Scova, who was out of power for a full week at her Hawthorne home, also had a suggestion. The utilities' CEOs should forego some of their benefits so residents who were without power can have their energy bills reduced on a prorated basis.

"What I would suggest is the CEO not take his stock option for this year, so they can prorate our bills for the time we're out," Scova said. "That would be a wonderful thing for him to do and it's great PR."



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Westchester County Board of Legislators Chairman Ben Boykin.



(L to r) Darrell Kidd, Frank Williams, Jr. and Harry Jefferson.

The Honors program celebrated the academic achievement of more than 200 high school juniors and seniors who maintain at least a B average.

Schools represented at this event were: White Plains High School, Woodlands High School, New Rochelle High School, Archbishop Stepinac High



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Members of White Plains My Brothers Keeper with honorees.

School and Rye Country Day School.

Guest speaker for the event was Chairman of the County Board of Legislators Benjamin Boykin. Also speaking was White Plains Mayor Tom Roach and Alan Houston of the New York Knicks.

The program honored community members for service and leadership: Nolan DeFreitas, Archbishop High School - Youth of the Year Award; Erwin Gilliam, Business Person of the Year Award; Harry Jefferson, Golden Age Award; Frank

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Con Ed Should Reimburse Residents Who Lost Power

Currently, New York State law does not require Con Ed to reimburse residents who lost electricity for more than one day for their suffering, hotel bills, eating out or food spoilage issues. Residents of Greenburgh who were out of power for many days after the last nor'easter have lost significant dollars on hotel rooms, food and have suffered greatly.

I think that Con Ed should be required to reimburse residents who were out of power for days that they had no power.

In 2013 a Judge in Chicago ordered the utility company to reimburse customers for their partial losses. New York State should do the same.

If Con Ed would be required to reimburse residents who are out of power for significant periods of time, they would have a greater incentive to expedite restoration of power.

—Paul Feiner,
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

NYS Assembly Passes Paulin Bill to Strengthen Gun Purchase Background Checks

As part of a comprehensive package of bills to reduce gun violence, promote gun safety, and keep firearms from falling into the wrong hands, the New York State Assembly passed A.2406, sponsored by Assemblymember Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale).

The bill increases the time interval before a firearm, shotgun, or rifle may be sold to an individual whose background check requires additional investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Under current law, approximately 9-11% of the background checks for gun purchases utilizing the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) do not come back as either "proceed" or "deny." They come back designated as "delayed," and the case is referred to an FBI examiner for additional investigation to determine

if the buyer is one of nine categories of prohibited purchaser.

However, after three business days, if the background check still has not come back with a clear "proceed" or "deny" designation, the buyer can be provided the firearm at the dealer's discretion.

Paulin's bill would increase the time interval before the dealer has the discretion to hand over the firearm to 10 business days so that the FBI has sufficient time to complete its investigation.

"Most background checks come back quickly and cleanly from NICS," said Paulin. "My bill will not hinder a law-abiding citizen's ability to purchase of a gun. But I've talked to the FBI and on too many of these cases, they just need more time. Giving law enforcement time to do its job to keep guns out of the wrong hands

ought to be an issue we can all be united around."

The Gifford Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence has nicknamed this issue with the background checks system the "Charleston loophole." Dylann Roof, the confessed shooter at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, received a "delayed" designation on the background check when he purchased the weapon that he would later use in that tragedy. The NICS database had the information that Roof had a prior drug arrest, but did not have the information that he had confessed to that charge, which would have been sufficient to deny his background check. An FBI examiner did not receive the case files from local authorities within the three business day window, and the dealer had discretion under the law to hand over

the gun to Roof.

Similarly, persons who are on the FBI's Terror Watch list will receive a "delayed" designation on their background checks. Under current federal law, being on the Terror Watch list in and of itself is not sufficient to deny an individual a gun, but it is a flag for the FBI to conduct more rigorous scrutiny of the individual's background. This bill would extend the period of time in which that investigation could take place before the dealer would have discretion to proceed from three business days to ten.

"It is all too easy for dangerous people to get their hands on guns," said Paulin, sponsor of one of the bills. "My bill would help rectify that here in New York State without impinging on the right of law-abiding individuals to do so."

Storm-wise We All Need to Start Thinking Outside the Box

With the third nor'easter ready to descend on Westchester within 11 days, one has to acknowledge that keeping up with storm preparedness is becoming increasingly difficult and expensive.

The utility companies serving Westchester were not prepared for what hit in recent days. Nor were areas surrounding Westchester. All former modes of planning and preparation, reliance on mutual aide for speedy repair work from outlying areas and expectations for a quick recovery flew out the window

and people suffered.

While there is no excuse for the utilities not to have kept residents and government agencies informed so groups could plan and work together, storms are increasing in size, intensity and frequency.

No matter what your take on Climate Change, our ways of receiving energy supplies and the energies we use may be our greatest risk factor. By relying on a grid system with an infrastructure that covers large areas with wires above ground, we might become caught on the

treadmill of destruction and repair over and over again, until we decide to do something different.

To take a new approach, a more flexible approach, maybe we the residents – single-family homeowners, co-op building owners, neighborhood civic association members, and local governments – need to take on some of the responsibility.

By relying on smaller and more local energy grids and backup generators that utilize renewable energy sources such as solar and wind for example, we would have, in place, ways to help ourselves.

Even if we invest in putting power lines under ground, that would solve only part of the problem.

If the utility companies can't keep up with storm preparedness and repairs, it might just be time we consider not depending on them so heavily and begin investing in technologies that give us more independence and control.

Our long-term survival might be found in using the primary energy grid as a backup rather than as our only source of energy.

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Obituaries

Carol Justic

Carol Justic passed away peacefully at home on Mar. 8 at the age of 71 surrounded by her family.

Born in the Bronx on Oct. 13, 1946, she was one of five children of Daniel and Martha Dones. She leaves behind her brothers, Daniel, Robert and Michael, and her sister, Linda.

She grew up in the Bronx and relocated to Westchester County after being married for several years. She was predeceased by Joseph, her husband, of 42 years. Justic was the proud mother of two children, Pamela Danetra of Carmel and Anthony Justic of White Plains. She was loved by her grandchildren, Tyler and Joseph Justic and Alexis Dempsey, along with her daughter-in-law, Hope Justic, son-in-law Blaise Danetra and nephew Richard Enright.

Justic retired after a long career as a finance customer service manager with The Journal News in White Plains. She was a parishioner of Our Lady of Sorrows, a member of the church choir and a volunteer at a children's center in Rye Brook, where she had many treasured friends. She took great pleasure and pride in her grandchildren's athletic and artistic endeavors and successes in their school accomplishments.

Benjamin Florer

Benjamin Johnathan Florer, a devoted son, brother and uncle, a good friend to many, and a librarian and scholar – died peacefully on March 7 at his home in White Plains from complications related to the flu.

Ben, as he was known to his friends and family members, was born Jan. 19, 1960 in Yonkers. He attended St. Hilda's and St. Hugh's in Manhattan, Monroe Woodbury High School in upstate New York, and Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, from which he graduated in 1983. He then attended graduate school in library science at the University of Washington.

Since the early 2000s, Ben has worked at the Port Chester/Rye Brook Public Library in Port Chester.

Ben was an avid sailor, skier, kayaker, and swimmer, as comfortable in the woods of Sterling Forest, and the Bays of Cape Cod, as he was on the streets of New York. He spent most summers in Brewster, Massachusetts, on Cape Cod, and frequently traveled. He was always well loved by his family, his teachers, and just about everyone who met him. His joy and wonder about the world was unique, and his willingness and capacity to care about others was unsurpassed. He went out of his way to celebrate others, and he was always a sweet, life-loving presence in any gathering. He is profoundly missed.

Benjamin Florer is survived by his

mother Linda Heusser; his brother and sister-in-law Herbert Florer III and Tami Florer; his sister Faith Florer, brother-in-law Arthur Kleiner, and nieces Frances, Elizabeth and Constance; his stepbrother and stepsister-in-law Eric and Susan Heusser; and his stepsister Kristin Heusser.

We will celebrate with thanksgiving the life of Ben Florer at Grace Church of White Plains on Wednesday, March 14, at 10.30 a.m. Interment will be at Grace, and the family welcomes friends to a repast in the parish hall following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be designated for Grace Church.

Mary Nannariello

Mary Nannariello, a White Plains resident, died March 6 at the age of 102. She was born Aug. 1, 1915 in New York City to the late Anthony and Rose Delmore.

Mary worked as a secretary for the White Plains Board of Education for many years, retiring in 1983. She was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in White Plains and her favorite past time was knitting.

She is survived by her children Richard Nannariello, Joyce Pagel and Carol Nannariello and her 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Mary is predeceased by her husband Louis, her daughter Lois Elshafey and her sister Florence Santoro.

Anthony Milea

Anthony F. Milea, 27, passed away on March 5. He leaves behind his parents, Andrea and Robert, his sister Kristen, and his love Caily. Anthony is also survived by his grandmother, Noreen Milea and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Growing up, Anthony was always an energetic child who lit up the room. From being a diehard Green Bay Packers fan since the age of 5, to becoming utterly obsessed with golf, Anthony had a great passion for sports and was a relentless competitor. Whether at a concert or in his car, music was also a huge part of Anthony's life.

Anthony graduated from Quinnipiac University with a degree in Political Science. He had a strong love for politics, was a tenacious debater, and kept everyone on their toes with his intelligence.

Those who knew Anthony will remember his magnetic personality and unwavering generosity.

Always surrounded by friends and people who loved him, Anthony's charisma and love for life will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in Anthony's memory to the Villa Veritas Foundation, Inc., where a scholarship will

be set up in his name. Donations may be sent to Villa Veritas Foundation Inc., PO Box 610, Kerhonkson, NY, 12446 (845-626-3555) or on line at villaveritas.org

John Morley

John J. Morley, born Dec. 22, 1930 to John Morley and Mary McGuiness in Queens, passed away March 3, surrounded by his family. He was a graduate of Manhattan Prep in 1948 and Manhattan College in 1952.

John began a 51-year career in stadium concessions in 1944 working in Yankee Stadium as a peanut vendor and he progressed from peanuts to hot dogs, beer and ultimately to management with Harry M. Stevens Inc., inventor of the hot dog and vendor to the world, caterer extraordinaire, concessionaire at ballparks, arenas and racetracks across America.

After opening RFK Stadium (Washington, DC) in 1961 he returned to New York where he opened Shea Stadium with the NY Mets and NY Jets. From baseballs and footballs to Papal visits and Presidents, from the Beatles and Rolling Stones to wrestling and roller derby, John oversaw the fan experience for the tens of millions of people who attended events at Shea from 1964 to 2008. Working from his base at Shea, John also managed HMS activities at the Nassau Coliseum, Madison Square Garden, the NY Coliseum, the Meadowlands complex, Fenway Park and many other sports venues.

John Morley's professional life was characterized by a commitment to excellence, a commitment to respect for fellow employees, and, a commitment to making the best possible experience for all fans – especially as reflected in the smiling faces of children enjoying that first ballpark hot dog or wearing their team's hat. His commitment to employee excellence is demonstrated by the tens of thousands of men and women whose working careers began in a stadium, many of whom have chosen careers in the service sector and many of whom have

chosen the experience as a foundation for other industries; his commitment to the fan experience is reflected in the many new services, menu items and quality programs that enable fans to maximize their stadium experience.

Mr. Morley will be missed by all those he has served and especially by those with whom he has worked. His commitment to excellence will continue through the legacy he has left after half a century of service to sports fans and music lovers.

John was a member of the Old Guard of White Plains served in the Army from 1948 to 1957. He was an avid golfer and traveler crisscrossing the U.S. and the globe with Mary, his wife of 65 years who passed in September 2017.

He is survived by sons James (Geraldine) of Tappan, NY and Thomas (Maureen) of Suffern, NY, daughter Susan (Mark) Sweeney of Chester Springs, PA, grandchildren Brian, Terence, James, Brendan, Moira and Kieran, and, great grandchildren Avery, James and Olivia; and, step-grandchildren Hillary, Lauren and Kurt.

He was predeceased by his brother William.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in the memory of John J. Morley for a scholarship fund to Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 920 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, NY, 10605.



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Woman's Club of White Plains Donates \$1,800 to WJCS Parent Child Home Program

The Woman's Club of White Plains Foundation has donated the proceeds of its Winter Tea to the Parent Child Home Program (PCHP) of Westchester Jewish Community Services. Foundation

PCHP is a national early childhood literacy, parenting and school-readiness program serving families in White Plains, New Rochelle, Port Chester, Greenburgh, Mamaroneck and Mount Vernon.



Woman's Club of White Plains Member Phyllis O'Keefe, Agency Honoree WJCS Parent Child Program represented by Director Patrice Cuddy and Members Lauren Candela-Katz and Juliana Marbach.

President Maryann Martin observed that the Foundation was "pleased to continue the mission of the Woman's Club, which is to enhance the lives of others as well as their own through volunteerism."

When she accepted the \$1,800 check, PCHP Program Director Patrice Cuddy expressed her gratitude to the Woman's Club of White Plains for the donation and said "The WJCS Parent Child Home

Program provides under-resourced families with the necessary tools to ensure their children achieve their greatest potential in school and life. PSHP envisions every child enter school ready to succeed because every parent has the knowledge and resources to build school readiness where it starts: the home."

The annual Winter Tea, chaired by Lauren Candela-Katz, Julie Marbach, and Phyllis O'Keefe, was held at the historic C.V. Rich Mansion, which is the home of the Woman's Club. Over 100 guests enjoyed sweet treats and savory tea sandwiches.

Anupa Mueller, proprietor of Silver Tips Tea Room in Tarrytown, impressed guests with her stories about her background and experience with tea. She discussed the different varieties of tea and explained the proper way to brew it.

As part of its ongoing Acts of Kindness initiative, The Woman's Club of White Plains Foundation members also collected



Club Members take a break from packing pink bag of toiletries (l to r) Laurette Young, Jean Bello, Julie VanBenthuyssen, Liz Buonamici, Maureen Fallon, Barbara Cantatore, Kristen Larkin.

several hundred toiletries and packaged them into pretty pink bags. These were donated to My Sisters' Place in White Plains for use at the agency's emergency residential shelter.

Co-chair of philanthropy for the Foundation, Jean Bello, said that the members were "happy to be part of this worthwhile cause and to provide an attractive bag of essentials for those who must leave their home quickly and seek emergency shelter."

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Burke Rehabilitation Hospital Announces Brain Bee Winners

Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, White Plains, announced Horace Mann sophomore Malhaar Agrawal has won its seventh annual local Brain Bee competition. The local championship for the International Brain Bee is a not-for-profit neuroscience competition for high school students designed to encourage them to learn more about the brain

men will be the future of neuroscience and this competition helps expose them to the profession and find out how they can be a part of helping discover cures for injuries and illnesses that affect millions of Americans."

Students were quizzed on subjects such as human neuroanatomy, neuroscience, types of diagnoses and brain cell



Winners of the Burke Rehabilitation Hospital Brain Bee.

while inspiring them to pursue careers in neurology and neurological research.

White Plains Mayor Tom Roach kicked off the event by welcoming the competitors and presenting a proclamation officially making Feb. 28, 2018 "Brain Bee Day." Approximately 20 students from Westchester County and the surrounding area participated in the event.

"The Brain Bee is a great opportunity for budding neuroscientists to test their knowledge while also learning more about the brain and nervous system," said Janet Goodman, LMSW, case manager for Burke's Brain Injury Program and coordinator for the Brain Bee in Westchester. "These young women and

identification by a distinguished panel of therapists from Burke. The Bee consisted of several rounds of questions with each round focusing on one specific topic. Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School was also well represented, boasting the second and third place finishers. Sophomore Alyssa Iryami came in second while senior Zachariah Samuel placed third.

Malhaar received a check for \$500 for winning the event. He will also go on to compete in the Brain Bee's U.S. Championships in Washington, D.C. The winner of the U.S. championship will advance to the international championship in Germany.

Stepinac High School Junior Nolan DeFreitas Wins Academic Honor

Nolan DeFreitas, a junior at Stepinac High School, was recently presented with the Youth of the Year Award at the Annual African-American and Latino Scholastic Achievements Awards ceremony.

DeFreitas earned the distinguished honor for his excellence in academics, commitment to the community and exemplary character.

The presenting awards organization comprises three White Plains community groups: White Plains Youth Bureau, the Beta Alpha Alpha of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. chapter and the My Brother's Keeper chapter.

As one of Stepinac's high-achieving students, DeFreitas was inducted into the inaugural group of the Honors Academy, the first-of-its-kind-in-the-region small, three-year personalized learning program.

Established two years ago, Stepinac's Honors Academy provides students with opportunities to pursue in-depth studies



Nolan DeFreitas

in either engineering, law, health sciences or economics/finance, leading to possible careers in those disciplines. DeFreitas selected engineering for his specialized field of study. Last December, he was also inducted into the school's National Honors Society chapter.



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Toilet Oddities, Manners and Etiquette

The bathroom. When you think about it, while it may not be the room you spend the most time in, it's probably the room you visit the most during the day.

My most memorable experience from my first day in my present digs at Trump Park in upper Westchester three years ago was my first visit to the bathroom. Mind you, this joint is outrageous, outfitted with the finest materials and fixtures you might imagine – granite, marble and brushed steel everywhere you look.

So, when it was time for me to visit the bathroom, and I started that slow descent, I realized I wasn't reaching my destination when I usually do. I kept bending lower and lower, convinced that I would be in a full Lotus position before I would finally come to rest. Why, I wondered, with all this luxury in a place originally built for the 55-plus crowd, would the builder, have installed such low-rise toilets?

As circumstance would have it, the next day, I had another bathroom experience, this time with a real estate listing client. When I visited the home to make my presentation and sign a contract, I was greeted at the door by the husband, a big guy with a hearty laugh. His wife had not yet arrived home from

some errands, but his two sons were with him, both I would guess in either their late teens or early twenties.

The first thing I do when I go for a listing is ask for a tour of the house, and this one had three full baths. Each time we entered one, the wife would walk in and, seeing that the toilet seat was up, would

immediately walk over, lower the seat and shut the lid. The first time she did it, she lowered them gently. In the second bathroom, she did it with less patience, and by the time we arrived at the third bathroom, she slammed down the lid in frustration, almost in meltdown mode.

"Oh these guys, why won't they ever learn to lower the seat and shut the lid!" she said. I suspect this is her biggest frustration at home every day.

It's important to pay attention to the toilet's seat being down and the lid closed, not only so women won't fall into the bowl but also for health reasons. According to



By Bill Primavera

scientists at Leeds University, when a toilet is flushed with the lid open, bacteria sprays into the air around the toilet, causing sickness.

But the best reason for closing the lid is that it prevents anything and everything from falling in. Haven't you had the experience of not hearing from friends for several days, only to hear that their cell phones have taken the plunge?

I was quite impressed when, years ago, I first saw a bathroom where the toilet bowl was separated from the rest of the room and you could do your more private

business in, well, private.

And what about something as simple as replacing the toilet paper roll when it's depleted? I am always in such a rush, I'm guilty of just grabbing a new roll and leaving it on top, rather than going to the trouble of inserting it on the cylinder. Shame.

For those who do go through the

trouble of replacing it, there's the question of positioning the roll for "over" or "under" dispensing. One friend tells me that it must be "over" so that the last sheet can be "folded" as in a hotel.

"You fold your last toilet paper sheet?" I asked, astounded.

"Yes," she responded, not skipping a beat. "You never know when guests are going to stop by."

Oh, my God, where did I go wrong in learning good bathroom etiquette?

One other item about toilets: Did you notice that some are round and, in the past couple of decades, others are oblong? Nobody mentions the obvious, but designers finally figured out that the male anatomy had to be accommodated.

Thanks, guys! That's the equivalent of going from jockeys to boxers.

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Going Rogue in Your Food and Wine Gustatory Adventures



By Nick Antonaccio

In our increasingly fast-paced, sometimes frenetic lives, there are few calls to "dial back" to a more traditional way of life. Technology reigns supreme, overtly and covertly, threatening to dehumanize many of the little things in life we used to enjoy. Sometimes I wonder if "The Matrix" hasn't begun to seep into our lives.

This is not to say that we should all become Luddites, shunning the benefits and efficiencies of technology; it has clearly enhanced our lives in many ways. But there are certain quality-of-life issues that are being threatened, issues that should not be attempted to "improve" by another iPhone or Android app. Do we really need over 6,000,000 ways to be entertained, informed or otherwise dumbed down by smartphones?

One of the traditional ways of life I embrace is the enjoyment of food and wine. The more I rely on my smartphone and social media to objectify my way of life, the more I lose my sensory appreciation of the finer elements of my meals. Everyday gustatory pleasures are becoming more standardized and sanitized as we immerse ourselves in growing bytes and growing bites.

What has happened to the sensory pleasures of savoring our food instead of simply ingesting it, of consuming natural

foods and wine instead of industrialized, manipulated foods, of watching the roses grow instead of watching our screen size grow?

I'm not alone in my angst. There is something called the Slow Food movement that espouses this concept. Its stated vision: "to prevent the disappearance of local food cultures and traditions, counteract the rise of fast life and combat people's dwindling interest in the food they eat, where it comes from and how our food choices affect the world around us."

A subsidiary movement within Slow Food is Slow Wine, which strives for counterbalancing the industrialization of wine around the world and publishes a guide to sustainable wines.

Every year, 200 Slow Wine staffers roam Italy to seek out wines that are representative of the precepts of the Slow Food movement; wines nurtured by nature rather than exploited by man. The staff reviewers visit each winery, speak to the individuals responsible for producing the wines, gain an understanding of and compile the sustainable practices and evaluate the biodiversity of the winery. Another important factor to consumers: the quality-price ratio of the wines included in the annual guide.

Two weeks ago, I was invited to the

United States release of the Slow Wine Guide 2018, which focuses on wines from more than 400 wineries in Italy and, for the first time the United States. Over 100 producers poured their wines.

This is not another book about wine critiques. It is about wineries and the winemakers, describing the efforts of those committed to sustaining a life simpatico with nature. Reading the guide, I felt a connection to the history of each winery and winemaking family, adding a personal touch to appreciating their wines. The guide digs deep into the winery practices and enumerates six categories to provide readers with a deep understanding of vineyard practices, and in the process differentiating one "natural" wine producer from the next. One overriding factor: none of the wineries utilize chemical pesticides.

I embraced the book's concept immediately. I even found a few surprises in my walk-around tasting exploits, grapes and locales of which I was not previously aware – a red sparkling wine of the Emilia-Romagna region produced from Barbera and Croatina grapes and an Aglianico Vulture from my ancestral region of Basilicata.

Embracing the Slow Food and Slow Wine movements entices us to appreciate nature's bounty, which is often

sidestepped by the objectivity of big business and our seduction by all things technological. I invite you to join me as a member of the Hudson Valley chapter of the movement at www.slowfoodusa.org.

Slow Wine Guide 2018 will be available in hardcover this month. Ironically, it will also be available as an iPhone app. Is this "Slow App" the latest societal oxymoron, and one more step in the inexorable path to technological dominance?

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WPHS Athletics Hall of Fame Seeks Nominations for 2018 Inductions

The White Plains High School Athletics Hall of Fame is seeking nominations for inductions into its Class of 2018.

Deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, March 30, 2018.

A list of eligibility guidelines, along with a printable nomination form, is available via the main web page for the high school's athletics department. To access the criteria and form, please go to the following URL: www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/domain/150; then click on the "Athletics Hall of Fame" listing on the left side of the page.

Anyone who previously has been nominated for the Sports Hall of Fame does not have to be resubmitted. They will automatically be reconsidered.

This will be the fourth year for the Athletics Hall of Fame program. WPHS inducted a class of 15 outstanding individuals in 2015; enshrined 17 highly accomplished individuals plus a relay team in 2016; and added 14 outstanding individuals in 2017.

Selections for the Class of 2018 will



be made later in the spring with plans to hold a fourth annual induction ceremony in early November.

To view videos of the 2015, 2016 and 2017 induction events, please access the following URL online: www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/Page/600.



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Bon Jovi Turns Out for Special Evening of Music, Fundraising

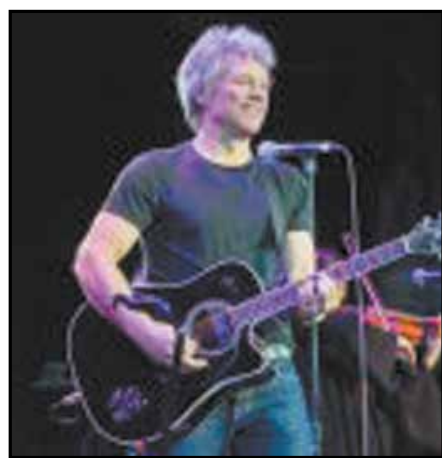
By Aaron Notis

Jon Bon Jovi is a man of his word. When his close friend and former entertainment attorney, Jerry Edelstein, needed a kidney nine years ago, the Flood Sisters Kidney Foundation came to the rescue, securing a life-saving living donor match for Edelstein.

Thankful that his friend received this gift of life, the Grammy Award-winning artist who will be inducted next month in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, performed a concert Mar. 4 to a sold-out Tarrytown Music Hall to benefit the foundation.

"I am deeply grateful to the Flood Sisters Kidney Foundation... With the knowledge they gained during the fight for their father's life, Jennifer, Cynthia and Heather Flood created a life-saving organization to help others. That's the epitome of 'paying it forward,'" said Bon Jovi, who dedicated the concert to Edelstein.

Mesmerizing the crowd last week with acoustic versions of his classics, including "Livin' on a Prayer," "Lost Highway," "Maybe Someday" and "You Give Love a Bad Name," Bon Jovi put on an interactive show, answering questions from the audience and telling short stories in



Jon Bon Jovi performed a concert Mar. 4 to a sold-out Tarrytown Music Hall to benefit the Flood Sisters Kidney Foundation.

between songs. He told the audience that his musical inspiration included Queen, Aerosmith, Bruce Springsteen and Led Zeppelin.

Audience members also asked him about his family life. The crowd laughed when Bon Jovi answered that he is in charge of doing the dishes when he is home.

The Flood Sisters Kidney Foundation

was started 10 years ago by the three sisters, all of whom were raised in Pleasantville. In 2008, when their father, Daniel, went into kidney failure, his daughters posted an advertisement for a living donor on Craigslist.

A reporter at the news radio station WCBS 880 saw the advertisement and interviewed the family, helping them to reach thousands of people. After interviewing multiple volunteers, they were able to find a living donor for their father in California.

The experience helped the sisters realize that they could help other families. They started The Flood Sisters Kidney Foundation and have now successfully connected 11 people in need of a kidney with living donors.

Today, kidney disease affects nearly 15 percent of the U.S. population, and the wait for a donor kidney from a deceased donor could take between five and 10 years.

"The gold standard for treatment is a transplant," said Heather Flood. "The platinum treatment is a living donor transplant. Many die waiting every hour."

Opening for Bon Jovi was the New York

City-based band Oak & Ash. Formed in 2014, Oak & Ash was the winner of Newsday's Battle of the Bands contest and Bon Jovi's 2017 "Opening Act Contest," which promoted up-and-coming musicians.

In addition to performing, Bon Jovi donated a signed guitar to the benefit's live auction, which raised \$8,500. A new BMW was also auctioned off and sold for \$46,000.

Roseanne Flood, mother of Cynthia, Heather and Jennifer and the Flood Sisters Kidney Foundation's treasurer, highlighted the importance of the event.

"We are trying to reach the goal of sustainability. It is incredibly beneficial to have the support of a talented musician like John Bon Jovi to help us to reach that goal," she said.

Cynthia Flood agreed. "We are so blessed and grateful to have Jon Bon Jovi involved in this awesome event," she said. "We hope to create more awareness for kidney disease, and more importantly, living donation."

For more information about the Flood Sisters Kidney Foundation, visit <https://floodsisterskidneyfnd.org>.

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County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **611D Larchmont Acres East, Larchmont, NY 10538. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY OF DIVERSITY MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC), Application of Authority led with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/1/2008. LLC organized in NJ on 10/12/2006. NY office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 256 Columbia Turnpike, North Tower, Suite 108A, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Office address in jurisdiction of organization: 256 Columbia Turnpike, North Tower, Suite 108A, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Copy of Articles of Organization on file with Secretary of State of NJ, **225 West State Street - 2nd Floor Trenton, NJ 08625-0307 Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose.** *continued on page 14*



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Tuesday, March 13

Tuesdays at Dorry's. Tasha Young, a founder and Vice President of Westchester Black Political Conference will speak about the organization's mission to create a more equitable and secure future for the county's Black communities through public policy at all levels, in order to shift away from policies that exacerbate racial disparities in wealth. WBPC will lobby for or against policies that impact housing, education, and labor markets in Black communities, and will address solutions. WBPC is born out of the idea of the historical first National Black Political Assembly (NBPA), formerly known as the Gary Convention that was held on March 10, 1972, in Gary Indiana. WBPC also recognizes and accepts its mission from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Poor People's Campaign. Tuesdays@Dorry's gathers conservation partners every Tuesday to share a meal and learn from presenters invited each week. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. presentation 6 to 7 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, 914-682-0005.

WPCNA Meeting. The March meeting of the White Plains Council of Neighborhood Associations is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. at Education House, 5 Homeside Lane, White Plains. Guests are Richard Liebson, Central Westchester Reporter for *lohud/The Journal News*, John F. Bailey, who produces the *White Plains CiteNetReporter* and Catherine Cioffi, Communications Director for Westchester County Executive George Latimer, and former WCBS 880 AM general assignment reporter. Richard, John and Catherine will talk about "What's Up with the Local News Media" and take questions.

Wednesday, March 14

Noonday Getaway Concert. Two members of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, Quan Yuan, violin and Vincent Lioni, Viola are joined by pianist Alex Ruvinstein for a program of charming, rarely heard nineteenth century trios entitled "Lost Gems of the Romantic Era"; 12:10 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church St., White Plains. This 30-minute free concert is open to the public, and made possible, in part, with the generous support of Lago Ristorante, West Harrison and Ridgeway Garden Center, White Plains.

Thursday, March 15

Wake Up Wall Street! A transformative experience for Wall Street professionals seeking to catalyze positive change in the world. A revolutionary and growth-oriented approach that introduces exploration of the inner realms to professionals striving for self-discovery and meaning. Led by Evan Wildstein and Matt Ludmer. The Aligned Center, 1 Bridge St., Suite 64, Irvington. 6 to 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-292-0930 or e-mail info@thealignedcenter.com.

Friday, March 16

"Women Blazing Trails." Join women leaders in the community for breakfast to learn how they challenged the status quo and overcame bias, strengthened their leadership talents and developed the confidence they needed to rise to new heights in today's business environment. Manhattanville College's Reid Castle, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 8 to 10 a.m. \$35. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit <https://community.mville.edu/events/WLI-WomenBlazingTrailsPanel>.

"Ludwig van Beethoven: Madman? Genius? Both?" "Mad," "incomprehensible," "repulsive," "ludicrous," "rambling," "outrageous," "mystifying" were just a few of the words prominent critics, experienced listener, and even some accomplished musicians used in the early 1800s to describe Beethoven's works. His music was always intense, dramatic and deeply-expressive, but they often also inhabited mystical, ethereal and primal realms (especially in his late works) that baffled and sometimes offended his audiences. This session will travel to those regions we now revere as sublime and awe-inspiring to hear what Beethoven – deaf by his mid-30s – "heard" in his mind in some of the most enduring, searing and profoundly eloquent musical works ever composed. Part of the Great Composers Lecture Series. Hoff-Barthelton Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 11 a.m. \$25 Info and tickets: 914-723-1169, visit www.hbms.org or e-mail hb@hbms.org.

Chefs Helping Vets Fundraiser Series. American Legion Post 1038 in Valhalla will host the first of three culinary sessions led by industry professionals. Tonight, Doral Arrowwood Executive Chef Michael Schmutzer demonstrates the art of making gnocchi. Sip a glass of wine while learning his secrets and sampling his little pillows of perfection. Proceeds will benefit Valhalla American Legion Post 1038. Doral Arrowwood Conference Center, 975 Anderson Hill Rd., Rye Brook. 6 p.m. \$55 (includes a \$30 charitable tax deduction). All three sessions: \$150.

The series continues Mar. 23. Info and registration: Visit www.alpost1038ny.org/chefs-helping-vets.html.

Irish Comedy Tour. The Irish Comedy Tour takes the party atmosphere of a Dublin pub and combines it with a boisterous, belly-laugh band of hooligans. The clover – make that clever – comedians, whose ancestors hail from the Emerald Isle, include Detroit native Derek Richards; Boston-born Mike McCarthy; Nova Scotia's Damon Leibert; and from Inchicore, a suburb of Dublin, Derrick Keane. Don't miss these hilarious Irish-American comedians as they tear apart as well as validate all of the Irish myths and stereotypes. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. \$20, \$25 and \$35. 8 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

Bagpipes Meet Rock 'n' Roll: The Red Hot Chili Pipers. Since this nine-piece ensemble consisting of pipers, guitarists, keyboards and drummers walked away with the top prize on the U.K. primetime talent show "When Will I be Famous," this group has been taking its signature "bagrock" sound to the masses with a unique fusion of rocked up bagpipes and clever covers of popular songs from all genres. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$28, \$38 and \$48. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Saturday, March 17 **Happy St. Patrick's Day**

Sunday, March 18

The Friendly Gathering. Lifting Up Westchester and Beth and Brian Wallach will be honored at the 2018 Friendly Gathering to be held at 5 p.m. at Congregation Koi Ami, (252 Soundview Avenue, White Plains). The event benefits The RDC Center for Counseling & Human Development. The Friendly Gathering features a corned beef and cabbage dinner, Irish songs and a performance by The O'Rourke Academy of Irish Dance. Tickets are \$55 in advance and \$60 at the door; seniors are \$50 in advance and \$55 at the door. Tickets for children under 12 are \$15. Advance sale for a table of ten is \$500 and available only until March 4. Reservations are strongly encouraged. For reservations or more information, contact 914-798-1103 or rdccenter@optonline.net.

Jam Session. Sunday nights at The Haven at Lagond, each week spotlights a different genre and well-known guest musicians. This Sunday features Jazz/Latin Jam. Anyone with a desire to play – 18+

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over - can join the jam on stage and sit in with peers as well as have an opportunity to meet and play with professional musicians. Adult players of all levels are welcome as well as spectators. Doors open at 7 p.m. Musicians are brought up on a first come first serve basis. The Haven at Lagond Music School is located at 9 Haven Street, Elmsford. Visit www.lagondmusic.org to find out about special guest artists.

Thursday, March 27

Harlem Fine Arts Show. NEW DATE. Celebrating artists and authors; 6 to 9 p.m. at the Reckson Metro Center, 360 Hamilton Ave., White Plains. Donation for admission \$25.



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FORMATION OF BROOKMONT MANAGEMENT, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/9/18. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to **Penny Jackson, 45 Winchester Oval, New Rochelle, NY 10805. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NEW LOOK DEVELOPERS, LLC filed with SSNY on 1/17/18. Office loc: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **20 Van Buren Pl., White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: Buying and renovation of homes.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DENNIS J. CAMPAGNA, ARBITRATOR, LLC Art. of Org. filed with Sec. of State 01/16/18. Off. loc.in Westchester CO. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to **Dennis J Campagna, 50 Main Street, Suite 1000, White Plains, NY 10606-1900 PURPOSE: Any lawful business.**

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Plains, NY 10601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BOWIE BROWS, LLC. ART OF ORG. filed with SSNY on 02/07/2018. Office in Westchester County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **128 Court Street White Plains, NY 10601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ALM SPEECH THERAPY, PLLC ART. OF ORG. filed with SSNY on February 13,2018. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail process to: **2810 Springhurst St, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SET IT IN STONES, LLC Art of organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/08/2017. Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **71 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CG MEDICAL BILLING SERVICES, LLC Art of organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/22/2018. Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **168 Douglas Ave., Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

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EXAMINER SPORTS

Stepinac Runs the Table to Win the CHSAA AA City Championship

By Albert Coqueran

Stepinac High School defeated Christ the King High School, 74-65, to be crowned the 2018 CHSAA AA Basketball City Champions. It was the first time since 1960 that Stepinac has won the AA City Basketball Championship.

After beating Cardinal Hayes High School in the 2018 NY CHSAA AA Championship; Stepinac repeated the feat of the Cardinals last season by winning both the NY CHSAA AA and the AA Intersectional Championships in the same season.

"It means a lot for everybody, not just the players and the coaches but also for the alumni, the benefactors, our President, Principal, Athletic Director and all those who support the school," proclaimed Stepinac Head Basketball Coach Pat Massaroni.

The Crusaders progressed through the Intersectional Playoffs by beating St. Raymond High School, 83-68, in the Quarterfinals, at Fordham University, on Sunday, March 4. Crusaders center Joel Soriano fought inside and outside, while securing a double-double of 14 points and grabbing a remarkable 16 rebounds.



The Griffin Family. Retired NBA player Adrian Griffin, Sr. (left) took time out from his present duties as the top Assistant Coach for the Oklahoma City Thunder to join his wife Audrey (right) and watch their two sons senior Alan Griffin and freshman Adrian Griffin, Jr. help Stepinac win the 2018 CHSAA AA City Championship at Fordham University.



Stepinac sophomore guard R.J. Davis (center) reached a milestone early in his high-school basketball career by scoring his 1000th point at 1:31 of the fourth quarter in the Intersectional Quarterfinals against St. Raymond. Davis accomplished the remarkable feat in two varsity seasons "with a little help from his friends" including, [l-r] Joel Soriano, Eddie Sanchez, Kyle Atkins, Alan Griffin and Xavier Wilson, who were his teammates during both seasons.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Crusaders guard Alan Griffin (second left) is presented the 2018 CHSAA Intersectional Tournament MVP Award by [l-r] Kevin Pigott, President Archdiocese of New York, CHSAA Basketball Chairman Paul Gilvary and Diocese of Brooklyn President Raymond Nash. The Stepinac senior averaged 24 points per game in the Intersectional Playoffs.

Senior Alan Griffin had a team-high 22 points with six assists and sophomore R. J. Davis had 21 points. Freshman guard Adrian Griffin, Jr. also helped the Crusaders advance by contributing 14 points and six rebounds, against the Ravens.

The Crusaders also redeemed themselves, while beating Archbishop Molloy High School, in the Intersectional Semifinals, 88-84, at St. John's University, on Thursday, March 8.

Molloy defeated Stepinac last season in the Intersectional Semifinals by one point and the Crusaders had been chomping at the bit to meet the Stanners in the Intersectionals this year. "We wanted this, we wanted Molloy back at St. John's," commented Massaroni.

Alan Griffin scored 31 points and grabbed eight rebounds, Davis netted 33 points with 17 of his points coming in the fourth quarter and the younger Griffin contributed 17 points and nine rebounds versus Molloy.

The Championship game was a shot blocking feast in the first half with the AA Brooklyn Champs Christ the King dominating Stepinac in the paint. Royals 6'-11" freshman forward Moussa Cisse had seven blocks in the first half. Moussa ended the game with 12 total blocks.

The Royals with their "twin towers" of Cisse and their other 6'-11" forward Kofi Cockburn out-rebounded the Crusaders 24 to 17 in the first half. Furthermore, the Royals outscored the Crusaders, 16-8 in the paint in the first half. But just as in the Quarterfinals game against St. Raymond, it was a halftime buzzer-beater that ignited the Crusaders.

Against the Ravens, with the score tied 31-31, the senior Griffin held for the last shot of the half and scored on a floating layup at the buzzer. The Crusaders emerged in the second half to lead by nine points after the third quarter and win the



he Archbishop Stepinac High School Varsity Basketball Team celebrates at Fordham University, after beating Christ the King High School, 74-65, to win their first CHSAA AA City Championship since 1960.

game by 15 points, 83-68.

The Crusaders could not find the basket in the first quarter of the Championship game, while shooting 5-for-18 from the field. They fared better by the end of the first half totaling 11-for-32 for 34.4 %. But Davis, who was averaging 27 points through the initial two games of the Intersectionals, had only managed two



Stepinac senior guard Alan Griffin drives to the hoop to score two of his 22 points in the Intersectional Quarterfinals against St. Raymond. Griffin also had six assists and three steals, as the Crusaders beat the Ravens, 83-68, to advance to the Intersectional Semifinals.

points in the half; that is until he drilled a three-pointer for another halftime buzzer-beater for Stepinac.

Stepinac, even while shooting poorly headed to the locker room at the half losing by only two points, 30-28, mostly due to the strong play of forward Xavier Wilson, who scored seven points and grabbed three rebounds in the first half.

After the buzzer-beater by Davis, the Crusaders resurfaced in the second half energized and accurate. They mounted an 11-point lead, captioned by an Eddie Sanchez three-pointer with 1: 45 remaining in the third quarter and they never looked back.

The older Griffith scored 12 points in the second half, Davis had seven points in



Crusaders guard R. J. Davis drives up for a layup against St. Raymond in the CHSAA Intersectional Quarterfinals. Davis, just a sophomore, averaged 22 points per game in the Intersectional Playoffs, while helping Stepinac win their first AA City Championship since 1960.

the half, and the younger Griffin showed he is more than ready for primetime by scoring 15 points in the second half.

Crusaders Alan Griffin leaped around the Championship Game to score a game-high 20 points with eight rebounds and two blocks. Griffin's younger brother "AJ" Griffin, had 19 points, seven rebounds, five assists and two steals. The "X-Man" Wilson fought inside for 13 points and eight rebounds and center Joel Soriano had four points, seven rebounds and three block shots.

"It feels great! I really do not have a lot of words because I never experienced this before, but to get this win is great for us," stated Crusaders star guard Alan Griffin.

For the Royals, Cisse managed a triple-double in the Championship Game with 10 points, 11 rebounds and 12 block shots. Cockburn secured a double-double with 16 points and 15 rebounds and guards Ryan Myers and Quaran McPherson had 16 points and 14 points respectively.

Crusaders leader Alan Griffin won the CHSAA AA Intersectional Tournament MVP Award. He was joined on the All-Tournament Team by teammates Davis and his younger brother Adrian, Jr. Also on the All-Tournament Team were Cockburn and his Royals teammate Tyson Walker, Hayes's Joe Toussaint and Coyle Anthony from Archbishop Molly.

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