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County Legislators Propose Plastic Bag Ban for Westchester

By Anna Young

County lawmakers announced last week they would propose legislation to eliminate single-use plastic bags in businesses throughout Westchester and encourage patrons to bring reusable shopping bags.

The proposed measure, referred to as the Reusable Bag Initiative, was pitched last week by Legislators Kitley Covill (D-Katonah) and Nancy Barr (D-Rye Brook). It would call for certain stores, such as groceries and food markets, pharmacies and convenience stores, to charge customers at least 10 cents for each recyclable or reusable paper bag to carry out merchandise.

"I think the time has come for the county to put in something that is county wide," Covill said at an Apr. 19 press conference in White Plains. "This is the first step toward a goal we all share to improve the environment by eliminating the plastic bags that pollute our waterways, clog



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

County legislators Kitley Covill and Nancy Barr were surrounded by supporters of a countywide Reusable Bag Initiative when they announced their intention last week of introducing a measure to the Board of Legislators.

our sewers, back up our storm drains, endanger our marine life and litter our streets."

It would allow plastic bags to be used for meat and produce, by dry cleaners and for garbage liners. Prescription drug bags would still be used as well.

The charge for each paper bag, which would be kept by the merchant, would not apply to restaurants or food service establishments that operate outside of retail stores.

The legislation also takes aim at polystyrene foam packing materials, banning its use in the county. Items packaged outside the county, including bulk meat trays and computer-shipping packaging, would be exempt from the ban.

The ordinance would be similar to a law that went into effect last year in New Castle and several other municipalities around Westchester and another that is being

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Latimer Vows Fiscal Restructuring in First State of the County

By Anna Young

County Executive George Latimer delivered his first State of the County address last week announcing several changes that the county will undergo while acknowledging Westchester's financial structure needs improvement.

During his Apr. 16 speech inside the legislative chambers in White Plains, Latimer was greeted with rapturous applause as he announced plans to focus on environmental protection, veterans affairs, affordable housing, infrastructure, workers' contracts and the county's fiscal needs.

Latimer said former county executive

Rob Astorino left the county in a difficult financial position. He is currently awaiting a full audit of Westchester's finances from state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

"While we have big plans to move the state of the county forward together, we must understand where our fiscal house stands. And much to my chagrin the numbers right now do not look pretty," Latimer said. "Our county's finances have fallen victim to sweep-it-under-the-rug economics for too long."

In his first budget, which will be voted on in December, Latimer pledged to consolidate services, maximize aid from

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Multi-Use Zoning with Residential a Vision for Hartsdale 4-Corners

By Pat Casey

At the April 10 meeting of the Greenburgh Town Board two local architects, Patrice Ingrassia and Christine Broda of Inspired Places LLC, made a presentation on how to revitalize the 4-Corners area of Hartsdale.

Citing changes in population demographics with an emphasis on Millennials and aging Baby Boomers, Ingrassia and Broda said old zoning regulations in Hartsdale would have to be changed to give the area potential for enhanced and pedestrian-friendly streetscapes and multi-use districts combining low-rise residential buildings

with offices and retail.

Similar to discussions at other local municipal meetings, especially at nearby White Plains where a Transit District featuring multi-use zoning with an emphasis on residential rentals has new developments before the city Council, the Hartsdale plan would seek to engage mass transit centered at the local Hartsdale train station as well as to exploit commuter activity at the White Plains train station.

The architects said they had interacted with the impacted neighborhood associations and some property owners, who were supportive of the changes.

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considered in Pleasantville. A county law would supersede local legislation.

"This legislation reflects an increasing awareness of how destructive, permanent and unnecessary single-use plastic bags actually are," Barr said. "While several municipalities around Westchester already have reusable bag legislation and several others are considering similar laws, it's time for the county as a whole to join other counties like Suffolk in leading the state and the nation towards a cleaner, more sustainable future for ourselves and for our children."

Stores can provide free bags for two weeks before the law takes effect, and for two weeks every year from Dec. 1-15.

Lawmakers said they would meet

with storeowners, consumers and environmental scientists as they work to craft legislation to reduce the financial burden for some residents. Under the measure, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) recipients would be exempt from the 10-cent bag fee.

Jeremey Cherson, advocacy coordinator for Riverkeeper, said about 23 billion single-use plastic bags are used throughout New York State every year. Research shows that micro plastic particles find their way into the waterways because of the bags, he said.

Cherson said California saw a 7 percent reduction in plastic bag waste the first year

a similar law went into effect. California voters approved a proposition banning plastic bags in 2016.

"I am grateful to the county legislators who have taken the initiative to move this important issue forward," White Plains Mayor Tom Roach said in a statement. "I believe legislation that would cover the entire county would be more effective and more easily understood and complied with by both consumers and retailers than a hodgepodge of local regulations."

While Legislator Lyndon Williams (D-Mount Vernon) indicated support for the law, he said he opposes a bag fee, arguing that it would disproportionately burden the working poor. He said he would support the legislation ban if the

burden was placed on the manufacturers.

Williams said the exemption for SNAP and WIC recipients would fail to cover many struggling residents and families who do not participate in those programs. He urged Covill and Barr to craft a law that is workable for everyone.

"The working poor are already fighting to make ends meet. The county should not burden them further with a bag fee," Williams said. "I want to support my colleagues' effort on the environment but just not at the expense of those who can least afford to bear the burden of this fee."

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Albany and Washington, eliminate pay-to-play contracts and execute creative solutions to spend tax dollars as wisely as possible.

Latimer said his administration is currently crafting a practical shared services plan that will eliminate duplicative services to generate savings and provide relief to taxpayers.

He plans to restore county contracts and start chipping away at a list of \$1.5 billion of capital projects.

"We are also working to identify projects that will go to bid this construction season and accelerating projects that are in design so we have a robust 2019 construction season," Latimer said. "Together we can revive Westchester's economy and workforce with jobs and policies designed to boost Westchester's workforce."

A housing needs assessment will be conducted to help the municipalities with the greatest needs. Latimer said he reestablished the Westchester Urban County Consortium in order to restore eligibility to receive federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Latimer said he wants to start a Veterans Court for former service members with



County Executive George Latimer delivered his State of the County address last week.

legal woes. The court would provide an opportunity for the veteran to rehabilitate their life under supervision of the judicial system. A Woman's Wellness Center for female veterans at Westchester Medical Center will also be established.

A review of all county deals and programs is currently underway, including the Playland contract and the future of Westchester County Airport.

"Just because the prior administration started a program or brokered a deal does not mean we will automatically dissolve

it," Latimer said. "We are committed to looking at everything."

With a status report on Playland's contract with Standard Amusements expected to be released next week, Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill) hopes the current deal, signed by Astorino, will remain.

"You have to understand that the agreement has a lot of revenue that will come back to the county as well as prevention of some of the spending that has been rampant in the past for Playland," Testa said.

Testa added that Latimer has a progressive agenda with left-wing policies that will significantly change county operations. He agreed it will be a difficult budget season but eliminating the existing Playland contract and airport deal would be problematic.

Two area lawmakers were more optimistic following Latimer's address but voiced concerns about the potential for fiscal hurdles. Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers), who has served on the Board of Legislators since Latimer was chairman, said the county executive's address was typically positive while setting out the challenges that lie ahead.

Kaplowitz said virtually no tax increases over the past eight years has left Westchester vulnerable to cost-of-living increases and unexpected expenses. A 2 percent tax increase, which amounts to \$36 a year for the average taxpayer, is a level most residents can handle that provides

"I believe in a low and slow approach in tax increases," Kaplowitz said. "Every year you have a low and slow increase, you stick to the tax cap and you don't go above it and you condition people to that and that will allow us to keep up with inflationary costs."

Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) said she's looking forward to working with Latimer's administration to accomplish projects for her district and the county.

In the upcoming year, a commitment to infrastructure improvements will be essential to move the county forward.

"The roads are a big one," Cunzio said. "We were able to pass a bond for Commerce Street (in Mount Pleasant), so the design should be finishing up now that the DPW commissioner is in."

Martin Wilbur contributed to this article.

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Current zoning prohibits residential development on some portions of Central Avenue and makes any redevelopment of the area economically infeasible.

Many of the businesses on Hartsdale and Central Avenues have been impacted by online sales. Amazon.com was mentioned several times as a great challenge to local Mom and Pop shops and small businesses. Retailers offering personal services such as hairdressers and nail salons as well as restaurants seem to be the only businesses able to survive.

The vision presented by Ingrassia and Broda seeks to reconnect neighborhoods from the train station along Hartsdale Ave. to Central Avenue, leaving the center of Hartsdale intact. Pedestrian safety, traffic



Patrice Ingrassia and Christine Broda of Inspired Places LLC, recommend revitalization for Hartsdale, within the red dotted line, to incorporate zoning changes for mixed land use applications.

control and storm water management were also major considerations to the plan.

The architects recommended that Greenburgh adopt a Supplement to the Comprehensive Plan that would enable the mixed-use zoning needed.



Social Justice Forum Addresses Diverse Concerns

By Anna Young

Over 100 Westchester residents marched through White Plains on Sunday to bring awareness to the issues impacting the county and the nation in hope of fostering solidarity and creating a more just and equal society.

Participants of the Westchester Social Forum stepped off at Pace Law School on N. Broadway and made a loop of the downtown. Members of Moms Demand Action, Westchester for Change, Amnesty International, Black Lives Matter, and other groups garnered a vast amount of attention with demonstrators carrying an array of signs and chanting "No Justice, No Peace" and several other slogans.

Throughout the six-hour forum, community organizations gathered at the Pace campus to discuss and combat the nation's most pressing problems. The Social Forum provides an environment for local advocates to learn about the different movements throughout the county and connect as a community.

"It's a space for the grassroots community to come together and to support each other's campaigns and struggles," said Nada Khader, WESPAC Foundation Director. "This is an opportunity for the whole social justice community to come together."

The afternoon kicked off with attendees gathering on the front lawn in front of the



Participants of the Westchester Social Forum Sunday, held at Pace Law School in White Plains represented Moms Demand Action, Westchester for Change, Amnesty International, Black Lives Matter, and other groups.

Chapel of the Divine Compassion on the former Good Counsel campus where Owl (Steven Smith) of the Ramapough Nation shared a sentiment in the original Native American language of the land. He also spoke of his continuous efforts to stop oil production and pollution from damaging the environment.

Following the half-mile march, attendees participated in a series of workshops touching on topics including criminal justice reform, oppression,

homelessness, environmental protection, mass deportation, prosecutorial misconduct, immigration policies and runaway inequality.

Laura Case, leader of the Homeless are People Too Committee with Community Voices Heard, ran a workshop on the county's homelessness crisis and provided information about ways to get involved with the organization. Her committee is comprised of homeless and formerly homeless residents pushing for better

treatment and affordable housing.

"We have a homeless system that does not take peoples needs into account and the conditions are honestly very poor," said Case, who was formerly homeless. "And it's important to me that we bring this issue, and other social justice issues to the public's attention."

White Plains resident Emil Donofrio stressed that there's too many issues affecting society to remain silent. He said his main concerns include health care, gun violence, the environment and immigration, adding that deporting people without due process or respect for their rights is misguided.

"Families need to stick together," West Harrison resident Joe Marino said.

Stop the Algonquin Pipeline (SAPE) cofounder Susan Van Dolsen touted the event for allowing attendees the opportunity to stand together and support anyone who has ever been impacted by any issue impacting society.

"A day like today really brings together people from various causes who really need to stick together and fight together for what we deserve as individuals and as a society," she said. "It makes us stronger if every group joins into the movement to say that we're not going to be run over and we're going to stand together and fight for our most basic rights as a collective society."

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Pagan Tree Planting Ceremony at Manhattanville College

To celebrate spring and the onset of warmer weather, Dr. Peter Gardella, Manhattanville College World Religions professor, alumna Sarah Lucas '08, and students conducted a pagan tree planting last week, complete with chicken augury, spiral dance, and song at Manhattanville College Nun's Cemetery, a resting place for members of the Society of the Sacred Heart who worked and lived at Manhattanville in Purchase.

The class performed a spiral dance, casting a circle around two hens and a

rooster inside a pen. The hens and rooster were fed, and based on their behavior, the order and location to plant six trees were discovered.

Six student teams planted holly and hazelnut trees, along with Japanese dogwood, crabapple and lilac trees. The teams shared information about the lore of the various breeds of trees before the planting took place. After the trees were planted, students planted yarrow in circular plots at the base of each tree. The ceremony concluded with a spiral dance interweaving among the freshly

planted trees.

"My World Religions Pagan seminar had a wonderful time planting holly, hazelnut, dogwood, lilac, and crabapple trees, along with yarrow at the bases, to create a grove around the statues in the cemetery," said Dr. Gardella. "Spring planting resonates through all of the world's religions. We chose the order of planting with a chicken augury, students interpreting the actions of two hens and a rooster, after the Roman model."

Alumna Sarah Lucas brought the chickens. Students also learned how



Manhattanville College students, some in costume, taking part in a pagan tree planting ceremony.

to plant from Tate Bushell, botanist and Director of Stewardship with the Westchester Land Trust.



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A "Tuesday at Dorry's" for Jackie Robinson

By Albert Coqueran

On April 15, each year since 2004, "Jackie Robinson Day" is celebrated throughout Major League Baseball."

Robinson, the first Afro-American player to integrate Major League Baseball, debuted with the Brooklyn Dodgers, on April 15, 1947. Sunday, April 15, 2018, marked the 71st Anniversary of Robinson breaking the color barrier in MLB.

The NY Mets have celebrated Robinson's legacy long before the official announcement by MLB in 2004, proclaiming April 15, as "Jackie Robinson Day." The Mets even included the Jackie Robinson Rotunda in memory of Robinson when erecting Citi Field.

This year, as they have done in past years, the Mets welcomed Jackie's wife Rachel and their children Sharon and David to celebrate "Jackie Robinson Day" at Citi Field. Rachel Robinson is the founder of the Jackie Robinson Foundation, which helps young men and women gain an education.

On April 15, some of the Jackie Robinson Foundation scholars escorted other aspiring students on a tour of the Jackie Robinson Rotunda at Citi Field. The MLB Players Trust also donated \$42,000, to the Jackie Robinson Foundation, which they have made a tradition in recent years on "Jackie Robinson Day." Robinson Dodgers uniform number was 42, now retired throughout MLB.

Nonetheless, as these MLB conglomerates paid tribute to Robinson and his family, a well-known diner in White Plains was playing its part in honoring Jackie Robinson.

Julie Davis Carran of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute of Nonviolence organizes "Tuesdays@Dorry's" Weekly Table Talk at Dorry's Dinner on Mamaroneck Avenue. Each week local residents gather to hear speakers and engage in discussions regarding a variety of topics.

On Tuesday, April 17, Carran invited Dr. Richard Zamoff and his brother Barry Zamoff to lecture concerning their participation in the Jackie Robinson



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Dr. Richard Zamoff (seated left) of the Jackie Robinson Initiative at George Washington University and his brother Barry (seated right) were invited by Julie Davis Carran, (standing left) to lecture regarding Jackie Robinson at "Tuesdays@Dorry's" on April 17. They were joined by "Beyond the Game" host Jon Vorperian.

Education Initiative at George Washington University.

The topic of the Zamoff brothers' lecture was "Jackie Robinson-Informal Civil Rights Leader." Dr. Richard Zamoff teaches a class at GWU titled "Jackie Robinson: Race, Sports, and the American Dream." He has also been the Director of the Jackie Robinson Project since 1996 and a faculty advisor to the Jackie and Rachel Robinson Society since 1999 at GWU. He also wrote a children's book regarding Robinson in English and Spanish to raise awareness of Robinson's contributions to society.

The Zamoff brothers grew-up in the Bronx but were avid Brooklyn Dodgers fans. As young men in the 1950's they were members of the Brooklyn Dodgers "Knothole Gang," whereas the Brooklyn Dodgers in the '40's and 50's gave over two million free passes to youth who could not afford to watch a live baseball game. Instead, the children poked their heads through the knotholes in the wooden

fences of the old ballparks to see their favorite teams.

However, Dr. Zamoff's lecture at "Tuesdays@Dorry's" was not focused on Robinson's MLB Hall of Fame career but more geared to Robinson's influence in the Civil Rights movement of the 1950's, 60's and his overall contributions to society until his death in 1972. After all, Zamoff's prospectus encompasses the relationship between sports and society.

"I always felt that sports were an important part of society and you learn what is going on in society by studying sports," said Zamoff.

"Howard Cosell said it best, 'Jackie was not just the best ballplayer I ever saw but he also the best man I ever knew.' Robinson was courageous, forthright, polite and professional," stated Zamoff.

Robinson appeared on "Meet the Press"

several times discussing racial equality and sociological issues. He also started a construction company to provide housing for low-income families and the Freedom National Bank to assist Afro-American entrepreneurs wanting to start their own businesses. He was also the Vice President of Chock-Full-of Nuts.

Robinson wrote many letters concerning civil rights and social change to many politicians, including former U.S. Presidents Dwight Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson and civic leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcom X. Robinson chronicled the letters in his book titled: "First Class Citizenship, The Civil Rights Letters of Jackie Robinson."

The Zamoff brothers lecture and ensuing discussion with the informal group at "Tuesday's at Dorry's" enlightened attendees to more than just the legacy of Robinson, the baseball player but also Jackie and Rachel Robinson's untiring drive for racial equality, social change and the education of the youth of America.

Next year will be the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Jackie Robinson, who was born on Jan. 31, 1919. Maybe the Zamoff brothers will return next year to "Tuesdays@Dorry's" for another enlightening lecture concerning the man, who broke the color barrier in MLB.



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All Aboard for Historic Colonial White Plains Trolley Tour

By Martin Wilbur

This Sunday is the return of an annual tour that helps bring to life some of the fascinating locales and little-known nuggets of information that date back to the Revolutionary War.

For the fourth consecutive spring, Daughters of Liberty's Legacy (DOLL) will renew its Colonial Trolley Tour of Historic White Plains, which focuses largely on events related to the October 1776 Battle of White Plains and what colonial times were like.

"We show people a lot of historic sites

and things that are still here from the Revolutionary War that people go by every day and don't even know they're there," said Cindy Kauffman, DOLL's co-founder.

The roughly two-hour event begins at the historic Purdy House in White Plains and returns with a tour of the structure. In between, it packs in visits to the courthouse where the Declaration of Independence was read in 1776, Elijah Miller House and Miller Hill in North White Plains, Horton's gristmill, a colonial graveyard and more.

Narrated by Debra Palazzo, who co-

founded DOLL with Kauffman, the tour is given on a restored trolley from the Peekskill Trolley Co., which gives historical tours around the community where the company is based and named after.

Kauffman, who reprises her role as Ann Fisher Miller, Elijah Miller's wife, said the initial tour in 2015 was so enjoyable that she and Palazzo decided to repeat it. Quickly, it has become a must on the local to-do list, particularly if you enjoy local history – or just want to experience a trolley ride.

"Part of it is the ride on the trolley is really a lot of fun," Kauffman said. "We said this is so much fun what can we really do with this. We found that most of the people who come on the trolley route are fairly local."

While many local residents in the area may be familiar with the Purdy House or that George Washington had used the Miller House as his headquarters during the Battle of White Plains, there are also sites that were once visited by other founding fathers, Kauffman said.

The tour includes light refreshments at its conclusion and a complimentary copy of a book on White Plains. It also serves as a fundraiser for DOLL, Kauffman said.

Given that many people don't know the history behind the name of the street they live on, the tour brings to light the significance of what life was like and what happened in the area more than 240 years ago.

"Everything that we do is about preserving history and educating people about it, and this is a good one because we do go out and do programs, but in this one we take people to the place and teach them as we go along," Kauffman said. "It is the fundraiser for us and our educational program, so it's really our one big thing."

This Sunday's Colonial Trolley Tour of Historic White Plains kicks off at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in going should arrive ahead of time at the Purdy House, located at 60 Park Ave. in White Plains. There is parking at the site.

The tour costs \$50 for those who are not Daughters of Liberty's Legacy members and \$45 for members, seniors 65 and up, veterans and children under 13 years old. As of late last week, there were still seats available. The tour is held rain or shine.

For more information about the tour and Daughters of Liberty's Legacy or to reserve tickets in advance, visit www.doll1776.com.

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Friends of the White Plains Youth Bureau to Host “Profiles in Service” Gala

The Friends of the White Plains Youth Bureau will host their “Profiles in Service” Gala on Tuesday, May 15 at 6 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Tarrytown. Nearly 400 community partners and organization supporters are expected to attend the event, which will feature a silent auction, live music, and sports commentator Nick Creegan as the emcee.

The evening will recognize several special people who serve our communities

Hon. Kathie E. Davidson was appointed Administrative Judge of the Ninth Judicial District, which encompasses Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester Counties on Feb. 9, 2018. Judge Davidson is the first woman to be appointed Administrative Judge in the Ninth Judicial District, and the first African-American to be appointed Administrative Judge outside of New York City. Prior to 2004, Judge Davidson was a Deputy County Attorney with the

Washington, D.C.

Joseph M. Delfino was the Mayor of White Plains for over a decade and oversaw a comprehensive revitalization plan that spurred new development throughout the city. During his tenure as Mayor and as a White Plains Common Council Member, he made youth development a high priority and was pivotal in strengthening and broadening services at the White Plains Youth Bureau.

James Parker is a retired electrician, a

and now has the honor of leading 4,400 cadets during this academic year as the first ever African-American female first captain. For earning this position, Askew was selected for Teen Vogue’s “21 under 21” Award and the Black Women’s Agenda’s “Pinnacle Award” that highlight young leaders who are changing the world around them. Upon graduation, Askew will attend Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar.

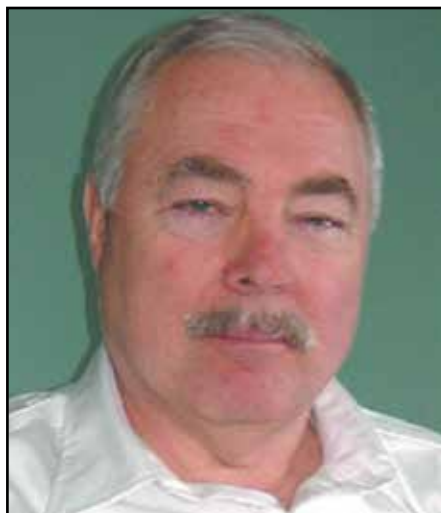
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Joseph M. Delfino



James Parker



Simone Askew

and are positive role models to youth: Hon. Kathie E. Davidson, Joseph M. Delfino, a former Mayor of the City of White Plains, James Parker and Simone Askew, First Captain U.S. Military Academy.

Westchester County Law Department. Judge Davidson earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at Simmons College in Boston, and her Juris Doctor degree at Howard University School of Law in

veteran pilot and a decades-long resident of White Plains. A life-long “tinkerer,” James combined his love of recreational flying with his love of electronics and building things to build a two-seat flight simulator machine that he enjoyed in his home with friends and family. In 2017, when James and his wife Eva sold their White Plains home, they donated the flight simulator machine to the White Plains Youth Bureau. James now volunteers his time teaching local youth to learn how to fly and follow their dreams.

Cadet Simone Askew is a senior at the U.S. Military Academy majoring in international history. At West Point, Askew lead 1,502 cadets as the Regimental Commander of Cadet Basic Training II,

has touched thousands of young lives since the Mayor and Common Council made it a formal office of city government in 1970. The WPYB has one mission: helping youth grow into successful adults. With over 40 positive youth development programs, that engage over 2,000 youth per day, the WPYB helps to unlock the doors of possibilities for our youth. The Friends of the White Plains Youth Bureau is a dynamic not-for-profit organization dedicated to sustaining this goal and raising the visibility of the WPYB.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities or to purchase tickets visit friendsofwpb.org, call 914-747-0519 or email events@TheEventDepartmentNY.com.

Advocates for the Earth at WPHS



White Plains High School celebrated Earth Day all last week with a special celebration through music, poetry and activism on Thursday. Students prepared information about healthy nutrition alternatives in the food industry to composting and interesting nature facts.

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Obituaries

Joseph Delfico

Joseph Delfico, 89, passed away peacefully April 22.

He was born August 29, 1928 in Guardia Lombardi, Italy to Carmine and Carolina Delfico. Joseph owned his own landscaping business, and was a proud member of the Purchase Fire Department for 66 years. He was also a member of the Guardia Lombardi Club, and loved golfing and gardening.

On July 21, 1957 Joseph married his wife, Marie at St. Vito's Church in Mamaroneck.

Joseph is predeceased by his wife Marie, his son Charlie, and sister Archangel. He is survived by his nephews Joe and Paul Parisi, and nieces Rose Marie Damiano, Regina Pignatelli, and Lisa Petriello.

Father Neil Graham

Father Neil Graham, a retired Roman Catholic priest who served the Archdiocese of New York and its people for nearly 60 years, died April 20 from injuries suffered in a fall. He was 83.

Born July 11, 1934, in New York City, he was the son of the late Patrick Graham and Anne (O'Donnell) Graham. He was ordained on May 30, 1959, starting

religious service in both English and Spanish. Parish churches he served included: St. Gregory the Great and St. Emeric, both in Manhattan; St. Mary, in Newburgh; Our Lady of Victory and St. Margaret Mary, both in the Bronx; and St. John the Evangelist, in White Plains.

Father Graham also served a term as the New York Archdiocese's Hispanic Vicar. He also was named a monsignor, a title he happily held, but did not emphasize. Along with the Catholic faith, he loved Latino people of all nations, baseball, particularly the New York Mets, music, and most of all, family.

Survivors include his sisters, Ann Graham, of Bronxville, and Sister Patricia Graham, CND, of the Bronx, as well as many nieces, nephews, and their children.

Visiting hours will be on Wednesday, April 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Ballard-Durand funeral home, 2 Maple Ave. White Plains.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 26, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 148 Hamilton Ave., White Plains. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Long Island City.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The St. Francis Breadline at <https://give.stfrancisbreadline.org/page/1123/>

donate/1 or by mail: 144 West 32nd St., New York, NY 10001.

Frederick Schumacher

Frederick (Freddy) Eugene Schumacher, formerly of White Plains, died on April 13. He was 54.

Freddy was born Jan. 28, 1964 in Fremont, NE, to Frederick and Joyce Schumacher. Freddy grew up in White Plains where he was a life-long and faithful member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Baptized on July 5th, 1964 and confirmed at St. Matthew's, he was a Luther Leaguer as a teen and a member of the usher team in his adulthood.

He attended White Plains Schools and after graduation worked at Cerebral Palsy of Westchester for many years where he made many great friends. As a young man he participated in Special Olympics, was a Boy Scout, avid bowler, and a member of the CP of Westchester Pioneer Club. Freddy attended WARC Camp Echo and the Lutheran Summer Gathering at the Silver Bay YMCA each summer. He moved to Manchester, NJ in 2004 and attended the ARC in Lakewood.

Freddy enjoyed cooking, often being very inventive with his culinary creations. He also enjoyed watching professional

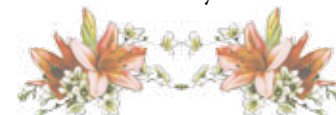
wrestling and baseball. He was interested in and kept up with all the latest news events, movies and games.

Freddy was known for his quick-witted sense of humor and his infectious smile. Wherever he went he made an impression on the hearts of others. Freddy loved spending time with family, particularly his niece and nephews, who he loved to play pranks on.

He is survived by his father and mother; brother, John Schumacher and his wife Tomi of Lexington, MA; sister, Joy Schumacher and her husband Anders Larsson of Malmö, Sweden; niece, Emma Schumacher; and nephews, John Taylor Schumacher and Liam Larsson, as well as many other beloved family members in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Australia.

Friends are welcome to attend the visitation on Friday, April 27 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Ballard Durand Funeral Home, 2 Maple Avenue, White Plains. A funeral service will take place on Saturday, April 28 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3 Carhart Avenue, White Plains.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Freddy's name to Silver Bay YMCA or Cerebral Palsy of Westchester.



Westchester DA Calls on State Senate to Pass Extreme Risk Protection Bill

With little more than eight weeks to go in New York State's legislative calendar and less than 25 working days left, Westchester County District Attorney Anthony Scarpino, Jr. is calling on state legislators to pass the Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) bill that is now in the Senate's hands. The bill, a so-called Red Flag law, will empower family members and law enforcement to remove guns from family or household members in crisis and at risk of deadly consequences, pending a hearing.

Scarpino commended Democratic Conference Leader, Sen. Andrew Stewart-Cousins, for supporting this legislation and working hard to see the

bill gets passed.

Earlier this month, the bill passed the Assembly with strong bipartisan support. The Senate bill has at least 29 co-sponsors, including every member of the Democratic Conference. It was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Brian Kavanagh (Brooklyn) and Sen. Brad Hoylman (Manhattan).

"We have been working with legislators to try to pass the Extreme Risk Protection Order bill to take guns out of the hands of those in chaos and at-risk of using weapons on themselves and others. Law enforcement needs this important tool which may stop another Sandy Hook, Parkland or Las Vegas

from happening," Scarpino said. "We are calling on all senators to pass this common sense public safety measure before going home for the summer. This cannot wait. It's a tool we need right now."

This legislation would create a new type of civil order called an "extreme risk protection order." These new court-issued civil orders would prevent someone from possessing or purchasing guns if a court finds they are likely to harm themselves or others, and would require them to temporarily surrender any guns they currently own. The orders could be requested by family members, household members, police officers,

and district attorneys—who often see warning signs of gun violence but may be powerless to act under current law before a tragedy occurs. Those requesting an order would have to present evidence that an individual is likely to harm themselves or others. The legislation includes strong due process protections, including requiring a prompt hearing to allow the subject of an order to present evidence on their behalf and providing a second opportunity for the respondent to challenge the order in court.

WPPS Universal PreK Registration Deadline Approaching

White Plains Public Schools PreKindergarten, a free program for four-year olds born in 2014, is offered with Family Services of Westchester, No. Broadway (CFAA); Little Disciples Learning Center, So. Lexington Avenue; United PreSchool Center, -North Street; and YMCA, Mamaroneck Avenue. A limited number of full day classes are available.

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

Applications are due by Friday, May 4, 2018.

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The Story of the Kitchen, From Survival to Self-Fulfillment

"Don't even bother to show me anything that doesn't have a new kitchen...you'd be wasting your time and mine," said the wonderfully assertive woman who called my real estate office.

I didn't bother to ask whether she would consider a great home at a great price with a kitchen that could be renovated. I knew I was dealing with someone who knew exactly what she wanted.

"I just don't want to deal with re-doing a kitchen," she added, obviating my question. "Oh, and I want a kitchen that is open to the dining room or family room. I don't want to feel like a mole when I'm cooking."

There may not be too many readers old enough to remember when kitchens were to be used and not seen, certainly not from the dining room. That was before the advent of family rooms. As recently as the 1940s and '50s, kitchens were still very small, utilitarian and ugly, hidden from view. It was worse before that.

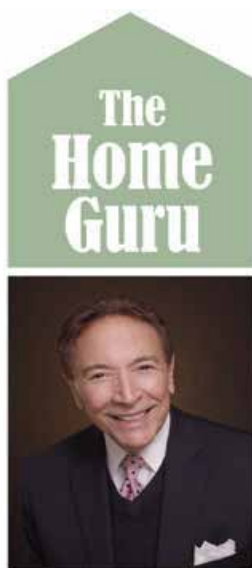
In 18th century America, many finer homes such as the Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson, banished the kitchen altogether from the house in separate structures, but mostly for heat considerations and the threat of fire. In fact, the major cause of death among young women in America in the 18th and 19th centuries was from their skirts

catching fire on open hearths.

So the early kitchen was a place for toiling and drudgery, certainly not for a cheery Martha Stewart or Rachel Ray. However, at the end of the Civil War, when there was an exodus of household servants from the kitchen who went to work in the factories of the new Industrial Age, women were left in desperation mode to produce their families' food and to cook it.

Help was needed and the entrepreneurial spirit of American enterprise came to the rescue with an onslaught of new gadgetry that remains unparalleled with any other period of invention, even in today's age of technology.

Consider that before 1900, there were already more than 185 patents for various kinds of coffee grinders and more than 500 patents for different types of peelers for fruits and vegetables. There was even a peeler that removed the kernels from ears of corn.



By Bill Primavera

There were also apple corers, cherry pitters, potato mashers and sausage stuffers. Made of iron, with the patent numbers included in the casting, some tools were as simple as a round swiveling rod with a knife blade that peeled skin, to complex contraptions full of gears and wheels that could peel, core, slice and section, all from the same tool. This was the age of mass-produced helpers, from eggbeaters and ice cream makers to juicers.

The Victorians were particularly adventuresome with invention, wanting the newest and the most modern. Outside they were creating "painted ladies" of

their houses, and inside, they embraced anything that could improve the household.

Larger equipment, like the cast iron stove, played significantly in Westchester's prosperity. The discovery of an iron ore mine at Annsville Creek in Peekskill in the 1850s and the building of the railroad nearby were seminal events in the area's development as the iron-stove capital of the world.

Once electricity found its way across the country, the sky was the limit for harnessing this new power to aid housewives. Inventions from the 1880s to the 1930s included the first electric toaster, the electric kettle, electric mixers and eventually the electric stove.

The refrigerator took a little longer as the "ice box" continued to be in favor well into the 1930s. My mother told me that my Aunt Dolly kept her icebox until after World War II. Maybe it was a matter of the expense at the time, but I clearly remember my mother telling me that many women didn't want to give up their ice boxes because they could relieve the boredom of the day when the "ice man cometh." I didn't understand the joke until I was older, and today, I still don't know whether that was a reference to my Aunt Dolly.

So there you have it, the story of how women demanded that the kitchen transform from survival mode to one of self-fulfillment and as an indication of upward social mobility.

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Police Blotter

Greenburgh Teen Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter

Trevon Major, 16, pleaded guilty last week in front of the Westchester County Court Judge Larry J. Schwartz to one count of Manslaughter in the First Degree, a class B violent felony, and one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a class C violent felony.

This homicide occurred Aug. 17, 2017, at 100 Manhattan Avenue in the Town of Greenburgh. The facts leading up to this homicide are as follows:

On Aug. 17, 2017, at about 7:30 p.m. in the parking lot of 100 Manhattan Avenue, an apartment building where the defendant lived, the defendant's brother, co-defendant Vance Major and co-defendant Timothy Whitney robbed an individual.

Soon thereafter, in the vestibule area of that building, the robbery victim argued with Vance Major and Timothy Whitney about getting his property back. Trevon Major came downstairs from his



Trevon Major

apartment, joined the altercation and threatened the robbery victim with a gun. The robbery victim's mother came from her nearby apartment and pleaded with Trevon Major not to shoot her son. The robbery victim was able to leave the area

and returned to his home in a neighboring building. Moments later, Joseph Smith III, 46, the fiancé of the robbery victim's mother, went to apartment 6K in 100 Manhattan Avenue (the home of Trevon Major and Vance Major). Smith knocked on the door. Trevon Major, Vance Major and Timothy Whitney were all inside of the apartment. Trevon Major answered the door with a gun in his hand and shot Smith one time in the chest as Smith stood in the hallway. A neighbor heard the gunshot and called the police. The Greenburgh police immediately responded and saw a blood trail from the hallway outside of Trevon and Vance Major's doorway to a nearby stairwell where they found Smith lying on the floor. He was rushed to the

hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Trevon Major, Vance Major and Timothy Whitney remained inside the apartment until the police entered with a search warrant. The Greenburgh police found the firearm used to kill Smith broken into three pieces hidden about the apartment.

Trevon Major faces up to 25 years in state prison on the conviction of Manslaughter in the First Degree, and, for the conviction of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, he faces up to 15 years in state prison. The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced May 30, 2018.

The cases against Vance Major and Timothy Whitney are still pending.

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Living the Ultimate Dreams of California Winemakers and Consumers



By Nick Antonaccio

My approach and experiences with the expansive and ever-expanding world of wine have changed over the years. Early on, I drank to fit my budget. My palate was inexperienced and my wallet was thin. The wines I consumed were rather rapid. I purchased them as much for the benefits of the alcohol content (as a social lubricant) as for their quality. There were fine wines on retail shelves, but I never took the time to explore. Cost was my guideline.

As I and my palate matured, my appreciation of better wines grew. I discovered new wines and experimented with those from California and a smattering of Western European offerings. My budget increased and I abandoned the wines of my youth.

These days I have found wine nirvana. As my budget continues to increase, my palate has become quite refined. My focus is on wine regions around the world, not the California-centric choices of earlier years. I can enjoy this lifestyle into the sunset of my years.

Or so I thought. Ever the explorer, I decided in the last year to embark on a journey to seek out small California

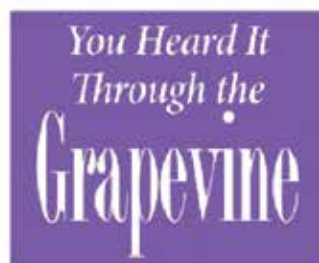
producers who are living their dream, ones I've been overlooking or weren't on my radar screen.

So, with my wine region app downloaded to my smartphone, my Waze app fired up and my credit card having ample capacity, my wife and I explored northern California over the past year, seeking out new winemakers and their wines.

In the last few columns I provided my road map and game plan for finding and purchasing new California wines made by artisans pursuing their winemaking dreams. Several are living their childhood dream, others are living their adult dreams, while a few are content living someone else's dream.

Here is a summary of our discoveries. In order to gain a meaningful perspective of my goal and the current state of California wine sales, please refer to my previous columns, available at the www.theexaminernews.com.

Living a Childhood Dream. When Grant Long Jr. was growing up in Napa Valley, he was captivated by his father's



wine collection and the allure of those fine wines. He bided his time and began producing his own wines from purchased grapes a dozen years ago. He learned much of his skill by trial and error, developing his winemaking philosophy along the way. Three years ago, he further realized his childhood dream; he and his wife Megan purchased a vineyard and home/winemaking facility.

From this winery, he produces 4,500 cases per year, all through an exclusive buying club. His wines, primarily a Cabernet Sauvignon and a Bordeaux-style blend, are bold and well-balanced, redolent of black fruit. Last year, he realized another dream. In memory of his father he planted a small hillside plot of Cabernet Sauvignon. I am now a member of the AonAir Portfolio Club.

Living an Adult Dream. Phil Steinschreiber has been in the wine industry for over three decades and the

winemaker at prestigious Diamond Creek Vineyards in Napa Valley since 1991. In 2003 he decided to live his dream of making wine on his own. Not giving up his day job, instead leveraging off it, he sought out grapes from local Napa Valley growers and produced his private label wine at the winery.

Today, he produces about 500 cases from several vineyards as the WaterMark brand. We tasted Phil's wines, with his wife Diane (the marketing and sales manager), in the dining room of their home on Howell Mountain. This was a dream come true for me: sampling big, bold Cabernet Sauvignon wines, sourced from Napa Valley, as a guest of the winemaker and his wife in their own home. Phil's dream is about to embark on a new chapter. He has purchased land just outside his front door, and will be growing his own Cabernet Sauvignon soon.

Next week: Additional portraits of those living their dreams in California.

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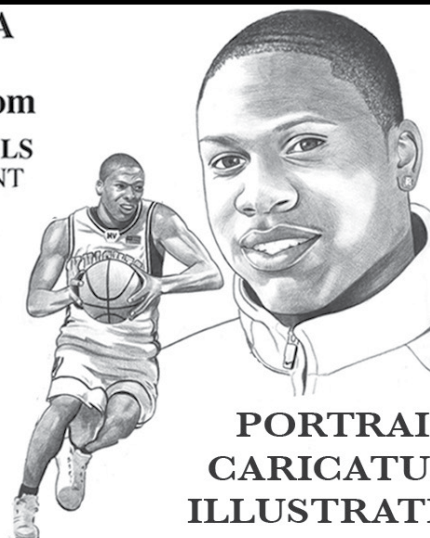
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White Plains Outdoor Farmers' Market to Open this Wednesday

New Saturday Farmers' Market Set to Open May 19

The wait is finally over. The City of White Plains' Outdoor Farmers' Market will reopen for the season on Wednesday, April 25, and will be open weekly on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through November 21.

The market is located on Court Street between Main Street and Martine Avenue in downtown White Plains.

White Plains partners with Bensidoun USA to manage the market and vendors.

Returning farmers include: Westchester Greenhouses, a popular Hartsdale establishment; Rolling Hills Farm; and S&SO Produce, a family-owned and operated farm in Orange County. Mead Orchards, a family-owned and operated farm in Dutchess County, will be joining the Farmer's Market in June.

A new farm to the market, Majestic Farm, located north of White Plains in

Mountain Dale, NY, will be selling all types of meat.

Returning vendors include: Meredith's Bread - baked goods, jams and jellies; Mozzarella For You - tasty sandwiches filled with fresh mozzarella; Irvington Delight - American and Mediterranean cuisine; Doc Pickle; Lamar Pastry; Sweet Things Wild Thyme Honey; and Gaucho Burger.

Check out Break Bread Not Heart's signature rice stir-fry filled with an abundance of local and organic vegetables. And be sure to stop by Walter's to get some of Westchester's most famous hot dogs. For dessert, visit Crumble Bee Bake Shop for tasty artisan baked goods, including brownies, cupcakes and cookies. Drop by Teagevity for a nice refreshment.

And before heading home, pick up something special from The Twisted



The White Plains Outdoor Farmers' Market, featuring local farms and vendors opens for the season on Wednesday, April 25.

Branch olive oils and vinegars, Mind, Body & Bath all natural skin care and soy candles, or even some beautiful flowers

from White Plains Orchids.

Jack Knife Sharpening will also be at the Farmer's Market, providing professional knife sharpening, because after all, a sharp knife is an essential tool for any cook.

The Saturday market will open on May 19 on Court Street. Saturday hours will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The White Plains Farmers' Market brings the community together, encourages healthy living, and supports the regional economy. All produce vendors come from local farms located in upstate New York, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. By purchasing their produce, customers help support the network of local farmers. Additionally, farmers who sell their produce at farmers' markets are able to pick their produce at the very peak of its flavor because it does not need to travel very far to get to your table. The result is fresher and even more delicious produce. Everybody wins.

New NY Bridge Project Photography Exhibition



Local photographer David Rocco has followed the construction of the New NY Bridge project since July 2013. Now officially named the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge after former New York Governor Mario Cuomo, the twin cable-stayed bridge replaced the original Tappan Zee Bridge over New York's Hudson River. Mr. Rocco has gone to great lengths to take photos from many different vantage points. Whether following the assembled girder sections down the Hudson

River from Port of Coeymans, locations on land in Rockland and Westchester County, moving trains, boat excursions and a dozen helicopter flights over the construction site, Mr. Rocco's goal was to capture every angle as possible of this once and a lifetime project. Join Mr. Rocco at The John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak for the opening reception on Saturday, June 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. On View June 3 through June 30 during regular library hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 4 p.m.



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Many Venues to Experience Irish Culture and the Arts Close to Home

By Brian McGowan

Welcome to Irish Eclectic. I hope to “raise up your Irish,” whether Irish or not, and convince even naysayers that there’s infinitely more to our culture than dabbing green paint on our faces once a year.

We’ll explore Irish music, film, literature, cultural events, cuisine and more, with the hope of raising awareness of the impact the “Irish Diaspora” continues to have on this country and right here in our backyard – Westchester and Putnam counties. The area is home to thousands with a tie to the Emerald Isle, whether via an immigrant ancestor, birth or just wanting to fulfill that oft-heard phrase, “Everyone wants to be Irish!”

This month there are some real gems on the Irish-American cultural menu that are no more than a stone’s throw away. One is the Irish Repertory Theater (www.irishrep.org) at 132 W. 22nd St. in Manhattan. My wife and I recently viewed a production entitled “Three Small Irish Masterpieces,” which provided 75 minutes of masterful theater that ranged from the comic to the heroic to the tragic. The masterpieces in question were “The Pot of Broth” by William Butler Yeats, “The Rising of the Moon” by Lady

Gregory and “Riders to the Sea” by John Millington Synge.

“The Pot of Broth” is a rollicking comedy about a wandering beggar who tricks a wary housewife out of the evening’s meal with the promise of a magical stone given to him, so he says, by one of the faery folk.

“The Rising of the Moon” brings us back to the rebellion of 1798, and a local policeman enticed by memories of his own rebellious youth to look the other way while a current rebel on the run makes good on his escape.

“Riders to the Sea” is the tragic tale of lives lost to the sea from a fishing village on Inishmaan in the Aran Islands and the sorrow of a mother mourning her six sons, gone forever.

If the authors’ names sound familiar, they should, as all three were pillar stones of the Irish cultural revival of the late 1800s, which continues to this day. For a country of such small size, Ireland has produced an enormous body of literature, theater, art and music. Venues such as the Irish Rep, staging top-rated performances since 1988, portray it all. Playing on the main stage now through May 24 is “The

Seafarer” by Conor McPherson, starring none other than Matthew Broderick in his second Irish Rep production.

Another great resource is the Irish Arts Center (www.irishartscenter.org), founded in 1972, and located at 553 W. 51st St. in Manhattan. Not solely a performance venue, the center offers a wealth of courses, performances, workshops and activities that bring out the best in today’s Irish-American culture and is definitely a resource to

keep close to hand. It is a shame that a similarly minded venture, Tara Circle, could not find a home in Briarcliff Manor when community opposition stymied supporters seeking to establish a vibrant Irish cultural center in the heart of Westchester.

The Irish Arts Center recently screened “Song of Granite,” a beautiful documentary about the life of revered sean-nós singer Joe Heaney, as part of a daylong Irish language celebration. But do tap into their website and stay abreast of the center’s many fine programs.

One in particular promises a fun-filled day on Sunday, May 6 at 1 p.m. The 17th annual NYC Irish Dance Festival takes

over Pier I at West 68th Street in Riverside Park South, with a free day of Irish dance performances to kick off New York City’s Summer on the Hudson series.

This event celebrates all aspects of Irish dance and culture. Filled with free performances from top Irish dance companies, come and learn the difference between sean-nós, céilí and step dance with opportunities for all to join in. It features festival favorites Donny Golden Dancers, the Niall O’Leary Dance Troupe, Darrah Carr Dance and the Niall O’Leary School of Irish Dance, along with music and Irish language lessons, children’s crafts, face painting and more. This free event is open to all.

Reservations are suggested. Contact the Irish Arts Center box office at 866-811-4111 or e-mail info@irishartscenter.org.

A Westchester resident since 1980, Brian McGowan was born and raised in the Bronx. He is an Irish-American/Canadian as his immigrant ancestors followed several paths to the New World. Reach him at brian.m.mcgowan1952@gmail.com, or on Twitter at @Bmcgowan52M. To see more of his writing on “things Irish,” follow his blog “Rethinking Irish” at www.rethinkingirish.com.

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Tuesday, April 24

Tuesdays at Dorry's. Get to know Westchester County Legislator Alfreda Williams, representing Legislative District 8, which encompasses the southernmost part of Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown, Elmsford, northern Greenburgh and parts of the City of White Plains. Currently she is serving the Board of Legislators as Vice Chairwoman. She will speak with us about her most pressing concerns and we will have the opportunity to ask her questions. 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.

Wednesday, April 25

Noonday Getaway Concert. Death and the Maiden – The distinguished piano team Duo Lontanoplays a transcription of Franz Schubert's monumental String Quartet No. 14 in D Minor. Pianist Babette Hierholzer's debut with the Berlin Philharmonic was followed by numerous performances with this famed orchestra, led by renowned conductors Klaus Tennstedt, Colin Davis, and Leopold Hager. Jurgen Appell is a three-time prizewinner of the prestigious Berlin Steinway Competition and made his concert debut, at age sixteen, in Berlin's Philharmonic Hall playing the Etudes Symphoniques of Schumann. In 2010, the Duo performed the Mozart Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra in E flat major KV 365 with the celebrated Orquesta Juvenil Simon Bolivar conducted by Maestro Gustavo Dudamel. 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, with the generous support of the Brian Wallach Agency, White Plains.

Lunchtime Meditation. At the White Plains Library. A weekly meditation program. No registration or equipment necessary. Starts promptly at 12:15 p.m. Brief beginning instruction will be followed by silent meditation. An experienced guest teacher will attend the first Wednesday of each month. For information please contact: Christiane Deschamps at 914-422-1496 or cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov.

Mother Nature's Storytime. Nature-themed stories, nature walks, live animals and/or crafts. For children two to four years old; with a parent or caregiver. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. Meets six consecutive Wednesdays. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: \$50 for six-week session. Non-members: \$90. Pre-registration required. Info and registration: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Meet the Writers: Mitchell S. Jackson. Jackson's debut novel "The Residue Years" earned praise from The New York Times, The Paris Review and The Times of London and won a Whiting Award and The Ernest J. Gaines Prize for Literary Excellence. He serves on the faculty at NYU and Columbia University and lives in Brooklyn. Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.mvillemfa.com/2017/10/spring-events-calendar.

Ballet des Amériques. A company on the rise, Ballet des Amériques is gaining attention in the New York City area as well as internationally on online platforms and in various publications. It will perform a diverse repertoire choreographed by Artistic Director Carole Alexis to the music of artists such as Mario Canonge and Maurice Ravel. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 7 p.m. \$25 and \$35. Info and tickets: 914-631-3390 or visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Thursday, April 26

The Puzzle Project. One River School of Art + Design in collaboration with the Galleria at White Plains will exhibit 50 paintings by Westchester County art students ages 8 to 18, from the One River School in Larchmont to help raise awareness for Autism Speaks and the Light it Up Blue April Initiative. The project, a large scale painted puzzle installation will be displayed in the entrance of the food court with an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Student paintings reflect the concept of "awareness," using

Great Books Forum Series. John Boyne's "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" will be discussed. Led by Professor Mike DeVito. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Room 131, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail Professor James Werner at james.werner@sunywcc.edu.

Friday, April 27

The McCartney Years: The Premiere Paul McCartney Concert Experience. There are many Beatles tributes but there's only one show that celebrates the

genius of Paul McCartney at the height of his career – and this is it. Hailed by the original Beatles promoter, this show is a period-true, technically stunning and explosive live concert show that performs the music of Paul McCartney spanning two decades from The Beatles to Wings, all performed to their original arrangements by a band that has played to audiences worldwide. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$38, \$43 and \$48. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Almost Queen. The most authentic Queen live show since the days of the band itself. A deliberate four-piece band, Almost Queen delivers a live show consisting of signature four-part harmonies and genuine costumes while recapturing the live energy that is the ultimate Queen experience. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$37, \$47 and \$57.20. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

"Switzerland." It's 1995 in the Swiss Alps and the ailing reclusive crime writer Patricia Highsmith is visited by a genial young man from her New York publisher, sent to convince her to write the final installment of her best-selling Mr. Ripley series. What first appears to be a standard cat-and-mouse game of wit and wiles soon becomes a dance to the death. Written by Australian playwright Joanna Murray-Smith and presented by Hudson Stage. Directed by Dan Foster. Whippoorwill Hall, 19 Whippoorwill Hall East, Armonk. 8 p.m. \$40. Seniors and students: \$35. Students (a half-hour before performance): \$15. Also Apr. 28 and May 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. and Apr. 29 and May 5 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 800-838-3006 or visit www.hudsonstage.com.

Saturday, April 28

STEAM Fair. The White Plains Youth Bureau Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) Fair at Eastview Middle School, 350 Main St., White Plains; 12:30 to 2 p.m. Fun interactive exhibits.

White Plains TILI Shed Opens. The Take It or Leave It Shed at the White Plains Recycling Yard at Gedney opens for the season.

The Native Plant Center's 19th Annual Native Plant Sale. This year's sale offers a special twist: Among the selections will be several of the 60 species used in the center's New American Cottage Garden. Replicate this wonderful new installation to beautify and benefit your own landscape. The mix of perennials, grasses, ferns, vines, shrubs and trees attract wildlife and people who find peace and a sense of place

within the natural-design setting. Other enduring favorites will also be available at the sale, including species not easily found elsewhere. Native plant specialists will be on hand to answer questions and assist gardeners in choosing great options for their sites. Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Native Plant Center members can enter at 9:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-606-7870 or visit www.nativeplantcenter.org.

"Love and Bananas." Elephant rescues in Thailand are rare, unpredictable and often life threatening. After waiting more than two years, actor/director Ashley Bell and a team of elephant rescuers led by world-renowned Asian elephant conservationist and TIME magazine's Hero of Asia, Sangdean Lek Chailert, embark on a daring mission to rescue Noi Na, a 70-year-old captive, partially blind trekking elephant, and bring her 500 miles across Thailand to freedom. Followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Ashley Bell, conservationist Sangdean Lek Chailert, writer John Michael McCarthy and producer Roddy Tabatabai with Jacob Burns Film Center Executive Director Edie Demas. Part of REMIX: The Black Experience in Film, Media, and Art series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. Noon. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Hoff-Barthelson Music School Master Class Series: Rachel Baron Pine. Heralded as a leading interpreter of the great classical masterworks, this international concert violinist thrills audiences worldwide with her dazzling technique, lustrous tone and emotional honesty. With an infectious joy in music making and a passion for connecting historical research to performance, Pine transforms audiences' experiences of classical music. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 12:30 p.m. Free. Info and tickets: 914-723-1169, visit www.hbms.org or e-mail hb@hbms.org.

"Stuck in the Stone Age." Children get to contribute their own ideas in The Story Pirates' newest interactive comedy. In this show, scientists Tom Edison (no relation to Thomas Edison) and Dr. Marissa Morice plan to return home from a wild adventure in the Stone Age, only to discover their time machine has made an unexpected detour. They wind up on a stage in front of a huge audience that's expecting a show. The problem is they're just scientists, not actors. Throughout the show, audience members learn about the building blocks of a good story, including

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EXAMINER SPORTS

Crusaders Baseball on Successful Crusade, But Big Week Ahead

By Albert Coqueran

The Stepinac Varsity Baseball Team is in the midst of a very successful 2018 season. In an early Saturday morning game, the Crusaders trounced Cardinal Hayes High School, 11-1, with the Mercy Rule enforced after the end of the sixth inning. Although, the NY/Bronx/Westchester CHSAA AA contest was played on the diamond at Stepinac, it was a home game for the Cardinals, which was a makeup game from April 17.

With the win against Hayes, the

commented Rodriguez. "I feel we probably have the best team we have had in a while and I think we can really go far, if we show-up the same way every day," stated the three-year varsity letterman.

Senior pitcher Matthew Camas (1-1) got his first win of the season against Hayes, while scattering six hits, striking out six and surrendering only one unearned run in five innings. "I started a little slow in the first inning but once I settled down I threw strikes. I live and die by painting the corners and it worked out



Stepinac Head Coach Keith Richardson (right), in his third season at the helm, goes over the ground rules with sixth-year Cardinal Hayes Head Coach Orlando Encarnacion (left) and the umpires before the start of an early Saturday morning game between the two NY/Bronx/Westchester CHSAA AA teams.

Crusaders record stands at 8-2 overall and 7-1 as of Sunday, April 22. The Crusaders only league loss coming in a crossover game against St. Peter's High School, of the NY Staten Island CHSAA AA.

Despite the 9:30 a.m. start on Saturday and not having last licks on their home field, Stepinac immediately jumped on the winless Cardinals (0-7). The Crusaders scored three runs in the first inning as senior centerfielder Frankie Gomez hit a triple to leadoff the game. Junior shortstop Michael Becchetti singled to bring home Gomez and then senior first baseman Richie "R-Rod" Rodriguez cleared the bases with a two-run double.

The Crusaders slugged 12 hits in the game against the Cardinals with Gomez going 2-4 with two RBI, Rodriguez getting his first homerun of the season, while batting 2-3 with a double and two RBI and senior John Taps hitting a two-run RBI double, as Stepinac broke the game open in the sixth inning scoring four runs. Rodriguez's second inning leadoff homer was lined over the right-centerfield fence.

"It is all about having a good approach,"

today," said Camas.

Considering the pitching potential for Stepinac this season: they are strong with a multitude of arms. Besides Camas, Rodriguez comes off first base to pitch and had a big win, 8-4, against Fordham Prep, on April 16. Designated hitter Izaiah Walker is a starter and had a league win against Mount St. Michael, on April 18. Also, sophomore Colin D'Arcy is overachieving having beat St. Raymond for his first varsity win to open the season and notched a save against Mount. Also the Ragone twins, Joseph starts and Ryan closes, while leftfielder Dominic Nicolo pitches in relief.

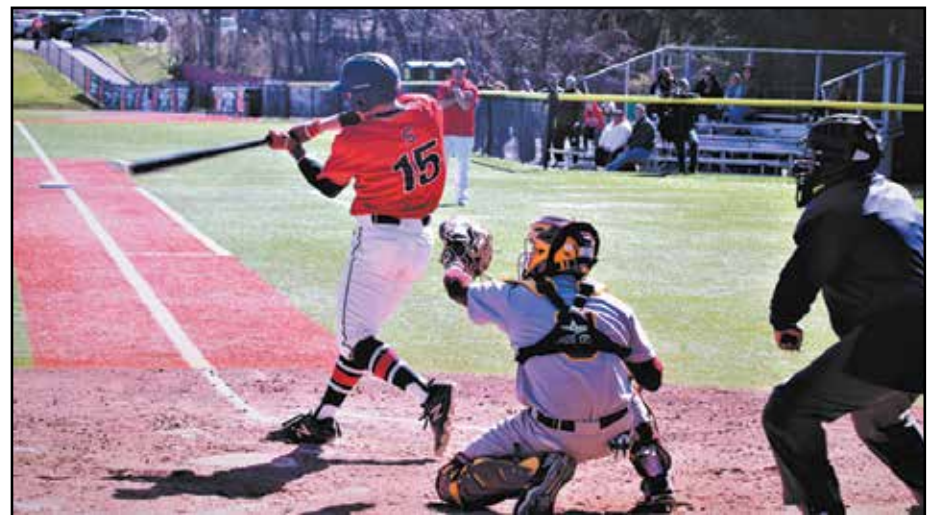
The Crusaders offense has been potent this season while scoring 54 runs, the second most in the league behind All Hallows High School (61), that they beat 6-4, on April 10. However, the 11 runs scored against Hayes cannot be a measure of the Crusaders potential season.

Yes, the Crusaders beat the winless Hayesmen convincingly as they should, which can be a motivating factor going forward this season. However, this week's competition will tell, for the most



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Stepinac senior first baseman/pitcher Richie Rodriguez is welcomed to the dugout with high-fives from teammates after slugging his first homerun of the season over the right-centerfield fence in the second inning of the Crusaders, 11-1 win over Cardinal Hayes, on Saturday.



Crusaders centerfielder Frankie Gomez begins the game with a triple, as Stepinac went on to beat Cardinal Hayes, 11-1, for their seventh league win of the season.

part, the tale of the tape in NY/Bx/West CHSAA AA.

"This league is tough. We do not take any team for granted. In this league anybody can beat anybody, so when you show-up you have to bring your game to play and we did today and that was good," stated Crusaders Head Coach Keith Richardson, in his third season at the helm.

After sixth place Xavier High School (3-2) visits Stepinac, on Monday, April 23, the Crusaders will matchup with their archrival Iona Prep in an away and home series on Wednesday and Friday respectively.

Iona is undefeated at 6-0 this season and sits on top of the NY/Bx/West. CHSAA AA. What is most significant regarding the Gaels is their pitching and defense. The Gaels have given up only three runs in six games this season, while second place Stepinac has relinquished 30 runs in 10 games.

It will be that old baseball adage when the Crusaders and the Gaels meet this week for two games: "Will good pitching beat good hitting."

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how to create characters and give them interesting problems to solve. For children in grades K-5. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 11 a.m. Adults: \$23. Children (12 and under): \$19. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

Opening Reception for "It's Not Always Black and White." The Mamaroneck Artists Guild will be exhibiting work by White Plains artist Mitchell Visoky. The work on paper in this exhibit will focus on black and white imagery as well as color, which reveals sentimental or calming effects; black and white compositions exploring layers of mystery, dreams and memories. Will include a reception to meet Visoky. Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 3 to 6 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through May 12. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

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