



White Plains Hospital Proposing Sky Bridge

By Neal Rentz

White Plains Hospital is seeking approvals from the Common Council to permit it to construct a sky bridge.

The hospital is requesting an amended site plan approval and a special permit that would allow it to construct the Longview Sky Bridge, which is part of its modernization project recently reviewed and supported by the White Plains Planning Dept.

William Null, a member of the hospital's Board of Directors and an attorney representing the hospital, told the Common Council on Dec. 2 the bridge would connect the third floor of the Longview Garage with the second story of the hospital office building and

the Center for Cancer Care and span Longview Avenue. "This would make it more convenient for people to park in the Longview Garage to access both the office building and the Center for Cancer Care," Null said. The bridge would allow pedestrians to not have to go down to the bottom floor and cross the street.

The bridge would be about 17 feet above the ground, which would allow trucks to pass under it, Null explained. The proposed design includes a glass and steel bridge similar to the one on Davis Ave. that connects the Davis Avenue Garage with the hospital's main lobby. The colors would match the design of the new hospital office building.

Null said there would be no need to

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White Plains Tigers Improve to 4-0

White Plains jumped out to a big lead and cruised to a 66-34 win over host Mahopac last Tuesday. The Tigers made 13 threes in the game. Pictured, White Plains' Jayon Norwood glides in for a shot against Mahopac. See page 18 for the full story on White Plains High School Basketball.

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Kaplowitz Appointed to New Post to Help County Study Sewers

By Martin Wilbur

It turns out that longtime County Legislator Michael Kaplowitz won't be leaving county government after all.

Kaplowitz, who has represented portions of Yorktown and Somers and the Town of New Castle on the Board of Legislators since 1998, was named deputy commissioner of the Department of Environmental Facilities last Wednesday by County Executive George Latimer. It is a new position to help county officials assess the sewer situation and move public policy on the issue, he said.

Kaplowitz's role will be to evaluate the finances and governance related to the county's sewer districts and the costs and benefits of consolidation. A lawyer who has worked primarily in financial services along with government service, he brings impressive credentials to the job, Latimer



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Former county legislator Michael Kaplowitz, at podium, was introduced last week as the deputy commissioner of the Department of Environmental Facilities. He was joined at the announcement by, pictured from left county Director of Operations Joan McDonald, County Executive George Latimer and Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins.

said.

Also, Legislative District 4, which Kaplowitz represented on the Board of Legislators, has had longstanding sewer issues, particularly Yorktown's troubled Hallock's Mills Sewer District and in more recent years the challenges in the New Castle communities of Random Farms, Riverwoods and Yeshiva.

"There is not a finer person to take on this responsibility than Mike Kaplowitz," Latimer said last week. "His intellect, his public commitment, his knowledge of the county as a whole, county government as well, we're very fortunate that he's agreed to come on and take this."

Latimer said he anticipates that it will take Kaplowitz about a year to research details, lay out specific proposals and develop a plan. If state legislation is needed, the timeline

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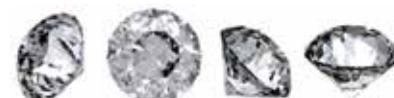
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Architect's rendering of Longview Sky Bridge connecting Longview Garage with new White Plains Hospital Office Building.

close Longview Ave. for any extended period of time to do the construction.

The hospital office building is slated to open in June of next year, Null said.

Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona asked if the bridge could have an energy sustainable green roof. "The technology is light enough to do that," she said. Null said there was

no plan to put a green roof on the proposed bridge as part of its design.

No residents spoke during the public hearing, which was subsequently closed by the Common Council.

No date for when the proposal would be back on a future meeting agenda was announced.

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could be elongated, he said.

The county currently has seven sewage treatment plants, 13 sewer districts and a DEF budget of more than \$125 million.

Kaplowitz, who announced last winter that he would not seek a 12th term on the Board of Legislators, said he was "very, very excited" to take on the new challenge but that it would be different than his advocacy for sewers on behalf of his constituents.

"As far as I see it and given the charge from the county executive and the director of operations, pretty much everything is on the table relative to finding cost savings, efficiencies and at the end of the day it's all the same taxpayer, we all live in Westchester County and they all need this very critical service," he said.

Among the questions that need to be answered, Kaplowitz said, is whether the county consolidates to one sewer district, maintains disparate districts or creates mini districts and what are the legal and financial ramifications of those different scenarios.

Effective Sunday, Kaplowitz resigned from

his seat, just over two weeks before the end of his term and will be working out of DEF headquarters in New Rochelle. He started the job on Monday and will be paid \$107,690, which represents 70 percent of the salary grade, according to the county executive's office.

During a press conference last Wednesday, Director of Operations Joan McDonald said each sewer district has its own unique operating and fiscal issues. "Mike is going to be looking at these issues, looking at the current statute, at our sewer districts to look at ways where we can improve the operations, and improve the financial viability of these districts by making the capital improvements and identifying capital investments that may be needed to bring our system to best in class," McDonald said.

"With the development that's going on in our county, whether New Rochelle, Yonkers, Peekskill we want to make sure we are looking at those issues very holistically and making the right decisions as we move forward for the users of these services."

Officers Graduate from Westchester County Police Academy

Seventy-seven police recruits graduated Friday from the Westchester County Police Academy and are headed off to work at 15 law enforcement agencies in Westchester.

The new officers, who completed 20 weeks of training at the police academy in Valhalla, received their diplomas before a packed house at the SUNY Purchase Performing Arts Center.

County Executive George Latimer, Deputy County Executive Kenneth Jenkins, Public Safety Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason

and Westchester District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino Jr. presented the graduates of the 148th Session Basic Police Recruit Class with their diplomas and congratulated them for mastering the physical and academic demands of the Academy.

Gleason noted that the recruit school curriculum is constantly updated to reflect the challenges police officers face in today's world. He said they were well prepared for whatever might come their way and he urged them to always be focused on improving the

lives of people they serve and protect.

"It will not be the rank you achieve, or the size of the pension you collect, that will be the measure of how you did when your retirement comes. It will be this: did I leave things better than I found them? Is my department stronger, and is my community better, because of my service? Did I make a difference in someone's life? Your goal from day one is to be able to say yes to those questions when the time comes," Gleason said.

Among the graduates, new officers joining the White Plains Police Dept. are Joseph Amoruso, Pasquale Barile, Christopher Browning, Matthew Caldarola, Salvatore Capuzello, Kevin Dinnegan, Elisa DiPaterio, Steven Garcia, John Hannon, Michael Levito, Joseph Marinello, Steven Moronta, Richard Pasols Jr., Lauren Riley and Nicholas Russo.

Christopher Cochrane will join the Greenburgh Police Dept., and Thomas Conway and John Tannian will join the county department.

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Three Local Democrats Announce Intention to Run for NYS Assembly District 93

Last week, three local democrats came forward to announce their intention to run for the NYS Assembly 93rd District seat, which became available when Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) announced his intention to run for Congress in 2020.

The three candidates are Alex Roithmayr of White Plains, Democratic Bedford Supervisor Chris Burdick, and Chappaqua resident and attorney Kristen Browde.

All three candidates are running for the seat being vacated by Assemblyman David Buchwald as he pursues the congressional seat now open following the announcement of Representative Nita Lowey's retirement.

State law does not allow Buchwald to campaign for both offices concurrently.

At this time, no Republican candidates have stepped into the race.

Joined by a crowd of over 150 supporters hosted by the Wolf & Warrior Brewing Company in White Plains last Wednesday, Roithmayr laid out his plans, and made his case to represent the community he grew up in and now lives in with his wife Megan.

"Westchester deserves an experienced advocate for progress in Albany," Roithmayr said. "Let's send a new generation of leadership to the legislature."

"I've learned about your concerns and issues," said Roithmayr. "I know how unaffordable our communities are. I know how when it comes to our train service, the only thing on time about Metro North is the



Alex Roithmayr makes his case to represent NYS Assembly District 93 during a campaign kick-off in White Plains last Wednesday.

fair hikes. I know that we must support a carbon neutral New York and that we need bold new ideas to take on climate change. I know your suffering with the burden of student debt, both for those trying to get an education and their families that support them. And I know that we must stand strong in the face of hate in our communities, and not accept a Westchester where we wake up to hate spray painted on our monuments."

These issues, along with bringing equality



Bedford Supervisor Chris Burdick, surrounded by several local officials including state Sen. Peter Harkham and Mount Kisco Mayor Gina Picinich, makes his announcement to run for the state Assembly last Wednesday.

to the individuals with disability community, and always fighting for a more ethical Albany, Roithmayr promised would be the centerpieces of his campaign.

Raised in White Plains since he was one-year-old, Roithmayr has a history of community service from White Plains High School class president to chief of staff for Assemblyman David Buchwald. After volunteering on Congresswoman Nita Lowey's re-election campaign, he



Chappaqua resident Kristen Browde joins the field to contest the seat that will be vacated by Assemblyman David Buchwald. Browde made her announcement last Thursday.

was president of the College Democrats at Marist College, a founding member and vice president of the White Plains Lions Club, and has served as vice president of the Westchester Young Democrats since 2017.

Flanked by elected officials from neighboring municipalities, Democratic Bedford Supervisor Chris Burdick also declared his candidacy last Wednesday for the 93rd Assembly District.

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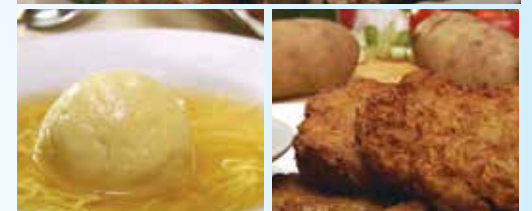


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"I plan to work with the same zeal and energy that I have put into things here," said Burdick. "This is not a Bedford seat. It is not a White Plains seat or any other municipality's seat. It is a 93rd District seat."

Burdick said he would pursue the same progressive agenda that Buchwald has embraced. The issues he intends to prioritize include gun safety, affordable housing, the climate crisis, reproductive rights and criminal justice reform.

When asked what he would most like to achieve should he be elected to the Assembly, he spoke of the role of government.

"For a long time, the state of California has been a beacon of progressive government,

compassionate government," Burdick said. "I want to see the state of New York challenge that title. I am a huge believer in government being a force for good. We are limited only by our imagination and determination. But with issues like the climate and our infrastructure, we have to act now."

"I am the only candidate who holds elected office," Burdick said. "I have the background, experience, knowledge and success working with every level of government to get things done."

Chappaqua resident and attorney Kristen Browde announced last Thursday that she will be vying for the Democratic nomination

for the 93rd Assembly District.

Browde said if elected to the Assembly she will continue the fight to strengthen gun laws, be a strong advocate on women's issues, including ensuring the right to an abortion in the state constitution, reverse damage caused by the loss of the state and local income tax deduction above \$10,000 and work to help Democrats maintain a majority so gerrymandering of districts can be curtailed.

She said her background as a family law attorney has been helpful in assisting people reach common ground.

"I've proven effective on building coalitions to come together on things that

are important to people," said Browde, an award-winning television reporter for a New York City news station before practicing law.

Browde, who ran unsuccessfully for New Castle supervisor in 2017, said she decided to jump in after Buchwald told her that he would be seeking the party's nomination for Rep. Nita Lowey's seat.

Another motivation for Browde was that her youngest son, now a Horace Greeley High School sophomore, remarked how students participate in mandatory lockdown drills. Districts across the state are spending millions on security despite New York having some of the strictest gun laws in the nation, Browde said.

"At the end of the day you can buy a high-powered weapon and shoot up a school in the state of New York easier than buying a pack of Sudafed and that's just wrong," Browde said. "Our kids shouldn't be growing up with this and we shouldn't be having to spend millions of dollars to protect our schools against this kind of violence."

She said the state must simplify the unnecessarily complex STAR program, which confuses many residents, particularly seniors, who give up applying and fail to capitalize on the much-needed tax relief.

The need to have a Democratic-controlled state legislature following the 2020 election will also be critical because the next legislature will decide congressional redistricting in the state, Browde said. With New York's likely loss of one or two congressional seats, it's possible that an effective Democrat such as Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney could be lumped into a more Republican area, which would put his congressional career at risk, she said.

Browde made headlines with her run for supervisor in 2017 as the first transgender candidate to run for public office in New York State. She said she isn't planning on raising that issue during the upcoming campaign, but offered that what differentiates her from her likely opponents is that she's the only woman in the race.

The 93rd Assembly District includes Bedford, Harrison, Lewisboro, Mount Kisco, New Castle, North Castle, North Salem, Pound Ridge and about half of White Plains.

-Pat Casey, Joan Gaylord, and Martin Wilbur contributed reporting and writing to this story.



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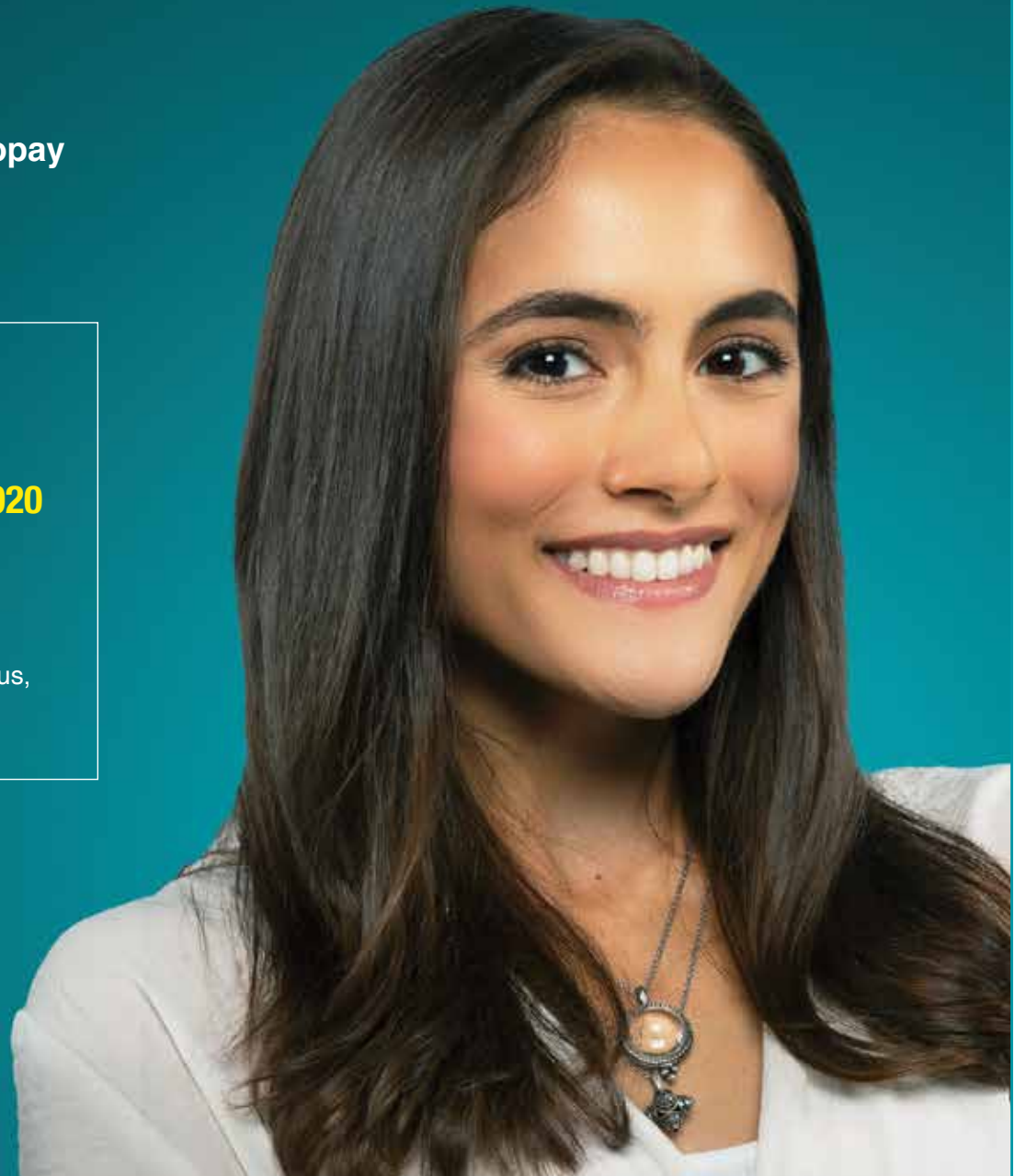
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Coachman Family Center Resident Charged with Attempted Murder of Her Baby

Westchester County Police charged a resident of the Coachman Family Center in White Plains with attempted murder today after determining she tried to drown her infant son in a bathtub last week.

La-Quanaya Ward, 29, a resident of the family shelter at 123 E. Post Rd., was taken into custody on the morning of Dec. 11 after she was released from a hospital in the county. According to county police, she had been admitted to the hospital one week earlier after officers responded to the shelter the previous night on a report that a female resident was in emotional crisis and threatening to harm her children.

During their investigation, county police detectives determined that Ward held her two-year-old son under water in the tub until another resident intervened and rescued the baby, according to county police. The resident who rescued the infant and others came to the woman's room after hearing her making a commotion there, according to the police.

Officers who responded at 10:26 p.m. on Dec. 11 located Ward and her two children, ages one and two years old elsewhere in the facility, according to the state police. Ward was taken to a local hospital for evaluation. Westchester County Child Protective Services responded and placed the children in emergency foster care.

The investigation was turned over to detectives from the General Investigations Unit, assisted by the Forensic Investigations Unit of the county police department. The criminal charge filed on Dec. 11 against Ward was the result of that investigation and consultation with the Westchester County District Attorney's Office.

Ward will be arraigned in White Plains City Court.

—Neal Rentz

White Plains Police Looking for Teen Shooter

Police continue to look for the teenage shooter of a 19-year-old New Rochelle man, confirmed Commissioner of White Plains Public Safety David Chong.

The incident happened in downtown White Plains near Mamaroneck and Martine Avenues late last Friday afternoon.

Police reports indicate there was a single shot and the suspect ran off, heading south on Mamaroneck Avenue near Court Street where he was last seen around 4:45 p.m.

Surveillance videos in the area of the shooting and eyewitness reports indicate the suspect is a black male and was wearing a black and white hoodie at the time of the incident. Before the shot was fired, an argument had ensued.

The shooting victim, who was shot in the arm, was treated at White Plains Hospital. His wound is not life threatening.

Several witnesses were interviewed at the scene by detectives. Anyone with information is asked to call the White Plains Police Department at 914-422-6111. All calls are confidential.

—Pat Casey

Ex-FujiFilm Employee Pleads Guilty to Stealing \$400K From Company

A woman pleaded guilty last week to stealing more than \$400,000 from FujiFilm, at the company's Valhalla-based headquarters where she had worked as a human resources officer, the Westchester County district attorney's office announced.

Maria Mecca, 39, of Greenwich, Conn. is awaiting sentencing on the charge of second-degree grand larceny. She is free on bail until her Mar. 18 sentencing but was ordered by County Court Judge Michael Martinelli to pay restitution.

The district attorney's office said last Thursday that Mecca used her position at FujiFilm to issue the company's Achiever's Points, an incentive program in which employees are rewarded for outstanding performance. Those points can then be redeemed for gift cards. Over two-and-a-half months, Mecca awarded herself 41,784,000 Achiever's Points, a value of \$417,840, which she then used to purchase gift cards for herself.

The theft was discovered when monitors of the Achiever's portal system noticed suspicious activity on the defendant's internal Fuji account.

—Martin Wilbur



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Riverkeeper Opposes Company Chosen to Decommission Indian Point

By Rick Pezzullo

The environmental advocacy group that was involved in the negotiations that led to the decision to close the Indian Point nuclear power plants is publicly opposing the company selected to decommission the facility in Buchanan.

Riverkeeper has launched a petition urging Entergy Corporation, owners of the plants, and Governor Andrew Cuomo to put the brakes on the transfer of Indian Point to Holtec International. Last month, Entergy Corporation and Holtec International, through their affiliates, announced they had jointly filed a License Transfer Application with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, requesting approval for the transfer of the NRC licenses for Indian Point to Holtec after the last unit permanently shuts down by April 30, 2021.

Holtec plans to initiate decommissioning at Indian Point, following regulatory approvals and transaction close, as much as 40 years sooner than if Entergy continued to own the units.

"Holtec has never decommissioned a nuclear facility before, and its entire nuclear 'fleet' was acquired less than a year ago. Decommissioning is far more complex than just spent fuel management, especially at Indian Point, a site with known radioactive groundwater contamination," Riverkeeper

stated. "Even in its area of 'expertise' Holtec's spent fuel management system at San Onofre nuclear power plant is proven to have serious design flaws, and Holtec has a history of risk-taking with spent nuclear fuel canisters, brought to light by whistleblower actions."

"Riverkeeper is fully vested in a quick and safe decommissioning of Indian Point once it closes. We demand that decommissioning happen in a prompt, safe manner by a company with a long track-record of experience, something that Holtec does not have," Riverkeeper continued. "We're only asking that Entergy select a qualified company to take on this arduous task of decommissioning, site cleanup and management of spent radioactive fuel, while keeping 20 million New Yorkers safe."

In January 2017, Entergy, which purchased the Indian Point plants more than 16 years ago, announced, to the complete surprise of local leaders, its plan for the early and orderly shutdown of Indian Point by April 30, 2021 as part of a settlement with New York State and Riverkeeper.

"This agreement provides what we've been fighting for, for decades: a definite early closing date for Indian Point--our biggest existential threat in the region," Riverkeeper President Paul Gallay said when the announcement was made in 2017.

"It's a win for the safety of our communities, a win for the Hudson River and all the rich variety of life within it, and a win for a clean, sustainable energy future."

Holtec officials have stated its plan for decommissioning will result in the release for re-use of portions of the site in the 2030s, with the exception of the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation – the area where spent nuclear fuel is safely stored in dry casks until the U.S. Department of Energy transfers the spent fuel offsite. As part of its plan, Holtec expects to move all of the Indian Point spent nuclear fuel into dry casks within about three years following facility shutdown in 2021.

Holtec has a pending application with the NRC for a Consolidated Interim Storage Facility in New Mexico, which could eventually store spent nuclear fuel from Indian Point and other U.S. nuclear power plants.

Jerry Nappi, a spokesman for Entergy, issued a statement on behalf of Entergy and Holtec when asked to comment on Riverkeeper's opposition.

"Holtec's technical expertise and experience means that they can perform decommissioning more cost-effectively, and thus can complete the work as much as 40 years sooner than Entergy," Nappi stated. "Riverkeeper has no experience operating a nuclear plant nor any accountability for

taking one apart for decommissioning. The organization that insisted for decades that the facility shut down now opposes the plant's decommissioning by one of the world's leading experts. Holtec and its affiliates have previously been approved by the NRC to decommission other U.S. plants, demonstrating that they have the technical and financial qualifications to perform the work safely and efficiently."

Riverkeeper stated more than 1,300 individuals have already signed on to support their stance and stressed it is prepared to challenge the license transfer to Holtec in both state and federal proceedings.

"We're pushing for the establishment of community advisory boards on both the state and federal level to give community members a voice regarding site cleanup, use of the decommissioning fund, and the eventual site reuse," Riverkeeper stated. "We urge state and federal regulators that any such board must be independent from industry and have real power to ensure that the license holder is completing the process correctly."

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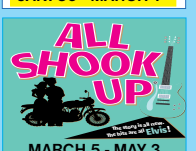
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Obituaries

Sr. Mary Judith Henchey RDC



Sr. Mary Judith Henchey, RDC (Catherine) a Sister of the Divine Compassion, died peacefully on Dec. 12.

Sister was born in Woburn, MA in 1932 the daughter

of William and Elizabeth (Cashman) Henchey.

She attended Woburn Elementary School and St. Charles High School. Sister graduated from Good Counsel College with BA in English and Fairfield University receiving an MA in School Administration.

In her years in education Sister served as a teacher at St. Joseph's School, Croton Falls, and at St. John the Evangelist School in Mahopac. In 1967 She was appointed Principal at St. John's and served in that position until 2001. She was dearly loved by the children and the parents. After finishing her responsibilities in the school Sister volunteered at the Food Pantry in the parish.

Sister Laura Donovan, President of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion said, "Sr. Mary Judith, was a strong, quick witted, quiet, prayerful and dedicated member of our community. In her many years of service in Putnam County she was a walking example of compassion in action. May she now enjoy the rewards of eternal life."

Sister Judith is survived by her Sisters of the Divine Compassion, her brother, Rev. Joseph Henchey, CSS, S.T.D., her niece, Mary Judith Tierney, nephew Joseph Tierney and several grandnieces and nephews.

Sister was predeceased by her brothers James and William, and her sisters Elizabeth and Alice.

The wake will be on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at McMahon's Funeral Home from 2 to 7 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 10:30 a.m. the in the Chapel of the Divine Compassion, 52 North Broadway, White Plains. Burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, White Plains. Arrangements will be handled by McMahon, Lyon & Hartnett Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, 52 North Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603.

Frederick K. Schiller

Frederick K. Schiller, 91, of Pound Ridge, died Dec. 12.

He was born May 18, 1928 in White Plains to Frederick and Frances Schiller.



On Feb. 20, 1955, Frederick married Anne Marie Schiller at St. Bernard's Church in White Plains.

He was a self-employed picture framer for over 40 years.

Besides his wife Anne Marie, Frederick is survived by several nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents and his sister, Frances Thompson.

Frederick enjoyed gardening and loved everything related to the sea: swimming, sailing, and reading about it, and he received the Good Neighbor Award, Pound Ridge in 1993.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rosary Hill Home, 600 Linda Ave., Hawthorne, NY 10532.

Linda P. Doherty

Linda Doherty (née Peterson) died peacefully at home in White Plains on Dec. 9, with her family by her side.

Born March 5, 1943, Linda was a lifelong resident of White Plains.

This month marked the 55th anniversary of her marriage to her devoted husband, Dr. Robert J. Doherty.

A graduate of White Plains High School, Linda majored in Education at the State University of New York at

New Paltz. She taught second grade at Battle Hill School before transitioning to an administrative position in her husband's Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery practice. Upon her retirement, she pursued her two greatest passions: Traveling with her husband and spending time with her grandchildren.

Linda is survived by her husband Bob, her son Rob (Sabrina) Doherty, her daughter Erin (Dan Buckley) Doherty, and her sisters Nancy McDonald and Anna Ruth Kaneshiro. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Llew, Bo, and Georgette, who lovingly referred to her as Rah-Rah.

In lieu of flowers – and in keeping with Linda's charitable spirit – the family kindly requests donations to Jansen Hospice and Palliative Care, 670 Post Rd, Scarsdale, NY 10583.



Greenburgh Distributing Free Reflectors to Dogs and Humans

In recent months the town of Greenburgh has been giving out free reflectors to dogs and humans. Here is a photo of man's (and woman's) best friend, Ace the dog.

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GAUCHO BURGER COMPANY, WHITE PLAINS

By Neal Rentz

Yonkers resident Gilberto Gutierrez explained last week why he named his White Plains business Gaucho Burger Company.

The name came about because gaucho means cowboy in Argentina and most of the meat for the restaurant is imported from Argentina, Gutierrez said. "When it comes to steak and beef, Argentina is the best place in the world," he said.

Gutierrez and his partner, whom he declined to identify, opened the restaurant 15 months ago on Mamaroneck Avenue.

The restaurant offers a variety of burgers, including beef, pork, chicken, vegetable, lamb and crab cake. Most of the burgers are marinated for 72 hours in chimichurri sauce, which consists of cilantro, parsley, olive oil, garlic, red and yellow peppers, onions, and "a secret ingredient," Gutierrez said. "It's not like any other burger."

The chimichurri sauce also marinates the restaurant's French fries and is featured in other dishes. "It gives it that unique flavor," Gutierrez said. "Chimichurri sauce is the base of everything."

Gaucho also offers a variety of side dishes, sandwiches, and entrée salads. The customers' favorite sandwich is the Chicken Chimichurri and another best seller is the skirt beef offering, Gutierrez, who does most of the cooking, said. The eatery also serves dinner a la carte, including a variety of meats, such as grilled Argentinian skirt steak. Wine and beer will be served in the



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Yonkers resident Gilberto Gutierrez and his partner have owned Gaucho Burger Company in White Plains for the past 15 months.

near future, Gutierrez said.

Gaucho also has dessert offerings including Argentinian pancakes, which Gutierrez said are warm thin pancakes rolled with Dulce de Leche and topped with vanilla ice cream and other toppings of the customer's choice. "It's unique," he said.

Gaucho's beverage offerings include a variety of fresh lemonades and tropical fruit shakes that consist of fresh fruit, fresh fruit pulp and ice cream. The fruit pulp is imported from South America, Gutierrez noted.

"Everything is homemade," Gutierrez said. "Everything has to be fresh." The

care for the food has paid off, he said. "We're doing well in White Plains," he said. He and his partner began selling their food in the city's farmer's market two years ago, Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez said his goal is to expand his restaurant to more locations to become a chain.

Gaucho Burger Company is located at 66-68 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains. For more information call 914-750-4888 or visit <https://www.gauchoburgerco.com>. The restaurant is also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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Why the Holidays Can Be the Best Time to Be a Homeowner

As a homeowner, that magic time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is my favorite time of year, each and every year.

Others may prefer spring when the garden is awakening and we may spend most of our time outside, or mid- or late summer when the flower and vegetable gardens are in full bloom, or perhaps the fall when the rich colors of nature can take our breath away.

But for me, I'm most grateful for my home and the pleasures it affords in the dead of winter. That is the time when, finally, that stubborn grout weed that plagued my former property of some 40 years is in remission for the season, the leaves have been raked and composted and my time suddenly expands exponentially for other duties inside the house.

Those duties could include anything as big as finally summoning help to refinish that horrible guest room floor that has been hidden by a rug for decades or tiny chores like gluing on the knob to that antique chest that fell off 10 or 12 years ago or disguising all those furniture scratches with Old English Scratch Cover.

When my wife and I had an antiques shop as a part-time avocation, Old English was the single most important defense mechanism in our bag of tricks – short of refinishing – to make our furniture inventory look twice as good as when we bought it at auction.

The holiday season is also the time when our homes never looked cleaner or better with decorations, ready to receive guests.

As with every Christmas, my wife Margaret and I put up and decorate a tree, centered in front of a gorgeous Palladian-

style window on the fifth floor of our building where passersby can see it, like a beacon that we're there, welcoming in the holiday season.

For some years, I have written about my journey as the owner of an antique house planning to sell my home and all the preparations that went into it. It gave me a lot of material to write about. Now, I enjoy the maintenance-free habitat of Trump Park Residences, where all I have to do is enjoy our beautiful surroundings and have someone else do the grunt work outside. (And they do it so beautifully.)

The nicest thing I enjoy about my current living arrangement is being able to stay within the same

community where basically I grew up (grew old, actually) and having friends I've known for decades.

Especially this season, which become more precious as I get older, I'm looking forward to using my extra holiday time to toast in the new year, once again singing Auld Lang Syne and trying to remember what the heck those words mean. It's much like trying to remember where I've placed the remote control for the building's garage door opener.

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15. Laid up

16. Hendrix song, "Bold as ____"

17. Eastern snowbird's destination

21. "One day at a time" handyman or Mahopac

financial and accounting group

25. Big name in pizza

27. Marc Antony's love

30. Mt. Kisco wood fired pizza and beer truck, Ash and ____

31. Single-celled organism

32. "No more!"

34. "Black ____" 1987 detective thriller with Dennis Hopper

35. Truck part

36. Industrial city in Dus-

37. Clubs, abbr.

Down

1. Printing flourish

2. Lord of the Rings bad guys

3. All together

4. Enzyme suffix

5. Whitney and others, abbr.

6. Approve

7. Part of London or Manhattan

8. Ukraine city

9. "When all ____ fails..."

10. Q followers

18. Atomic number

19. Introspective

20. ____ gratias

22. English princess

23. Passes

24. Deodorant type

26. Wise men

27. French friends

28. Pills from docs

29. Woodwind

31. Wonder or admiration

32. "Pulp Fiction" star, Thurman

33. Rejections

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Black Girls Rock! Honor Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Members



Black Girls Rock! honored Dr. Corey Reynolds, President of the Beta Alpha Alpha Foundation; Darrel Kidd, Basileus of the Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and Byron Smalls, Beta Alpha Alpha Foundation Member and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee with the 2019 Man of the Year Award. The Award is presented annually to men for empowering Black women and girls through media and enriching girls through leadership. The Award was presented at the Foundation's Scholarship Dinner Dance at the Doubletree Hotel in Tarrytown on Dec. 12.

A Cheese and Wine Primer at Our Local Cheese Shop



By Nick Antonaccio

Last week's column focused on Second Mouse Cheese Shop in Pleasantville. I interviewed the proprietor, Ivy Ronquillo, and gained a unique perspective of her mission for the shop, which, coupled with her exuberance and passion, bode well for her success and our enhanced enjoyment of the vast world of artisanal cheeses.

Several readers requested a further drill-down into specific pairings of cheeses and wines. I returned to Ronquillo's shop this week to focus and report on several of her offerings.

But first, a brief primer on the vast and varied world of cheese.

The production of cheese is highly parallel to the production of wine.

First, just as there are numerous grapes from which wines are crafted, so too cheeses are made from different base products: cow, sheep and goat milk.

Second, fermentation is necessary to transform each base product into a unique end product. Likewise, cheese and wine are constantly changing during aging process.

Third, the length of aging greatly influences the final product. A young wine or cheese tends to be soft in texture and simple in structure; an aged wine or cheese tends to be structured and complex.

Fourth, a winemaker or fromager may choose to influence their crafted results

with external agents: oak for wine; molds, washes for cheese.

Fifth, terroir plays an important role in both wine and cheese making. I've covered the impacts of terroir extensively for wines. Similarly, locale and grass diet impart particular flavors or aromas to cheese.

Each of the above factors, when applied by a skilled fromager, result in a unique cheese. Generally speaking, I categorize the character of cheese into six broad texture groupings:

1. Soft-ripened, bloomy rind cheese. Examples: Brie, Camembert.

2. Semi-soft cheese. Aged a bit longer than bloomy rind, with a high moisture content. Examples: Morbier, Tallegio.

3. Washed-rind cheese. Washed to kill the rind mold, thereby imparting new flavors to the rind and cheese. Examples: Epoisses, Tomme.

4. Semi-hard cheese. Influenced by the type of bacteria and the length of aging. Examples: Gouda, Comte.

5. Hard cheese. Influenced by bacteria and the length of the aging period, much longer than semi-hard cheeses, thereby accounting for the low moisture (hardness) of the cheeses. Examples: Parmigiano-Reggiano, Manchego.

6. Blue cheese. Here, bacteria does its job when injected into a cheese, unlike other

cheeses for which bacteria works externally. Examples: Roquefort, Stilton and a rising number of American blue cheeses.

There are no strict rules for matching cheese with wine; it's a matter of your individual palate. Experiment with different combinations. What you'll likely discover is that white wines, especially those with high acid levels, will counter the creamy texture and flavor of many cheeses, whereby red wines tend to pair well with semi-hard and hard cheeses.

Approaching the cheese display case at Second Mouse for the first time can be overwhelming and daunting. But fear not, Ronquillo and her staff quickly dispel any trepidation. On any given visit, up to 75 cheeses are on display, each replete with a detailed and informative card. And samples are eagerly offered to educate your palate. The cheeses are sourced from most Western European countries and close to 20 American states. Her favorites right now: Swiss, Spanish and Portuguese.

On to Ronquillo's suggestions for pairings with a broad selection of her favorite cheeses.

Narragansett Burrata (Rhode Island; fresh cow): Sauvignon Blanc.

Lazy Lady Bonaparte (Vermont; fresh goat): Cotes du Rhone Rouge.

Von Trapp Farmstead Mt. Alice (Vermont; blooming rind cow): Chardonnay (Unoaked).

Jacobs & Brichford Ameribella (Indiana; washed rind cow): Sancerre.

Arethusa Farms Tapping Reeve (Connecticut; hard cow): Cabernet Franc.

Kaserei Tufertschwil Challerhocker (Switzerland; semi-hard): Pinot Noir.

Reyepnaer Reserve XO (Netherlands; semi-hard cow): Cognac or Chianti Classico.

Point Reyes Farmstead Pt Reyes Original Blue (California; semi-soft cow): Syrah.

With so many choices of high-quality cheeses available, selecting and pairing them with wine may seem daunting at first. My advice: just as you vetted local wine merchants to educate your palate, so too with cheese. I have found my favorite, right here in Pleasantville.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 25 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.



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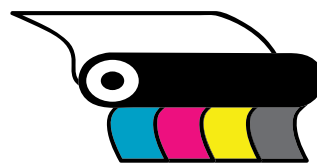


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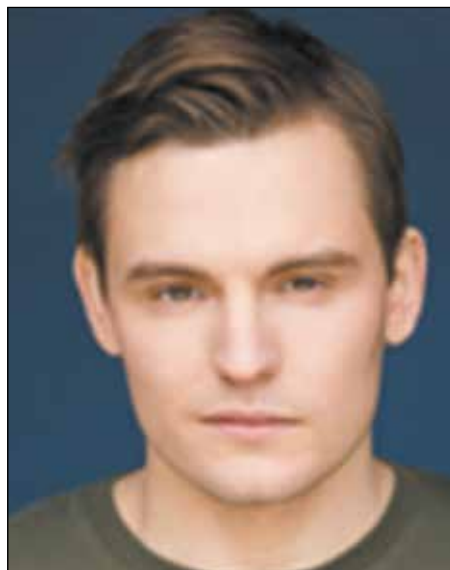
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"Newsies" to be Staged at White Plains Performing Arts Center

By Neal Rentz

The musical "Newsies" may have been set in the New York City of 1899, but its plot is still relevant to today, Stephen Ferri said last week.

Ferri is the music director of "Newsies," which is slated to be performed from Dec. 20 through Jan. 12 at the White Plains Performing Arts Center.



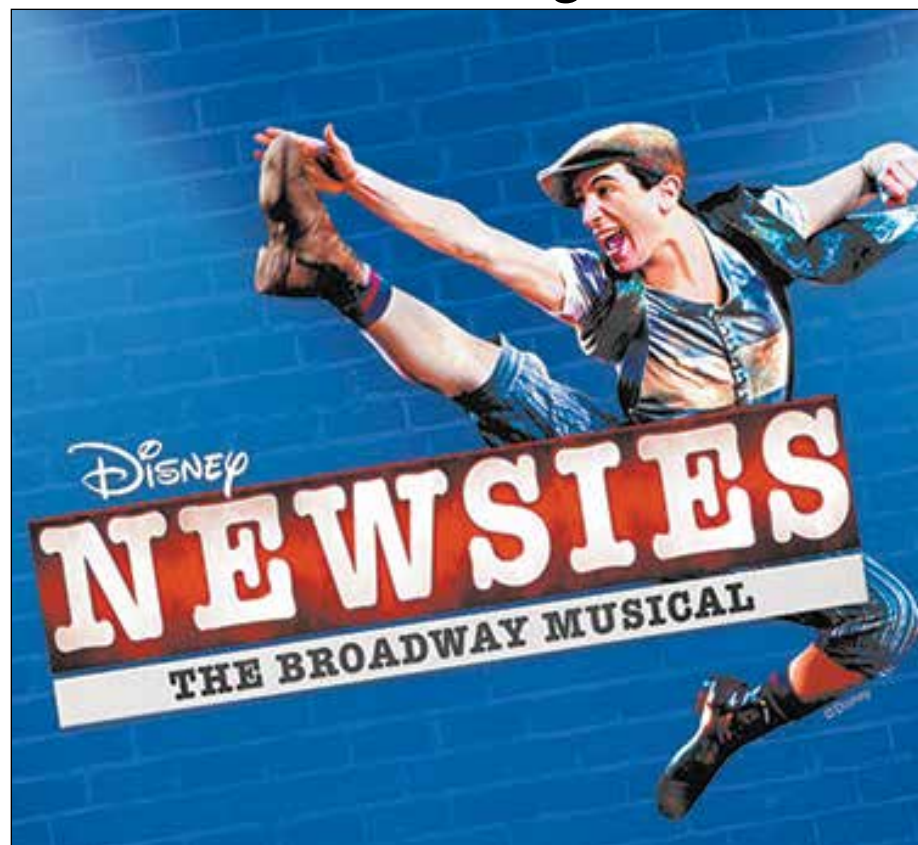
Alex Prakken is reprising his role as Jack Kelly in the musical "Newsies," which will be staged from Dec. 20 through Jan. 12 at the White Plains Performing Arts Center. Prakken was part of the national touring company of the show.

The musical is about the New York City Newsboys Strike, Ferri noted. The strike was done in response to newspaper publishers Joseph Pulitzer's decision to increase the cost of his papers, which was a burden on the newsies who sold them to the public, he said. The plot is a "David Versus Goliath" tale about young workers fighting for their rights, he said.

The show's director agreed with Ferri's take on the musical. "Disney's 'Newsies' has never been more potent than it is today as a new generation of young activists has emerged in our world," Frank Portanova said. "Many teens are deeply concerned with social, economic, political and environmental issues. They are looking around at the world they are inheriting yet thinking of the one they'll create. Like the newsboys, these David's are fully prepared to take on the Goliaths so change can come once and for all. Newsies awakens the hero in all of us. And there's no better time to be inspired than the holiday season."

The holiday season is an appropriate time to stage the musical, Ferri also said. "It's a really great family show," he said.

Though "Newsies" is a show that has been performed extensively on stage, it did not start out as a popular musical, Ferri said. The original presentation was in the form of a Walt Disney 1992 film that was a box office bomb, despite a cast that included Christian Bale, Bill Pullman, Robert Duvall and Ann-Margaret. But the movie became popular when it became available on home video, Ferri said. The subsequent stage adaptation



of "Newsies" has been performed in many locales, including Broadway, London and in touring companies.

Alex Prakken is reprising his lead role as Jack Kelly. Prakken was part of the national touring company of the show, Ferri noted. About 1,000 performers tried out for the

show over a three day period, Ferri said. Rehearsals took place over a two week period.

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SBA Workshop: How To Sell To The Federal Government. Ever wondered if your business could sell to the federal government? Which federal agencies would be interested in what you sell? What does it take to become a federal contractor? Come to the workshop to help answer these questions, highlight small business specific certifications and provide useful strategies on how to market in the federal contracting arena. 1:30 p.m., White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

"Coup 53." A decade in the making, award-winning filmmaker Taghi Amirani and legendary editor/writer Walter Murch tell the story of the 1953 Anglo-American coup d'état that overthrew Iran's Prime Minister Mohammad Mossadegh and reinstalled the Shah. The CIA/MI6 covert action, also known as Operation Ajax, marked the end of a democratically elected government and ended Mossadegh's most significant policy: the nationalization of Iranian oil. Shot in seven countries, featuring participants and first-hand witnesses and unearthing never-before-seen archive footage, this film is a politically explosive and cinematically innovative documentary that lifts the lid on secrets buried for more than 60 years. Followed by a Q&A with Murch and Amirani and Board President Janet Maslin. Part of the Global Watch: Crisis & Social Action series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$15. Non-members: \$20. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

Lunchtime Meditation. A weekly meditation program. Brief beginning instruction will be followed by meditation. No experience or special equipment needed. A guest instructor will lead the program the first Wednesday of each month; 12:15 to 1 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Noontime Getaway Concert. Downtown Music at Grace presents Angelica – A visit from this wonderful chamber choir, directed by Marie Caruso, has become a seasonal tradition for our Downtown Music audience. This year, they offer a program of medieval,

traditional, and contemporary songs, featuring selections from Heinrich Isaac's rarely heard Christmas Mass "Introitus, Puer natus est" and "Alleluia, Dies sanctificatus;" premieres by John Milne The Virgin's Lullaby Lament and Julie Dolphin Lullaby After Christmas; and Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols. Joining Angelica is harpist Joy Plaisted. 12:10 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, White Plains. Free 30-minute concert, donation recommended. This concert is made possible, in part, with the generous support NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital.

How to Use Social Media to Help Grow Your Business. A workshop that covers an assortment of social media and digital strategies and tactics for small businesses to employ to grow their business in an increasing all-digital environment. Walk away with strategies and skills to apply immediately. SCORE Headquarters at White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.westchester.score.org.

Which Craft? Wednesday: DIY Gifts. Make a thoughtful card or a small handmade gift for the holidays. Projects will vary. For students in grades 6 and up on a first-come, first-served basis. 4 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Thursday, Dec. 19

My Brother's Keeper Anniversary Celebration. The White Plains My Brother's Keeper will celebrate its 3rd Anniversary at 6 p.m. at the Thomas Slater Center, 2 Fisher Court, White Plains. The White Plains My Brother's Keeper was established in White Plains by Mayor Thomas Roach and Superintendent of School Dr. Joseph Ricca to address the opportunity gap for boys and young men of color. The program serves over 400 boys and young men of color in a variety of programs in White Plains. The theme of the Anniversary is "Youth Voice." Several young men will speak about their life and the importance of the My Brother's Keeper program. The speaker for the event will be Curtis McAllister, a junior at White Plains Berkeley College. The program will also honor community leaders for their service and impact on White Plains youth. The honorees are: Sergeant Lavalle Larrier, White Plains Educator and Basketball Coach Spencer Mayfield, Business leader Wiley Harrison and Social Worker Larry Armstrong. For more information call 914-422-1378.

Movie: Spider-Man - Far From Home. (PG-13, 2019, 130Min) Peter Parker is on a trip to Europe with his classmates when elementals start wreaking havoc across the continent. Nick Fury enlists his help to fight the new threats, alongside master illusionist Mysterio. 6 p.m. at White Plains Library.

John Jay Homestead Holiday Tour. John Jay Homestead State Historic Site will offer holiday tours of the historic house. Tour John Jay's 1820s home in retirement and discover what the winter holiday season

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would have been like for Jay and his family. Period decorations, historic foods and candlelight help celebrate the season. In the gallery is a specially curated exhibition featuring holiday-themed artifacts used by multiple generations of the Jay family. John Jay Homestead State Historic Site, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 1 and 3 p.m. \$10. Seniors and students: \$7. Members and children (12 and under): Free. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 28. Info and tickets: Visit www.johnjayhomestead.org.

Friday, Dec. 20

Westchester's Winter Wonderland. Celebrate the holidays close to home. A one-of-a-kind holiday experience featuring Santa's Village, amusement rides, unlimited skating on an outdoor ice rink (skates included), the Winter Wonderland Holiday Circus, food and beverage options and a dazzling light show. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 5 to 10 p.m. \$20. Children (under 3): Free. Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 4 to 10 p.m. through Dec. 22. From Dec. 23 through Jan. 4, 5 to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 4 to 10 p.m. on weekends. Closed Dec. 24 and 25. Info and tickets: Visit www.winterwonderland.com.

"Newsies." Based on the 1992 movie and inspired by the true story of the 1899 Newsboys Strike, this is a joyful and entertaining musical capturing the strength that young people have when they join together and stand up against injustice. With a funny, poignant book by Harvey Fierstein and stunning music by Alan Menken and Jack Feldman, "Newsies" is a classic with the power to inspire. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 7 p.m. \$37 to \$59. Also Dec. 21, 27 and 28 and Jan. 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 22, 27, 28 and 29 and Jan. 4, 5, 8 and 12 and 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

Saturday, Dec. 21

Movie: Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted. (PG, 2012, 93Min). Four animal pals join a traveling circus in Europe as part of a scheme to return home to NYC. 2 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Holiday Howl. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why this season is such a magical time for packs in North America. Guests will assemble "wolfy" gifts for ambassador wolves Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and then enjoy watching the wolves tear them open. Guests will also potentially behold the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also Dec. 22 and 26 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Dec. 23 at 11 a.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

"Nutcracker Dream." A beautiful interpretation of the beloved holiday classic that premiered last season and delighted

audiences young and old with its artistry and storytelling. Inspired by the work of Marius Petipa and Rudolf Nureyev, this production is a one-hour family-friendly adaptation of the seasonal favorite, created by world-renowned choreographer Carole Alexis and performed by Westchester's premier dance company, Ballet des Amériques. Professional dancers from Ballet des Amériques perform the featured roles of the ballet, while additional roles will be cast by audition among young dancers from across the area. Emelin Theatre, 153 Library Lane, Mamaroneck. 3 and 7 p.m. Adults: \$25. Children: \$20. Also Dec. 22 and 28 at 2 and 5 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-698-0098 or visit www.emelin.org.

Cherish the Ladies: A Celtic Christmas. Cherish the Ladies returns in 2019 for two shows to celebrate the holiday season. The Grammy Award-nominated Irish-American supergroup formed in 1985 to celebrate the rise of extraordinary women in what had been a male-dominated Celtic music scene. Now celebrating their 35th anniversary, Cherish the Ladies has shared timeless Irish traditions and good cheer with audiences worldwide. They bring their signature blend of virtuosic instrumental talents, beautiful vocals and stunning step dancing. Their new album, "Hear of the Home," embraces the gift of music passed down from generations. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 3 and 8 p.m. \$36, \$43 and \$48. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Sunday, Dec. 22

"The Nutcracker." An enchanting hour-long production of this classic, presented by the New York Theatre Ballet, created for younger audiences, yet sophisticated enough for adults. Founded in 1978 by artistic director Diana Byer, the New York Theatre Ballet has earned national attention for its artistry and elegant restorations and revivals of masterworks by great choreographers. It is equally committed to performing innovative hour-long ballets based on children's literature for family audiences. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 3 and 6 p.m. \$35. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Movie: The Grinch. (PG, 2018). The Grinch attempts to undermine the annual Christmas celebration at Whoville with the help of his loyal dog and reindeer. He disguises himself as Santa Claus and tries to steal all the presents, but his cover is threatened by an earnest young girl. 2 p.m., White Plains Library.

Monday, Dec. 23

Movie: The Polar Express. (G, 2004, 100min). An inspiring adventure based on the beloved children's book by Chris Van Allsburg. When a doubting young boy takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole, he embarks on a journey of self-discovery that shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe. 2 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

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Kwanzaa Celebration – Friday, Dec. 27

A Kwanzaa celebration will be held on Friday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Thomas H. Slater Center, 2 Fisher Court, White Plains. The celebration is free and open to the public.

The program includes Traditional Drumming by Kofi and Sankofa Dance and Drum Ensemble, and performances by White Plains Steppers, Storytelling and books for children, and more.

A free cultural Karamu feast will be provided by ShopRite following the program.

Kwanzaa, an African-American festival meaningful for people of all faiths is celebrated by family and friends who gather to share food, light candles, and think about particular values that make meaningful community. This year we will celebrate all



seven Kwanzaa principles.

The seven core principles are:

Umoja - Unity. To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.

Kujichagulia: - Self-Determination.

Ujima - Collective Work and Responsibility
Ujamaa - Cooperative Economics.
Nia - Purpose.
Kuumba - Creativity.
Imani - Faith.

Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, a college professor, author and scholar-activist who stresses the indispensable need to preserve, continually revitalize and promote African American culture. Its origins are in the first harvest celebrations of Africa from which it takes its name.

The celebration is sponsored by Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, The Thomas H. Slater Center, Inc., White Plains Housing Authority, Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Library and more.

White Plains WinterFest Kicks Off this Wednesday, Dec. 18

WinterFest, presented by the City of White Plains and Bensidoun USA, kicks off on Wednesday, Dec. 18 and runs through Monday, Dec. 23. The Market will be located on Court Street between Martine Avenue and Main Street (the same location as the Farmer's Market) and will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Monday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

The event will feature artisans and crafts people selling one of a kind items, as well as prepared food. Come for lunch, dinner or dessert.

WinterFest is modeled on the holiday markets found throughout Europe that bring communities together with festive music, food, and gifts and help usher in the holiday season as a meeting place for friends and family.

This year, over 40 vendors will be participating in WinterFest, plus Christmas wreaths, centerpieces, and natural holiday decorations from Westchester Greenhouses and Farm.

WinterFest Entertainment Schedule:

Opening Day. 12:30 p.m.: Songwriter and vocalist Kristina Koller will kick off the WinterFest with her unique blend of R&B, Indie Pop and Jazz tunes. She will share the stage with Loola Doola Boutique's Winter

Fashion Show.

4 p.m.: German International School Marimba. The Majagwa and Jaguar Marimba Ensembles of the German International School New York – Traditional folkloric music of Zimbabwe.

6 p.m.: Music Conservatory of Westchester Suzuki music program.

Thursday, Dec. 19. 12 p.m.: German International School Marimba.

2 p.m.: White Plains Chorale Singers.

5 p.m.: Stepinac Chorus.

Friday, Dec. 20. 1 p.m.: Musician/Songwriter/Comedian Seann Cantatore.

7 p.m.: Deirdre O'Mara School of Irish Dance.

7:30 p.m.: Bach to Rock Showcase.

Saturday, Dec. 21. 12 p.m.: City Center Dance.

12 p.m.: Santa feels at home at WinterFest and cleared his busy schedule for a visit.

2 to 5 p.m.: Face Painting with A Party with A Plan.

4:30 p.m.: Bach to Rock Kid's Edition.

6 p.m.: Ivan Polanco Live. This local Pop Artist is back with his blend of soulful vocals and rhythmic guitar sounds.

7:30 p.m.: Bryan Carter Trio – Jazz Live.

Sunday, Dec. 22. All Day the ArtsMobile takes its artists and mobile arts programming to WinterFest. Free Workshop.

12 p.m.: The Grinch Storytelling, Sing



Along and Craft.

2 p.m.: Moises Salazar and Su Charango. The best of Latin American Music to fight off the cold.

Monday, Dec. 23. 12 to 3 p.m.: Super Hero Day Drawing Contest with Comics Artist Russ Rainbolt. 12 and under (Prizes for all).

12:30 p.m.: Native Flute with Richie Olivera – World Music.

Ebersole Ice Rink Holiday Schedule

Monday, Dec. 23, Public Skate, 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25, Ebersole Ice Rink will be closed.

Thursday, Dec. 26 through Monday, Dec. 30, Public Skate, 1 to 4 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 27, Public Skate, 1 to 4 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, Ebersole Ice Rink will be closed.

Wednesday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day through Friday Jan. 3, Public Skate, 1 to 4 p.m.

Ebersole Ice Rink is located in Delfino Park, 110 Lake Street, White Plains.



ArtsWestchester is Calling All Stitchers to Create a Monumental Work of Public Art

Between now and May 2020, textile artist Amanda Browder will design and fabricate "Metropolis Sunrise," a colorful quilt-like sculpture with help from stitchers in the local community. Once complete, the sculpture will be draped from the top of ArtsWestchester's nine-story building on Mamaroneck Avenue in downtown White Plains.

Several public sewing days have been scheduled to help create this work of art. See the schedule listed below. No sewing experience is needed. There's a task for everyone.

Sewing Days

ArtsWestchester (914-428-4220), Jan. 4, 5 and 26; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rye Arts Center (914-967-0700), Jan. 11



and 25; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

India Center of Westchester (914-418-5775), Feb. 8 and 9; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Greenburgh Public Library (914-721-8221), Feb. 15; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pelham Art Center (914-738-2525 ext. 113), Feb. 29 and March 1; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Westchester Children's Museum (914-421-5050), March 7; 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Blue Door Art Center (914-375-5100), March 8; 1 to 6 p.m.

Alliance Francise (914-681-8735), March 14; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Katonah Museum of Art (914-232-9555 ext. 2968), March 29; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

More sewing days will be scheduled. Check artsw.org/browder for the most up-to-date list of locations and times.

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Town of Putnam Valley Town Board Meeting December 18, 2019 6 PM Pledge of Allegiance 1. Departmental

Reports. 2. Supervisor's Comments. 3. Legislative Report. 4. School Report 5. Vote on Ban of Ice Retardant Devices on Lake Oscawana 6. Authorize the Supervisor to accept the Town Board minutes from November 6, November 13th, November 20th and December 4th. 7. Authorize the expenditure of \$200. for Town Board member-elect Ralph Smith to attend the Newly Elected Officials 2020 Training School sponsored by the Association of Towns, and authorize the reimbursement of associated travel and lodging expenses. Building Department 8. Daily Fee Report Parks & Recreation 9. Refunds Building Department 10. Daily Fee Report Districts 11. Mill Pond Water District Year End Revenue Report Finance Department 12. Budget Transfers 13. Public Comment 14. Audit of Monthly Bills

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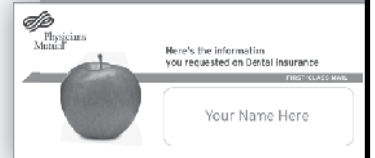
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The WHITE PLAINS Examiner Sports

Tigers Hockey Honors Guy Mathews with Championship Win

By Albert Coqueran

The White Plains High School versus Monroe/Woodbury Championship game of the Guy Mathews Hockey Invitational was finally played at Ebersole Ice Rink, on Tuesday, Dec. 10. The game was originally

then scored two more goals in less than two minutes to open the second period. "Honestly, my line mates were giving me the puck and giving me open room. The other team was a little too aggressive and I was lucky enough to get the bounces and the puck went in," commented Cardozo.

Tigers Assistant Captain Devin Garnett hit the back of the net twice assisted once each by Team Captain John Myers and Cardozo. Junior forward Jack Chetti also scored assisted by sophomore forward Teddy Hauser. Myers closed out the scoring for the Tigers adding their seventh goal in the game at 2:15 of the third period. "We just worked hard. We won a lot of battles and never gave up," stated Garnett.

Nonetheless, Player of the Game honors were awarded to Tigers sophomore goalie Justin Esposito, who had 10 saves in the Championship game. This is Esposito's first year as the Tigers starter having taken over between the pipes for Justin Shultz

who graduated after last season.

"It feels really good to win the Guy Mathews. We have been working hard all year and this is a great start to our season," said Esposito, who also secured 25 saves in the Tigers win over Stepinac in the White Division Semifinals of the Guy Mathews Invitational.

The Tigers are playing well thus far this season having convincingly won all three games of their hosted Thanksgiving tournament, while also beating Nyack/Tappan Zee in the opening round, 7-3 and Stepinac, 5-2, in the Semifinals.

The Tigers record remains at 4-2, so far this season with a home League match slated against Cortlandt High School, on Thursday, Dec. 19, at Ebersole Ice Rink, at 5 p.m.



Thomas Hauser (left) presents WPHS Goalie Justin Esposito (right) the Player of the Game Award for his efforts in the Tigers, 7-2 win over Monroe/Woodbury, in the White Division Championship of the Guy Mathews Hockey Invitational.

scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 1, but inclement weather postponed the Guy Mathews Orange/Black Division and White Division Championships until Thursday, Dec. 5 and Tuesday Dec. 10 respectively.

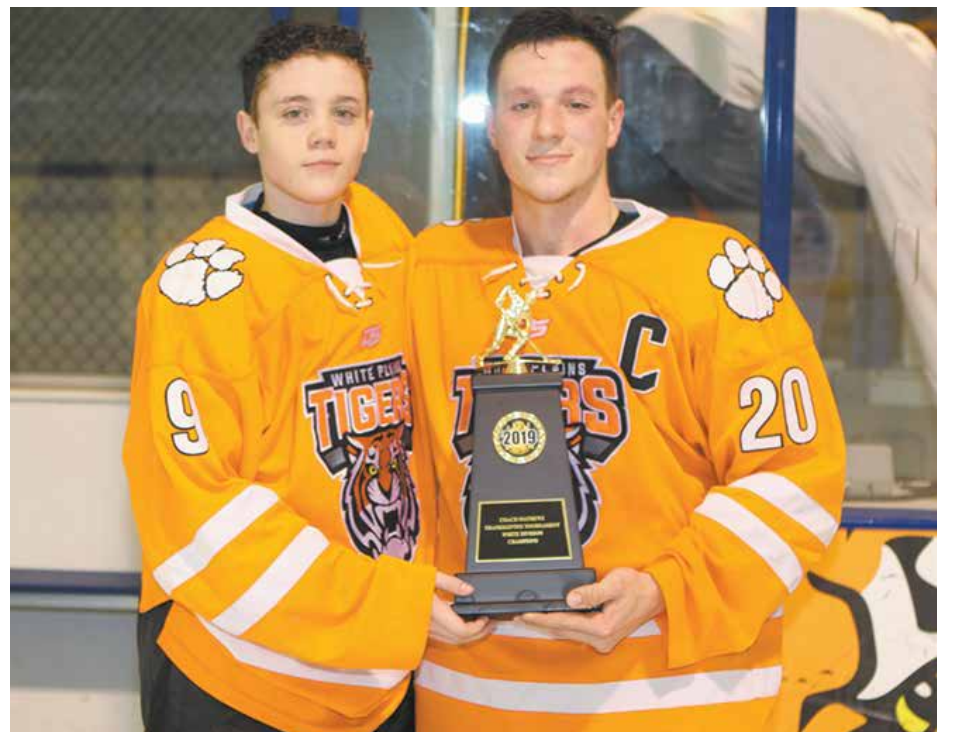
Rye Town/Harrison defeated Horace Greeley 2-0, to capture the Guy Mathews Invitational Orange/Black Division Championship. Then the White Plains Tigers skated past the Crusaders of Monroe/Woodbury, 7-2, to honor their late Coach Guy Mathews by winning the White Division Championship.

Tigers' sophomore forward Daniel Cardozo made his name known in the Guy Mathews tribute tournament by scoring a "hat trick" in the 7-2 win. Cardozo scored the Tigers last goal of the first period and



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

WPHS sophomore forward Daniel Cardozo (left) skates in for one of his three goals as he notches the "hat trick" in the Tigers, 7-2 win over Monroe/Woodbury to capture the White Division Title in the Guy Mathews Hockey Invitational.



Tigers Assistant Captain Devin Garnett (left) and Captain John Myers (right) proudly display the Championship Trophy after beating Monroe/Woodbury, 7-2, and capturing the White Division Championship of the Guy Mathews Hockey Invitational, on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Ebersole Ice Rink.

EXAMINER SPORTS

Tigers Win Harrison Tournament, Improve to 4-0

By Rob DiAntonio

It's been quite a start for a talented White Plains varsity boy's basketball team.

The Tigers capped off a strong week and improved to 4-0 on the young season with an impressive 73-54 win over Rye in the championship game of the Harrison Holiday Basketball Tournament last Saturday evening.

Tournament MVP Quion Burns, a senior forward, tied a career-high 33 points to lead the Tigers. He also grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds, dished out four assists and made four 3-pointers.

Jayon Norwood, another senior forward, also had a big game with 20 points and was named to the all-tournament team. Junior Joe Carrier added 12 points. Sophomore Eli Pierre corralled 10 rebounds and had four steals.

White Plains had two big runs of 15-0 in the second quarter and 13-3 in the third quarter to break the game open.

The Tigers blasted Scarsdale 74-40 in the opening round on Thursday. Burns led the



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS

Quion Burns attacks the basket.



Tymir Greene pulls up for a foul-line jumper.



Joe Carrier lines up a three.

way again with 23 points, 13 rebounds and four assists. Norwood (14 points, 5 rebounds) and Tymir Greene (13 points, 6 assists, 5 rebounds), a junior, were strong contributors.

White Plains, which plays an unselfish brand of basketball, had 20 assists as a team.

"We have a philosophy that if the ball moves, the scoreboard moves," White Plains coach Spencer Mayfield said. "They like passing the ball to each other and getting assists."

Behind a barrage of six 3-pointers in the first quarter alone, White Plains jumped out to a big lead and cruised to a 66-34 win over host Mahopac last Tuesday. The Tigers made 13 threes in the game.

White Plains led 22-7 after one quarter and 36-13 at halftime.

"We try to play with pace and space," Mayfield said. "We got the ball up the floor quick before they could get set up their zone defense. That kind of helped us."

Greene scored 11 of his 16 points in the first quarter. He also had four assists. Norwood tallied 16 points, nine boards and six assists. Carrier added 12 points, all coming on threes.

Mahopac's defense was locked in on shutting down Burns and held him to two points, but the rest of the Tigers stepped up to fill the void.

"We have multiple weapons," Mayfield

said. "Joe can knock down shots, Tymir can knock down shots and Jayon's a two-way player. It kind of helps us when [opponent's] do that (focus on one player). They're not afraid to take shots."

The Tigers held their three opponents to an average of 42 points per game last week.

"Defensively, our goal is to try and get single-digit quarters," Mayfield said. "I thought we did a good job of helping and stunting (against Mahopac). It was a solid defensive effort."

White Plains next takes the court when it squares off with Class AA contender Horace Greeley, who defeated Mount Vernon in their home opener, at the Slam Dunk tournament on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Westchester County Center.



Eli Pierre glides in for a shot.



Jayon Norwood attacks the basket.



Mike Mayeri goes up for two.

..... EXAMINER SPORTS

Stepinac Basketball Takes the Bronx, Hayes and St. Raymond

By Albert Coqueran

After Stepinac High School Basketball opened its 2019-20 season with an 81-69 victory against Monsignor Scanlan in their Home Opener, on Friday, Dec. 6, they traveled to the Bronx for two monumental tests.

On a rainy Friday night, the Crusaders entered the confines of the Cardinal Hayes High School Gym on the Grand Concourse in the Bronx. There is a good reason Bronxites nicknamed Hayes, “The school that makes the Concourse Grand.”

Besides their stellar academic reputation, the Cardinals are CHSAA and CHSFL royalty. Presently, they are the defending Archdiocesan Champions in basketball and this November they beat the Crusaders to win the 2019 NYCHSFL AA Championship.

However, the most impressive statistic bestowed upon “The school that makes the Concourse Grand” is that arch rival Stepinac had not beaten the Cardinals in varsity basketball in their home gym on the Grand Concourse for over 30 years.

On Friday night, Stepinac took the court in the close confines of the Hayes gym with one thought in mind; end the drought on the Grand Concourse. The Crusaders also have a celebrated academic prominence with their varsity basketball team led by University of North Carolina commit R.J. Davis with his 3.8 GPA and National Honor Society status, and Duke University commit Adrian Griffin, Jr.

Furthermore, the high school on Mamaroneck Avenue “that makes White Plains proud,” beat Cardinal Hayes to capture the Archdiocesan Basketball Championship and went on to capture the NYS Federation Championship in 2017-18. The same year the Crusaders football team beat Hayes to



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Stepinac point guard R. J. Davis (left) put his floor general skills on full display as he led the Crusaders to a second half comeback victory, 72-62, against Cardinal Hayes, on Friday, in the Bronx.

win their fourth CHSFL AA Championship before capturing their second consecutive NYS CHSAA Football Title.

The documented rivalry between these two Catholic High School athletic competitors has been fierce over the years and it was no different on Friday in the Bronx. The Hayes friendly crowd seemed to be right in the face of the Crusaders cheering in the close confines of the Hayes gym as the Cardinals led at halftime 29-21.

But the Crusaders emerged from the visitor’s locker room to close the gap within two points when Davis hit a three-point shot

with 3:53 left in the third quarter. Then the 6” 1” Davis would not be denied underneath the hoop following his missed layup with two-offensive rebounds, a put-back and a foul.

After the three-point play by Davis with three seconds left in the third quarter, the Crusaders were down by only one point and had silenced the intimidating Hayes crowd. “The second half we regrouped. We talked about in the locker room how we had to be more defensively aggressive and get to loose balls and rebounds,” said Davis

Then an unlikely hero surfaced in three-point ace Luke Fizulich, who gave Stepinac the lead, 50-47, with back-to-back three’s to start the third quarter. Stepinac never relinquished the lead in the game from that point. “I am kind of getting used to playing on the bigger stage, hopefully I can carry it

over to the upcoming games,” commented Fizulich.

Crusaders junior center Malcolm Chimezie leaped across the baseline and slammed in a two-handed dunk middle of the fourth quarter and Stepinac led 58-50. After Griffin made two free throws, he stunned the forever-winning Cardinals crowd with an alley-oop slam dunk orchestrated from Davis.

Griffin also ended the game on a slam-dunk, as the Crusaders came back to beat the Cardinals, 72-62, establishing their first win in over 30 years in the Cardinal Hayes gym. “I say all the time this is one of the hardest places to play in the country. There is a reason why they (Hayes) win so many games here and being down we could have been done but we kept chipping away and battled,” stated Stepinac Head Coach Pat Massaroni.

Davis, Griffin and Chimezie all finished the game with double-doubles. Davis had 22 points and 10 rebounds, Griffin netted 15 points and grabbed 11 rebounds and Chimezie added 11 points and 10 rebounds. Also, Fizulich contributed 16 points and four assists in the Stepinac win.

After one day of rest, the Crusaders were back in the Bronx on Sunday to compete in the PSA Cardinal Prep School Showcase at Mount St. Michael Academy. Stepinac once again displayed their resiliency, while coming back to beat St. Raymond, 100-93, in overtime.

The Crusaders were losing by seven points with .57 left in regulation time and came back to tie and force overtime. Davis made three free throws with 10.8 left in regulation time to tie the game. Davis scored a remarkable 41 points, Griffin, Jr. notched another double-double with 29 points and 17 rebounds and Chimezie also scored another double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Stepinac is presently 3-0, to start the 2019-20 season, as they prepare to travel to Fort Myers, Florida, to participate in a four-game slate in the City of Palms Basketball Tournament from December 18-23.



Crusaders junior shooting guard Adrian Griffin, Jr. dribbled the length of the court, then leaped over a Cardinals defender to score in the second quarter to help Stepinac beat Cardinal Hayes.



Stepinac Head Basketball Coach Pat Massaroni yells instructions to his team, which helped the Crusaders beat Cardinal Hayes, 72-62, on Friday. It was the first time in over three decades that Stepinac has beaten the Cardinals in varsity basketball in the Hayes gym.

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