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## White Plains Outdoor Farmers' Market Opens



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The White Plains Outdoor Farmers' Market opened for the season Apr. 24. Opening day for the market coincided with Earth Week celebrations in White Plains and informational tables offered advice on energy saving and sustainable lifestyles. Market patrons received reusable bags. Vendors offered local produce, baked and prepared foods and goods. Pictured, Rolling Ridge Farm employees pick out a few tomatoes for a customer. For more about the White Plains Outdoor Farmers' Market see page 7.

## White Plains School Board Okays 2019-20 Budget

By Neal Rentz

The White Plains Board of Education recently approved a \$226,588,509 2019-20 budget that would be within the state-mandated property tax cap.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Ricca said last week that the 3.44 percent tax levy increase would be "within the tax cap" of 3.44 percent, which is the cap for the White Plains district under the state formula.

District voters will decide the fate of the spending plan on May 21. A public hearing on the ledger has been slated for May 13.

Spending would rise by 3.66 percent over the current year's \$218.59 million budget.

On May 21 residents will vote on three

propositions. The first is on the proposed budget.

The second proposition is seeking to allow the district to spend from its capital reserve fund, the creation of which was previously approved by voters. Ricca said the district anticipates that by the end of the current school year on June 30 there will be \$15.89 million in the fund. The district is asking voters to allow it to take up to \$6.4 million from the fund to pay for projects at Highlands Middle School and the high school.

By using money from the capital reserve fund rather than going out for a bond will save district taxpayers \$1.35 million in serial bond interest and issuance costs, Ricca said.

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## Con Edison May Lift Natural Gas Moratorium in Westchester

By Martin Wilbur

Developers and officials throughout Westchester may be able to breathe a sigh of relief after Con Edison announced last Wednesday a plan that could increase natural gas capacity for much of the county.

The agreement with the owner of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline would upgrade the compression facilities on its system outside of the state to improve the natural gas supplies available to Con Edison, according to a statement released by the utility.

If Con Edison receives the required approvals, incremental capacity increases could occur by November 2023. The project would add 110,000 dekatherms per day of energy, enough to heat about

110,000 additional homes on the coldest winter day, said Con Edison spokeswoman Ann Marie Corbalis.

The potential capacity increase would be done in conjunction with ongoing efforts to promote and advance renewable energy and alternative technologies.

"This agreement will help us meet the growing demand by providing uninterrupted (firm) natural gas service in Westchester County for a smooth, orderly transition to renewables while supporting new development and economic growth," Corbalis said.

The Tennessee Gas Pipeline, which is owned by Houston-based Kinder Morgan, Inc., will require approvals from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as well as state and local approvals.

The pipeline serves most of Westchester, cutting through the center of the county. Westchester's northernmost communities – Peekskill, Cortlandt, Yorktown, Somers, Lewisboro and North Salem – are serviced by the Algonquin Pipeline and have not been subject to the moratorium.

Con Edison's announcement came as there has been continued outcry from municipal and county officials that the moratorium, announced on Jan. 18 and put into effect on Mar. 15, has threatened to halt economic redevelopment throughout the county. During those two months, Con Edison received 1,600 applications for gas service in the moratorium area, the utility noted.

Property owners who submitted those applications by Mar. 15 will have

two years from that time to get their projects approved and built to receive gas service, Christine Cummings, general manager, project management and customer programs for Con Edison, said during a presentation last month in New Castle.

"Con Edison continually assesses opportunities to provide its customers with energy service that is safe, reliable, affordable and clean," Corbalis said. "As New York State has set new renewable energy goals and rejected various natural gas pipeline projects, Con Edison has sought alternatives to meet our customers' heating and cooking needs."

Two local supervisors said that the extra gas capacity will help, as many

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municipalities look to re-energize their downtowns. But they agreed that developing renewables is the long-term solution and will not help in the immediate future.

"I think everybody wants that but part of the problem is we're just not there yet," said New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein. "We're sort of being pushed there. The fact is that's where the major problem comes in. In five, 10 years from now, renewables could be a terrific option but it's not there yet."

Greenstein said after the Town Board last week approved retaining the firm Kimley-Horn to revise its town code to help bring a more vibrant mix of retail and residential to downtown Chappaqua, the town may be in a position in about two years to redevelop a portion of the

commercial hamlet but may not have the energy supply to make that happen right away.

Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi, whose town is just beginning the long review for North 60, one of the largest development proposals in the county in at least 30 years, said no one has mentioned how much more the increased capacity will cost customers.

Until there are viable and affordable renewables that are developed to supply a greater portion of the county's needs, some redevelopment plans could be delayed, he said.

"Without an energy source a lot of this is going to be put on a back burner," Fulgenzi said. "It could stifle a lot of progress for our communities."

Con Edison has pledged to continue

implementing the company's \$223 million Smart Solutions program for customers who are interested in alternatives to natural gas, the utility's President Tim Cawley said in a statement last week. Those alternatives include monetary incentives to electrify heating systems, upgrade HVAC controls, install geothermal heat pumps and weatherization.

A statement from the Business Council of Westchester said that Con Edison's announcement offers "a ray of hope" but incremental increases of natural gas in four-and-a-half years and the uncertainties of renewables and alternative technologies

still present a difficult road.

"We applaud Con Edison for this initiative and other actions the company is exploring to alleviate the crisis," the Business Council of Westchester statement read. "However, the underlying energy shortage remains a serious issue that is already taking a toll and will continue to loom over the region and threaten our economic viability."

Demand for natural gas in New York City and Westchester has grown significantly in recent years as a result of conversions of heating systems from oil, as well as economic growth, with developers preferring natural gas in new buildings.

## White Plains School Board Okays 2019-20 Budget

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Proposition three would allow the district to create a new capital reserve that over a 10 year period would be funded up to \$25 million.

Passage of propositions two and three would not result in tax increases, Ricca said.

The proposed budget that is going to the public in May is essentially the same as

the spending plan he originally proposed this winter, Ricca said. The school board is involved early in the creation of the annual budget in White Plains, he said. "They are part of the process."

Ricca said he was proud of the budget's focus on students. "Seventy-nine percent of the budget is related to the kids" in terms of programs, he said.

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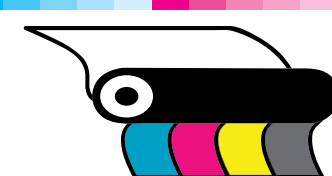
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# Latimer Terminates Playland Deal Triggering Whispers of Litigation

By Martin Wilbur and Jade Perez

County Executive George Latimer has terminated the county's agreement with Standard Amusements to operate Playland accusing the company of failing to properly invest money into the park and for "material breach of our contract."

In an extended statement released late Sunday, Latimer said he reached the decision, in part, to abort the 30-year deal because in December Standard Amusements had claimed to have invested \$5.7 million into the facility and about \$7.7 million by last month.

A county audit revealed that the money was spent on salaries, meals, travel, advertisements, marketing, consulting and legal fees. Meanwhile, Westchester was committed to spending \$125 million on Playland but Latimer said he was uncertain whether Standard Amusements was committed to seeing the park succeed.

"We are unhappy with the way this has all turned out; we never wanted this kind of conflict," Latimer said in his Sunday statement. "However, we are simply not satisfied with what we have been seeing. We wanted to see the energy, excitement and drive in Standard Amusements' vision for Playland – we didn't want just a real estate deal."

Latimer's action gives Standard Amusements 30 days written notice. The agreement will end on May 28.



The Dragon Coaster at Playland. On Sunday, County Executive George Latimer terminated 30-year agreement with Standard

Answering questions at a Monday press conference, the county executive said he hoped that the county had a partner in Standard Amusements with a vision to remake Playland into a similar destination such as the revitalized Coney Island or the new Legoland Park in Orange County.

Efforts to restructure the agreement have been unsuccessful, Latimer said.

Last Dec. 7, the county sent a letter to Standard Amusements to point out the material defaults, including how

the company claimed to have spent \$5.7 million on the park. It also outlined how the county is entitled to audit the corporation, however, Standard Amusements has blocked those efforts.

"I just think that the corporation's expertise is not in managing these parks," Latimer said Monday. "They have a couple here and there that they're involved in. But they've had to contract out for the services to do these things. Well, I can contract out and do that too, if that's what the game is," Latimer said.

On Monday, Standard Amusements aggressively fired back with its own statement, hinting that unless the termination is rescinded a lawsuit is likely. The company pointed to having invested nine years and more than \$10 million to save Playland but mismanagement on the part of the Latimer administration has jeopardized its commitment.

"It exposes taxpayers to hundreds of millions of dollars in losses from Playland's extensive capital needs and needless litigation. The Administration has been negotiating in bad faith and,

despite numerous requests, Mr. Latimer has been unwilling to meet with Standard Amusements since November 2018," the Standard Amusements statement read in part.

Standard Amusements pointed to the county's mishandling of food, failure to secure the wooden Dragon Coaster and the lack of fire suppression safety as threats to public safety.

To highlight the deteriorating relationship between the parties, an 11-page letter on Jan. 31 letter from Standard Amusements accused the county of breaching the agreement.

Latimer and County Attorney John Nonna were mum on the chances for litigation.

"As a lawyer, I don't believe it's my role to litigate disputes publicly," Nonna said. "My role is to litigate them in court, if necessary, or by negotiation through alternate dispute resolution, mediation or direct negotiation, which we have tried to do in this particular case."

Reaction from county legislators varied but all had questions. Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill) predicted after the Apr. 11 State of the County address that Latimer was looking for a way to terminate the deal.

On Monday, he said he was disappointed but not surprised, especially

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# Entergy Reaches Deal to Sell Indian Point for Decommissioning

By Rick Pezzullo

Entergy announced last week it had reached a deal to sell the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan to a privately held energy technology company for decommissioning after the facility stops operating in 2021.

The sale includes the transfer of the licenses, spent fuel, decommissioning liabilities and Nuclear Decommissioning Trusts for Indian Point Units 1, 2 and 3 and is expected to speed up the decommissioning process.

In addition, Holtec International has

agreed to hire many of the more than 1,000 employees currently working at Indian Point "whose services are required for that phase of decommissioning."

"The sale of Indian Point to Holtec is expected to result in the completion of decommissioning decades sooner than if the site were to remain under Entergy's ownership," said Entergy Chairman and Chief Executive Leo Denault. "With its deep experience and technological innovations, Holtec's ability to decommission Indian Point will benefit stakeholders in the

surrounding community."

On Jan. 9, 2017, a secret agreement between Entergy, Governor Andrew Cuomo and Riverkeeper was revealed. Under the pact, Indian Point Unit 2 will cease operations as early as April 2020 and Unit 3 in April 2021. However, an emergency provision is included that could give Entergy an additional four years of service in the event of war, a sudden increase in electrical demand or a sudden shortage of electric energy. Entergy officials have said that scenario is unlikely.

Units 2 and 3 at Indian Point generate approximately 2,000 megawatts of electricity for homes, business and public facilities in New York City and Westchester County. This represents approximately 25 percent of the electric power used in the region.

Buchanan is set to lose \$4 million, or 46% of its operating funds, while the Hendrick Hudson School District will be suffering a \$24 million hit, or 33% of its budget. Cortlandt will lose \$800,000 annually, which represents two percent of its budget. In addition, the Verplanck Fire Department will lose 64% of its budget and the Hendrick Hudson Free Library will be shortchanged 28%.

Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker said last week's announcement should serve as a wakeup call for those who were skeptical about Indian Point closing.

"This announcement is a reality check for those that still don't believe Indian Point Energy Center is closing. This is happening," Knickerbocker stated. "Very sad for the local communities. Entergy was a good corporate neighbor. The announcement is good timing for the recently formed Citizens Advisory Panel of which I am the Chairwoman and Supervisor (Linda) Puglisi is the Vice Chair to include this as one of our topics for our first meeting. The Panel will be working through all aspects of the Decommissioning."

"Pleased to see that an experienced International company such as Holtec will be taking on the Decommissioning," she continued. "They have extensive experience with used spent nuclear fuel. Entergy is in the business of producing energy, not decommissioning. With Holtec, this gives our communities hope that the decommissioning can be done quicker and the property can be returned for redevelopment sooner, which of course is critical for our tax base. Also, Entergy currently uses the spent fuel storage casks that are manufactured by Holtec."

Deb Milone, president of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce, said Entergy's announcement was welcomed news.

"The Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce shares the community's concern about the economic void and uncertainty the shutdown of Indian Point will bring. This step by Entergy to engage Holtec International will bring a measure of certainty and hasten the reuse of the Indian Point site, which is vital to stabilizing the local tax base," she stated. "It is welcome news that Holtec has pledged to hire as many current Entergy employees as possible for the decommissioning. HVGCC looks forward to working with Entergy, Holtec, Buchanan and the Hendrick Hudson School District on the decommissioning

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# Man Sentenced to State Prison for Sexually Abusing a Child

The defendant Clint Edwards, age 28, of New Windsor, NY, was sentenced to seven years in state prison with 10 years post-release supervision for engaging in a sexual act with a child under the age of 15 in Port Chester in June 2017. The sentence was handed down Wednesday, April 23.

Edwards pleaded guilty Oct. 9, 2018, to a Criminal Sexual Act in the Second Degree, a class D violent felony. Edwards will be required to register as a sex offender.

Clint Edwards met the child via social media, engaged in the sexual act in the child's apartment building then took her to his residence in Orange County. In response to a missing person's report for the child, the FBI and Port Chester Police tracked her to Edward's family home in New Windsor where he was arrested days later.

Edwards' sentence will run concurrently to a 20-year sentence on a federal case involving the same child victim. Unrelated to these cases, Edwards was also sentenced Wednesday to 1.5-3 years in state prison for Attempted Assault in the Second Degree, a violent felony,



Clint Edwards

involving another inmate in the county jail in January. He also pleaded guilty to a second count of Attempted Assault in the Second Degree involving an incident with a correction officer in the county jail in October 2018. That sentencing is scheduled for June 11, 2019. All terms will run concurrently with the federal case.

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by the administration's secrecy about an additional \$5 million offer from Standard Amusements about two weeks ago.

"I am very troubled by the administration's great efforts to avoid transparency and cooperation with the legislature in their plan to break the contract with Standard Amusements," Testa said. "Along with returning to past practice of having complete financial burden for Playland Park, Westchester taxpayers face a very expensive and long litigation process that will end up costing Westchester millions."

Legislators Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) and Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) said they had more questions than answers at this point. Kaplowitz said he wants to know the reasons behind the termination beyond what he has read, what the ramifications are and what's the plan moving forward.

"What do we do in helping taxpayers and helping Playland increase attendance, increase revenue, increase safety and health and increase the future chances of Playland succeeding financially, entertainment and safety-wide moving forward," Kaplowitz said.

Cunzio's reaction was similar, wondering about the new plan for the 92-year-old park be and how to achieve it. She also said she would have preferred the county executive had shared his plans to terminate beforehand.

"If it's not this than what?" Cunzio said "I'm kind of looking at it more pragmatically for the future, not tit for tat, if that makes sense. This, to me, I'm looking at it how do we solve a problem?"

The Board of Legislators have scheduled a Meeting of the Whole this Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the County Building in White Plains, where Latimer is expected to be quizzed by lawmakers.

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By Neal Rentz

Master barber Peter Palushi has been a barber in several countries around the world.

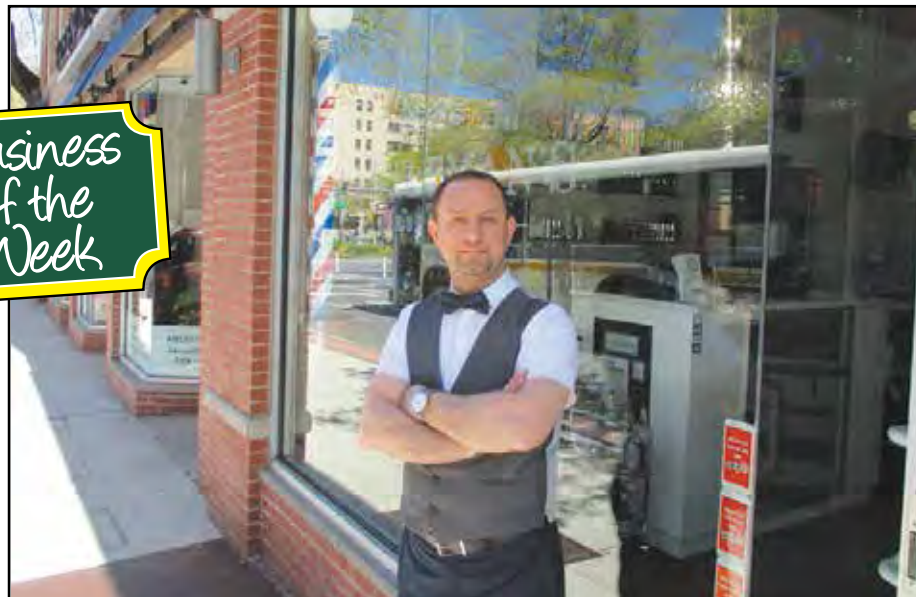
Palushi, a White Plains resident, took his many years of experience and brought it to the city in late 2015 when he opened his first business, Gentleman's Barber Spa on Main Street.

Palushi said last week he was born in Kosovo, Albania and grew up in Croatia. "From there I traveled to Europe. I traveled to Canada a little bit and I came to the United States," he said, noting he moved to America about 20 years ago.

Palushi explained why he wanted to own his own business. "I always worked hard and my clients in Manhattan told me if you work half as hard owning your own business you're going to be very successful," he said. "The Westchester area didn't have anything upscale for men. So I decided to do upscale service for men." The atmosphere in his business is calming and relaxing, with the staff taking their time to provide services to customers, he said.

"We don't rush our service," Palushi said. "For a shave, you have to give the skin time to open up the pores and you've got to give enough time to close the pores so people don't get rashes and irritations."

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NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

White Plains resident Peter Palushi opened Gentleman's Barber Spa in the city in late 2015.

Palushi uses both The Art of Shaving products and his own line of products.

"We focus on cuts and shaves and shaping up of beards," Palushi said. The two-story location also includes spa treatments, which includes such services as manicures, pedicures, massages and facials.

Though Gentleman's is in the name of his business, it also provides services for women, Palushi said.

Palushi said most of his clients either live or work in White Plains. Others live throughout Westchester County and some come from Connecticut and New York City.

Palushi said he also owns a shop in the Tribeca neighborhood of lower Manhattan, which opened about six months ago. He is also looking to open in other locations.

Palushi said the word spa in the title

of his business is important. "I want to separate myself from a hair salon and a regular barber shop," he said.

Palushi explained why he has been successful in White Plains. "I love what I do, first of all. I'm a third generation barber. My family owned shops everywhere across the world," he said. "I'm very consistent. I have my hours and if I say I'll be there I am there."

Gentleman's Barber Spa is located at 270A Main St. in White Plains. For more information call 914-390-9222, visit <https://gentlemansbarberspa.com/> or send an e-mail to [gentlemansbarberspa@gmail.com](mailto:gentlemansbarberspa@gmail.com). The business also has a Facebook page and is on Twitter.



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Employees from Gaucha Burger on Mamaroneck Avenue were hard at work last Wednesday during the opening day of the farmers market in White Plains.



Greg Tosto of Mozzarella4u. Tosto's cheese is sold at H Mart in Hartsdale and in Yonkers.



## White Plains Outdoor Farmers' Market Returns With Local Farm Fresh Fare



A Rolling Ridge Farm employee helps out a customer with a purchase.

The Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains opened for the season Apr. 24 and will be open every Wednesday until Nov. 27. Hours of operation each Wednesday are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. On May 18, the Saturday market will return with live music and weekly hours 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the same location.

Market vendors are from farms in upstate New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. Farmers and vendors offer a wide assortment of fresh produce, plants, home baked goods, breads, fish, olive oils, cheeses, and prepared foods.

On opening day this year the Mayor's Sustainable White Plains Committee organized informational tables and giveaways in recognition of Earth Week.

Participating organizations included: NYS Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA), which provided information on how to save energy and money in your home, including home energy audits, financing options for clean energy projects, and information about community solar.

Westchester Power representatives answered questions about the Community Choice Aggregation Program and other sustainable initiatives.

Greenburgh Nature Center took orders and demonstrated discounted backyard composters.

SmartCharge New York, Con Edison's electric vehicle off-peak charging incentive program explained its plan.

Representatives from Cars. Coned.com, Con Edison's Cars Marketplace explained how its website allows visitors to compare the total five-year cost of ownership of many makes and models of electric vehicles compared to gasoline-powered vehicles. And, Lime Bike had its pedal and pedal assist bikes on site.



Andrea Quartuccio was in charge of The Twisted Branch (Valhalla) display, where she sold various spices, seasonings and olive oil.



The Walter's Hot Dogs food truck was a popular destination at the farmers market.



Jack Martin runs Jack Knife, a mobile knife sharpening company based out of North White Plains.



## Gedney Association Questions FASNY's Intention to Sell Portions of Property

The recent Press Release by the French American School of New York (FASNY) announcing its intention to sell approximately 48 acres of the former Ridgeway Country Club has caused considerable confusion and indignation by many residents in Gedney Farms as well as other adjoining neighborhoods. In announcing its intention to sell a portion of its property, FASNY has contradicted the essence of its earlier assurances that it would not expand beyond the approved campus.

During the Common Council's final deliberations on the FASNY proposal, Councilwoman Hunt-Robinson expressed concerns regarding the development of Parcels B, C and D and the need to consider, if necessary, mitigation of any adverse impacts. This question was entirely appropriate and essential under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), which mandates consideration of potential development of an entire property. Segmentation or limiting review to only part of a property is prohibited under the law. In

response to Councilwoman Hunt-Robinson's questions, FASNY proposed postponing any additional development on the property. As a result, the Common Council's approval letter stipulated that, "An application will not be filed to expand the school use on any of the four former Ridgeway Country Club parcels for at least fifteen (15) years from the date FASNY receives a temporary or permanent Certificate of Occupancy for the School". This clever subterfuge did not go unnoticed by the Gedney Association, which cited non-compliance with the SEQRA requirement in its lawsuit challenging the approval. The announcement by FASNY to sell separate parcels clearly demonstrates how the SEQRA requirements were violated during the approval process.

Regrettably, the City Administration permitted FASNY to obfuscate their real intentions. In fact, the City Administration was complicit in this deception. For example, FASNY quietly removed the bike trail from Parcel C that previously was so integral to Mayor Roach. Why

was this removed other than to enable FASNY to sell this and other parcels for development?

FASNY is now attempting to sell three parcels, presumably for development. One of the parcels slated for sale, Parcel D, is directly across from the entrance to the planned school on Hathaway Lane. How would traffic circulation operate here with approximately 1,000 vehicles entering and exiting the school each day? Furthermore, Parcels B and C front on Gedney Esplanade and Heatherbloom Road, two already heavily trafficked streets. Doesn't this highlight why the FASNY approval should only have been made after careful consideration of other potential development?

So where does that leave us? Instead of a carefully planned development of the former golf course we have a hodgepodge plan. Since the approval, traffic on Ridgeway has measurably increased according to City studies. FASNY appears to change its plans weekly. Indeed, its own website suggested it might find a separate alternative location for its "unified"

campus. Also, the so-called Conservancy isn't permanent, in that, if FASNY leaves, the Conservancy disappears. In the meantime, the property continues to be very poorly maintained with fallen trees and beer cans and other refuse littering the property. The City has lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes for what now appears as an investment speculation by FASNY. Is the City Administration assessing the loss of another 48 acres of open space or will it again take a reactive stance?

Last November, when reports of FASNY's plans to sell all or part of the property became widespread, the Gedney Association wrote to the Mayor and Common Council requesting a meeting to discuss the neighborhood's concerns and objectives for any new alternative development. With the exception of Councilwoman Lecuona, no response has been received from the City Administration. As residents and taxpayers, we would minimally have expected a response.

*-The Gedney Association Board*

## City of White Plains Flags of Honor

The American flag symbolizes the freedoms we enjoy in our country and the bravery of all who have defended this nation throughout its history.

As a tribute to our Veterans, past and present, the City of White Plains will once again create an assemblage of American Flags along Main Street. Additionally,

flags representing each branch of The Armed Forces will be displayed at City Hall. Individuals, families, and businesses are all invited to sponsor a flag in honor of a veteran who has served or is presently serving our country. A limited number of flags will be available.

In time for Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, the city is accepting a donation of \$50 for the sponsorship of a flag. Your honoree and sponsor name will be printed in a press release to media outlets, displayed on signage at City Hall, the city web site, and printed in the 2019 Memorial Day program and the 2019 Veteran's Day Program. Donations will be utilized to offset the cost of city sponsored Veteran's events and programs.

To reserve a flag in the Row of Honor please contact Deputy Recreation & Parks Commissioner Fran Croughan at [Fcroughan@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:Fcroughan@whiteplainsny.gov) or 914.422.1339.

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# Obituaries

## Haley Grace Kulsar

Haley Grace Kulsar of White Plains, beloved daughter of Karin and David Kulsar, passed away peacefully on April 24 at Duke University Medical Center in Raleigh Durham, NC.

She was born Dec. 30, 1997.

She is survived by her brother David and sister Marin and her grandparents: Mary Ann and Thomas Pizzo and Nancy and William Kulsar.

Haley loved art and music and was a computer whiz. And she loved a great practical joke! This year Haley was set to complete the BOCES program for Southern Westchester at Tappan Hill School in Tarrytown.

Haley's fierceness and determination remind us that The Human Spirit can overcome any obstacle, and her Strength lives on forever in all who were fortunate to spend time with her. We miss Haley dearly with us here, but know we can find her anytime we need the courage to persevere.

The family will be present on Wednesday, May 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. at McMahon, Lyon & Hartnett Funeral Home, 491 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains.

The Funeral Mass is Thursday, May 2 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows, 920 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains.

Interment will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 10 W Stevens Ave, Hawthorne.

In lieu of flowers, contributions on Haley's behalf can be made to Heartsong Inc., 277 Martine Ave White Plains NY.

## Raymond Driggs

On April 20, Raymond Driggs, loving father, brother, uncle, grandfather, cousin and friend passed away at age 80.

Raymond was born on Nov. 5, 1938 in Sagua de Tanamo, Cuba to Ramon and Arminda (Barreda) Driggs.

He came to this country with dreams of a higher education and a good life for himself and his family. He lived a full life, served his new county in the U.S Army, married the love of his life, raised four children and owned his own business. He had a passion for cooking and loved to share it with everyone. His admiration for his family and friends was immeasurable. He could always make you laugh and never shied away from helping anyone that needed it. He is now and always will be the best of the best.

Raymond was preceded in death by both of his parents, Ramon and Arminda, his sister Ana Rosa and his brother Francisco.

He is survived by his four children. Raymond and his wife Robin of Spring Lake, MI. Frank and his wife Angela of White Plains, Michael and his wife Lysa of

Kailua, HI and Jacqueline Iannandrea and her husband Matthew of Shrub Oak, NY.

Beloved grandchildren Frankie Driggs; Evan Driggs, Mikayla Driggs, Quinn Driggs, Arianna Driggs, Gianna Driggs and Xander Iannandrea.

Loving sisters Ana Isabel Garcia; Mindy Driggs and Iliana Pena. As well as many nieces and nephews who loved his sense of humor, home cooked meals, loving personality and quick wit.

He will always be remembered fondly and missed tremendously by everyone he came into contact with.

## Robert Kinney

Robert W. Kinney, age 77 of Hartsdale, passed away on April 19.

He is survived by his wife Jane A. Lawrence, son Jack L. Kinney and sister Eileen K. Pendorf.

He is predeceased by his brother Raymond T. Kinney, Jr., his father Raymond T. Kinney and mother Kathleen Kleissler Kinney.

Born in Newark, NJ on Oct. 15, 1941, he graduated from Seton Hall University. Bob worked as a copy editor, editor, photographer, social worker, and teacher. He had a woodworking business in New York City for 10 years, was a partner in a display manufacturing business and served as a financial manager for a commercial real estate company.

Bob loved all kinds of music, Japanese and Chinese artwork, ocean beaches, classic films and cats. He served on the First Unitarian Society of Westchester's finance committee and championed their recent successful legacy campaign.

Bob was a devoted husband, father and brother. He will be remembered by his wonderful smile, terrific sense of humor and calm, loving, and supportive nature.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the First Unitarian Society of Westchester, 25 Old Jackson Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706.

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# Transforming the Laundry Room From a Dungeon Environment

In all the years of home ownership, my wife and I have never had any facsimile of an official laundry room.

There's this story I tell about how my bride-to-be checked me out as a bachelor. She visited my apartment, which impressed her, but I failed the test miserably when she opened the drawers of my bedroom chest and checked out my underwear to find that they were less than bright white.

"Don't you use bleach when you wash them," she asked?

Very honestly, I was never big on household chores and I think I just threw in one of those laundry cakes at the corner laundry and never thought about bleach for my whites.

At the same time, from when we married, I never did another load of laundry. It wasn't that I didn't do a lot of other chores around the house. The industry didn't produce a rainbow of color underwear at that time to save me from the embarrassment. It's just that laundry and cooking were two big ones my wife insisted upon doing. From that point on, I never stepped into the kitchen except to raid the refrigerator, and to this day, I don't know how to operate a washer or dryer.

It is reported that Americans spend more time in the laundry room than in the bathroom, an average of eight hours a week, collectively doing some 35 billion

loads of laundry a year. While bath design has evolved into a discipline of its own, the laundry is often relegated to a basement, separated from the rest of the home.

In my last home, an historic colonial with a dungeon-type basement, our washer and dryer were not in the most inviting destinations in the house. Today, living in a nice condo, we have a stacked washer-dryer subtly and conveniently hidden in a closet.

Today, however, homeowners are creating laundry rooms that are as integrated as a bathroom or kitchen. In fact, they are frequently in a bath or kitchen. With our busier lives, we need to multitask and a first-floor laundry room can serve as a command center – a nook near the family room, where parents can keep an eye on the kids while folding, or just off the back door, where it can double as a mudroom, home office or hobby area. On the second floor, stackable, whisper-quiet front-loaders can tuck into a hall closet, just a shirt toss from the bedroom.

Because of its double- or triple-duty potential, a laundry room remodel can be a good investment. After the purchase of a washer-dryer, think about installing some



By Bill Primavera

built-ins in the laundry room for cleaning necessities. If you still have room to spare, there are other ways the area can be used, and corners, cabinets and shelves can be set aside for other purposes. Once all the functional aspects are out of the way, you can think about using the room for other purposes as well.

Built-ins can accommodate shelves and cabinets to store supplies like hangers, clothespins, sewing kits, irons and detergent as well as storage for pet accessories and seasonal items. To ensure that you deal with clothes right away, it's a good idea to

have a table near the washer for folding, a pull-out drying rack for hanging and a hidden ironing board for ironing clothes.

Whether you have a large or smaller home, using your utility room for multiple purposes is a great space-saving technique. Because it often has a utility sink, it is a great place to feed and bathe your pets. It also easily transitions into a mudroom, where extra shoes, sports equipment and winter clothing can be

stored. If you have room for a built-in desk, it can be a drop station for mail, cell phones and keys.

Here are some good ideas to apply to laundry rooms:

1. Take advantage of natural light by converting a room with windows into the laundry room.

2. Consider locating the laundry room directly off the master bedroom suite or the mudroom.

3. Raise the washer and dryer off the floor or select front-loading models with bottom drawers for easier access to the machines.

4. Install an upper wall and base cabinets for extra storage space.

5. Install a jetted laundry sink, which can be used to clean hand-washables.

6. Incorporate a heated drying cabinet for drying damp clothes.

7. Treat your laundry room to decoration, like bright wall colors or even artwork.

8. Install a radio or television to pass the time with the added assist of creative engagement.

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## Wine Myth or Fact: The Next Installment in My Series



By Nick Antonaccio

Questions abound concerning conflicting information that constantly surrounds us. How do we resolve diametrically opposed news offerings – whether in print, on television or on the internet? How is it that “experts” who state the “truth” can be so polarized when they present the “facts”

In this new age of media-frenzy, our cravings for real-time news and our blind faith in the plethora of social media outlets have created a society of information-hungry individuals where “first to report” supersedes “vetted information” time and time again.

To make matters worse, misinformation, whether inadvertent or intentional, can gain a foothold and become de facto truth by the mere passage of time.

The media world of wine falls into this category.

In past columns I've addressed a number of wine-related “facts” to determine their veracity. Together we've demystified subjects as diverse as whether screwcaps are good or bad (good), whether an open bottle allows wine to breathe sufficiently (no) and if sniffing a cork provides an indication of its quality (no). (E-mail me for copies.)

Herewith is another occasional installment in my series on wine “truths” that have been questioned by readers. Myth or fact? Whether one relies on word-of-mouth or the media, there are conflicting – mostly anecdotal – wine-related accounts in the “Bacchusphere” that, in my opinion, warrant clarification.

As in the past, I've selected myth-buster

topics at random and present them in no particular order of importance or relevance. Here is one for this week.

The word “Reserve” on a bottle label indicates a higher quality wine. Myth or fact? The answer is my favorite reply to questions that beg for a simple yes or no response: it depends.

In the United States, it is predominantly a subjective term having no defined meaning. It may be a small batch of wine to which the winemaker has applied additional

diligence in nurturing the progression of the wine; it may be produced from grapes that have a unique characteristic, be it a particular vine clone or select plot of land. The derivation of the term harkens back to the early days of winemaking, for special wines not offered for commercial sale, which instead were reserved for the winemaker's personal consumption and distribution. Today, it is mainly a marketing term here and in most winemaking regions across the globe.

However, in certain European countries, including Italy, Spain and Portugal, it is a strictly regulated term used to distinguish wines that have spent a longer-than-average portion of their life

being aged. These countries have differing requirements that must be met in order to use the term. Typically, a wine that has been aged in barrel and/or bottle, for two or more years (up to as many as five years or more) may carry this prestigious designation. The premise is that the longer a wine ages in the controlled environment of a winery, the more refined, complex and balanced it becomes. This is not a universal surety, but it will typically delineate a particular bottling of wine from its winery brethren.

Reserve wines generally carry a higher price tag, presumably due to the increased costs associated with labor and storage – or marketing campaigns.

Coming in future myth or fact installments: 1) always use cheap wine when cooking; 2) the older the better; you should age wine; 3) wine doesn't pair well with Asian (spicy) food; 4) Riesling wines are too sweet.

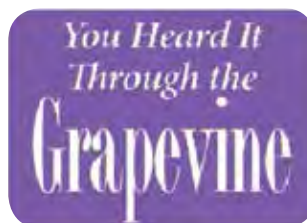
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**Myth or fact:**  
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on a particular news event or subject?

Ideologies aside, how do discerning citizens get to the underlying facts? Do we have to be forensic experts, ferreting out the truth on our own, or can we rely on select individuals in whom we have built a trust over a period of time?

What is fact and what is fiction? What is truth and what is myth?





# Dining Out Suggestions for Mother's Day



By Morris Gut

Mom deserves her special day. If you are planning to dine out on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, here are a few suggestions in greater Westchester that cover a wide variety of tastes.

Special Hint:

Mother's Day is a big restaurant day, so be sure to reserve a table early. If possible, you can even take Mom out before or after actual Mother's Day to keep it less stressful. Enjoy!

**Mulino's of Westchester, 99 Court Street, White Plains, 914-761-1818.** It is a lovely multi-level dining room lush with flowers and outdoor fountain, which



The outdoor fountain at Mulino's, White Plains.

can be seen through a giant window. Let seasoned general manager 'Gimmy' Cavagna and his staff take you through such pleasures as the extraordinary Cold Seafood Platter loaded with fresh chilled lobster, colossal U5 shrimp, Alaskan King Crab Legs, sweet lump crabmeat, east and west coast oysters, littleneck clams, Jonah crab claws, all beautifully decorated and served over crushed ice with three dipping sauces; Black Linguine with Baby Lobster Tails; Garganelli alla Carbonara, tossed with pancetta, eggs and parmigiano reggiano; Nodino di Vitello Valdostana, stuffed double cut veal chop; Dover Sole pan sautéed and de-boned; and the smooth house made Italian cheesecake. Open Monday through Saturday and Mother's Day, 1 to 8 p.m. Municipal and valet parking. [www.mulinosny.com](http://www.mulinosny.com).

**Krave Restaurant, 8 South Division Street, New Rochelle, 914-740-7240.** A vibrant Chyrisse Crisp and her husband Chef Chrissy Crisp have brought Westchester an exciting new Caribbean/American Southern restaurant loaded with colorful, comforting dishes from the islands. There is a long sparkling bar/lounge area leading into the dining room, dramatically glass enclosed, part banquet seating. Start with an order of Lamb Meatballs, or Cod Fish Cakes. It is a lovely modern setting for such specialties as: 'Pass The Dutchie', traditional foods

served in Dutch pots: Dutch Pot Fried Chicken; Jerk Pork and Jerk Chicken; Stewed Oxtail; Ackee with choice of fish; even Curry Goat on weekends. Whole fish include: Red Snapper, Salmon and Bronzini. If you're in a vegetarian mode, try the Tofu Chop Suey. Open Tuesday through Sunday.

**Casa Amore, 65 First Street, Pelham, 914-365-1044.** Proprietors Chris Gizzo and Ben Mondello have put a lot of love into this new dining room and kitchen. Count on Executive Chef Brian MacMenamin to prepare a variety of seasonal Italian/American specialties. A three-course prix fixe Mother's Day Lunch will be offered from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$45), and Dinner from 3 to 8 p.m. (\$59), plus tax and service charge. Look for such dishes as: Brandied Lobster Bisque, Maryland Crab Cake, Chicken & Waffles, Berkshire Farms Wagyu Double-Cut Pork Chop and Chilean Sea Bass. Get your sweet tooth ready for 3-Cheese Cheesecake Brulee, and Zuppa Del Ducca, the original tiramisu. [www.casaamore.net](http://www.casaamore.net).

**Ambadi Kebab & Grill, 141 E. Post Road, White Plains, 914-686-2014.** Owners Mohammed Alam and Tangina Yesmin of Ambadi Kebab & Grill in White Plains will be serving his popular luncheon buffet and dinner. The all you can eat Indian buffet will be served from 11:30 am to 3 pm, more than a dozen selections from salad, main courses to desserts with all the trimmings. Dinner will be a la carte and begin at 5 p.m. Look for such specialties as: Lasuni Gobi, cauliflower florets tossed with bell peppers, onion, garlic and green herbs; Chicken Barbecue Kabab, marinated boneless chicken cooked in the tandoor oven; and Lamb Bhuna, pieces of lamb cooked in a medium spiced sauce of bell peppers, tomatoes and fresh Indian herbs. A glass of lassi will help wash it all down. Don't forget delicious house made Indian breads to scoop up the sauces. Open 7 days. Alam also operates Mughal Palace, 16 Broadway, Valhalla. 914-997-6090, [www.mughalpalace.com](http://www.mughalpalace.com); [www.ambadiusa.com](http://www.ambadiusa.com).

**La Piccola Casa, 410 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, 914-777-3766.** Proprietor Walter Ricci has worked many popular kitchens in greater Westchester including the former Umberto's in Rye and Giorgio's in Port Chester, which he ran for 10 years. The restaurant is housed in the landmark DeLancey House where author James Fenimore Cooper lived

for a time across from scenic Harbor Island Park along Boston Post Road. On Mother's Day, Walter will be serving his new updated menu featuring many of his well-known specialties: Italian classics with concentration on the finest ingredients. Walter does his own market shopping daily. During a recent visit I saw a customer dive into a lovely Rack of Lamb. Great Clams Oreganata, Seafood Pasta, and Soft Shell Crab. The restaurant is open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. Free parking. Reservations accepted. [www.lapiccolacasa.com](http://www.lapiccolacasa.com).

**La Bocca, 8 Church Street, White Plains, 914-948-3281.** Chef/proprietor Tony Spiritoso has brought his vintage bright red slicing machines along wherever he has been, and they are ready to roll. Breads are served in folded paper bags. And the wine selection is among the best in Westchester. A titillating combination for the palate. The name 'La Bocca' comes from the famous open-mouthed statue in Italy 'La Bocca Della Verita' (the mouth of truth) via the classic film 'Roman Holiday'. Tony and his son in law Alessandro and the veteran staff will take good care of you. Great menu starters right now also include: Crespelle Fiorentino, eggplant rollatini with ricotta cheese and spinach in a pink sauce; Mozzarella di Bufala, Buffalo mozzarella served with tomato and basil; Insalata Contadina, arugula, pear, walnuts and bleu cheese; Polpo alla Calabrese, octopus sautéed with cherry tomato, hot pepper, garlic and oil; and Tony's popular Saporì d'Italia, a selection of Italian delicatessen. [www.laboccaristorante.com](http://www.laboccaristorante.com).

**The 808 Bistro, 808 Scarsdale Ave., Scarsdale, 914-722-0808.** Approaching their 10th year, this eclectic Italian and American eatery on Scarsdale Ave. glows nightly in a rainbow of alternating colors. Glistening ceramic and metal tiles highlight the 50-seat dining room and ceiling. There are modern artworks and lighting, silver metal chairs softened by stressed leather seats offer comfort, as

does the friendly staff. It's a Manhattan vibe and it's all kept properly casual. Chef/owner Sal Cucullo Jr. is a C.I.A. graduate who practically grew up in restaurants, working kitchens owned by his Italian family as well venues of every stripe. He knows how to cook Italian, but for as long as I have known him his creativity has never been bound by culinary borders. He can knock out a delicious version of Grandma's Gnocchi in a basil-pomodoro sauce one moment, and in another, prepare a decadent Baked Macaroni and Cheese with chunks of lobster and shrimp, infused with truffle oil, that will propel you to foodie heaven. Chef Sal has also partnered at the more casual 808 Social, Eastchester. [www.808socialny.com](http://www.808socialny.com); [www.the808bistro.com](http://www.the808bistro.com).

*Morris Gut is a restaurant consultant and former restaurant trade magazine editor. He has been tracking and writing about the food and dining scene in greater Westchester for over 30 years. He may be reached at: 914-235-6591. E-mail: [gutreaactions@optonline.net](mailto:gutreaactions@optonline.net).*



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# Local Singer/Songwriter Releases Eyeglass Line to Promote Cancer Awareness

By James Miranda

Sleepy Hollow singer/songwriter Bianca Muñiz and eyeglass company King Children released a new line of glasses called “As You Are” on Apr. 5 to promote her new song of the same name and breast cancer awareness.

In December 2018, Muñiz, a two-time cancer survivor, partnered with King Children, a company that produces custom 3D printed eyeglasses. It’s her debut in the design world, which is something she’s always wanted to do alongside her music career. It also is the perfect avenue to promote her new song.

“Basically, the goal was to just take the essence of who I am and put it in glasses form and create something that I want to wear every day,” said Muñiz, who designed the glasses herself and were based on sketches she used to draw as a child. “Everyone knows I’m clumsy. One of the prototypes I got back in January, I sat on them and didn’t know I sat on them. That fact that I still haven’t broken these is a miracle.”

The eyeglass line features four different colored frames: Auburn, Pacific Blue, Nile Green, and Coral, that can be fitted for prescription glasses, sunglasses, or just the frames. They’re all priced at \$95. Muñiz also released a bracelet line with MantraBand on Apr. 11 titled “Come As



PHOTO COURTESY OF BIANCA MUÑIZ

Bianca Muñiz and eyeglass company King Children released a new line of glasses called “As You Are.”

You Are.”

However, the partnership serves multiple purposes other than style for Muñiz.

The collaboration came just after she finished writing her newest song “As You Are,” which released on all music platforms on Apr. 19. She wrote the song after facing unwanted ire on her social

media pages for the content she posts.

So, when King Children came along, she saw it as the perfect opportunity to market the eyeglass line, continue to advocate about breast cancer, and promote her new song’s message of self-love.

“That’s what I do, it’s what helps me—helping other people, talking about my journey, and how I feel,” Muñiz said. “I wrote this song for myself. It’s as if love was the first thing talking to me and telling me it’s ok, love is always here, you yourself are love, so accept yourself.”

The 24-year-old’s experience on social media also reminded her of when she discovered The Breasties, a nonprofit organization based in NYC that supports women affected by breast and gynecological

cancers by creating a reliable community, free events, and retreats. She turned to them for a community and love after her double mastectomy.

And that’s where the final purpose of the eyeglass line comes into play. Muñiz and King Children will donate 25 percent of the proceeds from each pair of glasses

to The Breasties as her way to give back to them for all they’ve done for her.

“[Giving back is] in her nature and who she is. She shows up unlike any other and is the epitome of the power of this community,” said Brianna Majsiak, who is one of four co-founders of The Breasties who met Muñiz after a workout event another co-founder, Paige More, organized. “The four of us founders don’t take salaries from the nonprofit, we all work full-time jobs and voluntarily choose to put our free time and energy into making retreats, events, camps, etc. possible. The money from King Children and Bianca’s collaboration, like anything that comes to the Breasties will directly support women affected by breast and gynecological cancers.”

This collaboration was the first of its kind for Muñiz and she hopes to do more in the future with King Children and MantraBand. “As You Are” is also a part of Muñiz’s newest album that’s planned to release next fall.

“These glasses are very me. I feel like [they represent me], and ‘As You Are,’ that’s the message of the song,” Muñiz said. “I am hoping to create more glasses with [King Children]. I have a few other ideas, so hopefully that’s something that can continue, that’s really great. Nothing’s set in stone yet.”

Crossword by Myles Mellor

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# County Center Ready for Undiscovered Realm Comic Con Reprise

By Neal Rentz

Chris Wilcock is one of the owners of the store Undiscovered Realm store in White Plains, which is a fixture on the national Comic Con scene presenting 30 shows a year.

The conventions are a big hit across the country but there is a downside to the popularity of Comic Cons, Wilcock said. The crowds can be overwhelming where attendees are packed in so tightly making it difficult to move between the booths. Wilcock said his Com Con in White Plains is different.

"It's family friendly," he said.

This upcoming weekend, Wilcock and his partners are bringing their Undiscovered Realm Comic Con to the Westchester County Center for the third consecutive year. The event is named after



Actors David Yost, an original Blue Mighty Morphin Power Ranger, and Shannon Purser, from the television series "Stranger Things" and "Riverdale," are among the guests scheduled to appear at the third annual Undiscovered Realm Comic Con, which will be held this Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5, at the County Center in White Plains.

their store, which offers Mystery Boxes, Pop Vinyls figures, action figures, board games and Pokemon products.

This year's Undiscovered Realm Comic Con will include booths that feature items such as comics, collectables, posters and toys.

Another highlight of the convention are the guests. This year they will include Sid Haig, an actor for nearly 60 years, appearing in films such as "Kill Bill Volume One," the 2007 version of "Halloween" and the James Bond film "Diamonds are Forever." He was also the star of "House of 1,000 Corpses."

Another star of that film, Bill Moseley, will also appear at this weekend's event.

Aside from signing autographs and posing for photos, Moseley and Haig will participate in a photo op in full costume

on Sunday.

Other guests will include actors David Yost (an original Blue Mighty Morphin Power Ranger), Shannon Purser ("Stranger Things" and "Riverdale") and Billy West, a voice actor, comedian, singer and musician, whose credits include voicing Stimpny on "The Ren & Stimpy Show."

Undiscovered Realm Comic Con will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the County Center located at 198 Central Park Ave. in White Plains.

Individual day tickets are \$27 and two-day tickets are \$40. Tickets for children seven years old and under while accompanied by an adult are \$7.

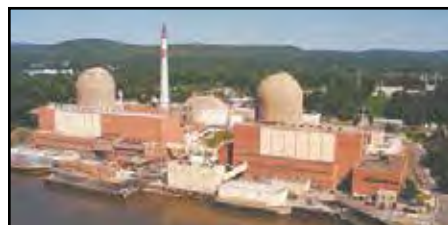
For more information, visit [www.undiscoveredcon.com](http://www.undiscoveredcon.com).

## Entergy Reaches Deal to Sell Indian Point for Decommissioning

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plan and promoting a redevelopment plan for the site."

The transaction closing between Entergy and Holtec, which must be approved by the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), is targeted for the third quarter of 2021. Holtec is expected to submit its Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report and Site-Specific Decommissioning Cost Estimate to the NRC in the fourth quarter of this year.



Entergy has reached a deal to sell the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan to a privately held energy technology company for decommissioning.

With the acquisition of Indian Point, Holtec's fleet will grow to six reactors at four nuclear facilities and an independent spent fuel storage installation, located in New York, New Jersey, Michigan and Massachusetts.

"Holtec will execute the decommissioning of Indian Point with the same culture of excellence that has undergirded our company's ascent to a first-tier nuclear technology firm," said

Dr. Kris Singh, President & CEO of Holtec International. "Our industry leading expertise and deep experience permit us to complete decommissioning at Indian Point decades sooner than if Entergy remained the owner and performed decommissioning itself. The potential for the site to be released decades sooner for redevelopment could deliver significant benefits to local community stakeholders and the local economy."

## Legal Notice

### FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

In the Matters of a Proceeding Under Article 10 of the Family Court Act Jennah Shenellee Frazier & Docket Nos. NN-12039-19; Rosel'ynn Emil'ys Santiago NN-12040-19 F/U No. 146105 Children Under Eighteen Years of Age Alleged To be Neglected by SUMMONS Wilfredo Santiago, (Child Neglect Case) Respondent.

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A Petition under Article 10 of the Family Court Act having been filed with this Court, and annexed hereto

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LLC. THE NAME OF THE LLC IS MARY DARRAGH MACLEAN LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on 4/16/2019. The County in which the office is to be located is Westchester. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail copy of any process against the LLC is: **Northwest Registered Agent 90 State Street, Ste 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

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ticles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 3/6/2019. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **Oraine Photography, LLC, 406 Homestead Ave, Mount Vernon, NY 10553. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

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chester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC on whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to Anthony Lopes, 3901A Main St., Ste. 203A, Philadelphia, PA 19127. The office address in PA is 1105 Tyson Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111. Cert. of formation filed with **Kathy Boockvar, Acting Secy. of State, 302 N. Office Bldg., 401 North St., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE STYLE MIXX LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 11th, 2019. Office in Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail process to **Nicole Hamilton-Wint, 3439 Fish Avenue, Apt 2C, Bronx, New York, 10469. Purpose- any lawful acts.**

**NOTICE 5/2019** Please be advised that the next meeting of the Planning Board will be held at **Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday May 6, 2019** for the purpose of considering the following applications: **Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm AGENDA SKETCH 1. O'Brien Family - 19 Cindy Lane (TM# 84.14-1-11/File: 2019-0193)** The subject property consists of + 1.0 acres of land and is located on 19 Cindy Lane and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is seeking a Special Use Permit, Site Development Plan to legalize a basement apartment. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2. Approve Minutes of April 8, 2019**

**TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY** Special Meeting May 1, 2019 6PM 1. **Pledge of Allegiance** 2. **PUBLIC HEARING on SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR CELL TOWER** 3. **Authorize** Supervisor to sign contract with Newtech Recycling. 4. Amend Michael Moculski's dates of appointment to the Board of Assessors to: **10/01/14 to 9/30/2019.** 5. Appoint Mitchell Maloof to the B.A.R for the remainder of Dan Vera's term, **10/1/17 to 9/30/22** 6. **Discussion** re: accepting donation of two land parcels on Pudding Street, **41.10-2-51** and **41.11-1-1** by Lea Guccione and Julianna Guccione. 7. **Discussion** re: the classification of 161 acres of land known as the Upper Camp, from the Catholic Charities Organization of Greater NY as parkland. 8. **Discussion** on rescinding Local Law 165-27J: Recreational Vehicle Ban.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING- PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,** the Putnam Valley Town Board will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall, located at 265 Oscawana Lake Road in Putnam Valley, NY. e Public Hearing shall be held for the purpose of the proposed special use permit of Homeland Towers, LLC (Home-

land Towers), New York SMSA Limited Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless and Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, LLC for a personal wireless service tower and personal wireless service facilities pursuant to Section 165-61 (A) of the Town Code at the Town owned property at 265-273 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, NY (the "site"). All interested persons wishing to speak shall be permitted to do so. e facility is proposed to include a 160 foot monopole with antennas there- on, together with related equipment located within a secure fenced area at the base thereof. **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING** the Putnam Valley Town Board will hold their Regular monthly Town Board Pre-Work Session Meeting. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD** Sherry Howard, Town Clerk, Dated: 04-16-2019

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# Happenings

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## Tuesday, Apr. 30

**Tuesdays@Dorries.** Joanna Weiss is the co-founder and co-director of the Fines and Fees Justice Center. Joanna will discuss the impacts of court-imposed fines and fees on the people of White Plains and Westchester County. She will also lead a discussion on opportunities for fines and fees reform, as a way to help restore the integrity of the criminal justice system and end the criminalization of poverty. Weekly table talk 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering begins at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome. Dorries Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

**Purchase Latin Jazz Orchestra.** The Purchase Latin Jazz Orchestra is an exciting ensemble that performs music from all over Latin America. Featuring top students from the Purchase College Conservatory of Music, the orchestra explores numerous genres including Mambo, Cha-Cha, Danzon, Festejo and Porro. Whether performing classic compositions by the masters or newer works commissioned for the ensemble, seeing and hearing the PLJO is always a memorable occasion. Part of Purchase College's 25th anniversary of its Jazz Studies program. Purchase College's Music Building, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-251-6700 or e-mail [music@purchase.edu](mailto:music@purchase.edu).

**Cabaret in the Castle.** The Manhattanville College Music Department's Cabaret Performance Workshop will feature the songs of Johnny

Mercer, including "Autumn Leaves," "Moon River," "Ac-cen-tchu-ate the Positive," "Skylark" and "Too Marvelous for Words." Other songwriters represented will be Zina Goldrich and Marci Heisler, Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Bock and Richard Maltby, Jr. and David Shire. There will be a special guest appearance by Manhattanville's pop vocal group, The Quintessentials. Manhattanville College's Reid Hall, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-323-5260.

## Wednesday, May 1

**Noonday Getaway Concert.** The Rise of Ragtime. The Evolution of an American Art Form (1895-1920)- Peter Muir returns with a lecture recital that traces the spectacular rise of ragtime in American culture and charts its musical development throughout the first two decades of the twentieth century. Topics include: the emergence of ragtime from the cakewalk in the late 1890s; Scott Joplin and the "classic" ragtime style; ragtime songs; advanced ragtime of the 1910s; and the transformation of ragtime into jazz c. 1917. A virtuoso, in-depth look at this most American musical phenomenon, with works by Scott Joplin, Jelly Roll Morton and many others. 12:10 p.m. Grace Episcopal Church at Main and Church St., White Plains. 30-minute free concert; donation accepted.

**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. For more information, contact Christiane Deschamps at 914-422-1496 or [cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov).

**"The Student Show."** Includes selected student works from Westchester Community College's visual arts classes. Drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic design and digital media will be featured. Westchester Community College's Fine Arts Gallery, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. Exhibit continues through May 3. Info: 914-606-6835 or visit [www.sunywcc.edu/gallery](http://www.sunywcc.edu/gallery).

## Thursday, May 2

**Hudson Valley Affordable Housing Summit.** An overview of the current state of affairs in housing and present strategies for increasing affordable housing through new partnerships in real estate, health,

finance and services. Experts from community development, lending, real estate and the faith community will discuss ways that affordable housing can be created. Keynote speakers include George Latimer, Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Dutchess County Executive Mar Molinaro. New York State Judicial Institute Elisabeth Haub School of Law, 78 North Broadway, White Plains. 8 to 10 a.m. General admission: \$25. New York State attorneys (includes three practice credits): \$160. Registration required. Info: E-mail [landuse@law.pace.edu](mailto:landuse@law.pace.edu). Registration: <http://www.alumni.pace.edu/s/1655/02-alumni/index>.

**Yom Hashoah Holocaust Commemoration.** An event that will include a keynote by Holocaust Survivor Helga Luden and a procession of rescued Holocaust Torah scrolls. Garden of Remembrance, 148 Martine Ave. White Plains. 12 to 1 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.hhrecny.org](http://www.hhrecny.org).

**Michelle Wolf.** Wolf has quickly become one of the most influential voices in the comedy landscape as she continues on the path of a breakout year. She recently served as the executive producer, writer and host of the critically acclaimed variety sketch series "The Break With Michelle Wolf" on Netflix. Previously, she made international headline as the much talked about headliner of the 2018 White House Correspondents Dinner. Wolf debuted her first hour-long standup special "Michelle Wolf: Nice Lady" on HBO late last year. The well-reviewed special tackled a wide range of topics from her surprising thoughts on feminism, the environment and why Hilary Clinton could not be a "nice lady" and more of life's everyday absurdities. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35 and \$40. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

## Friday, May 3

**Breakfast With New York State Legislators.** The Westchester/Putnam delegation of the state Legislature is invited for an interactive dialogue about the most pressing issues impacting business and the community. Including prevailing wage legislation, the Con Edison moratorium, single-payer healthcare and more. Fordham Westchester, 400 Westchester Ave., West Harrison. 9 to 11 a.m. Westchester County Association members: \$25. Non-members: \$35. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit [www.wca.org](http://www.wca.org).

**"The Bodyguard."** Based on the 1992 Oscar-nominated film, a stage version of

this breathtakingly romantic thriller stars American Idol finalist LaToya London. When former Secret Service agent-turned-bodyguard Frank Farmer is hired to protect superstar Rachel Marron from an unknown stalker, each expects to be in charge. What they don't expect is to fall in love. Includes Whitney Houston hits "I Have Nothing," "One Moment in Time," "Run to You," "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" and one of the best-selling songs of all time "I Will Always Love You." White Plains Performing Art Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 8 p.m. \$28 to \$57. Also and May 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. and May 8 and 12 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit [www.wppac.com](http://www.wppac.com).

**One Stride: Chosen Family.** A program that explores and celebrates the bonds that bring LGBTQ communities together. The evening will feature a talk about queer kinship by Sarah Lawrence Professor Dr. Mary A. Porter, a screening of award-winning director and producer Stephen Winter's short documentary "One Stride: Chosen Family," a talkback and a conversation with Winter and a special performance by The LOFT's Pride Chorus. Winter's 15-minute documentary explores the stories of three sets of LGBTQ chosen families, including that of civil rights activist and trailblazer Richard Leitsch, former president of the Mattachine Society. ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 7 p.m. \$10. Info: Visit [www.artswestchester.org](http://www.artswestchester.org).

## Sunday, May 5

**Booming Better Expo.** Create your strongest and best life with the Booming Better Expo for ages 55 and older. Lifestyle over 55 vendors and fabulous line up of Westchester professionals speaking on Keeping Your Brain Healthy, Balance Fitness, Nutrition as Medicine, Mindful Breathing, Fashion After 55 and much more. This is a free event. Go to [www.boomingbetter.com](http://www.boomingbetter.com) for schedule of the day and to empower and enrich yourself for the years ahead. Free event. 11 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Reid Castle at Manhattanville College, Purchase.

**Creatures of Woodfrog Pond.** Explore Woodfrog Pond with a naturalist educator. The program starts with an indoor introduction of local pond residents and concludes with a walk to the pond where children will can dip nets to catch various pond creatures. Dress accordingly for muddy pond exploration. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

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# The WHITE PLAINS Examiner Sports

## Lady Tigers Shutout Eastchester, 5-0 for 10th Win this Season

By Albert Coqueran

The White Plains High School Softball Team is in the midst of having one of their best seasons in many years. On April 24, at the midway point of the season, the Lady Tigers record remains 10-1. The Lady Tigers logged their fourth shutout in eleven games this season when they beat Eastchester High School, 5-0, on Wednesday, Apr. 24, at White Plains High School.

The Lady Tigers are a very young team, which does not seem to faze them. The White Plains Softball Team is comprised of five freshman, four sophomores and two juniors without a senior on the roster.

They have power and consistent hitting at the plate, strong pitching on the mound, a sophomore backstop who guides their two proficient pitchers like a veteran, speed on the bases and a defense that hates to relinquish even one run to opponents.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Lady Tigers' freshman pitcher Ella Utschig is overpowering opponents at the plate this season. Utschig threw a two-hit shutout with 15 strikeouts to beat Eastchester High School, 5-0. Utschig has been the winning pitcher for seven of the Tigers, 10 wins this season.

Although, all eleven members of the young Tigers team are efficient hitters, third baseman Sarah DiSanto is undoubtedly the slugger of the squad. The junior Team Captain put her power on full display when she slammed a three-run homerun over the leftfield fence and hit an RBI double against Eastchester, on Apr. 24. DiSanto was responsible for four of the five runs scored by White Plains in their, 5-0 win over the Eagles.

However, on this particular afternoon all the Lady Tigers needed was one run to beat the Eagles. When the Tigers put freshman pitcher Ella Utschig on the mound combined with their tough defense behind her, opponents scoring opportunities are few and far between.

Utschig pitching against a respectable hitting Eastchester team (5-5-1), shutout the Eagles, 5-0, while throwing a two-hitter and striking out 15 batters. The freshman upstart struck-out the sides twice in the game in the fifth and seventh innings.

"I was just hitting my spots and my screwball and curve were really helping

me out," said Utschig. "Also, Zoey's (Kovach) pitch calling is really good and she is confident about what I am throwing, so I am confident also," acknowledged



White Plains Softball second baseman Alexa Galligani crosses the plate for one of her two runs scored in the Tigers, 5-0 win over Eastchester. Galligani also had a double and two walks in the game. "She always seems to find a way to get on base," said Head Coach Ted O'Donnell.

Utschig, regarding her battery mate.

Utschig has seven of the Lady Tigers wins to her credit, which includes all four shutouts so far this season. Team Captain junior Ava Rainone, who is a quality pitcher in her own right, has the other three wins on the mound this year. Rainone is also an adept first baseman.

In their initial eleven games this season, the Lady Tigers have only given-up 15 total runs. As of Apr. 24, the most runs the White Plains Softball team has relinquished to any opponent in any game are three runs.

But it is not all pitching as White Plains Head Softball Coach Ted O'Donnell relayed. These two proficient softball slingers have a great defense behind them. "It clearly says that we have good pitching and also excellent defense. We are very strong defensively and we have the pitching. That combination is going to keep runs off the scoreboard," stated O'Donnell.

As Utschig previously acknowledged, another major player in the Lady Tigers success this year is sophomore catcher Zoey Kovach. The sophomore Team Captain has anchored the team and guided their two extraordinary pitchers to a combined 10 wins pitch-by-pitch.

"We are staying focused that is the important part. We know the game is not over until we shake hands. We are really happy about our performance thus far, so I hope that it keeps going the rest of the season," commented Kovach.

The White Plains High School Softball Team is a young team of destiny. This season, as every season, their purpose is a Sectional Title. Nonetheless, while adding to the roster of the aforementioned young players, their young efficient teammates, including second baseman Alexa Galligani, freshman shortstop Natasha Mendez and young outfielders, freshman Kiersten Hardy, freshman Sasha Persaud and sophomore Amanda LeMark, who catch everything, while also noting that they entire team can hit: the Lady Tigers appear to have a bright future ahead of them for at least a few years.



Junior third baseman Sarah DiSanto, slugs a three-run homerun in the first inning to give the White Plains Softball Team an early lead over Eastchester High School on Apr. 24, at WPHS. The Lady Tigers went on to beat the Eagles, 5-0, for their 10th win this season.



# EXAMINER SPORTS

## Tigers Manufacture First League Win, Burgio One-Hits Foxes

By Albert Coqueran

The Tigers "big boppers" such as Spencer Lodes and Matt Dorchak that they possessed the past few years, are gone this season, having graduated and moved on to college. However, they did not lose much in the leadoff spot or on the mound with the graduation of steadfast pitcher and hitter Mike Attonito, as this year's scrappy leadoff hitter and ace pitcher Anthony Burgio, is filling the void quite convincingly.

Nonetheless, Tigers Head Coach Marcel Galligani, presently in his 19th season, understands quite well that you have to find other ways to win, after losing power sluggers and returning only three players on his roster with valid varsity baseball experience, which includes Burgio, outfielder Nicky Gomez and third baseman Ryan Sevcik.

The perfect example of Galligani's ingenuity surfaced when the Tigers manufactured their initial league win this season with a 5-0 victory over Fox Lane High School, on Thursday, Apr. 25, at WPHS.

In the third inning with the score tied 0-0, Galligani signaled for a double-steal with runners on first and second base. Then clean-up hitter sophomore Chris



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Tigers outfielder Justin DiSavino lays down the perfect bunt as catcher AJ Scapoli (background) leaves third base on a suicide squeeze play called by Head Coach Marcel Galligani (left background). DiSavino was credited with two RBIs on the bunt and the Tigers went on to beat Fox Lane, 5-0.

McGuire, who is slowly developing to fill the void as a "big bopper" hit a 2RBI single. Tigers lead 2-0.

"I hit a fast ball on the outside corner," commented McGuire. "In the first two innings we did not have many hits but we kept the momentum throughout the game and were able to push more runs across later," said McGuire.

With two runs across the plate and

starting pitcher Burgio silencing Foxes hitters, Galligani really got inventive in the fifth inning with three bunts for singles and one of those bunts, by senior outfielder Justin DiSavino, producing two RBIs.

"We have been struggling a little swinging the bats, so we (coaching staff) told the players that we are going to do anything possible to manufacture some runs," revealed Galligani. "If they are swinging the bats well, I am more than happy to watch them hit but if they are not then I have to do my part to try and put them in position to win," explained the Tigers Skipper.

Burgio had a stellar performance on the mound against the Foxes. The lefty ace threw a complete game one-hit shutout with that hit by the Foxes not coming until the sixth inning. He scattered four walks and the only time he found himself in



White Plains High School's ace pitcher senior Anthony Burgio, threw a complete game one-hit shutout, while striking out five in the Tigers 5-0 win over Fox Lane, on Thursday, Apr. 25. Burgio did not relinquish a run until the sixth inning in the Tigers first league win this season.

trouble was in the fourth inning and the Tigers defense squelched the threat.

"I would say my fastball was working well. I was struggling a little with my

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# ..... EXAMINER SPORTS ..... Stepinac Beats the Buzzer to Force OT But Falls to Westlake

By Rob DiAntonio

Trailing by a goal after Westlake scored with 25 seconds left in regulation, the odds were against the Stepinac lacrosse team and their chances of forcing overtime.

The Crusaders, however, never stopped fighting.

Colin Sharkey picked up a loose ball, whirled around and fired. He scored as time expired to send the game into an extra period.

After each team had an opportunity in overtime, host Westlake made the most of its next chance when Matt Sardo scored



Christian Gallaher controls while being pressured by Westlake's Dylan Donnerly.

with 1:05 left to hand the Crusaders a dramatic 9-8 overtime loss last Thursday.

"They showed fight at the end of the game, for sure," Stepinac coach James Goldmann said. "We just have to show fight from the get go. We seem to only turn it on when we really need to. It's been



Stepinac's Colin Sharkey makes his move against host Westlake last Thursday.

too little, too late. That's the story of the season."

Stepinac led 4-2 at halftime, but the Wildcats were able to get their offense in gear in the third quarter. They scored twice within the first two minutes of the third quarter to tie the game.

JoJo Warne darted over the middle and fired with 7:31 left in the third to give Stepinac the lead back.

Westlake scored two consecutive goals before Sharkey answered for the Crusaders with 1:42 left in the third quarter to tie the back-and-forth affair up at 6-6.

The Wildcats netted a goal just 38 seconds later to take a 7-6 lead into the fourth quarter.

"Third quarters all year have been notoriously bad for us," Goldmann said



Stephen Stackhouse of the Crusaders send a pass.

of what changed after having a two-goal halftime lead. "We just come out flat and it happened again. Same song, different day."

Kevin McKenna tied the game up with a big rip with 7:04 left in the fourth quarter. Stepinac had a chance to take the lead with 4:30 left in the game when Warne stripped the ball and charged in, but his shot was wide.

Penalties hampered Stepinac throughout the game. Westlake had a man-up advantage with less than a minute to play. Stepinac goalie Dylan Graff made a big save with 35 seconds left, but he threw the ball out of bounds. Dylan Donnerly was then able to score for Westlake to give them the 8-7 lead and then Sharkey sent it to overtime.

Overtime began with Stepinac committing another penalty but the Crusaders stopped a man-up opportunity for Westlake. The Crusaders corralled the ball and called a timeout with 2:07 remaining. They were unable to capitalize,



Jolo Warne, left, and Kevin Gray celebrate a Crusader goal.



Dylan Graff makes a save.

leading to Sardo's heroics on the other end of the field. "We were man down and took what seemed to be our 400th penalty of the day," said Goldmann, whose team defeated Westlake 13-12 last season in a game that also needed overtime. "We got the ball back and were just trying to run it out. A couple of mental mistakes and they came down (and scored). To be honest with you, [Westlake] deserved to win the game. We didn't play well from the start."

Sharkey had three goals and an assist to lead Stepinac. Joey Carino (1G, 2A), Stephen Stackhouse (1G, 2A) and Kevin Gray (1G) also contributed.

"It starts with them and their motivation for things," Goldmann said when asked what it will take to turn some of Stepinac's close losses into wins. "If they want to turn it around, they will. And if not, we'll keep riding this thing out."

Stepinac (4-9) bounced back with a 13-10 win over St. John the Baptist (Long Island) on April 27.

McKenna (3G, 2A), Carino (3G, 1A), Sharkey (2G, 1A), Warne (2G, 1A), Christian Gallaher (2G), Gray (1G) and Graff (9 saves) led the way.

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curveball but I had my change-up which I could locate pretty well for my third pitch," said Burgio.

As of Sunday, Apr. 28, the Tigers record is 4-6 overall, 1-0 AA Conference 1-D. What remains to be determined at the midway point of this season is if the majority of their roster has matured enough to be comfortable with varsity competition. Also, if their first win in Conference 1-D this season can motivate them to become league competitors.

"It is always nice to get off to a good start and this is something we can use to build ourselves up a little going into the second half of the season. This was a nice little confidence booster for these players," stated Galligani, regarding the Tigers first league win.



Tigers catcher AJ Scapoli (pictured) crosses the plate as a result of a perfect bunt by Justin DiSavino in the fifth inning. The Tigers manufactured three runs with three bunts in the fifth inning to beat Fox Lane, 5-0.



## EXAMINER SPORTS



PHOTO BY MATTHEW BERKMAN

# WPHS 1979 Boys Lacrosse Section 1 Championship Team Honored

On Saturday, during halftime before the White Plains High School Boys Lacrosse Team beat Ardsley, 15-3, they honored the 1979 Tigers Boys Lacrosse Team, on the 40th Anniversary of their Section 1 Championship. The 1979 Tigers led by Head Coach Richard Linnell (back row standing right) beat Yorktown, 13-9, in the Quarterfinals and Mamaroneck, 8-7, in the Semifinals. Then after a two-hour rain delay in the Finals, the Tigers came back from a 3-1 deficit to score the next six out of seven goals on their way to beating highly favorite Fox Lane High School, 10-8, to capture the 1979 Section 1 Title.