



White Plains YWCA Salutes Honorees at Annual Luncheon



The YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester's 11th annual In the Company of Women luncheon, held May 10, honored from left, Mercedes Garcia, Mastercard, Community Building Champion; third from left, Judith L. Werbit, Merrill, A Bank of America Company, Women in Business Champion; fifth from left, Tiffany S.W. Hamilton, Westchester Community College, keynote speaker and Social Justice Champion, and Ethan Powell, Impact Shares, Ally Award. With them are, second left, Eileen Simon, YWCA board chair and Mastercard general counsel, and Maria Imperial, YWCA CEO. Highlighting the luncheon was a keynote speech by Tiffany Hamilton who challenged the audience to consider its "alibi" or the mark it is leaving on the community, and several workshops offered attendees financial planning and management skills. Proceeds from the event will help to fund the YWCA's many programs and services that benefit the lives of women and children in Westchester and fulfill the mission of empowering women and eliminating racism. The event was held at Hilton Westchester in Rye Brook.

Council Candidate to Challenge Removal from Primary Ballot

By Neal Rentz

Kat Brezler, a Democratic candidate for the White Plains Common Council, has announced that on May 22 she will appeal a court decision to remove her name from the party's ballot line for the June primary election.

The decision comes after a judge ruled to invalidate signatures based on them not matching voter registration cards, some of which were from the 1970's, according to the Brezler campaign. Signatures ruled invalid included those from women who had remarried; a voter afflicted with Parkinson's disease and newly registered voters, according to the campaign.

As of last week the campaign did not know which court they would file the challenge with.

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NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Kat Brezler is a Democratic candidate for the White Plains Common Council.

Multi-family Residential Proposal at Hartsdale 4-Corners Viewed by Town Board

By Pat Casey

At the May 14 Greenburgh Town Board work session a proposed multi-use development by owners interested in redeveloping the corner of East Hartsdale Ave. and Wilson St. was presented.

The architect suggested the proposal is in line with the vision created for development of the 4-corner area of Hartsdale.

The proposal includes a multi-family residential building with apartments on the upper floors and space for professional offices on the lower level.

The site consists of two separately owned lots – a former gas station and current auto repair shop with two one-family residences to the rear.

One site fronts Hartsdale Ave.; the



Architect's rendering of proposed six-story residential building for site at East Hartsdale Ave. and Wilson St.

other fronts Wilson.

One of the owners worked with an architect and approached the Town with a concept to combine the lots and develop one building fronting close to East Hartsdale Ave. Collectively the two sites are zoned M-174 (Multi-Family Residence District), with a small sliver of R-7.5 in the Wilson-fronting site (One-Family Residence District).

The proposal includes a six-story building of 48,000 sq. ft. with 50 living units – 33 one-bedroom apartments and 17 two-bedroom apartments

and an area for professional offices.

The proposed design includes a green roof with solar panels and 73 parking spots.

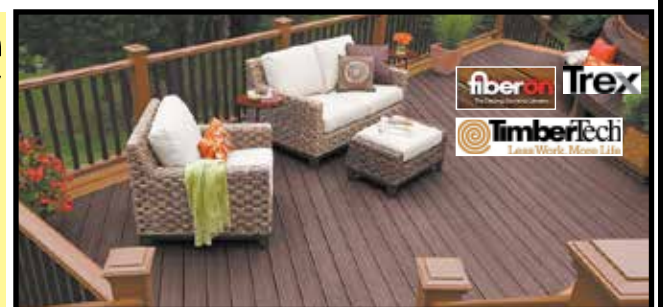
The Board expressed concerns about the number of parking spaces being inadequate and suggested the potential developer reach out to the Hartsdale Parking district (which is independent of the town) to see if the parking district would be interested in partnering on the creation of an additional underground floor for parking that could be made available to residents of East Hartsdale Ave. who don't live at the development or for commuters.

Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner encourages comments from residents on proposals as well as ideas.



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Greenburgh Town Board to Appoint Ellen Hendickx as Interim Member

By Pat Casey

On Wednesday evening, May 22, the Greenburgh Town Board is set to appoint Ellen Hendickx as Interim Town Board member, according to an email circulated by Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner on Monday.

Hendickx will serve until the end of the year and will not seek election to the position. She will serve out the remaining months of Kevin Morgan's term. Morgan passed away in April.

Hendickx has lived within the boundaries of the Town of Greenburgh for almost 20 years; the first 14 in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson and the last six in unincorporated Greenburgh.

She has served as Chair of the Hastings-on-Hudson Democratic Committee since 2010 and was a District Leader for approximately four years before that. Her time spent as a volunteer in Hastings-on-Hudson includes serving as a member of the Hastings Architectural Review Board for approximately five years and appointment as a member of the Hastings-on-Hudson Comprehensive Plan Committee from 2007 until its completion in 2011.

After working with Legislator MaryJane Shimsky on the campaign for her special election bid at the end of 2010, Hendickx was offered a part-time position as her Legislative Aide which became

effective after the Legislator took office in early 2011. Hendickx's responsibilities are varied and include working with constituents to resolve a wide variety of issues, involvement in Shimsky's legislative initiatives, and interface with a wide variety of elected officials and their staff.

At the beginning of 2018, Hendickx began working for the Board of Legislators as a full time employee with the added job of Committee Coordinator for the Public Works Committee while continuing as Legislative Aide. The added responsibilities entail familiarity with a broad range of infrastructure projects, their impact on budget and include research and interface with the Departments of Public Works and Transportation, Parks, Recreation and Conservation and Environmental Facilities, to name a few. Additionally, she is the Committee Coordinator for both the Saw Mill River Watershed and Bronx River Watershed Advisory Boards, interfacing with advocacy agencies such as Riverkeepers, Groundworks Hudson Valley and the Bronx River Alliance, along with the local governments in both watersheds.

Prior to her work in government, Hendickx was a founding partner of an architectural and design firm which was located in New York City for 20 years, and which specialized in corporate

architecture; a practice she continued on a limited basis during her time as a part-time employee at the Board of Legislators. She worked collaboratively with large multinational firms which required familiarity with business operations across a broad spectrum; from integrating multi-facility co-locations in the United States and overseas, to establishing new paradigms of operation and executing the necessary planning and design to support those models. Her background includes creating office spaces, some in excess of 200,000 square feet; supervising the completion of architectural plans; negotiating costs for goods and services with landlords and contractors; working with mechanical and structural engineers and administrating and coordinating construction.

"Ellen is solution oriented. Listening, and more importantly, hearing what each of the stakeholders deem most important, and reconciling sometimes contrary concerns, have added to her skills - enabling her to prioritize issues and find solutions that most suit the project or issue at hand; a skill which has been translatable in dealing with constituent concerns," Feiner said.

The appointment will be the first item on the Board agenda this Wednesday and will be followed by a short swearing in ceremony.

Council Candidate to Challenge Removal from Primary Ballot

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Brezler is seeking to face off against three candidates endorsed by the White Plains Democratic City Committee in February - incumbent Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson, who was first elected to the Council in 2014, as well as Victoria Presser and Jennifer Puja.

"How many disenfranchised voters are too many? My answer is one is too many. Knocking good signatures off a petition is voter suppression," Brezler said recently. "We need to stop these dirty tricks and let the voters decide who they want to elect."

Brezler's campaign said it collected 1,175 signatures of which only 696 were necessary to qualify for the ballot. The Board of Elections validated 780 of the signatures.

"We're fighting for an appeal because voters should decide if we're going to expand low income and affordable housing in White Plains, not a few entrenched local political operatives," Brezler said. "We know we need to get big money out of politics, it infects every level of our system."



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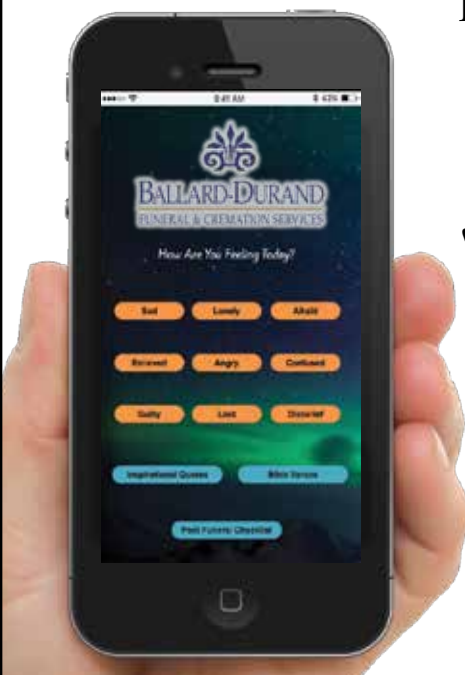





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Injured Former White Plains Firefighter Seeks Full Retirement Pay

By Neal Rentz

A former White Plains firefighter is battling with city government to receive full pay he feels entitled to after twice being injured on the job and having been forced to have surgery that was ineffective.

John Sestito is receiving workman's compensation, but is not receiving the full retirement pay he feels he is entitled to under the 207-a disability retirement benefits program, he said last week.

Mrs. Sestito came to the Citizens to be Heard portion of the May 6 White Plains Common Council meeting to discuss her family's plight. She said in an interview last week the family has decided to "go public" because Mayor Tom Roach has declined to speak with her.

Sestito twisted his ankle while exiting a firetruck that was responding to an emergency call on Nov. 23, 2010. He was again injured on May 23, 2011 while exiting a firetruck responding to a call. Sestito recalled last week he fell and injured his upper body during his second accident.

Sestito applied for accidental disability retirement benefits and performance of duty disability retirement benefits for both incidents, but both applications were denied.

As noted on the JUSTIA US Law Web site with regard to the 2011 accident, the state and White Plains retirement systems



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

White Plains resident Samantha Sestito addressed the Common Council about her husband, former firefighter, John Sestito, during the May 6 Citizens to be Heard portion of the meeting.

conceded that Sestito was permanently incapacitated, but it was not because of an accident on the job. As a result of the ruling, Sestito was granted performance of duty disability retirement benefits only.

As stated in the court decision on the JUSTIA Web site, the city's medical examiner determined that Sestito could return to light duty and there would be a medium to moderate chance Sestito would be able to do his full firefighter duties if he underwent spinal fusion surgery.

The decision also indicated that Fire Chief Richard Lyman sent a letter to Sestito ordering him to return to work on Oct. 1, 2014 to assume a light duty position or risk losing his benefits. A second letter

sent by the fire chief awarded Sestito 207-a benefits for the period from May 22, 2011, to Oct. 1, 2014. It also instructed Sestito to schedule the fusion surgery. Sestito did not return to work on Oct. 1, 2014, and did not undergo surgery and he challenged the return to work order.

After a hearing to address whether the 2010 incident was an accident, Sestito was denied accidental disability retirement benefits. Sestito filed an Article 78 law suit in 2018 against state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli but lost in the Appellate Division of state Supreme Court.

Mr. Sestito said last week the surgery was not successful and he has been told by a doctor that he will need three subsequent spinal fusion surgeries. Bones from cadavers will be used in the upcoming surgeries to stabilize his spine by replacing three discs, Mr. Sestito said.

Mr. and Mrs. Sestito said they have experienced great difficulties as a result of the accidents and the surgery and he can no longer work.

Mrs. Sestito said she was forced to quit her job over concerns about leaving her husband alone. Until Sestito received workman's compensation the couple was forced to live off their savings, she said.

Mr. Sestito said his workman's compensation was not equal to what he could obtain from the city for full retirement benefits. He said he did not

know in percentage terms how much less he was receiving. "White Plains should be paying its fair share," he said.

Mrs. Sestito said the workman's compensation could also be taken away from his husband by the city. Later this month her husband will undertake his second independent medical examination to determine if he can keep his workman's compensation.

Mrs. Sestito said her husband's struggles have been devastating for her. She is experiencing "PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) on my part" and has caused so much stress that she is having difficulty becoming pregnant.

Mr. Sestito said his attorney, Warren Roth, is seeking to come to an agreement without going to court.

Roth said his client is right in seeking the pay he would receive through the 270-A program. His client's "medical situation" was caused by the order from Lyman to undergo through the first surgery, Roth said.

In response to a request for an interview with Lyman, The Examiner was told to seek comment from the mayor's office.

Messages left for the mayor last week were not returned.

Roach told Mrs. Sestito at the May 6 Common Council meeting he could not discuss her husband's situation because it was in litigation.

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Proposed White Plains City Budget Gets Support During Public Hearing

By Neal Rentz

Two White Plains residents voiced support for the proposed \$198.3 million 2019-20 city budget during the May Common Council public hearing.

The budget includes a 2.7 percent tax levy increase, which would be lower than the state tax cap for White Plains, which is 4 percent. The tax rate increase is also 2.7 percent. If the budget is approved the tax increase on a home with a median assessed value of \$13,500 would be \$77.

League of Women Voters of White Plains Board of Directors member Clifford Blau said the board supported the

proposed spending plan.

Blau said the League was pleased that only \$600,000 of \$5.3 million increase in the general fund budget would come from taxes, with the rest coming from user fees and fines.

The League is pleased that most of the additional revenue in this budget is from sources other than taxes, Blau said. "Only \$600,000 of the \$5.3 million increase in the general fund comes from increased taxes while the remainder will be derived from user fees as well as fines," he said. "We urge the city to continue to seek out grants to fund programs and capital

improvements where available."

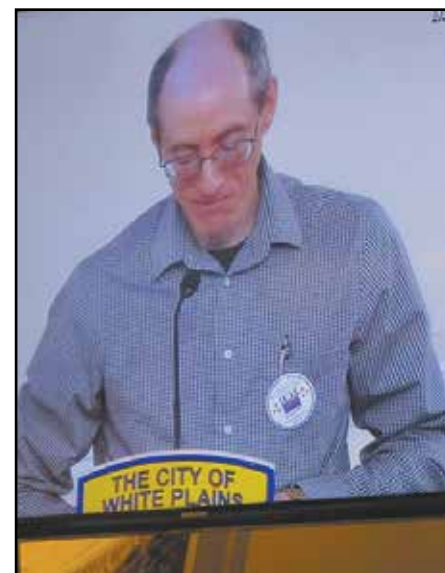
Blau said the League wants property revaluation to take place to make property taxes fairer in the city.

The other budget supporter was Michael Stanton, a member of the city's Budget and Management Advisory Committee. "This budget continues the sound fiscal practices" by adhering to the city's charter while staying within the state-mandated property tax cap, he said.

No residents spoke in opposition to the proposed budget and the Council closed the public hearing.

The Common Council is scheduled

to vote on the 2019-20 budget during a special meeting on May 30.



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League of Women Voters of White Plains Board of Directors member Clifford Blau expressed support for the proposed 2019-20 \$198.3 million city budget and said the League wants property revaluation to take place to make property taxes fairer in the city.

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Miller House Restoration to Cost \$1.5M More; Completion By Fall

By Martin Wilbur

Restoration of the 281-year-old Elijah Miller House/Washington's Headquarters in North White Plains will cost Westchester County an additional \$1.5 million but is currently on target for completion late this year.

County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) appeared at the North Castle Town Board meeting this month to update the public about the project, which required the extra funds. The unanimous vote by the Board of Legislators pushes the cost of the restoration to about \$3.3 million.

Cunzio said there was more grading and site work needed at the Virginia Road site than first anticipated. That will ensure that the flow of water will not compromise the structure, she said.

Another change was to remodel one of the house's upstairs bedrooms to be historically accurate while the other bedroom will be open with Plexiglas panels so visitors would be able to peer inside the walls and see how it was constructed, Cunzio explained.

There was also a major problem with the house's front porch, she said. The contractor and workers were expecting that underneath the porch's wood boards would have been a stone foundation. Instead, they simply found stones lined up next to each other.

"That in itself was a little disconcerting



Last April, local and county officials, including North Castle Supervisor Michael Schiliro, far left, County Legislator Margaret Cunzio, second from left, and County Executive George Latimer, were outside Miller House to announce its restoration project. It is scheduled for completion this fall.

because we were actually shocked that the roof had held up because the posts go directly into the porch from that roof," Cunzio said.

Despite the obstacles, the hope is to have the restoration completed by November, she said. The weather will play a factor in how quickly the work can be finished, although trying to finish in time for the Nov. 3-4 anniversary of the Battle

of Miller Hill during the Revolutionary War may be a stretch.

Cunzio said that the blue tarp that had been covering the roof for several years after the house was closed and the target of much derision among those who wanted Miller House saved has been removed.

Daughters of Liberty's Legacy (DOLL), a local nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving local history, has also received

permission to film the progress at the site, she said.

Historical architect Jonathan Levy, who is overseeing the project, has been on site every day, Cunzio added. There is plenty of activity on the grounds on a regular basis.

"It's really been a labor of love," Cunzio said. "With Supervisor (Michael) Schiliro's support initially beginning this project, just to sit down and have a conversation with the Town Board, it's really been something that's been in the works for a few years. I'm just happy that it's moving forward very quickly now."

Schiliro said that he passes by the site regularly and it's satisfying to see that a piece of American history will not only be restored but appreciated for many generations to come.

"It's good to drive past that and see all the work going on there and it's finally happening and we're going to have a beautiful Miller House for another 300 years," he said.

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Two Wrong-Way Drivers Arrested on Saw Mill; Charged With Intoxication

Westchester County Police arrested two wrong-way drivers in separate incidents in Pleasantville and Bedford on the Saw Mill Parkway in the early morning hours of May 14 and charged them with driving under the influence of alcohol.

In the first incident, at about 1:10 a.m., the wrong-way driver crashed into another vehicle near Grant Street in Pleasantville, according to police. The wrong-way driver was traveling northbound in the southbound lanes in a 2013 Honda Civic when he collided with a 2011 BMW, seriously injuring himself and the other

driver.

Police said the wrong-way driver, a man in his fifties whose identity was not immediately known because he was not carrying identification, had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. He had to be extricated from his car by the Pleasantville Fire Department and was taken to Westchester Medical Center by the Pleasantville Volunteer Ambulance Corps, police said. He was admitted to the hospital with serious injuries.

The driver of the BMW suffered leg injuries in the crash and was transported

to the Westchester Medical Center emergency room where he was treated.

The wrong-way driver was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, second-degree reckless endangerment and third-degree assault, all misdemeanors, police said. He will be required to surrender to county police following his release from the hospital.

A 36-year-old Brookfield, Conn. man was arrested in connection with the second incident at about 2:30 a.m. County police said they received a report of a wrong-way driver traveling northbound

in the southbound lanes in New Castle. Officers observed the vehicle, a GMC Envoy, near the Mount Kisco-Bedford border and were able to stop it at the Route 117 exit in Bedford.

The driver, identified as Matthew Seiter, failed a field sobriety test after a strong odor of alcohol was detected on his breath. He was charged with second-degree reckless endangerment, a misdemeanor, and Driving While Ability Impaired and reckless driving, both violations.

Seiter is due to appear in Bedford Town Court on June 5.

The Sloop Clearwater Turns 50 and Celebrates with a Rededication

The Clearwater, the replica of the Dutch sailing sloops that was launched on May 17, 1969 and became the flagship of the American environmental movement, marked its 50th anniversary May 17 with an on-board celebration and rededication in Beacon. It was attended by the Clearwater organization's leaders past and present, elected officials, and musicians in the sing-along tradition of Pete Seeger, who founded the Clearwater organization 50 years ago.

In the rededication ceremony, amid sung choruses of "Clearwater's on the River..." participants mixed brackish



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salt water from the lower Hudson and fresh water from the upper Hudson, and Pete and Toshi Seeger's young great-grandson Raiden DeGeare poured it over the deck. The mixed water symbolizes the Hudson River estuary, which flows both north and south, mixing salt water from the Atlantic and freshwater from the inland watershed to create a unique and biodiverse environment.



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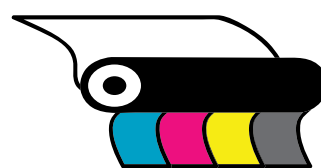
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SUNSET RESTAURANT BAR, WHITE PLAINS

By Neal Rentz

White Plains resident Domingo Moronta already operated an eatery in the city when he decided to open a second establishment in April.

For 18 years Moronta has owned Domingo's Pizza and Deli on Gedney Way.

Moronta opened Sunset Restaurant Bar, located on Mamaroneck Avenue, in April.

Moronta explained last week why he wanted to open another business in the city. "I love public service," he said. "I was always looking for a place that I could get the community together."

"There's nothing like this here for the whole community," Moronta said. His new restaurant has "a family atmosphere," he said. "This has been my dream for many years."

Though Sunset offers manly Caribbean food "with American flavor" and American cuisine, the menu can cover everything," Moronta said, adding the menu also includes pasta dishes and sandwiches. "Whoever comes in I want them to be able to get whatever they want," he said. "If something's not on the menu we can make it for them."

The specialty of the house is Mofongo, which Moronta said is a very popular

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NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

White Plains resident Domingo Moronta opened Sunset Restaurant Bar in White Plains in April.

Caribbean dish. "It's a very tasty plate made up of green plantains," he said. "We mash it up." Mofongo can be served with a variety of sauces and with shrimp, mixed seafood, beef, chicken or vegetarian, he noted. "That's our signature plate," he said. The most popular Mofongo served at Sunset is the seafood option, which includes lobster, shrimp and octopus, he said.

Several appetizers are offered because the bar offers several drink options and some customers want lighter food choices while sitting at the bar, Moronta said. The most popular appetizer is a mini Mofongo trio, which is three small versions of Mofongo.

The sandwiches include a traditional Cuban sandwich, which is the most popular sandwich on the menu. "The

secret is the quality of the product that we use," Moronta said, adding it includes chipotle mayo. "That's why the Cuban tastes so good."

One of the most popular entrees is Churrasco a la parrilla, which is a grilled skirt steak with chimichurri sauces, Moronta said.

Moronta, who was born in the Dominican Republic, moved to the United States in 1994. "This is a country of opportunities," he said. "It is the greatest country of the world because if you work hard in this country you have a chance to make it. There's no excuse."

Moronta explained why he called his new restaurant Sunset. "For me the name means something attractive," he said. "I like to go in the afternoon and sit by the river and you see how beautiful the sunset is."

Sunset also refers to the atmosphere of the restaurant, Moronta said. "I want people to feel calm and relaxed," he said.

Sunset Restaurant Bar is located at 49 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains. For more information call 914-607-2906 or send an e-mail to domingo.moronta@yahoo.com.

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Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "This attendance record shows just how important refreshed marketing, creativity and drive are when promoting an amusement park. The workers at Playland did a fantastic job readying the park – it was spotless and colorful and adorned with our new mascot Coaster. I thank them for their tireless work."

Playland General Manager Frank



County Executive George Latimer greets attendees at the gate on Playland Opening Day.

Carrieri said, "The 2019 season at Playland is off to a tremendous start – we are proud and excited of all the new programs and events we are running this summer and the public is also. There is an energy and an excitement at this Park we haven't seen in a long time, and I want to thank County Executive Latimer for believing in Playland and fighting to keep this the people's park."

Among the new features for the 2019 Season: a public art display, Westchester Town Days, the Westchester Loves to Read Program, laser shows, 11 new musical acts, a new coaster mascot, new social media campaign #HeyCoaster, Playland museum, updated commercial and updated webpage (playlandpark.org).

Justice Goes Unserved - White Plains Officials Allow Developer to Break the Law

As last week's Examiner reported, the Common Council voted 5-2 to close the public hearing on the environmental portion of the 52 North Broadway project.

Residents living around the site are asking themselves did we miss something? Have the laws changed in White Plains? Do criminals now rule? I guess the answer is yes if you are a developer promising the Mayor that you will bring tax revenue to the City.

In the fall of 2016, the property owner illegally drilled on the site, breaking the law. The property owner purchased this site with an outstanding Order on Consent. This is a legal order from the NY State DEC that prohibited amongst other things any disturbance on the site without permission from the DEC.

Residents at 10 Stewart photographed and immediately reported this drilling to both the City of White Plains and the NY

State DEC. Eight months later, in April 2017, the NY State DEC finally performed a site visit. In June 2017, the developer was finally served a Notice of Violation. The fine levied, a measly few thousand dollars for a huge developer, exposing people to contamination.

This NOV put forth items that the developer would need to immediately address, better known as the "Landfill Repair Plan". That developer had 30 days to provide the NY State DEC with a remediation plan, which they did. But here we are, in May 2019, another two years has gone by and nothing has been repaired. We are still exposed to this mess. And the criminals who exposed us – out and about feverishly working to move their development plan forward.

At the April 2019 hearing, Anthony Veneziano, an attorney representing the developer discussed completing the

"Landfill Repair Plan" once they had site plan approval to build. The developer is putting off making any repairs, as they may have to spend money on something they may later dig up and remove when they build. At best, this could be well over a year from now, during which we will still be exposed.

Less than one year ago, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the largest takedown of alleged illegal dumping offenders in state history. This well publicized, multi-agency crackdown on the illegal disposal of construction and demolition (C&D) debris strengthened New York's solid waste regulations to deter illegal dumping.

I have written and called Basil Seggos, who heads the NY State DEC. I have asked for a complete investigation of this site and for representatives to come out and speak with residents living in close proximity to

the site. And, I have received absolutely no response.

So why was the 52 North Broadway dumpsite left behind? And why are White Plains City officials not clamoring at the doorsteps of Cuomo and the NY State DEC to help us? Because the Mayor is playing a game telling us this site is "under the purview of the NY State DEC". And, our officials are just too busy counting all of those tax- dollars they believe this developer will bring them.

The outstanding NOV was issued as a crime was committed. How can I live in a City where a developer has committed a crime and is allowed to expose me to cancer causing contaminants and my City Officials allow this? Yet, if my parking meter expires, I am immediately fined.

–Barbara Allen

10 Stewart Place, White Plains

Stepinac HS Class of 2019 Graduates Two Valedictorians and Two Salutatorians

History will be made at Stepinac High School's 69th Annual Commencement exercises for the Class of 2019 on Thursday, May 23 when there will be two valedictorians and two salutatorians who will share the top honors of addressing their classmates and an audience of families and friends.

The valedictorians are: Patrick Austin

of White Plains and Jiayan Liang of Hartsdale, an international student from China. The salutatorians are Matthew Alamon and Mario Colon, both of Yonkers.

The double-double valedictorian-salutatorian honors is a first for Stepinac. But, it follows on the heels of last year's Class of 2018 Commencement when

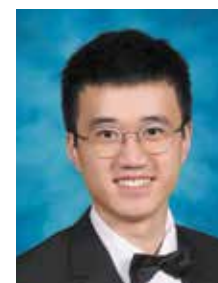
there were two valedictorians for the first time in the school's history.

The valedictorians were selected because they had identically attained the highest cumulative grade point average among their classmates. Similarly, the salutatorians identically attained the next highest cumulative grade point average.

In addition to their academic excellence, the valedictorians and salutatorians will also be recognized for their notable extracurricular accomplishments as



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Always Make Sure That a Co-op Board Allows Transfers to Trusts



By Salvatore
M. Di Costanzo

We have all heard a horror story or two about co-op ownership. These stories usually arise out of actions or inactions taken by the Board of Directors.

For instance, a board might implement a policy requiring a percentage of the floor be carpeted. Some boards have reputations of rejecting applicants who want to purchase a unit without a satisfactory explanation. Unknown to many, however, are the dire consequences that follow when a board does not allow someone to transfer their co-op to a trust.

Assume for a moment that you require long-term care, whether home care or nursing home care, and that you apply for Medicaid to cover the cost of your care. Further assume that you own a co-op as your primary residence. For Medicaid eligibility purposes, your primary residence

is considered an exempt asset. That means that Medicaid cannot force you to sell your co-op or count the value of your co-op when determining eligibility.

Moreover, unlike a house, which is considered real property, the law does not allow Medicaid to place a lien against your co-op. Medicaid can, however, file a claim against your estate upon your death in order to recoup any benefits paid on your behalf. But Medicaid can only file a claim against your "probate estate."

Your probate estate consists of assets in your individual name (with no beneficiary or joint owner) that pass under the terms of your Last Will and Testament. By way of example, if you own a co-op in your name and your Last Will and Testament leaves your co-op to your children, your probate estate includes your co-op. Whoever you have nominated to act as your executor must probate your will by going through a process in Surrogate's

Court. Once that process has commenced, Medicaid might file their claim, which could exceed the value of your co-op.

In recent years, Medicaid has become more aggressive in pursuing estate recoveries, thereby causing elder law attorneys to implement techniques to avoid estate recovery. A common technique is to transfer the co-op to a trust since assets in trusts do not have to go through probate. Thus, by using a trust, you avoid probate, and defeat any Medicaid claim.

Enter stage right: the co-op board. If you own a co-op in the geographic area that that this article reaches, there is a 50 percent chance that your board does not allow transfers to trusts. This policy is detrimental to your estate and long-term care planning because, as noted above, it could result in the loss of your co-op after your death.

Many boards that do not allow transfers to trusts simply do so out of lack of understanding. In fact, I have had the opportunity to address several boards, and

after doing so, have agreed to allow such transfers.

If you already own a co-op, it is important that you implement proper estate planning using trusts and other documents to preserve your estate if you get sick. Prior to drafting a trust, you must find out if your board allows transfers to trusts.

If you are someone who is looking to downsize and a co-op is within your sights, I hope this article brings insight into your decision-making process. Remember, you must find out if the Board of Directors allows transfers to trusts prior to entering into a contract to purchase the co-op. If the board does not allow transfers, you may lose the value of your co-op.

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Guest Column

Obituaries

David Hachgontz

David Hachgontz, a White Plains resident, died May 15, at the age of 86.

He was born Feb. 23, 1933 in NYC to the late Adroujan and Alice Manigian

Hachgontz.

David was a graduate of the high school of Music and Art and Fordham University with a Major in Physics. He worked for several aircraft companies before moving to Texas and working for NASA, where he

helped with the Gemini Missile Launch.

After returning East, David attended Fordham Law School for his post-graduate degree. He then changed course and went to work for Helmsley Plaza Hotel in NYC and later White Plains Hotel as the Front Desk Manager. His next venture was at Verizon, where he retired.

He is survived by his sister Gladys H. Salvo, his nephew David Salvo and niece Danielle, grand nephews Zachary and Matthew Salvo, niece Susan Salvo Glick/Michael, grand nephews, Samson and Greyson Glick.

Private services will follow his cremation at Ferncliff Cemetery.

Edward J. Tierney

Edward J. Tierney, 82, passed away on May 15, at his residence in Jensen Beach, FL. Edward was born June 14, 1936 in New York City to the late Edward and Anna Tierney.

He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and worked as an ironworker for Local 580 in New York.

He is survived by his nephew, Edward Tierney, devoted friend, Grace Poling and many other family members and friends.

Jennie Schuette

On May 10, Jennie (Aunt Janice) Schuette went home to be with Our Lord.

Born to Anna (Siniscalchi) and Alfred Civarelli in 1924. Jennie was a unique and fun spirited woman. Her zest for life and intuitive nature made her the character that everyone loved.

Jennie married her handsome blue-eyed husband William Schuette in April 1969. He predeceased her in 2005.

Jennie is the last of her siblings to pass. Danny, Alfonse, Junior, and Anne, along with their parents welcomed her through the golden gates where she will find peace.

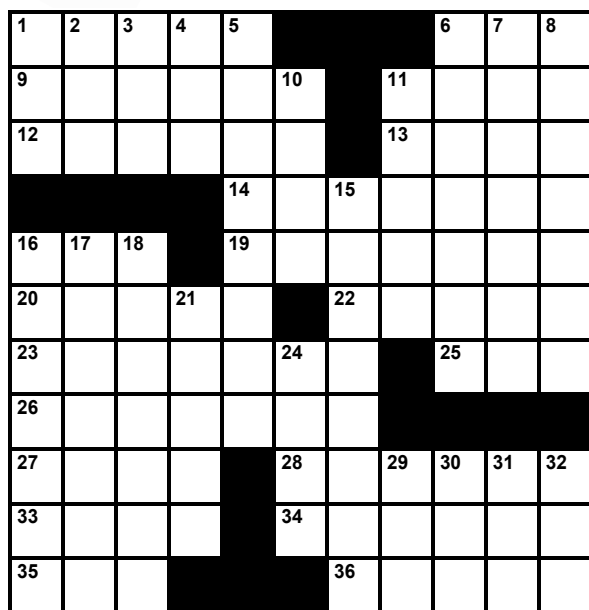
Her nephews Alfred and Anthony also predeceased her.

She is survived by her loving nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews as well as great-great nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all.

In lieu of flowers the family asks donations be made in Jennie's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Crossword by Myles Mellor



23. More insignificant
25. Formerly poetically
26. Italian for coastline or Pleasantville restaurant
27. City near Provo
28. "Aha!"
33. Uncovered
34. Tertiary period
35. Golfer Ernie
36. "... with ___ in sight"

Down

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5. Fuel supply regulator
6. Learned
7. Information exchange
8. Not yet an adult
10. See 11 across

Across

1. Troubled
6. Time-zone letters
9. Snagged
11. Where birds congregate or Mohegan Lake rehabilitation center, goes with 10 down
12. Caped fighter
13. Philosopher David
14. Chose to participate
16. Pat, a wound for example
19. The wife of a Czar
20. Words of clarification, Latin
22. Put a new price on

11. Used twice, it forms a sympathy phrase 15. Béarnaise ingredient
16. Prepare for a bath
17. Chief of the fleet
18. Oregon State squad
21. Gunk
24. Great Lake
29. Environmentally minded, for short
30. Golf ball prop
31. Country stop-over
32. Guitarist Nugent

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The Influences That Formulate Our Opinion of Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

How often does this happen to you? You're at a dinner party and the host opens a bottle of wine. Everyone sips it and marvels at the aroma and flavor of such a fine wine. You sit there quietly thinking that Mother Nature must have had a bad hair day when this wine was produced.

Conversely, you're at a restaurant and a dining mate orders a bottle of wine. You

Has this happened to you?

Are your sensory elements out of line with the rest of society? Have your senses of smell and taste been permanently affected by those massive quantities of extra spicy chicken wings you inhaled during college? Or are you the true connoisseur in the group, with a palate that can detect resplendent scents of herbs and spices grown in exotic lands?

It happens to me all the time.

As I've learned through trial and error, there are no prescribed rules to follow in judging a wine's merits. My perception of wine is just that: an individualized experience that differs from person to person, from palate to palate.

Why is this? What causes such a broad band of opinion when it comes to wine? We don't typically find this dichotomy when we experience other gustatory pleasures in life. After all, barring any allergic reaction or intolerance, doesn't everyone enjoy pizza, mint chocolate chip ice cream and pigs in a blanket?

There are three reasons for the distinct elements we bring to our individual interactions with wine.

1. Perception. If you read a wine critic's review of a particular wine, the tendency

is to accept it as the de facto essence of the wine. It is etched in our subconscious as an ultimate assessment. However, these notes are simply one person's palate speaking. For this reason, I disdain the concept of blind tastings. A critic brings a lifetime of personal perceptions to an individual tasting moment. Why should we arbitrarily rely on this evaluation?

2. Experience. Each palate is the repository of the four senses of taste and thousands of senses of smell. No two individuals possess the identical memory footprint of taste and smell. The best way

to determine the caliber of a wine is to sample it. Over time our cerebral storage cells capture the subjective elements of wine and build an internal data bank. Each time we sample a new wine, these data elements come surging to the forefront of our palates and our sensory neurons. In this way we "remember" the citrus aromas of Sauvignon Blanc and the peppery mouthfeel of Syrah, and apply these memories to the wine at hand.

3. Genetics. Yes, some of us have more taste buds than others, some have more sensitive olfactory senses, and some can assimilate elements of aromas and flavors better than others. It's a function of our

DNA. Be it ethnic or evolutionary, some of us just have a predisposition to the finer elements of the physiological make-up of wine. If you're in this elite group, capitalize on it. Use these innate skills to discern amongst the sea of mediocre wines in the marketplace. If you're like the rest of us, follow Theory 2 above; drink your way to an educated palate.

The most difficult question posed to me by inquiring minds is "what wine should I be drinking?" Invariably my response is "whichever wine you enjoy." Remember: "Continuous experimentation results in instinctive behavior."

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'What causes such a broad band of opinion when it comes to wine?'

sample the wine and become flush with a rush of excitement. Ah, a new experience that you will remember even when dementia creeps up on you later in life. You look around the table and everyone else is nursing their respective glass; nary a one, not even the person who ordered the wine, is asking for more.

Whether to Dust or to Leave it Where it Lies

If we are made from dust and shall return to dust, does that give us a pass to live with the stuff?

While dust is inevitable, it horrifies some of us, as though its presence on our furniture and floors tells the world something unflattering about us, not only as housekeepers, but as human beings. And some of us just don't give a damn.

I remember an interview long ago in The New York Times in which an eccentric artist said she hadn't dusted her apartment in over 30 years, saying that "after the first two years or so, you really can't tell the difference." That kind of empirical research really impresses me.

In the HBO movie "Grey Gardens," Jackie Kennedy Onassis' aunt and cousin, Edie Beale and her daughter, are depicted as living in absolute squalor in a neglected, ramshackle house with garbage strewn throughout and a hoard of cats and raccoons relieving themselves on the floor. When Jackie arrives to help remedy the situation and registers her shock at the condition of the property, Edie dismisses the condition of her living environment by saying simply that her daughter "hasn't been keeping up with the dusting."

Is inattention to dust the first degenerative step to chaos in the home? Maybe for some, depending on their mental attitude about it. But how do unkempt homes affect its occupants?

A recent survey revealed that 83 percent are happier in a clean house. The act of cleaning gives 57 percent of the population a feeling of satisfaction. Further, it shows that 38 percent of women and 24 percent of men experience stress living in a messy environment.

It would seem that, especially in these harsh times, dusting and cleaning can be therapeutic. Psychologists have found that there is a marked difference in mood before and after cleaning, just as with a therapy session.

According to Dr. Carol Nemeroff, professor at Lewiston-Auburn College at the University of Southern Maine, this psychological boost may be derived from biological programming to clean our nests.

"And, because we know that good hygiene leads to good health," she said, "cleaning may ultimately be related to a basic survival instinct."

Wow, get out that dust rag!

For those who don't mind living with a coating of dust on their furniture

and appliances, it may be motivating to know that dust is composed largely of our own flaking skin cells. Now that we know what it contains and that it can cause real stress, does this explain the expression "uncomfortable in our own skin?"

Add to our skin cells other flaky stuff like fabric fibers, dust mite excrement, hair, pet dander, pollen, regular dirt, debris and microparticles, and you have a pretty nasty brew that can give people with allergies and breathing problems a real hassle.

But beyond the psychological and unhealthy effects of dust, it can do real physical damage to most everything it lands on, from furniture surfaces to computer keyboards and vents.

There are fancy and simple ways to get rid of dust. The fancy way is with an air purifier of which there are two types: those with fans that pull air through filters that trap the dust and those called electrostatic precipitators in which an electrical charge is applied to the dust drawn into the device and captured on oppositely charged plates. Both are available as either portable

units, which offer varying degrees of effectiveness, depending on the model, or as whole-house systems. Prices range from \$100 for a portable model to over \$1,000 for a whole-house system.

Among the houses I've listed or sold, I was aware of only a couple that had a whole-house air purifier system. So, unless people are plagued by allergies, I suspect that most of us dust with old-fashioned elbow grease, using either regular rags or one of those new magic dusters to which particles cling, such as the Swiffer Sweeper or Pledge Grab-It cloths. Because the latter option can be expensive, a regular rag can be made just as effective if dampened before use and shaken out frequently.

I definitely do not recommend a feather duster because it merely spreads the dust around until it lands again on the surface of things.

It's funny how the exploratory process can affect you. As I sit at my computer, I'm very aware and uncomfortable that between the keys of the keyboard is a lot of trapped dust. Are the raccoons soon to follow?

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By Bill Primavera



Happenings

The Examiner is happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event to pcasey@theexaminernews.com. For a full listing of the upcoming week's events, visit www.theexaminernews.com and click on Happenings.

Tuesday, May 21

Tuesdays@Dorrie's. When County Executive George Latimer resurrected Hispanic Affairs to the county government, he approached Martha Lopez. She had been in that role until the previous County Executive eliminated the position, and she had served as a leader in Westchester's Hispanic community for many years before that. Martha will help us at Dorrie's understand the community's challenges and successes, and what her work entails. Weekly table talk 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering begins at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome. Dorrie's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

SBA Workshop: How to write a business plan; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Families of Veterans Writing Workshop. Are you a family member or caretaker of a veteran or active duty service member? White Plains Public Library and Veterans Writing Workshop are pleased to offer a free 10-week creative writing workshop just for you. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required. To register visit fvww.weebly.com, call 914-629-4016 or email: info@fvww.org. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Wednesday, May 22

Farmers' Market. Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains. Hours of operation each Wednesday are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Noonday Getaway Concert. Sarah Vonsattel, violin, and Sayaka Tanikawa, piano, perform Mozart's Sonata for Violin and Piano K 301 plus Ravel's Sonata No. 2. 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.

Yoga in the Park. All levels and flexibilities welcome. Bring your own mat. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 5:45 to 7 p.m. Free. Rain date: May 29. Info: 914-231-4033 or visit www.thewpf.org.

GOLDEN Paints Lecture and Demonstration. A fun, informative lecture covering a technical review of the vast potential of GOLDEN. Instructor Roy Kinzer will discuss pigment types, characteristics, heavy body, fluids, OPEN paints, gels, mediums, pastes, iridescent and much more. Get key information on color mixing for brilliant hues and controlling drying time, as well as techniques associated with oils, such as wet-into-wet and glazing. Learn the wide range of techniques that they can be used for, from traditional uses to printing to collage and much more. For ages 15 and up. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Suggested donation: \$10. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-738-2525 ext. 111 or visit www.pelhamartcenter.org.

Hate Crimes Forum. In light of the recent rise in acts of anti-Semitism and hate crimes that the Christ Episcopal Church and San Marcos of Tarrytown and the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center in White Plains are offering a special program to help the public to prepare an informed response to these events. Guest speaker Helga Luden, a Holocaust survivor, will share her story. Luden was among the many refugees that were turned away when they sought asylum but were not allowed to disembark when their boat reached New York. Her presentation will be followed by a Q&A and general discussion. All welcome. Christ Episcopal Church & San Marcos, 43 S. Broadway, Tarrytown. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Susan Copley at 914-564-6893 or visit www.hhrecny.org.

Thursday, May 23

Trove Time. Early literacy playtime for ages 2-4 with a caregiver. Children and their caregiver will play together, hear stories, and learn about enriching a child's life and increasing their early literacy skills. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis beginning 30 minutes prior to the program. 11 a.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

"The Souvenir." Winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the 2019 Sundance Film Festival. A shy but ambitious film student (Honor Swinton Byrne in a

mesmerizing breakout performance) begins to find her voice as an artist while navigating a turbulent courtship with a charismatic but untrustworthy man (Tom Burke). She defies her protective mother (Tilda Swinton) and concerned friends as she slips deeper into an intense, emotionally fraught relationship that comes dangerously close to derailing the potential of her life and career. Recreated from her own memories of her schooldays in London, writer-director Joanna Hogg paints an enigmatic and personal portrait of the artist as a young woman, combining passionate emotions and stylish aesthetics into a lush, dreamlike story of young adulthood and first love. Includes a talk by programmers Nicole Klein and Saidah Russell. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

"The World Before Your Feet. A screening of this documentary that follows 37-year-old Matt Green and his quest to walk every block of New York City. The film tells the story of one man's unusual personal quest and the unexpected journey of discovery, humanity and wonder that ensues. Following the film, Green and film director Jeremy Workman will discuss making the film and why Green still has not finished his walk. Irvington Town Hall Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.irvingtontheater.com.

Saturday, May 25

Farmers' Market. Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains. Saturday opening day with music and special events. Hours of operation each Saturday are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Wood Thrush: Voice of the Forest." Join educator, photographer and researcher Elijah Goodwin for a fascinating discussion. Goodwin has been studying wood thrush for year. Wood thrush are known for their hauntingly beautiful song. You will hear its loud flute-clear song in the woods in summer – including at Rockefeller State Park Preserve, where they nest. However, their nesting success is extremely low and their population is in decline. Goodwin has been studying the wood thrush in Rockefeller Preserve for years. He will present his findings and the serious implications behind them. In addition to his scientific experience, which ranges from banding hawks and owls during migration to New Jersey to studying bird song learning on the East Coast and Mexico, he's a photographer whose images have appeared in National

Geographic News and other publications. Rockefeller State Park Preserve Gallery, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info: 914-631-1470. Registration: Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wood-thrush-voice-of-the-forest-tickets-59297740137>.

Sunday, May 26

Pack Chat for Kids. This is the best introduction to wolves for families with young children. Kids will learn about the mythology surrounding wolves and the important role they play in the natural world. This is an exciting time for wolves as they are out searching for prey as they prepare for the birth of this year's pups. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and possibly the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 11 a.m. Also June 1, 8, 15, 23 and 29 at 2 p.m. and June 30 at 11 a.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-763-2373 or visit www.nywolf.org.

For Shear Pleasure. At the end of a long winter, help us celebrate the arrival of spring. Bring the whole family down to the barnyard and have a wonderful, wooly time. Share the experience from sheep to sweater. Touch the wool and have a go at carding, hand spinning and a "wooly" craft. Enjoy a short story then hang around to help feed other barnyard animals. 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.



White Plains Main Street Honor Flags Recognize Veterans

The American flag is a symbol of our freedom and the bravery of all who have defended this nation throughout our country's history.

As a tribute to veterans, past and present, the City of White Plains created an assemblage of American Flags along

Main Street. The following individuals, families and/or businesses proudly sponsored a flag in honor of a veteran who has served or is presently serving our country.

Sponsor, Veteran's Committee; Honoree, John Kelly, US Army.

Sponsor, Cambria Hotels White Plains; Honoree, To all our Veterans who served and those that continue to serve.

Sponsor, Steven W. Brady; Honoree, Walter J. Brady, S Army 101st Airborne Division.

Sponsor, Michael Boggi, III; Honoree,

Michael Boggi, Jr., US Navy.

Sponsor, Hyatt Family; Honoree, Lanson Hyatt, US Army.

Sponsor, Hyatt Family; Honoree, Steven J. Shaw, US Air Force.

Sponsor, John Martin, Councilman; Honoree, John M. Martin, US Navy.

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City of White Plains Memorial Day Parade

White Plains Mayor Tom Roach in cooperation with the Veteran's Committee, has announced plans for the City's annual community parade commemorating Memorial Day to be held on Monday, May 27.

The parade will begin on Church Street between Main St. and Hamilton Ave. and proceed to the Rural Cemetery on North Broadway. Step off is at 10 a.m. The Parade will be immediately followed by memorial services and honors at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument at the cemetery.

The Grand Marshal for this year's parade is Malcolm Baehr, United States Navy, World War II, Korean War, and Naval Reserve veteran and long-time



White Plains resident. He is a member of the White Plains Jewish War Veterans, Post 191 and has served as Commander,

as Chaplain, and is currently serving as the Quartermaster. Malcolm also serves on the Mayor's Veteran Committee and is Treasurer of the White Plains Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. Malcolm served in the US Navy from 1945 -1948 and then re-enlisted from 1950-1952. During his service he was stationed at various naval stations within the United States. He also served on the aircrafts, Oriskany and Tarawa, and was involved in the operations for the Berlin Airlift.

In 1977 he moved to White Plains with wife where he raised his family. He retired from Texaco after a 50-year career working in finance and tax accounting.

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SUMMONS TO: Carmen Meausoone, 300 Main Street Apt. 35 White Plains, NY 10601-3635

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DEBT, FORECLOSURE OF LIEN AND BREACH OF CONTRACT.

Witness my hand and the Seal of this Court this 24th day of April, 2019.

ESTRELLA H. GEORGE
Clerk of the Court
By: Deputy Clerk

Matthew J. Duensing, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Frenchman's Cove Condominium
Owners' Association, Inc.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., V. JOHANNA PURVIS, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 21, 2019, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, wherein REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. is the Plaintiff and JOHANNA PURVIS, ET AL. are the Defendants. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the **WESTCHESTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 111 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD. LOBBY, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601, on June 4, 2019 at 9:30 AM, premises**

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The WHITE PLAINS Examiner Sports

Tigers Seventh Grader Cal Markowitz Wins Varsity Tennis Conference Title

By Albert Coqueran

Cal Markowitz (pictured on the back page of this issue of The White Plains Examiner) runs to the court moments before the teams participating in the Section 1 Boys Tennis Qualifying Tournament are introduced at White Plains High School, on May 15.

Markowitz seems calm and collected with his brunette pompadour set in place. He is the Number One seed in the tournament, which does not seem to faze him. Moreover, he seems completely comfortable and confident despite the fact that he is a seventh grade student competing in the Section 1 Varsity Qualifying Tennis Tournament.

Markowitz turned 13 years old just two days prior on May 13. The young tennis prodigy is merely completing the seventh grade at Highlands Middle School this June and he is already the Tigers Varsity Boys Tennis Team's Number One Player.

The Tigers Boys Tennis Team finished the season with a 13-3 record and won their League. Although, Tigers Head Coach Brian Golden admits that their



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

Tigers Boys Tennis participants in the Section 1 Qualifying Tournament included (l-r) Doubles Team Matthew Lau and Jonathan Siwek, Michael Cho and his Doubles partner Max Galkin (second right) with Cal Markowitz (third right), the Section 1 Varsity Singles Conference Champion and Tigers Head Coach Brian Golden.

League was not very strong this season; the Tigers not only won every match against League opponents, they also won every set in their League matches this season.

The young Markowitz is a huge part of the Tigers success this year. Markowitz was undefeated during the regular season

and did not lose a set in league or non-league competition. The seventh grader is a Five Star Tennis Recruit and is nationally ranked in the top 100 for his age group, while in the East he is ranked second for his age group.

"I have coached really good players prior to Cal (Markowitz)," commented Golden. "But the difference between Cal and the other players is that he is just so good at such a young age. I really do not think I have seen a player before his age be as good as he is," emphasized Golden, who has coached Tigers Boys Tennis for 17 years.

Markowitz quickly changed into his aqua and white colored Adidas tennis sneakers. Then he proceeded to dismantle junior Damian Bednarski from Clarkstown North, 6-0, 6-0, in his first round Qualifying match. "I did not know my opponent before the match so I just had to feel him out in warm-ups. I have not really played in front of this many people before so it was a little nerve racking but once I got into the match it was fun," said Markowitz

Also winning their first match in the Qualifying Tourney was the Tigers Double Team Jonathan Siwek and Matthew Lau, while defeating North Rockland, 6-3, 6-1. The Tigers other Double Team entry of Michael Cho and Max Galkin were defeated in their first round match and eliminated.

After a brief rest, Markowitz again cruised through another opponent, while blanking Samir Shah from Suffern High School, 6-0, 6-0. The Tigers Double Team was not as fortunate; they lost their second round Qualifying match and were eliminated from the tournament.

Markowitz, who did not seem to break a sweat in the first two Qualifying rounds, won all his matches in the Section 1 Qualifying Tournament to advance to the Sectional Tournament.

"I am really looking forward to winning the Sectional Tournament. It will bring a lot of pride to White Plains because we have not had a lot of great tennis here and it will put our school on the map for tennis," said Markowitz.

When Markowitz is not playing with the Tigers tennis team; he trains at the John McEnroe Tennis Academy in Lake Isle, Eastchester, under Fritz Buehning, the Westchester Annex Director of the JMTA.

However, the young Markowitz credits his father, Dan Markowitz for bringing about his tennis proficiency at such a young age. "My Dad played a couple of pro tournaments and ever since I could walk he got me on the court. It is a lot of hard training but I just love the game so that is my inspiration to keep playing," said the Highlands Middle School seventh grader.

Furthermore, Markowitz is also a baseball pitcher and third baseman and rumor has it that he is as efficient in baseball and he is in tennis!

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EXAMINER SPORTS

Softball Ends Regular Season 18-2, After Raiders Stifle Comeback, 4-3

By Albert Coqueran

The White Plains Softball Team did not lose a Conference 1 League D regular season game all season. The Lady Tigers finished 6-0 and won their League this year. In fact, the Tigers Softball Team had lost only one game all season until they came up against Raiders pitcher Sam Housman, at WPHS, on Saturday, in their final regular season game.

The Lady Tigers had one of their best regular seasons in many years, while finishing overall at 18-2, losing only to Suffern High School 4-3, back on April 16 and to Scarsdale 5-3, in their regular season finale on Saturday.

The one element of the game that the Tigers had not experienced much this season was having to come back against opponents to secure a win. With the exception of five games out of their 20-game schedule, the Tigers convincingly defeated opponents.

However, on Saturday, despite falling short by one run in a seventh-inning comeback; the Lady Tigers proved they are also resilient considering this component of the game. Housman, the Raiders junior pitcher had held the Tigers big bats at bay



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS
The 2019 White Plains High School Softball Team finished the regular season with a remarkable, 18-2 record, while also going undefeated at 6-0 in Conference 1 League D and winning the League this year.

kept me in the game was hitting my spots because I knew if I left the ball over the plate they would take advantage of it," said Housman, who struck-out nine and ended the game giving up six hits to the Tigers.

Nonetheless, with the Raiders (15-4) shutting out the Tigers through six innings, 4-0, if it had not been for Sophie Carrol's stretched glove hand in leftfield on a well hit fly ball by Tigers Alexa Galligani, White Plains might have tied the game or walked-off with the win.

The Lady Tigers could not catch-up with Housman's ball movement throughout six innings but they found their groove in the bottom of the seventh. Sarah DiSanto, who has done it for White Plains all year, led off with a single and catcher Zoey Kovach followed-up with a single, before freshman Kirsten Hardy slammed a RBI double to dead centerfield.

With the score 4-1, another freshman Sasha Persaud came up with the big hit. Persaud

hit a single scoring two runs making the score 4-3. Tigers' centerfielder Amanda LeMark, also got her groove back, by hitting a single and moving Persaud to third base. That is when Carrol saved the game for the Raiders with a catch in the

web of her glove on Galligani's fly ball to leftfield. Carrol also hit a solo homerun in the third inning, which proved to be the difference in the game.

Nonetheless, the Tigers go into the Section 1 AA Playoffs this week with team confidence and cohesiveness, while also

now confirming their resilient comeback nature. "I am proud of them; losing is not fun but this loss has kind of a silver lining because it is just going to make this young team tougher and more determined than ever," stated Tigers Head Softball Coach Ted O'Donnell.



Freshman rightfielder Kiersten Hardy slammed a RBI double in the bottom of the last inning as the Lady Tigers staged a seventh-inning rally but fell short by one run losing to Scarsdale in their season finale, 4-3.

while relinquishing only one hit and one walk in six innings.

"I am good friends with a lot of the girls on the White Plains team and they are fantastic people to play with and against," acknowledged Housman. "What

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EXAMINER SPORTS

White Plains' Rally Comes Up Short vs. Rebels in Quarterfinals

By Rob DiAntonio

When Gabe Robles was asked to reflect on the season, the White Plains coach immediately pointed to the fact that the Tigers were five games under the .500 mark through 11 games, but closed out the regular season on a hot streak by winning five in a row.

"The kids battled and it's a great group of kids," Robles said. "Listen, three weeks ago we were sitting at 3-8 and wondering how we were going to right the ship. It's a credit to two great senior captains who we're going to miss tremendously. It's a great locker room of kids. They stayed the course when I asked them to stay the course. They played hard when I asked them to give me everything they've got. At the end of the day, that's all I can really ask from them."

The season didn't end how the Tigers wanted it to, but they made plenty of strides in the right direction. Fifth-



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Anna Chochrek is ready in net against Lakeland/Panas in the quarterfinals.



Sofia Bernabei sends a pass.



White Plains' Alexa Donahoe races up the field.

seeded White Plains fell to fourth-seeded Lakeland/Panas, 12-9, in the Section 1 Class A opening round last Thursday at Lakeland High School.

"Lakeland/Panas is a really quality team," Robles said. "We stood toe-to-toe with them, but unfortunately just made too many mistakes today. When you make that many mistakes against a good team, you're going to lose."

White Plains cut the deficit to two goals multiple times in the second half, but couldn't get any closer than that. Alexa Donahoe scored on a feed from Julia Reggio to trim the Rebels' lead to 10-8 with 18:36 to go.

Anna Chochrek, the Tigers' goalie, then made a save three minutes later. Cara O'Shea forced a turnover, however, and Katelyn Cerrato picked it up and scored

for Lakeland/Panas with 15:23 remaining.

"It was a game of turnovers," Robles said. "We started slow and spotted them four goals in the first five minutes and we could just never get over the hump for one reason or another. Whether it was a failed clear or we get down into the offensive end and then throw it away or they make a good defensive play. I think we did little things that unfortunately hurt us."

Lucy Barest scooped up a loose ball and scored to make it a two-goal game again at 11-9 with 7:57 on the clock.

The Tigers won the ensuing draw but turned it over again. Lakeland/Panas' Emily Kness scored about a minute later to extend the lead to 12-9.

Lakeland/Panas started the game on a 4-0 run by dominating the draw. The Rebels scored the first four goals in just over five minutes.

"I think in the first seven minutes, we might have won one draw," Robles said. "So they were just killing us on the circle and they sustained some good offensive possessions. We played some solid defense, but unfortunately just had breakdowns. I think what really killed us today is the amount of 8-meters that we gave up. They scored 12 goals and maybe eight of them were on 8-meters. We'd play some good defense and then one little breakdown cost us and they took advantage of those opportunities. All the credit to them."

Donahoe and Julia Mancini scored consecutive goals to cut it to 6-4 with 7:40 left in the first half. But the Rebels answered with a goal and were fouled on the play, resulting in another possession. Cerrato finished on an 8-meter to give them an 8-4 lead with 4:53 to go.

Donahoe, who finished with a game-high five goals, responded on the other end with her fourth goal of the first half. But Lakeland/Panas scored with nine seconds



Kyra Broderick clears for the Tigers.

left to take a 9-5 lead into halftime.

"We have an 8-meter with about two-and-a-half minutes left in the first half and a false start was called so we lost possession," Robles said. "They go down and kill two minutes and score with a few seconds on the clock. That was a big swing. We had a couple man-up opportunities that we were just not able to capitalize on. The story of the game for us was really just missed opportunities."

Mancini tallied three goals and two assists for White Plains. Reggio had two assists while Katie McAteer had one assist. Chochrek made eight saves in the cage.

The Tigers finished the season 8-9. They graduate just two players: top scorer Mancini and Kyra Broderick, a key player on defense.

"That's the silver lining. Right now we're looking at 15 returners," Robles said. "We've got the makings but it's going to be on next year's group to improve."

Tigers Baseball Celebrates 2019 "Senior Day"



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The White Plains High School Baseball Team celebrated its senior players on "Senior Day" May 15. [L-r] Head Coach Marcel Galligani, pitcher Vincent Russo, who will attend Towson University in September, infielder Taj Johnson (Iona College), third baseman Ryan Sevcik (Westchester Community College), catcher AJ Sacpoli (University of South Carolina), pitcher Anthony Burgio (Mercy College), first baseman Justin DiSavino (Cornell University), Raul Iglesias (Westchester Community College), centerfielder Nicky Gomez (Westchester Community College), Devin Hudayar (University at Buffalo), Michael Perri (Manhattan College), pitcher Luke Spano (Sage University) and Assistant Coach Kelvin Espinosa.

EXAMINER SPORTS

Tigers Trounced by Lakeland/Panas in Class A Opening Round

By Rob DiAntonio

White Plains' boys lacrosse team saw its season come to a close in a 14-1 loss to seventh-seeded Lakeland/Panas in the Section 1 Class A opening round last Wednesday at Walter Panas High School.

The No. 10 Tigers fell behind 4-0 after one quarter and were down 6-0 at halftime after the Rebels scored with 31 seconds to go in the second quarter.

"Our offense turning the ball over and maybe not taking quality shots hurt us early on," White Plains coach Mark Armogida said. "We passed the ball to somebody who was covered and you can't do that. They put some pressure on us and we fell apart a little bit. We tried to recover and played a better second quarter. I think

was one or two black shirts. They had us outnumbered to every single ground ball and it's tough to win that way."

Lakeland/Panas, which went on to upset second-seeded Scarsdale in the quarterfinals on Friday, went up 8-0 in the third quarter before White Plains finally broke the ice. Sean Larkin scored on a Luke Leone feed with 2:57 on the clock in the third.

White Plains had its share of man-up opportunities but couldn't capitalize against a fast and physical Rebel defense.

"They had their sticks in the skip lanes," Armogida said of Lakeland/Panas' defense. "We couldn't find the open passing lanes like we normally have. Our man up has been really good all year and



Bryan Figueiredo looks to make his move.

the transition hurt us a lot. [Lakeland/Panas] just played at a different speed than we do. Every ground ball, there were three or four white shirts and there

just today it wasn't. They rotated really well and got their sticks in the lanes. We had nowhere to go."

Nick Spista made four saves in net for



Sean Larkin of the Tigers send a pass.



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Jack Herman wins a face-off for the Tigers against Lakeland/Panas.

the Tigers, who finished the season 6-11.

"We were just inconsistent," Armogida said when asked his overall thoughts on the season. "I wish we were more consistent. I just think that we're better than what our record says. We're a better team than 6-11. We just didn't prove it on the field, which is a little disappointing. But overall, the kids played hard and the effort was always there. Sometimes it wasn't the smartest lacrosse but they brought the effort almost every time so I'm proud of that."

White Plains will graduate 12 seniors, but will return some key players next year.

"We had a great group of seniors and I wish them well," Armogida said. "About half of our seniors were starters. We have a couple of our big key positions coming back. We have our goaltender (Spista) and our face-off guy (Jack Herman), who are both ninth-graders. Hopefully they continue to progress and we'll be able to fill in (the other positions). But

missing our two attackmen (Leone and Bryan Figueiredo), those are going to be huge losses. (Devin) Burns and (Jared) Stiebling, our two senior poles are going to be tough to replace. Those are four big replacements that we're going to have to work on during the summer."

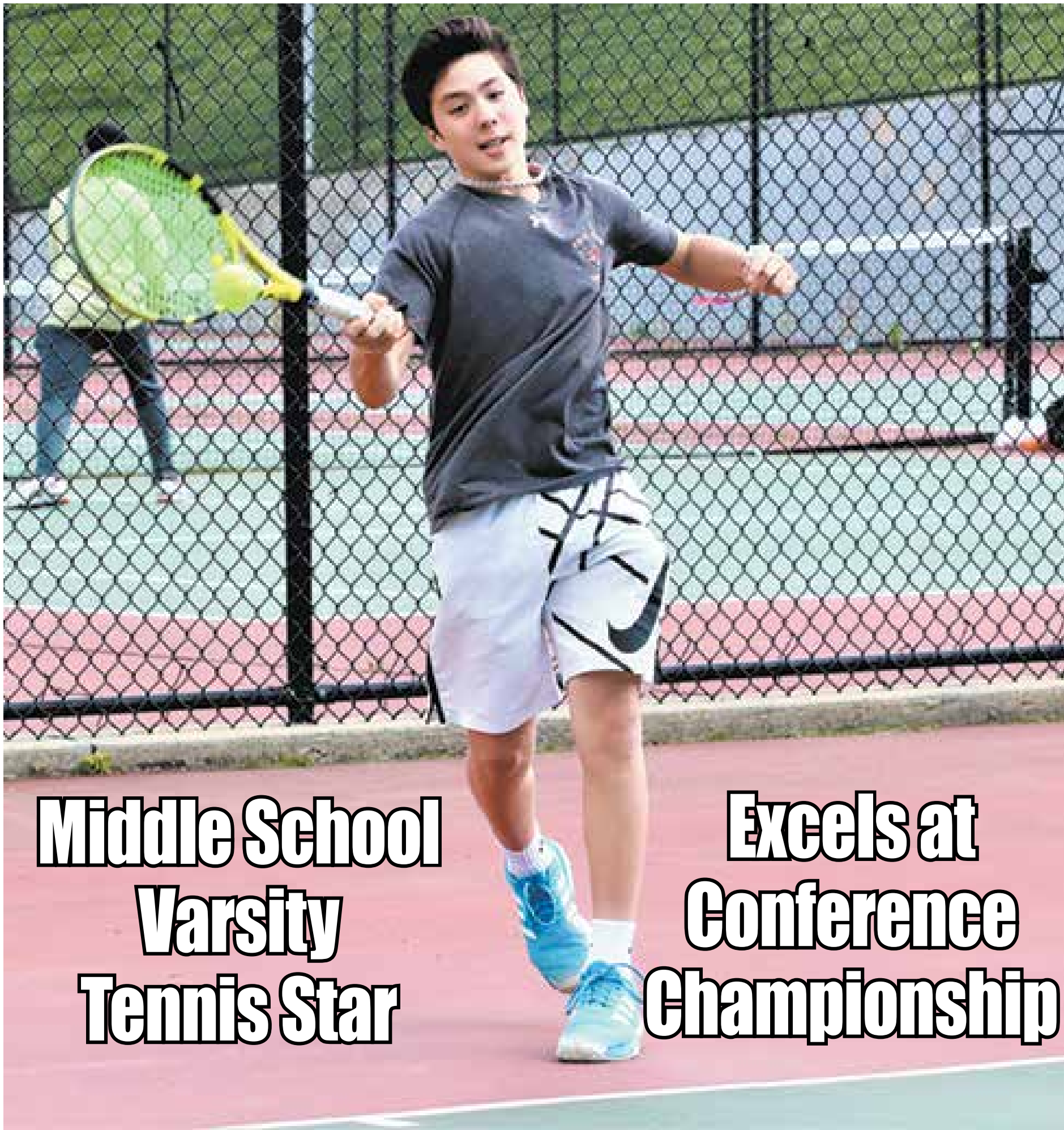


Ryan McDonough passes during the Class A opening round.



Devin Burns heads up the field.

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Cal Markowitz just turned 13 years old on May 9. He is a seventh grade student at Highlands Middle School, who not only plays on the White Plains High School Varsity Boys Tennis Team; he is their Number 1 Singles Player. Markowitz won the Section 1 Conference Championship this season and has advanced to the Sectional Tournament.