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Dispute Over Playland Escalates as Opening Day Approaches

By Martin Wilbur

County Executive George Latimer refuted claims from Standard Amusements last week that the county has failed to uphold a 30-year agreement with the company to manage Playland and that the park is unsafe.

In a two-and-a-half-hour meeting with the Board of Legislators on May 1, Latimer and County Attorney John Nonna reiterated their reasons why they should scuttle the deal.

Other county officials vigorously defended the park's safety and the processes that are followed.

Latimer announced on Apr. 28 that he was canceling the deal because Standard Amusements was in breach of the agreement. A county audit revealed that \$7.7 million – about one-quarter of Standard Amusement's \$27.5 million investment – was spent on salaries, meals, travel, advertisements, marketing,



JADE PEREZ PHOTO

County officials vowed that Playland is ready to open this Saturday despite an escalating controversy over alleged breach of contract by Standard Amusements. The company was to take over running the park later this year until 2049.

consulting and legal fees, in breach of the agreement, County Attorney John Nonna pointed out to lawmakers.

"We are looking at something that we have a continuing concern about and if this relationship isn't going to work, then we need to end it," Latimer said.

Nonna said that under the agreement, Standard Amusements was to spend the money on capital improvements and tangible enhancements to the facility. He said the audit from 2017 and into last year showed the resources weren't being spent properly, including about \$1.5 million in legal fees associated with helping the company secure the necessary funding.

"We couldn't understand how they were allocating funds to new rides on this list, painting, historic ride preservation and other tangible improvements when none of that seemed to be happening at the park," Nonna said.

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White Plains School Board Incumbent Trustees Unopposed

By Neal Rentz

Two incumbent members of the White Plains Board of Education, Sheryl Brady and Charlie Norris, are running unopposed in this year's Board of Education race.

Brady and Norris will begin their new three-year terms on July 1. The deadline for candidates to submit petitions was last Wednesday, May 1.

The final public hearing and presentation on Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Ricca's proposed \$226,588,509 budget for 2019-20 will be held next Monday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the district's Education House, located at 5 Homeside Lane.

The 3.44 percent tax levy increase is the

largest allowable hike for the district while still complying with the tax cap under the state formula.

On May 21, residents will vote on two propositions in addition to the budget.

One of those propositions asks voter approval for the district to spend \$6.4 million from its capital reserve fund to pay for improvement projects at Highlands Middle School and White Plains High School. Improvements would include work on the courtyard; new windows; lintels; repointing and lighting; and replacement of the artificial field at Parker Stadium.

High school projects would include a new security vestibule (\$175,000); replacement of the electric service (\$1.5

million); pool building improvements (\$890,000); additional funding for the public address system (\$425,000); and artificial turf and drainage improvements (\$1 million).

Voters approved the creation of the capital reserve fund in May 2016. Ricca said the district anticipates that by the end of the current school year on June 30 there will be a projected \$15.89 million in the fund.

The remaining proposition would allow the district to create a new capital reserve of up to \$25 million over a 10-year period. The district needs an additional capital reserve fund because they expire after 10 years.

Passage of those propositions would

not result in tax increases, district officials said. Money in the capital reserve funds are mainly derived from leftover funds from the district's annual budget.

The public vote on the budget, the two propositions and the uncontested school board election will take place on Tuesday, May 21 from 12 to 9 p.m. at six voting locations.

Information on the budget is available in each school building and on the district's website at www.whiteplainspublicschools.org. For voting locations and other information, call 914-422-2000.

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New Leaders Tabbed for Solid Waste, Taxi & Limousine Commissions

By Jade Perez

In hopes to further his mission to bring new and experienced leaders into Westchester government, County Executive George Latimer announced last week the appointment of new leaders of two county commissions.

During an Apr. 29 press conference, Latimer announced Peri Kadanoff as the executive director of the Solid Waste Commission and Leandra Eustache as the chair and CEO of the Taxi and Limousine Commission.

“What we’ve tried to do over the course of time is identify people that have a specific talent and ability, and bring them into the administration to complement



JADE PEREZ PHOTO

County Executive George Latimer introduces the new chair and CEO of the Taxi and Limousine Commission, Leandra Eustache, left, and Solid Waste Commission Executive Director Peri Kadanoff last week.

the members who have been asked to continue on with us,” Latimer said. “We are slowly making changes and getting qualified people from outside to join us, and both of these women are very established and talented.”

Kadanoff previously served as deputy attorney general overseeing the state attorney general’s Organized Crime Task Force and before that dedicated 13 years to

the Queens district attorney’s office overseeing a variety of functions. Eustache was the former senior supervising attorney of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commissions Prosecution Division.

Besides having impressive work credentials for their new positions, Latimer added that appointing two women will be beneficial.

“We’re trying very hard to have as diverse of an executive team as we can because we think that looking in every corner of experience and every demographic gives us the most broad-based, strongest possible team. So we’re very happy to have these two.”

Dispute Over Playland Escalates as Opening Day Approaches

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Latimer said the park is a viable asset but the county needs help in managing and marketing the facility. The escalating dispute comes as opening day for the 2019 season approaches this Saturday. The county plans to operate Playland this season; the agreement was to have begun on Nov. 1.

In order for Playland to be successful, Latimer said, attendance needs to rise from last year’s 450,000 visitors to at least 700,000 to 800,000, Latimer said. A modern marketing plan using 21st century strategies, including social media, is what is required for Playland to

again realize its potential along with the capital improvements.

“We do need external expertise to run this park and manage it properly,” Latimer said. “The question is do we get that from this arrangement, and if we don’t get that from this arrangement, what are our obligations to try and find that answer?”

Standard Amusements’ representatives contend that it’s the county that has been looking to extricate itself from the agreement since the start of the Latimer Administration. Last week, the company indicated it was willing to raise its investment to \$50 million.

Nonna said that before last week that offer was never made to the administration.

Standard Amusements issued a statement saying it has “always complied with both the letter and spirit of the Playland Management Agreement,” including requests that were outside the scope of the contract. The agreement, the company states, allows for the inclusion of overhead.

Standard Amusements also pointed out that there have been serious health and safety issues at Playland. Its statement added that the debate over how its funds

were being spent obscures the county’s “complete mishandling of food safety, failure to secure the wooden Dragon Coaster and lack of proper fire suppression technology at Playland.”

On Monday, a letter from Nicholas Singer, founder of Standard Amusements, to the Board of Legislators requested a meeting with county lawmakers “to address any business inaccuracies articulated by the Administration and to discuss the numerous challenges facing the Park and how they might be solved.”

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ArtsWestchester's Biggest House Party of the Year Returns May 16

Join ArtsWestchester's biggest house party of the year and enjoy an evening of food, fun and art featuring Chef David DiBari, restaurateur John Crabtree, "Restaurant Hunter" Rob Petrone and more than 20 of the area's hottest restaurants as they come together for this year's ArtsBash party on Thursday, May 16 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Family ArtsBash celebration will follow on Saturday, May 18 from 1 to 5 p.m., featuring a day of affordable, hands-on activities for kids of all ages. Festivities will take place throughout ArtsWestchester's historic building, located at 31 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains.

"The chance to explore ArtsWestchester's nine-story building filled with artists' studios and galleries while sampling food and drink from some of the lower Hudson Valley's finest purveyors is an opportunity not to be missed," said Petrone, the event's honorary chair and host and executive producer of "Restaurant Hunter" on Verizon FiOS1 News, Lower Hudson Valley. "The space is huge and fun to explore – yet there's this very personal touch to all of it. In the course of a few hours, you really feel like you get to know this creative community we have in Westchester through food and art."

Throughout the building, open artist studios will provide a unique opportunity



ArtsWestchester reprises its annual evening of food, fun and art on Thursday, May 16 with the Family ArtsBash.

to interact with some of the county's most creative forces. The exhibition "Modern Families," which explores the diverse representations of "family," will serve as the party backdrop in the main gallery, featuring photographs by 11 artists, anchored by the work of Harlem Renaissance legend James Van Der Zee.

DiBari is one of Westchester's hottest chefs, fresh off the opening of his latest

restaurant, Eugene's Diner & Bar in Port Chester. He is also the visionary behind The Cookery, The Parlor and The Rare Bit in Dobbs Ferry. Crabtree, meanwhile, is the founder behind the beloved Crabtree's Kittle House Restaurant & Inn in Chappaqua. Together with Petrone, the three have been a driving force in rallying restaurateurs from throughout the county to celebrate the art of food.

The 2019 ArtsBash is a fundraiser to support the programs and services of ArtsWestchester. It is co-chaired by Karen and Andrew Greenspan and Pat and Jim Houlihan along with Petrone, DiBari and Crabtree.

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White Plains Man Pleads Guilty in Bomb Threat Incidents

By Neal Rentz

A White Plains man pleaded guilty earlier this week for making a series of bomb threats in a Greenburgh building last September, according to Westchester County District Attorney Anthony Scarpino, Jr.

David Prieto, 22, made the bomb threats at 660 White Plains Rd., forcing its

evacuation on four occasions. He appeared in Westchester County Court on Apr. 29 before Judge Michael Martinelli, pleading guilty to four counts of first-degree false reporting, a Class D felony.

The defendant was employed by his father's construction contracting business at the time of the incidents, working at the building, according to the district

attorney's office. Prieto suggested bombs were in the building last Sept. 13, 14, 17 and 19. In each incident, the threat was either written on a bathroom wall in marker or on paper found in a stairwell. In one instance, he wrote, "I have the bomb in the building BOOM," the district attorney's office said.

The building is home to about 30

businesses and 400 employees. In each of the incidents the building was evacuated and the county's bomb squad was called in. Police said the defendant was recorded by security cameras in the building.

Greenburgh police handled the investigation and arrested Prieto on Sept. 25, 2018.

He is scheduled for sentencing July 29.

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"There are many existing issues at Playland," Singer's letter read. "The Park has been starved of capital investment

since the 1980s, while the infrastructure has continued to deteriorate to dangerous levels. While this fact reflects poorly on

previous administrations, it would be a greater injustice to continue to ignore these problems."

Joan McDonald, the county's director of operations, said before each season, certified state inspectors visit the park and every ride is inspected. A certificate of safety must be given before the park opens. Furthermore, the rides are evaluated on a daily basis by local inspectors before the grounds open.

Safety concerns expressed by Standard Amusements were from 2017 and have been addressed, she said.

"Each day before the park opens, the operator of that ride does an inspection again to make sure the ride is safe to operate," McDonald said. "Every day that park is open we have a mechanic and an electrician on site to deal with any issues that come up during the course of the day. If a ride is not safe, we do not open it."

During last Wednesday's meeting, county legislators raised questions and concerns. Legislator Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) said that without new rides a significant portion of potential visitors will not show up.

McDonald said the county is planning to spend \$125 million through 2025, including \$42 million that has already been committed toward improving the park.

Majority Leader Catherine Parker (D-Rye) said she was angered over Standard Amusements' public claims of safety issues.

"How dare Standard try to insinuate that I would risk my own child's safety with what they're claiming?" Parker said. "I just find that extremely disturbing."

She also questioned whether the company has the assets it claims to have since the audit revealed it spent \$1.5 million in legal fees trying to secure the necessary funding.

However, Legislator Gordon Burrows (R-Yonkers) urged the administration to look for an opportunity to repair the relationship with Standard Amusements because the likelihood of costly litigation makes for "a potential nightmare."

"We are a county that self-insures," Burrows said. "We have tremendous exposure here. I believe this park should be run in a public-private cooperation. I don't believe we should try to look for litigation. We should try to resolve this matter."

Latimer said that he was not looking for a fight but is looking out for the interests of the county and the taxpayers.

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Student Projects to Be Highlighted at STEAM Fair in White Plains

By Neal Rentz

The public is invited to see the fruits of labor of local students when the White Plains Youth Bureau's third annual STEAM Fair is held this Saturday afternoon, May 11 at the Eastview School.

"The Youth Bureau has been doing more and more things in the area of STEAM," said Martin Rudow, a youth specialist at the White Plains Youth Bureau.

Participating in the fair will be students in grades 4-12 not only from the White Plains School District but other districts throughout the county, he said.

Rudow said the bureau created the fair because the areas of study are considered the next step in the development of STEAM at the Youth Bureau.

The projects will be on display for the public during the event. Judges will decide the winners in various categories and age groups based on creativity and the execution of the projects and the students' presentations.

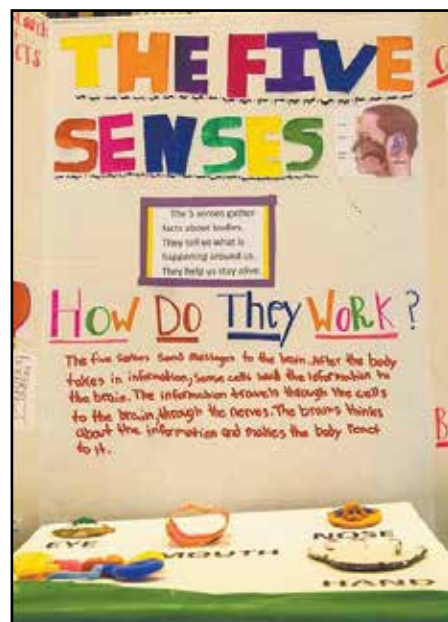
Teams have been working together in groups of two to five students. Projects can include any of the STEAM subjects.

"It's been something they've been working on for months," Rudow said.

There will also be exhibits and demonstrations provided by several entities, including Microsoft and the

Jacob Burns Film Center, he noted.

The Youth Bureau's STEAM Fair will be held from 12:30 to 2 p.m. The Eastview School is located at 350 Main St. in White Plains. For more information, call 914-422-1378 or e-mail mrudow@whiteplainsny.gov.



The White Plains Youth Bureau's third annual STEAM Fair will be held on May 11 at the Eastview School. Shown above is one of the exhibits presented at last year's event.

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State AG Announces Settlement With Hartsdale Pet Store

New York Attorney General Letitia James last Friday announced a settlement with the owner of a Westchester pet store that was falsely advertising and claiming that it specialized in the sale of high quality, responsibly-bred animals.

Pursuant to the settlement, Deborah Koehler, owner of Westchester Puppies & Kittens in Hartsdale, is prohibited from making false representations about the quality of the breeders and kennels from which she obtains animals for sale. She will pay a civil penalty of \$7,500.

The store sold animals that were bred at

large-scale commercial "mills," according to the Attorney General's office.

"Deceptive marketing and advertising will never be tolerated, including for the sale of animals," said Attorney General Letitia James. "Not only were consumers lied to about the origins of their pets, but also the health and wellness of the beloved animals they were bringing into their homes. We will continue to crackdown on any and every abuse of animals."

Westchester Puppies & Kittens operates a retail pet store at 26 S. Central Ave. in Hartsdale. The store advertised on its

website and on social media that it sells "home-raised" animals and only deals with "certified breeders." The store's website stated "Our puppies and kittens are home-raised and responsibly-bred for temperament and good congenital health." It also stated that Westchester Puppies & Kittens "specializes in the sale of healthy puppies and kittens from certified breeders."

The Office of the Attorney General initiated an investigation in 2018 after receiving numerous complaints from consumers who purchased pets from Westchester Puppies & Kittens that required treatment for illnesses commonly associated with animals bred at puppy mills, such as kennel cough, giardia, distemper and parvovirus.

The office's investigation found that Westchester Puppies & Kittens acquired the animals it sold to the public from commercial breeders and puppy mills, not from "certified breeders" or those who "home-raise" animals. One breeder from which Westchester Puppies & Kittens acquired animals - Kuddly Kritters of Atkins, Neb. - has been repeatedly cited by USDA inspectors for poor and unsanitary conditions in its breeding operations.

The Attorney General's investigation also found that employees of Westchester

Puppies & Kittens made false representations to customers about the breeding of the animals for sale, leading them to believe that they would be purchasing a healthier animal than from any other pet dealer.

During the course of the investigation, Westchester Puppies & Kittens removed from its website and social media false and deceptive language about the breeding of animals it sells. The store no longer claims that it sells animals that are "home raised" and obtained from "certified breeders." It has also instructed its employees not to make such claims. The settlement ensures that these practices will be followed going forward.

The settlement is the latest in the Attorney General's ongoing Animal Protection Initiative, which was launched in May 2013. The initiative seeks to protect consumers and animals by cracking down on animal cruelty, shutting down criminal animal fighting rings and bringing to justice those who unscrupulously sell animals to unsuspecting consumers. The initiative is comprised of investigators and assistant attorneys general from around the state, regional offices, the Consumer Fraud Bureau, the Criminal Enforcement and Financial Crimes Bureau, the Organized Crime Task Force and the Investigations Bureau.

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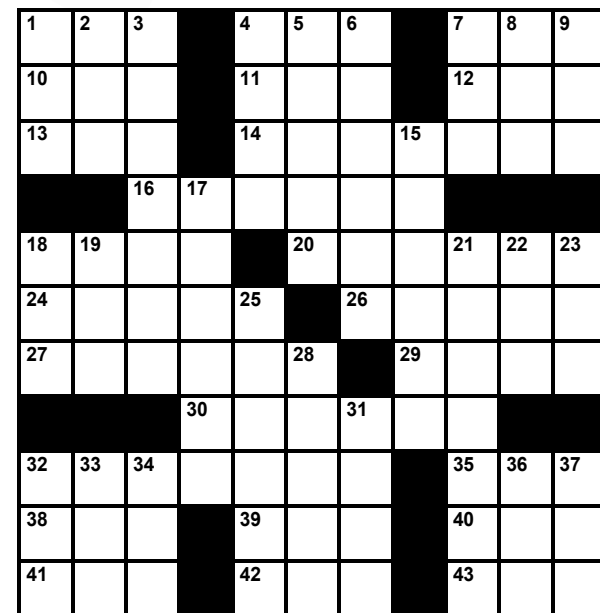
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Mayer, Purchase Students Address Shortcomings of Campus Life

By Jade Perez

Skyrocketing tuition, student debt and crumbling and inadequate facilities are a few of the key challenges Purchase College students have endured during their time at school.

Last Friday, a group of about 10 students participated in a roughly 90-minute face-to-face discussion with state Sen. Shelley Mayer (D-Yonkers) hosted by the Purchase chapter of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) and the Purchase Student Government Association, where they raised concerns, asked questions and related their experiences to Mayer. The senator chairs the state Senate's Education Committee.

Since 2010, NYPIRG reported that tuition for four-year SUNY colleges have escalated 38 percent. Last year 58 percent of New York college graduates finished school with an average of just over \$30,000 in debt.

Even those from financially stable families face crushing student loan debt. Stephen DiFiore, a senior, said despite having a college savings account, he is still going to graduate this month having to owe \$20,000.

Kevin Dugan, the regional downstate supervisor for NYPIRG, added that the state's financial aid programs like the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and the Excelsior Scholarship don't cover



JADE PEREZ PHOTO

State Sen. Shelley Mayer, the chair of the state Senate's Education Committee, met last Friday with students from SUNY Purchase to discuss issues they have had with tuition, debt and the problems they've faced on campus.

expenses such as food, housing, textbooks and transportation and don't meet the needs of all students. Many are left with the burden of high post-graduation debt, he said.

Teresa Wheeler, a senior and chair of the Purchase Student Government Association's Student Senate, said much of the older housing on campus is deteriorating. Sloping dormitory floors, poor internet access, lack of running water and falling ceiling tiles are commonplace, she said. Earlier this year, a ceiling in one of the dorm buildings collapsed between the first and second floors,

Wheeler recalled.

"This is a preeminent school particularly for performing arts, which is near and dear to my heart, but the infrastructure is really unacceptable and we have to put enough money into it," Mayer said. "On the SUNY side, they wrote me notes on how much money we got, but it was nowhere near what we needed."

Along with the poor conditions of campus living, another issue brought to Mayer's attention was the expensive meal plan and its lack of flexibility.

For students who live on campus, many select the default meal plan which costs \$2,620 per semester. With the plan, students are limited to three meals a day; if they want additional food, they must pay for it on their own. Many students don't have the money for extra food and go hungry until the next day, some of those in attendance stated.

Along with the meal plans' lack of flexibility, meals are often unhealthy and extremely expensive, leaving many to finish their plan weeks before the semester ends, Dugan said.

"There's a student that was unable to make it (to the open forum), but he actually ran out of his meal plan this week, which is a week before finals," he added.

Senior John Mastroberardino said poor roads inside and outside the campus have

impacted those who commute to and from the school.

"People have told me stories about breaking the suspension in their cars or popping a tire because they went over a pothole a little too aggressively," Mastroberardino said. "Personally, I've run into issues not in a car, but on my bike. I've bent the front wheel on my bike, riding through a pothole just a little too quickly."

Mayer said that road repairs are part of the capital budget for SUNY campuses. She noted that while driving on campus she also noticed the damage on the roads and said a better job is required to acquire the necessary funds for capital expenses.

Despite the pressing concerns, Mayer concluded the meeting with a sense of hope and thanked the students for relating serious issues to her.

"This is why we collectively have to make sure that our voices are known," Mayer said. "My sense, very honestly, is that not only have you not been very much part of the conversation, but also I don't know how hard you pushed to have your voice heard. It may take a little louder noise than you're used to doing in order to make sure that somebody here pays attention to the fact of what the students think, but I am happy to work with you all."

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Latimer Stresses Playland Safety, New Attractions This Season

By Jade Perez

As the controversy between Westchester officials and Standard Amusements intensifies, County Executive George Latimer held a press conference Monday morning at Rye Playland to declare the park safe and unveil new events and attractions.

The park is scheduled to open for the 2019 season this Saturday.

"We are supremely confident as we get ready to open this park that it is ready to go for the new season and we can address any of the questions that have been raised by whatever sources," Latimer said.

Director of Operations Joan McDonald and Parks Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor will lead a press tour this Thursday to review the steps that have been taken to ensure all rides and food concessions meet proper health and safety standards. Latimer said he has also asked state Labor Department representatives make the tour. The agency inspects the rides.



JADE PEREZ PHOTO

County Executive George Latimer highlighted some of Playland's events and attractions for the 2019 season on Monday. The park opens this Saturday.

He said Standard Amusements, which had an agreement to operate Playland for 30 years terminated last week by the administration, is looking to misrepresent a more than year-old issue to make it appear that safety is a current problem.

The county is partnering with ArtsWestchester this season to display public art at the park. There will be an art installation on the boardwalk.

"We believe that this is the kind of facility where people are coming in from the outside where they will enjoy having more public art and art displays," Latimer said.

There will also be two laser shows every evening from June until September at 7:45 and 9 p.m.

There will be 11 concerts on tap, including the Bruce Springsteen tribute band Tramps Like Us and a Journey tribute band called Voyage. Additional events will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

Martin Wilbur contributed to this article.

Burke Rehabilitation's 5K Heels & Wheels Set for This Saturday

Burke Rehabilitation Hospital's annual Heels & Wheels 5K Road Race and Walk will return to White Plains this Saturday, May 12. The event will take place, rain or shine, on Burke's 61-acre campus at 785 Mamaroneck Ave.

Open to walkers, runners, hand cyclists and racing wheelchair athletes, this 5K is unique in that it is one of the only events that allows participants of all ability levels to compete together in a

supportive environment.

Registration will open on the day of the race at 8:45 a.m., followed by the kids' fun run for children ages four to 12 years old at 9:30 a.m. The 5K race is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. for adults and youth athletes. There will also be an activity table for kids with face painting, games and crafts.

There will be eight divisions for the 5K:

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Runner Male &

Runner Female: 13-18, 19-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61+

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Racing Chair Male & Racing Chair Female

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Hand Cycle Male & Hand Cycle Female

Registration is \$30 for adults and \$25 for youth runners. Registration for the Fun Run is \$10. For more information or to register online, visit www.raceroster.com/events/2019/22319/heels-wheels-5k.

5k.

Heels & Wheels is open to the public and community members are encouraged to attend and cheer on the athletes. Volunteers are also needed to help out in areas such as registration, water station and traffic guides. Volunteers are eligible to receive community service hours. For more information, call the Burke Heels & Wheels 5K Race hotline at 914-597-2578.

Obituaries

Kathleen J. Harmon

Kathleen J. Harmon of Poughkeepsie and formerly of Tarrytown and White Plains, passed away at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx surrounded by family and friends on May 1.

She was 73.

Harmon was predeceased by her husband. James Harmon, the love of her life, to whom she was married to for 29 years and who passed in 2000 after his own battle with cancer.

She leaves behind daughter Joy and son-in-law Paul Schneider of Pawling and sons James of East Brunswick, N.J. and Gary and daughter-in-law Alison of Wake Forest, N.C. She will be greatly missed by her 10 grandchildren, Michael Tamboia, Brian Huber, Jennifer Huber, Paulie Schneider, Jessica Schneider, Jolie, Jamie, Sydney, Taylor and Ryder Harmon.

Her loss will be also be felt by her sister, Rosemary Pace, of Wappingers Falls, her "third son," Patrick Page, and his wife, Christa, of LaGrange and extended family and friends.

Harmon was fortunate in life to have so many wonderful friends including her "Golden Girls," the crew from A-1 Compaction, and her beloved co-workers at Patrick Page Properties.

She had a huge personality and her laugh could fill a room. She will be remembered by friends and co-workers alike as someone who always had a kind word or a few minutes to chat and check in to ask how you were doing. She made it her business to get to know everyone she interacted with and she genuinely cared about her colleagues and their families. Kathy would drop everything to help a family member or friend in need. Her love and generosity will be incredibly missed by those that were lucky enough to know

her. We are sad she is no longer here, but we are happy that she is reunited with her husband, mother and other departed loved ones in the afterlife.

The family would like to thank her team of caregivers at Dutchess Valley Hospice who took such wonderful care of Kathy during her last few months at home as well as the staff of Calvary Hospital who made sure she was comfortable and happy in her last weeks.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Kathleen Harmon's name may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 374 Violet Ave., Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601 or to Calvary Hospital, 1740 Eastchester Rd, Bronx, N.Y. 10461. Attention: Calvary Fund.

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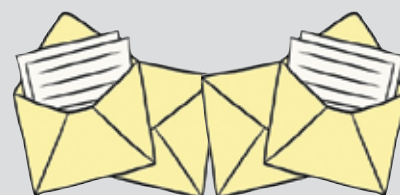
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TVB BY: PAX ROMANA, WHITE PLAINS

By Neal Rentz

Paul Russo and his co-owners used some ingenuity to name their downtown White Plains Italian restaurant.

Russo, a Tarrytown resident, said TVB is an acronym for the Italian words I love you, to be used in a casual way. Pax Romana is Latin for the Roman Beast, "which was a great time for the Roman Empire. It lasted about 200 years or so," Russo said.

The name of the eatery could also refer to the Roman cuisine it offers. Though the menu is influenced by dishes from various parts of Italy, it is "more Roman inspired than anything else," he said.

The dishes are simply made, featuring few ingredients.

"We didn't want to overcomplicate things," Russo explained. "Italian cooking is very simple. I don't think there's anything on the menu that has more than four or five ingredients."

The menu features traditional Roman pasta dishes as Spaghetti Alla Carbonara, the best-selling pasta on the menu, and Tagliolini Cacio E Pepe. Russo said the full-service restaurant is "a pasta house," with its focus is on fresh pasta. There are about a dozen varieties featured daily.

"We make everything fresh in-house every day," he said.

Russo said the pastas are made by



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Two of the owners of TVB by: Pax Romana in White Plains — Alfredo Runco, left, and Paul Russo. The restaurant, which is also co-owned by Christian Runco, opened at its current East Post Road location last summer.

his grandmother, Graziella Fante, and Giovanna Runco, the mother of his two partners, Alfredo Runco and his brother, Christian.

"Every day at lunchtime you can see them here making pasta right at our pasta bar," Russo said. "We're all about

transparency and people being able to see the operation of the restaurant."

Another specialty at TVB is pizza, Russo said. Pizzas are made with Pinsa Romana, a mixture of soy, wheat, rice and sourdough flour imported from Rome, he said.

The menu also includes such entrees as Branzino, which is Mediterranean Sea Bass with vegetables; Tagliata, which is sirloin steak with cherry tomatoes, arugula and shaved parmigiana; and a selection of parmesan dishes.

"We're one of three restaurants in the country to carry it," Russo said. "It's a very, very special flour and it creates an awesome crust."

The restaurant originally opened at another East Post Road location in February 2016 but was forced to move last year after encountering issues with the building and its landlord. TVB by: Pax Romana was moved to its current site at 171 E. Post Rd. last July. Business has been outstanding, Russo said.

"For us it really just comes down to genuine intentions and being ego free," he said. "We genuinely want you to truly enjoy your time here."

TVB by: Pax Romana is located at 171 E. Post Rd. in White Plains. For more information visit www.paxromanany.com/ or send an e-mail to paxromana_ny@cloud.com. The restaurant also has a Facebook page.

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Tuesday, May 7

Tuesdays@Dorries. Bert Wohl was born in Wuerzburg, Germany in 1934, just as Hitler started his rise to infamy. Bert and his family miraculously avoided a concentration camp, but had many harrowing experiences while surviving the Holocaust years. Their dream to get to the United States did not materialize until much later. Come hear his story. 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.

"Charlie Says." A screening of this biographical drama based on the life and crimes of Charles Manson and his followers. Years after the shocking murders that made Manson synonymous with pure evil, the three women who killed for him – Leslie Van Houten (Hannah Murray), Patricia Krenwinkel (Sosie Bacon) and Susan Atkins (Marianne Rendón) – remain under the spell of the infamous cult leader. Confined to an isolated cellblock in a California penitentiary, the trio seem destined to live out the rest of their lives under the delusion that their crimes were part of a cosmic plan – until empathetic graduate student Karlene Faith (Merritt Wever) is enlisted to rehabilitate them. Followed by a Q&A with director Mary Herron and moderated by critic Marshall Fine. The Picture House, 175 Wolfs Lane, Pelham. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Seniors, students and members: \$12. Info and tickets: Visit www.thepicturehouse.org.

Talkie Tuesdays. Come and watch a different "classic" movie each week. 4 p.m. at the White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Tech Tuesdays (Grades 1-3). Students in grades 1-3 are invited to come take part in a fun STEM-focused activity. Activities will include coding, computer animation, robotics, video game design, augmented reality, and other possible programs; 4:30 p.m. at White Plains Library.

Tech Tuesdays (Grades 4-6): "Minecraft." This class is a session for preteens, specifically children in grades 4-6; 4:30 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Tarde De Ñ (Spanish Conversation). Join Andrei Bezzubikoff for Tarde de Ñ. Come meet and practice your Spanish skills. Andrei will offer discussion topics in Spanish for each session, providing participants with the opportunity to practice pronunciation and meaning. Participants should speak Spanish at an intermediate to advanced level. No registration is required. 7 p.m. at White Plains Library.

Wednesday, May 8

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. Chamber Music with the musicians of the Westchester Philharmonic - Robert Chausow, violin, Roberta Cooper, cello, and Elizabeth DiFelice, piano, perform the Mendelssohn Piano Trio No. 2 in C Minor. 12:10 p.m. Grace Episcopal Church at Main and Church St., White Plains. 30-minute free concert; donation accepted. This concert is made possible with the support of the Brian Wallach Agency, White Plains.

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.

Storybook Dancing (Ages 3-4). Steffi Nossen School of Dance presents Storybook Dancing, a creative movement class for 3-4 year olds taught by Kristina Todd Nelson, or another instructor. Space is limited to 20 dancers, tickets will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis starting 30 minutes before the program. Each week dancers will go on an adventure into a classic story book and dance their way through the pages while learning fun, creative dance. Explore literature, music and dance in this fun

and engaging workshop; 11 a.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Which Craft? Wednesday. Beads. Use seed beads to make a bracelet. For students in grades 6 and up on a first-come, first-served basis. 4 p.m. at White Plains Library.

Zero Waste Leadership Summit. Local student sustainability leaders discuss their work with zero waste initiatives. The summit will give students an opportunity to present to their peers on the projects they have worked on to encourage zero waste behaviors at their school. This program is in partnership with the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Thursday, May 9

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.

T(h)ech Thursday For Teens. Minecraft. A weekly meet-up for teenagers who wish to learn more about various aspects of digital technology. This week, teens will join each other in a library server. 4 p.m. at White Plains Library.

Stories & Stuff. Preschool storytime, including a craft activity, for ages 4 and 5 without adult. Literacy connections are made at "Stories & Stuff" where stories are centered around a theme and children listen and interact with corresponding rhymes, songs and/or finger plays. A final craft project ties in with the topic fostering a sense that stories are imaginative, yet lasting, and continue to enrich our creative thoughts and play. 4:30 p.m. at White Plains Library.

James Van Der Zee's Family Portraits. Van Der Zee is one of the most iconic photographers of the 20th century. ArtsWestchester delves deeper into his photographic practice, its historical context and legacy in a lively discussion with Drew Sawyer, the Brooklyn Museum's Phillip Leonian and Edith Rosenbaum Leonian Curator of Photography and Donna Mussenden Van Der Zee, the Van Der Zee's widow. ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.westchester.org.

An Evening With Bruce Cockburn and Leo Kottke. Two Music Hall favorites come together for an evening of virtuosic guitar playing and masterful songwriting. Few recording artists are as creative and prolific as Cockburn. Since his self-titled debut in 1970, the Canadian singer-songwriter has issued a steady stream of acclaimed albums. He won the inaugural People's Voice Award and was recently inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fam. In nearly five decades of recording and performing, the Grammy-nominated Kottke has set the highest standard for acoustic finger-picked guitar. His collaboration with Phish bassist Mike Gordon, "Clone" caught audiences' attention in 2002. The pair followed with a recording in the Bahamas called "Sixty-Six Steps." Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$48, \$53 and \$58. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Friday, May 10

Author Book Signing. John Wasowicz, author of Daingerfield Island, a legal thriller, will be at the Barnes & Noble bookstore, 230 Main St., White Plains, to discuss his new book; 5 to 7 p.m.

"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 11 at 8 p.m. and May 12 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

The Music of Our Time: A Sonic Road Map. Hoff-Barthelson Music School's annual Festival for Contemporary Music opens with a lecture presented by Copland House Executive Director and internationally recognized pianist Michael Boriskin. Boriskin invites all open ears and open minds on this musical adventure. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 7:30 p.m. \$25. Hoff-Barthelson students and parents: Free. Info: 914-723-1169, visit www.hbms.org or e-mail hb@hbms.org.

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Exploring How the Living Room Has Evolved Over Time

After having written 538 columns, I sometimes think I have exhausted every topic about homes to be explored.

I was feeling that way this week when, just the morning of my writing this, I received a very gratifying call from Jeanne Earle, who tells me that she reads *The Home Guru* every week. The second purpose of her call was to suggest a topic she had not seen addressed: the evolution of the living room. Thank you, Jeanne!

Before researching the subject, I sat back and considered my personal experience with the living room. I'm old enough to have been born before the introduction of the "family room" to American home house plans, when "living" was very much assigned to the living room. Outside of eating, all other family activities were in the living room prior to the advent of television. (Yes, I'm that old!)

I remember the layout of my parents' house which they had bought at about the time I was born. It was a stone and brick attached home, or "row" home, in a middle-class West Philadelphia neighborhood. There was no foyer. You entered the house directly into the living room, facing a staircase going to the second floor. I remember that staircase well. With no carpeting, I was able to descend it by bouncing on my fanny from the top to the bottom. How I loved

that adventure.

The upholstered furniture – a large couch and two arm chairs – was covered with a very itchy indestructible fabric, blue for the sofa and green for the one armchair and red for the other. As an attached house, the living room flowed directly into the dining room, with an arch as the divider.

My mental picture of that living room features my entire family – mother, father, older sister and brother and me – all gathered listening to the radio. My parents entertained family and friends in that space, but it was also where my siblings and I played games and did our homework. The room was well worn.

But today, and for many years, my living room has been a "pass by" room, reserved only for entertaining.

I was surprised to learn that the term living room was not used extensively until the early 20th century. It was used commonly shortly after World War I, prior to which – get this – it was called the "death room." It so happened that after the end of the war, the influenza epidemic spread across the globe and



By Bill Primavera

millions of people died. With so many deaths, the deceased were kept in the front room of the house for mourning before being taken away for the funeral.

With improving health conditions, the name change was widely attributed to an influential article that appeared in the *Ladies' Home Journal*, suggesting that the room be renamed. Since it was used for various activities and was now more a lively place than a mourning room, the article suggested it be called the "living room."

In my own family, I have certain memories of the death room and living room, some pleasant, others not. My Aunt Helen, who lived to be nearly 100, told me that, upon his death, her father (my grandfather) was laid out in the living room for an extended period of time because, she said, the ground at the cemetery was frozen solid. She told me that the family would gather in the living room during this period to pay respects on a daily basis. At one of

these gatherings, my grandfather's chest suddenly deflated with an alarming sound, and everyone in the room screamed.

Upon the death of my father when I was a teenager, my mother decided to have an old-fashioned wake in our living room rather than at a funeral home. The coffin was placed where our sofa would normally be. I would never recommend this because of the memories it would later evoke. My mother, who must have had an odd sense of how to motivate people, would sometimes tell me to get up from lounging around on the sofa because "that's where Dad was laid out."

In the past I've written about how the more formal living room in today's house plans are shrinking in size in deference to larger family rooms where the family "living" activities are more likely to take place. In tomorrow's home, designed to be ever more efficient with space and energy, the living room may likely disappear entirely.

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The Interaction of Man and Nature in the Production of Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

A few years ago, I visited a small, highly regarded winery in northern California. I enjoyed superb wines, excellently crafted by the owner/winemaker.

During the course of my interview, I asked the logical question of the confident and somewhat egotistical owner: "What do you attribute the success of your wines to?"

His answer surprised me: "Mother Nature. She accounts for 90 percent of the success of my wines."

I thought about his humble statement and began to reflect on the evolution of the vineyard and the intricate and interdependent processes it goes through. Which has more influence on the final product: the seemingly randomness of nature or the measured, scientific approach of a winemaker? Is it the finesse and artistry of the individual winemakers or the design of Mother Nature that consistently produce great wines?

There are numerous steps in the production of wine. I have chosen a select few to evaluate the impact of man (a term I proffer as a species, not a gender) and nature (also a genderless term). In man's eternal interdependency with nature, varying influences result in variable results. Who exerts the greater influence and achieves the greater impact:

man or nature?

Step 1: Which grape variety to plant? Man's influence: grape varieties have varying requirements in order to flourish. Pinot Noir is very fickle; Cabernet Sauvignon much less so. Nature's influence: match the variety and the surroundings and nature will cooperate; disregarding a grape variety's genetic needs is a recipe for failure. The greater influence: nature.

Step 2: Which vines to plant – those evolved in nature or those hybridized? Man: beginning with maxim number one above, man continuously strives to improve his chance of success, seeking to overcome the inconsistencies of nature. Nature: begin with strong genetics but tolerate a bit of tweaking. The greater influence: very close. Man has been able to overcome nature's order of self-selection, but within narrow parameters. Here I give the nod to man.

Step 3: Where to plant? I believe this is the overwhelming criteria for a successful end product. The concept of terroir (a term in and of itself a concession to nature) reigns supreme: the soil, microclimate, sun exposure and elevation will most determine the success or failure of a wine – and a winemaker. Man: understand and

manipulate nature and success is within reach. Nature: cooperate or perish. The greater influence: nature.

Step 4: Human intervention in the vineyards or natural selection? Man: introduce manufactured fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides to enhance (short-term) yield. Nature: survival of the fittest will result in the greatest expression (and sustainability) of a grape variety and resulting wine. The greater influence: nature.

Step 5: The influence of weather. Grapes are an agricultural product; grape growers are farmers, subject to nature's whims. Nature has exclusive domain over rain, the amount and duration of sun and late season frost. However, man, through scientific advances, is able to cope with nature's dominance and thereby achieve previously unattainable yields and quality in the face of natural disasters and calamities. The greater influence: nature, by her randomness and omnipotence.

Step 6: Harvest. The end of the debate – or not? Once grapes are in the shelter of the winery, man has exclusive domain. Or does he?

A critical aspect of winemaking is fermentation: the sustained intervention of yeast with crushed grapes to break down natural sugar into alcohol and

carbon dioxide. Man: by influencing this process (introduce nuanced strains of yeast, control the duration), a personalized wine may be created. Nature: without the ideal temperature and environment, fermentation will stall or cease. The greater influence: a tie. Nature provides the basics, but man is able to influence the process.

Nature clearly has the upper hand. Man's ability to cope with the vicissitudes of nature determines his success. Without a winemaker's individual influence, there is a commonality among wines, but without nature's nurturing, often erratic, behavior there is no baseline wine for man to craft. I now understand the central coast winemaker's mantra.

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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

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FORMATION OF ELMSFORD CHICKEN, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/10/19. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Ashish Parikh, 100 Menlo Park Mall, Ste. 500, Edison, NJ 08837. **Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF THE TAILORY, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/25/19. Formed in PA 2/18/14. Office loc.: Westchester 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.**

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TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY WORK SESSION AGENDA MAY 8, 2019 6 PM
1. Pledge of Allegiance 2. Vote on Special Use Permit for Cell Tower 3. Informational Hearing on possible regulations of transient rentals (Airbnbs) 4. Discussion regarding addition of decibel level to Noise Ordinance. 5. Discussion on accepting donated land. Will the Town continue to do so, or will we cease this practice? 6. Dr. Fran Wills: presentation about School Vote on May 21, 2019. 7. Designation of our town camp as parklands. Vote to be held on May 15th. 8. Recreational vehicle discussion. Do we wish to change 165-27J

or not? 9. Discussion: removing prohibition on war games such as paintball, soft shell. 10. Update: County's request for False Alarm Penalty Fee. 11. Appoint Sam Oliverio as Town Board liaison to the Lake Peekskill Youth Committee. 12. Amend Resolution # R19-133 regarding temporary maintenance staff. 13. Authorize the Facilities Department to excess equipment from the Assessor's office. 14. Appoint Alexis Acevedo as the Lake Peekskill Beach Monitor for the 2019 season. 15. Appoint Marianne Forlano as a Beach Monitor for the Lake Peekskill District for the 2019 season. 16. Appoint Joseph Aviles as a temporary, seasonal laborer for the Lookout Manor District. 17. Audit of monthly bills.

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Sunday, May 12

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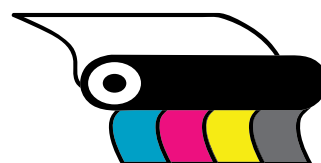
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The WHITE PLAINS Examiner Sports

Walker Shuts Down Salesian, Stepinac Bats Held in Check By Fordham

By Rob DiAntonio

It was a week that saw a masterful pitching performance from Stepinac's ace, followed by the Crusaders being shut down by the opposition in their next game.

Izaiah Walker tossed a complete game shutout in a 5-0 win over Salesian last Wednesday. Walker allowed just two hits, struck out 12 and issued no free passes.

"Izaiah was great on Wednesday and really crucial for us in bouncing back after a tough loss," Stepinac coach Keith Richardson said. "He has been able to command his fastball to both sides of



Dom Nicolo hustles down the line.

the plate. He has really good late life and movement on his fastball mixed with off-speed stuff that keeps hitters off balance."

Mike Becchetti led the offense with a double and two RBI. Nick Venuti, Anthony Pressimone and Anthony Saputo each had an RBI.

Last Saturday, Stepinac returned to action but was shut down by Fordham Prep, 7-1. Fordham pitcher Alfredo Delgado allowed just three hits and struck out four over six innings.

"He spotted his fastball well and mixed in a slider," Richardson said of Delgado. "He was able to dial up his velocity when



Stepinac will close out the regular season with seven games in nine days.

he got into trouble."

Aidan McDonough got the start on the mound for the Crusaders. The game got off to a disastrous start when McDonough walked the leadoff hitter and then threw the ball away on a pickoff attempt, enabling the Fordham Prep base runner to go all the way to third base. But McDonough was able to settle in and struck out three batters to escape unscathed.

McDonough retired the side in order in the second inning and got through the third inning but Fordham broke through in the fourth. A walk was followed by a double to set up second and third. Robert Beyer then blasted a three-run home run over the right-center field fence. Fordham added another run on an RBI single to go up 4-0.

Stepinac threatened in the bottom of the fourth when Becchetti walked and Saputo (2-for-3) singled. But Becchetti was caught in a rundown and the next batter lined out to right field to end the inning.

Dom Nicolo notched the lone RBI for the Crusaders in the fifth inning, driving in Pressimone.

Fordham added a run in the sixth

inning and two more in the seventh to close out the win.

The Crusaders fell to visiting Iona Prep 3-1 last Monday. Colin D'Arcy went five innings while allowing one earned run while Chris Fox came on for two innings of relief and struck out two while letting up no earned runs. Nicolo was 2-for-4 to lead the offense.

Stepinac will conclude the regular season with seven games in nine days before heading into the CHSAA playoffs. The Crusaders were scheduled to return to action when they traveled to Cardinal Spellman on Monday, May 6.

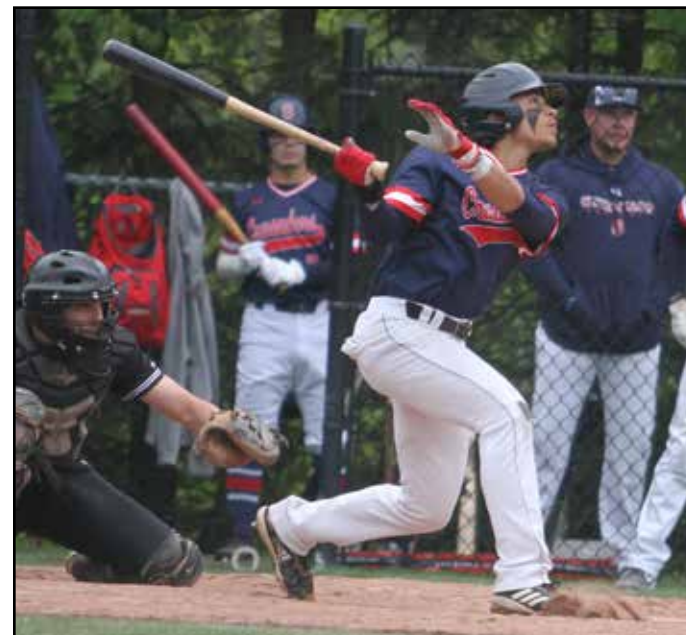
"We're in a really tough league with no soft spots, so we have to be ready for a very busy week ahead," Richardson



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS

Aidan McDonough pitches against Fordham Prep.

said. "Our depth will be key to finishing strong with that many games. There will be an opportunity for some guys to contribute and help the team in some more prominent roles."



Nick Venuti bats against visiting Fordham last Friday.

EXAMINER SPORTS

White Plains Girls Run to Track League Title; Boys Take Second

By Rob DiAntonio

It was an impressive two-day stretch for the White Plains track and field team at the League 1 D championship meet last Tuesday and Wednesday.

The girls won the league title, besting three other teams – Fox Lane, Port Chester and Ossining. The boys took second at the league meet, which took place at Fox Lane High School on the first day and White Plains on day two.

“I’m excited for them,” White Plains girls’ track coach Fred Singleton said. “They worked very hard with many of them doing three or four events. This was a great team effort, especially coming off of vacation.”

Farrah Miller starred for the Lady Tigers, winning the 200-meter dash (26.66), 400-meter dash (58.83) and 800 meters (2:33.82). She won the 400 by more than six seconds.



Freshman Myla Bridges and junior Keren Hazi compete in the hurdles.

Miller also anchored the first-place 4x100-meter relay, which clocked a time of 52.51 seconds. She was joined on the team by Rebecca Salim, Nayah Victoria and Guerdyna Gelin.

The Tigers’ 4x400-meter relay also took top honors in 4:26.37. Netani Bolton, Clara Friend, Zeta Soares and Taylor Johnson comprised the team.

Lisa Burg placed first in both the 1,500 (5:28.68) and 3,000 meters (11:57.30). Johnson won the 400-meter hurdles in 1:18.08. Mia Priore took first in the 1,500-meter race walk. Salim won the triple jump (31-5) while Rhodni Boyd-

Postell captured first in the discus (85-3).

Winifred Mann and Lauren Cassidy finished first and second, respectively, in the steeplechase.

Other second-place finishers for the girls included Gelin (100- and 200-meter dash); Keren Hazi (400-meter hurdles); Elma Mrkulic (pentathlon); Salim (long jump); Boyd-Postell (javelin, shot put); and Johnson (800 meters).

For the boys, Daniel Kao was a league champion in the 110-meter hurdles with a clocking of 16.86 seconds.

The 4x100-meter relay team placed first in a time of 44.15. Eli Gordon, Carl Fisher, Mike Hunter and Dominick Bacchus were a part of the relay squad.

Gordon was second in the 100-meter dash (11.45) and fourth in the 200. Sebastian Quinn took second in the steeplechase (7:21.71). Marcus Andre was second in the high jump (5-6) and third in the long jump. Tim Dubois placed second in the triple jump (37-5).

White Plains is getting set to host the prestigious Glenn D. Loucks Games from May 9-11. The meet begins at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday



Eli Gordon races for the finish.

and resumes at 4 p.m. on Friday. Saturday’s schedule of events is slated to begin at 9 a.m.

“We will see how the energy transitions for Loucks,” Singleton said when asked if he thinks his girls’ team can build off the momentum from the league win. “We hope that all of our performers have personal bests, and we will see where that lands each of them.”

White Plains boys track and field coach Lamont McCormick also has high hopes for his boys at the Loucks meet and future postseason meets.

“I think we are ready to step it up for this part of the season as the championship meets roll around,” McCormick said. “We are looking forward to showing some strong performances for the Loucks Games and get on the award podium. Our ultimate goal is to get several athletes to the state meet in June and medal as well.”



Lauren Cassidy hits the water in the steeplechase.



Taylor Johnson clears a hurdle on her way to first in the 400-meter hurdles.



Lisa Burg leads the field in a distance race. She won both the 1,500 and 3,000 meters.



Moray Walker competes in the 100-meter dash.

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EXAMINER SPORTS

Writers Honor Top Metro Hoops Players at Annual Haggerty Awards Dinner

By Albert Coqueran

The 86th Annual National Invitation Tournament and the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association Haggerty Awards Dinner was held at the Westchester Marriott Hotel, in Tarrytown, on Tuesday, Apr. 30.

The Haggerty Awards is named in honor of Lt. Frank J. Haggerty, a renowned basketball and baseball player for Chaminade High School and St. John's University. Haggerty was a pursuit pilot during World War II for the Army Air Force. He was the first alumnus from Chaminade and St. John's to die in military service when his plane crashed in 1942.

The NIT/MBWA Haggerty Awards Dinner is one of the oldest college awards ceremonies of its type. It was started in 1934, to pay tribute to student/athletes from New York and New Jersey for their outstanding performances each season.

MBWA President Chuck Stogel, a longtime White Plains resident, announced the honorees throughout the evening's festivities. Seton Hall University junior guard Myles Powell was the men's college basketball winner this year. Powell won the prestigious 2019 Lt. Frank J.



Pictured, left to right, are Mercy College head women's basketball coach Scott Lagas; Mavericks sophomore forward Amber Brown, a D-II women's All-Met First Team selection; center Bryan Griffin, a D-II Men's All-Met First Team selection; and Mercy head men's basketball coach Michael Maczako celebrated at the 86th Annual NIT/MBWA Awards Dinner, at the Marriott, on Tuesday, Apr. 30.

Fordham University captured three top awards at the dinner. Rams sophomore guard Bre Cavanaugh was presented the

Women's Division 1 College Player of the Year Award, while freshman guard Nick Honor was voted the men's D-1 Rookie of the Year. Honor led the Rams in scoring (15.3 ppg) and assists (95) this season. The All-Met D-1 Women's Rookie of the Year was freshman Sienna Durr of Columbia University.

Also, Fordham Women's Head Basketball Coach Stephanie Gaitley won her third Maggie Dixon Coach of the Year Award for Division 1 women's college basketball. Gaitley also won in 2013 and 2018.

Women's basketball Head Coach Dave Magarity of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point was accompanied by his newly appointed assistant coach, Liz Flocks, a White Plains resident. They ushered Army West Point senior forward Madison Hovren, who was selected to her third Division One All-Met Women's First Team.

Flocks graduated from White Plains High School in 2007, after playing four years of varsity basketball. She was a leader on the Tiger teams that won three

Section 1 AA Titles under former legendary Head Coach Sue Adams, who was assisted by Liz's mother, Debbie Flocks.

"I absolutely love it. Working for Coach Magarity and with all these young cadet athletes is an awesome experience," Liz Flocks said after completing her first season with Army.

Iona Prep had two All-Met First Team selections from the team that won their fourth straight MAAC Championship Team. Gaels senior guard Rickey McGill and junior forward E.J. Crawford were selected to the Division 1 Men's All-Met First Team.

Mercy College, whose main campus is located in Dobbs Ferry, also represented the local college teams with distinction. Mavericks center Bryan Griffin was voted to the Men's Division II All-Met First Team. Amber Brown, a sophomore forward for the Mavericks, was selected to the Division II Women's All-Met First Team.

Kavione Green (Bloomfield College)

and Sasha Patterson (LIU-Post) was voted the men's and women's D-II Players of the Year, respectively. The D-II men's Coach of the Year was Charles Marquardt of Molloy College and Kim Lusk (St. Thomas Aquinas) was named D-II Women's Coach of the Year.

Legendary Associated Press College basketball writer, the late Jim O'Connell, was memorialized with the inaugural Jim O'Connell Sports Journalism Scholarship Award dubbed the "Oc Award" after his longtime nickname. O'Connell passed away last July. Robert Callaghan (NYIT), who majors in communication and media production, won the inaugural Oc Award and a \$3,000 grant.

The 2019 Met Writers Distinguished Service Award was presented to NCAA Senior Vice President Dan Gavitt and John Beisser, the assistant athletic director for Media Relations at Wagner College, was presented with the 2019 Mike Cohen Good Guy Award.



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Army's senior forward Madison Hovren, left, was accompanied by legendary White Plains High School (2007) girls' basketball player Liz Flocks, right, who joined the U.S. Military at West Point women's college basketball team as an assistant coach this season. Hovren attended the Met Writers Dinner to accept her third All-Met D-1 Women's First Team Award.

Haggerty Award, as the Metropolitan writers top male Division 1 college basketball player this season.

Kevin Willard, head coach at Seton Hall, was the co-winner of the P.J. Carlesimo Coach of the Year Award. It was Willard's third such distinction, having also won in 2016 and 2017. Willard shared this year's Coach of the Year Award with Joe Mihalich, Hofstra's head coach.



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Seton Hall junior guard Myles Powell, left, was presented the 2019 NIT/Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association Haggerty Award for the top D-1 men's college player in the metropolitan area. Pirates Head Coach Kevin Willard (not pictured) was the D-I All Met Co-Coach of the Year. Seton Hall Assistant Coach Grant Billmeier, right, accepted for Willard, who could not attend the awards ceremony.



Fordham University guard Bre Cavanaugh, left, was selected as the D-1 Women's College Basketball Player of the Year and Rams Head Coach Stephanie Gaitley won the Maggie Dixon Coach of the Year Award for D-1 Women's College Basketball at the NIT/MBWA 86th Annual Awards Dinner,

..... EXAMINER SPORTS WPHS Celebrates With Special Olympics Homecoming Basketball Game

By Albert Coqueran

On Thursday, May 2, the Harry Jefferson Gym at White Plains High School belonged to the student-athletes who utilize the school's special education services.

The seventh annual White Plains High School Special Olympics Homecoming Basketball Game welcomed Special Olympics teams from Sleepy Hollow High School and Port Chester High School to compete in a round-robin competition hosted by the White Plains Special Olympics basketball team.

The three schools' Special Olympics basketball teams compete in the Pioneer League, which operates under the auspices of the Special Olympics. Besides the homecoming game, the special needs student-athletes also travel during the season to compete against other schools in the league.

Kevin Brown has been head coach of the Tigers Special Olympics basketball team since 2005, and is assisted by Mike Beaton. For the past seven years, Brown and Beaton have organized and supervised the homecoming game with the support of the school's Athletic Director Matt Cameron.

The topic is one that is close to Brown's heart. He is a special education and Global History teacher at White Plains. He also teaches work experience in the Special Education Department, as some of the special needs students have jobs in the community along with maintaining a full academic schedule and participating in athletics. Beaton is a teacher's assistant in the district's Special Education Department.

"I love working with these youngsters. I am big fan of the underdog and these special needs student-athletes are underdogs," Brown said. "I love the fact that every single day they get up and meet that challenge."

The Tigers Special Olympics Homecoming Basketball Game is as competitive as it is fun. The sportsmanship exhibited could be a lesson for anyone.

"This game is not about winning or losing, it is about trying to do your best, and you can notice the sportsmanship, as they pass the ball back and forth to give another player a chance to make a shot," said Brown, whose daughter Isabella sang the National Anthem to kick off the event.

Posters representing each student participating in the game lined the walls of the corridor leading to the gym. The posters were made by the Community Service Class and the players were able to take them home after the event. A band from the White Plains High School Songwriters Club volunteered to entertain during the game.

June Lagan volunteers her time to Special Olympics and has been the referee and on-court counselor for the homecoming game for many years. The Key Club donated pizza that all three teams enjoyed afterwards.

The Special Olympics Homecoming game is a spirited and competitive event accomplished through a team effort by many people who support Special Olympics and the need for all students, no matter their ability, to share the athletic experience.

Kim Kaczmarek and Elvira Juarez are the coaches for Sleepy Hollow Special Olympics team and David Sheridan coaches Port Chester.



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The White Plains High School Special Olympics basketball team. Pictured, left to right, are Head Coach Kevin Brown, Serena Allen, Anna Stanghellini, Andres Sanchez, Christian Arellano, Mark Toribio, Tom Brady, Mathew Caceres, Casey Furry, Matt Cruz and Shane Johnson.



White Plains High School Special Olympics basketball team members, left to right, Andres Sanchez, Anna Stanghellini and Christian Arellano read the Special Olympics Oath with Head Coach Kevin Brown before the start of the Tigers Homecoming Basketball Game. The oath reads: "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."



The White Plains High School softball team, riding high with a 12-1 record, took a break to show their support for the school's Special Olympics basketball team. Many of the school's student-athletes attended the Special Olympics Homecoming, including the junior varsity and varsity boys' lacrosse teams.



Sleepy Hollow High School forward David Barriga, left, drives to the hoop for a shot while well guarded by Tigers center Shane Johnson, during the seventh annual White Plains High School Special Olympics Homecoming Basketball Game last Thursday, May 2.

Taking Flight: White Plains Track and Field Team Thrives at League Meet

Marcus Andre, seen here competing in the long jump, and the White Plains track and field team competed in its league championship meet last Tuesday and Wednesday. The girls team placed first with the boys taking second. This photo appeared on the back page of this week's May 7 edition of The White Plains Examiner and mistakenly was accompanied by a caption about the White Plains High School boys lacrosse team. We regret the error.

