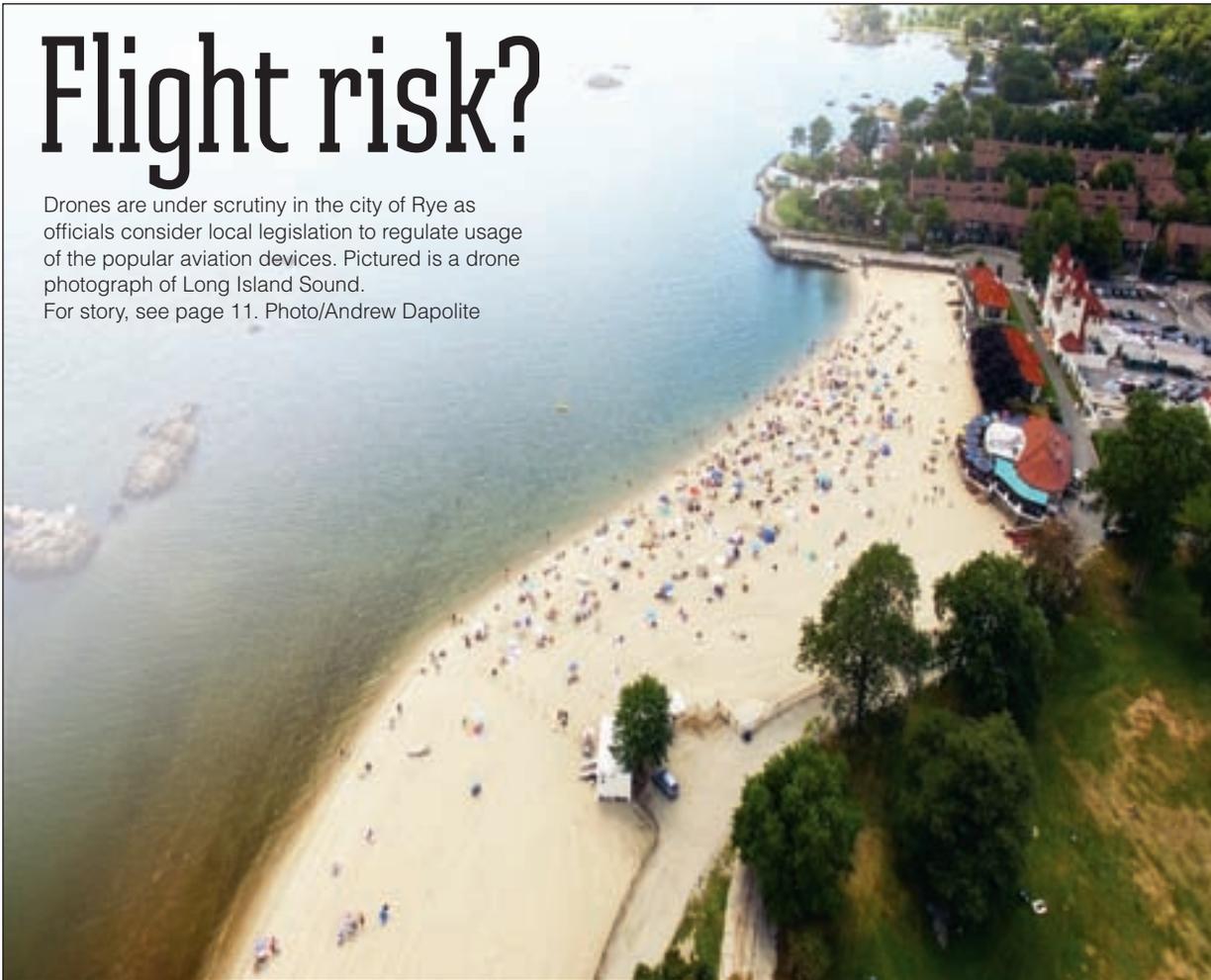


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Flight risk?

Drones are under scrutiny in the city of Rye as officials consider local legislation to regulate usage of the popular aviation devices. Pictured is a drone photograph of Long Island Sound. For story, see page 11. Photo/Andrew Dapolite



Rye seeks to switch to LED streetlights, cut energy costs

The Rye City Council is considering replacing all of the city's streetlights with more energy-efficient LED lights.

The reasoning behind the idea is that an investment in LED lighting generally improves nighttime visibility, increases energy savings by 40 to 80 percent, and can cut street lighting maintenance costs by at least 50 to 75 percent.

A representative for Lumen Light Solutions, a Yonkers-based company that specializes in municipal conversions

to LED lighting, gave a presentation to the City Council on Wednesday, Jan. 27 about the company's services.

LED lights have become popular in many communities because they are significantly more cost-effective and more eco-friendly than other common kinds of streetlights, including mercury vapor lights, which the city of Rye currently uses.

According to Marcus Serrano, the city manager, Rye has a little more than 1,700

streetlights. The upfront cost would be \$624,000, with the city standing to save \$163,000 per year by making the switch. He said the cost for the LED lights would break even in less than four years. Serrano has previous experience facilitating a municipality's transition to LED street lights from when he was working in Dobbs Ferry.

One option is for the city to piggyback on New Rochelle's contracting bid for its LED streetlights conversion, which involves duplicating its

contract to keep the cost of transition down.

In addition to New Rochelle and Dobbs Ferry, Yonkers, Elmsford, Hastings, Irvington, Ardsley, Tarrytown, Greenburgh, Ossining, Buchanan and Peekskill have already chosen to transition to LED lighting.

Although the council was receptive to the idea, there were some concerns over the hue of LED lights, which can sometimes appear bluish

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Rye school district facing 1% budget cap

By SARAH VARNEY
Education Reporter

Rye City School District administrators and Board of Education members are anxiously awaiting a preliminary budget numbers crunch that will reveal just how big the 2016-2017 gap is between the amount of money the district is allowed to levy in taxes and what it needs to maintain current programs.

For the upcoming budget season, the district will wrestle with a budget that will allow them to ask voters for an increase of just 1.02 percent. School district officials have said that they will not ask for an override of the tax cap as they did with last year's budget.

"There is a gap, we know there is," Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg said. "No one predicted that the inflation rate would be this low. We really thought the override would move us much closer to closing the gap."

The tax cap is the 2 percent limit on increases in the school tax levy each year. Enacted statewide in 2012, by capping property taxes, the law was designed to protect elderly homeowners and upstate residents where school enrollments are on the decline.

That 2 percent cap is tied to the Consumer Price Index, which determines the rate of inflation. The state tax cap,

signed into law on June 24, 2011, says that the yearly cap will be equal to 2 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. Currently, the national inflation rate is 0.7 percent.

In Rye, this means the school budget will be capped at 1.02 percent, leaving an unknown gap, for now. More refined gap projections will be presented by Assistant Superintendent for Business Gabriella O'Connor at the Board of Education meeting on Feb. 9.

A tax cap override of 4.4 percent for the 2015-2016 school budget gained easy approval from voters on May 19, 2015, providing a cushion that the district projected would ease dipping into the reserve fund. The fund currently totals \$10 million, approximately 8 percent of the \$83 million 2015-2016 school budget.

While state aid to the school district is expected to only increase by roughly \$20,000, bringing the projected total to approximately \$3.3 million, there are a few potential savings on the horizon.

Pension and employee retirement costs are decreasing, with projections calling for a decrease in costs to the district this year of approximately \$500,000.

And the district is looking to save money in other ways as well.

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New STEP program will teach life skills

By SARAH VARNEY
Education Reporter

This week, the Rye City School District is rolling out a new program called Student Transitional Education Program that will provide disabled students in middle and high school with a life skills curriculum.

STEP, a pilot program, will take over room 208, which was previously used for the now-defunct home and careers class, and will only take two student participants for now.

The idea for the program has been around for a while, but in a small district like Rye, finding a group of disabled special needs students ages 12 to 21 can take some time, according to Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Services Julia Chung.

Chung said that based on the group of students currently in the elementary schools, the need for STEP will increase rapidly.

"These are the students who may not be able to live on their own as adults. They will likely

live in group homes or similar settings," she said.

In the Rye Middle School STEP program, students will mainly learn navigational skills such as making change from bills, reading directional signs and taking public transportation. The program will provide a continuation of the kinds of skills taught in the self-contained Gateway classrooms at Milton and Midland schools. The Gateway programs are separate classrooms for special needs students, who attend regular classes as much as possible.

High school-aged STEP students will focus more on independent living skills such as learning to parse a public transportation schedule, manage personal banking and preparing to hold a job after high school.

"The idea is to help students live independently as adults," Rye Middle School Principal Dr. Ann Edwards said. "The types of skills that each child needs will be addressed individually if necessary."

Offering this program will also help the district keep these

students local, which saves money.

"Even with just two students, the cost of providing this program compared to sending them out of the district to learn these same skills is about the same," Chung said. However, once more students are enrolled in STEP, the savings will increase quickly—an estimated \$800,000 a year once the program becomes more seasoned.

For parents, providing these special needs children with an in-school program will likely come as a relief. "We think that elementary school parents especially will be pleased to learn of STEP. If you have a very young special needs child, you don't want to put them on a bus for a long time," Edwards said.

Plus, keeping disabled children in the community would increase the community's diversity. "Why wouldn't we want them to be functioning adults in our community?" Edwards asked.

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Special education teacher Lisa-Marie DiRusso, left, stands with Rye Middle School Principal Dr. Anne Edwards in the STEP classroom. The classroom was formerly used by the home and careers classes. The room has three sinks and a refrigerator and DiRusso hopes to create a living room area as well so that students can practice social and life skills in a realistic setting. Photo courtesy Sarah Derman

CORRECTING THE RECORD

In the Jan. 29 article "Rye Golf Club groundskeeper ticketed," it stated that ALT-70 was the name brand pesticide used to spray the golf club greens. ALT-70 is the generic brand of the pesticide. The article also stated that Tesenderlo Kerley Inc., the manufacturer of ALT-70, sold the city of Rye the contaminated pesticide. Seeton Turf sold the product to the city.

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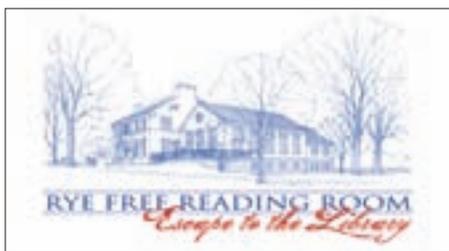
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WHAT'S GOING ON...

Rye Free Reading Room events



'When Writing the Story of Your Life'

On Saturday, Feb. 6 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Bring a notebook and writing implements and gain a firm grounding in the basics of memoir writing, and then begin to record your life story for yourself or to share with others. The workshop will be taught by published author, Carol Costa.

Musical Mondays

Musical Mondays will continue on Monday, Feb. 8 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Meeting Room with the screening of "Funny Girl," starring Barbara Streisand. The movie follows the early career of Fanny Brice, who is trying to make it into show business. Rated G, running time: 2 hours and 35 minutes.

Computer Workshop: 'New and Updated Popular Email Programs for Windows'

This computer workshop, held on Thursday,

Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Raho Technology Center, will teach participants how to use Microsoft's popular Hotmail program, which has recently been changed to Outlook with a new appearance and many enhancements. The workshop will feature lessons on how to navigate the site's new layout, along with how to use its new security features. The class is taught by Mike Negrelli who previously worked for IBM. The computer classes are made possible by the Thomas A. Williams Memorial Fund. This workshop will operate on a first-come, first-served basis and registration is not required.

Teacher-in-the-Library

On Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Children's Room. Got homework? Drop by the library. Rye teachers offer afterschool homework help to students attending local public and private elementary schools in the Rye area. This is a free program sponsored by the Auxiliary Board of the Rye Free Reading Room, The Woman's Club of Rye/Children's Philanthropy Section and the PTO of Rye Schools.

GameMaker Studio for teens

On Thursday, Feb. 11 from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in the Raho Technology Center. Registration is required online at the library's website. The snow date for this event is Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. GameMaker Studio is a fantastic application to create high-quality video games. Whether an entry-level novice or a seasoned game

developer, GameMaker allows all to create cross-platform games in record time using "drag and drop" computer programming skills. All teens are welcome to learn how to use this cutting-edge application with Austin Olney.

Wainwright House



Jazz Brunches on the Sound

Let the jazz ring through the air at musical brunches on special Sundays at Wainwright House, located at 260 Stuyvesant Ave. in Rye. The musical brunches will be held on Sundays, Feb. 28 and April 3 and will feature popular local jazz trios, a delicious brunch buffet, champagne and the chance to meet new people. It is a perfect opportunity for family, friends, clubs and alumni groups to get together and share a good time. Tickets are \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. Walk-ins are welcome. For reservations, call 967-6080.

Rye Arts Center

'Winter White: The Absence of Color' exhibition

This new exhibition by artist Katharine Dufault will be on view in the gallery through March 5. The exhibition will present the work of more than a dozen contemporary artists whose use of white defines and unifies their work. By complementing January's winter white, the work on display will set forth a binary relationship between interior and exterior, artificial and organic, manmade and natural. The artists work in different media, including paint, print, photography, glass, encaustic, fiber and mixed media. The exhibition is free and open to the public. For more information, visit ryeartscenter.org or call 967-4495.



Rye Recreation

Rye youth soccer spring 2016 registration

Online registration is open at ryeyouthsoccer.org for spring intramural soccer for boys and girls in grades K-5. Season will begin Saturday, April 30 and end Saturday, June 18. Complete details on dates and times of the program can be found on the website. If you have any questions, contact Patti Adimari, registrar, at pattirys@optonline.net or 967-5273. Scholarships are available upon request. Please note that coaches should also register to coach in their online account.

Summer camp registration

Rye Recreation summer camp registration for residents will open soon. Registration for Kiddy Camp will open on Monday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m.; registration for Lower Camp and Upper Camp will open on Thursday, March 3 at 10 a.m. and registration for Camp 78 will open on Tuesday, March 15 at 10 a.m. There will be a lottery for Lower Camp swim lessons which will close on Sunday, March 6 at 11:30 p.m. Anyone registering for swim after that date will be placed on a waiting list. All required paperwork must be received in the Recreation Office by that date in order to be considered complete. Parents requesting financial assistance or a special payment plan must register in person. Registration for non-residents opens on May 5 at 10 a.m. For more information, call 967-2535 or email registration@ryeny.gov.

Marshlands Conservancy

Volunteer work project

The Marshlands Conservancy, located on Route 1 off of Boston Post Road in Rye, will be hosting a volunteer work project on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The day's work will consist of removing invasive vines from along the marshlands' trails. Participants should bring work gloves. Other materials, including hand tools, will be provided. For more information, call 835-4466.

Winter Adventure Series

The Winter Adventure Series will continue on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Marshlands Conservancy with a bluebird box making craft. Participants will be able to make their own bluebird boxes to hang up in their yards or neighborhoods. For more information, call 835-4466.

Rye Nature Center

The City of Rye Sustainability Committee and the Rye Nature center will kick off their new speaker series with a presentation by the Rye Healthy Yard Program called "What's Under Your Lawn?" on Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The program of practical tips and latest scientific information will feature Max Apton, founder of The Farmer's Garden and former field manager at Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture. Taro Ietaka of Rye Nature Center will moderate the discussion, which will focus on natural and organic strategies for lawn and garden care. The free event is co-sponsored by the City of Rye Sustainability Committee and the Rye Nature Center. The City of Rye Sustainability Program launched the Rye Healthy Yard Program in 2015 specifically to promote awareness about the health and environmental benefits of using natural landscaping practices in a coastal community.

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Interfaith initiative feeds hungry on MLK Day

More than 135 volunteers spent a cold Martin Luther King Jr. Day in service by making sandwiches and soup starters, and packing food bags for distribution to the hungry in the local area. Young volunteers decorated cards and bags to present the donations and pay tribute to King's legacy.

"Much of what Martin Luther King Jr. believed about doing your part in making the world a better place can be summed up by the Jewish expression *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. According to Jewish tradition, it's our responsibility to care for those in need," said Juliana Reiner, of New Rochelle, who served as teen chair along with Julia Mendelsohn, of Purchase, and Maxine and Sydney Moses, of Larchmont. "When it comes to alleviating hunger, our teachings go way, way back."

The event, which took place at the Sally & Anthony Mann Center in Hawthorne, was one of five taking place throughout the greater New York area as part of Feeding Our Neighbors:

An Interfaith Response. The initiative, for which UJA-Federation of New York joins Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York and Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, works to tackle hunger across New York City, Westchester County, and Long Island.

"Feeding Our Neighbors' goal is pretty amazing: to collectively donate one million meals to hungry New Yorkers," said Abbey Moses, of Larchmont, who served as chair with Abby Mendelsohn, of Purchase. "Thanks for being a part of that impressive goal and for taking time out of your day to work with us. We rely on volunteers like you."

These volunteers included clients at the Mann Center who participate in intensive milieu therapy; individual, family, and group psychotherapy; pharmacotherapy; and special education and vocational training. Despite their often traumatic histories, many of these clients, who range in age from 12 to 21, are resilient, showing extreme strength

in their commitment to their treatment and to bettering their lives and their futures. The center is run by the Jewish Board, an agency that receives UJA-Federation funding.

One in seven New Yorkers struggles with hunger. To help those who might otherwise go without nourishment during the bitter winter months, the packages will be distributed to clients of the Bronx Jewish Community Council, BJCC, another UJA-Federation beneficiary agency. BJCC's food pantry, which serves anyone in need, provides more than 3,700 meals per month with demand increasing each year.

"BJCC's food pantry is the largest in the East Bronx, serving more than 3,000 people each month, especially seniors and especially those aging in place," Julia Mendelsohn said. "For many of the council's clients, our donations mean the difference between a meal or going without."

The volunteer service was followed by a poetry perfor-



Volunteers from both the Mann Center and the community make sandwiches to feed the hungry on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Photo courtesy UJA-Federation of New York

mance by residents of the Mann Center.

Participants tweeted #FeedingNY throughout the event to raise awareness about hunger and share their thoughts on Dr. King's legacy.

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Larchmont native named in Forbes' under 30 list

By ANGELA JORDAN
Staff Writer

The first time Jessica Hendricks traveled to Cambodia, it was to teach English. The college student left the airport in a cab and couldn't believe her eyes. Her surroundings were unlike anything she was used to in New York.

"[In Cambodia] there's an energy in the streets and a hustle to survive; they're very much living in the present," she said.

Hendricks, 27, is a Larchmont native and founder of The Brave Collection, a line of handcrafted jewelry made by Cambodian artisans. Because of the line's success, she was named one of Forbes magazine's "30 Under 30 in Retail and Ecommerce" for 2016. In addition to supporting local artists by commissioning their work, The Brave Collection also donates 10 percent of its profits to fight human trafficking in Cambodia.

"In the beginning, we donated mostly to trafficking survivors; now we also focus on groups who



One of the bracelets from The Brave Collection.

support girls who are at risk for human trafficking," Hendricks said.

The inspiration for the line came from Hendricks' experiences during her first visit to Cambodia in 2008. Previously unaware of the country's history, she was moved by the story of the genocide at the hands of Pol Pot between 1975 and 1979. She was particularly affected by the knowledge that 90 percent of Cambodia's artisans were killed during that period.

Being an art student at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts at the time, Hendricks considered art her main passion and "a home to [her]," and couldn't imagine what those artists had been going through. She was also deeply affected when confronted by the realities of human trafficking while in Cambodia.

"Seeing girls my age and younger with their faces painted, lined up in front of the bars, hit me really hard," Hendricks said.

Returning to school in Manhattan and home to Larchmont after spending several months on the other side of the world was a big adjustment.

"You could have this amazing dinner in Cambodia for \$5, and then go home and spend \$15 on a cocktail in New York," Hendricks said.

However, her time in Cambodia stuck with her and in 2012, two years after she graduated from college, she launched The Brave Collection in Larchmont at her mother's jewelry store, Peri-



Jessica Hendricks, founder of The Brave Collection. Her jewelry line consists of handmade pieces by Cambodian artisans, and 10 percent of the company's profits are donated to charities that fight human trafficking. Photos courtesy The Brave Collection

dot Fine Jewelry.

"The Larchmont community has supported me from the very beginning," said Hendricks, who has visited Cambodia three times since that first visit.

Her mother, in particular, has offered a great deal of support to The Brave Collection, and influenced her daughter's passion for making jewelry at a young age.

Hendricks was a freshman in high school when her mother opened Peridot, located at 1903 Palmer Ave. in Larchmont. She had formative years attending trade shows and learning about the industry from her mother. Hendricks said she fell "quite naturally" into the jewelry business.

Dawn Hendricks believes that her daughter is cut out for the industry as well. She said that Jessica Hendricks has a "really great grasp on how a person shops for jewelry," in addition to the work ethic of a successful entrepreneur.

"She's practical and visionary, and it's very difficult to be both of those things," Dawn Hendricks said. "What she's done is amazing. She's worked so hard and she really deserves her success."

However, Jessica Hendricks cites her relationships with the artisans in Cambodia that she routinely communicates and collaborates with as one of the most critical components to the collection. Particularly, she mentions a

Cambodian artisan and partner in The Brave Collection, who she affectionately refers to as "Nini."

"She originally had to drop out of school and work as a house cleaner," Jessica Hendricks said. "She is a real self-taught entrepreneur."

As for Jessica Hendricks' customers, she said as time has passed and the collection became more popular, she's been moved by the reasons that women buy this jewelry for themselves and each other. Whether it is for their child moving away from home, or for a friend undergoing cancer treatment, Jessica cited a myriad reasons why some cut of her customers are drawn to The Brave Collection.

"When I started Brave, it was about the brave women in Cambodia," Jessica Hendricks said. "But now, we've embraced 'brave' as a philosophy that can apply to any woman and it's really powerful."

Moving forward, Jessica Hendricks hopes to expand the company's operation, which is currently based in Brooklyn, and pursue relationships with larger retailers. However, the collection can still be bought from Peridot, where it began four years ago in addition to more than 100 other locations worldwide.

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Some of the bracelets from The Brave Collection. The collection features several pieces in the Khmer language and some Buddhist imagery.

Rye Y Announces Winners of Heads Up! contest

Teens are getting the message: texting while walking or driving can lead to tragedy. As part of the Rye YMCA's fifth annual Heads Up! poster contest, 58 Rye High School students have created posters that show the dangers of distraction.

In October 2015, the Rye Y, as part of its Safe Routes to School initiative, invited students in Nichole Chiffrieller's Photoshop and Digital Photography classes to participate in the Heads Up! contest. Chiffrieller introduced the project by showing the students a powerful documentary about people whose lives were shattered by texting and driving. After all of the posters were completed, the students narrowed the field to 15 finalists—five from each of the three classes. The Rye Y then convened a panel of community judges who selected the three winners.

The judges were Rye City Police Department Lt. Scott Craig, Rye Y Executive Director Gregg Howells, Senior

Director of the Rye Arts Center Adam Levi, Rye City Planner Christian Miller, Rye City Board of Education member Nancy Pasquale and Senior Vice President of Resource Development of United Way of Westchester and Putnam Claire Simonelli.

The Heads Up! poster contest is supported in part by United Way of Westchester and Putnam, in partnership with the PepsiCo Foundation.

All of the posters will be exhibited at the Rye Arts Center through Feb. 10, and will then be moved to the Rye Free Reading Room, where it will remain until the end of the month.

"The judges were very impressed with the thoughtfulness and creativity that went into every poster," said Rye Y Executive Director Gregg Howells. "Each one communicates the powerful message that distracted driving can have devastating consequences. We hope that parents, community residents and students

will stop by The Rye Arts Center or the Rye Free Reading Room to view this important exhibit." (Submitted)

THE WINNERS ARE

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Mayor Joseph Sack, a Republican, suggested having one

or two lights converted at first as a sample run.

If the city were to move forward on converting all of street-

lights to LED, Serrano said it should realistically take about

six or seven months, at most.

-Reporting by Angela Jordan



The city of Rye may soon convert all its traditional streetlights to LED as an energy-saving measure. Pictured is Purchase Street on a recent Sunday night. Photo/Andrew Dapolito

Artists welcome to display work at Marshlands

Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino encourages residents to submit their paintings, sculpture, drawings and other artwork that was inspired by or created at Marshlands Conservancy for entry in the annual art exhibit on Saturday, Feb. 6 and Sunday, Feb. 7 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the conservancy, located at 200 Boston Post Road in Rye.

"This annual art show not only showcases local talent but pays tribute to the beauty of this pristine preserve on Long Island Sound shoreline," Astorino said.

All paintings and drawings must be framed and ready for hanging. Please note that photography is not included in this exhibit. There is a maximum of three submissions per person. All age groups are welcome.

The exhibit, called "A Different Point of View," will open Sun-



The Marshlands Conservancy. Photo courtesy Westchester County

day, Feb. 14 with a reception for the artists and public from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The art will remain on view weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through the end of March.

The reception is sponsored by the Friends of Marshlands Con-

servancy.

For more information, call the Marshlands Conservancy at 835-4466. General information about Westchester County Parks is available at westchestergov.com/parks. (Submitted)

Village of Tuckahoe considers fast food ban

A recent controversy between Subway and the village of Tuckahoe has led to the consideration of a fast food ban.

The ban would prohibit "formula fast food and formula quick casual." According to Village Administrator David Burke, the Board of Trustees will likely vote on the matter sometime in late spring.

The proposed change in the village law was precipitated by a controversy that erupted last summer when a Subway went through the permitting approval process in order to open up shop along the village's Main

Street corridor. During a board meeting in July 2015, residents presented a 200-signature-long petition asking that zoning rules be amended to prevent any other chain restaurants from taking up residence in the village.

If approved, the revisions to the existing code calling for a ban on "formula fast food and formula quick casual restaurants" include establishments with seven or more locations on a state or national level. For example, nationally, there are currently nearly 15,000 McDonald's restaurants and 12,000 Burger King outlets, according to figures

provided by each company, and such establishments now won't be allowed in Tuckahoe.

Sit-down chain restaurants with menus and waitstaff such as Applebee's would still be permitted after the ban, despite the fact that they are considered chains.

However, since Subway has opened its doors, some village trustees have noticed increased foot traffic, a plus for small business owners on Main Street.

"They're kind of going back and forth on it," Burke said about the village board.

-Reporting by Sarah Varney

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What will Obama's next job be?

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A year from now, Barack Obama will be an ex-president. It would be perfectly understandable if, after the demanding career he has followed, he were to simply retire to a life of leisure. He may wish to simply “smell the roses,” as the expression goes. But there are other possibilities for him.

There is talk about a possible move by Obama next year from Washington's Potomac River to New York's East River. The position of United Nations secretary-general will soon be opening up with the year-end finish of Ban Ki-moon's term of office. He is seeking another five-year term, but candidates to succeed Mr. Ban are jockeying for the position.

According to the U.N. Charter, “The secretary-general shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council.” That does

not preclude the nomination of more than one candidate, nor does it bar a candidate from one of the 15 member countries of the Security Council. But there has always been just one candidate recommended by the council, and never a person from a Security Council member country.

The web site unsg.org/candidates.html on Jan. 30 listed as “official candidates” only the incumbent Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Six others were shown as “withdrawn.” Wikipedia last week listed five “candidates endorsed by their national governments.” They come from Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Portugal and Slovenia, four out of five from East Europe, which has never successfully nominated a secretary-general.

My wife and I know one of these candidates and think very highly of him. He is Danilo Turk—former president of Slovenia, former U.N. assistant secretary-general, former president of the U.N. Security Council and former Slovenian ambassador to the U.N. He received us

most hospitably during our visit to his capital, Ljubljana, a few years ago, and we have hosted him and his wife at our home in Rye. He and I were colleagues for some years in the U.N. Subcommittee on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

An Obama candidacy would confront the natural advantage of incumbency enjoyed by Ban Ki-moon. Also, traditionally no one from any of the five permanent member countries of the Security Council has ever been chosen. Nor has there ever been a female secretary-general, although it is said that Angela Merkel of Germany is now in the running.

But there is another possibility for an ex-President Obama, that of chief US ambassador at the U.N., the post currently held by Samantha Power, who might be ready to move on. While no former U.S. president has yet held that post, at least one future president did, George Herbert Walker Bush, as did one former justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Arthur Goldberg.

Rye Y exhibit reflects hope, determination

The framed photographs and personal narratives of 36 Rye YMCA members and staff are currently on display at the Y as part of the fourth annual “Voices from the Community: The Rye Y Story Project” exhibit.

Each year, Y staff and volunteers encourage members to share their personal stories, from the back stories that brought them to the Y to the successes and challenges encountered on the road to healthy living. Interviews are conducted in the Y's lobby, within a story “booth” made from a large gym mat. This year's interviewees ranged from young children to seniors in their 80s.

Modeled loosely on Story Corps, a national oral history project, “The Rye Y Story Project” was launched one day after

Hurricane Sandy in 2012. Power outages, flooding and a shared sense of community contributed, in a round-about way, to the success of the first Story Project. Members gathered at the Y in the aftermath of the storm, and with time on their hands, told stories about their Y experience. During the last four years, nearly 200 members, staff and volunteers have shared their hopes, their accomplishments and their gratitude for the support and friendships they've found here.

Among the current crop of stories is one from Samantha Brout. “I felt like family from day one,” she said. “By my second day here, they were calling me by name...After retiring, I had no purpose. The aqua classes get me out of the house and give me incentive to eat right.”



Executive Director Gregg Howells said, “We were touched and gratified by the stories we heard during the Story Project. It's clear that the Y is so much more than gym or a childcare center; it's a community hub where friendships begin and goals are achieved.”

The 2015 Story Project exhibit will run through Feb. 15. Members of the public are welcome to stop by to view the stories and take a tour of the facility. (Submitted)

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The new Student Transitional Education Program, STEP, could save as much as \$800,000 over the next few years, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Services Julia Chung said.

In late January, the school board's policy committee put its 18-22 student class size limit for elementary schools up for discussion.

Although parents were nearly unanimously opposed to raising the class size limit to a range of 20-25 students in grades three to five, Keohane Glassberg said a modified policy has to be considered. "The board has a fiduciary responsibility to consider these issues. Many of the same people who supported the tax cap override for the 2016-2017 budget have also said, 'You have not addressed the issue of class size [as a way to decrease costs],'" she said.

She pointed out that there is currently one class at Midland School that has fewer than 18 students, and two classes with just 16 students.

"It's not fiscally sustainable to have 16 kids in a classroom," Keohane Glassberg added.

To those school parents who expressed a feeling of betrayal at the proposal to raise the rec-

ommended class size limit after supporting the override, Glassberg has a two-pronged answer: The budget override promised that the class size limit would be maintained for a year. Not passing the override would have meant substantial cuts.

"Without the override, we would have had to cut 32 teachers. In that situation, every child would have been in a larger class anyway," she said.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Alvarez is expected to present his proposed school budget on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

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8-step formula to figure school budget tax cap

X	Tax levy in prior year	\$14.4M
+	Tax base growth factor	1.0035%
-	PILOTS (payments in lieu of taxes) received prior year	\$43,621
-	Torts judgements in prior year	0
X	Capital tax levy in prior year	\$306,000
-	Allowable levy growth factor	1.02%
+	PILOTS receivables for current year	\$451,870
=	Available carryover from prior year	0
	TOTAL	\$13.7M

Rye Newcomers Club seeks volunteers, members

Rye Newcomers and Neighbors Club, RNNC, is looking for volunteers to help run the club in 2016-2017 and help out with its many varied events and programs. Volunteering is not only fun, but it helps keep the club vibrant. It's also a wonderful way to make new friends.

Active members are asked and encouraged to serve on a committee each year. Members are also encouraged to seek a position on the RNNC board, which is a two-year commitment. Board members are required to attend a meeting every six weeks for planning events and business of RNNC.

The board is made up two co-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, two major event planners, a newsletter chairperson, two membership coordinators, a hospitality chairperson, two playgroup coordinators, two publicity coordinators, three people to plan kids' events, two people to handle adult events, one person to organize Lunch Bunch and someone to run the book club. Many of these positions are vacant for this coming year. Do any of them interest you? Email rnninfo@gmail.com.

RNNC is a friendly, vibrant, fun-loving community organiza-

tion serving newcomers and residents alike. Its primary goal is to enrich the lives of our members by providing varied social activities throughout the year, and promoting networking and friendships in the community. We have all been new to the community and we know how hard the transition can be. RNNC helps makes the transition an easier one. Check out RNNC's website at ryenewcomersclub.org. If you have any questions, contact Co-presidents Carol Annett at carol.rnnc@gmail.com or Carol Pouchie at carol.pouchie@yahoo.com. (Submitted)

Village of Larchmont considers bike lanes

The Larchmont Traffic Commission has a presentation and proposal ready for the village Board of Trustees to create bike lanes.

According to Carol Miller, co-chair of the Traffic Commission, the idea was formed in either 2007 or 2008, and the commission started working with the Rye YMCA to come up with ideas on how to incorporate bike lanes into the wide village streets. After the project was tabled for a while, Carolyn Lee, chairwoman of the Recreation Committee, approached the mayor about it to pick up where the Traffic Commission left off. They were able to dig up a report that the Rye YMCA completed with the help of New York University Wagner, the graduate school for public service.

In the report, which included the city of Rye, the town of Mamaroneck and the villages of Larchmont and Mamaroneck, the NYU Wagner team describes types of bike lanes, including sharrows—painted markings on the roadway, indicating that the road is a shared space for both motorists and recreational users—dedicated bike lanes—space for bicyclists along roadways, at least 5 feet in width and in the same direction as prevailing traffic—and two-way bike lanes—the same as a dedicated bike lane, but doubled in width, allowing for two directions of bike traffic.

The study recommends two different sections of roadway in the village of Larchmont: for Chatsworth Avenue (from Palmer Avenue south to Boston Post Road) and Larchmont

Avenue (from Palmer Avenue south to Magnolia Avenue).

Lee, who told the Review that she is an avid biker, feels strongly that residents should be biking and walking more.

"My kids bike to school or walk to school every day, and they're not the norm," she said.

Lee, however, realizes that many parents make the choice to drive their children places simply for safety reasons.

The implementation of these lanes would be fairly simple, according to Miller.

"It requires some careful measuring and painting, and possibly labeling," she said, adding that it would be cost-effective. "There's no construction, nothing has to be widened, and no traffic patterns have to change."

-Reporting by Kiley Stevens



The Larchmont Traffic Commission is proposing to implement bike lanes within the village, a plan that has been in the works for several years. Photo/Andrew Dapolite

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City of Rye discusses new drone legislation

By JAMES PERO
Staff Writer

As the use of recreational and commercial drones expands, cutting-edge technology is facing cutting-edge regulation. Through an increasing array of federal and municipal laws, how and when people can use drones is being defined across the country, including in the city of Rye.

During a Jan. 27 City Council meeting, councilmembers and City Attorney Kristen Wilson discussed the beginning of the city's framework on how drones and their pilots can operate within city boundaries.

Among the major facets guiding the proposed legislation over drone usage are privacy and safety, according to City Manager Marcus Serrano.

"We have a lot of public parks... We want to make sure people are protected," Serrano said.

Equipped with cameras, modern drones—many of which are now affordable to the average consumer—are capable of deftly flying through the air and capturing bird's eye view photos and video footage in high definition.

According to Wilson, there are at least a few other municipalities in the region with laws regulating the usage of drones, including one in Rockland County.

The Federal Aviation Administration, FAA, has already begun regulating drone usage by implementing nationwide guidelines that require registration and strictly limiting how and where they can be flown.

The penalties for failing to register a drone with the FAA—which will kick in on Feb. 19—are punishable up to \$27,000 according to the agency's website.

Additionally, both New York state and New York City have begun looking at their own legal models for just how and where drones can be operated.

Wilson said that while developing their local law, Rye may want to proceed with caution, as the FAA is in the midst of developing more guidelines that may overlap.

"The FAA is going to pre-



The Rye City Council will begin to discuss what will become the framework for local legislation regarding the usage of drones in the city. Photos/Andrew Dapolite

empt some of this," she said. "They're looking at it closely, too."

Interest in using drones, however, isn't just limited to recreational users. According to Wilson, the Rye City Police Department and Rye TV have shown an affinity for the application of drone technology.

New Rye Police Commissioner Michael Corcoran told the Review that, though he hasn't officially considered the use of drones in Rye, they could have a valuable application in public surveillance.

"You cannot use them too look into private homes. People have a right to privacy," he

said, adding that police work could still benefit from their usage. "It would be somewhat useful in the public eye, a lot like a surveillance camera."

Corcoran, whose first day on the job was Feb. 1, also acknowledged that the usage of drones for police purposes also brings up its own sticky set of legality regarding search warrants.

"That's something we'd want to explore very closely," he said.

Representatives from the FAA could not be reached for comment as of press time.

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A similar drone photo of Rye City Hall ran on the front page of the Sept. 25 issue of the Review.



Among the facets of drone usage discussed will be how drones are used in Rye's public parks, in addition to how the city might use them for their services.



According to City Attorney Kristen Wilson, a local law may eventually overlap with federal laws which she told The Review are already in the pipeline from the FAA.

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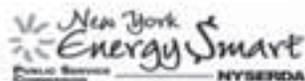
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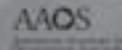


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It's a cruel joke that the Super Bowl comes just a little over a month after we have resolved to forsake all wings, chips, dip, pizza, soda, beer, cheese sticks, Cheez-Its, Cheetos and anything else that is bright orange and vaguely food-like.

Ha.

That's why every year around this time, the press turns its hungry eyes to Charles Platkin—a.k.a. The Diet Detective, a.k.a. Hunter College's distinguished lecturer—for some of his trademark "equivalencies."

For instance: Working off the calories of a footlong Italian sandwich would require you to walk the entire length of the Brooklyn Bridge—14 times. That's a Dr. Platkin equivalency. So are these:

Four swigs of Bud Light = eight minutes of playing pro football.

One handful of pita chips with artichoke dip = running 141 football fields.

Working off one measly Cheeto—one! = chanting and waving around a foam hand for two minutes.

And God forbid you scarf down four Domino's Stuffed Cheesy Bacon Jalapeno Breadsticks. That requires 193 touchdown dances.

So how did Platkin, a lawyer, publisher, technologist, real estate guy and bestselling author, become obsessed with translating calories into everyday activities? It all started when he was young—and tubby.

"I remember my doctor saying, 'You're not going to have a good social life because you're fat,'" Platkin said. "And I was like, 'You don't know what you're talking about.' But the truth was, I was ostracized as a child."

He was still overweight in early adulthood when he decided to write a book on how to truly change your life. This was after he'd gotten the law degree, but still was floundering—and single. "I was confused. I was thinking about changing behavior. I was overweight and had terrible relationships," he said.

So, for three years, he researched how real behavioral change happens.

He was finally ready to hand in his manuscript when he realized something. "I hadn't changed one behavior of my own!" So he decided to actually follow his own advice and, at last, he started losing weight. He also realized that the underlying cause of ending up "with difficult and strange kinds of women" was him.

Changing required that word we hear so often lately: mindfulness. He had to pay attention to what he ate, and when. And who he dated, and why. He also had to stop feeling too embarrassed to ask for things like a plain grilled chicken breast when he went out to eat. In other words, he had to stop being ashamed to admit he knew he was fat and wanted to lose weight.

He folded his stories into the book and it became the bestselling "Breaking the Pattern."

The great thing about mindfulness, Platkin says, is that you don't have to be mindful for-

ever. He said if you had to use Google Maps every day to figure out what floor your office is on, that would be painful. (And you would need some other kind of help.) But after a short while, of course, you know the drill.

It's the same with figuring out what your food patterns are. And once you notice that every night, right before bed, you eat a bowl of Ben & Jerry's, well then, all you have to do is start figuring out a "food swap"—an alternative. For Platkin, he started making swaps just like the ones you can make on Super Bowl Sunday: Toasted pita points instead of chips. Pizza without the mozzarella—add your own parmesan. Slow-churned Breyers instead of Ben & Jerry's.

The idea is to concentrate not on what you can't have, but on what you can. And since we gobble down many foods without realizing just how fattening they are, he popularized the "equivalencies." FYI: One bowl of chili = over an hour of cheerleading.

Platkin is now married and has a daughter. One day, a couple years ago, he was walking her to school and saw her holding her tummy in. He asked why. Well, of course she was practicing looking skinny.

"I just want you to know that you don't ever have to worry about dieting or any of these things," he told his daughter.

Life is not about forsaking. It's about embracing who you are and what you love.

So long as it's not Domino's Stuffed Cheesy Bacon Jalapeno Breadsticks.

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Escape from winter with the art of flamenco

By **MARA RUPNERS**
Contributor

Have you had enough of winter? Then let's get out of here, and head on a journey to someplace warm. How about, for example, the rocky, sun-baked region on Spain's southern coast known as Andalucía?

Andalucía is a place that embodies all of our stereotypes of Spain: spirited and passionate, a fiesta-loving land of guitar-wielding troubadours, reckless bullfighters, feisty operatic heroines. This simplistic portrait is no doubt a bit outdated and overly romantic, but it does carry an element of truth, and nowhere is this truth more evident than in the age-old art form of flamenco.

Flamenco is part folk tradition, part high art. It mixes the gypsy music of the Romani people with the rhythms of North Africa, brought to Andalucía by the Moors—a rich blend that

makes flamenco a unique form of artistic expression, full of irrepressible, complex rhythms and anguished melodies. It includes cante (singing), toque (guitar-playing), baile (dance), jaleo (vocalizations), palmas (hand-clapping) and pitos (finger-snapping).

This is no social dance you can pick up in a lesson or two; it is performance art at its finest and its technical demands are arduous. Mastery requires years of training and dedication, and the intensity of emotion generated during a professional performance is truly something unforgettable.

Escape from winter and experience this unique art form for yourself on Friday, Feb. 26, when the NYC-based Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana brings "Poema de Andalucía," a choreographic journey through the Andalusian provinces, to the Concert Hall at The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College.

The performance begins at 8 p.m., tickets are \$35 to \$45, and good seats are still available.

Also at The Performing Arts Center this month: The Monterey Jazz Festival on tour on Feb. 13; a National Theatre Live screening of "Jane Eyre" on Feb. 14; the Martha Graham Dance Company on Feb. 20; chamber music ensemble Decoda on Feb. 21; live-action graphic novel "Intergalactic Nemesis" on Feb. 27; and cellist Zuill Bailey in recital on Feb. 28. Visit The Center's website for event details and tickets.

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County announces new drop boxes for unused meds

Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino recently announced that 12 additional drop boxes for unused prescription drugs have been brought to the county, thanks to an \$8,000 state grant secured by Sen. Terrence Murphy, a Yorktown Republican.

The proper disposal of unused prescription medication is critical so they do not get into our water systems or into the hands of people who can misuse them. Both men spoke of the local heroin epidemic that can often start with prescription drug abuse.

"Prescription medication can be a lifesaver when properly used, but when not properly disposed of they can be a real health and safety issue," Astorino said. "Thanks to Sen. Murphy's efforts, we have delivered 12 more of these receptacles, where residents can take their unused medications for proper disposal. Don't throw them in the trash, don't flush them down the toilet and don't just leave them lying around the house. Go to your nearest drop box and dispose of them properly."

"I am proud to partner with County Executive Rob Astorino and to be able to deliver the needed grant money to make this project a reality," Murphy said. "Hav-



From left, Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, Legislator Francis Corcoran, of Bedford, and State Sen. Terrence Murphy, of Yorktown. Astorino announced that more drop boxes for unused prescription drugs will be available countywide, thanks to a \$8,000 grant secured by Murphy. Photo courtesy Westchester County

ing hosted a number of medication take-back programs, at which we averaged nearly 200 pounds of discarded medications, it became clear more disposal options were needed for our residents."

Westchester County is a pioneer in the Med Return effort, having started the practice back in 2008. The Astorino administration has dramatically increased the number of municipalities

equipped with them, and after Jan. 27's announcement, the total number of drop boxes within the county stands at 38.

Astorino and Murphy were joined at a press conference unveiling a new drop box at the North Salem Police Department by Legislator Francis Corcoran, a Bedford Republican, and North Salem Supervisor Warren Lucas. (Submitted)

Once, kids played like their lives depended on it. If only kids still did.

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Encourage physical activity and better nutrition. Do whatever it takes to get your kids as active as kids once were. Activity and weight bearing exercise will help your child live stronger, and live longer. For more advice and information, visit orfbioa.org, aap.org/obesity and pima.org.

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Super Bowl? Super boring

LIVE MIKE
Mike Smith



I can't really explain it, but here we are, just days from the biggest sporting event of the calendar year, and I'm having trouble getting "super" excited.

Even if you aren't a fan of the NFL, even if you haven't watched a down of football all season, there's a pretty good chance you're going to tune in on Sunday and watch the Panthers play the Broncos in Super Bowl 50; it's just kind of what America does.

The two best teams on the planet going at it, a tonnage of star power, all the trappings of pageantry and excess that have come to define the NFL, and here I sit, overwhelmingly ambivalent about it all.

On the surface, it doesn't make much sense.

If you're looking from a dramatic narrative, this Super Bowl

has it. I mean, just look at the quarterbacks. On one side, you have Peyton Manning, the most prolific passer in the history of the NFL, playing in what may be his last football game. If Peyton represents the NFL's past, his counterpart on the Panthers, Cam Newton, is clearly its future. At just 26 years old, Newton has put together an MVP season this year and is well on his way to becoming the face of the league, like Manning—and New England's Tom Brady—were before him.

On the surface, can you ask for a more compelling storyline? The aging gunslinger returns to town for one final draw-down with the pistolero who grew up idolizing him; it's the stuff of Hollywood.

Unfortunately for Manning, this story won't likely end with him riding off triumphantly into the sunset.

Conventional wisdom has long held the Super Bowl as a game destined to be something

of a disappointment. With two weeks of hype leading into the big game, it's not hard to see why; anything less than a game that is decided in the final minutes couldn't possibly live up to the hoopla surrounding the event.

But we've gotten kind of spoiled for the last decade or so in terms of Super Bowl finishes. Between the Giants' wins over the Patriots in 2008 and 2012, the Steelers' 27-23 win over the Cardinals in 2009, the epic blackout game between the 49ers and the Ravens in 2013, and last year's game-winning interception to cement another Lombardi Trophy win for the Pats, these games have been tremendously competitive. The last real dud, so to speak, was two years ago when Seattle put a 43-8 whooping on—you guessed it—Peyton and the Broncos.

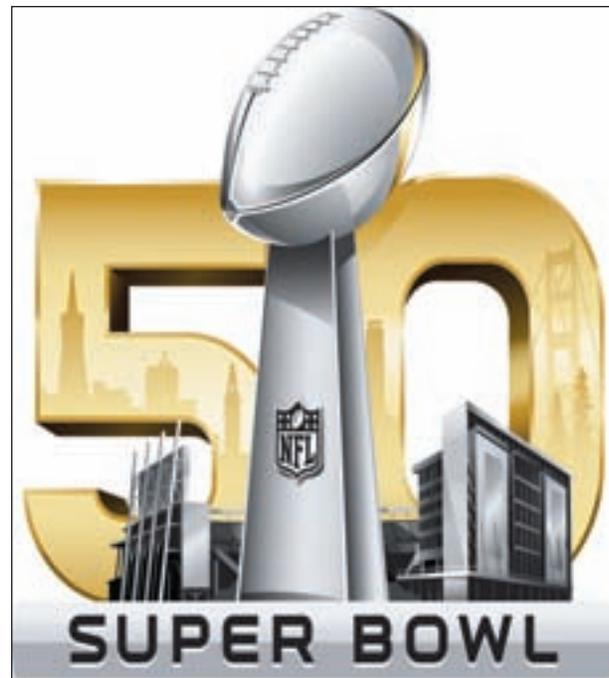
I mean, that game was out of hand by the time the coin-flip was over.

And, like it or not, that's how

I see Sunday's game unfolding too. Manning was great once, but he no longer has the arm strength to make the big downfield throws. Denver's ground game is largely ineffective, too. Sure, the Broncos have a formidable defense, one that was able to pin its ears back two weeks ago and knock Tom Brady around, but then again, Brady isn't a 6-foot-5, 250-pound phenom with a rocket arm and wide-out speed like Newton.

Between Cam's brilliance, a tough stable of running backs and a Carolina defense that's every bit as talented as Denver's, it's tough to see a scenario in which this game turns out to be competitive.

I'm still going to be tuning in, regardless. It's Super Bowl Sunday, after all, and crazier things have happened. Maybe Manning can turn back the clock one last time and turn in a Super Bowl performance for the ages. Maybe the Broncos' pass rushers can disrupt Newton's rhythm and somehow limit the damage he can do with his legs. Maybe Panthers' coach Ron Rivera's risk-taking blows up in Caro-



On Feb. 7, the Broncos and the Panthers will square off in Super Bowl 50. Sports Editor Mike Smith is just hoping the game is halfway competitive. Photo courtesy NFL.com

lina's face in a big spot and gives Denver a chance to win it late.

It's unlikely, but the idea that we might see something unexpected is why we watch this game in the first place.

Let's just hope the fireworks aren't limited to the halftime show.

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Rye Athlete of the Week

Thomas Mackey

By **LAUREN DEMPSEY**
Contributor

Before heading to the New York state championships, senior Thomas Mackey, of the Rye High School boys swimming and diving team, has been named the latest Athlete of the Week.

Based on his times throughout the season, Mackey has already qualified to compete at States in three events, including both the 200-meter individual medley and the 100-meter breaststroke. In addition, his 400-meter freestyle relay team has also qualified for States and his 200-meter freestyle relay team is looking to qualify during the Sectional Championships.

When he began high school, Mackey also competed in cross-country and track but decided to focus more on swimming during his sophomore year. In addition to swimming for the high school, he began to swim the rest of the year for a club team. The hard work has paid off as Mackey has committed to swim for Binghamton University, State University of New York.

His coach and teammates are proud of Mackey's effort and achievements.

"Thomas has had a fantastic season," coach Lara Vivolo said. "He came into the winter sports season with several goals: to dominate in his events and make States. It's an incredible feat to go to States in four races."



Teammate Casimir Harshbarger agreed.

"Thomas doesn't just exemplify the perfect swimmer," Harshbarger said, "he exemplifies the perfect friend."

Mackey has previously received All-Section and All-League Honors. When not in the pool, he has been excelling in the classroom. He is a member of the High Honor Roll while taking challenging courses such as AP chemistry, AP calculus, AB and AP statistics. He was recently named a member of the National Honor Society.

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Rye tops rival Harrison in thriller

By MIKE SMITH
Sports Editor

Playing in front of a raucous home crowd on Feb. 1, Rye celebrated its senior night in style, honoring the Garnets' graduating class with a hard-fought 57-52 win over rival Harrison. The win, though not Rye's easiest of the season, may have been the biggest, as it clinched yet another league title for the Garnets.

Rye's Katie Popp scored a game-high 21 points on Monday in a game that the Garnets could never seem to crack open. Twice, Rye flirted with a double-digit lead, but Harrison came back both times—thanks in part to the efforts of Gia Mancini, who had 13 points, and Avery La-Barbera and Kendall Lefkowitz, who each had 12—to head into the final minute of play trailing by just three points. With 11.4 seconds left, the Huskies had a chance to tie the game, but a 3-point attempt by Mancini rimmed out, ending the threat.

Rye senior Madeline Eck, who scored 13 points, said the Garnets came into Monday's game knowing that Harrison was looking to avenge a Jan. 16 loss



Kendall Lefkowitz drives past Taylor Maurer on Feb. 1 at Rye High School. Lefkowitz scored 12 points in a 57-52 Harrison loss.

to Rye. The previous meeting between the two foes ended in a 51-41 Garnet win.

"We beat them the first time, so we knew they were going to come back stronger," Eck said. "They're a really good team,

and they've got so many great, athletic players."

Rye, which usually thrives in up-tempo games, was effective in its half-court sets, despite a solid defensive effort from the Huskies.



Katie Popp rushes past Gia Mancini for a layup. With the win, the Garnets clinched the league title.

"They came out strong, especially defensively," Eck said. "But we were able to capitalize on their zone defense and move the ball around really well."

In addition to clinching a league title, the Garnets also moved another step closer to a second goal with the win, as they need just two more victories in their final three games to finish the season with a perfect in-league record.

"This was an important win because it's Harrison and it's our league rival," Eck said. "But we also want to go undefeated in our league and we knew this would be a tough game."

The Garnets can run the league table with wins over Port Chester and Pelham this week, after press time, before traveling to Lakeland for their regular season finale on Feb. 8. As the playoffs loom, Eck said, the Garnets will have to rely on the lessons they learned in tight games like the victory over Harrison.

"It was good," she said. "It replicated a playoff atmosphere. The intensity, the crowd was into it, so it's going to help us prepare for the first few rounds of the playoffs."

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Madeline Eck streaks towards the hoop against Harrison on senior night at Rye High School. Photos/Mike Smith



Katie Popp looks for an open teammate on Monday. Popp finished with a game-high 21 points in Rye's win over the Huskies.

Huskies host Coaches vs. Cancer showcase

By MIKE SMITH
Sports Editor

On Jan. 30, eight Section I teams took the court at Harrison High School to compete in the Lower Hudson Basketball Coaches Association's annual Coaches vs. Cancer showcase. Several local squads, including Harrison, Rye and Mamaroneck, were in action, hoping to build momentum as the playoffs approach while raising money for cancer research.

The Coaches vs. Cancer program, founded in 1994, is a nationwide collaboration between basketball coaches and the American Cancer Society, aimed to raise money for cancer research and awareness through basketball. Since 2011, the LH-BCA has held its annual event, alternating sites between schools in Rockland, Putnam, Duches and Westchester counties.

On Saturday, it was Harrison's turn.

"We were lucky enough to be asked to play last year, in Brewster," Harrison coach Gary Chi-

arella said. "[The organizers] liked our facilities and this year was a Westchester year, so they asked if we would host."

The program has raised more than \$87 million nationwide since its inception.

"All of the money from tickets and concessions went to the charity," Chiarella explained. "We were more than pleased to be involved with this."

Chiarella's Huskies had plenty to be happy about on Saturday, as they beat Pearl River handily in the night game, topping the Pirates 63-41. Mike Nannariello led the way for Harrison with 14 points, 12 of which came in the third quarter, while Zach Evans scored eight points en route to being named the game's MVP.

Prior to the Huskies' game, Class AA Saunders squared off with conference foe Fox Lane, downing the Foxes 50-32 thanks to 17 points from senior guard Anthony Miller.

In the day's second game, Mamaroneck fell to Yorktown 50-46 after a spirited second-half comeback, spurred by Miles Haugh-

ton's 23-point performance, fell just short.

In the tipoff, Rye withstood a late charge from John Jay East Fishkill, topping their foes 51-44 after outscoring the Patriots 20-3 in the first quarter. Despite the Panthers' surge in the second half, Rye's Charlie Nagle, who had 21 points, said that the Garnets never felt overwhelmed by the pressure.

"Coach told us at halftime that they were a good team and they could come back easily," Nagle said. "We just had to keep on playing together... in order to win this game."

As for Rye's participation in the event, Chiarella said he was happy for the Garnets' involvement, but only wished that there was a little more time in between the Coaches vs. Cancer showcase and their rival's next trip to Harrison on Feb. 1.

"It was nice, they wanted to be involved," Chiarella joked. "I just don't really like them playing one game before they're coming here to play us."

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Mamaroneck's Miles Houghton brings the ball up the court at the Coaches vs. Cancer showcase at Harrison High School. Houghton had 23 points in the Tigers' loss to Yorktown.



Brett Egan fires a shot from the corner.



Emerson Genovese goes up for a layup on Jan. 30. Photos/Mike Smith



Charlie Nagle cuts toward the lane on Jan. 30 against John Jay. Nagle scored 21 points in the Garnets' 51-44 win over the Patriots.