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## Woodlands Falcons Win Section 1 Class C Championship



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The Woodlands High football team celebrates winning the Section 1 Class C championship against Rye Neck Saturday. **Full story Page 16.**

## Greenburgh 2015 Budget Proposal is Conservatively Optimistic

By Pat Casey

Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner released the Town's 2015 proposed budget Thursday, Oct. 30, saying it complies with the New York State 1.56 percent tax levy cap. He also noted that Greenburgh maintained its Aaa bond rating with both Moody's and Standard & Poor's financial services.

In a letter announcing the budget proposal Feiner outlined specific budget highlights.

For the villages and unincorporated Greenburgh, the proposed tax rate increase is 1.75 percent or \$4.09 per \$15,000 of assessed property value; \$238.31 for 2015, up from \$234.22 in 2014.

Total appropriations are \$17.7 million, *continued on page 4*

## GCA Students/Parents Continue to Seek Answers

By Pat Casey

Students and supporters of Good Counsel High School Academy held another peaceful rally last week outside the campus gates hoping to encourage the leadership team of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion to give them answers.

The school has been told by the congregation that they have to vacate their buildings by July 1, 2015 as the entire campus property, housing the high school, elementary and nursery schools, counseling center, convent, Chapel of the Divine Compassion and other buildings

have been put up for sale.

Sources say that bids by developers for the property have been made to the congregation's leadership, but they are silent on what those bids might be and how they might affect the school's ability to stay on the property.

The sale is being handled by Stamford-based CBRE, a commercial real-estate firm.

Over the weekend a letter from the GCA Board president Sister Imma De Stefanis, said the school board has been aggressively pursuing relocating and has found another site in central/

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## Playland Ice Casino Reopens

Surrounded by skaters and hockey players, Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino threw down a ceremonial puck on center ice Thursday to mark the reopening of the famed Ice Casino at Playland, which had to be closed after suffering severe damage from Superstorm Sandy two years ago to the day - Superstorm Sandy tore through the east coast on the evening of October 29 into the morning of October 30, 2012.

The 85-year-old casino was renovated and fully preserved at a cost of \$4.9 million.

"Our Ice Casino at Playland is like a great athlete," Astorino said during the opening ceremony. "When it gets knocked down, it gets up and comes back

stronger than ever."

Part of the opening festivities was an announcement that Westchester-based American Skating Entertainment Centers is partnering with the county in managing the facility.

The Ice Casino is now being operated as Playland Ice under a 10-year agreement (with an option to renew for another 10 years) with American Skating investing \$640,000 of its money into the building over the next 18 months for capital improvements. This money will go largely toward refurbishing and modernizing the interior with upgraded floors, lighting, electronics, bathrooms, locker rooms and guest services areas.

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# FASNY Submits Revisions to White Plains Council as Development Battle Continues

By Pat Casey

The French American School of New York's (FASNY) proposal to run a regional school on the site of the former Ridgeway Country Club in the Gedney neighborhood of White Plains has been the source of heated debate for years. As the Special Permit application and Site Plan move through the final stages of the approval process there has been a steady back-and-forth between the White Plains Council and the applicant as specifics of the proposed plan are refined.

On October 20, FASNY submitted a letter to the Council with proposed revisions for the school and the accompanying Conservancy that had come under attack in recent weeks.

The letter was prepared by FASNY's attorney, Michael Zarin of the White Plains law firm Zarin & Steinmetz.

Addressing comments and requests made at the Council's September 29th work session, FASNY made the following comments:

**Parking:** Overall parking has been reduced by another 30 total spaces from 348 to 318. The Northern parking lot has been reduced from 130 to 80 spaces. The Central lot has been increased, but reconfigured to create two clusters of parking (55 and 75 spaces) separated by large landscaped islands. The Lower School parking lot has been reduced from 101 to 90 spaces.

**Basketball Courts:** Both outdoor



Architect's rendering of French American School of New York proposed building design submitted as part of the Special Permit and Site Plan application.

basketball courts have been eliminated.

**Building Square Footage:** Approximately 33,000 square feet have been eliminated by combining Upper and Middle school activities with the eliminated majority of the Middle School building converted to green space.

**Declaration of Covenants:** Per the review of Corporation and Special Counsel this has been revised to include, among other changes, more definitive language regarding permitted and prohibited uses; declaration in perpetuity, with right of first refusal to City to purchase Conservancy for \$1 if property is no longer used for educational purposes. The City has been added as Beneficiary with full enforcement powers. FASNY may not amend or modify

the Declaration without consent of City and Enforcer, and only a Court can remove Enforcer.

**Hathaway Lane Discontinuance (Access):** FASNY will open a section of Campus driveway to public during non-School days (approximately 196 days per year) to directly access Ridgeway, and avoid diversions to local streets. FASNY met again with Fire and Police Chiefs to confirm acceptable emergency access, which is provided 24 hours per day and 365 days per year.

**Hathaway Lane Discontinuance (Location):** Moved discontinuance of Hathaway Lane fifty (50) feet south of 57 Hathaway Lane's property line to avoid any disturbance with this residence;

provided an alternative emergency access to Hathaway Lane including a turn around for service vehicles.

**Enhanced Landscaping:** Additional landscaping has been incorporated into the design at three locations to shield car lights, with additional buffers along the western residential property border.

**Pedestrian and Bicycle Trails:** The plan now includes an expansion of paved trails to a width of 8 feet. The trail on Parcel B has been moved from 10 feet to 50-60 feet from residential property lines.

**Construction Vehicle Deliveries:** Deliveries by heavy construction vehicles will be prohibited during White Plains High School morning and afternoon drop and pickup times, and on Mamaroneck Avenue during Ridgeway Elementary morning and afternoon drop and pickup times.

**Transportation Management Plan:** More definitive monitoring and enforcement provisions and procedures have been added, including Enrollment Agreement, Student Handbooks and other short and long-term corrective measures.

At the end of his letter Zarin expressed to the White Plains Council that FASNY believes it has done everything asked of it in good faith and that "Frankly, some of the changes asked of FASNY were very difficult for the School and its community to accept from a financial and programmatic perspective."

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## Playland Ice Casino Reopens

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Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino throws down a ceremonial puck at center ice as Playland Ice Casino reopens.

The men's and women's hockey teams from Manhattanville College, whose players were on hand for the reopening of the rink and arena, will be using the new facility. Other returning groups and teams include the Westchester Dragons/

Mariners, Rye Rangers, New Rochelle Lightning, Hockey North America, Rye Figure Skating Club, Westchester Vipers, HVHL Mite League, Rye High School, Fordham Prep, Nates Euro Hockey, Rye Town Titans and Team Image.

## GCA Students/Parents Continue to Seek Answers

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southern Westchester. No other specifics were given, except that the board was in negotiations about this new site.

Despite public announcements by the Sisters of the Divine Compassion's leadership team, under the presidency of Sister Carol Wagner, that the order

is in dire financial straits, information provided by those close to GCA say enrollment has increased over 30 percent since 2008, currently at 389 students and that the school began paying the congregation \$230,000 in rent annually in 2102, up \$100,000 over previous years.

## Greenburgh 2015 Budget Proposal is Conservatively Optimistic

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up \$0.4 million from 2014.

For unincorporated Greenburgh alone, the proposed tax rate increase is 2.58 percent (A and B Funds combined) or \$75.20 per \$15,000 of assessed value for 2015; \$2,984.46 over \$2,99.27 in 2014.

Total Appropriations are \$72.0 million, up \$1.2 million from 2014.

In a Budget Summary, Feiner explains that town department heads have been working since the spring to find ways to reduce costs and increase productivity.

"We have kept departmental costs as flat as possible versus 2014," he said. "Our 2015 budget efforts provided an additional \$1 million in savings and revenue enhancements for this proposed budget. We expect the current reassessment project will stabilize the tax base in the future, giving the Town more direct control over changes in property tax rates and greatly curtailing future certiorari awards. Currently, the tax base continues to decline, albeit at a slower rate."

Outside factors contributing to the Town's ability to hold the line on expenses include a strong stock market that has made a significant positive impact on the NYS Employee Retirement System (ERS) in 2014 and the NYS Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS).

The Town projects the 2015 ERS to decline by \$683,000 from \$5,043,302 in 2014 and PFRS to decline by \$207,000

from \$3,605,597 in 2014.

Feiner also cited the development of a comprehensive plan for growth, purchase of side-loading sanitation trucks, increased recycling initiatives, and improvement of the internal controls of the Town Court as reasons for current savings.

He indicated that an operational review of the Department of Public Works, increased investigation into shared services across the villages and the school system, retrofitting of lights to more efficient LED lighting, and other similar initiatives would promote cost savings in 2015.

Feiner also noted that the Town Board did not include revenue from the sale of Frank's Nursery, which has an impending auction that has been temporarily postponed; revenue of \$2.4 million for the proposed lease of the WestHELP property; and any potential revenue from the rezoning of the Landmark at Eastview in the proposed 2015 budget.

The Town Board has until mid December to make modifications to the proposed budget. Public hearings will be held. The complete budget can be viewed at [www.greenburghny.com](http://www.greenburghny.com).

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# Buchwald Gears Up for Second Term in Assembly

By Martin Wilbur

Election Night promised to be filled with at least some apprehension for dozens of state legislators up for re-election across New York.

At least one area lawmaker had nothing to be concerned about except making plans for the next session.

Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) is completing his first term in the legislature representing the 93rd Assembly District, which also includes Harrison, North Castle, New Castle, Mount Kisco, Bedford, Lewisboro, North Salem and Pound Ridge, but Republicans failed to mount a challenge to contest him. The freshman legislator won't argue his good fortune and begin concentrating on his next two years in office.

The last two years featured some gains and some frustrations, but nothing proved to be more rewarding for Buchwald than assisting a constituent, whether it's helping to solve a problem with a utility, a health care issue or someone making a suggestion for a bill that eventually gets introduced in Albany.

"In the end there's no better feeling when you've been able to take a problem that somebody's been dealing with and get it resolved and get things to work out," Buchwald said.

In Buchwald's first two years, he said there have been victories to benefit the public good, including improvements to the Public Service Commission that made it more responsive in its oversight of the utilities following intense public scrutiny after Superstorm Sandy two years ago.

Also, with the help of other suburban and Hudson Valley legislators, more money was made available for education, helped at least in part with the incremental restoration of money lost through the Gap Elimination Adjustment.

On a more local note, Buchwald successfully fought against a proposed ban of direct sales of automobiles to consumers, which would have likely crippled the electric carmaker Tesla.



David Buchwald

Tesla has showrooms in Mount Kisco and White Plains, and a loss of their business would have seen lost jobs and revenue in the host communities.

But there is much more to be done in the next term. Buchwald said not only does he support a full elimination of the Gap Elimination, but there needs to be a change in approach, after he fired off a letter to state Education Commissioner John King critical of the implementation of Common Core.

"The fact that we saw a truly inadequate response to that letter from the state Education Department gives me the belief that we fundamentally need a new approach in New York State," Buchwald said. "SED isn't willing to own up to its responsibility, including (adding) more pressure to the student experience than should be there."

For the first time in recent memory, the legislature failed to confirm a Regent who sought reappointment, Buchwald said. Although it might take time, there could be more changes in state Regents unless SED listens to the problems reported by educators and parents, he said.

The failure to enact meaningful mandate relief has hurt school districts and municipalities across the state. Buchwald

said he supports studying mandates to determine which ones are obsolete, and the repeal them, while putting pressure to enact a phase-in of the state taking over responsibility for Medicaid, which would alleviate the counties of that burden.

Other hot-button issues that are still on the agenda include the debate over whether the extraction of natural gas in five upstate counties through hydraulic fracturing can be done safely. Buchwald said as long as there's doubt about the impacts on people's health and the environment, and studies have yet to show it can be done safely, he would not support fracking.

However, Buchwald is a staunch supporter of the controversial SAFE Act, "It's made New Yorkers safe," he said unapologetically. "I absolutely believe that we should implement common sense gun safety rules."

Storing guns in lock boxes when they're not being used or when children are in the house is a sensible measure that Westchester adopted and doesn't infringe upon gun owners' rights, he said.

And Buchwald is hopeful that with new blood coming into the Senate there will be a way to get the Women's Equality Act passed, which has been ensnared in

controversy over the tenth plank--to get the state's law regulating abortions in line with Roe v. Wade.

In his next term, Buchwald will continue to press for his campaign forfeiture bill. He would also like to see campaign finance reform.

"Given the campaign season we've just been through, too often money dominates over the debate of real ideas and that's not healthy at all for our democracy," Buchwald said.

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## White Plains Students Take First Place in Business Olympics



White Plains High School students took first place in the Business Olympics at Morgan Stanley sponsored by the African American Men of Westchester last week. The White Plains students competed against 17 other high school teams and had the opportunity to work with a Morgan Stanley mentor. They were given a case study to analyze: "Wal-Mart's Global Women's Economic Empowerment Initiative," and were judged by a panel of judges. They were tested on their ability to identify the problem/issues presented, any social, legal, political or financial impact, how well their proposed resolution addressed the problems/issues of the case, the cohesion of the presentation, teamwork and collaboration and their presentation skills. Team members were Frank Marte, Victoria Torres, Ross Van Doren, Alisa Choubay, Robert Lovitch, Matthew Garrison, Samarsha Drysdale, and Jessica Simpson. Students and their parents will be honored at a dinner reception on November 18th where they will receive tablets, gold medals and a trophy to be displayed at school. Anna Burns is Business Education Teacher at White Plains High School.

## White Plains High School Graduate and Army Captain to Speak on Veteran's Day

Army Capt. Joshua Taft, a graduate of both White Plains High School in 2004 and the U.S. Military Academy in 2008



U.S. Army Captain Joshua Taft.

to Afghanistan, first in 2009 as part of the surge of combat troops to deny insurgent presence along the Afghan/Pakistani border, and again in 2012 to Kandahar Province, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart and Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster among his military decorations. He is currently a student at the Army's Signals Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Course and is scheduled to become company commander of the 500th Military Intelligence Brigade at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

The ceremony will include members of Post 191, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, the host post for the event, along with American Legion Post 135, and the Marine Corps League and its Young Marines. Others taking part include White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach, city firefighters and police, the White Plains Middle School Band, the White Plains Historical Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and students of the Westchester Hebrew High School.

will be the guest speaker at the annual White Plains observance of Veterans Day on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at White Plains Rural Cemetery at 10:30 a.m.

Capt. Taft, who had been deployed twice

This year's Veterans Day honoree is Malcolm Baehr, quartermaster and former commander of Post 191, JWV, who served in the Navy in World II and was recalled for service during the Korean War, serving on the aircraft carriers Oriskany and Tarawa.



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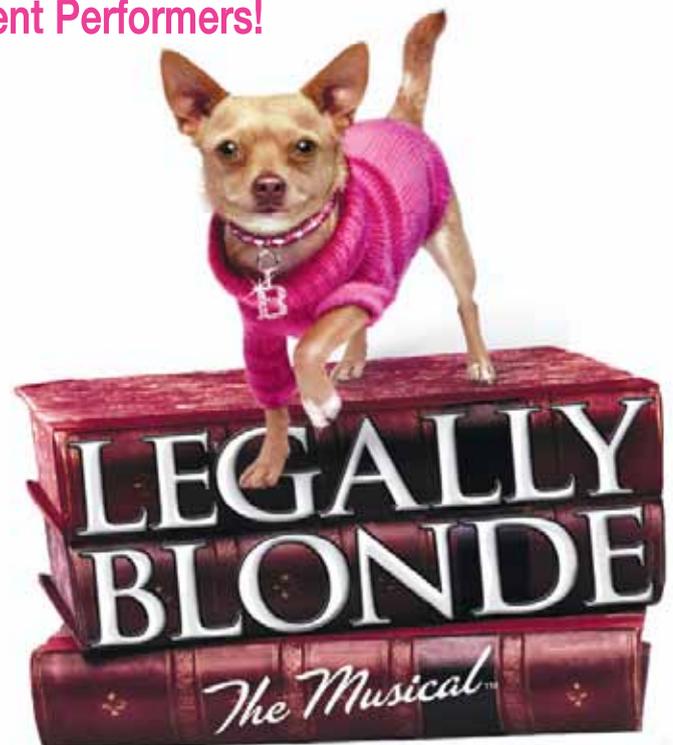
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# Halloween Party Raises Funds for a Special Cause



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It was a bewitching night at the Coliseum in White Plains, Friday, as co-hostesses Tia Maria Montemurro and Elisa Leone Taylor presented a Halloween celebration/fundraiser for the Guy Scanno Foundation Fund, a division of CARES (Comprehensive Adolescent Rehabilitation and Education Service), of the Child and Family Institute at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital.

Montemurro's son, Guy, passed away on January 14, 2014, while recovering from drug addiction.

This was the third annual Halloween party, and the first held without Guy. The party was held in his honor. His birthday was October 19th.

The \$20 admission included champagne, treats from Bellina Chocolates, passed hors-d'oeuvres, DJ, dancing, 50/50 raffle and cash prizes for best costumes.



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## Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4: Get Out and Vote

Let's hope Wednesday, November 5th does not find some of us learning about our newly elected leaders without having been part of the vote.

It goes without saying that our vote is the one major tool we all have as citizens in a democracy. The opportunity to

express our opinion at the ballot box comes up regularly.

This Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4, will decide who is the governor of New York State. It will also determine who some of our congressional leaders are, our state senators and assemblymen, as well as

local elections and special votes about redistricting in future elections.

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## Mary Caroline Dannat Starr, A Liberated Woman Before Her Time

The proposed sale of the Good Counsel property at 52 North Broadway, White Plains, is more than just a real estate deal. It is a travesty.

This property bears witness to the 125-year-old story of a woman, Mary Caroline Dannat Starr, whose tenacity, strength and passion provided shelter, education and training of New York City's street urchins, at a time when women were not even allowed to vote.

If this property is sold, the buildings demolished, and the land developed, a huge piece of White Plains history will die.

This American woman, a New Yorker, founded the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, one of the few religious orders originating in the United States.

Beginning in Manhattan in the late 1800s, the order cared for helpless and poor children, mostly girls, who were on the streets of New York City. Dannat Starr, in her efforts to find a healthier and safer

environment, purchased two properties on North Broadway, the Preudhomme and Dusenberry homes. She built a school, a duplicate of a New York City tenement house, which houses the Good Counsel Academy high school today. There, with her devoted sisters living on the top floor, youngsters were taught housekeeping skills, cooking, sewing and gardening so they could return to the city with appropriate skills to earn a living. They raised their own produce and animals and were self-sustaining.

Mary Caroline Dannat Starr, upon taking religious vows became Mother Mary Veronica. She built the Chapel of the Divine Compassion, which was constructed under her direction. There is an underground crypt, a burial ground for the early sisters. Mother Mary Veronica is also buried there.

In the 1920s the present convent was added, with the Moorish style of the day. Today, the property houses a private girls'

high school.

The mantra of Good Counsel High School is "Competent women, compassionate leaders." Students of all religious denominations are welcome. It is private and not under the control of parochial schools of the Archdiocese of New York. The school is at full capacity with 400 students. There is a successfully run nursery school and elementary school. During summer months, camps are held for underprivileged children.

The property at 52 North Broadway is sacred. Take a few steps onto the campus and I assure you, peace will overcome you. Whether Catholic or not, visit the chapel. It is a work of art.

I ask all women to please support us in our efforts to retain this property in respect for and memory of a woman who accomplished such wonderful deeds 125 years ago.

—Mary Ann Balco Berry, White Plains

## Latimer Gets it When it Comes to Doing Right By Our Schools

Once again our mailboxes are full of political campaign propaganda. For some, these mailings serve as the only source of information on local races. One that caught my eye was from a candidate for State Senate, Joe Dillon, accusing Senator George Latimer of failing Harrison schools.

As a former school board member having served 12 years on the Harrison

school board, let me say that nothing could be further from the truth. No one has been a more thoughtful and aggressive champion for our public schools than George Latimer. No one. George Latimer gets it, and has proven instrumental in working to pare back unfunded mandates that are hampering school districts' from best serving our school children. He has been articulate and effective in his efforts

to fix the flawed introduction of the Common Core, and George Latimer has been instrumental in fixing how Albany short changed districts through the Gap Elimination Adjustment.

On November 4th we need to re-elect George Latimer to the State Senate for our schools, communities, and our kids.

—David Stein, Harrison

## It Takes the Whole Community to Get Some Important Issues on Track

It is easy to listen to the news and feel helpless and overwhelmed. But when we all come together to solve complex issues we are incredibly powerful - with each one of us having a vital role to play in making a difference.

I have always been impressed with the schools in our area. But recently I was shocked to find that, while some neighborhoods have a graduation rate of 98 percent, pockets of our community have only 54 percent of the students graduating with their peers. This is as bad as some schools in New York City!

United Way has been bringing together nonprofits, community members, government and business leaders to discuss this issue and I have seen a growing commitment to reach out to our most vulnerable children and get them on the right track.

Together, we have now pledged to

recruit 100 new mentors and tutors, start a new after-school program in White Plains, measure results and meet several times a year to discuss successes.

Kudos should be given to Boys and Girls Club of Northern Westchester, Child Care Council of Westchester, Curran Foundation, David Rockefeller Fund, Entergy and the Family Society of Yonkers, Green Chimney's, Passage to Excellence, PepsiCo employees, Student Advocacy, The Guidance Center, United Way Women's Leadership Council, Volunteer New York!, Westchester Jewish Community Services, and Westhab, who are just a few of the groups who have come together with United Way to make headway on this issue.

You, too, can change a life and a community by donating or volunteering. The child you help today, could help make tomorrow's news much brighter. You

can get involved by visiting our website at [www.uwvp.com/smartstart](http://www.uwvp.com/smartstart).

—Alana Sweeny, President and CEO, United Way of Westchester and Putnam

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# Police Blotter

## White Plains Public Safety Department

**Fatal Accident:** On November 3 at about 5:30 a.m. a woman was killed when the car she was in was broadsided by an off-duty White Plains firefighter driving the wrong way on South Lexington near the Galleria Mall in White Plains. The woman was part of a couple delivering early morning newspapers. Reports say the firefighter's car ended up in the lobby of a nearby residential building. Updates are ongoing. At press time, the name of the deceased woman had not been released.

**Car Thefts/Break-ins:** The White Plains Police Department has reported a series of random car thefts and break-ins that occurred in the Rosedale area October 28 between 2 and 5 a.m. Four vehicles were stolen from driveways, and an additional five vehicles had property stolen that was left in the vehicles. None of the vehicles suffered smashed windshields or other damage. The investigation reveals a few leads and is very active at this time. These incidents have occurred occasionally in other surrounding communities in NYC, Westchester and Rockland. White Plains police are coordinating with NYPD auto crime and the intelligence center.

The method of operations used seems to be one vehicle with up to five or six persons and a driver that comes into a neighborhood randomly. The persons are dropped off and just walk the streets checking parked vehicles in driveways. The vehicles are not forcibly broken into, they are left unlocked some with the keys or starter FOBs in them. This is a simple theft. Other vehicles were left unlocked with valuables in plain sight such as cell

phones, laptops, purses, etc.

Police advise that these are opportunist criminals, if a car is secured or in a lighted spot, they just move on to the next vehicle.

As police investigate these crimes they ask that anyone with outdoor video, check their systems for the early morning hours of Tuesday Oct.28. Even if your car was not broken into you may have valuable video for the police.

Everyone is urged to lock car doors and not leave keys in cars. Also, remove or hide valuable items such as iPhones, laptops, purses, packages, etc.

There will be an increased police presence in the neighborhoods and there will be unmarked plainclothes officers in the area. The police believe the thieves have moved on.

Anyone with information or an outdoor security video should contact the White Plains Detective Division at 914-422-6200. All calls will be kept confidential.

## Greenburgh Police Department

**Possession of Weapon:** On Oct. 20, Greenburgh Drug and Alcohol Task Force officers observed a vehicle traveling east on White Plains Rd in excess of the posted speed limit. A traffic stop was conducted and the vehicle operator was asked for his vehicle documents. The driver went to retrieve his registration from the glove box at which time a switchblade was observed in plain view of officers standing outside. The driver was arrested and transported to Greenburgh Police Headquarters where he was booked, mugged, printed and held for arraignment.

**Possession of Stolen Property:** On Oct.

20 at about 3:15 p.m. an unknown male wearing a blue cut off jean jacket, a blue Yankee hat and blue pants, was observed walking north through the lot of Best Buy on Central Avenue, Hartsdale. The man was carrying a large black garbage bag and white shopping bag. He hesitated in his step and increased his pace when he observed the police car. He walked north on Central Avenue and proceeded to the bus stop in front of Michael's Arts & Crafts. He was observed leaving the two bags on the bench at the bus stop and fled into an unknown area. A canvass of the area by police turned up nothing. The man's Yankee hat was also recovered on the grass near Dalewood Drive. Further investigation revealed that the black garbage bag the man was carrying and had abandoned had five assorted coats with the security sensor tags still attached from Marshall's Dept. store. Video footage revealed the male exiting the store with the merchandise without paying. The stolen coats totaled \$1019.95 and were returned to the store manager. Photos were taken of the merchandise. The bags and Yankee hat were brought back to police headquarters.

**Forcible Theft:** On October 22 at about 5:30 p.m. police responded to a call of attempted robbery at the Chase Bank, 409 Tarrytown Rd. Officers spoke with employees who reported the suspect was a m/b, thin build, approx. 5'11" wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with a black screen covering his face, and beige/light colored pants. The suspect passed a note to the bank teller, threatening harm by use of a dangerous instrument. Officers took the letter into evidence. The suspect fled from the bank on foot and entered a gray Town car or Crown Victoria, which fled in an unknown direction. No money was taken. Bank surveillance videos were obtained.

**Possession of Stolen Property:** On October 23 at about 11:30 a.m. police officers were called to 389 Tarrytown Road because a tall male wearing a striped sweatshirt with a black backpack was seen shoplifting. On scene police observed a

male fitting the description exiting the store and walking in the parking lot. When police approached the suspect he said: "Am I going to jail, I won't come back again, I'll give back the stuff." Nine boxes of cellular phone cable were recovered from the suspect who was arrested and transported to the Greenburgh Police Department for booking. At headquarters police further recovered a wire cutter in the defendant's backpack commonly used for cutting the security attachment placed on property. The defendant is due to report of Greenburgh Court on November 14.

**Leaving Scene of Accident:** On October 27 at about 11:30 a.m. police officers responded to a call in Elmsford that an unknown vehicle had damaged a chain link fence on the north side of a resident's home. While on scene officers observed a set of tire marks leading from the street, onto the grass and eventually ending just past the fence line. They also observed a brown Chevy SUV parked directly across the street with fresh damage to the rear right passenger side. The registered owner of the vehicle admitted to accidentally striking the fence with his car. He also advised police that although he had to be pulled out, he wasn't aware he caused significant damage. He was issued a summons for leaving the scene and told he should contact his insurance company.

**Criminal Mischief:** On October 27 at 1 a.m. police were called to the Cabin restaurant on Knollwood Road on a report of criminal mischief. Upon arrival police interviewed the caller who reported an unknown person had damaged his car while it was parked in the restaurant's parking lot. The vehicle had scratches starting at the driver's side fender and continued to the trunk where it ended. The owner of the car said the damage is in excess of \$1,000. He also said he does not wish to press criminal charges, but would like the incident documented only at this time. The restaurant manager reported that the monitor for the security system was broken at the time and he will replace it and contact police to follow up.

## White Plains Birds, Watched and Watching



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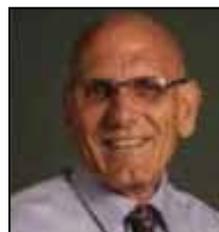
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# From the Harrison Mayor and Town Hall, November 3, 2014



**Ron Belmont,**  
Supervisor/Mayor of  
Harrison

I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents to refer to our sanitation guidelines regarding the time to bring containers to the curb for pick up. Recently, my office has become aware that some residents

have been prematurely leaving their garbage and recyclables curb side, creating

an unattractive aesthetic. According to our Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal Guide, all garbage must be set out in containers before 6 a.m. on the day of collection, or after 5 p.m. the evening before collection.

In a related issue, curbside leaf collection is in effect through Friday, Dec. 12th. Leaves should be left at curbside only. Do not place leaves in the street as this may cause both a safety hazard and potential for clogging drains. Brush and

sticks must not be mixed in with leaf piles, but kept separate in tied bundles. Leaves that are mixed with brush and sticks will not be picked up until the pile is properly segregated.

## Guest Column

Veterans Day will be celebrated this year on Tuesday, Nov. 11. Our veterans have bravely served to protect our freedom. The American spirit has been shining through, with resolve, to defeat a horrible enemy and restore this country to its cherished way of life. It was this very same

spirit that drove our veterans towards victory in the many wars and conflicts of the past century. Now it's time that we all stand together in honoring our veterans, police, fire and emergency services. We will do this with a parade and ceremonies to be held in West Harrison. The parade line-up will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Columbus and Underhill Avenues in West Harrison and will step off at 10 a.m. Veterans Groups, Harrison Police, Harrison Fire Departments, Harrison High School Marching Band, Harrison Ambulance Corps and other civic groups will be participating. I hope all residents will join us on this most important day.

Recently, my office was contacted by Westchester Joint Waterworks regarding fall hydrant flushing. Hydrant flushing is expected to continue through Friday, Nov. 21 and will be performed around-the-clock, Monday through Friday, during this period. Flushing will begin in West Harrison and Purchase and then progress through the remainder of the Town of Harrison. Localized, temporary water discoloration is possible during and following hydrant flushing. If you should experience discolored water conditions, do not use hot water or do laundry while the condition lasts. To clear the condition, run cold water on the lowest level of your home for several minutes until the water runs clear. While discolored water is unsightly, it is safe to use and drink. Hydrant flushing updates will be posted on the WJWW website at [www.wjww.com](http://www.wjww.com) and notifications via phone and/or e-mail will be provided just prior to hydrant flushing being completed in a particular area. The Westchester Joint Water Works thanks you for your patience and cooperation while working to provide high water quality and reliable service.

In closing, last week's article contained information on West Harrison's 3D printing program. Please take note of the following correction: the 3D printing program, at the West Harrison Library, will be held on Monday, November 10 from 4 to 5 p.m.

The next "Lunch with the Mayor" is on Friday, Nov. 7th and I will be at Vasi Deli located at 181 Underhill Avenue in West Harrison. On Friday, Nov. 14th I will be at Aria Asia Fusion located in the Claremon Shopping Center, 385 Halstead Avenue in Downtown Harrison. I will be at these locations from 12:30 to 1:30 and look forward to meeting with residents and talking about issues facing our community.



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# When Your Leaves Start Falling, Don't Bag 'Em, Shred 'Em!

Around this time of year, I start to see large paper bags filled with leaves parked by the roadside. I usually say to myself, what a waste! I just can't understand why anyone would part with this rich resource in the life cycle of plant life. I love fallen leaves of red, brown and gold. I love their look, their smell and the sound, if you listen carefully, as they fall gently from their branches to the ground.

If they are just left there as is, true, they can cause damage to your lawn by blocking light from reaching the grass and inhibiting the evaporation of water, particularly if you have a lot of oak trees whose leaves decompose slowly. They also encourage the growth of mold and/or fungus, which isn't very friendly to grass. If you have walnut trees, that's another problem in that they have compounds in them that actually poison other plants.

I remember one year, before I had the money to have a lawn service, I just left the leaves, figuring that one year wouldn't hurt. Well, when the rains came, the leaves turned into a wet, matted mess that flattened and melted into the grass. And when spring came and the weather dried up, I had dozens of wet, muddy holes in what had been a fairly decent lawn. I spent the spring getting rid of the thatch and re-seeding. That was the last fall season that I

was lazy!

Then for some years, I got into composting, which became somewhat of a religion for me, but not a fanatical one. I have enough property where I was able to take a corner of it, not noticeable from either my front or back lawns, and create a pile of alternating grass and leaf layers, along with daily kitchen scraps. I'd just keep the pile growing until it reached about four feet, occasionally mixing it up with a pitch fork and letting it simmer and smoke throughout the year. And by the spring, when I was ready to do all my planting, it was ready to use as the richest compost you might imagine.

In the intervening years, my lifestyle has changed radically concerning my prodigious production of leaves on my property, which before Irene and Sandy hit, was mostly shady with huge trees. When I no longer had time to work on a layered compost pile, I started to mulch my leaves

in place on the lawn itself with my lawn mower and found that to be a satisfactory solution. I suggest this to any homeowner, rather than bagging, because leaves decompose very quickly when shredded.

Organic Gardening Magazine suggests that the best technique for mulching leaves in place is this way: Your mower should be fitted with a blade that chops leaves and grass into small pieces, but a side-discharge mower works too. Set to shred by setting the mower height to three inches and remove the bag. It works best to shred leaves when you can still see some grass peeking through them, and that means you may need to mow several times during the fall.

Begin mowing on the outside edge of the lawn, shooting the leaves toward the center of the yard. Mowing in this pattern allows you to mow over the leaves more than once. If the leaves are still in large pieces after you pass over them the first time, go back over the lawn at a right angle to the first cut. Finely shredded leaves filter down through the grass and decompose easily by the following spring.

If there is an overabundance of leaves on your lawn and the layer of the shredded leaves seems too thick, you might want to suck up the extra leaves by making more than one pass over the lawn with the mower's bag attached. You might also mow with the bag on if you want to collect leaves for the compost pile or to use as mulch in the garden beds. It's best to have no more than a one-inch layer of leaf mulch on lawns and a three- to four-inch layer on garden beds.

Mulched leaves return valuable micronutrients to your lawn and gardens, especially when mixed with grass clippings, and feed the microorganisms and worms that keep your soil – and your grass – healthy.

So why would you want to throw all that good health away by bagging?

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By Bill Primavera

## The Influence of Nature on the 2014 Grape Harvest



By Nick Antonaccio

Here we are - at the critical juncture in the annual cycle of winemaking in the northern hemisphere. The most important decision a vineyard manager and winemaker must make each year takes place in the vineyard, not the winery building.

Grape growers around the world – those that tend vineyards for their own utilization or those that contract their crops to winemakers - have been sending grape pickers (or their mechanical equivalents) into the vineyards since August and will continue well into November.

As one might expect, harvest dates vary significantly across the latitudinal band in which grapes are grown. The variety of grape is a key component of ripening. White grapes mature earlier than red. Across the hemisphere, Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio and Sauvignon Blanc begin to mature in late July/early August. Pinot Noir, Merlot may be harvested in September; Cabernet Sauvignon as late as mid-November.

Anecdotal surveys indicate that in recent years the harvests have occurred earlier than previous years. Climate change is the common factor cited (earlier crops tend to have higher sugar

content but lower levels of ripeness and concentration).

Overall, however, Nature plays the key role. Man must be adaptive and understand the nuances of the natural order. As the growing season progresses each year, Nature may bless grape growers in the spring with early budding and ideal weather and punish them later with late season rainfall or frost; or inflict arduous conditions in the spring and an extended growing season in late summer and fall. Crop size, ripeness levels, juice concentrations are all impacted by Nature's whim.

During the 2014 growing season I reported on certain natural phenomena that Nature wrought: hailstorms in France, floods in southwest France, drought and an earthquake in California.

The end result? Smiles or furrowed eyebrows? Elation or exasperation? Success or failure?

How did specific regions, growers and winemakers fare in 2014?

Let's begin close to home and fan out from there.

New York State's Finger Lakes region fared poorly. Last winter, prolonged sub-zero temperatures destroyed or damaged over 40 percent of the potential 2014 crops for many varieties. So bad that the

state agriculture department may permit wineries to import grapes from other regions of the United States and the world to supplement the harvest.

The West Coast fared much better. Oregon and Washington were treated benevolently. A number of harvests increased over 25 percent, benefiting more from higher minimum daily temperatures rather than higher maximum temperatures (ideal conditions for grape development).

California's harvest is expected to be the third highest on record, in spite of continuing drought conditions – and the August 24 earthquake in Napa. An earlier start to the growing season and a burst of hot weather close to harvest contributed to this success - despite a late season hailstorm near Napa, a parting shot from Mother Nature.

Across the Atlantic, Nature was less benevolent, even a bit malevolent. In the high stakes French regions of Bordeaux and Burgundy, summer rains brought early fall fungus, potentially limiting the crop yields. Late summer hailstorms, for the third consecutive year, destroyed up to 40 percent of crops in select parcels of Burgundy. But Nature's warm, embracing sunshine for most of the spring and summer influenced the overall crop

quality in both regions. By harvest, crop yields were expected to be near normal.

To the east, Italy suffered much of the same weather patterns as France. Nature's malevolence manifested itself in poor weather for a good part of the growing season, more so in the north than in the central and southern areas. Several regions reported the lowest harvests since 1950.

Spain enjoyed the warm embrace of a long sunny season; generally, both yields and quality were high.

The 2014 harvest portends a successful year for grape growers in the northern hemisphere. That bodes well for American winemakers and especially for wine consumers. Thanks, Mother Nature. Let's call upon her benevolence for a mild New York winter.

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# A Cornucopia of Culinary Indulgences



By Morris Gut

## Mulino's at Lake Isle to Open in December.

From the same well-heeled crew that has been serving patrons at Mulino's of Westchester in White Plains for the past 20 years comes Mulino's at Lake Isle, a major state of the art multi-sectioned catering facility currently undergoing a \$1.5 million dollar reconstruction on

the grounds of Lake Isle Country Club, 660 White Plains Road in Eastchester. Partners of the newly formed Eastchester Events are Louis Gigante, proprietor of Mulino's Restaurant, and Gieto Nicaj, a veteran of the hospitality field and founder of Masterpiece Caterers in New York City. Louis Gigante Jr., also a principal in the project, hopes to have the place up and running by December. When operating at full throttle we are told, it will be able to accommodate up to 1,000 guests for all types of catered events and functions. There is a full-service a la carte restaurant in the works, too. More to follow. For further info: 914-961-7800; [www.mulinosgroup.com](http://www.mulinosgroup.com).

In the meantime, Mulino's White Plains has announced they will be closing for two weeks, Jan. 5th through Jan. 20th, 2015, right after their popular December Holiday Fest, to renovate and freshen up the restaurant and bar/lounge. A great way to start the New Year. Mulino's, 99 Court Street, White Plains. Phone: 914-761-1818; [www.mulinosny.com](http://www.mulinosny.com).



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**Lord & Taylor Charity Day to feature Culinary Tastings.** A shop smart, do good Fundraising event at Lord & Taylor in Eastchester on Friday, Nov. 14, will feature food tastings prepared by popular Westchester dining establishments throughout the afternoon and early evening. Culinary guests will include:

Chef/owner Paul Caputo of Gina Marie's Chianti, Tuckahoe, noon to 2 p.m.; Chef/proprietor Zef Deljevic of Ciao, Eastchester, 3 to 5 p.m.; Michael Cuozzo, owner of Tuck'd Away Bar & Grill, Tuckahoe, 2 to 4 p.m.;

and Louis Gigante, Jr. principal of the new catering facility Mulino's at Lake Isle, Eastchester, 5 to 7 p.m. Customers wishing to attend can purchase \$5 charity coupons at the store. The store also recently hosted Nada Bernic of Dubrovnik Restaurant in New Rochelle for a fine jewelry event. Lord & Taylor, Eastchester is located in the Vernon Hills Shopping Center, 750 White Plains Road, Eastchester. For further info: 914-723-7700 Ext. 203; [www.lt003@lordandtaylor.com](http://www.lt003@lordandtaylor.com).

**"Le Beaujolais Nouveau 2014 Est Arrive."** Each year at one past midnight on the third Thursday in November (Thursday, Nov. 20 this year) marks the arrival of the new Beaujolais wine along with dining rituals galore worldwide. It's a young red table wine, served best chilled, good for informal occasions and bistro meals. Here in the States some even enjoy it with their Thanksgiving dinner. Patron saint of this Gallic calling is of course George DuBeouf but there are other producers as well. If you want to give it a try check your local wine merchants for take home, or visit a favorite French restaurant that has ordered a few cases: Encore Bistro, Larchmont and Rye (914-833-1661); La Cremailliere, Banksville (914-234-9647); Jacques Lupiac's La Panetiere, Rye (914-967-8140); Le Chateau, South Salem (914-533-6631); Le Provençal Bistro, Mamaroneck (914-777-

2324); Vox, North Salem, (914-669-5450); The Red Hat Bistro, Irvington (914-591-5888), just to name a few. Some of our more conventional eateries get into the act too, so check ahead. Bon temps!

**Zwilling J. A. Henckels Annual Warehouse Sale.** If you are in the market for a new set of knives, all sorts of cutlery, flatware, gadgets and cookware, this yearly sale is for you. It does get crowded, but there are plenty of good deals to be had just in time for the Holidays. Sale dates: Friday, Nov. 21 through Sunday, Nov. 23, and Dec. 5 through Dec. 7, Fri.: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat.: to 5 p.m.; Sun.: noon to 5 p.m. Place: Zwilling J.A. Henckels Headquarters, 171 Saw Mill River Parkway, Hawthorne (Rt. 9A), between Multiplex Theater and Green Valley Nursery. By the way, the company says it will be moving their warehouse to Pleasantville next year. For more info: 800-777-4308; [www.zwillingus.com](http://www.zwillingus.com).

**Celebrity Chef Stamps.** The United States Postal Service has published a new series of 'Forever' stamps highlighting Celebrity Chefs. The 49 cent stamps are now on sale at your local post office and online. To paraphrase the bios that come along with the stamps: five famous chefs are represented: Julia Child, a culinary icon who demystified French cuisine in the U.S. through her books and TV cooking series; James Beard, an inspiration to generations of amateur cooks and professional chefs, teacher and author who avidly fostered a more vibrant food culture in the U.S.; Edna Lewis, known as the 'Grande Dame' of Southern Cooking; Joyce Chen, one of America's greatest advocates of the Chinese food culture; and Felipe Rojas Lombardi, who is widely credited with introducing the Spanish small-plate tapas concept to American restaurants. For further info: [www.usps.com/stamps](http://www.usps.com/stamps).

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# The Restaurant Examiner



## Lefteris Gyro Chef/Owner Chris Grammatas Celebrates 51 Years in the Restaurant Business

By Jerry Eimbinder

Chris Grammatas, founder of the popular Lefteris Gyro Greek eateries in Tarrytown, Mount Kisco and Yonkers, grew up in Washington Heights. As a child, he worked after school in his father's restaurant "Welcome Inn" on Jerome Avenue in The Bronx.

His father died when Chris was 13 and his brother, about ten years older than Chris, took over management of the restaurant. A year later, when it was sold, Chris's mother moved back to Greece, taking him along.

They returned to America when Chris was 16 and he worked at a restaurant until entering military service during the Vietnamese conflict. "I wanted to be a mechanic," Grammatas said, "but the Army wanted me to cook."

In 2013, Grammatas celebrated his 50th year in the restaurant business.

Lefteris Gyro, since it opened in 1994, has been attracting crowds to its corner location at Broadway and Main Street in Tarrytown by charging affordable prices and serving generous portions of Greek and American specialties.

A second Lefteris Gyro restaurant was introduced in Mount Kisco in August, 2005 and a third opened at Westchester's Ridge Hill in Yonkers in September, 2012.

At the three dining destinations, Grammatas said, the most popular



Lefteris Gyro Greek restaurant.

dish is the beef/lamb gyro, wrapped in a pita with lots of lettuce, tomatoes and onions, accompanied by tzatziki sauce. It is sumptuous; so huge, it is tricky to pick up without a few ingredients slipping out. The gyro is a bargain at only \$7.50 and a chicken version is available at the same price.

**What's popular?** When asked about items rising rapidly in demand, Grammatas responded: "That would include octopus, all of the soups, stuffed peppers, stuffed tomatoes, lemon potatoes

(a side dish that can be added to a platter for \$1.25) and our Aegean salad dressing by the jar as takeout." The salad dressing costs \$4.25 for a pint or \$6.25 for a quart.

Stuffed tomatoes and stuffed peppers are available at the Mount Kisco and Yonkers locations but not the Tarrytown restaurant.

Five tempting house-made soups are offered daily: lentil, split pea, vegetable, mushroom/barley and perky Avgolemono (chunks of chicken with rice and egg-lemon sauce). Lobster bisque is served

only on Friday through Sunday. Each soup is priced at \$4.15 (small serving) or \$4.50 (large).

The Grammatas family traces its roots to the Greek island of Lesbos where Chris was fed Avgolemono by his grandmother whenever he had a cold.

The menu has traditional Greek dishes such as baked Moussaka, Spanakopita (spinach pie) and fresh Greek Salad and standards including steak, lamb chops, sautéed calves liver, kebabs, a bevy of salads, sandwiches, hamburgers and appealing desserts including baklava. Beer and wine are available.

A board lists fresh fish currently available and prices (prices fluctuate according to market cost). Seafood is delivered to the restaurants three times a week.

The Yonkers restaurant has a view of the kitchen from the dining area and a full bar. It seats 140 inside and 35 more outside. The Tarrytown eatery's sidewalk tables wrap around the building and are considered the best place in Tarrytown for people watching.

The addresses are 1 North Broadway, Tarrytown (914-524-9687), 190 East Main Street, Mount Kisco (914-242-8965) and 242 Market Street, Yonkers (914-437-8490). All of the restaurants are open seven days a week. The website [www.lefterisgyro.com](http://www.lefterisgyro.com).

## Equus at Castle Hotel & Spa in Tarrytown Debuts Wine-Paired Dinner Series

By Jerry Eimbinder

The 2014 "Fall Food Pairing" program at the Castle Hotel and Spa in Tarrytown will begin with two wine-paired dinners; a five-course dinner on Nov. 6 followed by a four-course dinner on Nov. 13.

As an entrée, the Nov. 6 dinner will have braised short rib with parmesan polenta, Brussels sprouts and Sauce Bordelaise.

Accompanying the Nov. 6 dinner will be wine from Silver Oak Cellars and Twomey Cellars, a winery started in 1999 by the Duncan family, the same family that has operated Silver Oak Cellars since 1972.

The Nov. 13 dinner's main course is pan-seared tenderloin with potato puree, balsamic glazed pear onion, grape compote and Sauce Bordelaise. At this dinner, California winemaker James MacPhail will field questions about the wines being served. All of the wines are from small California wineries.

### Menus and Wine:

Nov. 6, 2014 dinner menu  
Appetizer. Foraged mushroom risotto  
Soup Course. Butternut squash soup  
Fish course. Prosciutto wrapped striped bass

Entrée. Braised short rib  
Dessert. Cinnamon panna cotta  
Nov. 13, 2014 dinner menu  
Appetizer. Smoked duck salad  
Soup Course.  
Cream of mushroom soup  
Entrée. Pan seared tenderloin  
Dessert. Apple, pecan and rosemary crumble  
Wine Pairing:  
Nov. 6, 2014 wine pairing  
Appetizer. Twomey Cellars Blanc 2013  
Soup Course.  
Twomey Cellars Pinot Noir 2012  
Fish course. Silver Oak Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2010  
Entrée. Silver Oak Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2009  
Nov. 13, 2014 wine pairing  
Appetizer.  
Gap's Crown Chardonnay 2012  
Soup Course. Dutton Ranch Pinot Noir 2011  
Entrée. Toulouse Vineyard Pinot Noir 2012, Gap's Crown Pinot Noir 2010  
Dessert. Rose of Pinot Noir 2011  
For more information about the dishes, see "Special Menus" at [www.castlehotelandspa.com](http://www.castlehotelandspa.com).



The Oak Room at Castle Hotel

The cost per person for the five-course dinner on Nov. 6 is \$150. The four-course diner cost on Nov. 13 is \$125 per person. Tax and gratuity are additional.

Equus is located in the Castle Hotel & Spa at 400 Benedict Avenue in Tarrytown. Open seven days a week, it serves breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m., lunch from noon to 2 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, and dinner daily from 5:30 to

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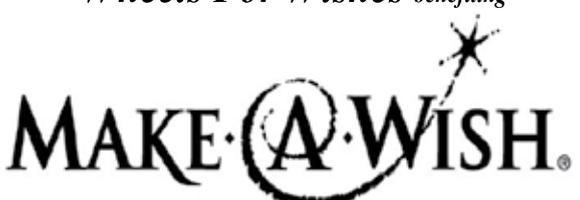
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## Tuesday, Nov. 4

**Election Day.** Get out and vote at your regular polling place. Congressional; NYS Gubernatorial, Senate and Assembly; local special elections. Polls close at 9 p.m.

**YWCA Movers & Shakers Auction.** On-line bidding begins at 8 a.m. with items that include top vacation destinations, island resorts, spa getaways, theater passes, sporting events, golf outings, family activities, jewelry, fine dining, designer accessories, memorabilia and more. Bid at [www.biddingforgood.com/ywcaawpcw](http://www.biddingforgood.com/ywcaawpcw); On-line bidding closes on November 17, Midnight, followed by a reception at 6 p.m. on November 18 at C.V. Rich Mansion, Home of the Woman's Club of White Plains. Join us as we recognize women and men who have shown dedication and determination to enrich the lives of many in our YWCA community. For more information, contact the Events Office at 914-949-6227 x147.

**Tuesdays at Dorry's.** Tuesdays at Dorry's gathers "conversation partners" weekly for informal table talk. There is no charge. After voting just come and order your food from Sylvia and enjoy the discussion and the company; 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains.

**Veterans Writing Workshop Anthology.** Celebrating the publication of "Afterwords Looking Back" the 15th anthology from the Fordham Veterans Initiative; veterans who participated in the workshop will be reading their stories; 6:30 p.m.; Fordham Westchester Campus, 400 Westchester Ave., W. Harrison; refreshments will be served; more info at [www.veteranswritingworkshop.org](http://www.veteranswritingworkshop.org).

## Wednesday, Nov. 5

**White Plains Outdoor Farmers Market.** The Farmer's Market will open weekly, on Wednesdays, through November 26th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Farmer's Market is located on Court Street between Main Street and Martine Avenue. The Market welcomes returning and new vendors offering farm-fresh, locally grown fruits and veggies, fish, fresh meat and poultry, breads, baked goods, jams and jellies, pickles, homemade salami, smoked duck breast, pate and much more.

## Noonday Getaway Concert.

The musicians of the Westchester Philharmonic return to present a chamber music concert at 12:10 p.m. Laura Hamilton, violin, Lanny Paykin, cello and Carla Auld, flute, perform music by Haydn, Danzi, Paganini and Villa-Lobos. At historic Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church St., White Plains; 12:10 p.m. Free.

## MLK Freedom Library Poetry Slam.

Come with one of your own poems to read, or a poem you love, or just come to hear some great poems by others. Poetry should be based on Martin Luther King, African Americans, peace, nonviolence or related topics. Our first poetry slam, in April, was very inspiring and generated a lot of enthusiasm and requests for more slams. The event is free and open to everyone. It takes place in the Thomas H. Slater Center, 2 Fisher Court, White Plains. Refreshments will be served from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. The poetry slam begins at 6:45 p.m.

## Civil War Lecture. Images of the Past,

Jews and the Civil War with researchers, living historians and re-enactors Mira and Bruce Form; 7:30 p.m. The Purdy House; 60 Park Ave., White Plains. Presented in cooperation with the White Plains Historical Society. More info contact: 914-949-4679.

## Thursday, Nov. 6

**Holiday Boutique.** The Junior League of Central Westchester (JLCW) invites local residents to start their holiday shopping early at the 28th Annual Holiday Boutique. More than 45 vendors including many local businesses will be offering a variety of goods. In addition, the evening promises to be a fun social gathering for all, including delicious plated samples from some of Westchester's premiere restaurants, and wine and spirits tastings. Proceeds will benefit the JLCW's programs that support the local community. Fenway Golf Club, 384 Old Mamaroneck Rd, White Plains; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 10 p.m. Cost: \$20/day, \$30/evening or \$35 day and evening.

## Great Books Forum Series.

"White Noise" by Don DeLillo will be discussed. Led by English Professor Elise Martucci. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Room 131, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 6 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Professor James Werner at 914-606-6840 or e-mail [james.werner@sunywcc.edu](mailto:james.werner@sunywcc.edu).

## Friday, Nov. 7

**People Power: How Citizen Science is Changing the Way Scientists Work.** A panel discussion and Q&A about how citizen scientists learn valuable skills

in order to collect and submit data, share experiences and spread essential information, all while observing nature with a critical lens. In turn, these large, open volunteer networks often allow researchers to accomplish tasks that would be too expensive or time-consuming to accomplish through other means. A list of local and regional citizen science projects will be distributed. Westchester County Center, 198 Central Ave., White Plains. 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-234-6992 ext. 22 visit [www.coccitizenscience.eventbrite.com](http://www.coccitizenscience.eventbrite.com) or e-mail [evelyn@westchesterlandtrust.org](mailto:evelyn@westchesterlandtrust.org). For free parking, pre-register on Nov. 6 by 5 p.m.

## Friday Night Film Series: "The

**Secret in Their Eye.** Recently retired as a criminal court employee, Benjamin Esposito decides to write a novel. He draws on his own past as a civil servant for a true, moving and tragic story in which he was once very directly involved. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. Doors open at 7:10 p.m. Refreshments at 7:30 p.m. Screening at 7:50 p.m. \$11. Seniors: \$10. Info and tickets: Contact Bob Bruckenthal at 914-723-3186.

## "Legally Blonde The Musical."

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## Saturday, Nov. 8

**Nature Scavenger Hunt.** Celebrate autumn and all of its wonder while honing your wildlife sighting skills. On this naturalist-led scavenger hunt, use your eagle eyes to find items, roam the trails and discover nature's beauty. (About a half-mile hike) Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**Gospel Concert.** Ministers Fellowship Council of White Plains and the Vicinity and White Plains Juneteenth Heritage

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## Sunday, Nov. 9

**Volunteer Day.** Help out with projects around the preserve. Cranberry Lake Preserve, 1609 Old Orchard St., North White Plains. 11 a.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

**Fall Discovery Walk.** Join a naturalist to look for fall happenings by searching for native trees and wildlife. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale 2 p.m. Members: Free. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

## Monday, Nov. 10

**School Board Public Hearing.** The Board of Education of the White Plains City School District will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., at Education House, 5 Homeside Lane, to consider adoption of a resolution that will enact the Alternative Veteran's Exemption contained within Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law, which exemption would then be available to qualifying veteran school taxpayers within the School District, and adoption of a resolution that will establish the maximum exemption amounts allowable to eligible school district taxpayers as the Alternative Veteran's Exemption pursuant to Section 458-a(2)(a), (b), and (c) of the Real Property Tax Law. These resolutions would each commence with the 2015 assessment roll, which is the assessment roll that will be utilized for the school tax levy for the 2015-16 school year.

## Tuesday, Nov. 11

**West Harrison Veterans Day Parade.** Veterans Groups, Harrison Police, Harrison Fire Departments, Harrison High School Marching Band, Harrison Ambulance Corps and other civic groups will march to celebrate veterans at Columbus and Underhill Avenues, West Harrison; gathering 9:30 a.m. Step-off time 10 a.m.

## EXAMINER SPORTS

# Crusaders Slay Lions to Complete an Undefeated Regular Season

By Albert Coqueran

For the first time in Stepinac High School football history, the team has won nine straight games in the regular season and gone undefeated in the CHSFL AAA. Stepinac trounced Monsignor Farrell High School, 49-0, on Saturday, to complete their regular season undefeated at 9-0.

Despite the fact that the Crusaders went undefeated at 12-0 and won the CHSFL Championship in 2010, it was while competing in AA A. This is the first time in the school's history that Stepinac has had this level of success in the CHSFL AAA AA.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

The Stepinac varsity football team and their cheerleaders celebrate an undefeated, 9-0, regular season record, after defeating Monsignor Farrell, 49-0, at Stepinac, on Saturday, November 1.

The Crusaders charged the Lions quickly and decisively to assure that they maintained their undefeated regular season record. Stepinac scored 21 points in the first quarter and five seconds into the second quarter scored another seven points.

Crusaders running back Malcolm Major starting the scoring by bursting through a hole in his offensive line made for him and runs 52 yards for a touchdown. "It was a great start, making big plays. Brandon (Coleman) and I and a few other players are the tone setters, we get the offense going," said Major.

After cornerback Tyquan Ennis blocked a punt on defense; six seconds later, junior quarterback Tyquell Fields flipped an 11-yard pass to Andrew Geni for a touchdown at 4:51 in the first period.

Ennis would again exploit the Lions offense by recovering a fumble on Farrell's 31-yard line. Then Naval Academy bound quarterback Brendon Coleman, who has the seamen salivating, waiting for his arrival next year, ran 31 yards for a touchdown on a quarterback keeper.

The referee blew the whistle to end the first quarter with Stepinac leading 21-0, after Ennis showed off his offensive skills, while running 24 yards to the seven-yard line of the Lions. Then five seconds into the second quarter, Coleman decided to show the fans why

Navy had come calling and threw an 11-yard strike to wide receiver Jesse Brown for a TD.

Before Farrell could even get their bearings or footing on the wet Turf Field at Stepinac, the Crusaders were in



At 4:34 in the first quarter, Crusaders quarterback Brandon Coleman out ran all Lions to score a 31-yard touchdown.

command of the game, 28-0. Crusaders fans who weathered the rainy, cold and windy day could now forecast that they were going to get what they came for, which was a 9-0 record and an undefeated regular season.

"It is an awesome feeling, because last year we were young and we ended 7-4. To turn it around and beat some of the teams that we beat this year and end the regular season like this, it is just a great feeling," said Coleman.

Stepinac's offense scored seven touchdowns and seven extra points in the game, while their defense tamed the Lions. It was Stepinac's second shutout of the season, while blanking St. Francis Prep, 56-0, on September 26.

Even the one time in the game when Monsignor Farrell was threatening to score on Stepinac's 17-yard line; the Crusaders forced a fumble, which was recovered by cornerback Gavin Heslop to end the first half.

While the Stepinac offense has racked

up 396 points in nine games this season, their defense has relinquished a stingy 83 points to opponents thus far this year. "It feels really good; we have a lot of people talking about our defense. We just try to stay humble and keep doing our job," commented senior linebacker Brain Malone.

The seven extra points in the game are credited to steadfast place-kicker senior Matthew Tierney, who has kicked 26 of 30 PAT this season, while his partner junior kicker Liam Butler has booted 26 of 27 extra points.

Heslop, whose brother Garfield played on the 2010 undefeated CHSFL AA A team, is a game-changer on the field. Heslop blocked a punt, recovered a fumble and ran 53 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter to make the score 42-0. Malik Crawford scored the final touchdown for the Crusaders on a five-yard run.

"My brother Garfield is always bragging about how his team won the Championship his junior year. I just want to show him that our team can do it also," smiled Heslop said smiling.

Stepinac (9-0 overall, 7-0 AAA) earned the number one seed in this year's CHSFL AAA AA Playoffs. The Crusaders will host the number eight seed Cardinal Hayes High School, (3-6 overall, 3-4 AAA) in the CHSFL AAA Quarterfinals, on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m. at Stepinac High School.

"We knew we had talent this season. But we are not getting too ahead of ourselves, as we have not won anything yet," commented Stepinac Head Coach

Mike O'Donnell. "The next two weeks is a very difficult tournament. We want to be the last ones standing, as they do not give out any trophies for winning the regular season," a cautiously optimistic O'Donnell emphasized.



The Stepinac varsity football team marched into battle against Monsignor Farrell High School, on Saturday, November 1 and walked away with a, 49-0, win and an undefeated, 9-0, regular season record.



Crusaders running back Malcolm Major breaks through a hole in his offensive line made for him and runs 52 yards for a touchdown.



Stepinac's wide receiver Andrew Geni (right) beats Lions defensive back Justin Clark (left) to the end zone and grabs an 11-yard touchdown pass, as his teammate Jesse Brown (center) comes to celebrate.



Stepinac's Demarcus Miller (#3 center) tackles Lions running back Steven Viegas. Miller leads the Crusaders in tackles with 27, while his defense has only relinquished 83 points to opponents in nine games this season.

# EXAMINER SPORTS

## Falcons Ride Strong Start to 28-20 Win Over Rye Neck, Win Class C Title!

By Skip Pearlman

There were moments during Saturday's Class C championship game where Rye Neck played, and looked, like the top seed, ready to take over the game.

But for the second week in a row (Woodlands eliminated No. 1 Bronxville a week earlier) it was the No. 4 Falcons of Woodlands High who looked - and played - more like the top seed, dominating No. 2 Rye Neck for most of the game, and holding on for a 28-20 win at Mahopac High School.

Woodlands, which had just two wins entering these playoffs, evened its record at 4-4, and the Falcons will take on the Section 9 champion, the Millbrook-Sullivan West winner, in a regional



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Woodlands players and coaches celebrate at the final whistle Saturday.

time in the last three years, rode on the backs of senior captains Jon Stewart and Myles Thigpen, who alternated time at quarterback and running back throughout the game. And the duo was very effective, and along with some timely gains in the air to senior WR and captain Rashad Baker, gave Rye Neck problems all game.

It was Stewart (career-high 140 yards and two TDs on 31 carries) who gave the Falcons their first score, just before the first quarter ended, and despite a fumble giving Rye Neck a golden shot at a score,



Jon Stewart of Woodlands earned the Most Valuable Back award in the Class C championship game.

opener on November 15 at 3:30 p.m. at Mahopac HS.

The Falcons, champs for the second



Falcons QB Myles Thigpen picks up yardage in Saturday's championship win.



Rashad Baker of Woodlands ran for 90 yards and a TD Saturday, and had a receiving TD.

the Falcons' defense held, and the team went in for another TD, when Thigpen found Baker with a seven-yard TD pass.

The Panthers' next possession was short-circuited when Falcons DB Timothy Leak picked off RN quarterback Jake Sevean, but Woodlands could only get to the 14 before the half ended.

The turning point came in the third. Rye Neck (6-2) looked amped up out of

the locker room, and quickly drove to the Falcon 12, looking to cut the deficit in half. But star Panther RB Dom Brescia (136 yards, two TDs) fumbled, with DaShawn Beecham recovering at the four.

And the Falcons made the Panthers pay, driving the length of the field to instead make it a three-touchdown game (21-0) after Stewart ran it in from the two with 00:40 left in the quarter.

A desperate Rye Neck quickly scored on a Sevean 26-yard pass to Brescia to make it a 21-6 game. But a 31-yard run by Baker put the ball on the Panther 11, and moments later it was Thigpen finding Baker in the end zone with a six-yard TD pass, good for a 28-6 lead with 7:29 left.

Rye Neck got an 18-yard TD run from Brescia one minute later, and added a two-point conversion to make it a 28-14 game, and Brescia went in untouched from one yard out with 2:14 remaining, cutting the lead to 28-20. But Woodlands recovered the ensuing onside kick and ran out the clock.

Aside from Stewart's career-high numbers, Thigpen ran for 81 yards on 17 carries, and passed for 54 yards and a TD, and Baker came through with 90 yards

and a TD on 13 rushes. Beecham, aside from recovering a key fumble, recorded seven quarterback sacks to lead a spirited Falcons defense.

"He kind of took their quarterback out of the equation," Falcons coach Mike Meade said. "We knew we had to stop Brescia and their quarterback (Sevean). We knew Brescia was going to get his yards."

"The offensive and defensive lines played today just like they did against Bronxville," Meade added. "That was the key."

Meade was impressed with his wildcat combination of Thigpen and Stewart, as well as Baker. "I'm so happy they go out on the right note," Meade said. "They've been with me three years, and they deserved it. Everybody out there had a big game for us. In that first half we kept them to three-and-out. That was the key."

Stewart said the team turned the tide just in time, coming into the playoffs at 2-4.

"We turned our season around in the nick of time," Stewart said. "You never know who the best team in the league is until you got it all on the line, when every play counts. The team effort today was huge. Now we have to keep fighting, make every play count."

Baker said it felt good to be the spoiler. "It feels great... everyone thought we were going to go down at Bronxville," he said. "But instead we upset them, and we just upset No. 2 Rye Neck as well. We wanted to come out and deliver the first hit in the last two games, and that's what we did."

"We new it was going to be a long road to get here," Thigpen said of winning the title. "We got a second chance in the playoffs, and it feels great to be here." When asked what the biggest factor in the win was, Thigpen said: "Our line. When we win, we win up front, and that's because we dominated up front. Everybody stepped up today."



Omar DeBerry (56) and Dondi Crawford (52) celebrate forced fumble, recovered by Woodlands.

EXAMINER SPORTS

Huskies Knock Off No. 8 John Jay, 3-1; Fall to Defending State Champ Lakeland

By Skip Pearlman

The ninth-seeded Harrison High field hockey team had a solid game in a 3-1 win over No. 8 John Jay in last Tuesday's opening-round playoff game. But the Huskies ran into the state's most dominant team, five-time defending state champ and top seed Lakeland, and ended the season with a 7-0 loss last Friday in Shrub Oak.

In Last Tuesday's first round win over John Jay, the Indians struck first, after a scoreless first half, with Jacque Manno putting her team up 1-0 six minutes into the second half.

But Harrison came back with three unanswered goals to seal the win. Elisa Arcara scored off a pass from Grace Manning. Two minutes later, Taylor Fabiani scored the game-winner off an assist from Arcara with 12 left, and Arcara gave Harrison an insurance goal on a penalty stroke with about six minutes to play.

Christina Decarlo had 10 saves in net for Harrison, while Hayley Martinsen stopped three shots on goal for the Indians.

"John Jay is a good team, and the girls were motivated," Huskies coach Sara Witmer said. "In the first half we were trying to figure out how to contain. After they scored that goal, we got more



SKIP PEARLMAN PHOTO

Elisa Arcara had two goals and one assist in Harrison's playoff win last week.

motivated, made adjustments, and we capitalized on it."

"Decarlo had a great game," Witmer added. "She made some big, important saves. And Arcara was solid again. She was involved in every goal. And our defense did a great job marking and being in position. It was a great team effort."

In Friday's quarterfinal round at Lakeland (17-0), the Hornets cruised to a 5-0 lead at halftime, and kept Harrison (5-10-2) out of the goal the whole way.

Dana Bozek had two goals and an assist for the Hornets, Emily Powers had two goals, and Molly Fitzpatrick had a goal.

Decarlo was pounded in the net, and came up with an impressive 28 saves. Lakeland's Alex Powers and Maddie Deans combined to make three saves.

"We knew coming in this would be a tough game," Witmer said. "Obviously they're a very talented team,

and have a lot of depth. They are five-year state champs for a reason, and I think they have a good chance to repeat. It was a good experience for the girls - to play at that level. We weren't intimidated, we just competed the whole game, and did what we knew how to do.

"Decarlo was phenomenal in goal," Witmer added. "And she had many high-quality shots coming her way. She really used her skills well. Arcara did a nice job, and our forwards all did a good job."

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Panthers End Harrison Volleyball Team's Season in Playoffs, 3-0

By Skip Pearlman

The Harrison High volleyball team's season came to an end last Tuesday in the Class A playoffs, with the No. 3 Panas Panthers prevailing over sixth-seeded

Harrison in straight sets, 25-7, 25-17, 25-13, at Walter Panas HS.

The Huskies closed their season with a solid 14-7 record.

Senior team captain Dominique Loguidice came up with 10 digs, one kill and one block in the match, Maxine Lieblich had three kills, three aces and four digs, Rose Stokoe delivered nine assists, nine digs a kill and one block, and Valerie Sprovieri added three kills, three service points and two digs.

Huskies coach Candy Light said her team was just flat.

"We came out flat. We were flat," Light said. "Panas has definitely got a good team, good hitters, but we've been playing good teams better than we played. Everyone was just off. It was unfortunate."

"But I think we had a good season," Light added. "We ended up at 14-6 - not a bad season. I think we probably could have done a little bit better; we had our ups and downs. We just need to work on not having so many downs."



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Dominique Loguidice and the Huskies lost to Panas in the Class A playoffs last week.

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**EXAMINER SPORTS**

# Westchester Knicks Announce Inaugural Draftees at Buffalo Wild Wings

By Albert Coqueran

The Westchester Knicks selected their inaugural draftees live on Cisco WebEx, on Saturday, Nov. 1, at 3:30 p.m. Later that same evening Westchester Knicks General Manager Allan Houston introduced the franchise's first draft selections, at a Draft Party, at Buffalo Wild Wings, on Mamaroneck Avenue, in White Plains.

The Draft Party was hosted by the first Public Address Announcer in Westchester Knicks history Mark Fratto and the inaugural Westchester Knicks Dance Team. Fans packed into Buffalo Wild Wings and were greeted by the Dance Team and Bill Boyce, the Westchester Knicks V.P. Sales and Business Operations, as Fratto selected



The inaugural Westchester Knicks Dance Team was on hand to greet fans, at Buffalo Wild Wings, on Mamaroneck Avenue, at the Westchester Knicks Draft Party, on Saturday, Nov. 1.

and Ra'Shad James.

The Westchester Knicks traded their first round pick in the 2014 NBA Developmental League Draft to acquire forward Darnell Jackson from the Reno Bighorns. Jackson played in 138 NBA games with three different teams. In 23 D-League games, Jackson averaged 16 points per game. Also, the local Knicks traded their inaugural third round pick to acquire Rice High School graduate Andre Barrett. The Rice point guard originally signed as free agent with the NY Knicks in 2004.

The Westchester Knicks selected six players in their inaugural NBA D-League Draft, including their first selection in franchise history Joseph Bertrand from the University of Illinois, who they selected as their tenth pick in the second round. "We are looking for players with the ability to have multiple skill sets and have a mentality to grow and develop," stated Houston.

Notably for their fourth pick in the sixth round, the Westchester Knicks selected Mt. Vernon High School graduate Sherrod Wright (2009), who was the 100th overall pick in the 2014 NBA Developmental League Draft.



Jordan Griffith (center), a 2007 graduate of White Plains High School will be the Color Commentator with Play-by-Play broadcaster David Resnick (left) and Chris DeAngelo (right), for Westchester Knicks games, on WFAS-AM 1230 and WFAS-AM 94.3. The broadcast trio announced the Westchester Knicks inaugural draftees from Buffalo Wild Wings, on Saturday.

enthusiasts to play trivia games for prizes.

The Westchester Knicks Dance Team passed out orange-and-blue hand towels with their trademark logo, which were waved enthusiastically by fans during the Draft Party. The Westchester Knicks Draft Party was broadcast on WFAS-AM 1230, by the inaugural Westchester Knicks Broadcast Team, which consists of David Resnick, Chris DeAngelo and local favorite Jordan Griffith.

Griffith, who will be the Color Commentator for all Westchester Knicks games, will also broadcast a Westchester Knicks weekly radio show on WFAS. Griffith is a 2007 graduate from White Plains High School. He played on the Tigers varsity basketball team that reached the Sectional Title game in 2007, with noted teammates Sean Kilpatrick

## SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

# Harrison Girls Soccer Team Falls to Walter Panas in Opening Round

By Skip Pearlman

The Harrison High girls soccer team came back from a two-goal deficit to tie the game at 2-2 early in the second half of last week's Class A opening round playoff game at Panas, but the No. 5 Panthers struck for two more goals to earn a 4-2 win.

Harrison, the No. 11 seed, closed out the 2014 fall season at 6-9-1. Panas improved to 13-2-1.

The Panthers led 2-0 at halftime, but Harrison rebounded with two goals in the first five minutes of the second half. Emma Hochman scored the first Huskies goal, and Erica LaManna tied the game shortly after, converting a pass from Gina DiRusso.

But Alyson Kelly of Panas scored the game-winner on a penalty kick with about 10 minutes to play. Kelly finished with two goals, and Jenna DeSilva and Layla Tabalkozic also had goals for the Panthers.

"We played well," Harrison coach Jon-Erik Zappala said. "But it was kind of a reflection of our season. We weren't able to capitalize on shots. We had three posts



Harrison's Erica LaManna had a game-tying goal in last week's sectional loss.

and missed some breakaways. We played well, but we need to seal the deal."

"LaManna had a really good game for us," Zappala added. "And Gina DiRusso at center mid, and Emma Smolev played very well. They all really played well, played hard, but we were a little mentally taken out after that penalty kick."

Cailyn Burgos stopped six shots on goal

for Harrison, and Kailey D'Alessandro had eight saves for Panas.

"Our record really doesn't reflect what we accomplished," Zappala said. "We really bonded as a team, and did a lot of things well. The spirits are high for next season."

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