



Harrison Opens Happier Home for Stray Pets

By Jon Craig

It's been a dream in the making for three decades: a permanent local "petquarters" for abandoned or neglected dogs and cats.

About 300 people attended an open house Sunday for Pet Rescue's first permanent facility at 7 Harrison Ave., Harrison. Mayor Ron Belmont teamed up with NY Giants President John Mara of Harrison for a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The purple ribbon was wrapped around a Pet Rescue sign placed in front of the new center. It's on the site of the old Westchester Shore Humane Society, which became rundown and degraded before closing down a year ago.

"It's going to be an asset to the community," Belmont said of the new pet sanctuary. "It's a labor of love."

The non-profit animal rescue organization based in Larchmont was founded in 1982. In recent years, Pet Rescue has kept its dogs at Northwind



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Volunteers carry the new Pet Rescue sign out to Harrison Avenue on Sunday during the open house for the new facility. Inset: A deaf rescue dog in his new Harrison digs.

Kennels in Bedford and its cats in New Rochelle while waiting for temporary foster homes and permanent adoptions. The group's mission is to rescue homeless and abused cats and dogs, provide them medical care and find them loving, "forever" homes. Since its inception, the mostly volunteer organization has rescued more than 15,000 animals.

Pet Rescue is currently caring for 18 dogs and about 90 cats, according to Barbara Gebala of Mamaroneck. "It's so emotional for us," she said. "We've never had a home. We've rented space."

On Sunday, Gebala and other volunteers gave tours of the 80-year-old building, which now has 17 large indoor/outdoor runways for dogs, and space to add more as additional donations are received. The group printed up a "wish list" of its other needs and held a raffle to raise money.

"After 32 years of finding homes for cats

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White Plains Establishes Temporary Moratorium on Cabaret Licenses

By Pat Casey

At the July meeting, White Plains Council members voted to establish a four-month moratorium on the granting of new cabaret licenses in White Plains.

As city staff reviews current legislation, which is part of the municipal code mandating that the Council act as lead agency in granting a special permit for the licenses on a case by case basis, all applications will still be reviewed and existing license owners will not be affected.

During the public hearing, restaurant owners, most notably Dan Coughlan, owner of the Coliseum on Broadway, expressed concern that the moratorium

would negatively impact the growing entertainment business in White Plains. Bart Goldberg, Coughlan's landlord agreed, saying the moratorium would stop new business from coming to the city. He asked why this had become an issue and wanted to know what the safety concerns might be. He also requested that any changes in the law would allow existing cabarets to be grandfathered in.

Other speakers said a crackdown on establishments that serve alcohol and provide entertainment without an onsite restaurant was a move in the wrong direction when industry trends indicate a growing move towards cabarets.

Mayor Roach said the current code

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Greenburgh Gun Range Rounds Up Support

By Jon Craig

An embattled Ardsley shooting range has issued a "call to arms," so to speak, inviting supporters to Tuesday's work session of the Greenburgh Town Board to shoot down plans for a new ordinance that would close the facility permanently.

In a Facebook posting, Scott Palmer, treasurer of the Westchester County Police Revolver & Rifle League, asked residents and others who practice at the range at 693 Ardsley Road to appear before the Town Board and voice opposition to a new law proposed by Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner.

In his "call to action," Palmer wrote: "First, let me say that we understand

that this is a frustrating and upsetting situation for all of us that love the range. I have received emails from many of you, both stating your concerns and pledging your support."

Palmer said the non-profit range has contacted the NRA and requested a Range Technical Team (RTT) be sent "to conduct their own safety assessment of our facility and provide us and the town with their recommendations/findings. We have several estimates for the berm remediation, but have decided to wait to proceed with that until after we receive the NRA's assessment/recommendations for our facility."

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and dogs, the prospect of a home for Pet Rescue is wonderful," said Susette Kamell of Larchmont, founder and president of the group. "It's amazing what love can do."

After renovations are complete, the facility will house a larger, more efficient space for spaying/neutering and treatment; indoor space to train dogs; storage and meeting spaces; and temporary housing for dogs and cats awaiting foster homes -- the hallmark of Pet Rescue's efforts and success. "For a homeless animal, sitting on a sofa or a lap is infinitely better than sitting in a run or a cage," Kamell said.

Paula Krenkel of Larchmont, board vice president, said, "This shelter had been allowed to disintegrate for many years with animals languishing in tiny stalls. Those trusted to care for these critters had lost their moral compass and the animals suffered. It took very dedicated activists over 10 years to get this (former) group to relinquish their control."

Krenkel said the new board worked for more than a year to make major renovations to the Harrison facility, which includes a clinic area to care for animals as well as playgrounds where the dogs can be



JON CRAIG PHOTOS

Pet rescue Board member Barbara Gebala of Mamaroneck in Pet Rescue's new clinic.

exercised and socialized. "We are thrilled to be part of the Harrison community," she said.

Krenkel credited another board member, Lisa Zappia, for serving as project manager with a passion. "Kurt Guldan and James and the rest of the crew from Salem Landscaping and Maintenance have been beyond amazing," Krenkel added. "They have been working non-stop to get us here today."

Last but not least, Krenkel recognized clinic manager and board member Ruth Frumkin of New Rochelle, who began helping Kamell rescue cats about 20 years ago. Nicknamed "Dr. Ruth" because of her

knack for saving animals, according to Krenkel. "Ruth's dedication to providing the best possible care in the most timely means led to the development of our own clinic."

Over the years, the group has boarded dogs and cats at a groomer, in a small apartment, at Kamell's house, at a veterinary hospital and ultimately at Northwind Kennels. "We stashed them wherever we could since we just wanted to save some animals," Frumkin said. "We need your help now more than ever."

Mayor Belmont echoed that sentiment: "I want everyone here to come back and stay involved."

Pet Rescue board members estimated hundreds of thousands of dollars and countless volunteer hours were spent renovating the former Westchester Shore Humane Society, which closed in June 2013 amid mounting financial and legal problems. The state Supreme Court ordered the former Board of Directors removed in 2012 due to the shelter's lack of sanitation and violations of non-profit laws. "It was dark and dreary and full of cages," Gebala recalled.



A kitten looking for a new "forever" home.

An interim board was unable to raise enough money to cover back taxes and renovations until Pet Rescue took over operations and repairs in October, while inheriting a dozen more cats and two dogs. The dog run area needed a complete overhaul including new roof and concrete retaining wall, plumbing, heat, air conditioning and new wiring.

The group previously placed rescue animals with new owners with the assistance of stores operated by Petco, PetSmart and Pet Valu. "Now we can have open houses here," Gebala said smiling.

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Foundation (NSSF) has offered legal assistance in dealing with this situation "and our lawyer is working closely with them," Palmer said. Scott Somavilla, president of the Westchester County Firearms Owners Association, "has been very supportive and is currently helping us with some media coverage," he added.

"We hope to see you all at Town Hall," Palmer concluded.

Last week, Feiner proposed a new town law after an Ardsley Chase townhouse resident was struck by a suspected stray bullet fragment on June 12. During town meetings, neighbors of the Westchester County Police Revolver & Rifle League expressed concern about continued operation of the outdoor gun range after the resident said she was injured in her back yard. The victim was treated for a small scratch by the Ardsley-Secor

Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Operators voluntarily shut the six-day-a-week practice facility down after the Birch Hill Road resident was struck in the leg by a flat circular object. Feiner has said he hopes a public hearing can be held on the proposed ordinance during the Town Board meeting on Aug. 27.

On his Internet posting, Palmer wrote that "the alleged incident was immediately reported to our insurance company and they have assigned their own adjuster, legal team and investigators to handle the matter. Our lawyer is in close contact with them and their investigation. After all, that is why we have insurance. We have been notified that this individual has retained legal representation as a result of the alleged incident, and our lawyer is in conversation with them. Con

Ed (our landlord) has its own legal team conducting its own investigation into the alleged incident and we have also reached out to them offering our assistance in any way possible."

The proposed ordinance would require valid town permits for new shooting ranges, and would require existing ranges to comply with the provisions within six months of the local law's passage. No new or existing range could operate within a quarter-mile of a home, school, place of worship, playground, child day care center or public park. Each range would be designed to contain bullets, gunshot or related debris on the range facility, according to the proposed ordinance, and shall be designed to minimize off-site noise impacts. The gun range owner/permit holder also would be required to carry \$5 million in

liability insurance coverage.

Civil penalties of \$1,000-a-day could be assessed by the Greenburgh Police Department for violations of the proposed ordinance.

The not-for-profit gun range, which is not affiliated with the police, is within striking distance of the Sprain Brook Parkway. The shooting range also is close to Ardsley Middle School, school bus stops and a playground.

There are no state regulations of shooting ranges including the one in Greenburgh, which first opened during the 1940s. The range also is not required to provide security at the site. There also are no required safety inspections of shooting ranges.

Operators of the shooting range invited Town Board members to take a tour of the facility.

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Harrison Judge Stands Firm on Quarry Cleanup

By Jon Craig

A Harrison judge stood his ground Thursday during the Town Court appearance of Lawrence Barrego, owner of the Lake Street Quarry, ordering him to clear vehicles off the property and clean it up.

Barrego has a trial date of Sept. 4 on earlier violations of town and village building codes at the West Harrison quarry.

Judge Marc Lust told Barrego and his attorney, Michael Sirignano, to remove any landfill and recycled material from the blacktop across the street from the quarry, and to remove all the trucks by Friday at 5 p.m.

Sirignano argued that Lust has no jurisdiction over the quarry because Barrego is awaiting a decision by the state Supreme Court in a separate appeal of a 2009 "stop work order" at the quarry. Lust disagreed, asking why there was no site plan for a trailer that doubles as an office on the property. Barrego, through his attorney, explained the trailer is on wheels. "If it's on wheels, you can roll it off," Lust said.

Lust previously reminded Barrego and his attorney that the new violations were cited this year, after the earlier stop work order, and still need to be resolved. Thursday, Lust asked if the quarry owner



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Operations at the Lake Street Quarry, Harrison, have been suspended, pending litigation.

would like to consolidate all the violations into one trial. His attorney said yes. Barrego did not return a call for comment from The Examiner.

Barrego assumed operation of the quarry in 1985 from his father and grandfather. He has argued that the quarry predates Harrison zoning laws, which were adopted in 1923.

Lust has said the code violations need to be addressed regardless of a recent application to the Harrison Town Board to change the quarry's use and zoning to a "neighborhood business."

"You've had probably over a year to

get this thing resolved," Lust said during an earlier court appearance by Barrego last month. "No continuance. . . I am not going to let this thing string out. You should have asked for a stay. You've done nothing."

Quarry operations at 600 Lake St. halted in May, following a new "stop work order" issued by Town of Harrison Building Inspector Robert FitzSimmons.

FitzSimmons said the quarry was in violation of 19 codes that need to be addressed, including the alleged dumping of refuse and yard waste.

The quarry is facing daily fines of up to

\$2,500 on some of the alleged violations. Other code violations carry weekly fines of up to \$250. The state Department of Environmental Conservation also has identified nine violations of state law.

The stop work order, signed on May 14, listed 16 of the alleged violations of Harrison codes, including the lack of a storm water retention and collection system and no site plan approvals for parking, fencing and trailers.

FitzSimmons said the quarry is prohibited from accepting any more recyclables and waste, and is not allowed to sell any material from the quarry while the stop work order is in effect.

Since March, neighbors who live along Old Lake Street and Lake Street have complained to the town board about continued noise, dumping, dust and other pollution at the quarry.

Supervisor Ron Belmont and Town Attorney Frank Allegretti have pledged to address complaints about quarry operations, but have said they are restricted from saying much publicly due to ongoing litigation. "We're monitoring it," Belmont said on Sunday. "It's a very slow process."

The 2009 "stop work order" was issued after neighbors complained the quarry was operating heavy equipment in the middle of the night without permits.

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Kids X-Press Featured Nonprofit at P'ville Music Festival



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Nivia Viera, founder and publisher of Kids X-Press, standing to the right behind two student interns with a volunteer at the KidsX-Press booth on Saturday at the Pleasantville Music Festival. The organization, which publishes a youth written and produced magazine on current events was this year's charitable partner for the concert. There was no financial contribution, but Viera said the visibility she received through marketing on radio, online and in print, was very valuable. Kids X-Press was chosen through an application and approval process.

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is confusing and that the moratorium would give the city time to look at the law and bring it up to date. For example, currently a cabaret is considered an accessory use for a restaurant and does not consider a cabaret as a stand-alone.

In a phone interview after the meeting, White Plains Building Commissioner Damon Amadio told the Examiner that no specific events had caused the moratorium. "Four new applications for new cabaret licenses came in a grouping at the same time," he said. "It's time to re-evaluate and incorporate physical standards and operating requirements. It's time to do an update."

Amadio could not say if specific legislation regarding building safety, occupancy, parking requirements, zoning use or any other considerations would be a part of the review.

A task force is being created to do the review and to make recommendations to the Common Council. Public hearings will be a part of the process, which must be completed in four months at the end of the legislated moratorium period.

Dirty Fuels Phase Out

At the same meeting the Council approved legislation to phase out the use of the dirtiest fuel oils in all commercial and residential buildings throughout the city. These oils are commonly referred to as #6 and #4 fuel oils and are primarily burned for heat. With the passage of this legislation, White Plains became the first municipality in Westchester County to make this ruling. A similar legislation is currently before the Westchester County Board of Legislators.

The legislation was championed by the

Mayor who said: "These are the dirtiest oils in use for heating today. Phasing out their use is the right thing to do from an environmental and public health perspective. It also makes good economic sense."

A statement released by city staff announcing the new legislation said: Fuel oils #6 and #4 pose a health risk to those who live in and immediately around the buildings where they are burned and can exacerbate conditions such as asthma. They are bad for the environment, particularly #6, because when burned they release fine particles that contain high levels of nickel, sulfur and other pollutants into the air. Changing over to a cleaner burning fuel, such as # 2oil or natural gas also makes economic sense. Conversions have shown a reasonable timetable for return on investment as well as long term fuel cost savings.

The City's legislation requires the phase out of #6 fuel oil by July 31, 2016 and #4 by June 30, 2020. The Department of Building will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the legislation.

Several state and local entities offer incentive programs for just this type of conversion, including Con Edison, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and the Energy Improvement Corporation (EIC)'s Energize NY Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program, in which White Plains participates. The Department of Building will be reaching out to property owners in the near future about this new law and providing them with information about these incentives to facilitate the conversion process.

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Troop 73 Presents Rank of Eagle to Michael David Shea and Michael Joseph Troise

By Beth Roach

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony was held on Saturday, June 22 at Our Lady of Sorrows School during which Troop 73 White Plains presented the rank of Eagle, the highest honor within the Boy Scouts of America, to Michael David Shea and Michael Joseph Troise.

Achieving the rank of Eagle requires the scout to earn 21 merit badges and demonstrate character, fitness, leadership and citizenship in every facet of their scouting life. The signature requirement of earning the Eagle rank is the service project in which the scout plans, develops, and provides leadership to others in a mission that is helpful to a religious institution, school or the scout's community.

Michael Shea was recognized for his project of helping the Pets Alive Animal Shelter of Elmsford resolve issues associated with a lack of compartments in an overpopulated cat room as well as to collect pet supplies. The goal of Michael's project was to give each cat their own living/sleeping space so that they would be happy, healthy and ready for adoption. To achieve this, Michael collected donations of Home Depot gift cards, purchased the supplies needed to make the individual cubbies, and led a group of volunteers to assemble and install them. Additionally, Michael collected much needed pet



Michael David Shea and Michael Joseph Troise of White Plains at Eagle Scout Honor Ceremony on June 22.

supplies for all of the animals. The Pets Alive Animal Shelter staff was pleased with the finished project and grateful for the donated pet supplies.

Michael Troise was recognized for his

project of helping the Greenburgh Nature Center fulfill its goal of bringing children closer to nature. Michael's project included designing a trail that connected the Nature Center's new playground

with a nearby nature trail that would be especially enticing to children. He then designed several play stations that would be installed along the trail to encourage the children to walk it. Each play area used only the natural elements found on the grounds. The first station was a tic-tac-toe board carved into a tree stump. The second station was building blocks cut from branches on a table constructed from logs. He led a group of volunteers to help clear the trail of invasive plants, bushes and small trees, obtain logs from the Greenburgh Nature Center property to line the trail and install the play areas.

It is the ongoing mission of White Plains Boy Scout Troop 73 to provide opportunities for Scouts to learn and develop leadership skills through a full and varied Scouting program featuring extensive outdoor activities and hands-on instruction in numerous life-skills. Formed in 1955, Troop 73 meets weekly at Highlands Middle School. For more information visit www.troop73bsa.com.



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Stepinac Alumni Flash to the Past in "Follies" Theatre Production

By Jon Craig

With a cast of 38, including 13 returning alumni stars from the Stepinac High School Drama Club, this weekend's production of Stephen Sondheim's "Follies" is expected to be a smash hit in White Plains.

It marks the 50th anniversary of the Stepinac Alumni Theatre. Former stars of the drama club from 1959 through 2014 have returned for a reunion of their own to perform for three shows July 17 to 19.

As Stepinac's oldest alumni organization, alumni theatre is dedicated to providing graduates, family and friends of Stepinac Theatre a continuing opportunity to develop their talents and provide enjoyable entertainment to the Westchester community.

Founded by Dick Nagle '59 in 1964, the goal of the Alumni Theatre is to foster the theatrical arts program of the school by using the net proceeds raised from the show to benefit the current students of the high school drama club

"It's the first time we had this many of the old folks come back," said Nagle, who plays Weismann. "We never in our wildest imagination thought it would go on for 50 years." Nagle's wife, Jeanne McCabe, plays Carlotta. Two other families are featured in this week's production: Gabriel DeAngelo and Francesca DeAngelo of White Plains,



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Francesca and Gabriel DeAngelo with Dick Nagle founder of the Stepinac Alumni Theatre in the background.

and their daughter, Katie Jo Flanagan, will perform as will Jeff Schlotman '65 of Pleasantville and his daughter, Emily. Both daughters are college students.

Nagle said "Follies" was picked this summer "because it's a memory show, remembering back to when actors were young. Off-stage we are mirroring what's

happening on-stage."

For example, cast members recalled how hot it was performing at Archbishop Stepinac High School during some of the past summer productions. This year marks the first taking place in the newly air-conditioned The Major Bowes Auditorium at the high school, 950 Mamaroneck Ave.

All shows are at 8 p.m. July 17, 18 and 19. All tickets are \$20 whether purchased in advance or at the door.

Mary Ann Parr, who plays Heidi, is the only performer who appeared in the first alumni show 50 years ago.

"Follies" is centered in a New York City theatre about to be demolished. Before the wrecking ball flattens the theatre into a parking lot, showgirls and performers reunite singing and dancing their old numbers while confronting and reliving past regrets.

The alumni show has been directed the past 10 years by Frank Portanova '93. "Frank should be on vacation, but he's here running this because of his love for theatre," Nagle said.

Other local actors include Samer Akroush of Scarsdale, Catherine Capasso of Eastchester, Katrina Dibbini of Scarsdale, Elaine Forgione of Hartsdale, Christopher Guzman '14 of White Plains, Peter Iasillo Jr. of Port Chester, Thomas Kramer of Hartsdale, Bill Maloney of Scarsdale, Halle Mastroberardino of Harrison, Danielle Ricciardi of White Plains, Sarah Rossman of Rye, Mikie Sakanaka of Harrison and Najee Stephenson of White Plains.

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Mary Caroline Dannat Star, an Icon of Religious and Local History

By Pat Casey

The first article in our historical look back at the Sisters of the Divine Compassion and the campus of Our Lady of Good Counsel at 52 North Broadway in White Plains, "The Good Counsel Campus, a Fixture in White Plains History," published July 1, focused on the building of the Chapel of the Divine Compassion and the anniversary of the laying of the chapel's cornerstone.

It was a major event at the time for White Plains and the Roman Catholic religious community of New York City as it expanded into Westchester County.

During the 19th Century there was much religious and philosophical discussion, especially in the Eastern communities of the United States that disagreed with the foundational teachings of a repressed Calvinist society. There was also acknowledgement of a societal hierarchy reflected in the established Protestant churches in the New York area as industrial wealth created a gap between classes.

The two founders of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, buried in the White Plains chapel, Mary Caroline Dannat Star, later to become Mother Mary Veronica, and Msgr. Thomas S. Preston, Pastor of New York's St. Ann's parish and Vicar of the Roman Catholic diocese of New York, were both converts from Protestantism. Their work as individuals and partners in projects originating at St. Ann's parish were in part responsible for the growth of the Catholic community in Westchester and reflected a spirituality of respect for the divine imminence and self-reliance of the individual.

In furthering the Catholic community in New York, they followed in the footsteps of several notable converts including Mother Elizabeth Seton, Father Isaac Hecker and Rose Hawkins Lathrop.

The building of the Chapel of the Divine Compassion was the culmination of the dreams and work of Mary Caroline and stands today as a sacred space, bearing witness to the generations of women and girls who walked and still walk on the grounds of the Good Counsel campus. It is also a testament to the contribution of immigrants and their families in the growth of communities and the place of White Plains as well as Westchester in that history.

In her book, "The Fruit of His Compassion, the Life of Mother Mary Veronica," Sister Mary Teresa, RDC, outlines Mary Caroline's life.

She was born in 1838 to Susanna and William Henry Dannat.

Susanna Dannat was the daughter of Daniel Jones, an immigrant from Wales who became a wealthy merchant in New York. The Jones' fortune was made in brewing and real estate, passed down through following generations, and was estimated at \$11 million at the time of



Mother Mary Veronica founder of the White Plains-based Catholic order Sisters of the Divine Compassion.

Daniel's son David's death in 1881.

As a member of the Baptist church, Daniel Jones was concerned for the welfare of the poor in the New York community and encouraged his family to become involved in charitable activities. This concern he personally transferred to his granddaughter Mary Caroline, who would accompany him on walks around the city. They would sometimes find themselves attracted to the sounds of music or a sermon at a church door and would stop and sit to take the experience in.

These early experiences with her grandfather developed a spiritual inquisitiveness in Mary Caroline that she later shared with her father in various similar experiences and correspondences.

Mary Caroline's mother, who later left the Baptist church to become a member of an Episcopal congregation, raised her children in the organized Protestant faith and taught them to look out for the welfare of those less fortunate.

Mary Caroline's father William Dannat came from a prosperous Episcopal family involved in the lumber business in the New York area. William Dannat was also a spiritual seeker and throughout his life followed the writings of contemporary philosophers, especially the work of the American Transcendentalists Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry James who believed that society and its institutions, particularly organized religion and political parties, ultimately corrupted the purity of the individual. He also followed the writings of German philosopher Immanuel Kant.

In her book on the life of Mother Mary Veronica, Sister Mary Teresa writes that while it is not known how much conversation between Mary Caroline and her father centered on the theological discussion of the time, it may have influenced her future religious decisions but did not stop her from pursuing a relationship with organized religion that ultimately lead to her conversion to Catholicism in 1868, when she was 30 years old.

There is also not much known about

Mary Caroline's marriage to Walter Star that produced two sons, Chandler and Walter, and which was dissolved soon after the birth of Walter in 1860.

During her marriage, Mary Caroline was again attracted to the Baptist church but later joined the Roman Catholic parish of St. Ann's upon hearing Father Thomas Preston preach. In one of her letters Mary Caroline writes about Preston's contention that even though a priest may absolve a "sinner" (that sinner) is ultimately responsible for his own redemption.

Again Sister Mary Teresa writes: "It was the story of Mary Magdalen that especially appealed to her. Her heart was touched by the goodness and compassion of Christ in response to Magdalen's extravagant love and repentance. She always said it was the story that converted her, and when she became a Catholic and was baptized Mary, she chose St. Mary Magdalen as her patroness."

Msgr. Preston's work was also felt across Westchester. He was born in Hartford, Conn., in 1824, graduated from the General Theological seminary receiving ordination as a minister in the Protestant Episcopal Church. In 1849 he became a Catholic and was raised to the priesthood in 1850, according to "Historical Records and Studies" published by the US Catholic Historical Society in 1906.

Records indicate Preston became the pastor of the Catholic Church at Yonkers and by him an effort was made to erect a mission church for the Tarrytown portion of his congregation. Like all beginnings, the article quoted in "Historical Records and Studies" says: "The effort met opposition. Washington Irving headed the list of subscribers with \$100. Father Preston's zeal overcame the obstacles and in late 1851 he purchased a piece of ground 100 x 125 feet on De Peyster Street near Cortlandt, on which St. Teresa's Church now stands. Father Preston served mass twice a month and in 1858 Rev. John Hackett became the first resident pastor.

The church served the growing Catholic community of immigrants that had come to build the Hudson River railroad.

Preston later became Chancellor of the New York diocese, serving three successive Archbishops and in 1861 he became Vicar General of the diocese. He died at St. Ann's rectory in 1891. His remains were placed in a vault under the old cathedral, now St. Patrick's and were moved to White Plains in the crypt at the Chapel of the Divine Compassion in 1897.

Editor's note: Much of the biographical information on Mother Mary Veronica's life has been taken from letters and the written and published research of Sister Mary Teresa, RDC.



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From the Harrison Mayor and Town Hall, July 14, 2014



Ron Belmont,
Supervisor/Mayor of
Harrison

Infrastructure improvements continue to be a priority and several projects are currently underway. Harrison's Engineering Department has initiated the design stage for roadway improvements which include road widening, curb installation and drainage infrastructure installation. Drainage

improvements are necessary in order to repair infrastructure and alleviate water issues.

Westchester County had developed a response plan regarding incidents involving hazardous materials. County officials work with local governments and environmental groups to collect information on stored or manufactured chemicals. The information is reviewed and analyzed in order to assess the risk to the general public. As Harrison's hazard mitigation plan expires next year, we are

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currently in the process of joining other municipalities, under a new County plan, and are currently working with consultants to formulate our portion of the plan in an effort to bring it up to date.

Congratulations to Harrison's Pet Rescue on their recent Open House. Their dedication to improving the health and saving lives, of area dogs and cats, is admirable and I'm glad I was able to attend and observe the wonderful progress this local facility has made. New programs will be developed and I applaud Pet Rescue's continued investment and commitment to at-risk animals in our area. These programs will directly impact the lives of many dogs and cats in need.

Please be aware of the following service advisory from the Department of Environmental Protection: DEP has received reports, from individual consumers, of metallic tasting water. We believe this is caused by the natural growth and biological degradation of certain algae in at least one of our reservoirs and is related to complaints we received earlier last month. The return of the metallic tasting water is likely due to temporary operational changes DEP is making at some of our upstate reservoirs. The taste and odor issues caused by algae are not

uncommon to water utilities nationwide; however in the NYC system, over the last decade, our source water protection programs have significantly reduced the frequency of algae related impacts on the water supply system. We have done extensive testing, and investigation, of both our source waters in our upstate watersheds and in the City's distribution system and the water is safe to drink. We are working to address this issue, as quickly as possible, and expect conditions to improve, during the next week, as we make additional operational adjustments. If you are experiencing metallic tasting water, please call 311.

In closing, I would like to take this time to recognize Harrison student, James Deutmeyer. James is a dedicated athlete and had an extremely successful senior year as a pole vaulter at Fordham Prep. Recently, James won the NYS PHAA Outdoor Track and Field Federation Championship with a clearance of 16'-6". This is the second, all-time highest vault by a high school pole vaulter and is a New York State Catholic high school state record. He also made three attempts to set the new high school state record and barely missed. I would like to congratulate James and wish him great success as he competes at the college level and beyond.

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Mt. Vernon Men Nabbed in Elmsford Prostitute Abduction

By Jon Craig

Two kidnapping suspects from Mount Vernon were arrested by Greenburgh police last week in connection with the abduction of a 22-year-old prostitute from a Queens hotel.

On July 3 about 2:20 a.m., the prostitute called police from the LaQuinta Inn & Suites, 540 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, to report she'd been abducted at gunpoint by two men from the Clarion Hotel, 9400 Ditmars, Blvd., East Elmhurst, and forced to work for them in Elmsford.

Ashley Weiss of Erie, Pa., said two men identifying themselves as Michael and



Michael Humphrey

“Shy” kidnapped her. As police investigated, they encountered Michael Humphrey, 28, in the LaQuinta lobby. He was later positively identified as one of the suspects.

According to Weiss, the other suspect, Shy, demanded that she work for him, making her pack her belongings at gunpoint and get into a green-colored



Jason Dulyx

sedan. Shy apparently broke Weiss' cell phone during the abduction but provided her with another phone to work as a prostitute in Elmsford.

Weiss had posted an ad for escort services during the previous evening, July 2, on www.backpage.net at the Queens location. On Thursday July 10,

Greenburgh police, with the assistance of the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, county District Attorney's Office and Mount Vernon Police Department, arrested the second suspect nicknamed Shy. Jason Dulyx, 29, of Mount Vernon was located at 260 Crescent Place, Yonkers, and taken into custody without incident, according to police.

Humphrey and Dulyx were charged with second-degree kidnapping, a felony, and arraigned in Greenburgh Town Court. Both men were sent to Westchester County Jail and are due back in town court at 9:30 a.m. Friday July 18.

White Plains Police Department

Open Container Law: On July 1 at 12:13 a.m. Omar Munoz, 29, of 107 Gainsborg Ave., West Harrison, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana and for violating the city's open container law while walking through Tibbets Park with a 24-ounce can of Budweiser Light beer. Police found a baggie of marijuana in Munoz' front right pants pocket when he was searched at police headquarters. He was released on \$100 bail.

Shoplifting: On June 30 at about 9 p.m., police charged two people with petit larceny and fifth-degree criminal possession of stolen property at Victoria's Secret, 100 Main St. Arrested were June V. Murphy, 46, no address listed, and Chuckie Jones, 43, of 43 N. Bleeker St., Mount Vernon. While responding to a shoplifting complaint at the store, police observed Jones retrieving a blue plastic bag outside near some shrubs. The bag contained 62 pair of stolen underwear valued at \$817. Police said Murphy was observed by store security placing the underwear into a white Macy's bag while Jones served as a lookout. Both were released on \$500 bail.

Serial Shoplifting: On June 28 at about 6:30 p.m., a 22-year-old White Plains woman was arrested at Nordstrom, 135 Westchester Ave., on petit larceny charges. Amber Luz Ortega of 27 Barker Ave. was caught with five stolen articles of clothing worth \$170 concealed in a shopping bag, according to police. When Ortega was searched at police headquarters, about \$300 in additional stolen items including clothes, sandals, perfume and cups from American Rag, Macy's, H&M, Deb Shops, and Sears, were recovered, according to the report. Ortega was due to appear in city court on July 1.

Beer/Sausage Theft: On June 28 at about noon, police charged a 60-year-old homeless man with shoplifting after he was caught placing a package of sausage and a 12-pack of Modelo beer into a black bag in his shopping basket at Whole

Foods Market, 110 Bloomingdale Road. The stolen items were valued at \$29.19. Gregory R. McConnell was held pending a court appearance.

Elmsford Police Department

Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance: On July 8, members of the Greenburgh Street Crime Unit teamed up with the Elmsford Police Department's detective and patrol divisions to arrest 19-year-old Edward Heiss on multiple felony charges of possessing and selling drugs. Police said that Heiss was residing in Room 73 of the Elmsford Motel, 19 E. Main St., Elmsford, when he was arrested. A search of his room found cocaine, oxycodone pills, methadone pills, oxymorphone pills, heroin, MDMA (Molly) and marijuana. He was charged with fifth-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, and five counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance, all felonies. Heiss was arraigned in Elmsford Village Court and sent to Westchester County Jail.

Greenburgh Police Department

Cell Phone Stop: On June 30, police pulled over Nigel J. Charles, 35, when they observed him talking on a cell phone while driving near the Wine Warehouse on Tarrytown Road. A database check showed the vehicle Charles was driving had a suspended registration as of May 17 for five parking violations in a one-year period. In addition, the driver had no insurance coverage. He was to return to court on July 10. The vehicle was taken to the police impound lot by Alex's Towing.

Aggravated Unlicensed Operation: On June 30, a police officer was being tailgated. So he stopped P. Gomez-Cabrera, 26, for that offense on East Hartsdale Avenue near a Mobil gas station. A computer check found Gomez-Cabrera's license was suspended on March 17, 2013, for failing to pay a fine in Scarsdale. In addition, the database showed that the car's registration had been suspended Aug. 11, 2013, for lapsed insurance. He was issued several summonses and was due to return to

court on July 8.

Petit Larceny: A child's pink and green 10-speed bike was stolen from the front of an apartment building at 3 Oak St., White Plains, sometime overnight on June 29. Crystal M. Kennie, 35, reported her daughter's bicycle stolen on June 30. She discovered the theft at about 6:30 a.m. that same day. She searched the premises but didn't find the bike.

Harassment & Physical Assault: On June 30, Cassandra Kennie, 24, of 100 Manhattan Ave. in White Plains reported that a verbal dispute with an unnamed suspect escalated into a physical assault in front of her building. Kennie told police that the assailant slapped her in the face with an open hand and spit at her shirt. Because of the assailant's actions and prior criminal history, Kennie told police she is afraid for her safety. Police officers attempted to locate the suspect at 90 Manhattan Ave.

DWI & Possession of Drugs with Intent to Sell: On June 30 at about 9:20 p.m. several police units hurried to the area of 49 Tarrytown Road, White Plains, to answer a report of a hit-and-run accident. Information from the ComSec database identified the car as a black four-door Dodge. Police were told the suspect's vehicle was being followed by Carlos Maldonado, a victim in the accident. The Dodge sedan was stopped in the parking lot at 81 Knollwood Road. The female driver was identified as Michelle Suda, no age or address provided. Police noticed that Suda's speech was slurred and that her eyes were glassy and bloodshot. She told police that she didn't know how she'd gotten to where she was nor did she know that she'd been involved in an accident. She told police that she'd taken some pain pills earlier in the evening and that they affected her motor coordination. She was deemed unfit to drive after she swayed as she stood and nearly fell during the one-legged stand sobriety test. A search turned up two Roxanol pills in her pants pocket. Roxanol is a morphine sulfate. At

police headquarters, she was charged with DWI and leaving the scene of an accident. When police searched her car, they found a large number of orange pills, a pill bottle containing \$58 cash and a clear plastic baggie containing a number of green pills. Upon closer inspection, police identified 90 Adderall tablets and six clonazepam pills. Based on the quantity and packaging of the pills, charges for possession of drugs with intent to sell were added to Suda's offenses. She was due to appear in town court on July 10.

Unlawful Possession of Marijuana: On June 30, a resident reported a suspicious vehicle on Windom Street in White Plains around 10 p.m. As police arrived, they saw the driver pull out a clear baggie and drop it on the passenger-side of the floor of the front seat. It was filled with what appeared to be marijuana. Police arrested Christian Dobson, no age or address provided, and took him to police headquarters. An analysis of the baggie's contents showed 17.7 grams of marijuana, which was held as evidence. Dobson was due in town court on July 8.

Petit Larceny: On July 1, Matthew Herlihy, 27, of 355 Old Tarrytown Road in White Plains called police to the apartment complex to report the theft of several items from his unlocked car overnight. The stolen items included sunglasses and a Blackberry phone charger. The center console had been ransacked, but there was no damage to the interior of the car.

Petit Larceny: On July 1, Jennell Thompson, 33, of 67 Dobbs Ferry Road in White Plains reported to police that someone had gotten into her car and taken a pair of Ray Ban sunglasses, a cell phone charger and about \$10 in change. She told police she was unsure whether the car had been locked overnight. There was no damage to the vehicle.

Petit Larceny: On July 1, a White Plains woman reported that a former boyfriend was likely the person who took her

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Re-locate the Upcoming FASNY Public Hearings to a Larger Venue

All politics is local. The cynicism most people have towards politicians starts on the local level. Whether having to do with campaign contributions, flip-flopping on issues, or exhibiting a lack of transparency, White Plains is no exception.

With all the interest in the proposed building of the French American School here in the Ridgeway section of the city, your insistence to hold the next meetings in the outdated confines of City Hall is

unfortunate, but easy to understand. You would rather keep the light from shining on these proceedings.

For the people who elected you into office, you've chosen to make it difficult for them to view their government at work... live and in "real time." Yes, there's Cable TV and the 24/7 city website, etc.

It's obvious that there is a transparency issue regarding The French American School's bid, and by holding the upcoming

meetings in City Hall, with limited seating, you've chosen to shut out as many as you can.

Yes, this is an emotional issue for all sides...but the residents both for and against the project deserve better from you, our elected representatives!

I urge you to re-locate the upcoming meetings to a larger venue...The High School.

—Mitch Achiron, White Plains

Westchester LWV Urges Shorter-Shift Option for Election Inspectors

The League of Women Voters of Westchester urges the County Board of Elections to offer election workers the option of working less than a full 16-hour election day, so that experienced people may continue to work as they age and citizens formerly unable to commit to the long day can apply for a shorter assignment.

In 2012, New York State Election Law authorized the use of split shifts for election inspectors, as the workers are called. In March 2014, the LWVW Education Foundation funded a randomized survey of current election inspectors to determine how many favor shorter shifts. Of the 1,776 workers queried, 605, or a significant 34 percent, responded. Of those responding,

nearly 64 percent favored having the option of a split shift.

Accordingly, at its Annual Meeting on June 5th, the League officially adopted a position favoring the possibility of shorter shifts. It is asking the Board of Elections to offer this option, perhaps in the form of two consecutive eight-hour shifts.

Support Connection Launches Team Spirit Campaign

Support Connection, Inc. launched a new "Team Spirit" campaign for its 20th Anniversary Support-A-Walk for Breast and Ovarian Cancer, which will take place Sunday, October 5, 2014 (rain or shine) at FDR Park, Route 202, Yorktown Heights.

The Support-A-Walk is held to bring attention to the needs of people affected by breast and ovarian cancer, and to raise funds for Support Connection's free support services for those living with these diseases. People across the Hudson Valley and beyond utilize Support Connection's free services. Participants of all ages complete a 3-mile walk, often in honor of loved ones who are affected by

breast and ovarian cancer.

To kick off the 20th anniversary celebration, Support Connection announced their Team Spirit Campaign, which encourages friends, family members, co-workers, and neighbors to "team up" for the Walk. Teams are groups of people who decide to participate in the Support-A-Walk together. From the beginning, teams have played a crucial role in the event's success. Teams also symbolize the meaning and impact of the day.

Team activities can include seeking donations on behalf of the Team, planning fundraising events, inviting others to participate, spreading the word about

the Walk. Many of these activities can be done even if Team members can't attend. Teams that do attend together often create signs or banners to carry while they walk.

This year, Team Spirit Awards will be presented. There are awards for: the top three Teams for fundraising; the top three Teams for number of Team members; and the most creative Team sign or banner.

For details on how to qualify for the Team Spirit Awards, contact Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or walk@supportconnection.org. In addition, registration and donations are now being accepted for the Support-A-Walk. To learn more visit www.supportconnection.org

Obituaries

Joseph Ganley

Joseph P. Ganley, 80, of Hartsdale, passed away July 6. He was born February 4, 1934 in Brooklyn to the late Agnes Stasavage and Joseph H. Ganley. On February 10, 1957 Joseph married his wife Rose Ganley at St. Joseph's Church in Yonkers. He served four years in the military in the 82nd Air born and worked as a repair technician for Verizon until his retirement in 1985.

Besides his loving wife Rose, Joseph is survived by seven children; Salvatore, Joseph, Carolann, Kevin, Kathleen, Brian and Theresa, 13 grandchildren Breanna, Salvatore, Jonathan, Nicholas, Kyla, Justin, Alex, Christopher, Thomas, Patrick, Nancy, Kevin and Rosilyn and one great-grandson Ricky Rice Jr. Also surviving are two nieces Maryann Burke and Joanne LoPresti, a nephew Marco Ganley and sisters-n-law Connie Burke and Elfrede Ganley. He was predeceased by his brothers Donald and Patrick.

Bertita Rojas

Bertita Rojas died at home in Hartsdale on July 6 at the age of 94.

Bertita was born in Santiago, Chile on December 20, 1919 the fourth of five children of Lucia Guzman de Rojas and Delfin Rojas Zolorza. She started to work at age 14 and didn't stop until poor eyesight forced her to at age 90. She married Carlos Madariaga, a dashing much older man and by the time she was 20 they had their only child, a girl named Monica. Six years after her daughter was born, Bertita opened a small boutique that sold cosmetics, perfumes, jewelry and accessories. In 1969 she sold her business and moved to New York to live with her daughter and together they traveled extensively for the next 40 years.

Bertita is survived by her beloved daughter Monica in the USA and her younger sister Mary, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews in Chile.

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Clarification

In the July 8, 2014 edition of The White Plains Examiner in the article "Hundreds Sit Through Cabaret Hearing Before FASNY Bid," we quoted a FASNY opponent who "wondered why the White Plains Performing Arts Center, with its larger capacity, wasn't reserved for the big turnout as it had been for similar meetings in the past." A post-publication discussion with City Hall indicates that no Common Council public hearings or other such official Council meetings have ever taken place at WPPAC.

Homeowners Want to Know How the Real Estate Market is Doing

For more than a dozen years, The Home Guru has been observing and writing about the housing market and home building design, repair and maintenance. I have focused on hundreds of widely varied subjects, sometimes into areas quite unexpected.

Who would expect a home columnist to write a treatise on mattresses or toilets or delve into the ghosties that still live among us? No matter how far flung my pen or keyboard may reach, there are so many thousands of topics that deal with the experience of "home" that this column could last far beyond my earthly years.

Even though it's not my favorite kind of reporting, I'm reminded from time to time, especially when my editor forwards me the quarterly report from the Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors (HGAR) which manages our Multiple Listing Service (MLS), that part of my job is to respond on the most frequently asked question I get from readers and friends: "So how's the market doing?"

Normally the regional daily paper gets

clients were getting anxious about not getting as many showings as they had been hoping for since their listing date, while others were ecstatic about the results they were getting, even with bidding wars getting back into play.

The second quarter, from April 1 through the end of June, was very strange to say the least following a winter that started early and never seemed to end. At least that's the reason industry pundits are citing for such lackluster results in a recovering market.

In our area, sales dropped 13.5 percent in Westchester and 6.6 percent in Putnam in the recently completed second quarter compared to the same quarter last year, even though the market had shown an uptick the three months before. That



By Bill Primavera

pending sales--those in contract--are higher as parents are rushing to close deals on new homes to enroll their children into local schools before September. That augurs well for a stronger third quarter.

What has been odd about the second quarter is the spottiness of hot and cold pockets in Westchester and Putnam, depending on the price points and locations of properties.

For instance, I listed two historic colonials last quarter, one in the hot market of Bronxville at 447 California Rd., which was priced at \$997,500, and received an accepted offer in two days. Another that I listed in Brewster, a really great house and priced wonderfully at \$575,000, just five minutes from the train station and an hour from Grand Central, has had only one showing so far. Go figure. But slowly, very slowly, we know from our showing desk that appointment activity is slowly moving north. And that's encouraging.

Overall, I would say that the second quarter, after weathering a horrific

recession and a horrific winter season, is simply shaking out and stabilizing for a more solid fall season.

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Demonstrating spottiness of hot and cold location pockets in the second quarter, two Colonials, 447 California Road in Bronxville, left, listed at \$997,500, received an accepted offer in only three days, while 333 Turk Hill Rd. in Brewster, a great house listed at only \$575,000, has had only one showing during the quarter.

the jump on me with that report, and the headline there would surely seem discouraging to anyone who would have their homes on the market now or in the near future. "Spring Sales Stalled" it announced, but then that didn't come as any surprise to those of us in the business. We were aware that some of our seller

would seem to be a stunning statistic but the weather caused one showing cancellation after another. After a while, sellers decided to wait until spring to list and buyers seemed to put house hunting on hold as well.

The good news is that realtors are comparing notes and reporting that

return the device, but Rimple found the screen had been cracked and the device wouldn't turn on. Turner was arrested at 203 Endicott Ave. on a charge of criminal mischief. Rimple said the iPad Mini was worth \$577.

Assault with Intent to Cause Injury: On July 1, a man and his son seeking a game of basketball got more than they'd expected. Michael Delacruz, 51, called police to Rumbrook Park at Dobbs Ferry Road, White Plains, to report that he and his son, Miguel, were assaulted by four men after a verbal argument on the court escalated into multiple punches to the face and head. Police arrived to find both victims suffered facial cuts. Photos

were taken.

Assault with Intent to Cause Injury: On July 2, Danneil Walters, 29, came to police headquarters to report she'd been assaulted by a co-worker at the Westchester Meadows Nursing Home. Walters and a co-worker, Jodian J. Baugh, said they got into an altercation with Sharnakay Drysdale after she accused Walters of talking about her behind her back. When Walters tried to ignore her, according to the police report, Drysdale pushed her and they began fighting. Baugh attempted to break up the fight but Drysdale pushed her to the ground, injuring her left knee, according to police. Both assault victims were treated at Westchester Medical

Center and released.

Prostitution: On July 3, police were called to the Sheraton Hotel at 600 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, after Mike Ferguson, general manager at the hotel reported that a woman in a fourth-floor room was possibly a prostitute and conducting her business there. Police questioned a man in the hallway outside the room. He told police he had responded to an offer from Jessica Lavigne to have sex with him for \$80. Upon questioning by police as to the identity of the man or why he was in her room, Lavigne was arrested and taken to police headquarters. Lavigne was sent to Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$2,500 bail.

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doormat and carved unkind words into her apartment door. Nilda Vincenty, 40, of 33 Oak St. in White Plains told police that she had informed building management of the incident. She has a Temporary Order of Protection in effect against the suspect, according to the police report.

Criminal Mischief: On July 1, police were called to 225 Bryant Ave., Elmsford, to mediate a dispute over an iPad Mini. At the scene, police separated Maria Grant Rimple, 35, a resident at that address and Tavon Turner, who allegedly took the iPad Mini. Police ordered Turner to

Happy 100th Birthday Grand Central Terminal

By Evelyn J. Mocbeichel

One of New York City's most visited tourist attractions is the architecturally astounding Grand Central Terminal. Daily commuters may take this gigantic structure for granted because of their rush to work and home and then repeating the process the following day. Located at 42nd street and Park Avenue, Grand Central Station, as most New Yorkers call it, has a stunning main concourse that over 20 million visitors come to see each year. The Station has also been the site for scores of movies and television locations.

As everybody that has been there and arranged to join a friend, "meet me at the clock" is the well-known landmark of the building. This famous clock was designed by Henry Edward Bedford and cast in Waterbury Connecticut. It is made from brass and has four sides, with each face made from opalescent glass, now often called opal or milk glass. Urban legend has hints that the faces are made of opal and that Christie's have estimated their value to be between \$10 and \$20 million.

Named for the New York Central Railroad it is the largest such facility in the world with 44 platforms and 67 tracks along them. They are on two levels, both below ground, with 41 tracks on the upper level and 26 on the lower, though the total number of tracks along platforms and in



Grand Central Station celebrates 100 years.

rail yards exceeds 100. The terminal covers an area of 48 acres. The most impressive part of the Station is its Main Concourse, which is the center attraction. It is 275 feet long, 120 feet wide and 125 high. Looking upward viewers are awed by the starry ceiling, which is an astronomical wonder of constellations. Back in 1998 the restoration of this breathtaking

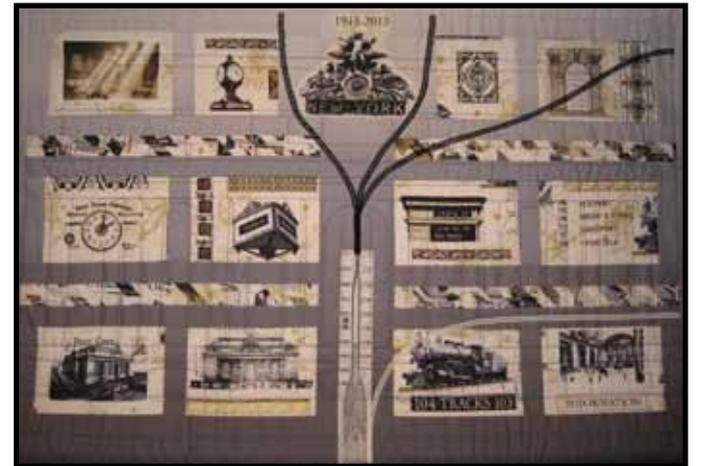
ceiling brought the ceiling back to its original state which took twelve years to complete, now revealing the original luster. Besides all the train platforms and tracks, the Station boasts shops and restaurants, some which are as equally well known as the station itself.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Station a "Centennial

Quilt Challenge" was held to combine the art of quilting and the architecture of this historic structure. Last year the American Patchwork & Quilting magazine and The City Quilter (a Manhattan-based quilt shop) sponsored a 2013 contest to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Grand Central Station. Quilters were challenged to create an original piece

celebrating Grand Central Terminal's centennial. Fabric designed by The City Quilter for the centennial includes iconic images from the terminal. At least one of these fabrics had to appear in the finished quilts. Entries came in from 25 states and the 30 finalists are part of an exhibit at the New York Transit Museum Gallery Annex & Store at Grand Central terminal. Each entry had to tell a story and have a theme for the quilt entry and be of a certain size to qualify. To see all the quilts that were finalists visit www.grandcentralquilts.com

Kim Gimblette, of Ossining, entered the contest and her quilt "100 years - Out of the Darkness and Into the Light" was a finalist. Presenting on display with the other winners, Gimblette's quilt had a graduated background fabric with dual symbolism. It gave the illusion of trains coming out from the subterranean depths of Grand Central Terminal into the light



A quilt contest marked the 100th birthday of Grand Central Station.

of day, as they head to the suburbs and the transformation of the Terminal from dark to light post-restoration. Each of the blocks of her quilt incorporated the past, present and future, including a link to the LIRR. All of the winning entries are truly works of art unto themselves honoring this grand old building and an age-old handicraft, quilting.

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Grazing in Westchester County this Summer



Here are some dining venues and dishes you should try not to miss this summer...

Trattoria 632, 632 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase 914-481-5811

By Morris Gut

There is a flavorful Lobster Night every Tuesday and a Clam Bake on Wednesday with all the trimmings, and they really stack the platters. Chef Nazareno Danielle and his team serve up a seasonal Italian menu loaded with flavor. Also check out such house specialties as: Roasted Beets with goat cheese mousse, Sicilian pistachios and micro greens; house made Chittara pasta with veal polpettine and shaved ricotta salata; Squid Ink Pasta with shrimp, bay scallops, chillies and arugula; classic Veal,



Lobster Clam Bake at Trattoria 632.

Chicken or Shrimp Parmigiana; Wild Striped Bass Mediterraneo with capers, olives and cherry tomatoes; and Day Boat Scallops, pan-seared with baby arugula, risotto, sundried tomato and roasted pepper gremolata. Great pizzas too via expert 'pizzaiolo' Leo Hajdari. Kid's menu. Bar/lounge. Live entertainment and dancing Thursday and live piano Saturday evenings. Party facilities. Major credit cards. Ample free parking. www.trattoria632.com



Outdoor seating at Stone Fire Pizza.

Stone Fire Pizza, 76 Main Street, Irvington 914-591-5800

If you are planning to tour the charming Hudson River towns here is a food stop you must make. Consummate front-of-the-house host Danny Zandel had managed the highly regarded original La Fontanella in Pelham. Personable Master Pastry Chef Philippe Flory, a native of Nice in the south of France, has been a

baker and pastry specialist for 40 years having operated the highly regarded St. Honore Patisserie in Astoria, Queens. Last May this talented duo partnered to premiere SFP Stone Fire Pizza. Recently they brought in veteran Spain-bred Chef Arlindo Fernandez to add to the pizzazz. SFP is an exciting addition to the Westchester dining scene and a creative bistro/trattoria to be reckoned with. Enter the architectural façade into the bustling 20-seat bar/counter area. At the far end, seating opposite the spectacular rotating wood burning pizza oven has become a hot ticket. The 70-seat dining room to the right is highlighted by high ceilings, a mural sized mirror and architectural art. Butcher block tables and chairs cover the room along with a long red banquette. It is casual and convivial and the able staff led by Danny Zandel, keep it that way. Be seated and let the surprises begin. Outdoor seating. More than just pizza! www.sfpny.com

Dubrovnik, 721 Main Street, New Rochelle 914-637-3777

The premier of Dubrovnik last summer was a hit: Westchester's first restaurant devoted to Croatia, a multi-level 85-seat establishment with seasonal outdoor patio, state of the art temperature controlled wine cellar, al fresco rotisserie BBQ, lush seasonal herb garden and bar/lounge. Talented chefs man the kitchen and they will transport you to the beautiful Adriatic in flavorful style. Jerry Tomic and his wife 'Jackie' Kaszas also insists they will be using all the finest ingredients in the seasonal marketplace just as his mother did at their highly popular restaurant on the Island of Lopud, near Dubrovnik. Most everything is house made from the bread to desserts. Try the Warm Octopus Salad; Steamed Mussels; Bay Scallops on the Shell; Fresh Cod Filet with grapes, olives, pearl onions; Mama Tereza's lobster, shrimp, scallops, fish, clams and mussels steamed in a seasonal broth over pasta; Grilled Rack of Lamb; or whole roasted fish prepared out on the BBQ. "Fresh food, simply prepared is the Croatian way," says Tomic. Open 7 days for lunch and dinner. Live guitar Sunday evenings. Reservations suggested. Private party facilities. Valet parking. www.dubrovnikny.com



A view of the herb and vegetable garden from the patio at Dubrovnik.



Burrata Salad at Ciao.

Ciao, 5-7 John Albanese Place, Eastchester 914-779-4646

Zef and the staff at big bustling Ciao are marking their 25th Anniversary with a renovation of the premises and generous platters of Italian/American cuisine served with gusto. Be seated and have Peter, the genial general manager suggest such open kitchen specialties as: Hot Antipasto for two, three or more, loaded with delectable fruits of the sea; a decadent Burrata

Salad; delicious Chicken Paillard; house made Pappardelle with fresh tomato, basil and chunks of fresh mozzarella; Salmon ala Ciao, with white wine, lemon, capers and asparagus; or Veal Salvaggio, decadently good with cognac, garlic, sage, shitake and porcini mushrooms. From the grill come such hefty cuts as: Broiled Veal Chop, Black Angus Shell Steak, Sausages Frioli served with peppers (hot or sweet), mushrooms, onions and sliced potatoes; and Pork Chops with vinegar peppers. Good thin-crust pizzas, too. There is a cooling gelato case, too. Cozy, friendly bar with Carole Ann at the helm. Party facilities. Open 7 days a week. Major credit cards. Free and valet parking. www.ciaoeastchester.com

Sofrito, 175 Main Street, White Plains 914-428-4740

There is a signature Latin sushi menu and the hot happy hours sizzle. Host-owner J R Morales and his team brought Sofrito up from Manhattan in 2011 and the place has become a must-stop on the Latin-themed dining and nightlife crawl. Try Chef Cardona's: Seafood Sancocho, Lobster & Corn Quesadilla, Grilled Rib Eye Taquitos, or Wild Mushroom & Spanish Manchego Potato Cheese



Al fresco seating at Sofrito.

Croquette; Spaghetti with shrimp or chicken, Broiled Lobster Tail, Cornish Hen a la Plancha, Grilled Filet Mignon with red wine cumin sauce, or Crispy Malanga Crusted Filet of Basa Fish. Save room for a dessert sampler for two or more. Check out the colorful specialty priced cocktails and appetizers at the bustling bar during the happy hours that run all afternoon to 7 pm Monday thru Friday. Open 7 days a week for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. Dancing and live entertainment schedule. Municipal and valet parking. www.sofritowhiteplains.com

Lombardo's, 1203 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains 914-615-9090

Partners Mario Lombardo and James Romanelli of Lombardo's, have been doing a bustling business since their opening last summer. They started a Happy Hour that is just as easy on your wallet as the rest of their reasonably priced Italian-American menu. Mondays thru Fridays from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm the house offers half-price appetizers, including their popular pizzette, and specially priced beverages and cocktails at the bar only. Fresh made appetizers and pizzette available as Happy Hours deals include: a stacked platter of Zucchini Fritti served with marinara or fra diavolo sauce; Zuppa di Cozze, fresh cultivated mussels steamed in your choice of white wine garlic and



Mario Lombardo Sr. shows 'em how to make a pizza at Lombardo's.

herb broth, or served in a fresh garlic and crushed plum tomato brodino; Calamari Italian Antipasto for two; Spuntino alla Lombardo, goat cheese and flame roasted peppers wrapped in prosciutto, drizzled with balsamic; and such shareable pizzette as the Vegetarian, with spinach, broccoli, flame roasted peppers and mushrooms topped with fresh mozzarella. Lombardo's is open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. Banquets for up to 20 guests. Catering. Free parking. www.lombardospizza.com

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HAPPY HOUR

Beechmont Tavern – 3-7PM,
Weekdays ½ appetizer specials, drink
specials, WINGS!

Black Bear Saloon – 4-7PM, Weekdays
All drink ½ off, \$5 appetizers

Bob Hyland's Sports Page Pub –
4-7PM, Weekdays \$1 off all drinks

City Limits – 9PM, Daily
\$4 wines and draft beers, \$7 cocktails,
25% off appetizers!

Brazen Fox – 4-8PM, Weekdays
\$4 drafts, \$5 martinis, \$5 cocktails, \$5
wines, \$15 samplers

Elements – 4-8PM, Daily
\$3 and \$4 drafts, \$5 wine and well
drinks, \$6 select martinis, \$8 mojitos

Executive Billiards – Happy Hour,
3-7PM, Mon-Thurs \$10 per hour per
table, \$3 beers

Lazy Boy Saloon – 4-7PM, Weekdays
Beer and drink discounts

Porter House – 12-8PM, Mon-Sat
\$3 and \$4 drafts, \$5 martinis and
cocktails, ½ off appetizers at the bar

Ron Black's Beer Hall – 4-8PM,
Weekdays \$4 and \$6 beers pints, \$5
wines, appetizer specials

Sam's of Gedney Way – 4 to 8PM
Weekdays \$4 drafts, \$5 select wines, \$6
select cocktails, Half off appetizer
menu at the bar.

Wicked Wolf Tavern – 4-7 PM,
Weekdays ½ off all drinks, \$5
appetizers

Vintage – 11AM-7PM
Live bands, \$4 drink specials

TUESDAY, July 15

Beechmont Tap Room & Grill
Country Night with \$3 signature
whiskey cocktails

The Brazen Fox 10-11PM Bonus
Night

Black Bear Saloon Tijuana Tuesdays
& Karaoke \$2 Coronas and Tequila
shots

Elements Jazz Tuesdays –6:30-9:30PM
Richie & Lois Colombo Birthday
Celebration, Reservations suggested

Lazy Lounge Bar Trivia – 9PM

Ron Black's Beer Hall
Battle of the Brains Trivia – 8PM \$100
for the winner!

Wicked Wolf Tavern
Tijuana Tuesdays - \$2 Coronas, \$2
Tequila Shots, \$2 Tacos

WEDNESDAY, July 16

Black Bear Saloon
Trivia starts at 8:30PM; \$5 Bomb shots,
\$4 Pinnacle Drinks, \$3 Domestic
Drafts, \$2 SoCo Lime shots, \$1 tacos

Bob Hyland's Sports Page Pub
Trivia Night – 7:30PM sign up, 8PM
start

Brazen Fox Ladies Night 5-11PM. A
portion of all proceeds is donated to
the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Dunne's Pub Music Seisun – 7:30-
10:30PM Traditional Irish music with
Brian Conway and friends!

Elements Karaoke Night – 8:30PM-
12:30AM

Executive Billiards Ladies' Night
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Ron Black's Beer Hall Beer-BQ 4-
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Sam's of Gedney Way Wine
Wednesday

Wicked Wolf Tavern Acoustic
Wednesdays featuring Dan Barrios
9PM

Vintage Team Trivia – 7:30PM with
Quiz Master Dan Doherty

THURSDAY, July 17

Black Bear Saloon Relapse Thursdays;
\$2 Bud Lights and \$2 Fireball shots all
night long!

Brazen Fox Suds for Scrubs – 9PM
Show your Medical ID for \$5 drafts!

Ron Black's Beer Hall
DJ Bingo 7:30PM

FRIDAY, July 18

Beechmont Tap Room & Grill
Live Music

The Brazen Fox DJ party After 11 PM

Lazy Boy Saloon BIG SALAD -
Featuring Christine Tambakis from
Tangled Vine

Porter House Live DJ – 11PM

SATURDAY, July 19

Beechmont Tap Room & Grill
DJ Party

The Brazen Fox DJ Party After 11 PM

Elements Paintnite 5 to 7 PM and
6 to 8PM; Food and drink specials;
reservations required for large groups

Lazy Lounge Live DJ!

Porter House Live DJ – 11PM

SUNDAY, July 20

Lazy Lounge Live DJ!

Wicked Wolf Tavern Sunday Funday
\$3 drinks every weekend.

Elements Paintnite 6 to 8PM; Food
and drink specials; reservations
required for large groups

MONDAY, July 21

Wicked Wolf Tavern Flip n Sip
Mondays – flip a coin for a fee drink

Black Bear Saloon Monday One Day
\$1 Menu; starts 8:30PM

Know the perfect place to go for a night out this week? Submit event to pcasey@theexaminernews.com

Yorktown Stage Presents "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical journey through ancient Egypt, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," opens at Yorktown Stage on July 26.

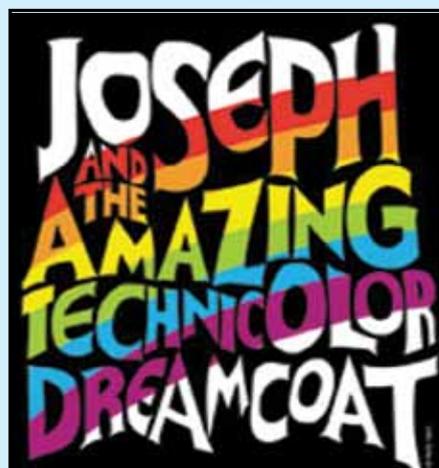
The production follows the rag to riches story of Joseph, his eleven brothers and the coat of many colors. Originally produced off-Broadway in 1981, Joseph ran for 824 performances and was revived on Broadway in 1997.

Starring in the Yorktown production are Maia Katz of Bedford as the Narrator, Charles Pang of Brooklyn as Potiphar and Justin Valero of The Bronx as the Pharaoh. The talented Yorktown Stage

creative team returns, with direction by August Abatcola, choreography by Carrie Silvernail and musical and vocal direction by Kurt Kelley.

The story centers on Joseph, a young man with a knack for having prophetic dreams. Being the favorite son in the family, he incurs the jealousy of his brothers when his dotting father gives him a magnificent coat of many colors. Said director Abatecola, "this is a fun and very hip adaptation of the well-known Biblical tale.

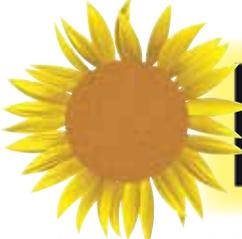
Featuring a melodious, eclectic, contemporary sung-through score, Joseph is a winning, rollicking ensemble



show that is ideal family entertainment, great with and for young people."

Joseph runs July 26 to August 2, 2014, with Friday and Saturday evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 1 p.m.

Yorktown Stage is located in the Yorktown Community Cultural Center, at 1974 Commerce Street (off Veterans Road) in Yorktown Heights. Tickets are \$26; Yorktown residents \$24; seniors and students \$21; children under 12 years old \$19. Group discounts are available. For tickets and information call 962-0606 or visit www.yorktownstage.org.



Happenings



We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Pat Casey at pcasey@theexaminernews.com.

Tuesday, July 15

College Student/Recent Grad Networking Event. Spurred by her frustration with the dearth of internships and jobs for current college students and recent graduates, University at Albany honors student Elizabeth Skovron took matters into her own hands. She initiated a meeting with Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner and Greenburgh Town Clerk Judith Beville. The goal of the meeting was to find ways to help herself and her peers that are struggling to find employment or an internship in the tough job market. She and guest speakers are providing insight and welcoming others to share their ideas to brainstorm how college students and graduates can create more despite the tough job market.

A networking event will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenburgh Town Hall. If you are a college student or recent graduate interested in participating in this initiative, please email Ms. Skovron at eskovron@albany.edu. Encourage those who are optimistic and ready to find ways to transition from college to the professional world during the tough market to attend this event," added Skovron. "If you want more exposure and experience, come join me." Speakers including successful entrepreneurs will be presenting.

Wednesday, July 16

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.

Shakespeare in the Park. Grab a picnic and come out with the family to enjoy a night of culture as Curtain Call Productions presents Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." Turnure Park, Lake Street, White Plains (Rain location - Eastview School); 7 p.m. The production is free and open to the public. Picnic dinners by Atlanta Bread will be available for purchase at the park

(\$7.00 each). There is also a performance on Thursday, July 17.

Family Film Frenzy presents Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (2013 - PG) at Saxon Woods Pool, White Plains. Rain date Thursday, July 17. The evening event offers an outdoor movie as well as after-hours swimming. The park opens at 7 p.m. for swimming and relaxing. The movie begins at sundown. Bring your own picnic, or purchase food at the concession stand. For seating, bring blankets and chairs. Admission is \$5 per person (free for children under age 5) and includes movie only. A Westchester County Park Pass is not required for admission. Admission wristbands will go on sale the day of the event and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Note that swimming is only permitted until dark, and all food and cooler guidelines for regular pool hours apply. Visit westchestergov.com/parks for more information.

"Gasland Part II" Film and Discussion. In this follow-up to his Oscar-nominated documentary, filmmaker Josh Fox uses his trademark dark humor to take a deeper and broader look at hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, the controversial method of extracting natural gas and oil. Staff from Food & Water Watch lead a discussion following the film. Presented in partnership with the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. For adults and high school students. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. Refreshments at 7 p.m. Program at 7:30 p.m. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Thursday, July 17

Noon Day Concert. A White Plains Concert series held every Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at Renaissance Plaza, located at Main Street & Mamaroneck Avenue. This week Magic Touch - Acapella.

Summer Art Adventures. A five-session art workshop for children six to 12 years old. Inspired by the exhibition "ICELAND: Artists Respond to Place," explore concepts of land, space and environment through different lenses and materials. Please bring lunch. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Members: \$50 for each class. Non-members: \$60 per class. Discounts for multiple classes. Thursdays through Aug. 7. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-232-9555 ext. 0.

Manhattanville College Graduate Open House. This information session will provide an overview of Manhattanville's graduate business programs, advanced certificates and what to expect when applying and enrolled. Prospective students will have the opportunity to meet with program directors, admissions staff and representatives from student services, as well as current students. Followed by a Q&A. An application fee waiver for those who attend. Reid Castle at Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-323-5150 or email Elizabeth Brosseau at Elizabeth.brosseau@mville.edu.

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Friday, July 18

Lippolis Electric Screenings Under the Stars: "Rio 2." Bring a picnic supper and lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla. Gates open for picnicking at 5 p.m. Entertainment begins at 6 p.m. Movie begins at sunset. Free. Info: 914-864-PARK or visit www.parks.westchestergov.com.

Saturday, July 19

Free Hartsdale Concerts. The East Hartsdale Avenue/Farmers Market Summer Music Series on Saturday's in July and August at DeSanti Plaza, directly across from the E. Hartsdale Metro North Train invites you to come out and support the farmers market along with guest musicians. Fred Gerber and Dave Meltzer with Acoustic Fantasy, 10 a.m.; Carter Thornton on solo guitar and banjo along with Bulle, an improv ensemble from Austerlitz, New York, 11:30 p.m. Bring your picnic blanket, sit on the grass, relax and enjoy.

Family Campout. You supply the tent and sleeping bag, we supply the nature. Come for a barbecue, then explore our moonlit trails with a naturalist in search of owls and other night creatures. Cap off the evening with s'mores by the fire. Limited to 20 families. First come, first served. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. \$25 per person (Each tent must include at least

one adult.) Reservations required. Info and reservations: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Foghat Live on Stage. You know the songs, many of which to this day are classic rock radio staples. The band tours relentlessly because they love to play, which is evident in the passion and fun they have on stage during every live performance. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$35, \$43 and \$55. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit paramounthudsonvalley.com/events/event/foghat.

Sunday, July 20

Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education. Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own heat to help melt through the late winter ice. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Meets every Sunday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Hispanic Heritage Festival. Arts and crafts, dancing, food and fun along with special activities for children. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla. 12 to 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-864-PARK or visit www.parks.westchestergov.com.

South African Art Today. Scholar Leora Maltz-Leca contextualizes "Robin Rhode: Animating the Everyday" in a conversation about contemporary art in South Africa. Ms. Maltz-Leca is a contributing author to the exhibition catalogue and assistant professor of Contemporary Art in the Department of the History of Art and Visual Culture at the Rhode Island School of Design. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 2 p.m. Free (with museum admission). Info: 914-251-6100 or visit www.neuberger.org.

Ongoing Events

"Big, Bright and Bold." Members of the Mamaroneck Artists Guild Gallery expand their horizons to create works measuring up to 60 inches in this new exhibition of large format works. The walls of the gallery will be awash in bold, bright colors and images to welcome the start of summer. Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. Free. Exhibit through July 12. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org.



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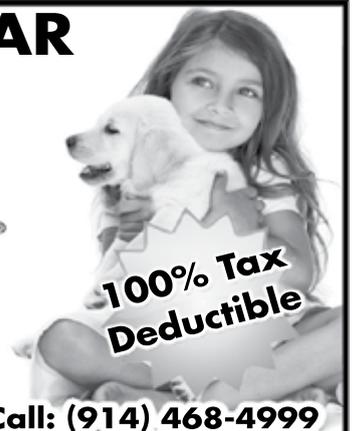
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Champagne's History: Struggling to Produce a Fine Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

From the early plantings of the Romans in pre-Christian times through the evolution into a favored sparkling wine in the 17th century,

Champagne was subjected to political and winemaking upheaval. Last week we left the region in the heady experimental days of Dom Perignon and the refinement of a still wine looked upon with disdain, to a sparkling wine sought by enthusiasts around the civilized world.

This week we'll track the refinements to those rudimentary sparkling wines.

At the dawn of the 18th century, French sparkling wine was becoming the rage in high society centers. From royalty to wealthy wine enthusiasts, sparkling wine was sought out as the king of wines.

But these wines were still inferior. The root cause was the wine itself. Primary and secondary fermentation could not mask the inferior quality of the wines themselves. As producers sought to enhance the flavor and aromas of Champagne they battled the forces of nature in the forms of fermentation, sediment, residual sugar and yeast—even the strength of the glass bottle itself.

Early progress was painstakingly slow.

Even as the reputation and demand for sparkling wines grew in the upper echelon of the European market, these sales accounted for a small percentage of the wines produced. By the end of the 18th century, the overwhelming majority of production in the Champagne region continued to be still wine.

As much as the 17th century French and the British sellers each played a role in refining the secondary fermentation of Champagne wines (in which the fine bubbles of carbon dioxide are produced), so did their successors influence the continual improvements over the next three centuries.

It wasn't until the early 19th century that several large producers achieved success in mass-producing high quality sparkling wines.

A short summary of several of these problems and the improvements achieved deserve consideration.

1. The Wine. To overcome the inherent poor quality of Champagne wines, the largest producers devised standards for blending grapes to achieve a style of still wine that would produce a high quality sparkling wine. A 21st century Champagne is typically a blend (cuvée) of

multiple grapes from multiple vineyards and multiple vintages.

A particular combination (assemblage) is sought each year to provide consistency in a producer's style. The ultimate assemblage may consist of one to three grapes from hundreds of plots of vineyards and dozens of vintages, in varying combinations—each year. Today, a winemaker's choices for his blending palette are vast. There are 300,000 vineyards in the Champagne region, owned by 19,000 growers.

The large Champagne houses purchase nearly 90 percent of their grapes from these local growers.

2. The Bottles. Early on, 20 percent or more (up to 90 percent) of all bottles burst from the internal pressure exerted by carbon dioxide. It wasn't until the dawn of the Industrial Age in the 18th century, when coal-fired, hot kilns produced stronger glass, that this problem was finally and permanently overcome.

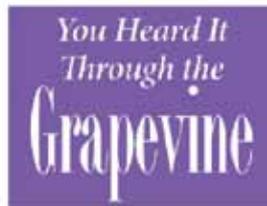
3. Secondary Fermentation. When still wines are bottled in Champagne, live yeast, bacteria and sediment are trapped. How to remove them once secondary fermentation is complete? The solution: 19th century Champagne houses developed and perfected a system, called

riddling (remuage).

Closed bottles are placed in angled wooden racks, facing downward toward the neck of the bottle. Periodically each bottle is turned to direct the sediment to the neck. How to remove this sediment and not the carbon dioxide? When secondary fermentation is completed, the bottle neck is placed in ice brine, freezing the sediment and allowing the winemaker to remove it.

Dom Perignon, his contemporaries and successors would be amazed at the evolution of Champagne since his time. Who can resist a fine glass of Champagne that produces up to ten million bubbles and can be relied on for year-to-year consistency of style? I raise my glass to the French.

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EXAMINER SPORTS

Mansion Broadway Seeks Redemption After 2013 Championship Loss

By Albert Coqueran

White Plains Recreation Department Residential C Men's Softball League is never boring, especially when Mansion Broadway and Brazen Fox take the field for an evening match-up on the diamond.

On Thursday, July 10, last year's Residential C League Champs Mansion Broadway defeated Brazen Fox, 17-11, in the 7 p.m. game, at Carl J. Delfino Memorial Park.

Brazen Fox pitcher Ant Del Vecchio has a distinct style of pitching, which will keep most batters off stride throughout the season. However, Del Vecchio was no match against the big bats of Mansion Broadway, as any batter in their lineup can swat a homerun deep into the outfield.

Mansion's third baseman Jesse Smith put on a demonstration of that power by blasting two mammoth homeruns over the leftfield fence against Brazen Fox. Smith's solo dinger in the first inning elevated way over the trees in leftfield.

Smith's second homerun in the fourth inning was a two-run blast, which brought home pitcher Nicky Becerra, after he tripled to score outfielder Jay



Nicky Becerra, Jr. takes over the pitching duties for Mansion Broadway this season. Becerra succeeds his father Nick Becerra, Sr. who retired after last season.

Zaccaria. Smith's second homerun sailed way over the leftfield fence as well.

Smith on the day went four-for-four at the plate with two homeruns, a triple and four RBIs. "I think momentum carried us along. I was 0-4 in the Tuesday game and my team picked me up, so I promised that I would pick them up this time around," said Smith.

The aforementioned hitting is the dilemma every team in the Men's Residential C League will face against Mansion Broadway this season. Mansion's power and base hitting ability comes at opponents from every batter in their lineup. Zaccaria, who tripled in the third



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Manager and second baseman Patricia Martucci again leads Porter House into competition this year in the White Plains Recreation Department Women's Softball League. Porter House is the defending Women's League Playoff Champions.

inning and leftfielder John Bruno, who doubled in the fourth inning also present a potent offensive threat for Mansion.

With the extreme power hitting combination of Becerra and Smith batting third and fourth there is absolutely no room for opposing pitchers to make mistakes on the mound.

When it is the opposing team's turn to bat, Mansion Broadway's defense is as stable as their Banquet menu. Opponents might as well not try to hit the ball to the left side of the outfield. Bruno in leftfield and Zaccaria in left-centerfield gobble-up every ball hit their way. And, if you happen to drop a single into leftfield, Zaccaria has a gun for an arm that stops any stretching for extra bases on the base paths.

When opponent's right-hand hitters finally figure that out and try to hit to

the opposite field, then Mansion's Manager Joe Pasqualini is awaiting the ball in rightfield.

Nicky Becerra, Jr. is the pitcher this year for Mansion, after succeeding his father Nick Sr. who retired after last season. Becerra is actually the shortstop for Mansion. He tore his labarum and after his recovery decided to pitch to avoid the rigorous fielding duties at this time. But Mansion filled the void at shortstop with Wilson Matos, a former Division One college baseball player for Quinnipiac University.

Mansion Broadway won a big game on Tuesday, July 8, when

they beat the then undefeated Riemans Auto Body (6-1). "The first couple of games we had a lot of new players and there were many interchangeable parts but now we are starting to gel and hit our stride," explained Pasqualini. "We are not that worried about first place this season. We won the League last year but we would trade that trophy for the trophy that matters (the Playoff Trophy) any day of the week," emphasized Mansion's Manager Pasqualini.

Mansion Broadway (8-2) is definitely the team to beat this season in White Plains Recreation Residential C Men's Softball. However, let's remember that Plus 40 of the American Legion Post 135 is the reigning Playoff and overall Champions of Residential C and certainly, Mansion Broadway is eager to

change that distinction this year.

"It is (a redemption year) because the past two years we lost to the same team (Plus 40) in the Championship," said Smith. "Plus 40 is already talking about how they want a three-peat and they want to be a dynasty. I do not think we are having that this year, stay tuned," said Mansion's slugger Smith.

Porter House and Healy Electric Again a Women's League Battle

Across town at Gillie Park Porter House was in the midst of defending their 2014 White Plains Recreation Department Women's League Playoff Championship.

Porter House dressed in their trademark highlighted-green uniforms beat Dunne's Pub, 19-12, on Thursday, July 10, to bring their record to a second place best 6-1.

Healy Electric, which lost to Porter House in the Women's League Playoff Championship last year, remains in first place with a 9-1 mark as of July 10.

Porter House was thrashing Dunne's, 17-7, in the sixth inning until they scored a run and then pitcher Caity Donahoe decided to help her cause by hitting a Grand Slam to put Dunne's back in the game 17-.12.

Nevertheless, with Porter House's steadfast pitcher Katie Letscher on the mound, the door was shut quickly on Dunne's, which lost the game 19-12.

Porter House is in Championship form with second baseman and Manager Patricia Martucci again leading the team. Besides their pitcher Letscher returning this season, they return most of all their dominant weapons including, leftfielder Vickie Palushevic and slugger Andrea DiNella, a 21-year veteran of the New York City Police Department.

Palushevic was injured last year and only returned to the lineup for Porter House during the Playoffs. Her capable hitting and defense on the field should put Porter House in prime shape to return as Playoff Champions this season.

Porter House's only loss this season is to their nemesis Healy Electric. "We have been playing well for the most part and we are feeling good. It is Healy again this year but we have not played Lazy Boy yet, so we will see what that brings," said Martucci.

Dunne's scorekeeper for the game was no other than Debbie Donahoe, a native and lifelong resident of White Plains, who started the White Plains Recreation Women's Softball League in 1978. "We were playing pick-up basketball for women at Ridgeway in the winter. When winter was over, we decided let's play softball. We started with four teams and I am proud of the League," said Donahoe, who is also the mother of Dunnes pitcher Caity Donahoe.



Mansion Broadway Manager and rightfielder Joe Pasqualini (right) rounds second base and later scores, as Mansion Broadway beat Brazen Fox, 17-11, in Men's Residential C Softball League game, at Delfino Park, on Thursday, July 10.

EXAMINER SPORTS

Carmelo Anthony Re-signs with the NY Knicks

By Albert Coqueran

The most anticipated sports stories so far this year have turned out to be where LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony would be playing basketball next season. Not that the San Antonio Spurs won the NBA Championship or that the USA

fans, Carmelo Anthony is still a New York Knick.

The Knicks made it official on Sunday, July 13, when their President Phil Jackson announced: "After three months of questions around Carmelo Anthony's return to the New York Knicks, we are



Carmelo Anthony re-signs with the NY Knicks.

Soccer Team made it to the Knockout Round of the World Cup, but rather which teams two National Basketball Association players would be playing for next year.

If the USA Soccer Team had made it to the World Cup Finals, where these two NBA players would be playing next season might have just been an after thought or non-headline story. But I do not think so.

With all the questions answered at this time, the Cleveland Cavaliers can welcome LeBron James back home and more importantly to New York basketball

now happy to know that we have the cornerstone of what we envision as a team of excellence."

"I am a New York Knick at heart," responded Melo to his resigning with the Knicks. "I am looking forward to continuing my career in Orange and Blue and to work with Phil Jackson, a champion who builds championship teams," said Anthony.

I suppose the only question now is when Jackson and Anthony will bring the next Knicks NBA Championship team to Madison Square Garden. Knicks fans have been waiting since 1973.

White Plains Firefighters Present \$19,300 Check to the Ronald McDonald House

By Albert Coqueran

On Sunday, July 13, on behalf of PFFA Local 274, members of the White Plains Firefighters Local 274 presented a check for \$19,300 to the Ronald McDonald

donations from their Charity Cup Hockey game.

Since 2004 the "Battle of the Bravest" Charity Cup Hockey Game has been raising money for the Ronald McDonald



[L-r standing] Rich Servello (event organizer), Nick Perri, Kris Eifler, Marielena DiMatteo, the Executive Director, Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley, Jeanine Racioppo, Events and Communications Manager, Sandro D'Antona and Steve Glover. [Front L-r] are Bob Fortuna and Cole Martin.

House of the Greater Hudson Valley. The donation was a result of the proceeds gathered by the White Plains Firefighters hosting their 19th Annual Charity Cup Hockey Game, which took place at Ebersole Ice Rink, on March 29.

Also, on April 5, the White Plains Firefighters took to the streets of White Plains with their boots in hand and collected contributions through their Boot Drive, which was added to the

House of the Greater Hudson Valley, which is a temporary home-away-from-home for families to remain close to their children when they are hospitalized due to serious illness.

The White Plains Firefighters will also be volunteering to cook dinner for the families at the Ronald McDonald House, on Saturday, September 27. The 20th Annual Charity Cup Hockey Game is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2015.

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