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Boulevard Envisions New Look for White Plains South End

By Pat Casey

Newly introduced to the White Plains Common Council and in the early discussion stages is a proposed redevelopment plan for the Post Road at the south end of the city near the Scarsdale border.

Called The Boulevard, the proposed development requires a zoning change to allow for residential and retail in a mixed-use configuration in a zone that currently allows automotive dealerships.

Referred to as a blight area, most recently the site of abandoned car showrooms and parking lots, The Boulevard intends to provide housing for hospital and other city business employees and small-scale retail including a boutique fitness center with a selection of tenants offering "lifestyle" fitness options such as cycling and Pilates.

Marc Weingarten, legal counsel



Architect's rendering of a residential street with townhouses, illustrates a new vision for the entryway to White Plains from the Post Road.

representing the developer, Grid Properties, told the Council at the December 7 meeting, that the existing 15 tax lots would become one parcel of 4.3 acres. The developer is also asking for a discontinuance of Brody Place and its removal from the City map to allow its use as a pedestrian walkway through the site giving access to both the Post Road and Maple Avenue.

The architect's concept is to create a streetscape, which while being built all at one time gives the impression of several different but compatible architectural styles for interest at the pedestrian level.

The length of the project along the Post Road is 900 feet, with 220,000 square feet of retail, 12 townhouses and 720 free parking spaces on four levels at grade and below grade.

Esplanade of WP Venture Partnership

The Esplanade senior living facility

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Frank's Nursery Property May Be Sold to Assisted Living Developer

According to Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner, the Town Board is close to an agreement to selling Frank's nursery to an assisted living facility. "We anticipate that the facility will be between 90-100 units," Feiner said in an email. "In recent years residents have encouraged the town to sell the property, which we took over by foreclosure, for residential purposes or for an assisted living facility. Our current code authorizes assisted living facilities to be built at this location so no zoning changes will be required. We hired a broker over a year ago to help us market the property and worked hard

to market the property. This was the best offer we received.

Terms of the proposed sale include Valterra (Capital Senior Housing) assuming responsibility for the environmental remediation of the property but would do so at the Town's expense.

Upon execution of the contract, Valterra (Capital Senior Housing) would deposit \$100,000 in escrow and then assist the Town in working with the DEC during the 90-day feasibility period to quantify the cost of remediation and determine necessary remediation measures.

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County Budget Adopted Despite Concerns Among Legislators

By Arthur Cusano

The 2016 Westchester County budget was adopted by the Board of Legislators Monday afternoon. But the split vote showed concern over the county's fiscal health, even among some who voted in favor of it.

The budget was adopted by a vote of 10-7, with Board Chairman and Democrat Michael Kaplowitz and Republican minority leader John Testa voting for the budget, while Democratic majority leader Catherine Borgia voted against it.

Also voting in favor of the budget were legislators Francis Corcoran (R-District 2), Michael Smith (R-District 3), Sheila

Marcotte (R-District 10), James Maisano (R-District 11), David Gelfarb (R-District 6), Bernice Spreckman (R-District 14), Gordon Burrows (R-District 15) and Virginia Perez (D-District 17).

Voting against the budget were legislators Benjamin Boykin (D-District 5), Catherine Parker (D-District 7), Alfreda Williams (D-District 8), Maryjane Shimsky (D-District 12), Lydon Williams (D-District 13) and Ken Jenkins (D-District 16).

The budget vote follows a deal reached Friday between eight Republican legislators and Democrats Kaplowitz

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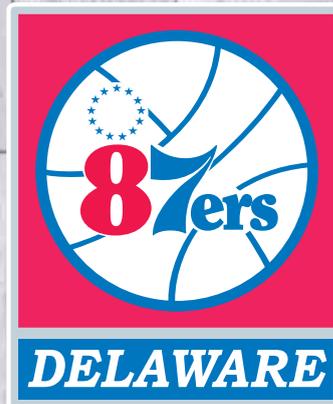
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Brian Gomez and Jackie Rayo Youth of the Year Awardees

White Plains High School seniors Brian Gomez and Jackie Rayo were honored at the December 7 Council meeting for their outstanding scholarship and community service with the Youth of the Year Award.

Both students spent time throughout their high school careers working through the White Plains Youth Bureau where they were able to not only develop their work and personal skills, but also spent many hours of community service.

Brian Gomez is known by his teachers and mentors as an outgoing and positive young man driven to excellence. He found jobs through the Youth Bureau's Job Bank, currently working after school for AXA Equitable.

Brian has not only worked through the White Plains Youth Bureau he has also immersed himself in numerous other programs there including Great Potential, Mayor's Youth Council and White Plains Community Youth Court. He helped with the Thanksgiving Food Drive at the Youth Bureau for a few years.

Brian is the President of the White Plains High School General Organization, a member of the White Plains High School Midnight Run Club and volunteers his service at the library. In February 2015, he travelled to Costa Rica with the school to do different service projects in order to help distribute school supplies to students throughout Costa Rica. He has over 1200



Brian Gomez (left) with Mayor Tom Roach and Jackie Rayo, winners of the Youth of the Year Award.

hours of community service which shows how truly dedicated he is to making a difference in the world.

Jacqueline Rayo is acknowledged by her teachers and mentors as a young woman who is ambitious to help change the world we live in. Jackie has been involved with the White Plains Youth Bureau for many years through the Youth Employment program, Great Potential as well as Mayor's Youth Council. She has been involved in going to Albany for youth summits and leadership conferences to advocate for

youths throughout the country. Jackie feels strongly about having a voice and making sure people are being heard.

Jackie has been involved in numerous community service projects including helping the Recreation and Parks Department coach fifth and sixth grade soccer, working with the elderly and pre-school age children. For the soccer program she ran drills, taught techniques and strategies for practices and games. Jackie loved working with the senior citizens so much that she decided to

volunteer at the Kensington Assisted Living Residence. Jackie volunteered with the elderly who suffered from Alzheimer's and she helped them with meals, arts and crafts, and music. She also volunteered at the John A Coleman School with pre-school age children with disabilities.



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located across from the former Border's Books store is also before the White Plains Common Council and in the early stages of discussion.

The owners expressed their desire to no longer run a senior living facility in favor of changing the two-building construction to one rental project, featuring studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments.

The existing facility had housed 150 tenants, many from White Plains and aged 82 to 87 years old. Most of the Council discussion was focused on the easy transition of the seniors with concern that a formal process including social workers be put in place to ensure the least stress for the people who need to relocate.



Proposed site plan for the Boulevard shows the project area in blue with existing automotive sites in red. The blue area was once home to several car dealerships, now out of business and the area excavated. The plan also provides for pedestrian access through the site between Post Road and Maple Avenue.

White Plains architect, John Sullivan called the project an opportunity, in that the existing building's infrastructure was in excellent condition. The project would require a complete renovation of the building's interior, but would maintain the existing footprint, he explained.

Sitting on 1 acre, the building's mass of 254,000 square feet, would be reduced to 212,000 square feet, and include 212 loft-style rental units, medical office space and retail.

Parking would be adjusted according to zoning requirements and most likely use shared space with existing parking.

The Council is looking at a change to the city's zoning text for this location to change the required unit size and use application according to the owner's determination.



Architect's rendering for proposed changes to the Esplanade.

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and Perez. Kaplowitz said the original proposed budget put forth by Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino was wrong, and that changes made to the budget since then including restored funding to the planning department, public safety and county parks as well as various non-profits helped.

Highlights from the coalition budget include a tax levy of \$548 million, no

increase from 2015; spending at \$1.8 billion, flat to 2015; Safety Net costs of \$595 million, no decrease from 2015; Unrestricted Reserves (Rainy Day Fund) at \$140 million, no decrease from 2015; and a County employee headcount at 4,160 total general fund position count with four layoffs and 64 vacancy eliminations.

"When the county executive turned that screw one too many times, when

you have hundreds and hundreds of individuals giving tens of hours testifying, we all learned to a person that there were needs not being met. When you have your planning department see the evisceration from 56 to 19 individuals, and the board of elections and public safety (staffing reduced), it's fair to say we turned that screw a little too tight."

However, Kaplowitz echoed concerns of other legislators that the county may not be in a good fiscal position going forward, and that assumptions such as the sales tax estimate put into the budget may not all pan out.

"This is not a budget that any of us should feel has complete integrity," Kaplowitz said. "It has expenses put back in, investments and efficiencies, that's the good thing. We've reduced our borrowing, that's the good thing about it. But we do not have sustainable revenues going forward. If our prognosis is correct, we're going to be down 35 percent in our fund balance in the next 24 months. Next year's budget could be far worse than this year's budget."

Borgia was among several Democratic legislators who said she was concerned the budget was "structurally unbalanced" and said she too was worried about the county fund balance.

"It's the end of a long road of imbalances. I believe the revenues embedded in this budget are shaky at best, and I believe the 4

percent tax (sales) increase is a dangerous assumption to make. I wouldn't do it as a town supervisor if I was putting together a budget."

Borgia said that the legislature would have to work together in a bipartisan fashion going forward to keep a close eye on the county's finances in the coming year.

"There's no margin for error, so I hope nothing unexpected happens in the 2016 year," she said.

Testa said while he wanted a zero percent tax increase, he also wanted to make sure things were added back in before voting in favor of the budget, such as the planning department, public safety and parks staff.

"Some of the services the non-profits bring are very critical to our county and our residents, whether its domestic violence, elder abuse or legal services for residents who can't afford their own," Testa said.

Testa said the board did not put the planned sale of the Austin Avenue building in Yonkers as a planned revenue, despite the wishes of some legislators.

"Some would have put \$12 million in this budget and say, have a nice day, everything is balanced," Testa said. "Then on the other hand (they'll) say this has a very shaky outlook with other revenues, which may be true to a degree but you can't have it both ways."

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Historic Preservation Commission Moves to Protect Good Counsel Property

By Mary Ann Balco Berry

The newly formed White Plains Historic Preservation Commission met December 9 to discuss the possibility of naming the Good Counsel property at 52 North Broadway, White Plains, as a site for historic preservation by the Commission.

John Hoch, chairman, announced that the property was purchased by WP Development NB, LLC in July 2015 but that the LLC was not established until November 2015. It is surmised that the LLC was formed for this property only, although the principals of the corporation have not come forward to announce they are the new owners of the property or to provide an explanation of their future plans for the site. The new owners have refused to disclose the price as well as the names of their investors. The corporation has an Albany address.

The Sisters of the Divine Compassion and their Associates were notified of the sale on Thanksgiving Eve by their president, Sr. Carol Wagner and her leadership team.

Although the Sisters have access to the Chapel of the Divine Compassion and have resumed a schedule of Masses, as well as access to administrative offices in the former convent building, when the Commission petitioned the new owners for permission to tour the campus with the curator and archivist for the order, they were refused access.

Concerned about the lack of transparency of the new owners, Hoch suggested, and all members of the Commission unanimously agreed that an application for Historic Preservation of the property should be made as soon as possible.

With no owner identification, an undisclosed price and no disclosure of the possible use, the city is prevented from having the tools in place to protect the property, the committee noted.

The first public hearing of the Historic Preservation Commission about the Good Counsel property will be held Wednesday, Jan.13 at 7 p.m. in White Plains Council Chambers, City Hall.

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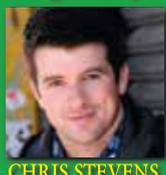


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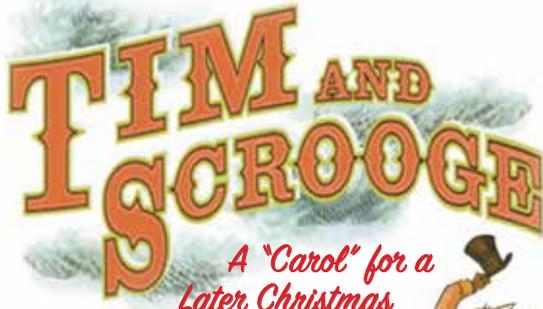
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Fordham Westchester's Veterans Writing Workshop Publishes Anthology



Fordham Westchester held a reception December 8 to celebrate the publication of "Afterwords: As You Were," the 20th anthology from Fordham's Veterans Writing Workshop. The Veterans Writing Workshop is designed to provide veterans with the tools and confidence to share their military experiences through writing. Veterans participating in the 10-week program read their stories at the reception. Fordham Westchester offers the program free of charge to veterans. David Surface is the founder and instructor for the program. Veterans from the program who attended the reception included, from left, Matt Phair, James McCauley, Peter Stone, Matt Coffey, Terry Soloman, Rod Carlson, Nick Lamonica, George Kelly, program instructor David Surface, and Randy Swan.

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Once the cost of remediation is quantified, both parties would agree upon an amount of money to be placed in escrow that Valterra would draw down from to complete remediation. Remediation would take place after closing and money placed in escrow for remediation would be deducted from the Town's \$3.5 million purchase price.

I Department of Health approval for an Assisted Living Residence, estimated at 12 to 18 months.

Valterra will accept a quitclaim deed from the Town in lieu of a Bargain and Sale deed and closing is no longer contingent upon Town completion of environmental remediation.

Closing would occur upon Valterra receiving all necessary approvals to construct and operate "an assisted living residence" that complies with the Town Code. Closing will not occur until Valterra receives Town approvals and NYS Phase

Construction and remediation are expected to occur concurrently.

"Other assisted living facilities generate about \$500,000 a year in combined taxes to the county, town, fire and school districts, with the majority of the taxes going to the school district," Feiner concluded.

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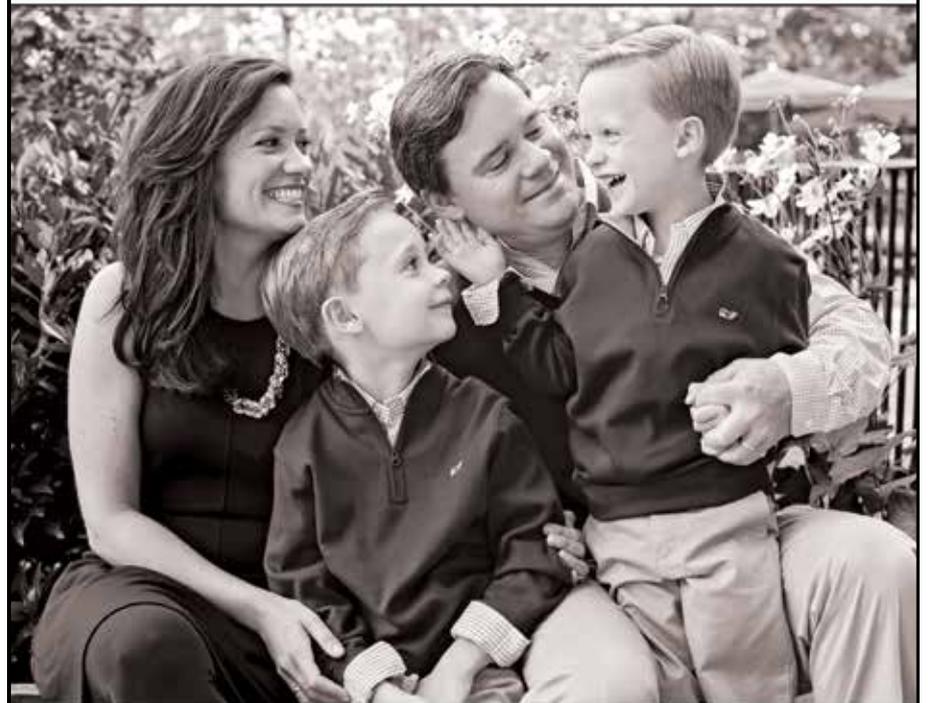
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Stabbing Arraignment. Berinzon Moronta (DOB 10/25/98) of Tarrytown, was arraigned Dec. 8 on an indictment charging him with murder, criminal possession of a weapon and evidence



tampering in the stabbing death of Tahj Robinson.

On Oct. 9 at approximately 11:12 p.m., a 911 call reported that someone had been stabbed inside Barnhart Park in Sleepy Hollow. When police and EMS arrived on the scene they found Robinson unresponsive on the ground, bleeding from various wounds. He was transported to Westchester Medical Center where he was pronounced dead at 11:54 p.m. that evening.

Senator Stewart-Cousins Brings State Award Ceremony to White Plains

By Pat Casey

State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins brought the NYS Senate Hall of Fame Award ceremony from Albany to White Plains to honor a special and much-respected resident, Jack Harrington.

Having served in the Marine Corps from 1946-49, Jack was the choice of White Plains' State Senator for nomination to the State Senate's Hall of Fame. Since Jack was not able to travel to Albany to receive the award, a ceremony was created during the Dec. 7 Common Council meeting in White Plains at City Hall. Jack was given first item on the roster and his honor was celebrated with a full house in Council chambers.

"You are not only a hero because of your service to our country, you are a hero because you continued to serve every day of your life," Stewart-Cousins said.



Jack Harrington, aka "Father of the Greenway" listens while NYS Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins reads the NYS Hall of Fame proclamation that hung in the state capital building for a month, honoring Jack's service as a Marine Corps war veteran and community service leader.

Harrington was acknowledged for his work in Westchester County and White Plains as a proactive historian, environmentalist and concerned city planner. Having fought many years to place buildings on the National and State Historic Trust for Preservation lists and turning a vacated railway line into a parkland walking path, Harrington is often referred to as the Father of the White Plains Greenway.

An investigation revealed that Moronta along with several others entered the park with the express purpose of locating and injuring the victim. Moronta approached Robinson and began stabbing the victim with a knife resulting in multiple stab wounds to the torso including wounds to the heart and lungs.

The defendant was arrested on October 10 by Westchester County Police in a joint investigation with the Sleepy Hollow Police Department.

His next court date is January 5, 2016. Moronta's remand is continued.

The defendant faces a maximum sentence of 25 years to life.

Assistant District Attorneys Laura Murphy and Joseph Servino of the Superior Court Trial Division are prosecuting the case.

Greenburgh Police Department

Under the Influence. On Dec. 13 police responded to a report of a male standing in the street obstructing traffic. The male was described as black and wearing a dark sweatshirt. When police arrived the offender was observed standing in the middle of Rosemont Blvd. obstructing traffic and repeatedly striking himself on the head. The offender was stopped and interviewed. He had slurred speech, appeared extremely disoriented, and was hallucinating. He also had constricted

pupils (pin point), was profusely sweating and refusing to obey officers' commands. The offender was transported to White Plains Hospital for evaluation.

Suspicious Incident. On Dec. 12 police responded to a residence on a burglar alarm. Upon arrival the homeowner reported she was having issues with her alarm, and had observed a light colored car parked in front of her house the previous day. She also noticed the same car parked just up the street facing her home as police arrived, but the vehicle left. Police canvassed the area for that vehicle but yielded negative results. The complainant was advised that if she saw the vehicle again to call police immediately.

Suspicious Person. On Dec. 12 police responded to Westminster Road on a report of a suspicious male party who attempted to deliver a package at that location. The complainant told police she heard a knock on the door and observed a male black in his early 20's wearing a Santa hat, bubble vest, sweat pants and sneakers standing on her front steps. The male had papers in his hands and was holding a medium sized plastic storage container. The complainant said the male party insisted she open the front door so he could deliver a package. When the complainant refused to do so, the male

party told her he could not leave the package by the front door and insisted she open the window. The complainant said she was not expecting any packages and did not see a delivery truck in the area. She refused to speak with the male party any longer, at which point he left the premises. Video surveillance on scene captures the incident. A photograph taken from the video surveillance system, which shows the suspicious male was sent to police headquarters.

Stolen Christmas Lights. On Dec. 11 the complainant reported to police that her Star Shower Christmas lights valued at \$40, which had been on the grass in her front yard, not secured, had been stolen. Local canvas produced negative results. Listed Officer remained in the area.



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White Plains Neighbors ACT Letter to Mayor and Common Council On FASNY

We have written open letters of support for the French-American School's plan to you and our fellow Gedney Farms and White Plains neighbors three times before. Once in September 2012, then in September 2014, and most recently we co-signed a support letter on July 13, 2015. In that letter we wrote, "The one hundred and one (101) co-signers of this letter are among those most impacted by the FASNY project. We live in the immediate and surrounding neighborhoods. We strongly urge this Council to approve the French-American School and Conservancy." We have given you our detailed rationale why we believe the FASNY plan deserves to be approved.

On August 5, the majority of the Common Council including Mayor Tom Roach, Council President John Martin, Council Member Beth Smayda, and Council Member John Kirkpatrick all voted in favor of the school's application citing the many substantive and legal reasons behind their affirmative votes. We thank the four of you for your leadership, professionalism, and for championing the best interests for all of White Plains. Shockingly, a minority of the Council including Council Member Dennis Krolian, Council Member Milagros Lecuona, and Council Member Nadine Hunt-Robinson voted against the plan for a new school and new public nature park,

despite the same Council having approved the Environmental Findings by a 6 to 1 vote. This has unfortunately and wastefully forced this issue into the courts with a very high risk of the city losing in litigation.

We feel compelled to act, to stand up for our city and to express a louder, shared voice from this moment on. We have come together and collectively formed a White Plains community organization named Neighbors ACT. We are White Plains Neighbors, Advancing our City Together.

Our mission is to create a better White Plains by supporting innovative and forward-looking projects and programs that benefit the residents of our city. We are focused on supporting the best possible use of the failed private Ridgeway Country Club: the creation of a public nature park and a new home for a great international school.

We are White Plains residents who believe that a public nature park and new school would make our city a better place to live.

We are shocked that a minority of the Common Council would oppose a forward-looking plan that offers so many educational and environmental benefits to our city, especially since it won't add a penny to our taxes. The tail is wagging the dog.

We feel compelled to take action, right now, before our city's best chance for a

private school and a new public nature park is lost forever.

We support the current property owner of the failed private Ridgeway Country Club, the French-American School. And we will work with them to further our group's goal of creating a better White Plains.

Why We Act: We believe that schools strengthen cities. We believe in natural, open spaces that benefit the entire community. And we believe that innovation will keep our city vibrant. We are driven by kindness and care for our community, but will not just politely stand by. We will stand up and be heard. Stand up and do what's right for our city. We are gardeners, plumbers, bankers, retirees, students, executives, writers, families, lawyers, educators and more, coming together to work towards an incredible future for our city.

We are White Plains Neighbors, Advancing our City Together.

We urge all of you to act quickly to make this plan a reality for our city. We ask that you ensure the best use of this land as a new home for a great private international school and a new public nature park for the benefit of all of White Plains. It's not too late.

—Signed by 50 White Plains residents
(White Plains Neighbors ACT members)
located at points all across the city.

Obituaries

Alice Rodd

Alice Rodd of Hartsdale, died December 10. She was 66 years old. Alice was born in Brooklyn, on February 24, 1949, daughter to the late Margaret Petrusa. She worked for 15 years at Adirondack Community College as assistant to the President, then later joined the family business, Seaboard Forwarding. Alice is survived by her two children, Andrew Rodd and Katie Rodd. Alice is predeceased by her sister, Rita Petrusa who died in 2001. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Save the Children at savethechildren.org.

June Postolan

June C. Postolan, of White Plains, passed away December 9. She was born in the Bronx to the late Grace Layman and George W. Lange.

On March 28, 1958 June married her husband Michael T. Postolan Sr. in Ridgeland, SC.

Besides her husband Michael, June is survived by her children Joann (David) Craig of White Plains and Michael (Jaime) T. Postolan II of Glenham, four grandchildren Larissa, Nicole, Michael T. III and Ashly, two great grandchildren Noah and Elena, one brother, four sisters, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by three sisters and one brother.

She was known as Mamma June as she cared for many of the children throughout the neighborhood.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Calvary Hospital Bronx, NY

Carmine Delfico

Carmine Delfico, 86, of West Harrison, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on December 8th. He was born on October 10, 1929, in Guardia Lombardi, Italy to Nicola and Theresa Delfico. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Maria, his children Nick and Robin, Rosemary, Terryann and Mark. His grandchildren Nicky, Mark and Joseph and great grandchildren Nicholas, Luke and James. He is predeceased by his brother Antonio and grandson Robbie.

Carmine owned a landscaping business and served in the Italian Army. His vegetable garden, homemade wine, hunting and family were his pride and joy.

Frank Sinistore

Frank G. Sinistore, a lifelong resident of West Harrison, passed away Dec. 3. He was 92. Frank was born April 17, 1923 to the late Domenica Cava and Michael Sinistore.

On March 10, 1946 Frank married his wife, of almost 70 years, Josephine R. Nacerino, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in White Plains.

Frank loved dancing, fishing, boating,

hunting, and golf. He loved spending time with his family and Cassie the potbelly pig. He was a member of the Senior Citizens of West Harrison and worked as a NYS DOT Inspector for the State of NY, retiring in 1981.

Besides his loving wife Josephine, Frank is survived by his two children Carol A. Masi of W. Harrison and Frank G. Sinistore Jr. of E Quoque. Also surviving is one sister, Melba Frazier of Alaska and three grandchildren Kristina M. Masi-Tipping, Robert A. Masi and LeAnna D. Masi. He was predeceased by 12 brothers and sisters.

Letters Policy

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The Front Door is Front and Center for a House

As I observe holiday wreaths dotting the front doors of homes, I am reminded that I've written about how important the condition of the front door is when it comes to the sale of a home.

I thought about that recently when I opened a couple of doors for showings where the owners might have benefitted from the points I considered.

Basically my reasoning has been that the front door can be the key to a home's personality, either reflecting the condition of the space within or contradicting it. A beautiful, sturdy door with quality hardware greets the visitor with a confident hello; a weathered door, perhaps out of alignment, with old or poorly functioning hardware, conveys something quite different, something unappealing.

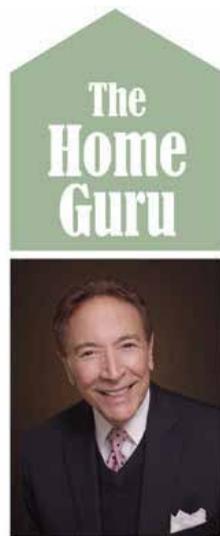
I suspect that some homeowners are just not as aware of a front door becoming compromised because most people drive into their attached garage and walk directly into the mudroom or kitchen. However, visitors normally come only to the front door.

While the functional purposes of a front door are to withstand the elements, help energy efficiency and provide protection for the home, visitors view it as an aesthetic statement, even a psychological one. If the door is attractive and in good shape, that perception extends to the entire house.

Look at your front door and determine whether it needs a simple sprucing up or a total replacement. Some door problems can be repaired and others cannot. If the door is improperly hung, has trouble closing or latching, is only slightly warped or is just sticking, these problems are worth fixing. But if it has rot or is outrageously outdated in style, consider the options for replacement.

Whether you use a contractor or a handyman for door replacement, you'll get different opinions about which kind of new door to choose. Some would suggest that the top quality material is still considered to be wood. Steel or aluminum may be recommended as the most sturdy and secure, but according to most remodeling contractors, the best choice today is the new and high quality fiberglass door. The insulation quality of the latter is better than that of a wooden door, and it will not warp or crack.

The feature I like best about a quality fiberglass door is that the manufacturers have managed to develop an incredibly realistic grain that matches real wood.



By Bill Primavera

Also, there is a virtually unlimited number of door styles and beveled glass options available. Fiberglass can be stained or painted, and fancy hardware can be applied to them, just as you would a wood door.

And that brings us to the subject of the door hardware, which in aesthetic terms can make a door "pop," but if it's worn, that pop can be a dull thud. The polished look is one factor, but a lock and handle's functionality is the primary thing to consider. Basically locksets fall into two different categories, I don't fully understand the

mechanical workings of these two types of locks, my trusted locksmith tells me that mortise locksets, which are installed into a rectangular dugout in the door, offer the ultimate in security, design and ruggedness.

Highly polished solid brass knobs, back plates and thumb latches are desirable but – fair warning – they can be quite expensive.

When it comes to selecting a color for the front door, it is a situation of relating to,

or contrasting with, one of the other tones found in the house or the surrounding landscape. But there is one cardinal rule: a front door should never be stark white. The theory here is that the door should relate to the landscape in some way and pure white is rarely found in nature.

For those of you with a bent toward feng shui, you know that the front door is the main source of a house's energy. But practically and simply put for both curb appeal and resale value, spruce up the front door, and in a sense, you have a new home.

As a footnote, I once wrote an article based on a feng shui point of view advising that the very best color to paint a front door to energize a house is red and even recommended a personal preference for red: Benjamin Moore Burgundy.

After that article appeared, so many friends told me they had taken that step, and it seems that I see many more red doors lately. Or is that just my imagination?

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Science Studies the Influence of Our Senses of Taste and Smell



By Nick Antonaccio

In recent columns, I've focused on the marvels of the human senses and their influence on our perception of wine.

It seems science has undertaken numerous studies to codify and standardize how we interface with wine. Of our five senses, recent scientific efforts have been focusing primarily on our sense of taste and smell. These studies attempt to explain in objective, finite terms how our physiology and, in certain instances, our psychology, play a role in enhancing our innate enjoyment of wines.

There have been studies of our sense of taste, isolating subregions of our cerebral cortex that imprint and therefore define the sensations of our taste buds. The taste senses of bitter, sweet, sour, salty and umami occupy specific regions of the olfactory sensors on our tongues and the membrane lining in our mouths. For example, science has isolated the sense of sweetness to the tip of our tongue and bitterness to the rear. Understanding this process enables wine tasters to enhance their appreciation of wine.

Science has further proven that our sense of smell dominates our overall experience in wine appreciation, far outweighing the influence of taste. A recent study has

shattered the long-held belief that the smell receptors in our mouths and noses are able to identify 10,000 aromas, a rather overwhelming number to manage each time we sniff a glass of wine.

The study has concluded that our sense of smell is capable of detecting over one million scents and aromas. However, therein lies the rub. There are insufficient descriptive terms to specifically identify and describe each of these aromas.

Here's an experiment you can try at

the sense of smell dominates our wine experience'

home to better understand the dominance of smell over taste. We all have tried one or more flavors of those gourmet jellybeans, the ones with laboratory-developed flavors such as buttered popcorn, pina colada and chili mango. The tastes are amazingly accurate. But are we experiencing taste or smell? Hold your nose and then pop a jellybean in your mouth. What happens?

Your sense of taste detects sweetness in your mouth, but no flavor. Release the grip on your nose. Bam, the vibrant essence of the jellybean flavor floods your brain's olfactory sensors.

So it is with wine. Taste provides the broad backdrop for your palate; aromas determine the core impressions in your perception of the wine.

The science of the role of taste and smell is most evident when we engage in the most basic of dining rituals – pairing food and wine. The combination of compatible tastes and aromas is critical to the enjoyment of a meal. There is certainly an art, or at least a learned trait, in creating a new sensory state when we are at the table.

The ritual begins with a sip of the wine to be paired with a food. Our sensory receptors trigger specific elements of the wine in our mouth.

The second level is tasting the food. A new set of tastes and aromas now coats our tongues and mouth and penetrates our olfactory receptors. Our brain now has memorized two sets of distinct profiles. After the bite of food, we sip the wine again. In the test laboratory of our mouth, we now create a third, unique taste and aroma profile. Here is where the greatest dining pleasure blossoms. A

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

new experience is created on our palates, with a set of variables that may never be duplicated again.

Life is a series of experiments and outcomes. From each of them we learn and build the foundation of our interactive lives. With food and wine experiments, we bring to the table hundreds, perhaps thousands, of individual sensory experiences each time we drink and dine. Our learned sensory instincts hopefully guide us to an enjoyable outcome; science increasingly explains how we got there.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.



Mughal Palace, Valhalla Adds Vibrant Vegetarian, Non-Vegetarian Specialties



By Morris Gut

I crave Indian cuisine from time to time, and when I do this is one of the best spots in the county to enjoy it. The exciting sights, scents and flavors of regional Indian cuisine have been coming alive at Mughal Palace in Valhalla for the past 12 years. Proprietor Mohammed Alam and his friendly professional staff are great tour guides and always strive to make your visit a pleasant one.

Mr. Alam has announced a variety of new vibrant vegetarian and non-vegetarian kitchen specialties to add to the recently enhanced décor. The dining room is dressed in blue, burgundy and pink with wrap-around green awnings

shrimp sautéed with onion, bell pepper, tomato, mango and sweet spices; and Imli Baingan, sliced eggplant topped with fresh coriander, chaat masala, seasoned yogurt, tamarind and mint sauce. Entrees include: Bhuna Medley, tender pieces of chicken, lamb and jumbo shrimp cooked in a medium spiced sauce of bell peppers, tomato and Indian herbs; Grilled Salmon, fillets marinated with blended spices and baked tandoori style; Shrimp Malabar, black tiger shrimp cooked in coconut milk, fresh cumin, mustard seed, garlic and curry leaves; Murgh Tikka Bhuna, chicken breast cooked in medium spices with tomato, bell pepper, ginger and garlic; and Mushroom Sag, fresh mushrooms cooked



dessert is fixed price, all you can eat. The buffet is served daily 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you are new to the cuisine, it is a great way to taste a variety of dishes at one sitting.

The regular menu covers a wide span of vegetarian and non-vegetarian tastes from

North and South of India. Popular starters include: Samosa, triangular patties stuffed with potato, green peas and spices; Seek Kebab, Kashmiri style minced lamb

with aromatic herbs and spices wrapped around a skewer and roasted in the clay oven; Masala Dosa, paper thin rice crepe with spiced potato and peas served with coconut chutney and sumber; and Singara Sag Paneer, Patties filled with stuffing of homemade cheese and spinach. A large combination platter includes: keema samosa, chicken kebab, shrimp tikka, seek kebab and papad served with mint sauce.

Over 15 vegetarian entrees include: Aloo Gobi, cauliflower, potato and tomato cooked in a delicately spiced light gravy; Bhindi Do Paiza, fresh okra cooked with onion, ginger, tomatoes, herbs and spices; and Avial, eggplant, squash, potatoes, yams and carrots in a coconut sauce tempered with fresh curry leaves.

Meats, poultry and fish specialties include: ever popular Chicken, Lamb, Fish and Prawn Tandoori seared in the traditional Indian clay oven; Lamb, Beef or Prawn Rogan Josh, cooked in traditional Kashmiri masala (paprika, royal cumin, cardamom, clove and onion gravy; Muglai Biryani, a classic Mughal dish of aromatic long grain basmati rice cooked with chicken, dry mixed fruits, nuts, blended herbs, spices and saffron; and Tandoori Mixed Grill, a big platter of lamb tikka, chicken kebab, tandoori shrimp, seek kebab and tandoori chicken.

The fresh made Indian breads are a must to help lap up those delicious gravies: Nan, Onion Kulcha and Garlic Nan are favorites. A variety of Indian beers or Mango Lassi will help you wash it all down. A Winter Special offers 20 percent off selected beers and wine throughout the week.

Mughal Palace Fine Indian Cuisine is located at 16 Broadway, Valhalla, just off the Bronx River Parkway. The restaurant is open 7 days a week for buffet lunch, dinner and weekend Brunch Buffet. Buffet served: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily, \$12.95 per person, \$14.95 Saturdays, \$15.95 Sundays. Dinner served from 5 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Sundays to 9:30 p.m. Appetizers from



Hefty stuffed pork chop at Mamma Francesca, New Rochelle.



A view of the dining room at Mughal Palace.

and is highlighted by Indian art and artifacts along with a framed rendering of the Mughal Palace. There is a cozy sit down bar for cocktails.

The new changing specialties currently include such appetizers as: Ambi Jhinga,

in seasoned pureed spinach.

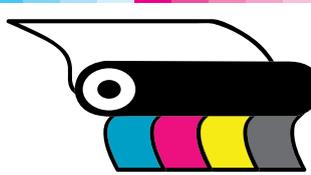
There is a daily Luncheon Buffet offering a changing variety of fresh menu specialties. Over a dozen selections with all the trimmings from soup, salad and fresh baked breads to main courses and

\$4.95 to \$13.95; Main courses: \$13.95 to \$24.95. Bar & Cocktails. Full take out. On & Off Premise Catering. Local Delivery. Major credit cards. Casual dress. Free and municipal parking. Reservations suggested for larger groups. Phone: 914-997-6090. www.mughalpalace.com.

A Stuffed Pork Chop for the Ages

Stopped by Nick DiCostanzo's Mamma Francesca in New Rochelle just to get out of the Holiday fray and relax by L.I. Sound. The view is really soothing here. There is a talented new kitchen staff headed by chefs Pascal & Erminio preparing a seasonal menu of robust Italian specialties: fresh Ischia Salad; individual sized pizza; Giant Meatballs; good retro versions of Chicken, Veal or Shrimp Parmigiana; Mamma's Chicken Breast Europeo, stuffed with prosciutto, mozzarella, mushrooms and spinach in a Marsala wine sauce; a big platter of Misto Frutti di Mare loaded with shrimp, clams, calamari and mussels in a red sauce over linguini; and Pork Chops or Sirloin della Nonna, served with sliced potatoes, peppers, mushrooms and onions. I was a bit hungry, so I allowed Nick to order for me, and out comes a Stuffed Pork Chop for the ages. It was hefty and delicious. I had to share it with you. Daily Happy Hours. Party facilities & off-premise catering. Free parking. Mamma Francesca, 414 Pelham Road, New Rochelle 914-636-1229. www.mammafrancesca.com.

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Your New Year's Eve Dining and Entertainment Guide

By Jerry Eimbinder

This week, we list restaurants in the region that will be open past midnight on New Year's Eve to celebrate the arrival of 2016. If a band or DJ is mentioned, dancing is usually offered. Prices shown do not include tax or gratuity unless otherwise indicated.

Armonk: Moderne Barn. Dinner choices include filet mignon, grilled salmon, seafood risotto, chicken and pork chop – all gluten-free. Midnight champagne toast. \$98 per person. Seating time from 8:30 to 11 p.m.

Beacon: Roundhouse. Four-course dinner. Appetizers: squash soup, lobster salad, duck rillets. Entrées: Butternut squash gnocchi, salmon a la planchi, balsamic honey glazed chicken confit, prime beef short ribs. Midnight champagne. \$95 per person. Seating at 9 p.m.

Bedford: La Crémaillère. Canapés (potato fritter, sour cream, caviar), egg Concette, foie gras terrine, sautéed Atlantic salmon. Entrée choices include poached Dover sole with artichoke hearts or roasted Scottish pheasant or roasted veal chop. Dessert, café, tea, petit fours. \$135 per person.

Briarcliff Manor: Orfino's. Surf and turf, twin lobster tails, osso bucco, pasta, veal, chicken. Midnight champagne toast, hats, noisemakers. Televised ball drop. A la carte menu with a \$20 to \$45 price range.

Chappaqua: Atrium Room at Kittle House. Venetian carnival masquerade with house supplied masks). Buffet: Northern Italian dishes, chilled seafood bar. Party favors, midnight champagne. Televised ball drop from Times Square. DJ and comedian Goumba Johnny. \$155 per person.

Chappaqua: Kittle House. Chef's tasting menu. Open bar, midnight champagne toast. Party favors. Ball drop at Times Square. Drew Bordeaux and Friends band. \$165 per person.

Cold Spring: Hudson House River Inn. Appetizers: lobster bisque, Maryland crab cakes and more. Entrées: Lump crabmeat crusted salmon, Chateaubriand, bacon wrapped loin of pork, roast duck breast, rack of lamb, surf and turf. Champagne toast, hats, noisemakers. Live jazz. \$75 per person. Seating at 8:30 and 9 p.m.

Cortlandt Manor: Cortlandt Colonial Manor. Hors d'oeuvres. Dinner choices include sliced filet mignon, lobster tail. Viennese table. Open bar, midnight champagne toast. Party favors. Buffet breakfast. DJ: Ricardo Music. \$100 per person (all-inclusive cost). 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Elmsford: Westchester Broadway Theatre. Hors d'oeuvres and dinner. Chilled lobster, shrimp, clams casino, "pigs in blankets," antipasto, empanadas, fresh fruit. Beef, chicken or fish. Open bar. "Show Boat" on stage. Champagne toast. Tuxedo Parc Orchestra. \$370 per couple (all inclusive). 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Elmsford: Rini's. Dinner choices include roasted duck, lamb shank. Appetizers: stuffed mushrooms, shrimp bisque soup. Coffee, champagne toast. Party favors. Music of the Decades Show at 9 p.m. Singing DJ Bobby James. \$42.95 per person. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Harrison: 273 Kitchen. Shucked oysters, yellowfin tuna, sizzling Spanish octopus. Main courses: sirloin of beef, grilled branzino, organic hen, baby goat and more. Midnight champagne, noisemakers. \$65 per person. Add \$20 for wine pairing. Seating time: 9:30 p.m.

Hastings on Hudson: Chutney Masala at Riverview. Buffet. Open bar. Champagne toast, party favors, DJ, belly dancer, raffle, kid's crafts. \$75 per person, \$140 per couple, \$200 per family of four (includes tax and gratuity). From 8 p.m.

Hastings on Hudson: Riverview's Palisade Room. Adults only. Cocktail hour reception. Open bar, dessert table, ice cream sundae bar. \$100 per person (all inclusive). 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Hastings on Hudson: Harvest-on-Hudson. Cocktail reception from 8:45 to 9:30 p.m. Four-course dinner. Open bar, Champagne toast. Party favors. Televised ball drop from Times Square. The Nines band and 500-balloon drop. Continental breakfast to go. \$195 per person. 8:45 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Irvington: MP Taverna. Regular a la carte dinner menu plus specials. Midnight toast, noisemakers, hats. Televised ball drop. Last seating at 10 p.m.

Jefferson Valley: Sinapi's Ceola Manor. Cocktail hour from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Hot and cold stations. Surf and turf dinner. Open bar. Champagne toast, party favors. DJ from Pozzitiv Music Productions. \$120 per person. 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Larchmont: Plates. Canapés and dinner. Midnight champagne toast, party favors. Televised ball drop. Dinner at bar at 9:30 p.m. beginning at \$30. New Year's Eve dinner at bar or take-home at half price. Last seating: 9:30 p.m. \$100 per person.

Mahopac: Arturo's Tavern. Chicken a la brie, crabmeat-stuffed salmon, seafood combination with sole, shrimp, scallops, baked clams, surf and turf and filet mignon and lobster tail. Champagne toast, party favors. DJ. No cover charge. Last seating at midnight.



Mahopac: Putnam County Golf Course. Cocktail hour. Lobster tail, filet mignon or rosemary chicken breast. Viennese hour. Champagne toast. Party favors. Televised ball drop. Sugar Rush band; vocalist Lina Valenti. \$99 per person. 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Mohegan Lake: The Winery at Saint George. Passed hors d'oeuvres and tapas. Open bar, midnight champagne toast. Party favors. Band: Over the Top. Bagel breakfast. \$135 per person (including tax). 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Mount Kisco: 251 LEX. Shucked oysters, yellowfin tuna, sizzling Spanish octopus. Main courses: sirloin of beef, grilled branzino, organic hen, baby goat and more. Midnight champagne, noisemakers. \$65 per person. Add \$20 for wine pairing. Seating time: 9:30 p.m.

Mount Kisco: Winston. Oysters, crab cakes, corn and butternut soup. Options: sliced kobe steak and pan-seared halibut with lobster hash; sliced kobe steak with lobster hash; or pan-seared halibut with lobster hash. Alternate: mushroom pasta. Champagne toast. "Dirty Winston" bar, live band, vocalist. \$110 per person. Seating at 9 p.m.

New Rochelle: Alvin & Friends. Southern and Caribbean food. Appetizers, carving station. Open bar. Midnight toast, noisemakers, hats. Live music by Jazmyne. James Farley on keyboard, Inez Wilson, vocalist. \$150 per person. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

New Rochelle: Dubrovnik. Five-course dinner. Appetizers include calamari shrimp and smoked salmon with caviar. Entrées include osso bucco. Party favors, champagne toast, live music. \$200 per person. Starts at 8 p.m.

New Rochelle: NoMa Social. Passed tapas (9 to 11 p.m.), including shrimp and lobster salad. Stations: filet mignon and seafood, including mussels, clams, calamari and shrimp, antipasto. Party favors, open bar. Music. 3 a.m. breakfast. \$95 per person. Begins at 9 p.m.

Ossining: Travelers Rest. Hors d'oeuvres. Cocktail hour. Four-course dinner. Open bar. Midnight champagne

toast, party favors. DJ Wilson. Televised ball drop. \$110 per person. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Peekskill: 12 Grapes. Three-course dinner. R&B band with Julius Dilligard, Jr. lead vocalist. Three hours of live music. Hats, noisemakers, midnight Prosecco toast. \$110 per person. (Music only: \$35) Band plays from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Seating at 8:30 p.m.

Port Chester: Appetit Bistro. Dinner choices include lobster ravioli and seared striped bass with lobster emulsion. Champagne toast at beginning of dinner.

Port Chester: Sonora. Champagne toast. DJ. \$78 per person. Seating from 8:30 to 11 p.m.

Pound Ridge: The Inn at Pound Ridge by Jean-Georges. Tuna tartare or foie gras brûlée; black sea bass or Maine lobster; beef tenderloin or prosciutto wrapped pork loin. Champagne toast. \$248 per person.

Rye: La Panetière. Beet/crayfish salad, foie gras, scallops, filet of beef with Perigold black truffles, dessert, petit fours, coffee/tea. Midnight champagne toast. Ezio Pellitteri's band strolls at 9 p.m. Dance music at 11 p.m. \$160 per person (\$195 with wine). Seating at 9 p.m.

Tarrytown: Jazz Forum Arts. Buffet catered by Tarry Tavern. Unlimited beer, wine, soft drinks, coffee, tea, no cocktails. Party favors. Music by Jazz Forum All-Stars. Vocalist Kate Baker. Admission by \$150, \$250 or \$500 tax-deductible donation per person. 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

White Plains: Coliseum Night Club. Host: Tia Maria Montemurro. Tapas, desserts, cash bar. "Glitter & Gold Extravaganza." Dancin' Machine 11-piece band. DJ David Michael. Noisemakers, midnight champagne toast, showgirl dancers. \$40. 8 p.m.

White Plains: Sofrito. Masquerade ball. Open bar, 9 a.m. to midnight. DJ Ninto and DJ Bly. Live ball drop, fireworks. \$75 per person.

White Plains: The Melting Pot. Sirloin crostini, cheese fondue, lobster, filet mignon, chocolate fondue. Midnight champagne, hats, noisemakers. White Plains ball drop televised. \$89.95 per person. Seating at 8:30 p.m. or later.

Yonkers: Empire Terrace's Good Time Room. Dinner buffet. Music by Bobby Lynch Orchestra. Midnight champagne toast. \$150 per person. Begins at 9 p.m.

Yonkers: Zuppa. Raw bar, passed antipasto. Four-course dinner. Open bar. DJ. \$140 per person. Begins at 8 p.m.

Yorktown Heights: Don Tommaso's Bistro Italiano. Three-course dinner. DJ and dancing to 2 a.m. \$79 per person. Seating begins at 9 p.m.

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Tuesday, Dec. 15

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Wednesday, Dec. 16

Noonday Concert. Presented by Downtown Music at Grace, Angelica, a women's chamber choir directed by Marie Caruso, will present a program drawn from the vast treasure of medieval, renaissance and 20th century music celebrating the wonder and beauty of the Christmas season. This concert is made possible with the generous support of the Brian Wallach Agency, White Plains. Free Admission. 30-minute concert begins at 12:10p.m. Grace Episcopal Church, at the corner of Mamaroneck Avenue and Main Street in Downtown White Plains.

"Looking at Christmas." A play reading of this sweet, smart and slightly twisted romantic comedy written by Steven Banks and performed by The Armonk Players. Directed by Pia Haas. Whippoorwill Hall, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 8 p.m. Free. (Voluntary donations accepted.) Followed by a reception with refreshments. Info: Visit www.armonkplayers.org.

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Tickets are \$20 and are available at www.ajc.org/westfair/israelwater or by calling 914-948-5585.

Thursday, Dec. 17

Story Time With the Wolves. Youngsters with their parents or caregivers can read a fun book with Joe the Bear and then do a nature-related craft. Visitors will also get to view our wolves in their natural habitat and explore nature. For children two to five years old. Dress prepared for the weather. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Adults: \$13. Children: \$10. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

"Dreamcatcher." In this Sundance Award-winning film, director Kim Longinotto paints a vivid portrait of an extraordinary woman who uses her past as a teenage prostitute to become a powerful advocate for change and to break the cycle of sexual abuse and exploitation in her community. The screening is followed by a Q&A with Longinotto. Part of the Global Watch: Crisis, Culture & Human Rights series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$8. Non-members: \$13. Info and tickets: www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

"The Gift of the Magi." A stage production of O. Henry's classic holiday story with a fresh new adaptation by artistic director Bram Lewis. The Schoolhouse Theater, 3 Owens Rd., Croton Falls. 8 p.m. Adults: \$38. Seniors: \$35. Students: \$15. Also Dec. 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 20 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-277-8477 or visit www.schoolhousetheater.org.

Friday, Dec. 18

Tarzan, The Stage Musical will play the White Plains Performing Arts Center Dec. 18-20, Friday at 7 p.m.; Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m., December 26-30, Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m., Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.; Wednesday at 2 p.m.; and January 10, Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m.; Friday at 7 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 - \$47. A \$135 Family Four Pack (2 Adults & 2 Kids tickets) is available for the 7 p.m. performances on December 18, 19, 26, 28, & 29. White Plains Performing Arts Center is located on the third level of City Center off Mamaroneck Avenue and Main Street in downtown White Plains. For tickets: visit the theatre box office Monday-Friday (11a.m. - 6 p.m.), purchase tickets online at www.wppac.com or call 914-328-1600. For Group

Sales, contact barbara@wppac.com.

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Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Master storyteller Jonathan Kruk will offer dramatic performances of Dickens' classic. With musical accompaniment, Kruk brings to life the story of Ebenezer Scrooge and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. Recommended for children 10 years old and up. Christ Episcopal Church, 43 S. Broadway (Route 9), Tarrytown. 3:30, 4:45 and 6 p.m. Adults: \$25. Children (under 18): \$20. Historic Hudson Valley members receive a \$5 discount. Also Dec. 20 at 6 and 7:15 p.m. only.) Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

Holiday Howl. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why this season is such a magical time for packs in North America. Guests will assemble gifts for ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and then enjoy watching the wolves tear them open. Also visit the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 2 p.m. Adults: \$13. Children (under 12): \$11. Also Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. and Dec. 26 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Saturday, Dec. 19

Winterfest Holiday Market. Last Day for holiday market in downtown White Plains begins, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Court Street between Martine Avenue and Main Street (same location as outdoor Farmers Market), White Plains.

Live Nativity. Youngsters and live animals recreate the Nativity. Young actors and actresses are invited to re-enact the Nativity with help from some four-legged friends at First Baptist Church of White Plains. No previous experience is necessary. In a bi-lingual Spanish-English service and pageant starting at 11 a.m. players will tell the story of the birth of Jesus. A free, community lunch follows. The live Nativity with sheep, goats, ponies and an alpaca takes place through 2:30 p.m. outdoors in the church circle. To register your child or for more information, please call or email Joshalyne

Estrada at 914.949.5207 or joshalyne.estrada@gmail.com. Players are required to attend at least one of two rehearsals, either on Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 5-7 p.m. or Saturday, Dec. 19 from 3-5 p.m. Join the celebration. All are welcome at this community event. First Baptist Church of White Plains, 456 North Street, White Plains.

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. Every Saturday and Sunday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Wolves of North America. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why it's a special time for packs in North America. Whether the wolves are living on the Arctic tundra or the high desert of the southwest, wolf families are out searching for prey as their pups prepare for their first winter season. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 11 a.m. Adults: \$13. Children (under 12): \$11. Also Dec. 26 and 30 at 11 a.m., Dec. 26 at 2 p.m. and Dec. 28 at noon. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Sunday, Dec. 20

Snowshoeing at Cranberry. Bring your snowshoes and explore the trails, weather permitting. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

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EXAMINER SPORTS

Huskies Overrun Tigers at 22nd Annual Harry Jefferson Showcase

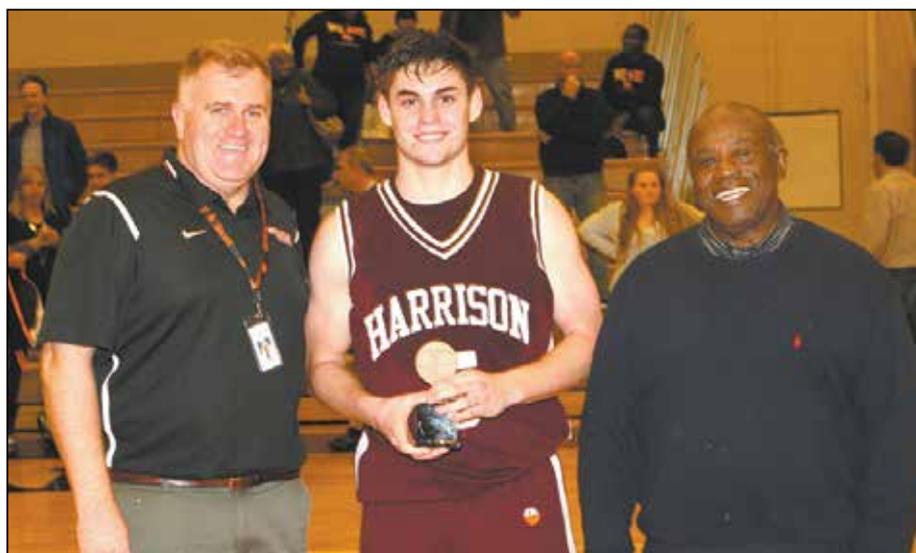
By Albert Coqueran

It would certainly be an understatement to say that the White Plains High School Varsity Basketball Team seemed outmatched by Harrison High School in the Harry Jefferson Showcase on Saturday.

What was most distressing to Head Coach Spencer Mayfield was that this event was not only the Tigers annual Holiday Tournament, it was their Home Opener and the Harry Jefferson Gym was filled to capacity with Tigers fans and alumni.

The Tigers were run-off their own court by the Huskies, 61-44, only showing signs of continuity and urgency late in the fourth quarter of the game. "I was very disappointed with our effort tonight," said Mayfield. "Our biggest disappointment was the lack of effort and team concept; that really bothered me tonight."

The 22nd Annual Harry Jefferson Basketball Showcase was a two-day event this season with White Plains High School showcasing their Freshmen, Junior Varsity and Varsity teams versus the Harrison



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Harrison High School guard Zack Evans (center) was presented the Varsity MVP of the Game Award by WPHS Athletic Director Matt Cameron (left) and longtime educator, former player and coach, Harry Jefferson (right), the namesake of The 22nd Annual Harry Jefferson Showcase.

High School teams on Friday. Then on Saturday, the neighboring teams took to the court to showcase their skills.

The White Plains Tigers won the first game of their 2015-16 campaign, while outlasting Suffern High School, 54-51, on Tuesday, Dec. 8. The Tigers secured the win against Suffern despite two of their starting players, guard Luis Cartagena and forward CJ Layne sidelined with injuries.

Layne will miss a significant amount of time with a broken wrist but Cartagena returned to the line-up against Harrison. Therefore, with the Tigers top offensive threat back on the court in the Harry

Jefferson Showcase, certainly the capacity crowd expected more than they witnessed from the Tigers varsity team.

Cartagena's rust showed while scoring only three points in the game and very much inept while trying to out maneuver the Huskies defense. Tigers guard Lamar Noel had a team-high 15 points but the Tigers only had two players who scored in double-figures and more turnovers than even need mentioning.

For the most part, Noel was the only offense for the Tigers throughout the game. Tigers guard Jace Yaverbaum scored 13 points but nine of his points came in the fourth quarter, as he tried to bring

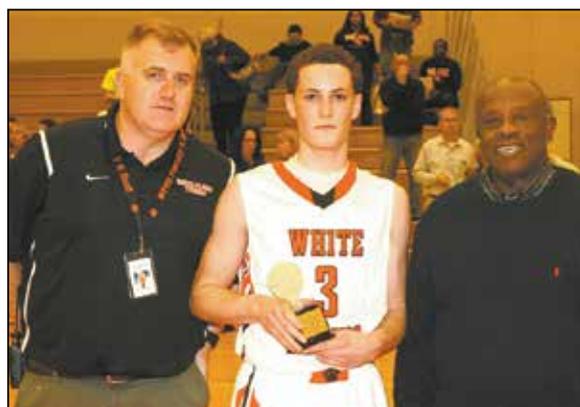
some respectability to the Tigers. "We just had a different agenda tonight and no respect for the basketball," commented Mayfield.

Huskies guard Zack Evans was awarded the MVP of the Varsity Game, while playing tenacious defense and scoring 11 points. Yaverbaum's nine points in the fourth quarter gained him the Sportsmanship Award of the Game.

The Tigers Freshman Team were the only winners for White Plains in the Harry Jefferson Showcase, while edging Harrison 38-35. Tigers guard Zyon Poteat was the MVP.

The White Plains junior varsity played well but was beaten by Harrison, 49-45. Huskies Tyler Menniti awarded the MVP of the game and Sam Jerrick for the Tigers garnished the Sportsmanship Award.

On Saturday, at the 22nd Annual Harry Jefferson Showcase, the results for the three-game out-of-town slate were: Mamaroneck defeated Tuckahoe, 73-59; Saunders beat Uniondale, 55-52 and Spring Valley defeated Yorktown, 71-62.



The Harry Jefferson Showcase Sportsmanship Award for the White Plains vs. Harrison game was presented to Tigers guard Jace Yaverbaum, by WPHS Athletic Director Matt Cameron (left) and tournament namesake Harry Jefferson. Yaverbaum (center) had 13 points in the game with nine points coming in the fourth quarter on three three-point shots.



White Plains Head Coach Spencer Mayfield (center) tried to rally his troops in the fourth quarter but to no avail. The Tigers varsity team seemed outmatched by Harrison High School, as the Huskies defeated the Tigers, 61-44.



Tigers guard Lamar Noel (right) scored a team-high 15 points but could not stop Huskies Jack Hochman (left) who put-up 14 points, while shooting 6-for-7 from the foul line. The Huskies varsity squad helped themselves with aggressive defense to beat the Tigers, 61-44, in the Harry Jefferson Showcase, on Friday, Dec. 11, at WPHS.



White Plains guard Luis Cartagena (left) missed the first game of the season due to injury and scored only three points in the Tigers second game, a 61-44 loss to Harrison, in the Harry Jefferson Showcase. Cartagena is the catalyst and floor general of the Tigers. He needs to score and pass efficiently, if the Tigers are going to be successful this season.



Sean Kilpatrick ('08) is a former star for the Tigers basketball team. Kilpatrick (right) is presently playing with the NBA D-League Delaware 87ers. Kilpatrick attended the Harry Jefferson Showcase and spoke to the Tigers varsity team after the game. The next day Kilpatrick (right) battled Jimmer Fredette (left) and the Westchester Knicks, at the Westchester County Center. Kilpatrick scored 21 points in the game as did Fredette and the local Knicks got the win 118-95.

EXAMINER SPORTS

The Stepinac Football Team Honored by the City of White Plains

By Albert Coqueran

On Saturday, the 2015 Stepinac High School Football Team was honored by the City of White Plains for their undefeated season this year, while capturing the CHSFL AAA and CHSAA New York State Championships.

The Crusaders Football Team gathered with their families, friends, teachers and school administrators on Main Street and Court Street to be honored during the City of White Plains Winter Festival.

Mayor Thomas Roach presented each player on the 2015 Stepinac undefeated Championship team with a Certificate of Recognition from the City of White Plains for their efforts this year.

“Football is a tough sport. Not only is there the physical part of the game but also you have to learn all the plays and then the academic side of it, while keeping up with your grades. You have to work hard to succeed at football, so you students should be very proud regarding what you accomplished,” said Mayor Roach from the podium on Court Street.

Mayor Roach not only recognized Stepinac High School for their accomplishments on the gridiron this year but also for the school’s steadfast commitment to the academic excellence of their students over the years.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

After 37 years and his many accomplishments as the Crusaders Head Football Coach, Mike O'Donnell (center) finally received his “Day” when Mayor Tom Roach (left) proclaimed Saturday, December 12, 2015, as “Michael O'Donnell Day” in the City of White Plains. Stepinac President Father Thomas Collins (right) congratulated O'Donnell regarding his distinction.

Mayor Roach called Stepinac President Father Thomas Collins to the podium and presented him with a Proclamation declaring Sunday, Dec.13, 2015, as “Archbishop Stepinac High School Day” in the City of White Plains.

“The idea that these young men, due to hard work and dedication were able to accomplish a great feat by becoming the

Catholic High School Football Champions is great. They are also a great group of young men and this has created a good feeling at the school and in the community,” said Father Collins.

Mayor Roach and the City of White Plains also paid special tribute to Crusaders Head Coach Mike O'Donnell for his many years of service to Stepinac High School and the Crusaders Football Program.

“We wanted to do something for Coach Mike O'Donnell as well. He has done a really great job with the football program at Stepinac and his players are good young men. Stepinac was really a powerhouse this year. There was really never any doubt,” commented Mayor Roach.

Therefore, Mayor Roach proclaimed Saturday, Dec.12, 2015, “Michael O'Donnell Day” in the City of White Plains. “I have been a longtime White

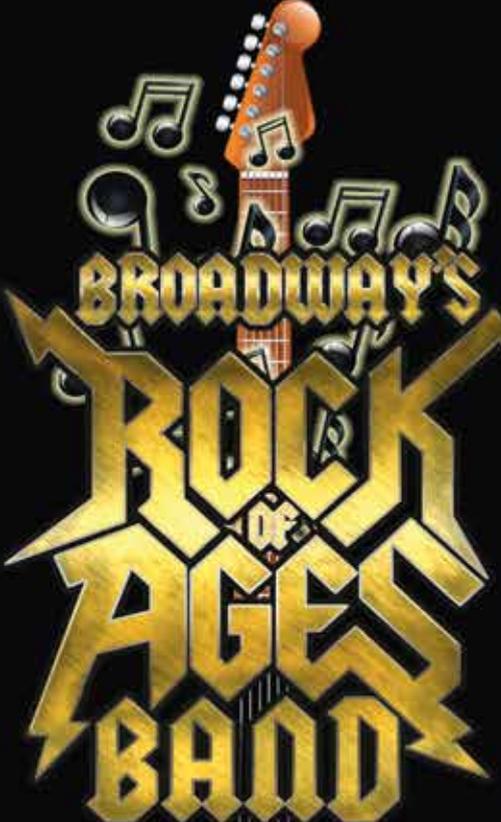
Plains resident and teaching and working in White Plains for many years and this is a great day to see these student/athletes honored in this manner,” said O'Donnell, who just completed his 37th season, as the Head Football Coach at Stepinac.

“It is about the players and their accomplishments, while going upstate and representing White Plains and the Catholic High School Football League and coming home with a victory, this is about them,” acknowledged O'Donnell.

“It is awesome to know that the City of White Plains appreciates what we accomplished,” stated senior Team Captain Khaleb Celaj.



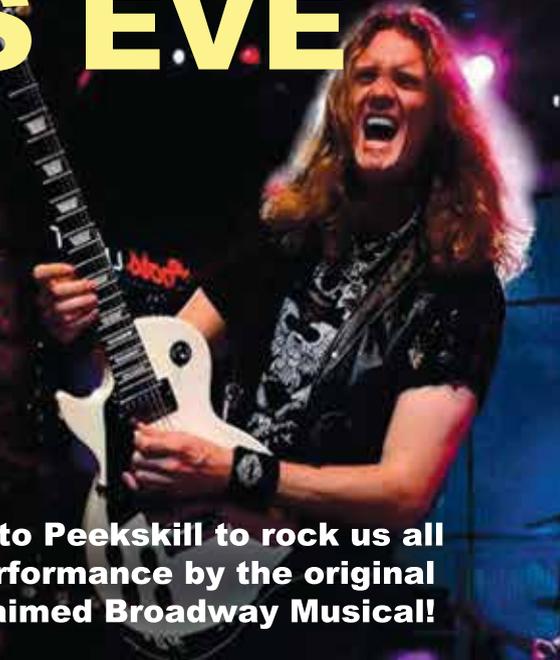
On Saturday, the Stepinac High School Football Team was honored by the City of White Plains for their undefeated 12-0 season, while winning the CHSFL AAA Championship and the Catholic High School Athletic Association New York State Championship. The event was part of the White Plains Winter Festival.



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