



Local Police Officers and Officials Honored for Saving Lives with Narcan

Westchester County Board of Health President R. Steven Nakashima presented 21 police officers, their chiefs and commissioners, along with Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, with certificates of special recognition on Thursday for saving the lives of more than a dozen people in Westchester who were near death due to an opiate overdose during the past year. The Westchester County Department of Health and more than 750 police officers in 28 police departments have received training on how to give Narcan to opioid overdose victims. When administered correctly, the nasal spray Narcan restores breathing that has been dangerously slowed



by an opiate overdose. Narcan, the brand name for the drug Nalaxone, works within a minute or two and gives emergency responders time to get the victim to a hospital. Accepting his award as well as awards for Officers Christopher Johnson, Joseph Garafolo and Joseph Miedreich, alongside Sgt. Vincenzo Battaglia, White Plains Public Safety Commissioner David Chong (left front row) said, "I want to thank the Board of Health and the county. We all realize this is an epidemic, and it's not going away anytime soon. You see these heroes we have here today – every one of them is responsible for saving a life."

WP Development Projects Inside and Out

By Pat Casey

Two projects currently before the White Plains Planning Board highlight the uniquely urban/suburban nature of the city and the differences in neighborhood needs within its 10 square-mile area.

The subdivision at 221 and 227 West Street, owned by the Windward School, includes environmentally sensitive areas with wetlands, rock outcroppings and steep slopes. The property, formerly the site of one residence, has been divided into three lots with a conservation easement on one part of the property, a private road coming in off of West Street and the need for a subterranean easement through property on Collyer Place for the installation of utilities infrastructure, including a stormwater management system.

Having worked out a preliminary subdivision approval, the Windward

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Standard Amusements/County Begin Co-Management Phase of Playland Agreement

By Pat Casey

Amid kudos and proclamations of support from the Westchester business community about the positive aspects of public-private sector business relationships, Standard Amusements began co-managing Playland with the County last week when the Board of Legislators unanimously approved the 15-year Playland Management Agreement (PMA).

The BOL vote took place after a review within an agreed upon 60-day window.

Standard Amusements will co-manage the amusement park for the rest of the 2015 season and has until October 31,

2015 to finalize the deal.

The terms of the PMA call for the County to receive an upfront payment from Standard Amusements of \$2.25 million. Standard is then required to make an additional \$22.5 million in capital improvements to the park in the next five years. Standard has indicated that it plans to make those investments in the first three years of the agreement. After Standard has recouped its initial investment, the county would share in 7.5 percent of the profit from Playland operations. Additionally, Standard will pay the County an annual \$300,000

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Greenburgh Hit and Run Victim's Funeral Scheduled for Wednesday

The Greenburgh Police Department is currently investigating a suspected hit and run incident resulting in the death of 23-year-old Darryl Chung who was walking home from his night job when he was fatally struck. His body was found on a front lawn and near the road around 6 a.m. last Tuesday morning. Darryl lived with his mother and assisted with paying the rent for their small apartment.

Having been notified of the economic plight of this grieving parent by a neighbor of the family, Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner reached out to the First Community Church of the Nazarene, White Plains, to see what could be done in

setting up a fund to assist the mother with the expense for the burial.

Rev. Leroy Richards of the First Community Church of the Nazarene in collaboration with Rev. Leo John, pastor of the First Seventh Day Adventist Church of White Plains and with Ms. Elizabeth Cummings, Darryl's mother, resulted in a successful community outreach. There will be a funeral service for Darryl at the First Seventh Day Adventist Church, 180 Juniper Hill Rd., White Plains, Wednesday, June 24; wake at 5 p.m. and funeral at 7 p.m.

Following the funeral service the

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School has now submitted site plans showing how each of the three houses will be situated on the three lots.

Lot 1, the closest to West Street, will be built first and will have the largest home (5,375 sq. ft.), intended for use by the school's headmaster. The front of the house will face the private road with side elevation on West Street. The other two smaller lots will have smaller homes also intended for employees of the Windward School, which will hold ownership of the entire property.

Residents on Collyer Place expressed their concerns once again at the June 16 Planning Board meeting that any work done to put an 18-inch diameter drainage pipe through their property be carefully monitored by the city as it is hooked up to the public stormwater system and that proper maintenance be enforced thereafter.

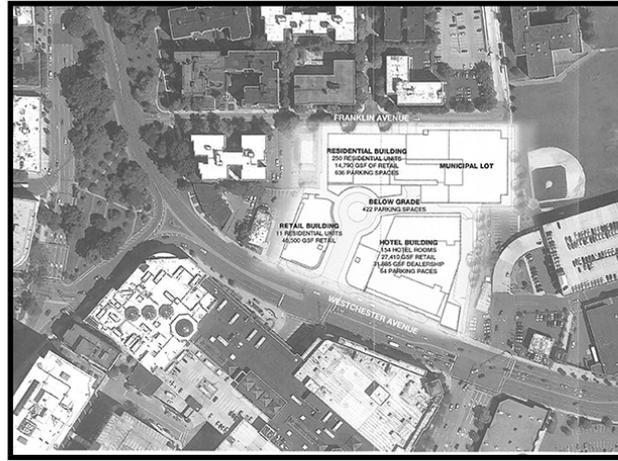
Since the exact location of the specific houses had been changed on the site plans, several members of the Planning Board noted that they had to revisit to site to better determine how the new proposed

Greenburgh Hit and Run Victim's Funeral Scheduled for Wednesday

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remains of Darryl will be flown to London, England for burial. Ms. Cummings and her four-year-old son will accompany the body to the final resting place.

Feiner shared in an email: "Ms. Cummings is grateful to the residents



Proposed site plan for The Collection at Westchester Avenue and Bloomingdale Road.

house locations would be impacted by rock outcroppings and steep slopes.

Despite the fact that the Windward School would continue to own all three lots, there was discussion about which lot owner would be responsible for maintaining the buffer between the properties and the preservation easement.

of Greenburgh for the overwhelming response she received which has not only been a source of comfort but also made it possible for her mother and the rest of her family to properly grieve the loss of this young man that is so dear to the family."

The other major development project, referred out to the Planning Board by the Common Council for input on the Scoping Document for the DEIS, is The Collection on Westchester Avenue near the intersection with Bloomingdale Road at the current driveway to The Westchester Burger Company, extending back to Franklin Avenue.

That project, which includes an urban renewal exchange of property by the city for parking spaces, is indeed a collection of elements.

The deadline for public comments for the Scoping Document was Monday, June 22.

Planning Board member Bob Stackpole said that considering the size of the project and the fact that it contains a residential

element, why not include a section on the impact on the public school system and make that consideration a standard "in general" for other projects in the future.

Planning Board comments to the Council included emphasis on pedestrian flow in the area, traffic analysis in the already difficult intersection at Bloomingdale Road and the entrance to Stop and Shop, and ventilation in the underground parking structure. Public amenities such as a dog run and biking trails were considered best left to the DEIS.

Public comments to the Common Council circulated via email prior to the June 22 deadline include requests for more specific information on setbacks and building heights, information about who is ultimately responsible for maintenance of the proposed underground parking structure, comments about who the proposed resident demographic is, questions about the city's need for more retail space, and if the project is in compliance with the goals set by the city's Comprehensive Plan.

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Meals On Wheels of White Plains is Looking for a Few Good Men and Women

By Pat Casey

The openings are for volunteer drivers and deliverers to be available as alternates one or two days a week. The benefits are a tremendous sense of satisfaction and a new set of wonderful friends, according



Meals on Wheels of White Plains Board President Paul Schwarz, Executive Director Susanna Sussman and volunteer Lou Riso.

to the Meals on Wheels of White Plains volunteers we met with last week.

Since 1979, the organization has been serving freshly cooked and prepared meals to about 70 homebound clients in White Plains each week on six routes, Monday through Friday. There is one route in operation on Saturdays.

That's a lot of meals delivered to people free-of-charge who otherwise might go



Long-time Meals on Wheels volunteers Al Dold and Mary Broderick-Ryan.

hungry because they cannot get out of the house. "For some the daily food delivery is the only source of social interaction they will have that day," said Susanna Sussman, Meals on Wheels Executive Director. "Most of our clients live alone. We currently have one couple as clients. No one with need is turned away."

Each meal is specially prepared and carefully marked for each client's specific dietary needs. There is a hot meal with an entrée and two sides, a slice of bread with butter or another spread, milk, juice, fruit cup, a sandwich and side salad. There is a six-week rotation of meals, according to Sussman. The menus are prepared by a dietician.

The food is prepared every day by Horizon Food Service Corp. under the direction of Lou Riso who brings both the hot and cold dishes to a staging area at White Plains High School. Riso has been working with the organization for over 10 years.

Each of the six routes has a dedicated team – the volunteers work in pairs – usually one driving and the other making the deliveries to 10 to 14 different addresses. The volunteer teams work one day per week and the routes take from 11:15 a.m. to about 12:45 p.m. to complete, from food pickup at the White Plains High School staging area to drop off of empty containers.

Many of the volunteers began as alternates, some being introduced to Meals on Wheels because their parents or another family member had been a client.

Volunteers Al Dold and Mary Broderick-Ryan have been working as delivery partners for many years. Dold drives and Broderick-Ryan delivers. "I am anxious to see my clients every week,"



The daily meal delivery includes a freshly cooked hot meal, bread with butter, sandwich, milk, fruit juice, fruit cup and side salad or other accompaniment to the sandwich.

Broderick-Ryan said. "You get into a pattern on the deliveries, knowing who takes more time to come to the door, who hits the buzzer lightly so you have to act fast to get in to an apartment building. Each client is different."

Dold began volunteering about 10 years ago and says he plans to continue for as long as he can. Over that period of time you get to know your way around White Plains, he explained.

Anyone interested in joining the volunteer team should contact Sussman at 914-946-6878 to schedule an informal interview. To find out more about Meals on Wheels of Westchester visit mowwp.com.

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The Kevin Lee Bass - Be The Bridge - Scholarship Fund

The Family and Friends of Kevin Bass will host The Kevin Lee Bass - Be The Bridge - Scholarship's third annual fundraiser and scholarship reception on July 18 at Vintage Restaurant and Lounge, 171 Main Street, White Plains; 6 to 9 p.m. All are invited to the gathering to enjoy an evening of good food, a live Jazz performance, testimonials from past scholarship recipients, a silent auction and cash bar.

The Kevin Lee Bass - Be The Bridge - Scholarship Fund 2015 scholarship recipient is Christopher Clough, who has demonstrated a strong commitment to academics, athletics and community involvement throughout his academic career as a student at Alexander Hamilton High School in Elmsford. He will receive a \$2,000 monetary award that will go towards his education at Manhattanville College where he will be attending school this Fall. The announcement was made by Edna Bass, Kevin's mother, on June 9,



The Kevin Lee Bass - Be The Bridge - Scholarship winner for 2015 is Christopher Clough.

attends his high school alma mater, Alexander Hamilton High School. A college education is crucial for young people to be successful. It has become increasingly difficult for students to find jobs that help finance their education. Taking that into account The Kevin Lee Bass Student Athlete Scholarship is awarded annually to a student athlete that demonstrates a strong commitment to academics, athletics and community involvement. The scholarship winner is chosen on various grounds but most important is a well-rounded student athlete whom the scholarship's namesake Kevin Lee Bass would have been proud. Kevin felt very strong about family, athletics and most of all his community.

For tickets/donations and more information about the July 18 fundraiser at Vintage Restaurant visit www.kevinbassscholarship.org or call 216-534-6776.

at the 2015 Alexander Hamilton Sports Awards Banquet in Elmsford.

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The Stepinac High School Legacy Tradition



Stepinac High School alumni have very strong loyalties to their alma mater, as evidenced by the influence they have as parents in motivating their sons to attend Stepinac as well, ranked as one of the nation's top 50 Catholic high schools. Cases in point are the following alumni and their sons who

graduated as members of the Class of 2015 and were recognized together at a Legacy Reception that preceded the commencement exercises last week. Left to right are: Kevin Dervin (Class of '81) and son, Sean; Joseph Mastoloni (Class of '82) and son, Kyle; Robert O'Toole (Class of '78) and son, Robert; Joseph Kilkelly (Class of '81) and son, Ryan; Kevin Burke (Class of '73) and son, Daniel; John Collins (Class of '80) and son, Christian and Timothy Faranda (Class of '69) and son, Timothy. At right is Rev. Thomas Collins, Stepinac President. Stepinac also boasts three generations of alumni. The latest will get underway in September when Patrick Austin begins his freshman year. His father and grandfather, also named Patrick, graduated from Stepinac, respectively, in 1988 and 1965.

Volunteer New York Summer 2015 Programs for Teens and Young Adults

The Summer Volunteering Program of Volunteer New York features dozens of seasonal youth and family friendly volunteering options that support a range of nonprofits based in the Hudson Valley. There are leadership opportunities, as well as ways to address specific causes, such as Hunger-Relief, Senior Care, Environment, Animals, Education, Health, Community, the Arts and more.

Interested students off from school for the summer can visit www.volunteernewyork.org/summer to see what is available. A free one-on-one volunteer matchmaking service is also available where a placement specialist will work with a volunteer to find the right fit. Call 914-948-4452 or email volunteer@volunteernewyork.org to schedule an appointment.

The core mission of Volunteer New

York is to inspire, mobilize, and equip individuals and groups to take positive action to address pressing challenges, support nonprofits and strengthen the quality of life in our community.

For the past 65 years the organization has encouraged adults to serve, youth to build character, families to bond, young professionals to lead, mature adults to share their wisdom and businesses to engage through volunteerism. By connecting individuals to nonprofit organizations as well as through organized volunteer projects, Volunteer New York helps people take action to strengthen the quality of life in Westchester, Rockland and Putnam. Over 240,000 hours of service were devoted last year to 500 nonprofits at a value of over \$7.2 million.

The United Way of Westchester and Putnam is a strategic impact partner.

Pace Offers Scholarships to Westchester Community College Graduates

Pace University and Westchester Community College announced a \$25,000 annual scholarship program last week to attract local transfer applicants who have graduated with a 2-year Associates Degree and wish to obtain a 4-year Bachelor's Degree.

The initiative will provide transferring full-time students who have successfully graduated from Westchester Community College and meet eligibility requirements with an annual scholarship equal to \$25,000 to be credited against the university's standard full-time tuition. The program will begin with the 2015-2016 academic year. Westchester Community College graduates interested in enrolling for the fall semester may

apply at any time. Transfer applications will be accepted through the summer.

Based on the 2015-2016 rate, the scholarship will enable eligible students to offset more than 60 percent of the full-time cost of tuition during their first year at Pace. The scholarship is for study at Pace University's Pleasantville Campus only and is not available for the iPace online degree program.

To graduate from WCC, students must meet certain minimum performance requirements. By opening the scholarship program to WCC graduates with a minimum GPA of 3.2, Pace's goal is to substantially ensure continuing access to high quality applicants equipped with the ability to ultimately graduate from Pace.

Harrison High School Girls Golf Team Was at LPGA



The Girls Golf team proudly represented Harrison High School and Harrison at the LPGA. It was a great experience for the girls and their Coach Wendy Swenson. The girls received access to the tournament, were given volunteer shirts, lunch vouchers and helped run a Junior Golf Clinic with a few of the LPGA Pro's. In addition, the LPGA hosted a free lesson, at the "lesson zone," and the girls received a free 10 minute lesson with LPGA professional. It was an enjoyable day and the girls were very excited to be a part of such an exciting event. Students in the picture (left to right) Coach Wendy Swenson, Emma Hochman, Caroline DeCarlo, Callie Fried, and Vallon Barnes.

Standard Amusements/County Begin Co-Management Phase of Playland Agreement

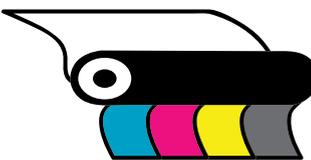
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management fee that increases by approximately 2 percent each year.

The BOL performed its review and discussion process through two committees, The Labor, Parks, Planning and Housing Committee and the Budget and Appropriations Committee. During the review and discussion process, Legislators sought clarifications and commitments from Standard and County Administration on certain aspects of the plan. The BOL, the County Executive and Standard signed a Memorandum of Understanding, which was passed as a resolution to memorialize those

negotiated commitments. Among the issues addressed in the MOU are job security for Playland employees, financial and attendance reporting to the BOL from Standard, prioritization of the county's capital project plans for Playland and a declaration that Standard would not undertake the construction of athletic fields.

The capital improvements the County agreed to include a new North Boardwalk, colonnades, lights on Playland Parkway, a Playland structural system, fire suppression system and Playland Pathway.



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Potential Greenburgh Developer Gets Proactive in Defense of Housing Project

By Pat Casey

New York State and especially Westchester County have been identified nationally as an attractive location for technology companies looking to relocate or even develop from the bottom up. With NYS tax incentives for tech companies very attractive, a big step in corporate relocation is the ability to house its employees – and that seems to be a market opportunity for developers in the lower Hudson Valley where urban sprawl has identified a lifestyle that might be on the wane, and a new generation of tech savvy employees called the Millennials (someone reaching adulthood around the

year 2000) has gained everyone’s attention. For the partners at JPI, developers of the proposed 272-unit high quality development project Jefferson at Saw Mill River, luxury rental apartments in studio, one and two bedroom configurations, with amenities on site and close by, including walking and biking trails, are the answer to the “suburban brain drain” – the mass exodus of desirable employees out of the lower Hudson Valley.

The proposed development has been considered bike oriented because of its proximity to the South County Trailway.

Meeting opposition from residents of the Town of Greenburgh to the development

“The proposed development has been considered bike oriented because of its proximity to the South County Trailway.”

at the long-dormant and contaminated site of the former Akzo Nobel chemical plant, at One Lawrence Street, Greg Belew, JPI Managing Regional partner and Stephen Hutto, VP of Development have decided to reach out aggressively and explain why their particular proposal is good for Westchester and Greenburgh.

“We have not had any formal meetings yet,” Hutto explained, “but we have had push back from Greenburgh and Ardsley, mostly with regard to traffic concerns. It’s a knee jerk reaction without any real basis.”

Meeting with local businesses, and especially the larger employers, Hutto said the lack of housing for young professionals is a very real and palpable problem. “These people are the biggest taxpayers in the county.”

The partners mentioned Regeneron and

Montefiore specifically as entities with urgent need for quality employee housing.

Hutto also thinks some people are confusing the residential project with the large retail and movie complex just across the way, which will provide nearby access to entertainment to satisfy the work-live-play lifestyle of the Millennials, who Hutto said are not interested in long and expensive commutes.

In fact, the partners at JPI said the site’s access to biking and walking trails was a plus for a generation that does not have the same love affair with the car as its predecessors. Millennials seek out walkable downtowns and access to mass-transit.

Hutto and Belew agreed that the desire for green construction and green living was another attraction and that multi-family diverse housing options actually created a smaller carbon footprint for residents.

“This goes for the Baby Boomers as well as the Millennials,” said Hutto. “It’s like the cycle of life. The empty nesters are also looking for diverse housing options, of which there’s not much to choose from in Westchester County.

JPI has a website jeffersonsawmill.com and a Facebook page where you can find out more about the proposal and checkout some research about housing trends in the northeast.

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Harassment. Just after midnight on June 8 police were dispatched to a residential area of West Harrison on a report of a female yelling for help. Upon arrival, the officers interviewed a female complainant who said she had gotten into a physical altercation with an Hispanic male (identity unknown) in a black SUV driven by another male Hispanic whose identity was also unknown. The complainant reports that she was at the residence of an acquaintance in White Plains and voluntarily left with the unknown males to go drinking with them at an unknown location in Elmsford. The female reported that shortly after pulling off from the original location the operator of the vehicle and passenger switched seats. The female said she complained to the operator about his speeding and swerving. The male passenger then grabbed her, told her to "shut up" and attempted to put his hands over her mouth. He then began grabbing her by the back of the neck and she jumped out of the SUV. The vehicle sped off. She then became uncooperative with the police and advised that she just wanted to go home and did not wish to stay any longer. She was picked up by her mother, who met with police at White Plains Train Station. Officers canvassed the area for the black SUV with negative results. No further police action was taken.

Operating Unregistered Vehicle. At about 9 a.m. on June 8, police observed a vehicle travelling in excess of the posted speed limit without a front license plate. The vehicle had a CT license plate affixed to the rear. The vehicle was stopped and a DMV check revealed that the license plate belonged to another car that had a cancelled status. The driver was the titled owner of the vehicle however the last license plates assigned to the vehicle were voluntarily surrendered by the owner's sister in April. The vehicle was not registered, insured, or inspected, and the two front tires had the metal cords showing. Also, the driver only had a

learner's permit. The vehicle was towed to police headquarters impound and the license plate was turned in to be destroyed.

Burglary. On June 8 police responded to White Plains Nissan on Tarrytown Road for a report of burglary of the Nissan deposit safe box. A Nissan employee reported that when she arrived that morning and went downstairs to the accountant room she observed the deposit safe box was stolen. She also reported that when opening the side door she had difficulty turning the key as if the key lock had been tampered with. Police checked the exterior of the premises but found no signs of forced entry, the doors had no signs of being tampered with and there is no roof access to the building. The safe box had been located in the accountant room downstairs, which was not secured and the safe box had been bolted to the top of a large safe. There are no surveillance cameras and there is no alarm system in the building. The building was secured the previous day by a sales manager, who reported there was a previous incident involving the deposit safe box. A report of that incident is on file. Detectives responded to the scene. No further information at this time.

Grand Larceny. On June 8 officers were called to the Visiting Nurse Association of Hudson Valley (VNA) on a report of a past larceny. The VNA COO told police that an ex-employee, who was not on scene, stole \$54,925 from VNA by falsifying company time sheets beginning 07/13/14 until 05/25/15. The COO said visiting nurse employees are paid a salary plus additional pay for each revisit and admission service. The ex-employee had added numerous false revisit and admission services onto her time sheets after a supervisor approved them and prior to turning them into payroll. These false visit reports occurred only on weekends over the above listed time period where the ex-employee submitted 820 nursing visits but only made 65 which were accounted for. The ex-employee only defrauded VNA and did not submit these services to insurance companies. The larceny was discovered and later verified by VNA's Chief Financial Officer after a finance audit on 06/4/2015. When the ex-employee was confronted with the facts she admitted to falsifying her time sheets stating her husband had lost his job and she needed the money and then asked if she could work out an arrangement to pay back the money. The ex-employee was advised that she was terminated from VNA and that the incident would be further investigated. Charges will be pursued against the ex-employee.

Petit Larceny. At about 11:30 p.m. on June 8 police responded to a call for a male shoplifter inside the CVS on Knollwood Road. The store manager

reported that the male described as black wearing a baseball hat and jacket placed Gillette shaving razors in his jacket and then exited the store passing all points of sale. The manager said his cashier called him to the front of the store when the male was leaving at which time the alarm sensor starting sounding off. The manager followed the male to the parking lot and observed him jumping into the back seat of a Chevy Suburban. He then saw the male take Gillette shaving razors from his jacket and place them underneath the driver's seat. The manager called police and went back inside the store. The theft was captured on the store's video surveillance camera and the thief was identified. When police caught up with the vehicle they did see the Gillette razors under the car seat, but the car's owner said he did not know how they got there and had no knowledge of the incident. The suspect was picked up in the A&P parking lot. Video of the incident and the merchandise were all vouchered.

Suspicious Incident. At about midnight on June 8 police were notified by a complainant that an unknown female party had contacted her daughter using the complainant's 914 area code cell phone number and stated that she was calling from a different phone number with a 908 area code. The daughter said the caller, who sounded like an elderly female, contacted her at 11:58 p.m. asking if she had just called her. The daughter noted that when the elderly female contacted her, her caller ID displayed her mother's 914 telephone number. When the daughter asked the party what number she was calling from, the female stated that she was calling from a 908 number and then they both hung up the line. Verizon's Fraud Department was contacted and the 914 number-owner was informed that she had call forwarding activated on her account and it referenced the above number used to contact her daughter. The complainant reported that she did not authorize the activation of call forwarding on her account and she needs a police report in order for Verizon to initiate an investigation. Calls made to the 908-number indicate it is no longer in service. Report filed for documentation purposes only.

Credit Card Larceny. Retrieval Masters Creditors Bureau Inc. in Greenburgh had identified two potential victims in an ongoing investigation of stolen credit card information. RMCB had recently become aware of an ex-employee stealing credit card information from customers and notified Greenburgh Police on June 5 in a separate incident report. The ex-employee admitted to stealing customers' credit and debit card information and purchasing various unauthorized items. She was also observed by RMCB employees attempting to sell concert tickets prior to her termination. On June 8 several

more unauthorized purchases on a Wells Fargo debit card were discovered. The investigation is ongoing.

Hit & Run Resulting in Death. On the morning of June 9 officers answered a radio run call about an unresponsive male located at 57 South Rd. At the scene a black male later to be identified as Darryl Chung (DOB: 7/23/1991) was laying down on the front lawn of 57 South Rd. on his right side facing the street from what appeared to be a possible hit and run. Witnesses on the scene reported that they were on their way to work when they observed Chung laying on the lawn. Chung was unresponsive to verbal commands and his body was cold. Chung also had deep lacerations to his left hand. At that time, a paramedic and a supervisor was requested to respond to the scene. Upon completing Chung's evaluation, the Paramedic pronounced Chung dead at 6:21 a.m. Upon pronouncement, the surrounding area was closed off as a crime scene. Several units began a canvass of the surrounding area for vehicles possibly damaged from this incident. The canvass yielded negative results. The surrounding houses were canvassed also yielding negative results and the residents questioned all said they did not hear or see anything during the overnight. There were no cameras in the vicinity. At 11:19 a.m. a doctor from the Medical Examiner's office took Chung for evaluation. The scene was reopened at 12:05 p.m. Chung's family was notified.

Possession of Stolen Property. On the afternoon of June 9, police received a call from the DSW shoe store in regards to shoplifting complaint. The description of the suspect given by the store was a male black 5'-6" in his 50's, wearing blue jeans and an orange shirt. The suspect was wearing the tan shoes that were stolen from the store as he fled. Members of the Greenburgh Street Crime Unit, observed a male fitting the exact description walking eastbound on Route 119. The male stopped at a bus stop and boarded a Bee Line bus. Officers stopped the bus and removed the male suspect who admitted that he was in the DSW shoe store and just left that location. He was wearing brand new tan colored Timberland boots. The suspect was positively identified by the DSW store manager as the person who stole the boots while leaving his sneakers behind in the store. The suspect was arrested. A search incident to his arrest revealed additional merchandise (assorted costume jewelry) in his pants and jacket pockets. The offender was transported to police headquarters for processing. All appropriate evidence was vouchered.

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Banning E-Cigarettes from Indoors Is Not the Perfect Solution

I was sorry that the county legislators voted to ban 'e-cigarettes' for indoors. No action or decision is ever perfect, but we should strive for harm reduction and should encourage traditional smokers to use the E-Cigarettes, at least in public. I have a store, I love to shop at, the Apple

Farms, on Tarrytown Road, by the County Center, but I have stopped going there so often, because the store workers and others, smoke their cigarettes right outside the store, causing an excessive amount of offensive odor and second hand smoke. Their large doors are open

all day long.

If the legislators want to help the public at large, please pass a law that prohibits smoking right next to the store's doors. We should look to establish smoking hut areas, where possible.

—Paul Frazer, Hawthorne

Urging the New York State Senate to Pass E-Cigarette Legislation

The New York State Assembly has passed legislation (A.5955-B, Rosenthal) that if also passed by the State Senate and signed into law by Governor Cuomo will restrict the use of e-cigarettes in public places where combustible cigarettes cannot be used. On behalf of the 100,000 cancer advocates across our state ACS CAN applauds the New York State Assembly for passing this public health

legislation. The time for the Senate to act is now, to protect the health of our children and our hospitality workers. They should not have to wait any longer to breathe clean air. If enacted, this legislation will protect New Yorkers from second hand exposure to nicotine and other potentially harmful chemicals found in these products. It will also help ensure that the public health benefits of

smoke-free laws are not undermined. We thank Speaker Carl Heastie, bill sponsor, Assembly member Linda Rosenthal, and Assembly Health Chair Richard Gottfried for their work on and support of this bill.

—Bill Sherman, VP Government
Relations, Eastern Division of
the American Cancer Society Cancer
Action Network

It's a new week. What is new for you after the Charleston Shooting?

Sunday, Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC opened its doors and welcomed friends and strangers to their morning worship service. For a church, this was an ordinary and regular act of community. However, set in context of the horrific events from last week, this act of community required extraordinary measures. With the devastating will of one broken-minded individual armed with a gun, the community fabric was broken last Wednesday and anguish rippled across our nation. Yet, with grace and deep faith, the church doors opened, and the community gathered to ask the hard questions together, to mourn together, to heal together, to stand together, and most importantly, to be together.

It is the beginning of a new week, and there is some positive movement: the suspected killer is in police custody, the FBI is leading an investigation, and the church has opened its doors for regular community gatherings. It is the beginning of a new week, yet nothing has changed the root causes and contributing factors that led a young man to such evil action with the intention of starting a race war.

Can we be a Community where we celebrate inclusion of all people, teach creative alternatives to violence, and dismantle the socially constructed barriers that keep us categorized and separated? Yes, we can be Community in this way.

Let us try something new, talk to someone new, with the hopes that, together, we will find new ways of Being Community in Westchester County and beyond.

—Rev. Doris K. Dalton, Executive
Director of MLK Institute for
Nonviolence, White Plains

One Week Later Community Prayer Vigil and March. Remembering Mother Emanuel A.M.E. Church, Wednesday, June 24; 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 188 Orawaupum St., White Plains. Meet

at Calvary Baptist Church for a prayer service then march to Allen A.M.E. Church on Fisher Road and then on to the Dr. King Statue at the Westchester County Courthouse on S. Lexington Ave.

Affirming Racial Equality and Dignity: An Interfaith Service, Song and Supper. Sunday, June 28, 4 to 7 p.m. at Mount Hope A.M.E. Zion Church, 65 Lake St, White Plains. RSVP at www.ajc.org/westfair/dignity or call 914-948-5585.

Strong Alone. Fearless Together! YWCA USA extends our deepest sympathy to those impacted by the tragic shooting at Mother Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC Wednesday night. We especially want to uplift the friends and families of the victims: Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, DePayne Middleton Doctor, Cynthia Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lance, Clementa C. Pinckney, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Simmons, Myra Thompson.

In a statement from YWCA Greater Charleston, we are reminded that the church's pastor, Rev. Clementa Pinckney, was a good friend of the YWCA. On April 26th in the wake of the shooting of Walter Scott, Mother Emmanuel AME Church hosted the local YWCA Stand Against Racism - Requiem on Racism: A People's Mass (to view visit: <https://vimeo.com/126710749>). As a tribute to and in solidarity with the people of Charleston, we encourage you to view this powerful anti-racist event. We are particularly moved by Rev. Pinckney's opening prayer where he exclaims: "Only love can conquer hate!" For more information about Racial Justice Initiatives at the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester call 914-949-6227 x106.

Hate Violence Has No Place In Our Society The Westchester Jewish Council along with our national partner organization, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), stand with the families of the victims, the people of Charleston, the city's faith community, and our brothers and sisters of the

Emanuel AME Church, as they confront the most horrific of acts - the hateful slaughter of nine in a holy sanctuary. Hate crimes attack individual victims, their families and entire communities. They are meant to isolate and terrorize.

We must strive to achieve a more welcoming and pluralistic community, one that cherishes life and recognizes that every person is created in the divine image. Despite great progress our society has made, it is not yet completely free of hateful people who are capable of senseless violent acts. We must continue to confront them directly and justly. Over the years, the Westchester Jewish Council, our 158 member agencies and the JCPA have worked diligently to fight hatred. We must clearly and unequivocally demonstrate that hate violence has no place in our society. Our children deserve nothing less. The WJC will continue our work with other Westchester faith based and ethnic groups, human rights organizations, and our local government and law enforcement in fighting hatred.

—The Westchester Jewish Council

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Obituaries

Vincent Longo

Vincent Longo of East Marion, NY and most recently White Plains passed away at the age of 88 on June 18 at Calvary Hospital. He is survived by his wife Inez.

Vincent took great pride in being a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 3. He retired at the age of 62 after a long career as a member of the maintenance staff of the Parkchester apartment complex in the Bronx. Vincent was beloved by many because of his generous nature, work ethic and humorous outgoing personality.

Vincent was entombed on Saturday, June 20 at the Shrine of Memories, Ferncliff Cemetery, Hartsdale.

In lieu of flowers you may send donations to the American Heart Association or to the White Plains Senior Center.

Alice Karpus

Alice Karpus, of Danbury, CT and formerly of White Plains, passed away June 16. She was 95. Alice was born May 20, 1920 in Italy to Louis and Elizabeth LeDonne.

An inspiration to her loving family, Alice is survived by three children, eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She will be reunited in heaven with her husband Joseph Karpus. He predeceased her July 1981.

Ann Lifrieri

Ann M. Lifrieri (Sis), a lifelong White Plains resident, died June 16 at the age of 95. She was born August 14, 1919 in White Plains to the late John and Cecelia Maenza.

Ann was a graduate of White Plains High School. She then worked as a Legal Assistant for several attorneys. She married Louis Lifrieri on January 29, 1949. He predeceased her in 1997.

She is survived by her children; Barry and his wife Josephine Lifrieri of Shelton, CT, Bruce Lifrieri of White Plains, Jeffrey and his wife Judy Lifrieri of Tuckahoe and her granddaughter Alexis. Ann is predeceased by a brother, Nathaniel Maenza. She was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association. Hudson Valley/Rockland/Westchester, NY Chapter. 2900 Westchester Ave, Suite 306, Purchase, NY 10577.

Mary Connelly

Mary Young Connelly, 94, of Shrewsbury, NJ formerly of Colts Neck, NJ, died Monday, June 15 at home. She was born in Elmsford and had resided in North White Plains for 70 years before moving to New Jersey.

She was in the first graduating class of

Mount Carmel School, Elmsford. She was a graduate and valedictorian of Hamilton High School and attended Drake Business School.

She was a master knitter and an avid N.Y. Yankees and University of Notre Dame fan. She took a strong interest in politics and church affairs. She was very proud of her family and was a devoted mother, grandmother, and aunt.

Mrs. Connelly was a corporate secretary and office and account manager for H.H. Benfield Electric Supply Company, North White Plains. She later worked as a

teacher's aide at the Conover Road School, Colts Neck and as a sales associate at Lord & Taylor, Freehold.

She was predeceased by her husband, John M. Connelly, Jr.

Surviving are her children, Mary Ellen and Peter Griffin, John and Patricia Connelly, and Neil and Susan Connelly; and grandchildren, Nicholas James and wife Nicole, Tristan Scaglione and husband Vincent, John A. Connelly, Elizabeth Connelly and Chris Connelly.



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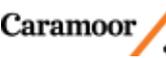
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Beware the Many Faces of Media Hyperbole



By Nick Antonaccio

In this age of instant news, instant data availability and instant gratification, I am suspect of most information that crosses the screens of my multiple electronic devices. So much of the rhetoric on the internet, upon investigation, is ultimately opinion, not fact. It is increasingly difficult to discern between the two. To make matters worse, many

“differing focuses”

purveyors of information feel compelled to do so in 100 words or less to satisfy Americans’ increasing internet attention deficit disorders. Who needs compound sentences when short grammatical bites will do?

In the sphere of wine information, the same dilemma exists and persists. Be it commentary, wine ratings or descriptive adjectives, much wine information is subjective, making it difficult to rely on. This is quite evident in wine surveys. An informed public should be the goal of every organization that conducts surveys. But at times it is difficult to discern opinion from fact, perception from reality. One critic’s top wine of the year

may be the next critic’s mediocre bottle.

Many of the surveys and poll results I’ve seen in my media travels center on individual wines, including listings such as the Top 100 Wines of the Year, Top 10 Wines of the Month/Week/Day, Top In-flight Wine Lists, Top 50 Wines Sold at Restaurants and Top Wine Values. A few are a bit more esoteric, such as Top Wine Travel Destinations, Top Winemakers and Top Sommeliers. Most merge into a cloud of sameness, with a pedantic approach that sets off my attention span limitation rather quickly.

Last week I came across yet another survey, but with a slightly different focus, and it intrigued me. Initially the title seemed rather ordinary: “The World’s Best Wine Lists of 2015.” What gave me pause to scrutinize this list amongst the myriad other surveys I see each month? The source of the survey, the highly regarded “The World of Fine Wine” magazine, and secondly the scope employed by the editor and judges. While its standards were not unique, the Fine Wine magazine judges revealed a trend in restaurant wine lists that I found refreshing.

Of the thousands of wine lists scrutinized, only 300 made the best-in-class cut. American restaurants (116) dominated the list among the 34

countries included. New York restaurants led the list with 40 honorees. The best list in the world? New York’s Eleven Madison Park, perennially rated one of the best restaurants in the world.

What caught my eye among several of the winners was the changing focus of current wine lists. No longer dedicated to high-end Bordeaux and Burgundy bottles, lists have become more eclectic, expansive and deep. Eleven Madison Park offers three thousand different choices, with

prices as high as one wishes to spend. More on the changing focus of their wine list, and the role of a new breed of sommeliers at other restaurants, next week.

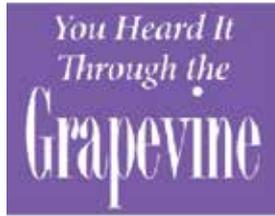
So now we have a means to identify the top wine lists at the top restaurants in the world. But how to discern among wine lists at other, local fine dining establishments? Not to worry - there’s an app for that: Pickabottle. It focuses on New York City, but includes digitized versions of proprietary lists from restaurants in major cosmopolitan cities around the country and the world.

And it is more than a compendium of detailed restaurant wine lists that permits consumers the ability to peruse a list without the at-table pressure so common

when dining. A Westchester-based wine connoisseur, David Beckwith, of New York City’s Grand Cru Selections wine brokerage house, is one of the founders of Pickabottle. He tells me that for many of the app’s wine lists, a user can specify a particular country, style, price range or other criteria and the app will generate a curated list from which to select.

While we traverse the Wild West landscape that is the internet, there are sources of information that are perennially reliable, serving as a base that affords wine consumers the ability to navigate through massive data and provide vicarious adventures otherwise unavailable. Tread cautiously through the rest.

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Vines Can Hide a Multitude of Sins . . . Or Take Over

When my family moved to the south when I was at the impressionable age of eight, I was amazed with some of the colloquialisms I heard that were so foreign to my ear transplanted from South Philadelphia. At that time our next door neighbor Ethel liked to say how much she loved her husband even though he was as “ugly as a mud fence.”

I thought of that phrase recently when I pondered an ugly fence confronting me upon removing a row of sickly hemlocks, stricken years ago by thrip disease, pulled out by their roots, revealing a weather beaten stockade fence that separates the back of my property from another. It had fallen into disrepair with slats cracked and pieces missing here and there. Rather than replacing it at considerable expense, I thought of a more creative approach: that of hiding it with a fast-growing vine. I called in John Fitzpatrick of Fritz Landscaping to help me make the choice

of which would be fastest growing. He suggested honeysuckle.

Fast-growing vines give flexibility of form and function to the home landscaper: they can be directed to grow into unique, arching flights of design fancy, or they can sprout into a quick, concealing blanket to cover up any unsightly structure or serve as a privacy screen. On a steep slope they can even spread out into a groundcover to slow down erosion.

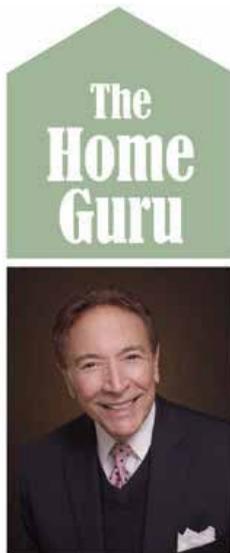
If you want to use vines creatively in the garden, it helps to become familiar with the growing patterns of the varieties available: tendril climbers, twining vines, scrambling plants and clinging climbers.

Tendrils shoot out thin shoots from the main stem of the plant, and these twist around any narrow support. This variety of vine grows very well on trellises and heavy gauge wire netting.

Twining vines climb by wrapping their main stems directly around a support. These vines usually need to be gently trained to grow in the direction you want. Whatever



John Fitzpatrick of Fitz Landscaping plants honeysuckle vines to conceal weathered fencing on The Home Guru's property.



By Bill Primavera

structure you use to support twining or tendril climbers, be sure that it does not lie flush against a wall or other surface. Not only does the vine need space behind the structure to grip it, but the ventilation will help keep the vines and any wooden support dry and healthy.

Scrambling plants don't wrap themselves around any support. Instead they grow out long shoots that climb over whatever they encounter. These vines serve as excellent groundcovers or “cascading” plants, but it's best if their dead stems are pruned out regularly.

Clinging climbers grip surfaces with small, adhesive aerial rootlets, which hang on even after the stem dies. These should only be grown on stone or very solid masonry as the grips can dig into and damage wood and brittle surfaces.

An additional concern with vines is keeping them from taking over the yard. In a worst-case scenario, vines can completely smother trees and other plants in the landscape, as can be seen with the infestations of Asiatic Bittersweet along some roads in the metro New York area. (My local readers can visit vinecutter.com to join groups that cut these vines down.)

On my own, smaller scale, I find that planting vines in pots or plastic pails set into the ground keeps the growth well under control. I used this method successfully with bugleweed that has the unfortunate habit of taking over a lawn.

You can grow vines for fruit, flowers or shade, but what I investigated for hiding my ugly fence were the following vines

that grow quickly:

Honeysuckle, a twining vine, can grow from 7 to 30 feet in a single summer, depending on the variety and growing conditions. Give them a support to grow on if you don't want them to become shrubby. These fragrant blooms attract hummingbirds and butterflies.

Virginia Creeper, a climbing vine, can grow up to 50 feet. It is identified by its leaves, which have five leaflets, are green, but are tinted with red when they first grow. In the fall, all the leaves turn deep red.

Clematis Etoile Violette, grows 8 to 12 feet in a summer and sport profuse purple blossoms in July and September. They are good on posts, fences or wire frames.

Wisteria, needs training in the beginning, but will eventually develop woody stems that in themselves are beautiful year-round. The cascading blossoms are spectacular, but take care that the vine doesn't spread past where you want it.

Evergreen clematis, grows by tendrils, and its downward-drooping leaves give it a “weeping” effect. This white-blossomed vine is an excellent choice for quickly covering a mailbox or wire fence.

For any garden advice or landscaping needs, call John Fitzpatrick at 914-618-1549.

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Westchester County Health Department's Rabies Prevention Tips

As summer approaches, Westchester County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler advises residents to take a few simple precautions to prevent themselves, their families and their pets from being exposed to rabies.

“With warmer weather, residents spend more time outdoors in closer proximity to wildlife,” Amler said. “It's great to enjoy the outdoors, but remember to keep away from wild and stray animals, teach your children to avoid them, too and keep your pets' rabies vaccines up to date.”

It's equally important to keep creatures out of your home to avoid rabies exposure. So far this year, 17 residents were treated after an exposure to a bat. In 2014, 120 residents were treated. Of the 147 animals that were submitted for rabies testing through the end of May, 12 were confirmed rabid, including eight raccoons, two bats, one fox and one skunk.

“To keep bats out of your home, check to see whether your soffits and attic vents are tightly screened,” Amler said. “If a bat gets inside, capture and contain it safely and call the Health Department immediately. That way, if you, a pet or a family member was exposed, the bat can be tested for rabies, which can help you and your family avoid a series of rabies shots.”

What can you do to keep animals away from and out of your home?

Always make sure doors and windows are secure and that any small openings that will allow an animal entrance into your home are closed off. This includes screening, chimneys, attic vents and air conditioners.

If a bat finds its way into your house, confine or capture it (without further exposing yourself) for possible rabies testing. Never release a bat due to the possibility of pet or human exposure.

Instead, call the Health Department at 914-813-5000 to arrange for testing.

Cover garbage cans securely to avoid attracting animals.

Bring pet food and water dishes inside and don't scatter birdseed or crumbs on the ground.

Do not leave food outside unattended.

How can you tell if an animal is rabid?

Unusual behavior may be the first sign of rabies in an animal.

A rabid animal may become either abnormally aggressive or unusually tame.

Staggering and frothing at the mouth are sometimes noted.

What should you do if bitten or scratched by a wild or stray animal?

Wash the bite or scratch with warm, soapy water.

Call your doctor or hospital to find out if additional treatment is needed.

Report the incident to the Health Department, 24 hours a day, at 914-813-

5000. If calling after business hours, follow the recorded instructions for reporting public health emergencies.

What should you do if your pet fights with another animal?

Wear gloves when handling your pet during and after an encounter with another animal.

Call your veterinarian and the animal control officer in your community to report the incident.

If your pet is exposed to a suspect rabid animal, try to keep the animal in sight until the police or a wildlife trapper arrives.

If your pet bites or scratches someone, confine your animal and call the Westchester County Health Department immediately at 914-813-5000. There are a few simple procedures to follow so that the injured person does not need rabies post-exposure treatment. You should also contact the veterinarian for your pet's rabies vaccine records.



The Restaurant Examiner



La Panetière in Rye Plans "Bastille Day" Celebration Dinner

By Jerry Eimbinder

France's equivalent of America's Independence Day is its famous national holiday "Bastille Day" — celebrated every year on the fourteenth of July. In Paris, a spectacular Bastille Day parade begins at the Arc de Triomphe, continues down the Champs-Élysées, and ends at the Place de la Concorde. Late-night fireworks and lights dazzle onlookers at the Eiffel Tower.

The French holiday commemorates the storming of the infamous Bastille prison on July 14, 1789 — generally considered as the start of the French Revolution.

In Rye on Tuesday, July 14, Jacques Loupiac's La Panetière pays respect to Bastille Day with a festive dinner, French wines and live French



Jacques Loupiac, owner of La Panetière in Rye.

melodies to be provided table-side by an accordionist.

For an entrée, the choices are seared

filet of beef with old-fashioned mustard butter or roasted boneless quail au jus.

The prix-fixe cost is \$85 per person with optional wine pairing at an additional \$50.

The courses to be served on Bastille Day are:

1. Vichyssoise of leeks and potatoes
2. Mosaic of Carpaccio "Surf and Turf"
3. Chatham cod poached in olive oil, Provençal style
4. Choice of entrée (either filet of beef or quail)
5. Malibu Caribbean rum Sun Splash
6. Crepe a la mode, Cherries Jubilee
7. "Let them eat" petit-fours

The optional wine pairings are:

1. With Mosaic of Carpaccio: 2013 Sauvignon Blanc "La Petite Perriere," cvc

Loire Valley

2. With Chatham cod: 2011 Chardonnay Villa Botanica Viognier, Pays D'Oc

3. With entrée : 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Chateau Bellevue Bordeaux Superieur

4. With dessert: 2014 Guignolet cherry-scented wine

Owner Jacques Loupiac will be available to answer questions about the food from guests, wine from aficionados and Bastille Day from history buffs.

La Panetière was opened in 1986 and is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

Seating is available from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

La Panetière is located at 530 Milton Road, Rye; 914-967-8140, www.lapanetiere.com.

Ben's Scarsdale to Host Prix-Fixe Dinner-and-Standup-Comedy Show

By Jerry Eimbinder

Ben's Scarsdale will present "Latkes and Laughs," the restaurant's first prix-fixe dinner-and-show event, on Saturday, June 27, beginning at 7 p.m.

Attendees will have a choice of latkes or two other dinner selections. Stand-up performances by three comedians will follow dinner.

Scott Singer, president of Ben's Restaurant Group, said that similar shows were held earlier this year at other Ben's locations and were well received. If this show is successful, he said more events like it will be planned for Scarsdale.

The main-course choices are:

1. Latkes dinner: Three latkes portions and two sides



Potato pancakes at Ben's Scarsdale

2. Chicken dinner: One-half roasted chicken and two sides

3. Brisket dinner: Brisket accompanied by two sides

The stand-up comedians are members of the Wilshire Comedy Group. Expected to perform are Steve Lazarus also known as "The Beer Man," Doug Adler, and Les

Degan.

The dinner and show will take place in the second-floor dining area which has a capacity of 88 seats.

The meals include dessert and unlimited soft drinks. Beverage service will be available during the show. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. and the show follows.

The cost is \$40 per person. Reservations should be made in advance by telephone. Have a credit-card number ready when calling for a reservation. Call 914-468-BENS (2367).

Ben's Scarsdale opened in January 2015. It is located at 718 Central Avenue, Scarsdale, diagonally across the street from the Greenburgh fire department station. The restaurant has a parking lot.

The Sherry b Dessert Studio in Chappaqua Introduces New Ice Cream Flavors

By Jerry Eimbinder

Two new homemade ice cream flavors have been introduced by the Sherry b Dessert Studio in Chappaqua: blueberry crisp and roasted strawberry.

The blueberry crisp ice cream is part vanilla ice cream, part streusel, and part fresh blueberry sauce; the roasted strawberry ice cream is made from roasted pureed strawberries.

One of the most flavorful and unusual creations offered at this dessert oasis is called the Fluffernutter — it's an ice cream sandwich that adds speckles of peanut butter to marshmallow fluff ice cream and places them inside two slices of homemade banana bread. This combination is very different from what is likely to be found in most ice cream parlors, but it's so delicious and priced at only \$5, well worth a try. Another ice cream sandwich that is equally tasty and tempting is a strawberry



Sherry Blockinger, founder and owner of Sherry b Dessert Studio.

shortcake sandwich, also priced at \$5.

The Sherry b Dessert Studio isn't just a place to go for ice cream. Its treats also include cookies, cupcakes, brownies, crumb cakes, puddings, and flavored marshmallows including chocolate, raspberry, bourbon vanilla and dark rum.

Owner Sherry Blockinger, a Chappaqua



The Sherry b Dessert Studio's Fluffernutter ice cream sandwich.

resident, opened the Sherry b Dessert Studio in Settembre, 2012. She grew up in Orangeburg and attended the Hackley School in Tarrytown from seventh grade through high school. She graduated from Purdue University with a major in communications and a minor in art and design and went on to earn degrees from the French Culinary



The Sherry b Dessert Studio's blueberry crisp ice cream.

Institute and the Institute of Culinary Education, both located in Manhattan. Before opening her studio in Chappaqua, she was a private pastry chef.

The Sherry b Dessert Studio is spacious with lots of comfortable seating. It also does catering. It is located at 65 King Street, Chappaqua; 914-238-8300; www.sherryb.com.



Happenings



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Tuesday, June 23

Tuesday at Dorry's. Creating a New Nation. In 2002, Timor-Leste (East Timor) became the first new sovereign nation in this millennium. But the small Asian half-island country faces tremendous challenges. Solidarity activists Jill Sternberg and Charlie Scheiner (former WESPAC co-chair and national coordinator of the East Timor Action Network/U.S.) have lived in Timor-Leste since 2001, working for social and economic justice. Charlie is with the Timor-Leste Institute for Development Monitoring and Analysis (www.laohamutuk.org). They'll explore some of these challenges, and respond to your questions and ideas. Please join us. No reservations are needed. Presentation is 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains; 914-682-0005.

Seniors Pool Party. Westchester County senior citizens annual Pool Party and Barbecue from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Saxon Woods Pool in White Plains. Rain date is Wednesday, June 24. Sponsored by Westchester County Parks and the county's Department of Senior Programs and Services, the pool party is open to Westchester County residents age 60 and older. Seniors are welcome to bring their young grandchildren. Since the pool will not be officially open, seniors and youngsters will have exclusive use of the facility. Saxon Woods also features the "Andy's Place" playground, which is handicapped-accessible for children with special needs and is fun for kids of all ages. From 11 a.m. to noon, barbecued chicken, tossed salad, potato salad, juice and dessert will be available. Entertainment will be provided by the Stolen Moments Band along with a water aerobics and tai chi class presented by Tai Chi School of Westchester. In addition, free rounds of mini-golf will be available. Participants are welcome to bring any additional non-alcoholic beverages. Seating at Saxon Woods Pool is limited; participants are encouraged to bring chairs for seating. Admission and parking for the event are free; Park Passes are not required for this program. Suggested lunch contribution

is \$4 for seniors and a \$4 fee for children. Call the Department of Senior Programs and Services at 914-813-6380 or 914-813-6423 to check on ticket availability.

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Wednesday, June 24

TILI Shed. The White Plains Take It or Leave It Shed is open 2 to 4 p.m. Located at the Gedney Recycling Yard, 87 Gedney Way, White Plains.

White Plains Farmers Market. Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. located on Court Street between Main Street and Martine Avenue in White Plains.

Thursday, June 25

Noonday Concert. Outdoor live musical performance at Renaissance Plaza, White Plains (Mamaroneck Avenue and Main Street) by the Saints - "Mixing it Up." Sponsored by New York-Presbyterian Westchester Division.

Friday, June 26

Opening Reception for "Knit Knit Bomb Bomb" and All-Age Art Workshop. Pelham Art Center's outdoor Courtyard will be colorfully ablaze this with a yarn bombing installation that will cover stretches of its brick walls, tree branches, benches and other objects with knitted garments. This community knitting project led by Maureen McCourt and Gail Heidel transforms the context of everyday objects as a new way to activate public space. In conjunction with the new work local artists exhibit. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Aug. 31. Info: 914-738-2525 or visit www.pelhamartcenter.org.

A Night on Fire. A fully choreographed, live display of fire arts featuring flame-wielding, fire-eating performers twisting

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Saturday, June 27

TILI Shed. The White Plains Take It or Leave It Shed is open 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Gedney Recycling Yard, 87 Gedney Way, White Plains.

Walk Among Live Butterflies Grand Opening. Located in the new wildflower meadow, this exhibit provides a natural setting for people and pollinators. Learn about native plants and butterflies and how they rely on one another. For all ages. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members: Free. Non-members: \$11 for adults. Seniors and students: \$10. Children (2-12): \$9. Children under 2: Free. Includes admission to Manor House. Exhibit runs through Aug. 2 (closed on Fridays). Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

"The Gold Rush." As part of the Fairfield Westchester Museum Alliance's "The Seven Deadly Sins" joint programming effort, the Neuberger Museum of Art is hosting a special screening of this Charlie Chaplin comedy about a prospector's search for gold in the Klondike, which cemented the iconic status of the Little Tramp character. This newly restored print features Chaplin's original music. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 3 p.m. Neuberger Museum members: \$7. Non-members: \$12. Non-member children (under 12): \$7.50. Info: 914-251-6100 or visit www.neuberger.org or www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Sunday, June 28

African American Heritage Celebration. The celebration binds the community together in a special cohesiveness. This year's theme "Celebrating Black Men Making a Positive Impact". The Coalition will honor 10 of our community's most amazing men. They believe that (black) men are the foundation of the family and if we can strengthen the

core of our families by building up our young black men, we can in turn build up the entire community. The Kensico Dam Plaza Valhalla, starting at Noon and ending at 7p.m. The admission and parking are free.

Irish Heritage Festival. A day-long salute to the traditions of Ireland is in store at the annual Irish Heritage Day Celebration from 1 to 6 p.m., at Ridge Road Park in Hartsdale. The event is part of a series of cultural heritage festivals held in a variety of county parks on weekends throughout the summer. Mass begins at noon on the stage. Entertainment includes the Tara Gold Band, Ian Gallagher, the McLean Avenue Band, a bagpipe band performance and the Deirdre O'Mara School of Irish Dancers. There will be many vendors on site where festivalgoers can shop for arts, crafts, jewelry, clothing and more. Activities for children include games and Westchester County's fitness center-on-wheels, the Fit-Mobile. Admission is \$5 per adult. Children under 14 are admitted free. Parking is free. Seating is informal so bring blankets or chairs for seating on the lawn. The festival will be held rain or shine. No coolers will be allowed. For more information, call (914) 439-5773 or go to aiaawestchester.com.

Gedney Farms Cocktail Party. The Gedney Association Summer Cocktail Party and Fundraising Reception will be held on at the Woman's Club in White Plains at 305 Ridgeway from 5 to 8 p.m.

The affair will commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the Gedney Association as well as honor the service of two persons who have contributed much to the City of White Plains: Peter Bassano and Joseph "Bud" Nicoletti, Jr. Peter Bassano has been a member of the White Plains School Board since 2002 and has been active in the community for many years. His term on the Board expired at the end of June. Bud Nicoletti, the former long-term Commissioner of Public Works was with the City for over 30 years. He was responsible for so many of the successful improvements to the White Plains infrastructure. All residents of White Plains are invited to attend this special evening celebration.



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EXAMINER SPORTS

New York Liberty 4-3, Waiting on NY "Prince-s"

By Albert Coqueran

The New York Liberty is, 4-3, this season after beating the Atlanta Dream, 73-64, in Atlanta, on Sunday. It was the second win for the Liberty over the Dream this season, having beaten them, 82-73, in their Home Opener, at Madison Square Garden, on June 5.

Despite their winning record, the Liberty seems to be struggling with two of their three losses coming against WNBA Eastern Conference rival, the Washington Mystics. The Mystics remain 4-2 overall and 3-1 in second place in the East. The Liberty follow the Mystics in third place; but noteworthy all three of the Liberty losses have come against Eastern Conference opponents.

The Connecticut Sun seemed to have regained their prominence this year and is beginning to separate themselves from the league at 6-1 overall and 3-1 in the East.

Although, center Tina Charles, the undisputed star of the Liberty, had her 100th career double/double with 13 points and 12 rebounds against the Dream on Sunday; the 6'-4" center is certainly not scoring at her best of late.

Charles had only six points in the



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

[L-r] New York Liberty first round draft pick Kiah Stokes, veteran Essence Carson with star center Tina Charles are helping to keep the Ladies of Liberty in contention in the Eastern Conference with a 4-3 record thus far this season.

loss, 80-63, on June 19.

Charles shot a dismal 3-of-17 against the Mystics and 3-of-13 against the Fever. Furthermore, despite getting 13 points against the Dream in the Liberty win on Sunday; she shot merely 5-for-20 from the field.

But Charles does not blame anybody but herself for her recent poor shooting percentages. She explains that it is not opponents' defenses stopping her, but it is she herself. "They did not do anything (to me)," said Charles, after her season low against the Mystics. "I am the only person that can stop me. I strongly believe that I am the only person that can stop me," she emphasized.

Carolyn Swords, a 6'-6" center, signed with the Liberty after

playing in Italy last year. It is her fourth WNBA season, after playing three seasons with the Chicago Sky (2011-2013).

Swords seems to have bought into Liberty Head Coach Bill Laimbeer's style of play and has added some crucial minutes and scoring from the bench. Swords has scored in double-digits twice this season and was an intracale player in the Liberty's win over the Fever on both sides of the court. Swords scored 12

points, grabbed six rebounds, snatched three steals and blocked five shots in the game.

Laimbeer was so impressed with Swords performance against the Dream; he spoke to her on the sidelines with a smile on his face towards the end of the game and tapped her shoulder as if to anoint her a Liberty contributor.

But fans however you assess the Liberty this season do not get discouraged because they have "an ace in the hole." The Liberty made a blockbuster trade in the off-season and has yet to reap any benefits from that trade. They sent star guard Cappie Pondexter back home to Chicago and brought Chicago Sky star guard Epiphanny Prince, back home to New York.

You remember Prince, the Brooklyn native and Murry Bergtraum High School superstar, who scored 113 points against Brandies High School, one evening in 2006. Prince broke the record set by Cheryl Miller of 105 points scored by a girls' high school basketball player in a game.

The former Rutgers University star is presently playing for Dynamo Kursk in Russia. The two-time WNBA All Star will join the Liberty, on Thursday, July 9, for

the Liberty's third meeting against the Mystics.

Prince is the Sky's All-Time Leader in three-point field goals with 226 and has scored 2,125 points in five years for the Sky. The 5'-9" guard is a prolific passer, defender and scorer. "The Prince-s" averages 14 points per game, 3.1 assists, 2.6 rebounds and two steals per game. She is the standard of a well-rounded WNBA player.

On the Liberty, Prince will reunite with her former Rutgers teammate Essence Carson, who is having a healthy and revitalized season. Carson is averaging 7.5 points per game, while logging over 21 minutes per game. She missed all last season due to knee surgery.

"I mean when Epiphanny gets back it will just elevate the team, especially on the offensive side of things," commented Carson. "She draws a lot of attention and she can definitely pass the ball and that will make a lot of shots easier for us on the floor," said Carson.

By adding Prince to a roster, which includes hustling and promising rookie Brittany Boyd, who is averaging 8.3 points and over three assists per game, as well as team leaders Tanisha Wright (9.7 points and nearly three assists per game) and Swin Cash (eight ppg.), with Charles, aspiring Swords, a healthy Carson and defensive menaces like Sugar Rodgers and Candice Wiggins, how could the Liberty not secure the second seed in the East this season?

"Every game is very difficult. We want to continue to have a solid home record. We have a lot of road games coming up in July, so it is important we take care of business at home, especially in Conference games," said Laimbeer.



NY Liberty center Tina Charles is trying to regain her shooting touch in practice, as she lifts a floater above defenders for two points, at the Madison Square Garden Training Facility, in Tarrytown, on Wednesday, June 17.

first-half against the Dream and a mere seven points by the third quarter. She is a consistent rebounder, while averaging 8.5 rebounds per game. Nonetheless, Charles, who led the Liberty in scoring their first four games while averaging over 17 points per game, has slowed to 14.5 ppg. Charles's shooting touch has dwindled. She had six points against Washington on June 14 and six points against the Indiana Fever in the Liberty



NY Liberty Head Coach Bill Laimbeer goes over strategy during practice at the MSG Training Center in Tarrytown. Laimbeer has his Ladies of Liberty at 4-3 and in second place in the East, as he awaits the roster addition of star guard Epiphanny Prince, on July 9.



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