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White Plains' Centennial Year Reflects a Focus on Urban Growth

By Pat Casey

Over the past several years when looking back over 12 months of newspaper stories about White Plains, it has been immediately apparent that the most outstanding news articles overwhelmingly

related to development projects throughout the 10-square-mile municipality that is The City of White Plains. With a look back at 2016, the trend has been the same.

As White Plains became an incorporated city 100 years ago, something the board fought hard for over a several year period and won with a state vote of approval in Albany in late 1915, the community in January 1916 was set on a path to become much more than a bedroom suburb of New York City. White Plains, then considered a travel hub, a destination point, the Westchester County seat and with a growing population coming in from Manhattan, had set development as a cornerstone of the

city's future outlook. Much of this remains true today.

North Broadway Proposal Pushes Zoning Change

In 2016, we saw many proposals put before the Common Council to change the Zoning Ordinance to accommodate new development projects. Many of the landowners were represented by the same attorneys, setting precedents for more projects on the horizon. The call to re-evaluate the White Plains Comprehensive Plan was heard many times as each of these proposals was tested against the existing plan for consistency. The growth of residential projects in and surrounding the city's downtown as well as the request for taller building heights to accommodate multi-use applications had some residents knocking on the doors of city hall, looking for guidelines.

Establishment of the Historic Preservation Commission of 2015 helped to put a framework on some proposals, but no one saw it coming when the Sisters of the Divine Compassion sold their property at 52

North Broadway in 2015 and set in motion a discussion about what would happen to green space and suburban-looking residences at similar locations around the city. The Good Counsel property had been the site of the motherhouse for the Catholic order for over 125 years. The 16-acre campus was protected historically at the state and national level, but developers pushed the limits by stating that the property was not protected by the existing Comprehensive Plan and that taller buildings would allow them to maintain the setbacks in place to keep the green lawns of the property fronting North Broadway and still have a working financial model.

The new owners of the property, WP Development NB, LLC, petitioned the White Plains Common Council for a zoning change that would allow the construction of a mixed-use development in the current multi-family residential zone. The plan used to promote the new zone, called Planned Residential Development dis-

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SOURCE: FACEBOOK

White Plains residents Paul and Barbara Schwarz, dressed in the fashion of 1916, posed by the 1909 Ford Model T from the Malcolm Pray Collection parked in front of the C.V. Rich Mansion during the White Plains Centennial Ball, held May 5, 2016.

Former White Plains Mall Cited for Zoning Change

By Pat Casey

The White Plains Planning Board reviewed a proposed change to the city's Zoning Map at its Dec. 20th meeting. The site in question is the former White Plains Mall, currently a B-2 Zoning District. The proposal would create a mixed-use Transit Development-1 district to be situated near a transit hub. Such a proposal, the developer said, was created in response to studies being done by the City of White Plains to create a dynamic and pedestrian-friendly Transit District flowing out from the Metro North train

station.

William Null, legal counsel representing the property owner, W.P. Mall Realty LLC, told the Board that the existing B-2 District limited development and made a realistic financial model for the site almost impossible. Under the existing zone, a two-story building height is the maximum permitted. There are three other B-2 Zones in White Plains, but these are in residential areas and not in the downtown, Null said.

Because the site is located within

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BOL Democrats Seek to Ban Gun Show at County Center

By Martin Wilbur

Outraged Democrats on the Board of Legislators last week vowed to ban a gun show scheduled for the County Center next month by County Executive Rob Astorino's office, arguing it is inappropriate for the site.

The board's political factions are gearing up for battle once New Year's is over to debate whether the Northeast Gun Show, scheduled for the weekend of Jan. 21-22 at the White Plains venue, should take place.

Board Chairman Michael Kaplowitz

(D-Somers) said he expects legislation to be drawn up and debated at the Jan. 3 meeting of the Public Safety and Social Services Committee in favor of a ban. A vote by the full legislature could then take place at the Board of Legislators' Jan. 9 meeting, he said.

Kaplowitz said while he is a supporter of the Second Amendment, the Constitution doesn't compel the county to host a gun and knife show at one of its facilities.

"I believe we should not have a gun show at government facilities of the

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tract, includes a ten-story 400-unit housing complex at the back of the 16-acre property, an assisted living facility operated by Sunrise Senior Living holding 125 beds with 61 living units and 29 memory care units, and graduate student housing for Pace Law School students, comprised of 66 suites.

FASNY Debate Continues

With several years of discussion and contentious debate already part of White Plains history, the status of the French American School of New York's proposal to build a campus at the site of the former Ridgeway Country Club went through several gyrations during 2016.

The White Plains Council had tabled further discussion of the FASNY plan in August 2015 when a vote to not permit the partial closing of a public roadway with-



The proposed development for 52 North Broadway includes a 10-story building situated at the back of the 16-acre property, near I-287.

in the school property caused the overall plan to fail. However, in January 2016 a State Supreme Court judge ordered the Council to vote on the FASNY application at its next meeting in February and rejected the attempt of a Gedney neighborhood opposition group to intervene in the case. By February the White Plains Council had filed an appeal, which was later rejected by the judge. By September, White Plains and FASNY had entered into a Stipulation Settlement, which remains in process and will continue into 2017.

Under the Stipulation of Settlement, litigation between FASNY, White Plains Mayor Tom Roach and the Common Council was suspended and FASNY submitted an alternative plan application for a reduced school on a portion of the site. The plan is under attack by neighborhood groups.

Planning a Transit District

Having received a \$1 million state grant to conduct research and re-assess the White Plains Metro-North station so that it functions more efficiently, the City of White Plains began to engage the public through a series of events in the planning stages of a Downtown White Plains Transit District.

The study, focused on the area immediately surrounding the train station, considers the creation of more pedestrian-scale streets, transit-supportive land uses (commercial and residential); engag-

ing public spaces; and linkages and connections between the transit district and the downtown core.

Valet Parking and Taxis Control

Addressing the fast changing nature of the White Plains downtown, the Council voted during its Feb. 1 meeting to pass a comprehensive valet parking ordinance to allow businesses, especially along Mamaroneck Avenue, to provide valet parking service to their customers.

A proposal, then in its early stages to amend the City Center site plan by its new owners Kite Realty Group included adding valet parking drop-off on the Mamaroneck side of the development. The new City Center design included a new canopy on Mamaroneck Avenue and an opening of the City Center lobby to include an escalator for access to the upper floors.

At its April 4 meeting, the White Plains Common Council approved an overhaul of the city's Taxi Ordinance. The changes, which had been sought by Mayor Tom Roach because of consumer complaints, were focused on passenger service. The ordinance authorized five additional White Plains taxicab medallions to be assigned to accessible vehicles only, and permitted hailing, within a defined 'Hail Zone' in the downtown area. All White Plains licensed taxicab drivers are now required to submit to annual drug testing, and owners and drivers of taxicabs are required to maintain vehicles in a clean and safe condition.

Cars will be taken out of service when they reach 400,000 miles. These changes came on the heels of the installation of two Taxi Starters (Special Patrol Officers) at the White Plains Metro-North station.

Development and More Development

After many years of vacancy, the Westchester Pavilion at 60 South Broadway, home of the former Borders Books, will be torn down and a new multi-use development with several levels of rental apartments, retail stores and restaurants will be constructed on the corner of South Broadway and Maple Avenue. The resolution passed by the White Plains Council at their Feb. 1 meeting included Site Plan approval for the full development and Special Permit approval for six outdoor dining locations. The development required a spot zoning change to allow for the increased height of the residential building.

Also part of this project and a first for White Plains is a Recreation and Parks impact fee that will be assessed for the 707 residential units on a per residential unit basis, amounting to a total of \$2.23 million to be paid by the applicant to the city in three installments to be used exclusively to enhance existing city parks and playgrounds or create new ones.

In the same area of town, Esplanade Hotel building refurbishment plans were underway with the building's owner (White Plains Venture Partnership) peti-

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tioning for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow the owner to take an existing 90-unit building and renovate it to a total of 212 smaller rental apartments.

The Norden Lofts, LLC, at 121 Westmoreland Ave., at the site of a former industrial building that had been vacant for more than 13 years, was the first development application in the new White Plains LI-M Zoning District. The project was received with enthusiasm as an adaptive reuse and redevelopment of an existing building to residential apartments while maintaining the industrial nature of the building. As a market rate rental project, the apartments are geared toward young professionals working in or commuting from White Plains.

White Plains Mayor Tom Roach and Housing Authority Director Mack Carter cut the ribbon and officially opened the Prelude and the White Plains Education & Training Center (WPETC). Located at the corner of South Lexington Avenue and Quarropas Street in White Plains, the Prelude is the first phase of a long-term transformation and comprehensive revitalization of the White Plains Housing Authority's 450-unit Winbrook public housing campus.

Two retail-shopping projects were the subject of review in the late spring. One was a proposal to overhaul elements of The Westchester mall, which has not seen an upgrade since it was built about

20 years ago. The other was for the Site Plan for the Boulevard multi-use project on the Post Road in White Plains. One of the major intentions of the owners of The Westchester was to rebrand the mall with signage indicating that Simon Properties is the owner. The food court was also slated for improvements with new restaurants offering more gourmet selections including a bar element, which caused a change in access times to the mall.

The Site Plan for the Boulevard, proposed by Grid Properties, Inc., included a city zoning change to allow the mixed-use application with 200,000 square feet of retail, fitness and restaurant space and 12 market rate rental townhouses, each with one bedroom. The 720 parking spaces included in the project are reserved for residents and shoppers and with some restrictions will be free.

Along with the development of new construction, Dannon joined the ranks of developers moving into empty space and requesting zoning changes for major renovations. Dannon is relocating its headquarters from Greenburgh to the former Fortunoff's building in White Plains in an effort to provide its younger employees with a surrounding environment full of services and social interaction.

Dannon will occupy the top floors of the former retail giant on the corner of Bloomingdale Road and Maple Avenue and will install a food lab on the ground

floor. The food lab construction required a change to the city code to allow laboratory use as an adjunct to office use.

Just up the street on Maple at One DeKalb, a Special Permit was granted for the height of the residential building at the same location to increase to six floors. Two levels of parking would be located below the four levels of 77 multi-family residential units.

The roof would include a walkable green roof area and vegetable garden for residents.

Reintroduction of Agriculture and Control of Nurseries

During the summer months of 2016 the City of White Plains took an innovative approach to clearing the overgrown city-owned land at Baldwin Farm by renting 29 goats to munch on an infestation of poison ivy. Baldwin Farm is a passive park on Hall Avenue known for its community garden plots. The land was privately owned and used for farming until 1979. Since its acquisition by the City of White Plains in 1974, it has been used for passive recreational purposes and, since 1983, for community gardens. The City is slowly re-introducing low intensity agricultural uses back to the property while maintaining public access. Toward this end two beehives were introduced in June. The bees have been busy making White



ANDREW COURTNEY PHOTO

Hundreds attended a White Plains march calling for police reform. Some of the signs bore the most poignant of messages.

Plains honey for several months now.

An ongoing and often emotional interaction between residents and nursery businesses in White Plains reached somewhat of a pivot point when discussion was encouraged between the differing parties before the White Plains Council issued a change to the Zoning Code to add Nursery Business as a Special Permit and add organic manufacturing as a permitted use.

The new code is expected to define nursery business in a way that allows city staff and the Council, as well as nursery owners to more easily consider applications with specifically designated regu-

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county and I'm supporting legislation that will ban the gun show," said Kaplowitz. "The reason is it's a family venue. There are lots of things that are legal, you don't necessarily want to invite them into your living room."

"In our current climate, with reported threats of violence at more than one Westchester school in recent weeks, it sends a terrible message for the county to sanction a gun show on its property," added Legislator MaryJane Shimsky (D-Hastings-on-Hudson).

Meanwhile, last week the board's seven Republicans and one Conservative countered with a proposal that would require the show's operator follow the state attorney general's Model New York Gun Show Procedures. The procedures were drawn up by Attorney General Eric Schneiderman about two years ago.

The procedures require that guns brought into the show by private sellers are tagged so that the operator can determine if guns were sold and that a proper background check is performed. There would also have to be conspicuous signs



The County Center, operated by Westchester County, is scheduled to host a controversial gun show next month. Democrats on the Board of Legislators have vowed to fight against the show.

posted throughout the show that give written notice to all dealers and makes clear in online promotional materials that New York State law requires a National Instant Criminal Background Check (NICS) for all firearm sales or transfers.

It also informs all gun show staff of the requirements of posting signs and conducting background checks; limits the number of access doors at the show so that sellers and buyers have to enter and

exit through an area where the NICS procedures can be monitored; and uses reasonable means, including police patrols, to prevent illegal gun sales outside of the building, and have law enforcement at the show watch for illegal sales.

"I would expect quick passage of this legislation since it was developed after research and due diligence by Attorney General Eric Schneiderman in working with the companies that run gun shows around New York," said Board of Legislators Vice Chairman Jim Maisano (R-New Rochelle).

"We believe that mandating the toughest regulations possible to ensure that gun shows follow all existing laws and that the safest procedures possible are followed is the right solution to deal with future gun shows at the Westchester County Center."

Phil Oliva, a spokesman for Astorino, said the stringent attorney general's pro-

cedures require a background check to purchase a gun. County police will also be providing security and that all rules are followed.

"The Northeast Gun show has historically been one of the best run and most well-attended shows we host at the County Center," Oliva said. "We expect the show in January to be no different and we encourage not just sportsmen and firearm enthusiasts in Westchester and throughout the Hudson Valley to attend, but also the general public.

However, Kaplowitz, who said he would also support the Republicans' proposal as a backup plan, questioned why Astorino tried to schedule the show without telling anybody. He also reneged on a handshake agreement with the Board of Legislators following the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre four years ago.

Kaplowitz said he hopes Astorino realizes that it's bad timing and bad policy to push the gun show through.

While Democrats outnumber the Republican caucus 9-8, there aren't enough votes for a veto override, Kaplowitz said.

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the area being studied by the city as a transportation hub, the proposed development uses elements and

suggestions coming out of that study.

The highest portion of the project would be residential units in a 280-foot-high



Architect's rendering of proposed development at the site of the former White Plains Mall within the context of surrounding buildings in the city's downtown.

farm-to-table foods, and both active public open space called a village green, and private open space for use by residents only. The zone would provide for 15 percent open space and 85 percent developed space for the full 100 percent coverage of the site. All parking would be incorporated within the structure.

Null explained that the developer's intention was to create a pedestrian-friendly environment around the project that would be attractive to commuters moving to and from

the transit center, as well as to provide uses in the area that were different from other parts of the White Plains downtown

The proposal is before the Common Council, which referred the zone change out to several city departments, including Planning.

The Planning Board agreed to send a letter to the Council saying

that the zone change was acceptable and consistent with the intentions of the White Plains Comprehensive Plan.



The hub icon shows the White Plains Transit Center with a dotted line representing a pedestrian pathway to another hub icon to the proposed new Transit Development-1 Zoning District.

structure positioned at the site's corner nearest to the Ritz-Carlton, Westchester. The Ritz-Carlton is 450 feet from the site.

Using a proposed development model to illustrate how such a zone might be constructed, the developer has designed residences (about 600), a 30,000 sq.-ft. food hall and artisanal market selling

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lations. One nursery representative proposed that an amendment to Section D-2 of the existing ordinance making sure that nurseries strictly comply with existing conditions should help alleviate some



Phase One of the Winbrook redevelopment project includes 103 affordable housing units and the White Plains Education and Training Center.

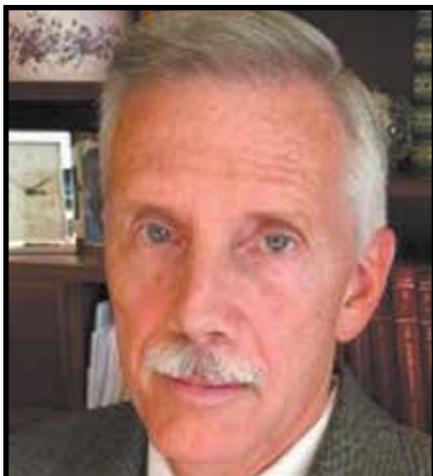


The first female Police Chief in White Plains, Anne Fitzsimmons.

of the problems without putting restrictions on old family-owned businesses that might force them to close down. Many of the nurseries operating in White Plains had already won or settled in court over similar grievances.

Woman's Club Celebrates 100 Years

The Woman's Club of White Plains celebrated its centennial in 2016 with 100 Acts of Kindness performed by club members throughout the year. The organization raised funds and collected items



Dr. Howard Smith is Acting Superintendent of White Plains Schools.

for needy families in the community as they have done traditionally throughout their existence. They also celebrated the changing role of women in the community throughout the decades. A Gala of the Century was held in November, capping off the fundraising calendar. A Scholarship Luncheon and Fashion Show was held in April and a Jazz Concert in June.

Coming Together Because Black Lives Matter

Protestors marched alongside police, and city and state officials during the summer of 2016 as hundreds attended a White Plains march calling for police reform following the deaths of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile.

Starting at Calvary Baptist Church in White Plains, protestors marched first to the Winbrook Public Housing building where Kenneth Chamberlain, a 68-year-old former Marine, was killed during a confrontation with police in 2011. The march continued to police headquarters, where White Plains Police Chief Anne Fitzsimmons led the group in prayer. "We want to show America an example of a good community and of a loving community and a community that is going to ask those hard questions, hear the right answers, and make police and the community to be as one," Calvary's Rev. Erwin Lee Trollinger, the event's organizer, said at the outset of the march. "This not an angry march. This is not a fighting march. This is a coming together march."

The march and rally followed fatal shootings by police of a number of black men, most recently Sterling and Castile in Louisiana and Minnesota, respectively, as well as the murder of five police officers in Dallas. The marchers were joined by White Plains police officers, as speakers stressed that they were speaking out not against police but for better policing practices.

FitzSimmons Becomes First Female Police Chief

Assistant Police Chief Anne Fitzsimmons became the first woman police chief in White Plains in 2016. She had been a police officer for 36 years. Anne began her service in the Patrol Division, as one of the first females to be assigned to regular patrol duties. In 1984, she began her assignment in the Youth Unit and was primarily involved in investigations involving children, sex crimes and domestic violence. In 1987, she was promoted to sergeant and was responsible for supervising criminal investigators. She remained in this position until 1997 at which time she was promoted to Lieutenant - Executive Officer of Criminal Investigations. In 2001, Anne was the first female to achieve the rank of Captain in the White Plains Po-

lice Department. In 2006, Anne was promoted to Assistant Chief.

In Search of a New Superintendent of WP Schools

It was with heavy hearts during the December 2016 meeting of the White Plains Board of Education that Dr. Paul Fried's resignation as Superintendent of Schools was accepted. After a long search, he be-

gan work with the district in July 2015. He went on medical leave in May 2016 at which time former Superintendent Timothy Connors stepped in to fill the gap. Dr. Howard Smith took the position in October 2016 and will continue as Acting Superintendent until June 30, 2017. The search for a new superintendent has been initiated by the Board.

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Obituaries

Bruno Gulla

Bruno Gulla, a White Plains resident, died Dec. 22 at the age of 84. He was born February 22, 1932 in Palermiti, Italy to the late Domenico and Paula Gulla.

On January 23, 1960, he married Vittoria Pisani in Italy.

Bruno worked for the Town of Greenburgh before his retirement. He was a veteran of the Italian Army.

Bruno love to play cards, western movies, making homemade wine and his coffee. He loved spending time with his family and was a humble man with a very generous heart who had a way of making everyone laugh.

He is survived by his brother Armando Gulla of Italy, his sisters Rosa Gulla, Elizabeth Gulla, Maria Gulla, all of Italy and Anna Mazza of Pautucket, MA, and Italia Marcella of Pleasantville along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Salvatore Damiano

Salvatore Damiano, 88, a longtime resident of West Harrison passed away on Dec. 20. He was born in Guardia Lombardi, Italy on September 6, 1928 to the late Lucia (Casarella) and Francesco Damiano. Salvatore married the love of his life, Angela Luongo, in Italy in 1952.

Salvatore emigrated to the U.S. in 1953. He was a devoted family man. His life passion was dedicated to loving, supporting and protecting his wife and children. He was an extremely loving man who made friends with everyone he met. His greatest joy was spending time with his family and friends and tending to his garden. He will be missed profoundly.

Salvatore is survived by his wife of 64 years, Angela and his children Franco Damiano of Mahopac and MaryLou (James) Morgan of White Plains.

Dorothy Scates

Dorothy Scates, a longtime Purchase resident, passed away on Dec. 20. She was born in Astoria Queens on July 12, 1934 to the late Rose and Rosario Bonifazio. A

woman of extraordinary faith and compassion and charity, Dorothy worked for many years at the Convent of the Sacred Heart and she was active in her parish, St. Paul's Church.

Devoted wife of the late John K. Scates, Dorothy is survived by her three children, Deborah Lasicki, Kent Scates and Pamela Scates Hegarty and four grandchildren, Tyler, Malina, Colin and Isabella (Izzy). Dorothy enjoyed nothing more than attending sporting events and school events of her grandchildren. She was loved and adored by her children, grandchildren and friends. She will be deeply missed.

Daniel Lynch

Daniel J. Lynch, 96, of Hartsdale, died December 20. Daniel was born July 2, 1920 in Red Hook, Brooklyn. He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1942-1945 and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. For 25 years Daniel worked as a court clerk for the State of New York until his retirement in 1995.

On October 25, 1952 Daniel married his wife Mary Ellen. She predeceased him in 2010.

Daniel is survived by his three children: John J. Lynch of Hartsdale, James Lynch of Brewster and Mary Ellen Falzone. Also surviving are seven grandchildren: Daniel Falzone, Jennifer Falzone, James Lynch, Shaina Lynch, Tara Shaffer, Dana Lynch and Jaelyn Lynch, and two great granddaughters Maria and Julianna Falzone. Besides his wife Mary Ellen, Daniel is predeceased by his sisters Helen Lynch and Mary Hickey and granddaughter Michelle Falzone.

Dad was a tremendous husband and father. He placed the needs of his family above his own. Through action and hard work, he paved the way for a happy life. This example will remain with all of us forever.



Florence Rose DiBari Jessup Orlando

Florence Rose DiBari Jessup Orlando, 86, passed away on Dec. 18 in Hurricane, Utah. She was born in Peekskill on Jan. 18, 1931 to Joseph Guilio DiBari and Rosa Cirillo DiBari.

Florence married Leonard Morgan Jessup in September 1951 and had two children, Lyn Jessup Pratt and Lenny Jessup; that marriage ended in divorce. On August 12, 1962, she married Rocco Orlando, who died March 21, 1995.

Florence's mother died when she was six years old. She was the baby in the family of six children. When her mother died, the children were put into St. Josephs orphanage in Peekskill. She graduated from Peekskill High School in 1949. Florence had a really hard childhood but never used that as an excuse for any shortcomings. She was a determined, hard worker.

She married Leonard Morgan Jessup and they moved to Norwich, CT. They divorced four years later and Florence and her two children lived with her older sister, Angie, and her family. She was a waitress at Peekskill Diner where she met her second husband, Rocky. They moved to White Plains, (Silver Lake). She worked at the North Court Restaurant for over 12 years. Florence then went to work at Macy's in White Plains, starting out in the domestics department for a couple of years. Then she moved to the furniture department where she was quite successful. She retired in 1999 and moved to Hurricane, Utah where her daughter lived.

Florence had a hard time adjusting to the culture in Utah and missed her family and friends in New York. She always bragged that she was the only one in the family that wasn't Mormon! She started going to Senior Citizen dances where she met Ivan Welker. Ivan has been there for her for over 15 years and she loved him very much. She joined a dance group, Prime Time Performers under the direction of Ilene Hacker. Florence loved to dance and be in the spotlight, she was a real ham. She also danced with the Sassy Seniors under the direction of Bobby Andrews, where she did a solo mime song and dance to "Second Hand Rose." They performed at the local rest homes and senior citizen centers.

Florence loved to be surrounded by family and loved each one of them. She had a great sense of humor, very quick with her comebacks. She could tell you the name of every actor in all the old movies. She loved trivia and being able to prove that she was right.

As far as Florence was concerned, if you were going shopping, you were really going to Macys. She would say you were going to the mall but was ready to leave after going to Macy's. She loved her employee discount and could tell you how many discounts she got on a ten-year-old item.

Florence is survived by her daughter-Lyn Pratt (Gerold), and son Leonard (Lenny) Jessup, AZ. Grandchildren -Heather Beatty (Zak), Ryan Hutchings (Kristine), Lindsey Johnson (Edwin), Tanner Jessup (AZ). Great grandchildren-Rocky Beatty (Paige), Shelby Beatty, Treydan Beatty, Kael Beatty, Abby Beatty, Brendan Hutchings, Carter Hutchings, Jace Hutchings, Frankie Johnson. Her brother, Dominick (Mariam) DiBari. Special friend/companion, Ivan Welker.

She was preceded in death by: Rocco Orlando (husband), Angie Dasecke, Louise Milliken (sisters), Frank DiBari (brother), her parents, grandson, Michael Hutchings and many very dear friends that she missed on a daily basis.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday Dec. 28 at the Hurricane West Stake Center, 272 S. 700 W, Hurricane, UT. Viewing 9 to 10:45 a.m. funeral at 11 a.m. Interment at the Hurricane City cemetery.

Friends and family are invited to share condolences online at www.SereniCareof-StGeorge.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home, St. George, UT.

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Attempted Murder of Police Officer

Ronald Clare Greenland (DOB 2/24/63) of Mount Vernon has been arraigned and charged with: one count of



Ronald Greenland

Attempted Murder in the First Degree, a class "A-1" Felony, one count of Attempted Assault in the First Degree, a class "C" Violent Felony, one count of Attempted Aggravated Assault Upon a Police Officer,

a class "C" Violent Felony, one count of Assault in the Second Degree, a class "D" Felony, one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, a class "D" Felony, one count of Attempted Grand Larceny in the Third Degree: Property Value Exceeds \$3,000, a class "E" Felony, one count of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Third Degree, a class "D" Felony, one count of Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle in the Third Degree, a class "A" Misdemeanor, one count of Resisting Arrest, a class "A" Misdemeanor, one count of Trespass, a Violation, one count of Possession of Burglar's Tools, a class "A" Misdemeanor.

On November 8, 2016, at approximate-

ly 2:15 a.m., the defendant was attempting to steal rims from a truck at a car dealership located at 175 North Bedford Road in Mount Kisco. A Westchester County Police Officer was on patrol when he spotted a suspicious green Honda Odyssey van in the parking lot of the dealership. It had previously been reported stolen. The officer pulled over the van at a traffic light but then the defendant sped off. A high-speed chase ensued. The defendant then stopped the van on Knowlton Avenue, left the vehicle and began running. The officer chased the defendant through backyards eventually catching him on Dickson Lane in Bedford.

A physical struggle began where the defendant hit the officer several times and attempted to stab him before he was subdued and taken into custody. The knife was recovered at the scene. The officer's bulletproof vest had slashes in the chest area where the defendant attempted to stab him.

Police had been conducting increased patrols of local car dealerships in response to several thefts of tires, rims and other car parts during the overnight hours.

After the defendant's arrest, police discovered a car jack and cinder blocks beneath a pickup truck on the car dealership's property. The minivan he was driving had been stolen from Scarsdale in September.

The defendant also faces federal charges due to the fact that he had previously been

deported back to his home country Jamaica and illegally returned to the United States. He was deported based upon his prior felony conviction relating to his participation in a car theft ring.

The defendant Fredy Depaz pled not guilty. He was remanded and faces 25 years to life in state prison.

His next court date is January 17, 2017.

Three Guilty in Death of Day Laborer

Fredy Coronado Mendez Depaz (DOB 11/11/80) of Mount Kisco pled guilty to one count of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, a class "C" Felony.

Milton Aviel Ventura (DOB 3/27/80) of Mount Kisco pled guilty to one count of Robbery in the Third Degree, a class "D" Felony. Along with his guilty plea, Ventura was sentenced to time served.

Mario David Coronado Depaz (DOB 8/29/95) of Mount Kisco pled guilty to one count of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, a class "C" Felony.

Sometime over the course of July 4 and July 5, 2015 the Depaz brothers beat to death Jose Reyes Sanchez in a wooded area in the vicinity of Lieto Drive and Lexington Avenue in Mount Kisco.



Fredy Depaz



Milton Ventura



Mario Depaz

The victim, a homeless day laborer was repeatedly punched, kicked and beaten with a tree branch.

Prior to the attack, Mario David Coronado Depaz and Milton Aviel Ventura forcibly stole the victim's wrist watch was from his wrist.

An intensive investigation by the Westchester County Police led to the arrest of all three defendants.

The remand for the defendants continues.

Fredy Coronado Mendez Depaz and Mario David Coronado Depaz each face a maximum of five to 15 years in state prison.

Milton Aviel Ventura faces a maximum of two and a third to seven years in state prison.

The sentencing date for Mario David Coronado Depaz is February 23, 2017.

The sentencing date for Fredy Coronado Mendez Depaz is April 15, 2017.

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New Year's Eve Celebration Set for Winter Wonderland

Westchester's Winter Wonderland will have a New Year's Eve celebration for the first time this year – designed for families with children of all ages.

The celebration will begin at 8 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 31 at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

The New Year's Eve celebration will include all of Westchester's Winter Wonderland regular activities that begin at 5 p.m. that evening, including rides, ice skating, circus performances, strolling characters and more. To add to the fun, a New Year's Eve ball will drop at 8 p.m. followed by a five-minute pyrotechnic show.

"A New Year's Eve celebration adds a little more magic to Westchester's Winter Wonderland, and the 8 p.m. ball drop is great for families with children," said County Executive Rob Astorino. "I look forward to the pyrotechnic display as part of this great kickoff to a safe, happy and prosperous 2017."

Westchester's Winter Wonderland has a new feature this year – Hanneford's Holiday Circus. The double-poled, red and white striped circus tent is the only tented holiday circus in the tristate area and provides 30-minute circus shows, as well as pony and camel rides. Guests also enjoy the New York Rangers-sponsored 70-foot by 90-foot ice rink "RangersTown," which is the same size as the rink at Rockefeller Center in New York City.



Jingle Bells to Wedding Bells. There was romance in the air – or should we say, on the ice rink – at Kensico Dam Plaza's Westchester's Winter Wonderland in Valhalla. On Dec. 10. Before Pompton Plains, N.J. residents Tina Bacolas and Matt Iaccheo hit the RangersTown ice rink, Iaccheo hid a box with the engagement ring in Bacolas' ice skate as she was putting it on. When she noticed it, he proposed. She said yes!

"We are excited to have our first New Year's Eve celebration at Westchester's iconic holiday destination this year. We wanted to design a celebration earlier in the evening so that families could bring their young ones out to celebrate, with enough time to get home before midnight," said Joanne Fernandez, chair of the Westchester Parks Foundation. "We invite everyone to come early to enjoy New Year's Eve with their loved ones at West-

chester's Winter Wonderland and stay for the ball drop!"

Other features scheduled for Saturday evening include:

- The Santa Experience, with costumed character appearances.
- Rides: The Wonderland Express, Winter Hay Ride and the Holly Jolly Caterpillar.
- The Westchester Knicks Holiday Dining Tent and Hospitality Tent.

· Individually-tented shopping vendors in newly named sections on the plaza: "Main Street," "Light Show Lane" and "Hay Ride Way."

· A 32-foot tall Christmas tree.

· Candy Cane Forest lights at the entrance to the event.

General admission for Westchester's Winter Wonderland is \$15 per person; children 5 and under are free. (Ticket price allows for unlimited access to amusement rides, ice skating and rentals, as well as visits with Santa Claus.)

Westchester Parks Foundation is the organization that envisioned and helped to develop Westchester's Winter Wonderland with the County Parks Department, while also advocating and investing in the county's 18,000 acres of parks and open space.

The event is presented by Westchester Medical Center, sponsored by the Westchester Parks Foundation and produced by the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. Event sponsors include the New York Rangers, Con Edison, Party Line Rentals and the Westchester Knicks.

Westchester's Winter Wonderland will run through Monday, Jan. 2 and is open weekdays and Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.winterwonderland.com.

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New Year's Resolutions to Keep Your Home in Top Shape

The beginning of a new year is the very best time to make resolutions for improvements around the house. To our aid comes House Logic, the online communications arm of the National Association of Realtors, which has done something really cute by relating the most popular personal resolutions to home-related issues.

I present a selected list of them here, followed by my recommendations of suppliers I've called upon for many years when I couldn't do certain jobs by myself.

Here's hoping 2017 will be your most productive year around the house ever! Are any of the following resolutions on your list of to-dos?

1. Lose weight! (In house talk, cut energy use) A good place to start is your HVAC ductwork. Ducts are notorious energy wasters, leaking heating and cooling air through holes and loose connections.

Sealing and insulating ductwork can improve the efficiency of heating and cooling systems by as much as 20 percent, according to Energy Star. Not only will a home be more comfortable, but a more efficient system extends the life of a furnace, air conditioner or heat pump.

2. Quit smoking. (Purify indoor air) The EPA lists indoor air quality as one of the top environmental health hazards. Indoor air is full of potential contaminants, such as dust, mold spores, pollen and viruses, and the problem is at its worst during winter when windows and doors are shut tight. You can help eliminate harmful lung irritants in

the home by maintaining your HVAC system and changing furnace filters regularly.

3. Get out of debt. (Budget for improvements) Creating an annual budget for home improvement and maintenance helps prevent overspending and encourages the creation of a fund for major replacements, such as new roofing.

4. Learn something new. (Educate yourself on home finances) Learning how to improve your insurance score can help keep your home insurance premiums from escalating. Letting credit card debt build up is a black mark on a homeowner's credit history and an indicator that an insurance claim is likely to be filed. The more claims, the lower the insurance score, which means higher rates for home insurance.

5. Get organized. (De-clutter!) There's no better time than the new year to pare down and create more storage space creatively, such as under stair spaces and even between wall studs.

6. Drink less. (Curb home water use) The average household uses about 400 gallons

of water each day. Making a few simple changes could trim your annual water bill. Add to that energy savings from reduced costs to heat water, and your yearly savings could be increased significantly.

Low-flow showerheads include technology that reduces the amount of flow yet keeps pressure up, resulting in shower streams that are powerful and satisfying. High efficiency toilets use compressed air and electric water pumps to flush with less than one gallon of water; older models required up to eight gallons.

7. Get fit. (Exercise your DIY skills) Routine home maintenance burns calories while keeping your house in tip-top shape.

8. Be less stressed. (Use maintenance-free materials) Install low-maintenance materials and products inside and out, designed for durability and long, trouble-free service. Vinyl or fiberboard siding on the outside and LED bulbs on the inside go a long way to easing maintenance stress.

When it comes time to rely on resources other than your own in meeting your home's New Year's resolutions, here is a list of suppliers I have used for many years and recommend highly in their

respective fields.

Architect: David Tetro, 914-962-3113.

Cabinetry and Woodworking: Woodtronics, 914-962-5205.

Contractor: Franzoso Contracting, 914-271-4572.

Electrician: P and K, Electrical Contractors (Peter and Kenneth Simone), 914-962-3581.

Fencing: Campanella Fencing (Tony Campanella), 845-628-2200.

Flooring: The Flooring Girl (Debbie Gartner), 914-937-2950.

Interior Designer/Stager: Susan Atwell, 914-525-0454.

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Mover: Advantage Movers, 800-444-0104.

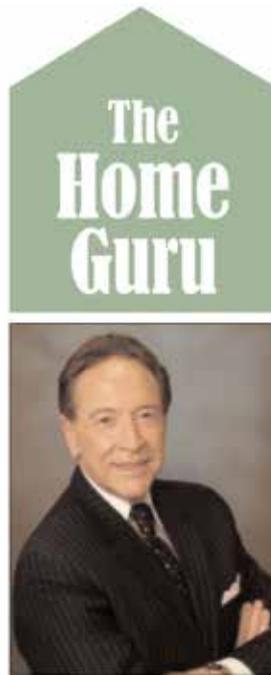
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Plumber: Goldberg Plumbing, 914-962-3498.

Rug Cleaning: Spotless Cleaning Systems, 845-225-6449.

Here's wishing you a happy New Year, full of satisfying projects to keep your home in top and welcoming shape.

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A Tale of Wine Intrigue and Fraud Becomes a Major Movie



By Nick Antonaccio

Several years ago, I wrote a column discussing a unique case of wine fraud and counterfeiting. It involved a tangled web of high-end collectors and a nefarious entrepreneur who took advantage of gullible, wealthy wine aficionados who were susceptible to being scammed.

Sound like a premise for a thriller movie? It certainly has all of the elements for a blockbuster tale: unlikely heroes, unscrupulous villains, scam artists, undaunted truth-seekers and easily duped victims. All against a setting of wealthy excess, hedonistic dinners and decadent debauchery. Just a few months ago, a major movie was released which recounts the deeds of such a counterfeiter. And it is a documentary no less.

The movie, "Sour Grapes" tracks the misadventures of counterfeiter extraordinaire Rudy Kurniawan over nearly 10 years, from his early exploits as a wealthy jetsetter entertainer to his ignominy as a convicted felon. Last week I watched the movie; next week I'll review it.

Here then, the 2012 column:

We live in a world of checks and balanc-

es. They generally work as intended, protecting us from unscrupulous purveyors of information or products. On rare occasions, we hear of an instance of an individual or group that figures out a new way to game the system.

Last week, Rudy Kurniawan, a 35-year-old self-proclaimed multimillionaire, was arrested by the FBI on charges that he attempted to sell counterfeit wine, which, if authentic, would have been worth \$1.3 million.

Mr. Kurniawan diligently worked at building a reputation in every aspect of the exclusive club of high-end wine lovers. For 10 years before his arrest, he played a major role in the wine auction market and was highly regarded as a sophisticated aficionado, wine connoisseur, collector, dealer and authenticity expert. Essentially Mr. Kurniawan was at the center of each check and balance in the wine world's self-policing system.

Many in his closed circle regarded Mr. Kurniawan as generous and possessing impeccable standards. His arrest has rocked the very foundation of the world of wealthy collectors of high-end French Bordeaux and Burgundy wines.

Allow me to fill in the picture with a few factoids based on adjectives many attributed to him:

1. Sophisticated aficionado. One of the wealthiest collectors/dealers in the world, Mr. Kurniawan enjoyed a lavish lifestyle. He was known to spend up to \$250,000 a night on wines at expensive restaurants. Court papers indicate he racked up \$16 million on his American Express card from 2006 to 2011.

2. Collector. It is believed he owned 50,000 or more bottles of very expensive wine. At one time, he was considered the world's most active wine buyer, influencing the prices for wines. He engaged in wine churning: buying and selling authentic – and counterfeit – wines to support his lifestyle.

3. Dealer. Mr. Kurniawan sold \$35 million worth of wine in 2006 alone, thus controlling both sides of the auction block.

4. Authenticity expert. The deeper you descend, the bolder you get. He built a reputation for his skill in identifying (and apparently avoiding) counterfeit wines. Incredulously, he even went so far as to offer buyers a guarantee intended to protect against fraud.

5. Counterfeiter. In 2008, Mr. Kurniawan consigned for auction a number of

wines, including Burgundies with label dates between 1929 and 1971, even though the first productions of those wines took place many years later. He lied about these discrepancies yet continued to actively participate in the auction markets.

In Mr. Kurniawan's home, the FBI found empty bottles of famous, and very expensive, wines, shipped to him by restaurants that he patronized. Apparently, he refilled the bottles with moderately priced California wines, offering them at auction as the original wines (and guaranteeing their authenticity).

Our system of checks and balances has taken on a new meaning in the wine world: collectors writing checks to Mr. Kurniawan as he was increasing his bank balances.

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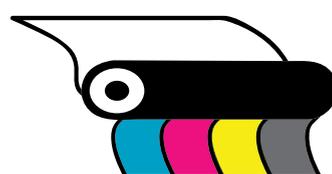
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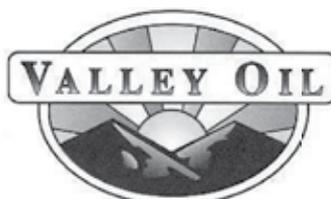


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Winter Dining Deals to Start 2017



By Morris Gut

The competitive economic climate has prompted restaurants to create great deals for every palate this winter. Of course, you can search for coupons and discounts on-line, but many eateries are offering in-house incentives

that are hard to beat right now. Here are a few suggestions.

Luncheons for \$15.95 at LaRiserva. There is a new prix fixe lunch menu served daily: choice of appetizer and main course for \$15.95. Proprietor Michael Vivolo and his wife Margaret of La Riserva, 2382 Boston Post Road, Larchmont (914-834-5584), have been serving 'the Italian classics' here for over 38 years and the new lush atmosphere and friendly ambiance keep it a treat. Be seated in one of the lovely refurbished dining rooms, now housing a vintage photo gallery, and let the house suggest such specialties as: flavorful Polenta al Gorgonzola with shrimp; Orre-



A lush order of Spiedini at Ernesto's, White Plains.

chietti di Accadia; Veal Chop alla Griglia, with mushrooms and roasted potatoes; or the fresh Branzino Mediterraneo. Sunday Brunch. Michael's son Dean operates Trattoria Vivolo in Harrison. Private party facilities. Open 7 days for lunch and dinner. Free parking. www.lariservarestaurant.com.

Kitchen Counter Lunch for \$10 at Ernesto's. Genial hosts Ernesto Capalbo and Charlie Gambino have refurbished long-running Ernesto's Ristorante, 130 W. Post Road, White Plains (914-421-1414), giving it a pleasant contemporized look. The spirited bar area offers happy hours Tuesday through Saturday, 3 to 7 p.m. with reasonably priced beers, wines and \$5 martinis. Half-price appetizers are served Thursday and Friday, 3 to 7 p.m. at the bar only. It is a good spot for networking. There is a kitchen counter lunch for \$10 served Tuesday through Friday, noon to 3 p.m. Early Bird dinners are served 3

to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday priced at a reasonable \$17.95. The regular menu of Italian-American specialties is always available as are private party facilities for up to 75 guests. Let the veteran floor staff led by Elio, Geovan and Juan see to your needs. In the process of renovating the dining rooms, Ernesto moved his popular pizza shop down to the corner and named it Pizza Cucina where you can still get all your favorites fresh-made. Pizza Cucina is located at 102 Post Road, White Plains (914-752-4611). On and off premise catering. Free and municipal parking. www.ernestoristorante.com.

Great Happy Hours at Kee Oyster House. Partners Kenan, Ekrem and Elvi of Kee Oyster House, 128 E. Post Road, White Plains (914-437-8535), have created a Prohibition era hotspot where patrons flock in for their daily fill of fresh oysters and lusty cocktails. Daily Happy Hours 4 to 7 p.m. include: \$1 oysters and specially priced drinks; Sunday Funday: half-price lobsters; Wine & Dine Monday: half price bottles of selected wine; Tasty Tuesday: half price starters; Late Nite Happy Hours: Thursday through Saturday, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; and Ladies' Nite Thursdays: all night drink specials. Fish, seafood and meat specialties excel. Big lobsters, too. And you could not find a friendlier staff to help you. Open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. Private party room. Catering. Municipal parking. www.keeoysterhouse.com.

Early Bird Dinners for \$14.95 at Mamma Francesca. The 3-course Early Bird Dinners served here are generous and cost a reasonable \$14.95. When Nick DiCostanzo was growing up on the Island of Ischia on the Coast of Naples in Italy, his earliest memories where of the simple seaside meals he would enjoy with his family, farm-to-table and of course sea-to-table. As proprietor of Mamma Francesca Italian Restaurant in New Rochelle for over 30 years, located on the banks of Long Island Sound with 6-story views of the 'Queen City's' seafaring boat clubs, this culinary philosophy still holds true, albeit with a sprinkling of contemporary taste. There is a talented new kitchen staff preparing a seasonal menu of robust 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. Daily Happy Hours and Chichetti menu at the bar. Party facilities and off-premise catering. Free parking. Mamma Francesca, 414 Pelham Road, New Rochelle. 914-636-1229; www.mammafrancesca.com.

Encore's 3-Course Prix Fixe Lunch.

One of my favorite Gallic bistros is the original Encore Bistro, 22 Chatsworth Ave., Larchmont. (914-833-1661) Proprietor David Masli-ah and his team offer such hearty bistro favorites as: a colorful and delicious Tartin de Tomates, Moules Provencales, a fabulous Salade Parisienne, along with St. Jacques

au beurre blanc and Steak Frites as a main course. (It's hard to stay away from their rendition sweetbreads, too!) Plates du Jour include: Monday, Crepes night; Tuesday, Mussels night; and Wednesdays, Tartar night offering a choice of steak, tuna, salmon, or scallops tartar. There is a Kids Menu, too. A relaxing a la carte Sunday brunch offers such additional dishes as: Oeufs Benedict; Pain Perdu, brioche French toast with warm berries; and Quiche du Jour served with mesclun salad. Great French fries here, the real thing! For dessert there are classic versions of Tarte Tatin and Profiteroles. Great deal: there is a 3-course lunch for \$15.50 served Monday through Saturday. Open 7 days for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. Happy Hours: 5 to 7 p.m. weekdays. www.encore-bistro.com.

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Oyster service at Kee Oyster House, White Plains.

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Happenings

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Winter Wonderland. Westchester's Winter Wonderland will run through Monday, Jan 2. The program will be open weekdays and Sundays from 5 to 9 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 5 to 10 p.m. General admission for Westchester's Winter Wonderland is \$15 per person; ages 5 and under are free (ticket price allows for unlimited access to amusement rides, ice skating and rentals, as well as visits with Santa Claus.

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Craft Marketplace. Pelham Art Center's annual artisan and craft exhibition returns highlighting a dynamic collection of affordable quality handmade works for sale. Many skilled craft disciplines will be represented, including textile printing, silversmithing, glass blowing and much more featuring more than 15 local and national artists who represent a range of traditional and modified artisan techniques, creating unique items. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free admission. Members receive a 15 percent holiday sale Dec. 1-5. Continues through Dec. 30 during operating hours. Info: 914-738-2525 or visit www.pelhamartcenter.org.

Holiday Pottery and Craft Sale and Small Works Exhibit. Showcasing the talents of Katonah Art Center instructors, staff and students. The sale will have a large offering of handcrafted jewelry, sculpture, pottery, fused glass, knitted goods and more. The juried exhibit will feature paintings and drawings with a maximum dimension of 20 inches in either direction. All works for sale at

maximum prices of \$500. Children are invited to make a holiday ornament or decoration while their parents peruse the array of art, looking for the perfect holiday gifts. Anderson Chase Gallery, 65 Old Bedford Rd., Goldens Bridge. Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission. Continues through Jan. 2. Info: 914-232-4843 or visit www.AndersonChaseGallery.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

Kwanzaa Celebration. Free and open to public at the Thomas H. Slater Center, 2 Fisher Court, White Plains; 2 p.m. The program includes Traditional Drumming by Kofi, Sankofa Dance & Drum Ensemble, and performances by YWCA GEMS, White Plains Youth Bureau, H.I.P. H.O.P., and the White Plains Steppers and more. A free cultural potluck dinner will be provided by ShopRite following the program. Kwanzaa, an African-American festival meaningful for people of all faiths is celebrated by family and friends who gather to share food, light candles, and think about particular values that make meaningful community. This year we celebrate the third Kwanzaa principle, Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility): To build and maintain our community together. Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, a college professor, author and scholar-activist who stresses the indispensable need to preserve, continually revitalize and promote African American culture. Its origins are in the first harvest celebrations of Africa from which it takes its name.

Thursday, Dec. 29

"The Gift of the Magi." An adaptation of O. Henry's classic, adapted and directed by Bram Lewis. The intermission will consist of a singing session replete with cookies and carols. The Schoolhouse Theater, 3 Owens Rd., Croton Falls. 8 p.m. Adults: \$38. Seniors: \$35. Also Dec. 30 and 31 at 8 p.m. and Jan. 1 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-277-8477 or visit www.schoolhousetheater.org.

Saturday, Dec. 31

White Plains New Year's Eve Spectacular. The 17th annual White Plains New Year's Eve Spectacular is hosted by The White Plains Business Improvement District and the City of White Plains. The celebration will commence at 10 p.m. on Dec. 31 at Main Street and Court Street. There will be a DJ and live music from Larger than Life, a group of versatile and nationally recognized performers. They feature "The Ultimate Boyband Tribute," singing

hits from The Jackson 5, The Beatles, The Temptations, Four Seasons, Backstreet Boys, NSYNC and many more. Revelers will have the opportunity to ring in 2017 with a ball drop, confetti and a dazzling firework display at midnight. Give yourself time to go through security checkpoints. Admission to the event area will be through access gates only. Through the New Year. Safe Ride. program, Heineken will provide free and safe rides home for Westchester County residents of legal drinking age who celebrate New Year's Eve in downtown White Plains. The Safe Rides transportation stand will be on the corner of East Post Road and Mamaroneck Avenue between 11 p.m. on Dec. 31 and 3 a.m. on Jan. 1. A dedicated fleet of 30 cars, including at least one that is handicap accessible, will provide complimentary rides home for those 21 and older traveling from the heart of downtown White Plains to anywhere across Westchester County.

New Year's Eve Celebration. A gala celebration is in store for revelers here. Come for a culinary feast, see the sensational musical "Saturday Night Fever" live on stage, dance into the night with the Tuxedo Parc Orchestra, and at the stroke of midnight, raise a glass of bubbly to the new year. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. \$370 per couple (tax, gratuity and parking included). Info and reservations: 914-592-2222 or visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

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Sunday, Jan. 1

Happy New Year 2017!

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FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

In the Matter of a Proceeding Under Article 10
of the Family Court Act

NORIEK MONTGOMERY (CIN#)
Docket No. NN-12210-16
F/U No. 148105

A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age
Alleged to be Neglected by
SUMMONS ZENAIDA DIAZ,
(Child Neglect Case) Respondent.

NOTICE: PLACEMENT OF YOUR CHILD(REN) IN FOSTER CARE MAY RESULT IN YOUR LOSS OF YOUR RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD(REN). IF YOUR CHILD(REN) STAYS IN FOSTER CARE FOR 15 OF THE MOST RECENT 22 MONTHS, THE AGENCY MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO FILE A PETITION(S) TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO COMMIT GUARDIANSHIP AND CUSTODY OF YOUR CHILD(REN) TO THE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADOPTION. IN SOME CASES, THE AGENCY MAY FILE BEFORE THE END OF THE 15-MONTH PERIOD. IF SEVERE OR REPEATED CHILD ABUSE IS PROVEN BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE, THIS FINDING MAY CONSTITUTE THE BASIS TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO COMMIT GUARDIANSHIP AND CUSTODY OF YOUR CHILD(REN) TO THE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADOPTION. UPON GOOD CAUSE, THE COURT MAY ORDER AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE NON-RESPONDENT PARENT(S) SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A RESPONDENT; IF THE COURT DETERMINES THE CHILD(REN) SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM HIS/HER HOME, THE COURT MAY ORDER AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE NON-RESPONDENT

PARENT(S) SHOULD BE SUITABLE CUSTODIANS FOR THE CHILD(REN); IF THE CHILD(REN) IS PLACED AND REMAINS IN FOSTER CARE FOR FIFTEEN OF THE MOST RECENT TWENTY-TWO MONTHS, THE AGENCY MAY BE REQUIRED TO FILE A PETITION(S) FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THE PARENT(S) AND COMMITMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CUSTODY OF THE CHILD(REN) FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADOPTION, EVEN IF THE PARENT(S) WERE NOT NAMED AS RESPONDENTS IN THE CHILD NEGLECT OR ABUSE PROCEEDING.

A NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUEST TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT CUSTODY OF THE CHILD(REN) AND TO SEEK ENFORCEMENT OF VISITATION RIGHTS WITH THE CHILD(REN). BY ORDER OF THE FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT(S) WHO RESIDE(S) OR IS FOUND AT and to [specify name(s) and address(es) and relationship to child(ren)]:

A Petition under Article 10 of the Family Court Act having been filed with this Court, and annexed hereto

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this Court at 111 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., 3rd Floor Annex, White Plains, New York 10601, on February 3, 2017, at 3:00 pm o'clock in the morning afternoon of that day to answer the petition and to be dealt with in accordance with Article 10 of the Family Court Act. Upon your failure to appear as herein directed a warrant may be issued for your arrest and/or the Court may proceed to Inquest and hear and determine the petition as provided by law. Dated: December 2, 2016.

___/s/_____

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DIABETIC SWEETS OR SYDELLES SWEETS. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 24, 2016. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to: **16 Scenic Drive, South Salem, NY 10590. Purpose: Any lawful acts.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: SKYHOOK PRODUCTIONS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/01/2016. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **The LLC, 215 Loring Avenue, Pelham, New York 10803, principal business location of the LLC. Purpose: any lawful business activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BUSINESS CONCIERGE UNLIMITED, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 21, 2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **600 Mamaroneck Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MOST AND CO PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/17/16. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail

process to principal business address: **Michael Wong, 2 Pell Place, Pelham, New York 10803. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF T.C. INVESTIGATIONS, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on October 17, 2016. Office location: Westchester County, New York. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process accepted on behalf of the LLC served upon him or her to: **103 Skyview Lane, New Rochelle, N.Y. 10804. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PEEK-SKILL HOLDINGS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 26, 2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Brendon Fitzgerald, 741 Shenandoah Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566. Purpose: Any lawful acts.**

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Kids in Sports II LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 07/11/16. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SILVER RUSH PRODUCTIONS, LLC. ARTS Of ORG filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/05/2016. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ANDY ROBLES LLC/A ROBLES LLC RECENTLY WITH IRS. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 8th, 2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **17 Limerick St., Stamford, CT 06902. Purpose: Landscaping and hardscaping.**

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Happenings

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Tuesday, Jan. 3

Tuesdays at Dorry's. Jonathan Flaks will talk about "Always Growing," when career is no longer a concern, what can we learn from a career and life coach. Jonathan will help us think about the relevance of all this to where we are in our lives and our world now. Tuesdays@Dorry's gathers conservation partners every Tuesday to share a meal and learn from presenters invited each week. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. presentation 6 to 7 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck

Ave., White Plains, 914-682-0005.

Wednesday, Jan. 4

Lunchtime Meditation. At the White Plains Library a weekly meditation program. No registration or equipment necessary. Starts promptly at 12:15 p.m. with the first few minutes devoted to beginning instruction. For information please contact 914-422-1496 or cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov. The White Plains Public Library is located at 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Get Ready to Party at Empire City Casino on New Year's Eve

By Jerry Eimbinder

Empire City Casino officials estimate that tens of thousands of revelers will celebrate the arrival of 2017 at its facilities in Yonkers on New Year's Eve. The festivities officially draw to a close at 6 a.m. New Year's Day.

Multiple dining venues are available including the Empire Terrace Restaurant overlooking the racetrack. Four bands and a DJ will entertain and guests can try their luck at one of 5,300 machines, including

new high-tech blackjack and three-card power.

The Empire Terrace Restaurant offers dinner seating at 5 and 9 p.m. with tomato and baby mozzarella salad as an appetizer and a pair of entrée choices – lemon and herb salmon drizzled with beurre blanc or roast New York strip steak topped with demi glaze. A chocolate mousse cake with macerated berries and whipped cream will be served for dessert.

Seating at 5 p.m. is available to Empire Club members at \$59.95 and at \$69.95 for nonmembers. The 9 p.m. seating costs \$79.95 for members and \$89.95 for nonmembers. The dinner includes a complementary glass of champagne for a midnight toast. The Gus Hayes Band will perform during both Empire Terrace Restaurant dinner times.

At the Good Time Room, the partying commences at 9 p.m. with an extensive dinner buffet and the music of the Bobby Lynch Orchestra. The buffet, for \$150 per person, includes an elaborate display of seafood on ice sculptures, a variety of hearty salads, an international cheese and charcuterie selection, seafood paella, loads of pastas, meats, chicken and vegetables, a carving station featuring pork loin and New York strip and a pastry-filled and berry-lined Viennese table. There's a complementary champagne toast at midnight.

A \$15 cover charge includes one free drink ticket for those attending the Entertainment Lounge. The FDR Drive Band will play from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Front-row seats to the stage and midnight balloon drop are offered to patrons reserving bottle service (\$150 table minimum).

For bowlers, Alley 810 provides a high-end mixology lounge and two vintage bowling lanes where visitors can enjoy cocktails and bottle service (\$150 table minimum) while listening to DJ LAX spin the beats all night long.

Inside the casino, take in the nail-art depictions of the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges, the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building that line the gaming floor wall.

Hampton Inn & Suites in Yonkers offers guests free shuttle service to and from the casino. (Patrons must be booked in advance and is based on availability.)

Tickets to New Year's Eve activities are nonrefundable and must be purchased in advance. Seating is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Prices do not include tax and gratuity.

For more information or reservations for Empire City Casino's New Year's Eve packages, call 914-457-2457 or visit www.empirecitycasino.com.

Empire City Casino is located at 810 Yonkers Ave. (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO. 70910/2015 Filed By: 12/28/2015

Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated.

Wells Fargo Bank National Association,
as Trustee for Banc of America Alternative Loan Trust
2005-11 Plaintiff,
-against-

Mary Bowe, as Heir and Executrix of the Estate of James J. Bowe, Laura Girdner a/k/a Laura Bowe, as Heir to the Estate of James J. Bowe, Carol Bowe a/k/a Carol Ann Bowe, as Legal Guardian of C.B., as Heir to the Estate of James J. Bowe, Clayton Roach, as Heir to the Estate of James J. Bowe, Justin Roach, as Heir to the Estate of James J. Bowe, Katelyn Roach, as Heir to the Estate of James J. Bowe, Kellyn Roach, as Heir to the Estate of James J. Bowe, Michael Bowe, as Alternative Co-Executor of the Estate of James J. Bowe, Erin Conway, as Alternative Co-Executor of the Estate of James J. Bowe, Bank of America, N.A., United States of America, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, and "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10", the last ten names being fictitious and unknown to the plaintiff, the person or parties intended being the persons or parties, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; or within sixty (60) days if it is the United States of America. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: Buffalo, New York FRENKEL, LAMBERT, WEISS,
December 23, 2015 WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP

BY: Kristin Bolduc
Attorneys for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street
Bay Shore, New York 11706 (631) 969-3100
Our File No.: 01-072279-F00

TO:

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New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

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EXAMINER SPORTS

Westchester Knicks Celebrate Third Christmas at the County Center

By Albert Coqueran

On Friday, Dec. 23, Westchester Knicks General Manager Allan Houston sat at his usual courtside table watching the NBA Developmental League affiliate of the NY Knicks play the Raptors 905, the D-League affiliate of the Toronto Raptors, at the Westchester County Center.

It was the eve before Christmas Eve, and the over 2000 fans packed into the arena were certainly filled with the Christmas spirit, especially considering the local Knicks came into the game in first place in the Atlantic Division with a 9-5 record.

“It is great to have a Friday night game when Christmas is on a Sunday. I am sure people are busy but for them to come out and support us and make this part of their weekend is special,” acknowledged Houston.

Nonetheless, Houston did not have much to cheer about on this celebratory night, after Raptors Brady Heslip went on a three-point shooting tear, while making six-of-seven three pointers and scoring 20 points in the third quarter.

Heslip finished the game with 32 points, while making 10-of-14 shots from behind the arc, as the Knicks (9-6) lost to the Raptors, 116-95, and relinquished first place in the Atlantic Division to the Maine Red



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Cedric Hawkins, Sr. (second left) brought his son Cedric Hawkins, II (third left) to the Westchester Knicks versus Raptors 905 game to celebrate his 11th Birthday and usher in the Holidays on the eve before Christmas Eve, Dec. 23rd. Santa Clause visited the birthday party at the Westchester County Center.

Claws (10-6).

However, what Houston could feel good about while witnessing his D-League Knicks spending their third Christmas at the Westchester County Center, was the progress his team has made on the court the past three seasons, the evolution of the County Center and the support the local Knicks have received from the community.

“Every year you learn new things; it is really about knowing the community better and them getting to know us better. I believe that is what is happening. We are trying to do whatever we can to keep building the roster and make it a really fun and exciting team for this community to watch,” said Houston.

Anyone who has driven west on Route 119 or north on the Bronx River Parkway or even walked past the Westchester County Center since the start of the Westchester Knicks 2016-17 season surely cannot miss the five new enormous video boards announcing premier events at the County Center.

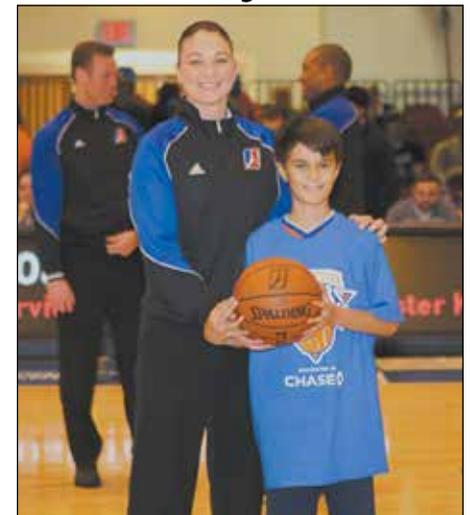
Furthermore, if you ventured to purchase a ticket to watch the local Knicks play at the County Center, inside you will notice the new ribbon-board that encircles the arena

below the mezzanine, a new basketball court with the Westchester Knicks logo that can be transformed expediently to accommodate other events and new scoreboards and video game-time monitors on each end of the court.

“The building looks good, the court looks good and the story boards and screens look good. It is great that MSG has continued to extend its operations and intellectual capacity and we have been an extension of that,” stated Houston. “When you think of Madison Square Garden, you think of ‘The World’s Most Famous Arena’ with the best entertainment in the world and that is what we want this to be,” Houston said.

The Westchester Knicks christened the Westchester County Center with a Home Opening ceremony on November, 19, 2014. The local Knicks struggled on the court during their inaugural season but have improved each year.

The Westchester Knicks ended their inaugural season with a dismal 10-40 record without a D-League Playoff appearance. The local Knicks improved to 28-22 in their second season under new Head Coach Mike Miller, which prompted the first NBA D-League Playoff Game at the County Center. The local Knicks lost to the even-



Montgomery Dube (right), a 12-year-old student from Bronxville Middle School, was selected from the crowd to start the Westchester Knicks versus Raptors 905 game by bringing the game-ball to center court and presenting it to referee Lauren Holtkamp.

tual 2015-16 D-League Champs the Sioux Falls Skyforce in the Semifinals but excitement encompassed the County Center for the first D-League Playoff Game.

This season the local Knicks are 9-6 at the Christmas break in second place in the Atlantic Division. They had six-game winning streak from November 16 through December 3 but hit a snag going 3-5 in their last eight games.

The local Knicks are led by affiliate player Chasson Randle, who is definitely headed for the NBA Knicks roster in the future. Randle is averaging 22 points per game this season and is the team leading scorer. The local Knicks guard was selected as the NBA D-League Performer of the Week for the week December 12-18.

“This is a great organization; they take care of us very, very well, both the coaching staff and the entire Westchester Knicks staff. This whole thing is a process and I take things one day at a time but these people are definitely helping me along the way,” said Randle.



The Westchester Knicks Dancers and the Knick Knacks donned in festive Christmas outfits excited the more the 2000 fans at the Westchester County Center with their dance routines celebrating the Holiday Season.



Westchester Knicks guard Chasson Randle (right) had 26 points in the local Knicks loss, 116-95, to the Raptors 905, on Friday. Randle is the Westchester Knicks leading scorer while averaging 22 points per game. He was also selected as the D-League Performer of the Week for the week of December 12-18.



Westchester Knicks Head Coach Mike Miller (center) goes over strategy in the second quarter against the Raptors 905. Miller could not find a solution to celebrate Christmas with a win, as the Raptors won 116-95. The loss knocked the local Knicks out of first place in the Atlantic Division with a 9-6 record thus far this season.

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