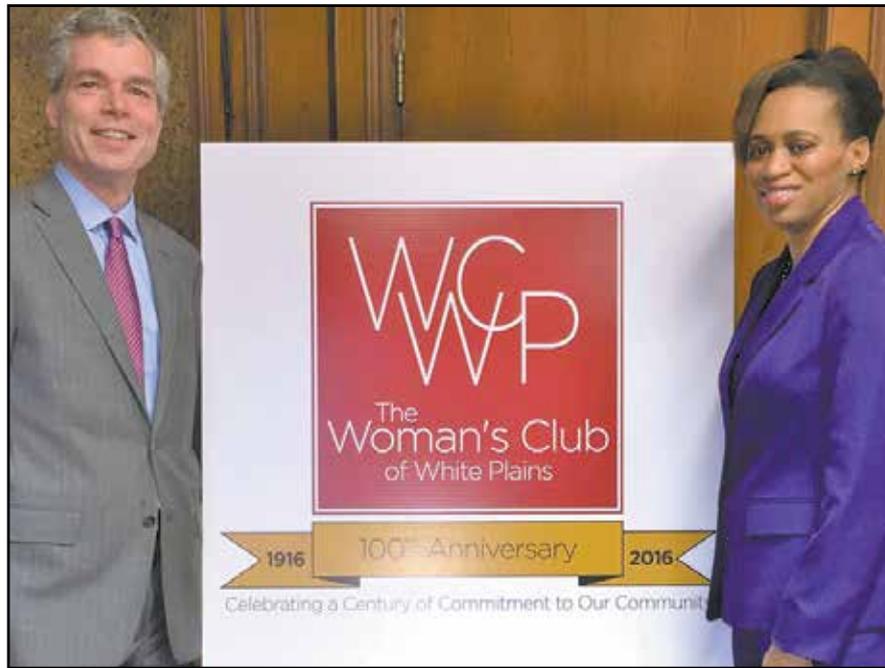




## Woman's Club Logo Gets a New Look for a New Century

White Plains Mayor Tom Roach and Councilwoman and Woman's Club Member Nadine Hunt-Robinson display the new logo of The Woman's Club of White Plains, celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Throughout its history, the Woman's Club has worked to show the community at large its true purpose. Although some have seen it as only a social club, others have recognized its charitable and philanthropic focus. In 1936, Club president Ruth Hamilton Norton stated, "The Club is expected to give moral and financial support to various organizations." She stressed that the parent organization, The Federation of Women's Clubs, "emphasizes our moral obligation and urges us to prove ourselves, as a vital and integral part of the community." In 2016, the Woman's Club membership is very diverse, representing women of all ages, religions and ethnicities. While the Club still provides a social and networking venue for its members, its primary focus remains on its remarkable commitment to supporting local charities and volunteerism. The new logo is a reflection of the vibrant and progressive nature of today's Woman's Club of White Plains and it is hoped that the bright bold colors will inspire women to take a look at the new Woman's Club and get involved.



Turn to page 4 for Part 2 of an historical series on the past 100 years of the Woman's Club of White Plains.

## Police Advise Residents to be Watchful, Report Suspicious Activity

By Pat Casey

Residents in the South End of White Plains have been advised by the Public Safety Department to be alert to anything in their neighborhood that seems suspicious.

According to Commissioner David Chong, three recent break-ins – two taking place on Feb. 24 on Hillair Circle are being investigated and detectives have leads. The homes were unoccupied at the time.

"The thieves or thief is going in through glass patio doors in the rear of the houses out of view from the street," Chong said in an email Thursday. "The main bedrooms are targeted and it seems whatever items they can stick in their pockets are being stolen." The Police Department has increased both

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## Tech Madness Begins at Mobile App Development Bowl Kickoff

By James Best

As March Madness looms for college basketball fans, 250 high school and college students came to the County Center last Friday to celebrate Tech Madness at the second annual #WestchesterSmart Mobile App Development Bowl kickoff.

The pep rally-style celebration recognized students from the more than 30 high schools and colleges throughout the metropolitan area who will be participating in this year's competition, including Ossining, Pleasantville, White Plains and Westlake high schools, among others in Westchester.

During the next two months teams of students will be designing and creating

mobile applications to improve an aspect of daily life for senior citizens, this year's theme.

"The purpose of this is to get the brightest and best of our students that are going to be in high school or college to come up with apps that can help senior citizens," Westchester Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett said of the competition. "This year the number of teams has doubled. The teams competing to create this app that will be very helpful to our seniors have decided that this is an important initiative to come out, use their talents and intelligence."

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## White Plains Names First Woman Police Chief

By Pat Casey

Assistant Police Chief Anne FitzSimmons was promoted to Chief of Police last week in White Plains.

Commenting on the promotion, Public Safety Commissioner David Chong said: "Ann FitzSimmons has served as part of my executive team for the past six years as the Assistant Police Chief. She is a highly qualified individual and well respected throughout law enforcement. She was the natural, most common, and quite honestly easy choice to promote to Chief."

FitzSimmons has been a police officer for 36 years. She began her service in the Patrol Division, as one of the first females

to be assigned to regular patrol duties. At the time, her title was "Police Woman." 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

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## Police Advise Residents to be Watchful, Report Suspicious Activity

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uniform and plainclothes officers in the area. "They will be doing random checkpoints and stopping anyone that seems suspicious," Chong said.

"We ask that if people have alarms, to set them, and keep on a radio or something that would appear to make the thief think the house is occupied. A timer with lights in different rooms and radio is a good choice," Chong further advised.

Residents are asked to call Police right away, if they see a person or car they don't recognize, anything out of the ordinary, and to look out for their neighbors.

"If you intend to go on vacation or away for an extended period of time, notify us," Chong said. "The Department offers house checks on locations when people go on vacation."

"If you have valuables, hide them in a secure place, most of these criminals are in and out in a matter of minutes. They don't like to search for the valuables, they usually hit the bedrooms and take what's in sight," Chong added.

A uniformed and non-uniformed presence has been increased in the area since these incidents were reported. If anyone has any information that may assist investigators, call 422-6200 or 422-6111.

### SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

## Tech Madness Begins at Mobile App Development Bowl Kickoff

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JAMES BEST PHOTO

Part of the pep rally at the County Center in White Plains last Friday to officially kick off the second annual #WestchesterSmart Mobile App Development Bowl. This year the competition involving high school and college students asks participants to develop an app to help senior citizens with an aspect of their life.

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Plains Police Department. As a police captain she experienced several different commands: Administration, Training and Community Policing. In 2006, Anne was promoted to Assistant Chief and is currently responsible for Administration, Training, Data Management, and Community Policing.

As the Commanding Officer of the Community Policing Division, Anne has supervised police officers who use innovative community policing strategies and technology to reduce crime. She is

especially proud of developing the White Plains Police Department's response to domestic violence. The development of successful strategies to reduce domestic violence by working in partnership with various service providers, in particular the Pace Women's Justice Center, in the White Plains community has increased the safety of citizens in their homes.

Anne is of Irish and Native American descent. Her mother was raised on an Indian Reservation in North Dakota and FitzSimmons and her children are members of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

A White Plains native, Anne attended the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel High School and Westchester Community College. It was at Pace University when studying secondary education that she took an elective in Criminal Justice. That, as well as classes in sociology and psychology gave her the initiative to investigate a career in the police department. She always had an interest in social issues and was no stranger to government service. Her father, William McMahan, spent 37 years on the White Plains Fire Department and retired as Chief in 1986.

Anne is a graduate of Pace University, has attended various professional schools, and received a Masters in Public Administration from Marist College.

Some of the awards and recognition Anne has received include: 1985 International Association of Women Police - Merit Award, 1985 Westchester County American Legion Auxiliary Police Award - Outstanding Service to the Community, 1991 Police Officer of the Year - White Plains Exchange Club, 2002 Pace Women's Justice Center - Certification of Appreciation - Project DETER, 2005 City of White Plains Commission on Human Rights - Distinguished Service Award, 2006 chosen as one of Westchester County's Wise, Wonderful Women, 2007 YWCA of White Plains - Government and Public

Pace University Seidenburg School of Technology and Information Systems Interim Dean Jonathan Hill congratulated students at the event for their participation and thanked them for their hard work in helping improve the community through their apps.

The event is co-sponsored by County Executive Rob Astorino and Pace's Seidenburg School.

"You are all using your talents for good and that is an amazing thing," Hill said.

"This contest represents Pace's commitment to education and access to skills of the next generations learners and leaders.

"You high school and college students are the future. We want you all to come to Pace University to study computer science and make a trillion dollars as great mobile app developers, but most of all we want you to use your talents and skills and insights to make the world a better place."

The students will present their apps to a panel of judges on Apr. 15 at Pace University in Pleasantville with the opportunity to work with the Seidenburg School to launch their app in the App Store and be selected for paid internships with Westchester County.



Anne FitzSimmons

Service Award, 2007 White Plains Corps of the Salvation Army - Community Service, 2010 Westchester - Rockland Guardians Association - Community Service, and the Respect for Law Alliance 2012 Law Enforcement Leadership Eagle Award.

Anne is married to John FitzSimmons, who was also a police officer, and has two children - John, a White Plains Police Officer and Mary Kate, who is an Ensign in the United States Navy and currently a Naval Aviation Student. Anne is also one of the founding members of New York Women in Law Enforcement and served as the organization's first vice president, she remains on the organization's Board of Directors.

**Editor's Note:** Some of the biographical information in this article is from an article written by Mary Ann Balco Berry and published in the May 19, 2006 issue of White Plains Times.

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# Cuomo Calls for Re-evaluation of Algonquin Pipeline

By Arthur Cusano

Gov. Andrew Cuomo is calling for an immediate halt to work on the Algonquin Pipeline following a series of environmental concerns at the Indian Point nuclear power plant in Buchanan.

A host of agencies, including the New York Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, the Public Service Commission, the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Health, issued a letter on Cuomo's behalf Monday calling on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to immediately halt construction of the Algonquin natural gas pipeline until a comprehensive safety review is completed.

"The safety of New Yorkers is the first responsibility of state government when making any decision," Cuomo said in a Monday press release. "Over the past several months there have been a series of serious incidents at the Indian Point Nuclear Facility, which my administration is investigating."

"At the same time, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has approved a natural gas pipeline in close proximity of Indian Point. I am directing my administration to commence an immediate independent safety analysis of the natural gas pipeline project and until that occurs, we urge the Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission to suspend the project."

State agencies are conducting an investigation into several recent plant failures, including multiple unplanned shutdowns, a transformer fire and a radioactive tritium leak that caused groundwater radioactivity levels to rise more than 65,000 percent.

The announcement comes less than 48 hours after a vigil was held late Saturday afternoon outside Cuomo's Bittersweet Lane home in New Castle by a group of 40 people from Healing and Protecting our Land Together Through Prayer. The new group has about 150 members and a Facebook page.

Group spokeswoman Paola Dalle Carbonare of Croton-on-Hudson said she was thrilled to see immediate action being taken.

"We've already seen results in that Cuomo has decided to step up," Carbonare said. "We are very happy he has come aboard."

Spectra Energy spokesperson Marylee Hanley said the Algonquin pipeline system has been operating safely in the area for more than 60 years, with existing pipelines running across the Indian Point property that have operated safely without incident.

She said the 42-inch diameter Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM)



Protestors of the Algonquin Gas Pipeline were arrested by police Monday in Verplanck. Another protest in front of the governor's home in Mount Kisco Saturday drew over 40 people.

Project pipeline will be located about 1,500 feet from safety-related equipment at the facility. Algonquin worked with Entergy to determine an agreed-upon location for the pipeline, Hanley said. Algonquin and Entergy also agreed that the pipeline would be designed and constructed with additional safety measures, above and beyond what is required by federal law, she said.

On Monday, 26 people representing the group Resist AIM Pipeline blocked access to the construction area in Verplanck for over an hour. Several protestors

were arrested. Courtney Williams, a spokesperson for Resist AIM, said the hope is for the governor's words to lead to quick action.

"We strongly support the governor's decision to conduct this independent assessment given the ongoing public safety concerns of sitting this massive pipeline adjacent to Indian Point and the repeated incidents of fires and contaminated water leaks that are happening there," Williams said. "We share the governor's concerns and hope his administration will instruct the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to reevaluate the water quality certificate in light of these ongoing problems."

The pipeline runs from the Marcella shale region in Pennsylvania, through parts of New York and Connecticut up to Massachusetts. The pipeline crosses the Hudson River near Indian Point, a source of concern for some area residents.



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# Celebrating the 100-Year History of the Woman's Club of White Plains Part 2 - The 1930's

By Colleen Fay

The 1930's were a stressful time in the United States. The country was in the throes of the worst depression it had ever encountered. In spite of that, the Contemporary Club (former name of the Woman's Club of White Plains) continued to grow and was able to support its community in many ways.

At the end of the 1920's, the club had purchased a lot on Hartsdale Avenue and plans were underway to build the new clubhouse on this property. However, the CV Rich Mansion on Ridgeway suddenly became available and the club decided to purchase the house. Real estate prices had continued to climb and the Hartsdale Avenue property was eventually sold for a substantial profit. The Club had almost \$71,000 on hand due to fund-raising efforts as well real estate sales. They had a stroke of luck when, two months before the mortgage company holding all the money went bankrupt, the Club cashed out its holdings. With the \$71,000 in the building fund and a mortgage of \$62,000, the house, garage and 4 acres were purchased from the C.V. Rich family for \$87,000. Plans for the immediate addition of an auditorium were part of the purchase.



Junior Members Practice for 1936 Benefit.

In October 1931, an open house was held to display the new clubhouse to the community. Over 1000 members and guests toured the house during the afternoon and evening. Today all of the mantels, sconces, and the end irons in

the library are original to the house. The fireplace mantel in the tearoom is made of Carrera Marble and is similar in design to one in the Doge's place in Venice. The fountain in the Tea Room, also of Carrera marble, once worked and held gold fish.

The paintings in the dining room are believed to be from the 1800's.

Almost immediately after the purchase, construction of the new auditorium began. The cornerstone was laid by Mrs. Lillian Cheney in October 1932 and the auditorium was finished in December 1933. Although the cost of construction was substantial, the women were savvy enough to recognize the potential income from rentals of the facility plus they needed somewhere to put the club members, which by 1938 was nearly 700. More importantly, at a time when so many men were unemployed, this project brought a number of welcome jobs to the area. In fact, the Contemporary Club received a letter from President Hoover's staff encouraging the Club to build the auditorium for this reason.

The Contemporary Club helped out during the Depression in other ways as well. It founded the Women's Exchange to help women whose incomes had been drastically diminished due to the Depression. Women brought baked goods to sell and earn extra money. It was located on Church St. The Nature and Study Group had a Farmer's Market for the sale of locally grown vegetables. In addition,

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CV Rich Mansion 1931.

members raised and donated \$100 to the Emergency Relief Fund and \$1200 to the Unemployment Relief Fund.

The Club membership was growing and changing. Originally, there was only the Active or Daytime section. In 1930, Junior (women aged 21 to 35) and Sub-Junior (teenager) sections were added. In 1932, the Business and Professional Women's Group, calling themselves the Soiree, began meeting at the club twice a month. In 1935, they were incorporated into the Club as the Evening section.

There were always numerous social

for various functions. Back in the 30's, it would not have been unusual for 500-600 people to be in the auditorium for an event.

In 1935 the Treble Clef was formed. This was a chorus consisting of club members led by a professional conductor who was also a member, Antonia Brico. (She was the first woman to conduct the New York Philharmonic.) The Treble Clef sang at various locations including multiple performances at Carnegie Hall.

The Contemporary Club was also very civic minded.

They sponsored an evening program on the local radio station, WFAS, discussing various humanitarian and educational topics of interest to the community. Club members and invited speakers participated. One member, Miss Ruth Taylor (for which the Ruth Taylor Nursing Home is named) spoke on social issues. Miss Taylor was the Commissioner of Public Health in Westchester County for over 40 years. The Club pressured city officials to restore back door garbage collection, eliminating unsightly garbage from the streets. In the late 1930's, the



Lying of the Cornerstone, October 1932.

and entertainment activities at the Club. In 1934, Hollywood actor Ernest Truex rented the auditorium for Summer Theater, a tradition that continued for many years. Numerous plays were performed in the auditorium especially in the summer months to huge audiences. During intermissions, patrons often went outside to the back yard. Apparently there was some concern that someone might fall into the lily pond. Fashion Show luncheons, featuring Club members as models, were also popular as were flower shows, bridges, art shows and lectures on a wide variety of social and political issues. These programs, plays and social events were so popular that the club considered buying adjacent property for additional parking space as there was often a problem accommodating cars

Club decided to form its own committee to investigate the problem of slum housing and its proposed demolition. This was a hot issue in White Plains at the time. The White Plains Common Council had been considering a commission to investigate this but club members felt they needed to investigate on their own. Numerous lectures on the current state of the prison system were sponsored. In 1939 the clubhouse was offered as shelter for catastrophe or emergency.

The Legal Aid Society was formed in 1933 and the Woman's Club was a key proponent of this. They even donated \$500 to the cause. To put that in perspective, in 1933 a new Plymouth cost \$450, gas was 10 cents/gallon and the average worker made \$20/week.



Ruth Taylor, Commissioner of Public Health, Spoke at Contemporary Club October 1937.

Other charitable ventures centered on the Thrift Shop which club members contributed to and staffed. Numerous bridges were held to raise money for various causes. In 1936 the Christmas Doll Project was started. Club members would restore and dress an expensive doll that had been damaged. The doll would then be sold in the Thrift Shop for a fraction of its value. This tradition continued for over 20 years. Other toys were also collected

and sold at the Thrift Shop.

Back then, the Contemporary Club received extensive coverage in the local press. There were frequent articles about Club activities, elections of new officers, what the Junior section was doing. There was even a section devoted to weekly Club events. Beginning in 1937, a column called "Contemporaries" and written by a Club member appeared in the local paper several times a week. This column continued for several years.

Club Dial, the monthly magazine, continued to be an important part of the Club's livelihood. By the end of the decade, Club Dial had made over \$50,000 in profit which was used to support the upkeep of the CV Rich Mansion (which was and still is quite expensive) as well as local charities.

By the end of the 1930's, the Contemporary Club was alive and thriving. However, the effects of the Great Depression were still being felt and the world was teetering on the brink of another World War. These would present both new and old challenges in the next decade.

*This article is part of a series published by the Woman's Club of White Plains in their newsletter Club Dial and reprinted in The White Plains Examiner (WPE). Part 1—Origins and Early Days, 1910's and 1920's was published in WPE on Feb. 23, 2016 and may also be found at theexaminernews.*





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# Obituaries

## John J Cuoco, Sr.

John J. Cuoco, Sr. of West Harrison passed away Feb. 28 peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family. He was 83 years old. John was born April 30, 1932 in White Plains. He married his high school sweetheart, Florence Altamuro on September 12, 1954 in White Plains. His beloved wife predeceased him in 2006. John served in the United States Army stationed in Korea and was decorated with two purple hearts and several medals, being honorably discharged in 1954. He was involved with the VFW and was a former Post Commander. He was employed by Happiness Laundry & Dry Cleaning as a route driver for over 40 years.

John enjoyed wine making and gardening, as well as his occasional trips to casinos, playing bingo and spending time with his family. John is survived by his three children, Frank and wife Nancy of Southeast, John and his wife Debbie of West Harrison, and Nancy of New Fairfield. John is also survived by a brother Mike and two sisters Francie (Mary) and Anna. He was predeceased by a sister Philomena (Fanny). Also surviving are his seven adoring grandchildren, Nicole, Frank, Lauren, Justin, Carol Ann, Mathew, Debbie and two great grandchildren Blake and Ryleigh, as well as eight nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the Church of St. Anthony of Padua, Wednesday, March 2 at 10 a.m. Friends may call Tuesday March 1, from 4 to 8 p.m. at The Ballard-Durand Funeral Home, 2 Maple Avenue at South Broadway, White Plains. Entombment will be at Ferncliff Mausoleum, Hartsdale. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Care in Westchester & Putnam.

## Clelia Lamela

Clelia Lamela (nee Gualtieri) a longtime resident of Elmsford, entered into eternal rest on Feb. 28 after a long and courageous battle against Pancreatic Cancer. Clelia was born in Montevideo, Uruguay, on November 5, 1950 to the late Pedro Gualtieri and Severina Gualtieri. She grew up in a loving home along with her brother, Jose Gualtieri (Nancy). At the young age of 12, she met a great friend,

Juan Jose Lamela whom she would later marry on December 19, 1970. She was a wonderful and devoted mother to her children, Alesandra (David) Antenucci, Fabiana (Carlos) Torres and Jose Carlos (Kimberly) Lamela. The greatest loves of her life were, without a doubt, her grandchildren, Errol (Angelique), Amanda, Lucas, Xavier, Liam and Sebastian and her great-granddaughter, Khaleesi. Clelia will be incredibly missed by her family and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 2 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 59 East Main Street, Elmsford. Cremation will follow at Ferncliff Cemetery, Secor Road, Hartsdale. Friends may call Tuesday, March 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Ballard-Durand Funeral Home, 72 East Main Street Elmsford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research by visiting <https://www.lustgarten.org>.

## Theresa Orlando

Theresa Orlando, 87, of White Plains, passed away Feb. 26. She was born August 10, 1928 in Bridgeport to Christina (Sannino) and Peter Rousso. On April 12, 1953 Theresa married the late Nicholas Orlando at the First Methodist Church in Bridgeport. For over 50 years Theresa worked as a legal secretary with the Law Firm of Smith, Ranscht, Connors, Nordell and Mutino.

Theresa graduated from Central High School, having completed the Secretarial Curriculum in June 1946. She was a loving wife and mother devoted to raising her family. She was involved with the Fulton Park Civic Association for many years. In her later years she was a member of the Sacred Heart Leisure Club. She also enjoyed her many outings with her friends and their weekly gatherings to play Canasta.

Theresa is survived by her sons Peter Orlando of Thornwood and Nicholas Orlando Jr. of Wallkill, and three grandchildren Christopher, Brittany and Gina Orlando. She was predeceased by her brother George Rousso and sisters Florence D'Elia and Roselyn Salvio.

In honor of her being 40 years cancer free after surviving breast cancer, in lieu of flowers please send donations to Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Foundation.

## Thomas Aylward

Beloved son of Catherine and Joseph Aylward, Thomas Philip Aylward died peacefully Feb. 25, with family at hospice at White Plains Hospital. All who knew Tom knew he loved St. Francis Preparatory School and continued to be a dedicated alumni throughout the years. His friends at Barnes and Noble knew him for his great sense of humor, love for his dog Rocky Too, and ability to keep everyone in check on the Stock Market daily when he brought his laptop to have a cup of tea with the gang. Tom loved watching Fox news on cable and keeping on top of all the political debates right up until the end. As we all knew, Tom had very strong opinions and you could spend hours in conversation with him on many topics including the Giants, Rangers and Yankees. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 29 at Sacred Heart Church in Hartsdale. Interment followed at Calvary Cemetery in Queens.

## Robert Murphy

Robert Alan Murphy, 89, of White Plains, passed away on February 24. Robert was born in Syracuse on February 16, 1927, son of the late Charles and Louise Murphy. He graduated from Central High School in Syracuse in 1945. He served in the Army at the end of World War II and graduated from Syracuse University in 1951.

He worked in the advertising industry for 40 years, including the Bureau of Advertising, BBDO, and Dan Lombardo Inc. Following his retirement from advertising, he worked for the Historic Hudson Valley for 20 years with his wife, Corinne. They gave tours of the Rockefeller Estate, Kykuit and Union Church, which combined his passions for history and art.

Robert was very active in the White Plains Presbyterian Church since 1961. He was ordained as a deacon in 1967. In the early 1970s, he was ordained as an elder and served many terms on the church council. For seven years, from 1973-1980, Robert served on the Pastoral Advisory Committee. For more than 50 years, Robert has served at various times on the church nominating committee, on pastor nominating committees, many council committees, and as a regular worship leader. Notes of appreciation from past pastors speak of Robert going "beyond the call of duty."

Surviving Robert is his loving wife of 64 years, Corinne Murphy, and their three children: Brian and his wife Molly Wingate of Manitou Springs, CO; Kathleen and her husband Peter Teto of Littleton, MA; and Christopher and his wife Lily Murphy of Honolulu, Hawaii. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Gavin and Aidan Murphy and Kyle and Clare Teto. He is predeceased by his brothers Edmund and David Murphy, and he leaves behind several nieces

and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the White Plains Presbyterian Church, 39 N. Broadway, White Plains, NY 10601.

## Andrew Yacko

Andrew Yacko, of White Plains, died February 23. He was 84. Andrew is survived by his daughter, Sheila, grandchildren; Gregory (Shannon), Timothy, and Bridget, great grandchildren Robbie, Zachary and Luke, his brother Vincent and sister Eleanor. He was predeceased by his wife Dorothy.

## Thomas Pennucci

Thomas Christopher Pennucci of White Plains passed away peacefully Feb. 22. He was born in Mamaroneck on March 23, 1944, the second of four sons to Michael Angelo and Georgia (Day) Pennucci. He is survived by his loving wife Francine (Cannizzaro), their daughter Annine (Pennucci) Ruane, her husband Bill and their daughter Keira Kelly; son James, his girlfriend Lara and their daughter Eva Cathleen; son Timothy and his girlfriend Eموke. Thomas is predeceased by his brother Michael (surviving wife Barbara). He is the beloved brother of David (Angela) and Skip (Kathe) and much loved brother in law of Christine (Angelo) Toggia, Terri (Al) Enke, Lisa (Peter) Mulready and Annette Cannizzaro. He also will be missed by many dear nieces, nephews and close friends.

Tom was a home repair and improvement expert specializing in wood restoration. During the last months of his illness he guided a family member renovating his home. Tom was delighted seeing photos of the finished project. He enjoyed sharing his knowledge and skills with many. He completed the Cornell Extension Master Gardeners program and grew his own flourishing garden. Cornell Extension used seeds he developed for their students to grow fruits and vegetable. Tom was a music enthusiast. He compiled music from his diverse collection creating personalized CDs for family and friends. He loved his bible study group, nature, fishing and most of all being with his granddaughters and family.

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## Police Blotter

### Greenburgh Police Department

**Aggravated Harassment.** On Feb. 23 a second piece of mail was received by the Greenburgh Town Court to the attention of an undisclosed recipient that contained a harassing and threatening letter (postmarked 1/29/2016). A similar letter was received by the recipient in the past (2/1/2016). The letter indicates "I am going to hunt you down and show you who I am. Sleep with one eye open!!!" Said letter also reads "you and your staff have been warned." The detectives division has been involved and the Court advised to contact the Greenburgh Police Department if any other correspondence is received.

**Robbery.** On Feb. 22 at about 11:50 p.m. police responded to the Shell Gas Station on Dobbs Ferry Road for a robbery that had just occurred. The attendant said a white male approx. 6-ft tall, wearing a dark hat and brown sweater walked into the gas station appearing to use the ATM but received no cash from the machine.

The attendant was restocking the fridge with soda and then went behind the counter because the male suspect wanted to purchase a pack of gum. When the attendant rang up the purchase that was \$2.99, the suspect said that all he had was a quarter and no other cash. He then displayed a black handgun pointing it at the attendant directing him to hand over all the cash in the drawer. The attendant opened the drawer and the suspect reached over the counter and took all the cash that was in the drawer, which was approx. \$200. He then fled on foot north on Hartsdale Road. City of Harrison K-9 responded to the scene and began a track north on Hartsdale Road but met with negative results. Detectives viewed surveillance footage of the incident. A crime scene roster was started.

**Identity Theft.** On Feb. 21 the complainant went to Police Headquarters to report she had been the victim of Identity Theft and wanted to pursue criminal charges. The complainant was

alerted to the situation when she received a letter from the Department of Treasury (Federal Department of Education Offset Unit), informing her that a portion of her 2015 tax return (\$5726) had been applied to an outstanding student loan debt. A credit check found three fraudulent student loan accounts opened in her name, with two reportedly in default. The highest reported balance was \$11,566.00. The complainant had not opened any of the accounts and had no knowledge of who did. Each of the fraudulent accounts has a trace number for further investigation.

**Counterfeit Money.** On Feb. 18, Police were called to ShopRite Supermarket when a customer attempted to use a counterfeit \$100 bill to purchase a few small items, which totaled \$10 or less. The cashier left the area to summon a manager to confirm that the bill was a fake. The cashier then returned the bill to the customer/suspect, who left the store without incident. The store's loss prevention manager reviewed the videos, which showed the attempted

transaction. The suspect was a black male wearing a black jacket (likely The North Face) black hat, light/white pants, white headphones, and winter gloves. The gloves were predominantly red and black and had a gray stripe across each hand (left to right). The video does not have views of the suspect's face. The cashier might be able to identify the suspect. ShopRite reports that there have been several additional incidents with counterfeit \$100 bills. The store would like to press charges if a suspect can be identified.



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# Boomerang

## 60/60: Reviewing the Sixties in our Sixties



By Richard Cirulli

The term “Baby Boomer” has been well used and known for decades, though regretfully for the younger generations it is a euphemism for being a senior citizen. The fact is we were Baby Boomers before we became senior citizens. We must give credit to Sylvia F. Porter who first coined the phrase, Baby Boom, in her New York Post column in 1951. The Oxford Dictionary first recorded use of the term Baby Boomers from a 1970 article in The Washington Post. The term Boomerang first appeared in The Examiner News in June 2015.

According to the United States Census Bureau, Baby Boomers are defined as someone born between 1946 and 1964. Baby Boomers are defined socially as those too young to remember World War II, but old enough to remember America’s post war economic boom. Ironically, it was this period of economic prosperity that many Baby Boomers rebelled against.

Technically the Baby Boomers are divided into two groups; the Leading-Edge, born between 1946 and 1955; and, the Trailing Edge, born between 1956 and 1964. Both groups combined, total approximately 76,000,000 people of all races. Demographically speaking, Baby Boomers are the pig in the python. This pig in the python of birth rates between this period matured into a marketing and moneymaking bonanza for Wall Street. Looking back all has changed when viewed from the lyrics of Canned Heat’s rural Hippie anthem:

“goin’ up the country, baby don’t you want to go?

I’m goin’ to some place where I’ve never been before

I’m goin’ where the water tastes like wine

We can jump in the water, stay drunk all the time

I’m gonna leave this city, got to get away

All this fussin’ and fightin’ man, you know I sure can’t stay

Now, baby pack your leavin’ trunk  
You know we’ve got to leave today  
Just exactly where we’re goin I cannot say.”

To a degree many did follow this anthem, packed their leavin trunk, and left the city to go up to the country. And, headed up to the Promised Land in the countryside of Scarsdale, Greenwich, Bronxville and White Plains, just to name a few.

Over time the realities of the real world and market forces prevailed and eventually co-opted the Baby Boomers’ vision of Utopia.

Today Baby Boomers are the wealthiest generation in America’s history earning such monikers as the “golden boomers” “generation Jones” “alpha boomers” “Yuppies” and “cuspers”. From the perspective of Wall Street many of the “golden boomers” are lining up to feed themselves at the trough of the Trumps, Koch brothers, Bezos, and Soros crowds.

By the 1980’s many Baby Boomers became more conservative and regretting

the cultural changes they were given credit for. It is fair to suggest that the Baby Boom generation is in some way a contradiction of social values when viewed over time. A look at the following statistics will give credence to this view:

- One third of the Baby Boomers will pass on their inheritance to charities rather than their children.
- 60 percent lost value in their investments as a result of the “ Great Recession.”
- 40 percent must delay retirement.
- 25 percent claim they will never be able to retire.

Did the vision of the Baby Boomers of the 1960’s fragment as the harsh realities of financial life in the U.S. co-opted their utopian views? Or has their ideology simply changed to mellow over time? We are now in the years that will show what a generation might chose to do. The story is not over. Not by a long shot.

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# That Time of Year to Think About Tax Tips for the Homeowner

As winter draws to a close, we are reminded that tax time is just around the corner. Those of us who own our own homes are fortunate enough to have many tax deductions and advantageous strategies available to us.

I have some solid advice below, but be prudent and check these out with your tax professional first.

The mortgage interest deduction is the first obvious deduction that comes to mind for many of us. In order to qualify, your mortgage must be secured by your home – and you may be surprised to hear what counts as a “home.” In short, if you can sleep in it and cook in it, and if it has a working toilet, that living space is a home. That includes boats and trailers, so don’t miss out if your home is one of those alternate options.

Interest paid on a mortgage of up to \$1 million (or \$500,000 each for married people filing separately) can be deducted when used for the purchase, construction or improvement of the house.

Second mortgages (also home equity loans or home equity lines of credit) count toward the \$1 million limit if used to improve your original home or to buy or build a second one. If you use the home-secured loan for any other purpose, you can still deduct the interest on loans up to \$100,000 (or \$50,000 for married filing

separately). Use Schedule A to make this deduction.

Prepaid interest (or points) paid when you took out your mortgage is usually 100 percent deductible in the year you paid it. If you refinance and use that money for home improvements, any points you pay are deductible in the same year. But if you refinance for other reasons, such as to get a better rate or use the money for something other than home improvements, you’ll need to deduct the points over the life of your mortgage. This deduction can also be made on Schedule A, and Form 1098 (sent from your lender) should list the points you have paid.

Don’t forget your property tax deduction, also on Schedule A. If your mortgage has an escrow account, the amount you paid will show up on your annual escrow statement. Property taxes paid when you closed on your house will also appear on your HUD-1 settlement statement.

Private mortgage insurance (PMI) premiums are deductible as mortgage interest on Schedule A if you itemize

your return, but only if your loan was taken out in 2007 or later and if your income is less than \$100,000 (or \$50,000 for married filing separately). If your adjusted gross income is above those amounts, your deduction is reduced incrementally until your income reaches \$110,000, after which you are no longer eligible for the deduction.

There is also mortgage insurance available from the Federal Housing Administration, Veterans Administration and the Rural Housing Service. You can usually deduct the cost of this coverage, but I urge you to use

a tax adviser or well-rated tax software instead of figuring out these complicated rules on your own.

Capital improvements – work done to increase the value of your home – can also have tax benefits. If you plan to live in your home for many years and make multiple improvements, the odds of your turning a profit when you sell your house are greater. More profit is good news for the seller, but then taxes must be paid on any profit past the first \$250,000 for single filers or \$500,000 for joint filers.

If the money you expect to make from the sale of your home exceeds these amounts, you can benefit from deducting the cost of your capital improvements. The more of these costs you add, the smaller your profit is in the end and the less you pay in taxes.

The trick is in knowing what improvements are eligible. Basic repairs are not, unless your home was damaged by fire or natural disaster.

Eligible improvements have to last for more than one year and add value to your home, prolong its life or be adapted for new uses. They also have to remain in place when the house is sold, so if you build a new deck but tear it down 15 years later, the cost of building the deck cannot be deducted. IRS Publication 523 has a list of eligible improvements on page 9.

Well, my head is spinning, but there are some things about home ownership that have always been more challenging to me than others.

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By Bill Primavera

## Determining if a Wine Has the Qualities to Be Ageable



By Nick Antonaccio

A few columns back, I expounded on the ageability of wines. In the vineyard of a competent winemaker, there are a number of factors that influence the ability of a wine to age gracefully and ultimately become a pleasurable wine that is highly evolved from its vineyard beginnings.

From the grape varietal chosen to be planted and nurtured in the vineyard comes the underlying components that portend the characteristics of a great wine. From the loving techniques of a winemaker in the winery, come the subtle nuances that differentiate a sophisticated, complex wine from a pedestrian, quaffing wine.

Ageability, as I opined in that earlier column, is a function of nature and nurture. It is both the genetic code and the environmental circumstances exerted in the vineyard and the winery that ultimately determine whether a wine should be drunk when released or after years, even decades, of cellaring.

This week, we’ll delve into more objective measurements of a wine’s ageability.

There are four basic components of wine, each present in varying degrees

and exerting varying influences: tannins, acidity, taste and alcohol. The combination of each of these determines the final style and life cycle of wine. While these components are present in all wines, it is the winemaker’s manipulation of each that influences the evolution, and longevity, of a particular wine.

Tannins provide longevity. Somewhat harsh and unrefined at first, over time they soften and add a strong backbone and character to wine. Certain winemakers avoid tannins in order to produce a fresh wine that may be enjoyed in its youth. Others seek out high levels of tannins, which, while initially harsh tasting, will soften over time and add complexity, sophistication and longevity to a wine.

The underlying influence of tannins is present in a chemical compound in the skins of red grapes – polyphenols. Oxygen is the enemy of wine, eventually causing oxidation and, by extension, spoiling. It is mainly polyphenols (sometimes referred to as resveratrol by supplement companies) that delay the insidious effects of oxidation. To a lesser extent, aging in oak barrels also produces tannins. The types of grape varietals, and their manipulation during the winemaking process, have the greatest influence on

ageability.

Acidity and taste are inextricably entwined in influencing longevity. The level of acidity and taste (fruit) in a wine will determine its balance. Too little acidity and the wine may be lush but without any distinction. Too much and the end product may be acerbic and off-putting. As a wine matures, its acidity softens and its taste declines, so that the end result may be either a bland wine or a well-balanced, nuanced product with deep-rooted complexity. Each winemaker seeks the ideal balance. At times this is immediately evident; other times it may be years before such balance is achieved.

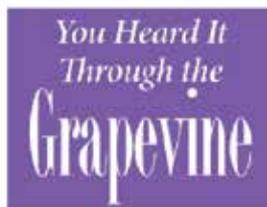
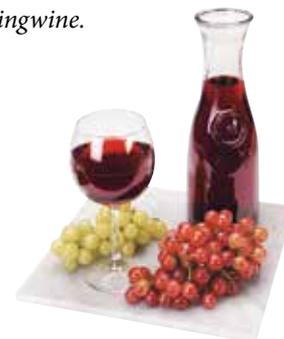
The level of alcohol remains constant throughout the life of a wine. Early on, it may create a harsh and unbalanced wine. As a wine matures, the alcohol will tend to mellow the overall character of the wine, making it more approachable and pleasant.

Another external factor is the storage condition utilized to age wines. A wine cellar is imperative to maintain consistency of temperature and humidity. Excessive heat (over 58 degrees) or significant spikes in temperature are wine’s enemies. Warm temperatures accelerate the oxidation of wine, shortening its aging

potential. Here’s the rub: Enjoying wine at its absolute peak is a sublime experience. Opening and pouring a wine before or after that sometimes fleeting moment can be a nightmare.

Each consumer’s palate differs in its appreciation of the elements that contribute to the ageability of a particular wine. However, the reality of wine consumption in the United States today is that most consumers seek instant gratification rather than prolong their anticipation. I encourage these erstwhile consumers to experiment, either at their wine shop or in their makeshift home cellars. New experiences await.

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# White Plains Native Rapper Matisyahu Celebrates Ten Years With Local Talent

By Pat Casey

The concert, March 11, at the Capitol Theatre in Port Chester is a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the release of "Youth" an album by White Plains native and rapper Matisyahu.

Matisyahu will be joined on stage by another White Plains native and rapper, Stan Ipcus. Together they will perform WP, a featured song on the Youth album all about growing up in White Plains. Ipcus will also be the concert opener.

The two rappers graduated one year apart from White Plains High School (1996/1997), but an interest in music kept them in contact over the past 10 years.

Matisyahu is now back on the East Coast after a stint in California. Connecting with old friends, especially Ipcus, they decided to pull together a concert to celebrate old times and look forward to the new.

Ipcus, whose real name is Dan Isenberg, and Matisyahu, grew up in the Highlands neighborhood of White Plains. They had known each other throughout their childhood years, playing ball together, going to the same schools and hanging out with the same crowd, even though they were in different grades. "We would rap at lunch time, in between classes and at parties," Ipcus said.

With a music form a bit different from Matisyahu, but compatible, Ipcus says his style of music is New York based hip-hop, very sample-based and lyric driven, traditional, almost 90's-esque underground New York rap, influenced by guys like the Beastie Boys and Grand Puba. He has a full-time job in the marketing field and is married with kids, but Ipcus finds time to write new lyrics, sometimes crafting a song specifically for his children.

Thrilled to be performing on stage



Stan Ipcus (right) on stage with Matisyahu.



White Plains native and rapper Stan Ipcus.

with his friend, Ipcus is thankful and excited to be part of 10th anniversary celebration. "Matis has always supported me, and to perform alongside one of my best friends, who is also one of the most talented touring artists of our generation is an honor, especially since it's in our backyard," Ipcus said.

Other artists performing on March 11 are: Lord Judah (White Plains hip-hop artist), Tymo Beats (Brooklyn-based producer), Matt Barrett (singer), Max Bent (beatboxer) and Your Old Droog (Brooklyn rapper). The group is excited about the upcoming concert and will be getting together for rehearsals over the next few weeks. The show is going to be a major White Plains event.

Doors open at the Capitol Theatre at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25/\$35 in advance and \$30/\$40 the day of the show.

For tickets visit <http://www.thecapitoltheatre.com/event/1056841-matisyahu-port-chester/>.

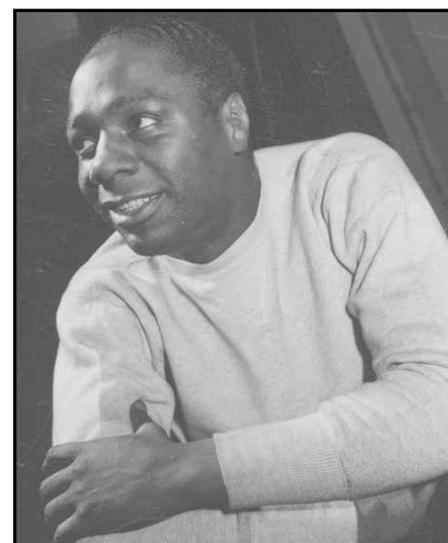


## Paramount to Recall Life and Times of Blacklisted Actor

Imagine an actor as familiar to audiences as Denzel Washington and Morgan Freeman are today who is virtually deleted from public memory. Such is the story of Canada Lee.

New York native Canada Lee, once called "the greatest Negro actor of his day" by The New York Times, has been all but erased from history. A passionate civil rights activist, Lee was branded a Communist and blacklisted during the Cold War. He died penniless in 1952 at the age of 45, and his death is one of a handful directly attributed to the blacklist.

As performed by a brilliant ensemble of actors from Esperance Theater Company, "The Canada Lee Project" explores Lee's meteoric rise to fame and his fall from grace. The characters include some of the famous people in Lee's life: Orson Welles, Langston Hughes, Tallulah Bankhead and Ed Sullivan.



Accomplished mid-20th century actor Canada Lee's work has been largely erased from the public's consciousness after he was accused of being a Communist.

"The Canada Lee Project" is based on Mona Z. Smith's original play about Lee, as well as her critically acclaimed biography of the actor and activist, "Becoming Something: The Story of Canada Lee," (Faber & Faber) now in development for television.

Smith explained her fascination with Lee.

"His story deserves to be told, because Canada epitomizes the American Dream...and what's incredible to me is that while he fought so hard to succeed in his work, he would not shut up about what was happening to his people. He was a tremendous patriot, but his career – and his life – got taken away because of his principles."

Esperance Theater Company will bring Canada Lee to life in a staged reading directed by Ryan Quinn. Quinn was recently seen off Broadway in "Whorl

Inside a Loop" and in Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival's "Suspense." Quinn will also play the role of Canada Lee, joined by Katie Hartke, Charlie Murphy and other Esperance company members.

Admission for adults is \$16; students and seniors get in for \$10. Tickets include a wine and cheese reception at 6:30 p.m. and a Q&A with the acting company and playwright after the performance.

For information and tickets, call 914-739-0039 ext. 2 or visit [paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://paramounthudsonvalley.com).

Support for this event comes from ArtsWestchester, Arts Alive Project Grants. Arts Alive Project Grants are made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the state legislature, and administered by ArtsWestchester.

# Westchester Produced Documentary Available to Anti-Drug Groups

A documentary about Yorktown senior Justin Veatch, who died from an accidental drug overdose in 2008, is about to make an impression on audiences across the United States.

The film "Whispering Spirits," directed and edited by Sean Gallagher, is now being made available free of charge to anti-drug coalitions searching for new community programs in battling the national drug crisis with the help of media company Reconsider.

In cooperation with the nonprofit Justin Veatch Fund, the film will be combined with a "toolkit" that includes a discussion guide authored by Student Assistance Services (SAS) Corp. of Tarrytown.

"The toolkit will provide helpful ideas for how to maximize the film's impact," said SAS Executive Director Ellen Morehouse. "The discussion guide will enable youth and adults to better understand everyone's role in preventing substance use disorders and drug overdose."

"Whispering Spirits" has been made available to members of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) at its national leadership conference held in National Harbor, Md. Feb. 1-4.



Marina and Jeffrey Veatch with Justin Veatch Fund board member Julie Duquet at the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America Conference booth. Earlier this month.

"More than 120 coalition members from 22 states signed up for the film," said Jeffrey Veatch, Justin's father who is featured in the film and who presents the

multimedia talk "A Message from Justin" to students. "The comments we have gotten are quite positive."

Veatch also hopes the film's distribution will result in his talk being delivered across the country.

"(The film) uniquely approaches a subject that is often kept quiet in many suburban communities," said Suzie Ross, co-founder of the Ossining Documentary & Discussion series, which screened the film and hosted a panel discussion last winter. "Unlike many documentaries about losing a loved one to heroin, 'Whispering Spirits' perspective has the ability to more profoundly raise awareness to young and old alike of how easy someone can fall prey to this epidemic. Our screening attracted a full representation of our community from school administrators, students, parents, health professionals, musicians, artists to recovering addicts. It also allowed us to make the easy link to the array of health-related resources in our backyard that many were unaware of."



Marina and Jeffrey Veatch with U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer on Capitol Hill.

The film took two-and-a-half years to produce.

"I wanted to provide an intimate look at how one family struggles with their loss, but more importantly, how they maintain the legacy of a loved one," Gallagher said. "The empathy that comes along with understanding the experience of the Veatch family is something I believe can spark conversation in communities."

Gallagher's first feature-length documentary,

"Brothers of the Black List," about the longest litigated civil rights case in U.S. history, was awarded Best Documentary at the Catskill Mountains Film Festival and was also recognized at DOC NYC, Docu West and Dallas International Film Festival.

Nonprofit organizations that wish to use "Whispering Spirits" to anchor a community program, can view and obtain the film with its discussion guide by visiting [whispering-spirits.com](http://whispering-spirits.com). For more information, contact The Justin Veatch Fund at 914-455-0892.

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## Swim Lessons, Life Guarding and Water Safety Instructor Course

By Dan Malone

In the Northeast, we often associate aquatics with the opening of summer pools. Students are on break for several months and the local swimming pools are open from morning until early evening. Children and parents anxiously await the opportunity to enjoy the water and bask in the sun.

This spring, make sure your child is water ready. Successful swimming programs teach children how to be safe in, on and around water. Children learn how to bob and swim to safety, float on their backs and change directions while

swimming. Students are instructed on how to properly size and wear a life jacket. Most importantly, children ascertain how to identify water hazards, identify lifeguards, read water depth markers and make educated decisions when around water.

Parents also should be vigilant when their children are around water.

The best swim programs in Westchester County promote and teach water safety while allowing children to have fun. Water safety instructors need to be highly qualified. Signs of a quality program include several lifeguards on deck, water

safety instructors who are in the water, adequate teaching equipment and a clean, structured environment.

Club Fit, with locations in Briarcliff Manor and Jefferson Valley, offers one of the most comprehensive aquatic programs in the area. Swim lessons are offered for children starting at six months old and adults. School-age children develop their swimming skills in the Learn to Swim Program, which spans six levels. Adults have opportunities to enroll in beginner, intermediate and fitness swimmer classes. The water in the recreational pool is a comfortable 86 degrees.

Club Fit also offers lifeguard training, CPR/AED training and the Water Safety Instructor Course for teenagers and adults who are interested in working in aquatic environments. Former collegiate swimmers, EMTs and state certified teachers and school administrators provide the instruction on how to teach water safety and save lives.

When examining programs this spring, seek out professionals who are caring and passionate about aquatic safety.

Dan Malone is a water safety and lifeguard instructor and trains water safety instructors at Club Fit.



## The Restaurant Examiner



### WUJI in Scarsdale Begins Sunday Brunch Service

By Jerry Eimbinder

When I visited WUJI in Scarsdale two days before its Feb. 29 opening, its new Sunday brunch was still a work in progress.

Called "Dim Sundays," the brunch menu at this Chinese restaurant had not been printed yet and prices were still being finalized.

The brunch menu is à la carte only and most dishes on it also appear on the regular menu but at different prices. Two regular menu dishes that won't be available for brunch are crispy whole fish and wok lobster.

The dishes served at WUJI, a term derived from Taoism meaning unlimited, unsurpassable or sublime, are prepared from organic chicken,



JERRY EIMBINDER PHOTO

The bicycles used to deliver takeout food at WUJI, a Chinese restaurant in Scarsdale.

pasture-raised pork, grass-fed beef, wild-caught fish, cage-free chicken eggs, Chinatown noodles and organic vegetables.

Beverages include Asian beer, sake, wine, white ginger pear iced tea and fresh squeezed lemonade. Organic house-made beverages include soda, herbal infusion ice tea and Kusmi hot tea.

Brunch is serviced from 12 to 4 p.m. Entertainment is provided by DJ Stereo Monkey.

Owners Jody Pennette and Moodi Zahid of MAAC Hospitality Group in Greenwich, Conn. opened WUJI in Scarsdale last August. They also opened a sister restaurant of the same name in Rye in December.

Another WUJI eatery is being readied for opening in Greenwich next month. In the future, WUJI restaurants are planned for Larchmont, Stamford and Westport.

In fulfilling delivery orders, WUJI bicyclists carry food to customers packed in insulated carrier cases to keep it hot. They ride on custom designed bikes, which when not in use can be seen parked at the front of the restaurant.

Pennette depicts the WUJI restaurants as "a hybrid of a Chinese noodle house meets dim sum restaurant meets tapas bar."

WUJI in Scarsdale is located at 2 Chase Rd. Reservations are recommended. For more information and reservations, call 914-713-8811.

### New Dining Concept: Specialty Coffee Drinks Paired to Food

By Jerry Eimbinder

A new foodie destination should appeal to Italy bound tourists who take coffee drinking seriously. The Terzi School in Vignola (Modena), Italy has introduced seminars on coffee-related subjects including the pairing of cheeses, desserts and other food to coffee—and all seminars involve the consumption of gourmet local Emilia Romagna cuisine.

Both half-day and full-day coffee education/meal sessions are being offered to foodies and tourists. Previously the school had limited its educational programs to the training of baristas. English speaking instructors are available.

One of the new full-day classes intended for the general public is called "Everything You Wanted to Know about Coffee — a Fun Day." Attendees enrolled in this class learn about the history of coffee, bean selection, grinding, blending, pouring and tasting.

Also covered in this lesson is



Manuel Terzi, Director, The Terzi School in Vignola (Modena), Italy.

pairing specialty coffee drinks with food. "Classes for pairing wine to food have existed for a considerable time," said Marvin Alpert, Director of Sales and Marketing for the Terzi School and a former Tarrytown resident.

"But this is the first program to cover pairing with coffee, espresso, cappuccino, macchiato and other coffee drinks," Alpert said. "It should



Student receiving a certificate from Director Manuel Terzi for attending a coffee seminar at The Terzi School in Vignola.

appeal to both coffee aficionados and coffee drinkers who are just looking for interesting things to do on a trip to Italy."

"Attendees will learn about the interaction between coffee beans and water, temperature, steam pressure, and other factors that contribute to making a great coffee drink," Alpert said. "The participants learn by doing and are guided by a professionally trained master barista. They work at their own individual

coffee machine stations."

Half-day morning classes include breakfast and lunch. Dinner is included with afternoon classes. All meals are accompanied by unlimited wine.

Half-day class subjects include Coffee and Chess Pairing, How to Make a Perfect Espresso or Cappuccino, and Latte-Art Milk Steaming. Advance classes for baristas are also offered.

The Terzi School is directed by Manuel Terzi, owner of famous coffee shops in Italy and Spain and a respected trainer of baristas.

Americans traveling to Italy can book a meal, wine and coffee class in advance at the school's website.

For information about courses, dates, and cost, go to [www.coffeeschoolitaly.com](http://www.coffeeschoolitaly.com) or send an email to [info@coffeeschoolitaly.com](mailto:info@coffeeschoolitaly.com).

### Hot Dippity Donuts Opens in Croton-on-Hudson

By Jerry Eimbinder

Hot Dippity Donuts has opened in Croton-on-Hudson, sharing a store space with Bagels on Hudson in the Croton Commons Shopping Center.

Donut customers have two options: they can choose from 27 standard donut varieties listed on an order form or they can customize their donut order from five icings, 15 glazes, 10 toppings (up to two toppings per donut) and three sugar coatings. Either way, the donuts are provided fresh, hot and gooey and packaged to go.

Service was swift last Saturday



Hot Dippity Donuts in Croton-on-Hudson.

morning with customer names being called quickly at the pick-up counter in the rear of the shop.

The standard donut list includes French Toast with maple icing and cinnamon sugar, Pina Colada with pineapple glaze and coconut and Chocolate Cherry with cherry glaze and chocolate chips.

Toppings include graham cracker crumbs, Oreo cookie crumbs, crushed Nilla wafers, rainbow sprinkles, crispy granola, shredded coconut, sea salt, crumbled bacon and Rice Krispies.

The donuts cost \$1.49 for one, \$2.79

for two, \$7.99 for six and \$13.49 for a dozen. Coffee, tea and cappuccino are priced at \$1.54 (small), \$1.82 (medium) and \$2.06 (large). Tax is additional.

The shop's hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Hot Dippity Donuts is located at 171 S. Riverside Ave. in Croton-on-Hudson. For more information, call 914-271-5412.





# Happenings

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## Tuesday, March 1

**Tuesdays at Dorry's.** Kinder Hands is an organization devoted to helping to improve the lifestyles of seniors and people with disabilities. Roslyn Rothstein, its founder, will speak about how to create comfortable and safe living environments for folks who face new challenges in their lives. Roslyn brings her experience in matters of safety, remodeling, downsizing, de-cluttering and ways to relocate. Tuesdays @ Dorry's gathers "conversation partners" weekly for informal table talk. There is no charge. Just come and order your food from Sylvia and enjoy the discussion and the company. Food ordering begins at 5:30 p.m. Presentation and discussion 6 to 7 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains; 914-682-0005.

## Wednesday, March 2

**Noonday Getaway Concert.** Violinist Jeehae Lee has been a member of the MET Orchestra since 2008. She has served as Concertmaster of the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival Orchestra and has made music at the Aspen Festival, Alice Tully Hall, and Carnegie Hall. We welcome her return to Downtown Music. Take a break from your busy day and join us for this delightful free 30-minute performance at historic Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church St., White Plains; 12:10 p.m.

## Thursday, March 3

**Great Moments in Hudson Valley Architecture, Part I.** A discussion led by award-winning architect Michael Molinelli, host of Architecture & Religion on [www.radiomaria.us](http://www.radiomaria.us). Presented by the Briarcliff Manor Public Library and the Briarcliff Manor-Scarborough Historical Society. Briarcliff Manor Public Library, 1 Library Rd., Briarcliff Manor. 7 p.m. Free. Continues on March 15 at 7 p.m. Registration recommended. Info and registration. 914-941-7072 or 914-941-4393 or e-mail [sglick@wlsmail.org](mailto:sglick@wlsmail.org) or [mail@briarcliffhistory.org](mailto:mail@briarcliffhistory.org).

**New Castle Unfunded Mandates Roundtable.** The town will host this discussion titled "The Coming Storm: Unfunded Mandates and Their Rising Impact" featuring EJ McMahon of the Empire Center. He will be joined by state

Sen. Terrance Murphy, Assemblyman David Buchwald, Chappaqua Board of Education President Warren Messner, New Castle Town Supervisor Robert Greenstein and New Castle Comptroller Robert Deary. Chappaqua Public Library Auditorium, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7:30 p.m. Free.

## Friday, March 4

**The Ethical Culture Society of Westchester will present the film "Most to Succeed" at 7 p.m.** at 7 Saxon Wood Road, White Plains (off Mamaroneck Avenue). The film hopes to inspire its audiences with a sense of purpose and possibility in re-imagining what teachers and students are capable of doing to improve a school system that was designed in 1893. Suggested admission \$10. Snacks available. The building is handicapped accessible with generous parking spaces. For more call 914-747-9791 or [ethicalculturefilms@yahoo.com](mailto:ethicalculturefilms@yahoo.com).

**Sleepy Hollow Jazz Festival.** 7:30 p.m. at Purchase College's Conservatory of bringing together local high school jazz ensembles and top-notch jazz educators including the White Plains High School Jazz Band. Now in its thirteenth year, the Festival gives student musicians from nine ensembles the chance to receive professional feedback and instruction. During the day, the high school musicians gather at Sleepy Hollow High School where they perform three selections for leading jazz educators who lead a hands-on clinic for each band. The top three bands are invited to perform at 7:30 p.m. that evening at The PepsiCo Theatre at The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College. The concert will also include a special performance by the acclaimed Purchase Jazz Orchestra. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and may be purchased by calling (914) 251-6200 or visiting [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org).

## Saturday, March 5

**Worldwide Play-In Concert.** Advanced Chamber Music Players Worldwide Play-In Weekend celebrates the joy of Chamber Music. The New Westchester Symphony Orchestra Play-In at the Church in the Highlands, 35 Bryant Ave., White Plains; 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. Guest Conductor David Stech will lead the group through Bizet, Carmen Suite No. 2; Bize, Symphony in C; Bach, Brandenburg Concertos Nos. 3 and 4. Register at [www.newsymphony.org](http://www.newsymphony.org).

## Sunday, March 6

**Weekend Discovery Concert.** White Plains Centennial Celebration Concert 5 p.m. presented by Downtown Music at

Grace. Mindy Kaufman, Flute, William Wolfram, Piano, Downtown Sinfonietta, Vincent Lioni, Conductor. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Incorporation of the City of White Plains, this concert pairs two White Plains natives who have achieved illustrious international careers in music, with Downtown Sinfonietta, our resident chamber symphony, which features the musicians of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra conducted by Vincent Lioni. The Yamaha concert grand for this concert is provided courtesy of Faust Harrison Pianos, White Plains. Adults \$25, Seniors (65+) \$20, Students \$15; Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church Street (Main Street at Mamaroneck Avenue), White Plains.

**Women's History Celebration.** The Historic Mitchell House in downtown White Plains will host a presentation by the Daughters of Liberty's Legacy in celebration of Women's History Month at 2 p.m. Featured will be the history of the significance of White Plains during the American Revolution. Historic Mitchell house, at 57 Mitchell Place, is a replica of the original courthouse where the Declaration of Independence was first read in New York State in 1776. The program will also highlight the important role of the family and women during the Revolutionary War. Following the presentation guests will be invited to step out onto the lawn of Mitchell House where Colonial Soldiers, from Pawlings Levies of the Brigade of the American Revolution, will fire a musket presentation. The presentation is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information or to register to attend call 914-495-3631 or email [debra@daughtersoflibertylegacy.com](mailto:debra@daughtersoflibertylegacy.com). RSVP requested as seating is limited, walk in guests are always welcome.

## Monday, March 7

**Smoking Cessation Program.** White Plains-based home health care agency, VNS Westchester, is teaming up with the Scarsdale Medical Group to present a Smoking Cessation Program to help members of the community stop smoking for good. The program, conducted by VNS Westchester Tobacco Cessation Specialist, Sara Somerville, CHt, will be held on four consecutive Monday evenings in March: March 7, 14, 21 and 28, from 6 to 7:30 pm. The program is \$150 for the four classes, and will be held at the Scarsdale Medical Group, 600 Mamaroneck Ave., Ste. 301, in Harrison. Pre registration is required. To register, visit [www.scarsdalemedical.com/smokingcessation](http://www.scarsdalemedical.com/smokingcessation).

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## Ongoing Events:

**Free Tax Preparation.** The AARP free taxpayer assistance program has moved to the new White Plains Education and Training Center at 303 Quarropas St., White Plains, across from the Federal Courthouse. AARP tax counselors will be there to prepare 2015 tax returns. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Call 1-888-227-7669 or 211 for other AARP TaxAide locations. Please bring last year's tax return and all 2015 tax-related documents and Social Security notices. We assist all taxpayers not just seniors. We will be there until April 18th.

**Parent Behavior Management Training.** Feb. 23 to May 31; 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. at WJCS Hartsdale, 141 North Central Avenue, Hartsdale, NY 10530. WJCS is offering a 12-session, evidence-based Parent Behavior Management Training Group for parents of children on the autistic spectrum or with a developmental disability. Parent Management Training has been shown to be effective in decreasing oppositional, aggressive and antisocial behavior. It trains parents to manage their child's behavioral problems in the home and at school. Call 914-949-6761 x408 for more information.

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## EXAMINER SPORTS

# Foxes Outfox Tigers in Section 1 AA Semifinals

By Albert Coqueran

The White Plains High School Tigers, 2015-16 basketball season came to an abrupt halt on Friday, when Fox Lane outscored them in the Section 1 AA Semifinals, 65-58, at the Westchester County Center.

Fox Lane, the number two seed in the AA Playoffs, were led by their two "big men," 6'-5" forward Matt Redhead and 6'-4" forward Alex Olson, who both netted 19 points apiece in the game. Redhead also grabbed 10 rebounds and Olson six rebounds.

Also, which was probably the difference in the game, Redhead hit on 8-of-10 free throws in the fourth quarter, while the Foxes, as a team, shot 21-of-29 from the foul line for the game. White Plains only recorded about 50 percent from the charity stripe at a rate of 16-of-30. Also, the Foxes shot six-of-nine from three-point range, while the Tigers only produced a mere 6-of-24 from behind the arc.

Another difference maker in the AA Semifinal contest was that Tigers 6'-2" forward Braxton Gill, never really played in the game. He bumped somebody in pre-game warm-ups that resulted in concussion symptoms. Gill had previously sustained a concussion during the football season, as the Tigers wide receiver.

"He only played about 30 seconds and then told me he had to come



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

White Plains was defeated by Fox Lane, 65-58, in the Section 1 Class AA Semifinals, after a much-improved season this year. The Tigers went from winning only five games last season to 13 wins this season and their first appearance in nine years in the AA Semifinals, at the Westchester County Center.

out of the game because he was not feeling well," said Tigers Head Coach Spencer Mayfield. Gill was taken to the hospital by White Plains High School Trainer Mike Mirabella, where he was evaluated as having concussion symptoms.

Although, we wish the senior Gill all the best for a complete recovery; his absence certainly made life easier for Fox Lanes two "big men" under the basket and added pressure on Tigers 6'-3" forward Spencer Lodes.

Another cause and effect of the absence of Gill, was that Fox Lane's defense had one less offensive threat to guard on the Tigers, which helped them keep C.J. Layne in check with only 10 points in the game. Layne had scored 34 points for the Tigers in their AA Quarterfinals win against Spring Valley. "C.J. did not have a good shooting night; they did a good job on him. He needed to get to the free throw line more," commented Mayfield.

Tigers guard Luis Cartagena was impressive once again and followed-up on his 28-point performance in the Quarterfinals, with 26 points on 9-of-21 shooting in the Semifinals against Fox Lane.

Cartagena hit a three-point shot with 2:20 left in the game, which closed the

gap to within two points, 54-52. But that was as close as the Tigers would get to the Foxes in the game.

The dagger came with 47 seconds remaining, when Foxes Emmett Robin decided to score his only points in the game. After an intense defensive stand by the Tigers, Robin hit a three-point shot just as the shot-clock expired to make the score 60-53.

"That was a big basket for Fox Lane and a big momentum play for them. We had some chances before that when we cut it to two points and could make the free throw and rimmed a couple of shots," said Mayfield. "We just could not get that one play to tie it or put us up," emphasized the Tigers Head Coach.

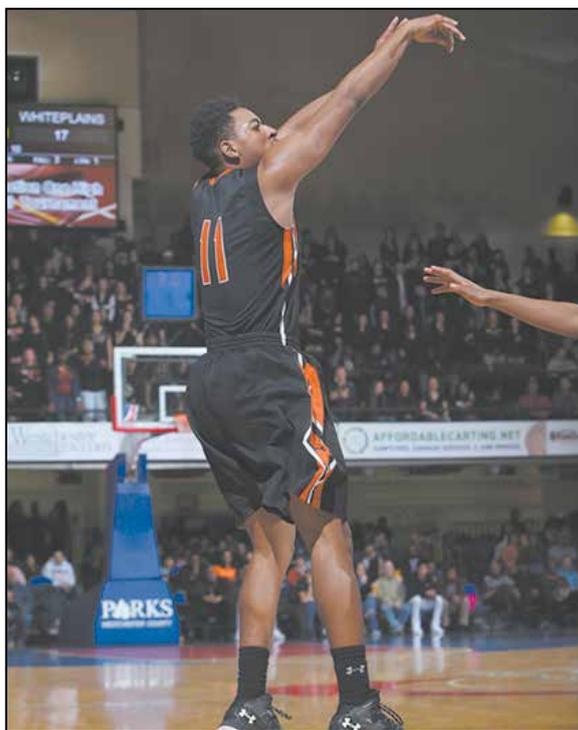
Consequently, Cartagena, after leading the Tigers to the AA Semifinals for the first time in nine years, fouled-out with 31 seconds remaining in the game and finished his high-school career on the bench. "It was tough losing Luis, we needed him to finish the game,

that may have put it away," stated Mayfield.

The Tigers made vast improvements this season after a, 5-14 season last year. They entered the Class AA Playoffs, as an 11th seed and knocked-off the number sixth seeded North Rockland in the Quarterfinals and then number three seeded Spring Valley, in the Semifinals, before losing to number two seeded Fox Lane. The Tigers conclude their 2015-16 season with a much improved, 13-10 record.

"When you win five games last year with pretty much the same group and comeback the next season and make it to the County Center that is a lot of growth. Nobody picked us to be there but we felt confident that we could get there; we felt confident about last night's game, I am very proud of them," acknowledged Mayfield, on Saturday, while evaluating this season.

Fox Lane (20-3) advanced to the Class AA Championship Game and became only the third team in 17 years to beat Mt. Vernon High School, at the County Center. On Sunday, the number two seeded Fox Lane upset the number one seeded Mount Vernon, 67-60, in the Section 1 AA Championship, to bring home the Gold Ball.



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Tigers forward C. J. Layne did not have his best shooting game against Fox Lane in the Class AA Semifinals with only 10 points. But the Tigers would not have been in the Semifinals without their three-point ace Layne, who averaged 20 points per game in the AA Playoffs



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White Plains guard Luis Cartagena (left) scored 26 points on 9-of-21 shooting, before fouling out with 31 seconds remaining in the game, in the Tigers loss to Fox Lane, 65-58, in the Section 1 Class AA Semifinals, on Friday, at the Westchester County Center.



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