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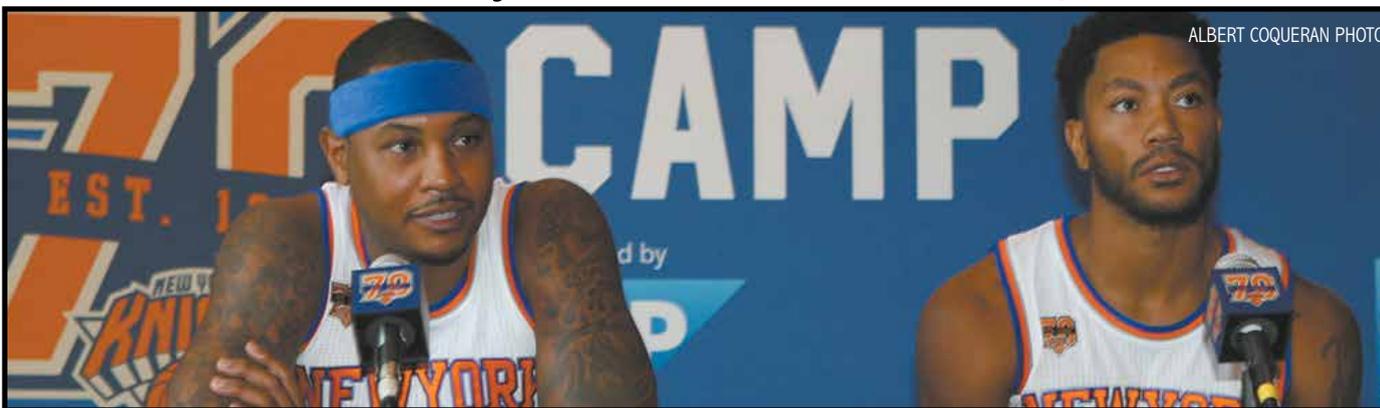
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## NY Knicks Media Day Comes to Ritz-Carlton, White Plains



The New York Knicks Opened their 2016-17 Training Camp with Media Day at The Ritz-Carlton on Renaissance Square, in White Plains, on Monday. Knicks superstar Carmel Anthony (left) answered questions from the media as did newcomer (right) Derrick Rose. "I actually feel great but it is a different feeling from a physical standpoint. It is the best I have felt in a long time," said Anthony, who was a member of the 2016 USA Olympic Basketball Team that won a Gold Medal in Brazil. Rose came to the Knicks this season after a blockbuster offseason trade with the Chicago Bulls that brought him and teammate center Joakim Noah to New York. "I feel my game has always been mid-range, one dribble or two dribbles. I feel that I have a great backboard shot. If I can get to a certain area, I am able to be more efficient," revealed Rose. Rose also did not shy away from questions concerning a pending Civil Suit against him and a recent active criminal investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department that could possibly result in criminal charges, concerning an alleged sexual assault in 2013. "I will have to miss time; that is part of it. I will let my lawyers and the team handle it. I am sure I will be proven innocent. I feel I did not do anything wrong," categorically stated Rose. As far as the 2016-17 Knicks producing on the basketball court, Anthony is certainly more excited about the Knicks prospects this season than in past years. "I do not think there has been this kind of excitement surrounding our team since I have been here over the past few years. The focus level is at an all-time high," said Anthony. NY Knicks President Phil Jackson did not mince words when asked what success would be measure by this season. "A Championship," replied Jackson. **-Albert Coqueran**

## 52 N. B'way Proposal Not Necessarily Compatible with Master Plan

By Pat Casey

During the Sept. 20 meeting of the White Plains Planning Board, board members were tasked by the Common Council to determine if a proposed amendment to the city's zoning ordinance put forward by the new owners at 52 North Broadway, WP Development NB, LLC, was compatible with the White Plains Comprehensive Plan.

The Amendment calls for the establishment of a new zoning district called "Planned Residential Development," to include multi-family housing, graduate or professional school housing, and an assisted living/memory care facility.

The 16-acre property at 52 North Broadway, formerly owned by the Catholic religious order the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, was the campus of the former Good Counsel Academy High School

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## Greenburgh Appoints New Manager for Hartsdale Parking District

The Town of Greenburgh has appointed Stephanie Crowe as the new manager of the Hartsdale Parking district. She replaces Stephanie Kavourias who retired this summer after many years of service to the district.

Crowe has prior experience in the field of parking and has served in various roles pertaining to parking, transportation and facilitating the needs of its users. It is expected she will look into alternative ways for users to pay metered parking rates within the district.

In the meantime, Hartsdale commuter parking in lots Site B and Site D now have multi-space pay stations.

In other Greenburgh news, Town Supervisor Paul Feiner advises residents who might be entitled to unclaimed funds from New York state that a representative of New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNaoli will be at Greenburgh Town Hall, Thursday, Sept. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. to meet with residents who think they are on the list.

New York State could owe up to 10,000 Greenburgh residents money. State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins sent letters to residents who might be on the list and encourages anyone who received a letter

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## White Plains School Board to Appoint New Acting Superintendent

The White Plains Board of Education was expected to approve the appointment of Dr. Howard W. Smith as Acting Superintendent of Schools during a vote at a Special Board of Education meeting on Monday evening.

Dr. Smith's term is expected to begin on October 1, 2016 and continue through this school year. He will replace Timothy P. Connors who stepped in last term for Superintendent Paul Fried who is on a medical leave. Connor's contract, which had originally been for a term from June to end of August 2016 had been extended to September 30 while the Board searched for another candidate for the

interim position.

According to a statement released by the Superintendent's office prior to the meeting, Dr. Smith has had a distinguished career in public school administration and retired in 2013 from the Superintendent position in the Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns after 12 years of service.

Since his retirement Smith has held interim superintendent and consultant positions. He also has been on the Adjunct Faculty at Bank Street College, Fordham University and St. Lawrence University.

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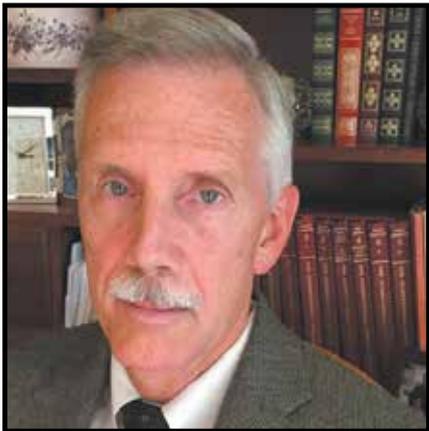


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Dr. Howard W. Smith

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Marietta College, Dr. Smith has two Masters Degrees and a Ph.D. from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Board President Rosemarie Eller said, "We are confident that Dr. Smith is an excellent choice for the students, staff and community. He will bring us the experienced leadership needed to provide stability and to move the district forward."

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to come to town hall on Thursday.

Feiner also advised that three new sidewalks are planned for construction within the next month to six weeks. The sidewalks are located on Seely Place, Fort Hill Road and Sprain Road.

"Town crews are preparing for the sidewalk on Sprain Road," Feiner indicated in an email. "During the next few weeks they will be clearing trees and doing significant trimming on Sprain between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. I spoke with town staff and asked if most of the work could start after 8:30 a.m. so people could get to work on time. After 8:30 a.m. expect delays," Feiner said.

Utility poles will also be removed before construction takes place. Sprain Road will also be repaved during this process



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# The Six-Day White Plains JazzFest Outdoor Concert Finale

The White Plains JazzFest culminated its six-day run with a large free outdoor concert on Sunday. The event was jointly produced by ArtsWestchester, The White Plains Business Improvement District and the City of White Plains. Sunday's event, which was located on Mamaroneck Av-

enue between Main Street and Mitchel Place featured performances by a variety of different Jazz Acts each with their own distinct musical style including: Baby Soda with influences ranging from 1930's era swing and New Orleans jazz to early gospel and blues; Joe Boykin & Friends



Awa Sangho, the "Golden Voice of Mali."

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Vendors provided an eclectic mix of good food and drink.

overtones; and Awa Sangho, the "Golden Voice of Mali" who brought the sound of the Sahara to Jazz Fest.

The crowd of approximately 2,000 was treated to delicious food prepared by a number of White Plains Restaurants and food stores including: Coriander Modern Indian, Gaucho Grille Argentinean Steakhouse, The Iron Tomato, Buffalo Wild Wings, Outlawed Beef Jerky and Shoprite.

Complementing the food vendors were a number of White Plains businesses and organizations which marketed and disseminated information about a variety of local products. The event was made possible by generous contributions from Macy's, White Plains Hospital, Reckson, a Division of SL Green Realty Corp, All NYS Title Agency and the NYS Council on The Arts.



The crowd reached over 2,000 at Sunday's free outdoor concert.

featuring classic vocal blues and jazz; Mayra Casales a Cuban born percussionist who has worked in both the Latin and jazz fields; Bob Baldwin & Friends with a smooth jazz blend with Brazilian percussion and funk



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and Elementary School and the home of the order. The site contains buildings, including a chapel that the new owner has allowed the Sisters to use on a restricted basis, on the national and state historic preservation lists and is being considered for preservation status by the White Plains Historic Preservation Commission.

Current zoning (RM 1.5) would allow a residential density of 475 units at heights up to three or four stories.

The development proposal presented with the zoning change request, suggests the construction of a similar number of multi-family residential units set in a high-rise context at the back of the property near I-287. The green lawns at the front, facing North Broadway would be maintained. One of the historic houses, the Mapleton House, would be moved, the Chapel of the Divine Compassion restored, and graduate school housing to be used by Pace students and an assisted living facility of low-rise design would be constructed in the campus environment.

Claiming that the remaining buildings on the campus are too far-gone for renovation, the developer suggests tearing them down to construct new buildings.

At the previous month's Planning Board meeting, a representative for the developer noted that when writing the Comprehensive Plan, White Plains planners did not take into account the possibility that



Screen shot of the Planning Board meeting Sept. 20, 2016.

the Good Counsel property might ever be sold and did not specifically note future uses or preservation for the property.

Taking their time to thoroughly review the Plan, the Planning Board with the White Plains Planning Commissioner, Christopher Gomez, determined that an analysis of the North Broadway corridor and the surrounding neighborhoods would give an overview of intent for that area.

It was also discussed that a zoning text change would establish a new zoning district for the city that would be applicable to other similar sites. The Planning Board did not want to establish a path for such potential development without further consideration and a qualifier to the Common Council.



Rough map outlines the White Plains central core in pink and the close-in neighborhoods in light green. The segmented black line is North Broadway heading toward I-287.

Planning Board member Robert Stackpole, concerned that the present discussion did not adequately take into account how this particular zone change could affect other areas of the city, New York Hospital, for example, said, "This is a hybrid zone. We have been trying to protect the neighborhoods from expansion of the downtown."

Looking at a map of the area, some board members disagreed. John Ioris said the development at 10 Stewart Place and other buildings in the area indicated that somewhere along the line it was considered OK to proceed with higher buildings in the area. He felt the proposed zone

change was compatible with the existing Comprehensive Plan.

Jon Westlund, on the other hand felt the proposal was in direct conflict with the Comprehensive Plan. Everyone agreed that traffic flows and the affect on residential neighbors was a concern.

The Board suggested tightening up the text of the proposed zone change where the wording was too generic, especially to prohibit the encroachment of commercial uses into the area and to specify what open space means – for public use, as green space, as park space, etc.

Because the loss of the front open green space would be a concern if the developer went forward with construction according to the existing zone, the Board decided to inform the Common Council that some parts of the proposal were indeed compatible, but that others needed to be tightened up.

Commissioner Gomez suggested that the text not base density on Floor Area Ratio (FAR) but on lot area to keep the number of units at a lower density.

Even though there was no public hearing scheduled for the Sept. 20 meeting, the Planning Board decided to allow residents who had come to the meeting to speak. Most speakers were from 10 Stewart Place.

To view the entire Planning Board meeting visit: [whiteplainsny.swagit.com/play/09202016-1518](http://whiteplainsny.swagit.com/play/09202016-1518).



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# Woman's Club of White Plains Awards \$12,000 to Local Non Profits

By Colleen Fay

The Woman's Club of White Plains held a Community Open House and day of remembrance for those lost on 9/11 at the CV Rich Mansion on Sunday, Sept. 11. The Club awarded a total of \$12,000 in donations to six local non-profit organizations, many of which have been partners with the Woman's Club for close to 100 years.

Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson, a Woman's Club member, spoke of her own personal experience being downtown on 9/11 and in particular of a group of women who banded together to help each other. She then called for a moment of silence for the victims.

The highlight of the program was the donations to six

local groups. Christine Roithmayr, president of the Woman's Club of White Plains Foundation related the Club's involvement with these various organizations. The Contemporary Club (as the Woman's

Club was originally known) has supported the Red Cross, YMCA and Westchester Children's Association from its first years. Accepting the awards were Anne Cappucci, for Red Cross; Cindy Rubino, for YMCA; and Cora Greenberg, for Westchester Children's Association. As the other charities were founded, Community Chest, Legal Aid and WP Beautification,

event. In addition, numerous elected officials were present including State Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, State Senator George Latimer, County Legislator Ben Boykin, Mayor Tom Roach as well as Nadine Hunt-Robinson, John Kirkpatrick and Beth Smayda from the Common Council. The White Plains Police Department was represented by Captain David Burpee.

Guests were invited to tour the house and gardens, review displays of current Woman's Club activities including the "100 Acts of Kindness" and learn some of the history of the Club. The CV Rich mansion, built in 1910, has been the clubhouse for the Woman's Club since 1931 and has been meticulously maintained since then. There was an abundance of flowers both inside and out adding to the beauty of the house which still has many of its original

interior decorative features. Historical photos depicting the honorees of the day were also displayed throughout the house.

Several other centennial events are planned for the remainder of the year including a Pancake Breakfast in October for Lifting Up Westchester as well as ongoing collections for various groups including the Verizon Hopeline, Samaritan House and VSP Global. On November 5, 2016, the much anticipated "Gala of the Century" will take place honoring the YWCA as well as local businesswomen Mary Jane Goldman of PIP Printing and Ruth Mahoney of Key Bank.



Woman's Club Co-Presidents Sue Doherty and Cathy Schaubert with Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson.

the Woman's Club added them to their list of recipients. Accepting those awards, were Alana Sweeney, for United Way; Clare Dagan, for Legal Aid; and Karen Quinn, for White Plains Beautification.

Each of the organizations received a donation of \$2000 as well as citations from the elected officials commending them for the important work they do for the community.

The Club also recognized generous businesses that have been advertisers in Club Dial. Tim Buckley accepted the award on behalf of McMahon, Lyon and Hartnett, originally Lyon and Hartnett, advertisers since 1929. Ken Kanter of Kanter's Carpet and Design was honored for his company's support since 1954. Other long-time supporters are Ballard-Durand Funeral Home since 1935 and Reimann Auto Body Shop since 1982.

The Community Open House was part of the ongoing celebration of the Woman's Club centennial year. Members of various community groups, local businesses and neighborhood associations attended the



(L to r) Chris Roithmayr, Woman's Club, Karen Quinn, WP Beautification, Alana Sweeney, United Way, Anne Cappucci, Red Cross, Cindy Rubino, YMCA, Clara Dagan, Legal Aid and Cora Greenberg, Westchester Children's Association.



Assemblywoman Amy Paulin addresses the crowd at the Open House.



Kevin Doherty, White Plains Mayor Tom Roach and Co-Chairwoman Diane Martino.

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# Arrogance

By Mary Anne Connell

Arrogance is defined as “a sense of one’s own superiority that shows itself in an offensively proud manner”. Does this not define the French American School of New York’s (FASNY) behavior in White Plains?

First, FASNY purchased the former Ridgeway Country Club property without normal contingencies. It is unheard of for any developer to purchase a property without it being subject to requisite municipal approvals. For a not-for-profit institution it’s considered reckless. Then, days before the key Common Council decision on the project FASNY published a letter from the School’s Chair, Andrea Soros Columbel, threatening the City with a myriad of lawsuits if the vote did not go their way. Interestingly, this was the only time Ms. Columbel reminded the Common Council who she was: the daughter of one of the wealthiest persons (George Soros) in the nation who also happens to be one of the major contributors to Democratic Party politicians. Was this an attempt to intimidate our Common Council? It was

equally disappointing but not surprising to hear that major leaders in the State Democratic Party got involved on behalf of FASNY. Not publicly but quietly with members of the Common Council. Was this an attempt to short-circuit the wishes of the majority of residents who vocally and visibly opposed the FASNY project?

After the vote that effectively killed their massive project FASNY filed a lawsuit demanding that the Court overturn the City Charter that requires a super-majority vote to close a local street. The lawsuit was the proverbial “throw in everything but the kitchen sink” approach including wild assertions such as only a small group of residents bordering the former golf course opposed the project despite the record showing over 2,000 residents signed a petition against the project. In fact, 10 neighborhood associations representing residents from all over the City publicly opposed the project. Significantly, the White Plains School Board found the FASNY access plan to be profoundly unsafe for its students and staff attending White Plains High School.

Then a small group of White Plains FASNY supporters demanded that the City drop its defense against the FASNY lawsuit. Incredibly, this group says it has no connection to the school despite the fact that two of its members were on the FASNY Board. Even the most indifferent observer would find this maneuver the height of arrogance.

Now the latest arrogance: FASNY is promoting a “new plan”: a student body of 640 claiming a reduction over the former plan. This is not true. It is essentially Phase I of the earlier plan. Phase II was always contingent on traffic for Phase I not exceeding specific parameters. With unbri-dled arrogance FASNY now proposes to use Ridgeway as its entrance despite the Common Council forbidding its use in 2013. It will add over 400 vehicles in both the morning and afternoon peak periods. Imagine an already clogged Ridgeway accommodating this additional traffic volume. Not likely.

Most incredibly, FASNY intends to demand that the City remove the part of the property on which they wish to build from

the City’s list of environmentally sensitive sites. This for a property that floods regularly, is part of the Mamaroneck River watershed, has wetlands and a stream bisecting it. Could this be because a super-majority approval is required for such sites? Is the FASNY FOUR (Mayor Roach & Council members Kirkpatrick, Smayda and Martin) that bold to even consider such a subterfuge?

Our nation’s history is replete with powerful special interests bullying their way to get what they want. Notwithstanding, there are also innumerable examples of elected officials and courts standing up to the power of special interests, especially when an informed citizenry is aroused and demands otherwise.

Shame on FASNY for its unchecked arrogance and its transparent effort to mislead the residents of White Plains throughout this long process. Shame on our Mayor and Common Council if they succumb to FASNY’s latest smokescreen.

—Mary Anne Connell is a resident of the Gedney neighborhood, White Plains.

## 2016 Westchester Sports Hall of Fame Ceremony Set for Oct. 20

This year’s four inductees are Michael O’Donnell, Neil Fitzpatrick, Gino D’Ippolito, and Dan Ricci.

Michael O’Donnell has been the football coach at Archbishop Stepinac High School for 28 years, having started out in 1980 as an assistant, and working his way up to head varsity coach. In 2006, O’Donnell was named Athletic Director and head of the Physical Education department as well. He was designated Daily News Coach of the Year in 1993, 1995 and 1997. O’Donnell had a banner year in 2014 when he coached the Stepinac team to the CHSFL AAA Championship, recording the most wins in a single season in school history (12), and winning the league trophy, the Dubois Trophy (Cardinal Hayes High School) and the Turkey Bowl (White Plains High School). The following year, he led Stepinac to another CHSFL Championship and a New York

State Catholic Championship. Coach O’Donnell also served on County Executive Astorino’s Concussion Panel, created by Stepinac alum, Dr. Mark Herceg, County Commissioner of Mental Health.

Neil Fitzpatrick, a long-time resident of Tarrytown, spent 30 years as Ardsley High School’s baseball coach and he was the founder of the school’s soccer team. On the baseball field he won numerous Coach of the Year awards, took his team to Sectional Championships six years back-to-back and won the State Championship four years consecutively. Fitzpatrick is remembered by his students as inspiring them with his honesty and respect.

Gino D’Ippolito, originally from Colledimezzo, Italy, has been a Yonkers resident since 1951, and began refereeing in 1963 in Eastern New York. In the late 1960s, D’Ippolito was assigned to the pros, with the old National Professional Soccer

League (NPSL), a forerunner to the original North American Soccer League (NASL). Since then, he has refereed in virtually every soccer final the USA had to offer, including the NASL, American Soccer League (ASL) and Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL). The now 81-year-old was an official in over 600 NASL games from 1968 until the league’s final season in 1984. D’Ippolito has travelled to 29 nations to ref international games. He has officiated over 2,000 professional games.

Dan Ricci has amassed 404 victories, 16 league championships, six sectional championships, five regional championships and four New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) championships as the head girls basketball coach at Ossining High School. During his 24 years as head coach, Ricci guided the girls’ basketball program from mediocrity, to a perennial power.

More important than winning, he cultivated a culture of teamwork, determination and sportsmanship both on and off the court. Eighteen of Ricci’s players have moved on to collegiate careers, including two-time National Champion Saniya Chong at the University of Connecticut. Ossining is only the second NYSPHSAA school to win a Class AA Federation Championship. Ricci also led the varsity football program to sectional and regional championships in 2007 while serving as head coach.

The four inductees were chosen from a pool of 80 nominees. In order to be nominated, each must be a person of good character, who has gained prominence in either professional or amateur sports as a player, coach, manager, official, owner, writer or broadcaster.

Hall of Fame plaques are on permanent display in the Sports Hall of Fame gallery at the Westchester County Center in White Plains.

The event is open to the public and begins at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, followed by dinner and the induction ceremony. Price is \$80 per person and reservations are required. The deadline for reservations is Friday, October 14.

For an invitation or more information, call 914-231-4564.

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### Port Chester Man Sentenced in Home Invasion Homicide

Jahkim McGhee (DOB 7/2/94) of Port Chester, was sentenced last week to 20 years in state prison after having pled guilty on May 4, 2016 to one count of Manslaughter in the First Degree, a class "B" Felony relating to the death of Anthony Guglielmo.

On Sunday September 11, 2011, at approximately 5:30 a.m., Port Chester Police received a 911 call of a burglary in progress at 235 Mortimer Street and that a person had been stabbed.

The call was made by the victim's then 14 year-old



Jahkim McGhee

daughter, Nicole Guglielmo, who stated that her father had been stabbed by the intruder.

EMS and police responded and found the victim lying on the floor of the living room in a massive pool of blood.

A large butcher knife was on the floor and the victim had a stab wound to the chest.

Port Chester Police detectives initiated an investigation along with the Westchester County Police who processed the crime scene.

It was revealed that during 2010 and early 2011, the victim and his daughter had lived in an apartment across the street from the defendant.

During defendant's plea be-

fore the Hon. Barbara Zambelli, the defendant admitted to acting alone when he stabbed the victim.

Assistant District Attorney Perry Perrone, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Kerrie Williams of the Superior Court Trial Division prosecuted the case.



### Take Your Dad to School Day a Big Success in White Plains

The White Plains Youth Bureau and White Plains School District partnered for Dads Take Your Child to School Day on Sept. 20. The program emphasized

Plains' elementary schools, as well as Eastview and Highlands middle schools and White Plains High School. Pictured above, more than 300 dads attending



the importance of fathers and father figures in their children's lives. This year 1,700 Dads visited each of White

the Mamaroneck Avenue Elementary School program listen to presentations in the school auditorium.

## Obituaries

### Angela Torelli

Angela Torelli, a White Plains resident, died September 22 at the age of 79. She was born December 24, 1936 in Corato, Italy to the late Alfonso and Maria Terrone.

On April 29, 1961 she married Aldo Torelli in Italy. He predeceased her in 2013.

Angela worked for 30 years as a Sales Clerk at Macy's in White Plains, retiring in 1995.

She is survived by her children Cataldo (Maria/Pina) Torelli of Katonah and Teresa (George) Torelli of Pawling, NY and her grandchildren Monica, Alessio and Aaron. Also surviving is her sister Melina Bovino of Italy and her broth-

ers; Andrea Terrone of Florida and Luigi Terrone of Italy.

Angela loved her family and friends and especially loved cooking and enjoying Sunday dinners with her whole family.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Alzheimer's Assoc. 2900 Westchester Ave, Suite 306, White Plains, NY 10577.

### Dorothy Messler

Dorothy A. Messler, a 50 year resident of White Plains, passed away suddenly on September 20 at age 90. She was born in Mount Vernon and graduated from A.B. Davis High School. Dorothy was a homemaker and an accomplished watercolor

artist. She was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Charles C. Messler, Jr.; a son, Charles C. Messler III; and granddaughter, Sarah Poulin. Surviving are daughters, Patricia (Lawrence) Hanley, White Plains; Dorothy (William) Chilcutt, Zephyrhills, FL; Catherine (Daniel) Poulin, Garrison; and Christine (Michael) Hritz, Lake Peekskill; and a son, James W. Messler, Cordlandt; and grandchildren, Melissa (Wade), Laura (Christina), Michael, Amy, Mary, James, Matthew and Ryan; great-grandchildren, Connor and Emily.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of Westchester, 1025 Westchester Ave #200, White Plains, N.Y. 10604.

### WPHS Publication Wins First Place in Major Competition

"Roar," White Plains High School's literary magazine for 2016, was awarded First Place in the annual competition of the American Scholastic Press Association. Editors-in-Chief were Esther Ritchin and Shoshi Weiner, Art Editors were Elana Hausknecht and Uri Sang, and Literary Editor was Lucia Iannone.

The ASPA's annual review and contest for scholastic newspapers, yearbooks and magazines compares student publi-



cations at colleges, universities and high schools around the nation. Judges

base their scores on page design, story layout, graphics, headlining, style, advertising and photography, content, creativity and editing. Points are allocated in the various competition categories based on a judge's assessment. Commenting on "Roar," the judges cited the superior concept, editing, layout/graphics, creativity, writing and art.

Art Teachers Michael Chiariello and Miranda DeMella are Advisors to the publication.



## Fall Chores in the Garden Can Be the Most Gratifying

Autumn in the garden and yard can be the most gratifying time of year. Deciduous trees and perennials start to yawn, preparing for a long winter's sleep, accompanied by that sweet smell that comes from plants releasing their chemistry and the crisp, clean sound of decaying leaves falling to the ground.

It forecasts the fleeting months of shorter days, much like when the children are asleep. The only outdoor chore that remains is clearing walkways of snow and ice.

While spring is probably everyone's favorite time in the garden, helping its rebirth after being pummeled by winter, the fall signifies the very finiteness of garden chores. When a weed is pulled, it stays pulled and doesn't replace itself with double the aggression. When perennials are deadheaded, the gardener can take a furlough from assuring that they are properly fed and watered, but will welcome them back in spring after both have rested.

The proportions of any garden change as the perennial and annual growth are whacked back, which makes the vistas more open from one bed to the other. Also, it eliminates many of the planning mistakes from one season to the next, as errant plans are abandoned and bulbs and perennial roots are moved to other locations.

More creative joy comes from choosing

which mums to feature as the color transitions from fall to winter. While you will see drifts of mum plants on some properties that have every color in the fall palate, I always liked to stick to one color, or at the most, two.

For the longest display of mum flowers, it's best to buy those where most of the plant is still buds. When the mums fade, just leave them where they are; they maintain a nice mound throughout the winter, and you can cut them back in early spring. If you're lucky, they may return, but sometimes they don't, depending on winter conditions.

My most gratifying fall job, as well as a good aerobic/resistance training exercise, has always been building up the mulch beds to make them look well-tended, and to keep the perennial roots from heaving. I always asked my tree service provider to send me a truckload of wood chips if they are very clean (no leaves) and processed into smaller chips. Truly, it's as good as



By Bill Primavera

expensive mulch. In fact, I like it better because it offers more texture and somehow looks more natural to me.

Here are other garden tips at this time of year:

Harvest any vegetables left on plants. It's important to pull out all of the crops because debris left over the winter can cause diseases to enter the soil and reappear the next spring.

This is the time when you can add horse manure or compost to the soil, because that allows plenty of time for them to break down.

For those who like to bring houseplants inside, they should all be gathered into a shady area for a few days to get them used to low light level conditions. Make certain that they are clean and free from little critters.

Perennials that are overcrowded or growing in a large ring with the center portion missing means that it's time to subdivide. You'll become popular with your neighbors if you share the excess. Cut back the remaining perennials to a height of three to six inches.

Prepare for brilliant displays of daffodils, tulips and crocus in spring by planting

bulbs now. Do not plant them in tidy rows but rather "broadcast" them in drifts on the surface, and plant them where they land for a more natural look.

For those who have the patience to endure the rigors of rose maintenance, it is time to prune dead branches and cut off old flowers. Rose bushes should be mounded using topsoil or mulch and the canes should be cut back to six to 12 inches. For even better protection, the bush can be covered with a bushel basket.

This is the best time to transplant shrubs or young trees to new locations.

I don't advise readers about preparing lawns in the fall for next spring because I must confess that for years I didn't aerate and thatch the soil, and I didn't fertilize. Because my property was first cultivated in the early 18th century, I felt that I got a free pass to a naturalized lawn accepting crabgrass and dandelions with grace.

But then, I engaged a wonderful lawn care service that takes care of all those great chores that I say I was too busy to do. I hope that it wasn't because I was too lazy.

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## On the Occasion of Celebrating Nine Years of 'The Wine Guy's' Column



By Nick Antonaccio

This week marks the beginning of my 10th year penning this wine column for The Examiner. In the 468 columns published, I've touched on many

wine-related topics.

From issue number one in September 2007, this column and The Examiner have grown from one edition with a circulation of 2,000, to four editions in central and northern Westchester and Putnam counties with a circulation of 25,000. Readership has reached 60,000 each week.

To mark this milestone for me, I thought I would present a (very) short retrospective of my body of work to date. Thanks to reader support, I have been inspired to write columns on numerous topics that I hope have provided a modicum of insight into the world of wine, as you walk with me through the virtual vineyard trails across the world.

Oftentimes educational (wine regions, grape varietals), on other occasions self-exploring (pairing wine with music, linking my enjoyment of wines to life events) and in other instances entertaining (tracking news events unfolding in the world of wine), I've enjoyed the research and reporting each week.

Do you remember the following range

of topics? Do you have your own favorite I've overlooked? I look forward to your e-mails.

1. From Basic Wine 101 to Ph.D.-Dissertation-Defense-Type Reporting. In addition to the science of winemaking – terroir, biodynamics, wine glass size and shape and the health benefits of polyphenols -- I have also spent a considerable effort on the "art of wine" (coincidentally the name of the local wine shop I've featured many times). From lessons on food and wine pairings, to the proper way to smell and taste wines, to nuanced

guidance on honing one's appreciation of the nectar of the gods, I hope you have gained a more sophisticated palate.

2. Virtual Tours. Oh, the places we've been! From our own backyard in the Hudson Valley and Long Island to an exhaustive 13-part series in Spain, with side trips to Italy, France, South Africa, Chile, California, Oregon and Washington. Each trip was presented as a travelogue, tooling around the California countryside in a supercharged Ford Mustang or wearing out shoe leather along Tuscan vineyard trails – always with the intent of capturing the essence of a region, winery or local culture.

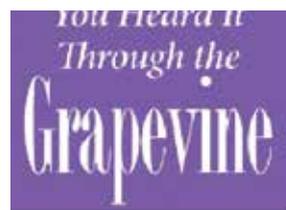
3. The Provocative and the Scandalous. The French provided vast amounts of fod-

der for the darker side of wine. Do you remember Gallo's "unwitting" purchase of French Merlot that was Pinot Noir? Or American billionaire Bill Koch being duped into spending millions on counterfeit French wines from prestigious auction houses? Or the report that the French are drinking less wine and eating more

McDonalds? Sacre Bleu! Or winemakers in the southwestern region commandeering tankers transporting bulk wine from Spain, then spilling tens of thousands of red wine onto the streets, all in protest over price protection?

4. A Wine for Every Occasion. Wine is an essential element to enjoying food and I've offered numerous guidelines in selecting appropriate pairings. But I've also enjoyed the whimsy of offering wines to pair with atypical subjects, including Oscar nominated Best Pictures, Super Bowl teams and their representative cities, a Tour de France race – and major music genres. (An acerbic, assertive red blend while listening to David Bowie?)

5. Emerging Trends. From the global to the hyperlocal, each trend was accompanied by wine recommendations from the many wine purveyors to whom I am eternally indebted for matching bottles to concepts. Beginning with the resurgence of home winemaking (including me and



my Uncle Charlie), I expanded my scope to the impact of the Great Recession – higher quality wines at lower prices. Next, I came full circle, focusing frequently on the wines produced by the new generation of young, highly educated winemakers. They have combined the latest technology, science and marketing trends to elevate dramatically the quality of wines across the globe.

I look forward to enlightening and entertaining readers in my travels on the road, responding to the greeting "Aren't you the Wine Guy?", as I happily pen future columns.

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



# Focus is on Nature at Upcoming Burns Film Center Series

By Neal Rentz

The beauty, power and mystery of nature will be explored during the next month at the Jacob Burns Film Center.

The fifth annual Focus on Nature series will feature six documentaries starting this Thursday, Sept. 29 and running through Oct. 27.

Film programmer Karen Sloe Goodman said this year's series includes a cross-section of original films, opening with "The Eagle Hunter," a documentary about Aisholpan, a 13-year-old girl who is attempting to become the first female eagle hunter in northwestern Mongolia. The film's director, Otto Bell, and Teatown EagleFest co-founder Charlie Roberto will take part in a question-and-answer session following the screening with Jacob Burns Executive Director Edie Demas.

On Oct. 6, "Taiga," directed by Hamid Sarda, explores Mongolian sheep herders, a film Goodman called "breath-taking." Sarda will participate in a question-and-answer session via Skype.

Two documentaries about bugs and insects will also be presented. "Learning to See: The World of Insects," directed by Jake Oelman, is scheduled for Oct. 1. The film looks at the hidden world of Amazonian insects by nature photographer Robert Oelman, who spent 20 years documenting his journeys through the rain



JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER PHOTOS

"The Eagle Hunter," the documentary about 13-year-old Aisholpan who is attempting to become the first female eagle hunter in northwestern Mongolia, is the opening night film in the fifth annual Focus on Nature series at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

forests. The screening will be followed by a hands-on nature-based workshop for families at the Burns' Media Arts Lab as part of First Saturdays @ the Lab.

On Oct. 27, a sneak preview of "Bugs," directed by Andreas Johnsen, will be shown. The film shows how bugs are

sought to be used for food. Goodman will conduct a Q&A with Mario Hernandez, the chef and partner at several New York City restaurants, including The Black Ant and Ofrenda Cocina Mexicana, where he

uses bugs in some of his dishes.

Goodman said the film was her favorite of those presented at this year's Tribeca Film Festival.

Environmental activism will be explored when "Saving Jamaica Bay," directed by David Sigal and Dan Hendrick on Oct. 20. It depicts efforts to preserve Jamaica Bay, the largest open space in New York City, a critical area for migratory birds.

A post-screening Q&A will feature Hendricks, Nava Tabak, a conservation scientist with Scenic Hudson where she works to protect and promote the resilience of the Hudson River's tidal wetland systems, and Roger Osorio, Groundwork Hudson Valley's youth program assistant.

In conjunction with the series, the photography exhibit Dark Heavens: Hamid Sardar's Mongolia, can be viewed in the theater's Jane Peck Gallery throughout October.

The series is presented in partnership with Scenic Hudson and Groundwork Hudson Valley.

The Jacob Burns Film Center is located at 364 Manville Rd. in Pleasantville. Call 914-747-5555 or visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org) for more information, including ticket prices and the full schedule.



"Bugs," a documentary directed by Andreas Johnsen, will be screened on Oct. 27 as part of the Jacob Burns Film Center's Focus on Nature series.

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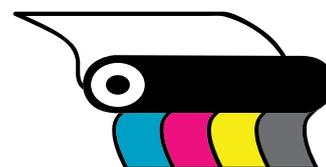
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## Lamb Chili a Favorite Dish of Mediterranean Chef

By Jerry Eimbinder

A favorite dish of Chef Constantine Kalandranis, founder of Mediterranean restaurants in Mount Kisco, Harrison and Nyack, is lamb chili.

All of his restaurants offer menus that change daily depending on availability from farms, the New Fulton Fish Market Cooperative at Hunts Point in the Bronx and other local seafood sources, free-range beef, hormone-free lamb and poultry and other fresh ingredients.

The restaurants are 8 North Broadway in Nyack (located in a century-old building that was the home of LuShane's for many years) and two Westchester restaurants that opened last year: 273 Kitchen in Harrison (which has an open kitchen) and 251 Lex in Mount Kisco.

"We want patrons to feel they are walking into the dining room of a friend's home in their neighborhood – an unpretentious, comfortable place to enjoy great wine, fresh seafood and seasonal preparations," Kalandranis explained as to why the three restaurants are named for their addresses.

Here is his recipe for lamb chili to serve

four to six people.

### Ingredients

2 pounds each of ground lamb and pork

1 small onion, diced

1 jalapeno, minced

8 cloves of minced garlic

1 tablespoon of cumin

6 tablespoons of Spanish paprika

1 tablespoon of turmeric

1 pinch of clove and nutmeg

1 cinnamon stick

1 quart of canned tomatoes (pureed or hand crush)

1 pint of beer

1 pint of white wine

½ cup of sherry vinegar

2 quarts of beef, duck or chicken stock

1 pint of cooked white beans

1 pint of cooked black beans (or red kidney or cranberry)

1 pint of cooked chick peas

1 cup each of cilantro, parsley and dill

¼ cup of mint

Scallion, yogurt, manouri (or feta) and poached egg garnish

### Directions

Sear the meat in olive oil on one side for

color in a rondeau cooking pan. Remove to china, cap and return the fat to the rondeau pan.

If needed, add more oil, then add onions, garlic, jalapeno and toast. Add spices and cinnamon stick until toasted but not burnt. Deglaze and scrape the bottom to get bits of flavor.

Add tomatoes and stock and bring to simmer. Add meat and cook to desired consistency (about 30 minutes). After becoming a liquid, beans will tighten up the chili (more stock can be added later). Add beans and adjust the seasoning, and more liquid if needed. Include herbs, mix and place in a hotel pan to cool.

As the fat congeals at the top, remove and use it to start the chili on pick-up. Pick-up start with meat fat (a lot of flavor here), add chili and warm. Place shaved scallions, whipped yogurt (or tzatziki) crumbled cheddar, poached egg and fresh herbs in bowl.

Before opening 8 North Broadway, his first restaurant, Kalandranis cooked at two Manhattan restaurants owned by Michael Psilakis. He was the executive chef and a member of the opening team for eXo,



Chef Constantine Kalandranis, founder of Mediterranean restaurants in Mount Kisco, Harrison and Nyack.

a Mediterranean restaurant in Whitestone, Queens. Kalandranis is a Mount Kisco resident.

For more information, call 845-353-1200 for 8 North Broadway in Nyack; 914-732-3333 for 273 Kitchen in Harrison; and 914-218-8156 for 251 Lex in Mount Kisco.

## Cooking Class, Dinner Series Begins Second Season at WCC

By Jerry Eimbinder

A series of live cooking demonstrations and three-course dinners will begin its second season at Westchester Community College in Valhalla on Oct. 17, with Giuseppe Fanelli participating as guest speaker for the class and chef for the meal as part of a program called "Italiana Reimagined."

Fanelli, the executive chef at tredici NORTH in Purchase, headed the kitchen at Baldoria, the legendary Rao's sister restaurant in the Manhattan theater dis-

trict. He was the executive chef at F. Illi in Tribeca and sous chef at Felicia, the restaurant of celebrity chef and television host Lidia Bastianich.

He appeared in The Travel Channel's "Man Finds Food" with host Adam Richman and in The Food Channel's "Kitchen Casino," and was a champion in Food Network's esteemed culinary competition "Chopped."

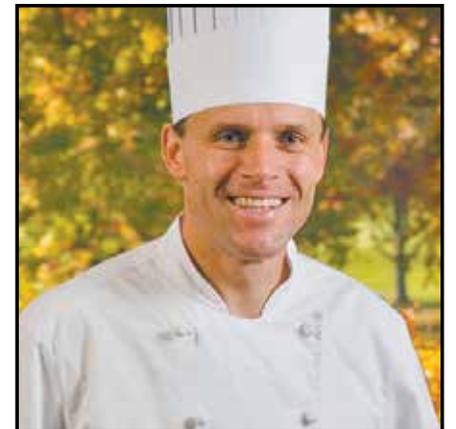
Chefs Michael Schmatzer and Stacy Cohen, both from Doral Arrowwood in Rye Brook, will follow on Oct. 24 with a cook-



Chef Giuseppe Fanelli will be the guest speaker and chef for the program "Italiana Reimagined," the first in a series of four cooking demos and dinner series at Westchester Community College. Proceeds raised by offering the evenings will benefit the Westchester Community College Foundation.

ing class and dinner program called "Local Produce, International Flair." Schmatzer is the executive chef at the Rye Brook complex and the president of the American Culinary Federation's Westchester/Lower Connecticut chapter. Cohen is the pastry chef at Doral Arrowwood and an adjunct professor at the college.

There will be two additional class and dinner evenings on Nov. 2 and 7. Tickets cost \$150 for each event and will take



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place in one of the college's instructional kitchens and its culinary dining room. All programs begin at 6 p.m.

The series, called Great Chefs of Westchester Cook for Westchester Community College, is a fundraising project conducted by the Westchester Community College Foundation. Since its inception in 1969, the foundation has raised more than \$20 million to support scholarships, benefiting more than 16,000 students.

For more information, call 914-606-6558 or visit [www.sunywcc.edu/Foundation](http://www.sunywcc.edu/Foundation).

## Empire City Casino to Host Oktoberfest Polka Party

By Jerry Eimbinder

Empire City Casino in Yonkers will celebrate Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 15 with more than 16 special brews priced from \$5 to \$7, menu items costing \$2 to \$13 and entertainment by the quartet The Polka Brothers.

The party is scheduled from 1 to 6 p.m. with The Polka Brothers performing throughout the day. In addition to polkas, the band plays pop and rock music.

The casino's Oktoberfest menu will include "7X beef" Guinness burgers, schnitzel hoagies, chicken wings, bierwurst, weiners, soft pretzels, French fries, bier cheese fries and warm German

potato salad.

An all-you-can-drink wristband will be available for \$50. Beers to be offered include the traditional German beer, Franziskaner Hefe-Weisse, Spaten Oktoberfest, Goose Island Oktoberfest, Warsteiner Oktoberfest, Coney Island Freaktoberfest, Captain Lawrence Pumpkin and Two Roads' No Limit Hefeweizen.

A brand new beer, New Belgian Brewing's Cranberry Pumpkin, will debut at the celebration.

The festivities will be held trackside at Empire City Casino, located at 810 Yonkers Ave.



# Happenings

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

## Tuesday, Sept. 27

**Tuesdays at Dorry's.** This week Michael Hackett will facilitate a conversation about third parties in general and this upcoming election in particular. Allen Weintraub will give us a ten-minute background presentation on the historical impact of third parties in American presidential elections. Sheila Collins will add to our understanding of the policies of Green Party candidate Jill Stein and Libertarian Gary Johnson. We will discuss a dilemma for many of us: how to balance the important perspectives that third parties add to mainstream ideas against our fears that the candidates will draw votes from the Democratic or Republican candidates we favor. Could a system of runoff elections solve this problem? We will have the chance to express our comments and questions on all these matters and more. 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, Sept. 28

**Outdoor Farmer's Market.** White Plains Farmer's market featuring locally grown and organic produce, specialty items, flowers, gifts and other goods. Open rain or shine from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through November 23 at Court Street between Martine Avenue and Main Street, White Plains. Check out the Facebook page for special events and vendor news.

**Noonday Getaway Concert.** Downtown Music at Grace welcomes returning artist Pavel Vinnitsky. Clarinetist Vinnitsky appears regularly with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, the American Symphony, and the Orchestra of St. Luke's. He is joined at the piano by Anna Vinnitsky, who has appeared in recital at the Gewandhaus in Leipzig, Orchestra Hall in Chicago, and Merkin Hall in New York. Together, they will play the Brahms Sonata No. 2 in E flat major, the Saint-Saens Clarinet Sonata and the Siciliana of Bach. Join us for this wonderful performance of world class music at beautiful Grace Episcopal

Church. Downtown Music at Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church Street (Main Street at Mamaroneck Avenue), White Plains. The concert begins at 12:10 p.m. and lasts for 30 minutes; admission is free. This concert is made possible with the generous support of Deutsch Family & Licor 43, #1 premium liqueur from Spain.

**Screening of Megunica.** 12:30-1:30 p.m. Join award-winning Italian filmmaker Lorenzo Fonda for a special screening and conversation about his film, Megunica, which follows the muralist and animator BLU through Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Argentina. Tickets to public programs are free to Purchase College students, staff, and faculty, as well as Neuberger Museum of Art Circle Level Members. General Admission: \$10. The Museum is located at 735 Anderson Hill Road in Purchase; 914-251-6100; [www.neuberger.org](http://www.neuberger.org).

**Community Forum on Immigration.** Free and open to the public. Will be held in the Social Hall of the Church in the Highlands, White Plains, 7 to 9 p.m. In the first twenty minutes, four invited speakers will address the issue of immigration from different perspectives, and then the discussion will be opened to the audience. Ground rules for audience participation will be shared with the audience, the most important of which is this koan (or parable) from Buddhist monk Thich Naht Hahn: "Speak the truth, but not to punish." The hope is to find common ground, to meet neighbors, and to practice deep listening. The discussion, which will conclude at 8:30 p.m. will be followed by light refreshments. All are invited to remain to continue the conversation. The Church in the Highlands is located at 35 Bryant Avenue, White Plains.

**WP Downtown Transit District Meeting. 6:30 p.m. at ArtsWestchester,** 31 Mamaroneck Avenue, at the corner of Mamaroneck and Martine Avenues, White Plains. The public will have the opportunity to see how their comments have informed the development of near- and long-term opportunities that will guide the future of the Downtown White Plains Transit District.

## Thursday, Sept. 29

**Blues Legend Buddy Guy in Concert.** This Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and seven-time Grammy Award winner was a major influence on rock titans such as Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton and Stevie Ray Vaughan, a pioneer of Chicago's fabled West Side sound and a living link to the city's halcyon days of electric blues. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13

Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$68, \$78, \$88 and \$108. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusicall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusicall.org).

## Friday, Sept. 30

**"The Starfish Throwers."** The Irvington Farmers Market and the All Shorts Irvington Film Festival team up to present this documentary, the story of a five-star chef, a 12-year-old girl and a retired schoolteacher living worlds apart yet they discover how their individual efforts to feed the poor ignite a movement in the fight against hunger. Irvington Town Hall Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 7:30 p.m. \$10. Info and tickets: Visit [www.irvingtontheater.com](http://www.irvingtontheater.com).

**Peter Yarrow and Noel Paul Stookey of Peter, Paul and Mary.** Celebrate 50 years with Peter and Paul live in concert, as they celebrate the catalogue of America's favorite folk group. No American folk group lasted longer or amassed a more loyal following than Peter, Paul and Mary. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$48 to \$88. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusicall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusicall.org).

**"The Apple and Other Slip-ups."** Arc Stages opens the second season of its professional company with the premiere of this production which depicts 10 important women in history – real and imaginary – beginning with the mother of all slip-ups: Eve and her forbidden fruit. The musical travels forward through time, showing key moments from the lives of women such as Joan of Arc, Pandora, the Virgin Mary, Rapunzel and Lizzie. Arc Stages, 141 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. Adults: \$36. Seniors and students: \$28. Also Oct. 1, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 2 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-747-6206 or visit [www.arcstages.org](http://www.arcstages.org).

## Saturday, Oct. 1

**Pack Chat for Kids.** Children will learn about the mythology surrounding wolves and the important role of wolves in the natural world. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and the center's critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 11 a.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also Oct. 2 and 22 at 11 a.m. and Oct. 23 and 29 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

**Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education.** Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal

home or which plant makes its own heat. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday and Sunday (except Oct. 8 and 9). Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**Fall Family Festival.** Paint murals with artists from El Taller Latino Americano and experiment with animation inspired by the work of Robin Rhode. Explore the latest exhibitions on family friendly tours and enjoy refreshments. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 1 to 4 p.m. \$10 per child (18 and under) Adults and family circle members: Free. Info: 914-251-6100 or visit [www.neuberger.org](http://www.neuberger.org).

## Sunday, Oct. 2

**Wolf Tales: Mythology of a Predator.** A program that discusses the relationship between the wolves and humans of the past. Guests will be introduced to various wolf mythologies and history, then, guests visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Zephyr and Nikai and the center's critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves too. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem 2 p.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Pre-registration is required. Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 1005 LECTURES, LLC**

**FIRST:** The name of the Limited Liability Company is 1005 LECTURES, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company")  
**SECOND:** The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on April 18, 2016. **THIRD:** The

County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is located is Westchester. **FOURTH:** The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 23B Washington Avenue, Pleasantville, New York 10570. **FIFTH:** The Company is organized for all lawful purposes, and to do any and all things necessary, convenient, or incidental to that purpose. **Dated: August 26, 2016**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE KRELL GROUP LLC.** Arts of Org. filed SSNY on 8/23/2016. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and mail to **144 Stone Meadow, South Salem, NY 10590. Purpose - any lawful act.**

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF REVALORIZER DIVERSIFIED OPERATIONS, LLC.** Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/24/2016. Office loc: Westchester County - 119 Pondfield Rd., Suite 924, Bronxville, NY 10708-0924. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to **7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

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**PROPOSITION:** Shall the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Central School District be authorized to (1) reconstruct various District buildings and facilities, including infrastructure and site work improvements, construct and reconstruct athletic fields and courts, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus, at a maximum cost of \$39,621,180, (2) expend such sum for such purpose, (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and

in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$39,621,180, and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due? The vote upon such proposition shall be by machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots. Personal registration of voters is required, and no person shall vote whose name does not appear on the register of the District. Any voter who has heretofore registered pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years or is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, also is eligible to vote at this meeting. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Any person may register to vote during regular school hours on any week day not less than five (5) days preceding the vote between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the office of the District Clerk, 825 West Lake Drive, Thornwood, New York.

The register prepared by the Board of Registration shall be filed in the office of the District Clerk, 825 West Lake Drive, Thornwood, New York and will be open for inspection immediately upon its completion by any qualified voter of the District from during regular school hours on each of the five days prior to the vote, except for Saturday, October 15, 2016 and Sunday, October 16, 2016.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION of WADSWORTH GLOBAL LLC.** Art. of Org. filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on January 24, 2016. Off. Loc.: 134 Alta Avenue, Yonkers, NY, Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy to is: **WADSWORTH GLOBAL LLC, 134 ALTA AVENUE, YONKERS,**

**NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful act.**

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Ben Gelinas Design, LLC** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/01/2016. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: **18 Orchard Street, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: any lawful act or activity**

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# The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze Returns for Twelfth Year at Van Cortlandt Manor

By Jerry Eimbinder

The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze will be bigger and better than ever when it returns for its twelfth year to historic Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson on Sept. 30.

New attractions include "Main Street" at the Pumpkin Promenade and an 80-foot-long Pumpkin Zee Bridge.

Blaze favorites back for the new show include a color-changing star show at the Pumpkin Planetarium which made it debut last year but has doubled in size this year, Undersea Aquarium, eight-foot-tall working jack-o'lanterns-in-the-box, life-sized dinosaurs in Jurassic Park, and a sea serpent out for an evening swim.

More than 7,000 jack o' lanterns, hand scooped by volunteers and carved by professionals will be lit up, assembled, and displayed in a multitude of Halloween-inspired spooky settings and scenes. (The amount of jacks carved for this year's Blaze is up from 4,000 used only a few years ago.)

The dates offered for visiting the Blaze are Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Oct. 7-10, Oct. 13-16, Oct. 19-31, Nov. 3-6, and Nov. 10-13. The show is conducted on evenings only, rain or shine.

Creative Director Michael Natiello heads the team that creates and carves the

illuminated structures. More than 1,000 volunteers help scoop and light the pumpkins.

Although scary at times, this largely strolling event is recommended for children of all ages. Hand holding is suggested for small kids as traversing the grounds often requires walking among large crowds through wooded paths and dark areas.

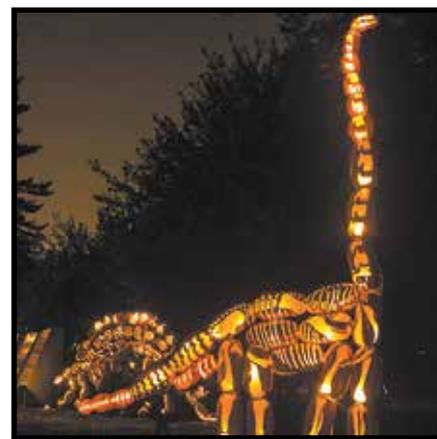
Adding to the fun are eerie music and sounds. Professional musician and radio personality Richard Christy created the soundtracks, which are available as digital downloads and streams from iTunes, Amazon, and Google Play.

Admission on all dates is by advance purchase of tickets for specific times. Attendees should take waiting time into consideration for parking their cars.

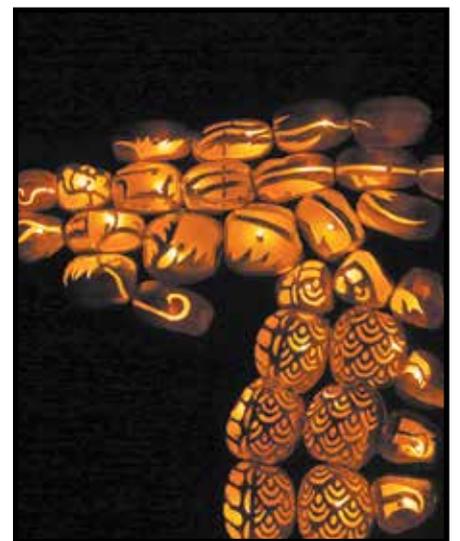
A souvenir shop will sell Blaze merchandise including hats, notepads, games, T-shirts, magnets, caps, mugs, and jewelry. New this year will be the Baby BLAZE clothing line for young children and the BLAZE Pets line of fun items for dogs and cats.

Café Blazé, operated by Geordane's of Irvington, will offer snacks including soup, veggie chili, muffins, pumpkin cookies, and cider.

The sponsoring organizations for Blaze are Entergy (a founding sponsor), West-



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Enormous brontosaurus at The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze.



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The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze is conducted by Historic Hudson Valley, a Tarrytown-based, not-for-profit organization formed to preserve the history, culture, character and traditions of the Hudson Valley region. Proceeds from the Blaze help to support the historic sites owned and operated by Historic Hudson Valley.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.hudsonvalley.org or by calling 914-366-

6900 (there is a \$2 per ticket surcharge for phone orders and for tickets purchased onsite, if available). Online tickets costs are \$20 for adults (\$25 on Saturdays), \$16 for children 3-17 (\$20 on Saturdays), and free for children under 3 and Historic Hudson Valley members.

Van Cortlandt Manor is located at 525 South Riverside Avenue, just off Route 9 in Croton-on-Hudson, Westchester County, NY, www.hudsonvalley.org.

## EXAMINER SPORTS

# Liberty Season Ends in Second Round of WNBA Playoffs

By Albert Coqueran

The New York Liberty amassed a 21-13 regular season record this year and entered the WNBA Playoffs as the overall third seed. With the League changes this year, the seeding was arranged from one through eight without a distinction of Eastern or Western Conference.

The Liberty had a vigorous season, winning over 20 games for the second consecutive year. It is only the second time in the team's history that the Liberty has won 20 games in consecutive years.

Nonetheless, that is just a small part of the Liberty's success this year. First, the Liberty made a monumental trade before last season, trading Cappie Pondexter to the Chicago Sky to bring star guard Epiphanny Prince to New York.

Prince tore her ACL while playing for Dynamo Kursk in Russia during the WNBA offseason. She missed almost the entire Liberty 2016 season. She was not activated until August 19 and missed 26 of 34 games this year.

The Liberty won the East and over 20 games this year without one of their star players. How? Tina Charles, that is how. Charles is unmistakably the top candidate for WNBA MVP this season.

Charles averaged less than one-tenth of a percentage point from a double-double this year with 21.5 points and 9.9 rebounds. She scored over 20 points in nine straight games and had a league leading 20 double-doubles.

Charles swept the WNBA Player of the Month Awards, while making it the first time ever a player won all four distinctions in a single season. She was also selected as WNBA Player of the Week for a record-setting seven times.

This year, Charles became the third player in the 20-year history of WNBA to lead the league in scoring and rebounding in the same season and the first Liberty player ever to achieve the marks. The six-year veteran surpassed the 4000 points scoring milestone, when she achieved her



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

NY Liberty Head Coach Bill Laimbeer (right) notched his 200th WNBA career-win, on July 8, 2016. However, Laimbeer and his trusted Assistant Coach Katie Smith (left) could not get the Liberty to the Semifinals this season, after losing to the Phoenix Mercury, 101-94, in the Second Round of the WNBA Playoffs.

17th double-double of this season, when the Liberty beat the Phoenix Mercury, on Sept. 3 at Madison Square Garden.

"When I play, to me success is not deemed by the awards you receive but by the impact you have on people. I had a great impact on this organization and my teammates around me, so to me there was success," stated Charles.

Regardless, of the marquee season, Charles and the Liberty composed this year. On Saturday, Sept. 24, when the Phoenix Mercury (17-18) revisited MSG as the eighth-seed in the WNBA Playoffs, things evolved a lot differently than the 22-point blowout, the Liberty bestowed on them 21 days earlier.

The Liberty, as the third-seed were granted a bye in the First Round, while

the Mercury, as the eighth-seed had to win their way to the Second Round. Phoenix beat the number five-seeded Indiana Fever 89-78 to end the great career of Tamika Catchings, who retired this year.

The Mercury recorded a statistic line of 51.5 percent (34-for-66) from the field, 45 percent (9-for-20) from three-point range and a remarkable 24-for-24 (that is 100 percent for those that are counting) from the foul line to beat the Liberty 101-94 in the one-game winner take-all Second Round of the WNBA Playoffs.

"You work all year long to give yourself an opportunity and tonight we just did not get it done. I give Phoenix a lot of credit they played very, very well. They made all their free throws and we didn't," said Liberty Head Coach Bill Laimbeer.

The Liberty erased an 11-point deficit at halftime to tie the game 54-54 at 7:11 of the third quarter and took the lead briefly by one point 62-61. By the end of the third quarter the Mercury was holding onto a slim one point lead, 68-67.

Nonetheless, Prince (12 points), Sugar Rodgers (11 points), Carolyn Swords (14 points), Shevonte Zellous (10 points), with Charles's 19 points and nine rebounds and a magnificent game by Tanisha Wright, leading the Liberty with 21 points, was just not enough to get the Liberty the win.

As much of a fight as the Ladies of Liberty put up, there was no solution for 24-for-24 from the foul line and the cagey Phoenix veterans Diana Taurasi (30 points), Penny Taylor (20 points), Candice Dupree (14 points) combined with the 22 points and 10 rebounds from their



BILL MOORE PHOTO

NY Liberty center Tina Charles became just the third player in the 20-year history of the WNBA to win the league scoring and rebounding titles in the same season. She is also the first Liberty player ever to win the distinctions. Charles was presented her awards before the start of the Liberty Playoff Game, at Madison Square Garden, on Saturday.

young superstar Brittney Griner.

Taurasi was 8-for-8 from the foul line and shot 9-of-17 from the field with 4-of-8 three pointers. Taylor shot 4-of-4 from the charity stripe and 6-of-9 from the field, including 4-of-6 three pointers. Griner netted 9-of-14 and 4-of-4 from the free throw line. Five Mercury players shot free throws in the game and none of them missed a shot!

Not even the Liberty's "superwoman" Charles could overcome those statistics or the Liberty's injuries. Prince gave a gallant effort but it was quite evident she was not herself, after rejoining the team just eight games earlier. Also, Kiah Stokes tried to help even though she had not played in the last nine games dating back to September 1, due to concussion issues.

The Second Round Playoff game against the Mercury was the first time that all 12 Liberty roster players were active since July 12. Nevertheless, as Charles stated quite clearly after the game, "They shot really well. Diana was Diana tonight, Taylor and Brittney Griner played really well. You have to give credit to them."

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EXAMINER SPORTS

# Westchester Knicks and Chase Help Honor the Legacy of Bobby Speisman

By Albert Coqueran

The Westchester Knicks have once again solidified their commitment to being active in community endeavors by joining forces with Chase Bank and the Village of Irvington to assist in the refurbishing of the Bobby Speisman Basketball Courts at Scenic Hudson Park in Irvington.

Bobby Speisman was a long-time Irvington resident and basketball enthusiast who was a victim on American Airlines Flight 77, which was hijacked by terrorist and flown into the Pentagon on that dreadful day of September 11, 2001. Speisman was Executive VP of Lazare Kaplan International in New York and died at the young age of 48.

“In all my years of being involved in sports, I never met anyone who loved basketball as much as Bobby,”

said Joel Fisher, Executive VP of Marquee Events and Operations for Madison Square Garden and the Westchester Knicks.

The Bobby Speisman Basketball Courts at Hudson Park was originally sponsored



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After the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the refurbished Bobby Speisman Basketball Courts at Scenic Hudson Park in the Village of Irvington, the Westchester Knicks Jr. Dub Knicks participated in a free youth clinic on the court.

After the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, a free basketball clinic was held for youngsters as part of the Westchester Knicks Jr. Dub Knicks youth initiative. Then the refurbished Bobby Speisman Basketball Court was re-opened to the public with games and giveaways led by Knicks legends and Alumni.

“This is for the great legacy of Bobby Speisman. He used to play basketball here a lot. The Westchester Knicks have teamed with JP Morgan Chase for about three years. We want the youngsters to become active and put down the social media devices for a while and come out and play basketball,” said legendary NY Knick Larry Johnson.

The Westchester Knicks, the official NBA Developmental League affiliate of the NY Knicks will open their third season at the Westchester County Center on Saturday, Nov. 19, against the Greensboro Swarm, the new D-League affiliate of the Charlotte Hornets. For ticket information log onto WestchesterKnicks.com or telephone 914-559-6889.

Michael Haberman, Northeast Manager of JP Morgan Chase, Michael Smith, Irvington Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Larry Lonky, the Chairperson of the Irvington Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee and NY Knicks legends John Starks and Larry Johnson for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to re-open the refurbished courts, in Irvington.



A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held for the newly refurbished Bobby Speisman Basketball Court in Irvington on Saturday. Speisman’s widow Rene and three daughters Tara, Brittany and Haley (far right) were joined by [l-r] Knicks legend John Starks, Michael Smith, Advisory Committee for Irvington Parks and Recreation, Village of Irvington Mayor Brian Smith, Joel Fisher, Executive VP MSG and Westchester Knicks, Michael Haberman of JP Morgan Chase and (back) Larry Lonky, Chairperson Advisory Committee of Irvington Parks and Recreation and Knicks legend Larry Johnson.

said Joel Fisher, Executive VP of Marquee Events and Operations for Madison Square Garden and the Westchester Knicks. “Bobby was a great friend. I know he is looking down on us and smiling,” stated Fisher, an Irvington resident and close friend of the late Bobby Speisman.

The Westchester Knicks along with Chase and the Village of Irvington enhanced the Bobby Speisman Basketball Courts, by resurfacing the existing courts, repairing cracks and repainting the courts in the trademark Westchester Knicks colors of orange and blue. Additionally, damaged pole pads will be replaced on all

by the Irvington community, Village of Irvington and friends in memory of Bobby Speisman. “Being the home of the Bobby Speisman Basketball Court is a tremendous honor for the Village of Irvington. He was a special man, loyal friend and amazing family man,” acknowledged Joseph D. Archino, Superintendent of Recreation and Parks for the Village of Irvington.

On Saturday, Bobby Speisman’s widow Rene and three daughters, Tara Allison, Brittany Kugler and Haley were joined by Fisher and Archino, along with Brian C. Smith, the Mayor of Irvington,

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