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White Plains Council Extends Site Plan Approval for Post Maple Project

By Neal Rentz

The White Plains Common Council voted unanimously on Jan. 7 to provide a one-year extension for site plan approval for the Post Maple 77 LLC project to give the developer, Grid Properties, more time to attract commercial tenants to the mixed use development.

The Boulevard development is located at a site bounded by Maple Avenue, West Post Road, S. Lexington Avenue and Rathbun Avenue.

The development would include about 220,000 square feet of rentable space for retail and fitness uses; 12 townhouses; a self-parking garage with about 720 parking spaces, valet parking for 82 additional spaces, 54 satellite parking spaces as needed and 37 joint use parking spaces for all uses of the property.

The plan calls for the developer to pay a \$36,000 recreation fee to the city.

The original site plan approval was okayed by the Common Council in



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona at the Jan. 7 White Plains Common Council

November 2016 and was extended in March 2018.

Though she would vote to approve the extension for The Boulevard, Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona expressed concern about the current condition of the property. "It is a very, very large site that is really impacting the entire neighborhood," she said. "It has become a parking lot with no end."

The fence surrounding the construction site should be visually improved, Lecuona said. One possibility would be to have an art project for artists and students to beautify the fence. "Let's keep on working with the community," she told the developer.

"This is an unusual site," Mayor Tom Roach said. "This was an old, beat up series of car lots with several derelict buildings on them that were actually a problem for us in terms of public safety. So in a sense, the demolition on this site

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Democrats, Activists Call for Passage of State Elections Reform Package

By Martin Wilbur

Democratic state elected officials rallied with various activists in White Plains last week urging for election reforms to encourage greater voter turnout and remove the influence of big money in politics.

Lawmakers were joined by labor unions and social action organizations Jan. 8 calling for the state legislature and Gov. Cuomo to enact fair elections legislation that would call for publicly financed small donor matches, stricter limits on individual contributions to campaigns, early voting and same-day registration. All are reforms that have been enacted in

other states.

By getting big money interests out of campaigns it will blunt the influence of lobbyists and allow more ordinary citizens to run for public office and spur turnout on Election Day, said Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining). New York City passed similar measures more than 25 years ago and Connecticut instituted similar reforms about a decade ago, she said.

"We need to get the big money out, small donations in," said Galef, who has been fighting for reforms since she first arrived in the Assembly in 1993.

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White Plains Council Considers Procedures to Televisе Public Comment Segment

By Pat Casey

A "last-minute" addition to the agenda for the Jan. 7 White Plains Common Council meeting was a resolution to amend the city's Civil Code to televisе the Citizens to be Heard segment that opens 30 minutes prior to each monthly meeting of the Council.

The segment was most recently reintroduced by former Councilman Glen Hockley and late Councilman Bob Greer over a decade ago.

During the segment, residents who sign up have an opportunity to speak to the White Plains Council on any subject of concern to them. Councilmembers

said they considered the segment to be an important aspect of First Amendment Free Speech.

The segments run from 7 to 7:30 p.m. after which the regular televised meeting begins.

Residents have regularly used the segment to voice comments about issues not on the monthly meeting agenda or issues not scheduled for public hearings. Several residents have urged the Council to televisе the half-hour session for a few years, using the opportunity to express facts and opinions they want broadcast to the greater city population.

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"When people give a small donation to a campaign and are invested in a campaign they go out and vote and that's what's really important. And it also brings democracy to us. People give to these small campaigns."

Supporters of an election reform package said they see for the first time a realistic chance of passing these changes with a Democratic Senate joining the Assembly and Cuomo. In fact, on Sunday the state Senate's Democratic Conference announced that the Senate was scheduled to vote on legislation on Monday afternoon.

Joan Mandle, executive director of Democracy Matters and a professor at Vassar College, said the campaign contribution limits are out of whack with the rest of the country. For example, individuals can give up to \$60,000 to each candidate in a gubernatorial race and limits for Assembly and Senate seats exceed what congressional candidates may receive from individual donations,



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef was one of many officials and representatives from grassroots groups that called for election reforms last week in White Plains. Galef has been trying to get legislation passed for 26 years.

she said.

As a result, New York ranks 47th in voter turnout among the nation's 50 states.

"A lot of people don't vote in New York and we need to change that and this legislation will change that, too,"

Mandle said.

Andrew Falk, field director for Citizen Action, one of more than 175 organizations across the state lobbying for a fair elections package, said legislation would more closely reflect public sentiment because lawmakers' decisions won't be as easily influenced.

He said the public is turned off when their representatives listen to the big money interests rather than their issues.

"The fair elections campaign, that's not just on the plate that is the plate because if we get money out of politics, we can get our individual issues addressed," Falk said.

One of the biggest upsets in state government last year was the victory by Alessandra Biaggi in the 34th Senate

District. She defeated Independent Democratic Conference leader Jeffrey Klein in a primary, then went on to win the general election despite being outspent by an 11-to-1 margin.

She said she was able to overcome that disparity but few have been able to and many potential public servants don't even try.

"It is actually embarrassing that New York State is 47th in the country for voter turnout," Biaggi said. "I will fight like hell with all of the members of my conference to make sure this is a priority."

"It's only when we're breaking down the barriers of participating in our democracy that we will create a government that works better for all of us," said Kevin Sheil, head of the Communications Workers of America, Local 1103.

Advocates for election reform have scheduled a day of action in Albany for Tuesday, Feb. 12 to try and convince legislators on the importance of making changes.

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was positive, it cleaned up the site."

Roach said the city would work with the developer to maintain the fence properly. Parking on the site is being shared with community groups, he said.

Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson said she has lived near the development

site for 20 years and she wants to reinvigorate the area. Hunt-Robinson asked for an update on the project.

Mark Weingarten, an attorney representing the developer, told the Common Council his client would work with the city to beautify the property.

"This is a very complex project" because of the changes in the retail industry, Weingarten said. "Sometimes patience is required."

The owner of the property, Grid Properties Principal Drew Greenwald, said his development was proposed to meet the retail demand in the area. "In the current retail environment there are a number of reasons that projects are moving slower," he said. "Retailers have been rethinking a lot of their strategies."

Greenwald said potential retail tenants for the project have made changes during negotiations in an effort to bring to consumers the best experience. Several potential fitness tenants have come forward, he said. "I want to make sure that the tenants we select are going to be around long after the project is built."

Greenwald said he wants to beautify his site. "I love the mural idea. It's something we've done in the past," he said, adding he was also willing to do some plantings on

his site.

Councilman Dennis Krolan said he was disappointed with the lack of progress in attracting commercial tenants to the site. "We had high hopes," he said. "I feel let down."

"This is a gateway from Scarsdale into White Plains," Krolan said. "You really owe us some improvement."

Hunt-Robinson said, "family orientated retail" should be part of the project with facilities such as trampolines and sky diving simulators. "We don't have enough family orientated programming in White Plains," she said. "There's a market there."

Hunt-Robinson said she has been skeptical about bringing fitness facilities to the site. Greenwald replied that fitness is only about 12 percent of the planned commercial development. "We see this as a mix of uses," he said. Dance programs and other family and youth recreation facilities could be part of the development, he said.

White Plains Council Considers Procedures to Televise Public Comment Segment

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At the Jan. 7 meeting Councilman John Kirkpatrick suggested that discussion and vote on the resolution be tabled to the Feb. 4 meeting as the Council awaited reports on procedures and protocols.

Councilman Dennis Krolan, who proposed the resolution, said it could be voted on that evening and then worked on as necessary.

The Council had begun discussion six days prior at their regularly scheduled monthly work session.

Mayor Tom Roach said he had already begun gathering information and expected a prepared guideline or protocols would be ready within a week. Roach also noted that legislation might not be necessary and that perhaps televising could be simply added with protocols in place.

Councilman Justin Brasch said he wanted to hear what other communities do as "best practices" and suggested there was no urgency in waiting for the next work session for discussion.

The Council voted to table to Feb. 4 and discuss the gathered reports at the yet to be scheduled January work session.

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Board of Legislators Chairman Discusses County Issues in White Plains

By Neal Rentz

Westchester County Board of Legislators Chairman Ben Boykin (D-White Plains) discussed recent successes and challenges facing the county at the Jan. 8 meeting of the White Plains Council of Neighborhood Associations (WPCNA) at Education House.

Boykin noted the \$1.9 billion 2019 budget signed by County Executive George Latimer last month included a property tax levy increase of 2 percent, the first hike in several years. The 2019 budget does not include any borrowing from the fund balance, Boykin said.

The county needs some financial support from the state, Boykin indicated. "We do need some help from Albany," he said.

There are many pressures on the county budget, including unfunded state mandates and the cost of Medicaid, Boykin said. Medicaid alone is costing the county \$240 million. "It's about one-third of the tax levy."

There have been many recent achievements in county government, Boykin told the members of WPCNA gathered.

The board approved legislation barring most employers from requiring job seekers to state on application forms if they have been convicted of a felony. However, during an interview a person seeking a job



County BOL Chair, Ben Boykin, discussed issues facing the County Legislature during a presentation at a recent meeting of the White Plains Council of Neighborhood Associations.

could be asked if they have been convicted of felony, Boykin clarified. Certain professions, such as law enforcement, can still put the felony question on an application form, he added.

Also in the area of criminal justice, 16 year olds who were previously processed as adults will now have their cases handled by Family Court and not the Criminal

Court, Boykin said. Under the new law, 16-year-old offenders will no longer be housed in adult jails, but will be sent to a juvenile detention center.

Boykin said the County Executive has stressed the need for municipalities to share services to reduce costs, including requiring a plan to be compiled on seeking additional sharing. The county held meetings on the topic with municipal officials last year, Boykin said. However, local governments are often resistant to large-scale change. "Everybody has his or her fiefdom," he said.

Though he had no specific plan on how

to do so, Boykin said, "We're going to have to move away from property taxes."

WPCNA member Allan Golimon said he was concerned about the high taxes in Westchester, including the 2 percent county property tax increase. "We're all paying for this," he said. "Something's got to give."

Boykin said he understood the need to hold down taxes. But at the same time, "We need to deliver services to the people of Westchester," Boykin explained. For example, the county operates several golf courses and owns about 18,000 acres of parkland, which have to be maintained.



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White Plains Common Council Approves Bank Street Project Amendments

By Neal Rentz

The White Plains Common Council voted unanimously on Jan. 7 to approve the fourth amendment of the contract between the city and LCOR 55 Bank Street and an amendment to the original site plan approval to allow the construction of 36 more residential units than originally proposed.

The developer also received unanimous approval from the council last week to make a \$108,000 payment to the city which will be used to pay for park, playground and other recreational purposes in the city to mitigate the recreational impact of the



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

William Null, an attorney representing the developer of the 55 Bank Street project, addressed the White Plains Common Council on Jan. 7.

additional 36 residential units.

The North Tower has already been completed and is occupied.

William Null, an attorney representing the developer, told the Common Council once the South Tower is completed there would be a total of 597 housing units. Seven of the 36 additional units would be affordable.

The South Tower will be 10.5 feet higher than the original proposal to bring the height up to 189 feet, Null said. The changes in the South Tower project are being primarily sought "to bring a greater variety of units to renters" by constructing

units of different sizes and types, he said.

Under the city ordinance, LLCOR 55 Bank Street would be required to construct 36 additional parking spaces, one for each additional unit, Null noted. His client is seeking to receive a partial waiver from the need for 36 more spaces because the South Tower abuts a Metro-North station and most of the future residents would travel to work via the railroad, Null said.

"There's more than ample parking to accommodate those additional residential units," he said.

Construction would begin in the spring, Null added.

Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona said accepting the concept that no additional parking would be needed to accommodate the additional 36 units "is a little difficult to take." The additional 36 units are expected to generate 63 more residents to the building, she said. Null responded that the 36 additional units would not represent a significant change.

Though she understood that the Bank Street project is an example of transit-oriented development, Lecuona argued that traffic is a problem in the city. "We are still in a transition period," Lecuona told Null, adding she did not want additional traffic to spill over to the neighborhood from the 63 new residents.

Roadways would be able to accommodate the additional vehicles, Null replied.

No residents spoke during the public hearing, which was closed by a unanimous vote of the Council.

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Millwood Man Pleads Guilty to Raping 16-Year-Old Girl

By Martin Wilbur

A Millwood man pleaded guilty earlier last week to raping a 16-year-old girl in his apartment last June after the two parties met on the internet.

Victor Gonzalez, 40, entered his plea for third-degree rape, a Class E felony, on Jan. 8 in the Westchester Sex Offense Court in front of Judge Susan Cacace, according to the Westchester County District Attorney's office.

After finding each other online, the girl agreed to meet Gonzalez at the White Plains Metro-North station on June 21, 2018, law enforcement authorities said. When she got off the train, Gonzalez picked her up and drove her to his New Castle apartment. The district attorney's report stated that the victim remembered waking up in Gonzalez's residence with him on top of her engaging in sexual intercourse.

The teenager told police that when the defendant used the bathroom, she fled the apartment and sent a text message to her mother asking for help. Although she did not know her location at the time, the girl's mother gave New Castle police a location from the Find My iPhone application and officers responded to the area. Officers found the girl in the general



Victor Gonzalez

location hiding in the bushes, disheveled and upset.

Gonzalez was arrested a short time later by New Castle police at his residence.

He is being held at Westchester County jail pending his Mar. 26 sentencing. He faces up to four years in prison.



Police Blotter

Out of State Attempted Murder Suspect Arrested in Sleepy Hollow



Darius D. Woodbury

Darius D. Woodbury, DOB (8/23/94) of Kingsport TN, was arrested subsequent to a traffic stop conducted on Bedford Road in the Village of Sleepy Hollow by officers of the Greenburgh Drug and Alcohol

Task Force on Jan. 9 at 12:42 p.m.

The officers had stopped the vehicle for traffic infractions and later observed a 19-year-old front seat passenger of the vehicle to be in possession of Marijuana. Further investigation revealed that the driver, Darius D. Woodbury, was wanted by the Kingsport TN Police Department on the Charge of Attempted Murder 2nd Degree. Both he and the female passenger were taken into custody without incident and transported to the Sleepy Hollow Police Department where they were arraigned.

Woodbury was remanded to the Westchester County Jail to await extradition. The 19-year-old female of Churchill, TN was issued a summons for Unlawful Possession of Marijuana and released pending a court appearance in

Sleepy Hollow Court on Feb. 11.

The Greenburgh Drug and Alcohol Task force is comprised of officers from the Villages of Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley, Irvington, Tarrytown, Sleepy Hollow and the Towns of North Castle and Greenburgh.

Suspect Arrested for Weapons Possession in Attempted Murder Case



Nathan T. Rollins

Nathan T. Rollins DOB (6/15/1994), of Kingsport, TN, was arrested at 19 West Main St, Elmsford, Jan. 9, at 4:15 p.m. subsequent to an investigation in relation to the earlier arrest of Darius Woodbury wanted for attempted murder.

Officers of the Greenburgh Drug and Alcohol Task Force, Greenburgh Street Crime Unit, Elmsford Police Department and the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force arrested Rollins in front of 19 West Main St in Elmsford for Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd Degree. Rollins was found to be in possession of a fully loaded Taurus 9mm handgun with two fully loaded magazines. Rollins was taken into custody without incident, transported to the Elmsford Police Department where was arraigned on Jan. 10.

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Westchester DA Announces Changes in Prosecuting Marijuana Offenses

In a continuing effort to promote fairness in how crime is prosecuted, Westchester County District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr. is implementing changes in the handling of low-level marijuana offenses in Westchester County. Under this new policy, the possession of small amounts (two ounces or less) of marijuana will no longer result in a criminal conviction negating the collateral damage such a conviction might impose.

The changes in prosecution of these current laws with take effect Monday, Jan. 14, 2019:

- Unlawful Possession of Marijuana (Penal Law § 221.05, a Violation)
- Criminal Possession of Marijuana in the Fifth Degree (Penal Law § 221.10, a Class B misdemeanor)

Specifically, the District Attorney's Office will no longer prosecute (i) the violation offense in Penal Law § 221.05, Unlawful Possession of Marijuana, and

(ii) the B misdemeanor offense in Penal Law § 221.10 (2), Criminal Possession of Marijuana in the Fifth Degree, based on the possession of an aggregate weight of more than 25 grams, provided the person is only charged with those offenses.

Regarding the second charge, the DA's Office will prosecute the B misdemeanor offense in Penal Law § 221.10 (1) only as a violation (under Penal Law § 221.05 for the Unlawful Possession of Marijuana) when a person possesses, in a public place, burning or publicly viewable marijuana, provided the person is only charged with this offense. This will avoid the stigma of a criminal record for many of our young people with long-lasting negative consequences disproportionate to the minor nature of the offense.

The District Attorney's review of the prosecution of lower level marijuana offenses is ongoing and further changes will be announced as they are adopted.

"After a careful review of marijuana cases in Westchester, as well as discussions with police, community leaders and advocates, we have made the decision to change how we prosecute such offenses," Scarpino said. "This decision not to prosecute specific cases will allow many people to move forward with their lives without the stigma attached to criminal records of any kind, records that cause discrimination in housing, job and school applications. Much of this has burdened our minority communities and we believe it is time to rectify that."

"This change in how low-level marijuana cases are handled is also aimed at a better use of public resources. What has been spent on arrests and prosecutions can now be used to focus on more serious crimes," Scarpino added.

Beyond this decision, Scarpino is urging Governor Cuomo and state legislators to create a uniform approach to prosecuting

marijuana offenses and end the disparity currently in place from county to county.

This progressive action by the DA's Office follows bail reform, which was announced last year at this time. The DA's Office no longer requests bail for defendants whose cases would not end in a sentence of incarceration, eliminating cash bail for most misdemeanors. The office found bail on non-violent low-level offenses where the defendant was not a flight risk weighed heavily on poorer defendants.

"These reforms in the bail process and marijuana prosecution are illustrations of our commitment to a fairer system of justice that works for every member of our community, no matter where they live, the color of their skin or the amount in their wallets," Scarpino said.

The DA's Office reserves the right to continue to prosecute all other marijuana-related offenses.

We Want to Help Our Neighbors Who Are Suffering Due to the Federal Shutdown

Most people can't afford to miss a paycheck. Sadly, the federal government's shutdown - now in its 23rd day, is impacting at least 800,000 federal employees who are being furloughed or working without pay because President Trump and Congress cannot reach an agreement to reopen the government. Contractors are also being

impacted by the shutdown.

Greenburgh has always taken pride in having an active community that likes to help those who are facing difficult times. If you or family members are facing financial problems or hardships as a result of the federal shutdown please advise. I would like to organize a community

effort to help out. If you would like to help neighbors who are impacted by the shutdown also let me know. So far no federal employee has contacted me. Not sure how many people will need help but want the community to know we are here for you and want to help you overcome the problems if you need our help.

I believe that if every community, government body did something similar, the focus would be on the American citizens suffering, and that the pressure would increase to get the government functioning again.

—Paul Feiner,
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

Full Restoration of SALT Deduction is About Tax Fairness

The congressional district I represent, New York's 17th, is full of hard-working, diverse, middle-class Americans who have relied on the state and local tax deduction to help provide for their families and invest in their futures. Like other New Yorkers and Americans in high-taxed states who depend on the deduction, they pay more for food and housing and contribute more

in taxes to state and local spending in areas with considerable spillover effects such as education, transportation and health care.

New York is a "donor state." It contributed \$35.6 billion more in taxes to the federal government than it received in federal dollars in 2017. The cap on the so-called SALT deduction imposed

by the federal tax law digs even deeper into the pockets of residents of these states, increasing their subsidization of other states and, egregiously, enormous giveaways to the very wealthiest and corporations.

Full restoration of the SALT deduction is a matter of tax fairness – for my constituents, yes, but also for many other

taxpayers around the country who are now being taxed twice on the same income. Capping the deduction was never about fiscal parity; it was about taking punitive action aimed at Democratic states – even the Trump administration has admitted as much.

—Rep. Nita M. Lowey, 17th
Congressional District

NY State to Pass Voting Reforms Package, What Better Way to Start the New Year?

After more than three decades of advocating, the New York State legislature will finally pass a package of comprehensive voting reforms that will totally transform New York's election operations.

This package includes: early voting,

same day voter registration, no-excuse absentee voting, pre-registration of 16 and 17 year olds, primary consolidation, state-wide voter registration transfer, closure of the LLC loophole.

The implications of these reforms are many. It promises to make voting easier

and increase voter participation in all elections. It is anticipated that the bills will make their way through the legislative process - committees, debates in both the Senate and Assembly, passage in both houses, amendments and signing into law by the governor this week.

While this is a major milestone there is still much to be done. Once these reforms pass, the League will begin advocating for state funding to implement these proposals. In the case of no-excuse

absentee voting and same day voter registration, the League's advocacy work will continue in 2021 as these reforms are Constitutional amendments that require passage in two legislative sessions.

And all of this comes as the League of Women Voters of New York State kicks off its 100th anniversary.

—Stephen Cohen, President, League of
Women Voters of White Plains

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NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester Division Achieves Nursing Excellence Recognition

NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester Division, White Plains, announced Jan. 11 that it has received national recognition for excellence in nursing from the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program. This is a prestigious distinction for a health care organization to earn for nursing excellence and innovation.

The credential, which includes NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center's Psychiatry Program, is considered the gold standard, and comprises a select group of 8 percent of hospitals in the United States.

"We are honored to receive this extraordinary recognition and deeply proud of our amazing team of nursing professionals at NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester Division and NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center's Psychiatry Program for their dedication and commitment to providing compassionate and innovative care to our patients," said Dr. Philip J. Wilner, senior vice president and chief operating officer at NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester



Linda Espinosa, MS, RN, NEA-BC, vice president and chief nursing officer at NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester Division and NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center's Psychiatry Program (fourth from left, top row) with members of the nursing team at NewYork-Presbyterian.

Division. "In addition to the nurses, the designation reflects the work of the entire interdisciplinary team. We are proud to be recognized for a clinical environment that promotes high-quality care, an

outstanding patient experience, patient safety, and engaged employees," said Dr. Wilner, who also is executive vice chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medicine.

The Magnet Recognition Program recognizes health care organizations whose nursing teams consistently deliver superior patient care with the highest levels of professionalism and innovation. The Magnet Model provides a framework for nursing practice, research, and measurement of outcomes. Through this framework, ANCC evaluates applicants across a number of components and dimensions to gauge an organization's nursing excellence. The foundation of this model is comprised of elements deemed essential to delivering superior patient care. These include the quality of nursing leadership and coordination and collaboration across specialties, as well as processes for measuring and improving the quality and delivery of care.

"I couldn't be prouder of our nurses and team members, who go above and beyond each day to care for our patients with genuine compassion," said Wilhelmina Manzano, MA, RN, NEA-BC, senior vice president and chief nursing executive & chief quality officer at NewYork-Presbyterian.

Obituaries

Helen Bianco

Helen Bianco of White Plains, passed away on Jan. 9, after a long beautiful life.

She was born March 27, 1923 in Yonkers to Onufry and Anna Zelinger.

Helen is survived by daughter Jane (Brian) Mazzitelli, granddaughter Jeanette, step grandson James (Ines), daughter-in-law Carol, and sister Dorothy Washenko of Florida. She is predeceased by her husband Victor, and son Robert.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Cabrini of Westchester 115 Broadway Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522.

Sadhuram G. Desai

Sadhuram Govindbhai Desai, a retired anesthesiologist, of Hartsdale, died Jan. 9. He was 87.

Dr. Desai was born June 7, 1931 in Nadiad, India to Govindbhai and Kashiba Desai. On May 10, 1951 he married his wife, Kalavati in Mumbai, India.

His hobbies were reading, cooking, and sewing. He loved to learn new technology and was always on top of current events. He was a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and a wonderful friend. He always believed in helping others in whichever way and manner he could. An inspiration and mentor who touched many lives during his journey of life.

Dr. Desai is survived by his wife Kalavati (married for 67 years), his three daughters and sons in law-Smriti Desai and (Madhusudhan Patel) of Hartsdale, Smita and (Anant) Patel of White Plains,

and Swati and (Kamlesh)Raja of White Plains; his brothers Madhubhai Desai and Ashokbhai Desai; his sister Vimlaben; and granddaughters Shreya, Anokhi, Nidhi, and Sajani. He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Vishnu Bhai Desai and his sister Shantaben Patel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to Parkinson's Foundation. www.parkinson.org

Thomas R.

Consolazio Jr.

Thomas (Tom) Consolazio Jr., passed away Jan. 8, in Briarcliff Manor, after a colorful 92 years of life.

Tom was born on April 30, 1926 in Yonkers, son of the late Thomas "Pop" Consolazio and Helen (Cowley) Consolazio.

Under the guidance of his father Thomas Sr., a master car expert and mechanic dating back to the early days of the automobile, Tom learned skills that tapped a natural technical talent and a desire to be an entrepreneur. While working for Chrysler, he met and married Ethel Kirschall, with whom he had three beloved sons: Richard, Eric and Gary.

Tom's entrepreneurial spirit drew him to the boat business. He owned the Shongut Boat and Engine Center, located in Mamaroneck and Rye. In 1973, he married Barbara Becker and they had a son Todd. Tom retired from the boat business in 2005, but boats remained his passion. He was a member of the Shattemuc Yacht Club in Ossining and the Rye Fish and Game Club.

In addition to this parents, Tom was also predeceased by his wife Barbara in 1999, sister Janet Musante, daughter-in-law Carol Ann Consolazio, stepmother Mildred (Oswald) Consolazio and stepsiblings Eleanor Gasparino, James "Joe" Corselli and Madeline Langendorf.

His memory will be left to the many people he has influenced in life, his sister Loretta Dalton of Eastchester, and his sons and their families: Richard and Michele of Cincinnati, OH, Eric and Kristen of Wurtsboro, NY, Gary and Jeanne of Wappingers Falls, NY and Todd Consolazio of New York City. Additionally, he leaves behind his grandchildren: Evan, Daniel, Christina and Kevin.

The family would like to send a special thank you to Antonia Carvalho who lovingly cared for Tom in his final year with warmth, patience, and selflessness.

Grace Schmidt

Grace Schmidt, a resident of Greenburgh, passed away Jan. 5. She was 101.

Grace was born June 10, 1917 in the Bronx to Charles and Catherine Schmidt.

For 33 years Grace was a teacher/principal in the Greenburgh School District, retiring in 1972. Grace was a parishioner of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Elmsford, and a member of the Rosary Society.

She was an avid reader, and lifelong learner. She enjoyed gardening, doing crossword puzzles, and was a dedicated Mets Fan.

Grace was generous and willing to give of her time and talents for the betterment

of others. She spent many, many years of her life volunteering at her church and different organizations. It was because of this she was affectionately called "Amazing Grace" by many who came to know her, and the life she led.

Grace is survived by seven nieces and nephews, seventeen great nieces and nephews, and five great-great nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brothers Charles Schmidt, and William Schmidt and her sisters Helen Darlington, Rita Schmidt, and Catherine Schmidt.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Rosary Hill Home 600 Linda Ave. Hawthorne, NY 10532.



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Selecting Housing for the Eventuality of Retirement

A while back, I was invited to speak before a meeting of the Retired Municipal Employees Association. As I planned my remarks, I thought about how I was close to an age when some people think about retiring and living differently than they do now.

As for me, I intend never to retire from the enjoyable work I do in the real estate business. I just love matching buyers with their dream homes and helping sellers get the best deal on their major investment.

Nevertheless, my living preferences have changed significantly in the past few years, just as if I were retiring.

When I was still in my twenties and my wife and I moved to a historic home in need of repair, I was eager and ready to restore and maintain it. I was known as the "young guy" on the block who always answered the door with a hammer or paintbrush in hand.

After more than 40 years living there, I found myself wanting to do something other than hammering and painting, so we moved to the no-maintenance convenience of Trump Park Residences in Yorktown. In terms of planning for the future, we consider that the smartest housing decision we ever made for ourselves.

The housing issues facing retired and elderly people can be quite simple, such as finding living space on one level with no steps and being conveniently located

to shopping and medical services

Many older people are still in the homes in which they raised their children, married them off and then retired as empty-nesters. These homes may have become too big to rattle around in or maintain, and the tax bill that paid primarily for the education of their children no longer has the same payback.

But they may still want to remain in those homes, no matter how impractical. Surveys by AARP have found that about 80 percent of older persons say that they want to stay in their own homes. This phenomenon has been called the preference to "age in place."

It's understandable. After a long period of living in one place, our homes become an extension of who we are and how we express ourselves. Longtime residence is also a connection to the community where people know their neighbors and merchants as well as their houses of worship, libraries and community service.

For a long stretch, our homes have been



By Bill Primavera

our principal financial asset, and today, the high demand for homes has made this a good time to cash in on our investments if we want to move.

Others who have paid off their mortgages and have equity can take reverse mortgages to stay put and live more comfortably through their golden years.

Those who decide to downsize must think carefully about the percentage of income they should be paying for housing and still manage to afford other necessities of later life besides food and clothing.

Affordability depends on their individual situations and whether they live with a spouse, alone or with relatives.

Today, about 54 percent of older persons live with their spouses, 31 percent live alone, 13 percent live with relatives other than their spouse and 2 percent live with non-relatives.

If the decision is to move later in life, people seem to know what they want. A survey done by the National Association of Realtors in concert with MetLife found that retired and older citizens want easy, comfortable homes with single-story

floor plans or homes that offer a first-floor master bedroom. They also like home maintenance and repair as part of their next home purchase, preferably with no necessary outside chores and low maintenance inside, including washers and dryers, storage space, easy-to-open windows and easy-to-use climate controls.

As for my wife and me, we made the decision to downsize, yet upgrade, when we purchased a unit at Trump Park Residences. It affords us all the benefits I've listed above. Let the younger folks do as I did in my youth, answering their doors with hammers or paintbrushes in hand.

Interestingly, my daughter recently informed me that she and my son-in-law have discussed the eventuality of my wife and I living with them when the time comes. I was greatly touched, even though I'm sure we would rather remain independent as long as we can and to seek at-home care should we need it. And while the sentiment expressed by my daughter is lovely, I do wish she had waited another 15 or 20 years before discussing the matter with me.

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Our Virtual Tour of Spain's Wine Regions: The Land and its History



By Nick Antonaccio

This week we are traveling to the final destinations on our virtual tour of Spain's six major wine regions before heading home.

We motor in our Spanish-produced Tauro Sport Coupe rental to the far northern coast and the sixth region, called Green Spain.

As we depart from the Duero River Valley region that we visited last week, we make one last stop – the Rueda region. From here we will travel first to the northeast corner of Green Spain and then traverse all the way to the western extremes.

In these areas, the dominant wines are white. So, the rest of our journey will focus on the delightful white wines from three areas: Rueda, Txakoli and Rias Baixas.

Rueda. Located northwest of Madrid and Segovia along the Duero River, this area has been producing various wines since the 11th century. Fast forward to the 20th century when Spanish vintners rediscovered the local Verdejo grape and began producing light, crisp wines. These wines have been compared to French Sancerre and New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. Stylistically this is a valid comparison, but Ruedas are distinctive unto themselves; they have a bit more

fruit – think Granny Smith apples – and don't try to be complex, just refreshing. Examples of locally available wines: Basa (\$13), ConClass (\$11) and Naia (\$12).

Leaving Rueda, we head into Green Spain. Its name is derived from its northern maritime exposures to the Atlantic Ocean and the Bay of Biscay and its mountainous terrain, including the Basque country near the Pyrenees. The inland mountains capture the moisture from the sea, creating the most rainfall in all of Spain. Hence the verdant hillsides and lush vegetation. Here two white grapes thrive in very distinct areas:

Hondarribi Zuri in the Txakoli region and Albarino in the Rias Baixas region.

Txakoli. Located in the northeastern extreme of Green Spain, at the foot of the Pyrenees, this area had been forgotten by the rest of Spain and the wine-consuming world – until recently. It now seems to be caught up in the current frenzy in the United States for anything Spanish. This is a good thing.

The grape, Hondarribi Zuri, is a local indigenous grape. The wine is unique in that it has a certain frizzante characteristic, making it perfect for summer quaffing. It is high in acidity, yet low in alcohol; its aroma is lime-tangy, yet it has floral

flavors. It will be a welcome alternative to your standard summer fare. It can be a bit difficult to find, but worth the search. Try Itsas Mendi (\$17).

Rias Baixas. From Txakoli, we now travel along the northern coastline, peering up at the looming mountains, breathing in the salt air and soaking in the sea breezes. Our destination is the nearby town of Galicia and the home of the Albarino grape. This grape has reference points in Viognier (summer fruit bouquet of apricots) and Riesling (acidity and minerality).

This is not just another pretty face on the Spanish wine scene. It is complex and refined, unique in its aromas and crisp to an extreme; a perfect accompaniment to seafood. Try these offerings: Burgans (\$12), Nora (\$15) and Martin Codax (\$13).

The idyllic atmosphere and great wine make Galicia a great locale for the final destination on our virtual tour of Spain. As we make our long trek back to Madrid for our flight to New York, we're already reminiscing about our favorite cities and wines and dreaming about a return trip.

A dose of reality: Fares to Spain are very reasonable in the springtime, before the hordes of Trip Advisor zealots and the perennial rush of exchange students

descend on the land. Plan an itinerary of culture, architecture, food and wine in the metropolitan centers and the tiny secluded villages. I trust my Spanish guide has titillated your travel urges and taste buds. Your questions and comments are always welcome.

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Wednesday, Jan. 16

Lunchtime Meditation. A weekly meditation program. Brief beginning instruction will be followed by meditation. No experience or special equipment needed. A guest instructor will lead the program the first Wednesday of each month; 12:15 to 1 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains. For more information, contact Christiane Deschamps at 914-422-1496 or cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov.

Noonday Getaway Concert. The musicians of the Westchester Philharmonic return for one of their exciting chamber music concerts. 12:10 p.m. 30-minute concert. Free admission, donations accepted. This concert is made possible with the generous support of the Brian Wallach Agency, White Plains, New York. Grace Episcopal Church at Main Street and Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

Climate Change is Worse Than the Public is Being Told. The scientific and academic communities were the first to notice that climate change was happening. They saw what was happening after studying vast amounts of climate data, past and present, and then drawing conclusions based on "long term statistical analysis." Statistical analysis was also the technique they used when introducing climate change to the general public. Unfortunately, looking at statistics is complex and confusing. In turn, most people tend to think of climate change as either someone else's problem, or something that technology will overcome. Both views are wrong; dangerously wrong. Captain Anderson will explain climate change in a manner that is easy to understand, impossible to deny, and more than a little frightening. That's the bad news. The good news is that he will also present some answers. These answers will be things each of us can do in order to make a meaningful, measurable and lasting difference. The lecture will be held at the Bronxville Woman's Club, 135 Midland Ave, Bronxville, at 1:30 p.m.

Which Craft? Wednesday. Coloring Book Club. Come relax and explore your creativity by coloring. For students in grades 6 and up, on a first-come, first-served basis. 4 to 5 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Suicide Prevention Forum. Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health hosts a community event to discuss suicide prevention. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Auditorium, White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

White Album Outtakes: Listening Party With Scott Freiman. The Beatles' "White Album," one of the greatest records ever made, just celebrated the 50th anniversary of its release. With newly released outtakes from the recording sessions, journey even deeper into The Beatles' creative process. Join "Deconstructing The Beatles" Scott Freiman as he hosts a tour through some of the highlights. Hear some of the original Esher demos, featuring "unplugged" versions of Beatles songs recorded after the group returned from India, plus alternative and early versions of "White Album" favorites. Freiman will provide the stories behind the music and insight into the recording sessions. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:15 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$25. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Thursday, Jan. 17

Trove Time. Trove Time is an early literacy playtime for ages 2-4 with a caregiver. Children and their caregiver will play together, hear stories, and learn about enriching a child's life and increasing their early literacy skills. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis beginning 30 minutes prior to the program. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

T(h)ech Thursday: How to Build a Computer, for Teens; 4 to 5 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Common Ground: Race & American Society, a Community Conversation. Are you interested in sharing your thoughts about some of the toughest issues facing our country—as well as listening to the opinions of your neighbors and friends? Then join us for Common Ground, a series of community conversations hosted by the White Plains Public Library and the League of Women Voters of White Plains. 6 to 8 p.m. Community Room, White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Friday, Jan. 18

Hoff-Barthelson Music School Early Childhood Open House. Children nine months to five years old and their adults are invited to join in the fun of a music and movement class followed by a brief Q&A with faculty and a reception

during which participants can socialize with other families. Exercises and games during classes involve singing, moving and improvising; using small percussion instruments to promote inner hearing and rhythmic sensitivity; and working with a variety of whimsical materials to inspire the imagination. Faculty members guide young students to develop many of the skills involved in music-making and a joyful bond grows between children and their adults as they listen, sing and move together with the music. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Snow date: Jan. 25. RSVP requested. Info and RSVP: 914-723-1169, visit www.hbms.org or e-mail stusch@hbms.org.

Saturday, Jan. 19

Jewish Earth Day. The Westchester Community for Humanistic Judaism will host a Tu B'Shevat seder with seasonally appropriate refreshments. Rabbi Frank Tamburello will tell the historic development of the celebration. Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains. 2:30 p.m. Members: Free. Non-members: \$10. Children (under 13): Free. RSVP required. RSVP: E-mail charlotteklein48@gmail.com. Info: Visit www.wcjh.org. Make checks payable to WCHJ and send to Olga Turovsky, 84 Sprague Rd., Scarsdale, N.Y. 10583.

Free Meditation Class. A free, hour-long morning meditation class will be at 11 a.m. at the First Unitarian Society of Westchester. Led by June Sidman, it will begin with a spiritual reading and will consist of sitting meditations that follow the breath, letting go of thoughts when they come up. No experience necessary. The First Unitarian Society of Westchester is located at 25 Old Jackson Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson.

NYC Comedy Night. This event will bring together three veteran comedians of the New York comedy scene, including Lenny Marcus, a regular at comedy clubs like the Comedy Cellar and Comic Strip Live, who has appeared on numerous television programs, including three times on the "Late Show with David Letterman." Also appearing are veteran New York comics Buddy Fitzpatrick and Karen Bergreen. Fitzpatrick has appeared in multiple films as well as on television networks Comedy Central, Nickelodeon and AXSTV. He was a frequent opener for Joan Rivers and he currently opens often for Joy Behar. Bergreen, who will serve as the evening's host, regularly appears on Comedy Central and was a panelist on the Oxygen game show "Can You Tell." She has also performed live on television programs including "The View," "Nick Moms," "Stand-Up in Stilettos" and

"LIVE at Gotham." The second event in the three-date benefit concert series this season for the Friends of the Irvington Town Hall Theater, a nonprofit group. Irvington Town Hall Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 7:30 p.m. \$25 and \$35. VIP ticket: \$50. Info and tickets: Visit www.irvingtontheater.com.

Gina Chavez in Concert. A multi-ethnic Latin pop sensation, Chavez is a nine-time Austin Music Award winner, including 2015 Musician of the Year and winner of Album of the Year for her sophomore release, "Uprooted," a passionate collection of bilingual songs traversing cumbia, bossa nova, vintage pop, reggaeton and folk. With dynamic vocals and sharp social commentary, Chavez's songs take audiences on a journey through the Americas, expertly blending sounds with tension and grace. Purchase College's PepsiCo Theatre, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$25 to \$45. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.

Sunday, Jan. 20

Sunday Morning Winter Photo Walk. A new once-per-season tradition led by local photographer Heidi Fuhrman and Rockefeller State Park staff members Rebecca Policello and Julia Jardine. Fuhrman will not burden the walk with an instructional class; rather, she will help point out photographic opportunities and approaches during an energetic two-hour jaunt through the carriage trails in search of broad vistas and eye-catching closeups. Each season brings different photographic opportunities, and winter brings unique light and simplicity to an image. All ages and both beginner and advanced photographers are welcome. Any camera (even a cell phone) is fine. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 10 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Julia Jardine at 914-631-1470 ext. 107 or visit www.RockefellerStateParkPreserve.Eventbrite.com.

Open Media Lab for Teens. Teens are welcome to use various tech equipment in the Edge Media Lab; 2 to 4 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Sunday Cinema: "Inquiring Nuns." A 50th anniversary screening of one of the earliest examples of Kartemquin co-founders Gordon Quinn and Gerald Temaner's exploration into the world of cinéma vérité. This film captures the attitudes, fears and dreams of everyday Chicagoans, giving audiences and researchers insight into the political and social climate of 1960s Chicago. The film's

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'Bring It On' to be staged at White Plains Performing Arts Center

By Neal Rentz

The Sandbox Theater will bring it on beginning Jan. 18 at the White Plains Performing Arts Center with a production of "Bring It On: The Musical."

The show is based on the 2000 film that starred Kirsten Dunst and Eliza Dushku. "Bring It On: The Musical" was performed on Broadway in 2012.

The musical is the latest production from the Mamaroneck-based Sandbox Theater, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary and is expanding into Greenwich, CT.

The Sandbox Theater provides theater programs for students in kindergarten through the 12th grade. "Bring It On" will be performed by three separate casts of youths in grades five through eight.

Mamaroneck resident Jason Summers, who is the artistic director of the Sandbox Theater, is directing the production.

Summers said "Bring It On: The Musical" tells the story of Campbell, a high school cheerleading team captain whose passion is to lead her team to a championship. Through a series of circumstances she is forced to attend another high school, where she again seeks to win the state championship by forming a new team and at same time she learns valuable life lessons.

Summers has an extensive background



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The Sandbox Theater's production of "Bring It On: The Musical" will be performed on weekends from Jan. 18 through 27 at the White Plains Performing Arts Center.

as a theater director, choreographer, teacher, and performer, both regionally and throughout New York. He recently wrote and directed the musical "Growing Up '70s," starring Barry Williams, whose signature role was Greg Brady on "The Brady Bunch."

The Sandbox Theater is grateful to be

able to stage their productions at the White Plains Performing Arts venue, Summers said. "It's been wonderful and gratifying," he said, adding friends and family of the performers enjoy viewing the performances at the Performing Arts stage.

Though he worked with adults,

including on Off-Broadway productions, Summers said he particularly enjoys working with youths. He has worked with children who were initially shy but they have learned to work with their Sandbox Theater colleagues and have grown as people, he said.

Summers said the Sandbox Theater is an appropriate name for a company of young performers. Following the creation of a sandcastle in a sandbox, "Kids knock it down and begin again," he said. Sandbox Theater participants create a production and then come back to work on their next play, he said.

The White Plains Performing Arts Center is located at 11 City Place, White Plains. Tickets are \$16. To purchase tickets online for "Bring It On: The Musical" visit the Center's Web site, <https://wppac.com/whats-on-stage>. The Center can also be reached by calling 914-328-1600.

For more information about the Sandbox Theater, visit <https://www.wstshows.com> or call 914- 670-7768.



Yorktown Stage to Present "Rapunzel"

'Rapunzel' is derived from the popular German fairy tale from the collection assembled by the Brothers Grimm and first published in 1812. It will be presented at Yorktown Stage on Feb. 9.

From the Emmy-winning team behind the mega-hit television series, 'Friends,' comes Rapunzel. A familiar tale with a fantastic new spin, it has all the charm that you'd expect from the minds that have been making the world laugh non-stop for more than two decades. Forced

to live alone in a tower with nothing but her hair and her witch (literally) of a 'mother,' Rapunzel's 16th birthday has come, meaning that she'll be able to see the outside world for the first time, just as her 'mother' promised. Scared to let her go, though, the witch reneges. Lucky for Rapunzel, a young prince named Brian happens across her tower and calls out to her, as he's seen the witch do: 'Rapunzel! Rapunzel! Let down your hair!' Before the prince and Rapunzel have their inevitable

'happily ever after,' though, they're going to have to face the wrath of the witch and a few other hilarious obstacles.

The production stars two local actors: Glenn Weill of Tuckahoe as the Storyteller and Elise Godfrey of Putnam Valley as the Witch. The production will delight children and adults alike. The talented Yorktown Stage creative team returns, with direction by Augie Abatecola, choreography by Carrie Silvernail and musical and vocal direction

by Ricky Romano.

Rapunzel is presented on one day only, Saturday, Feb. 9, with performances at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Yorktown Stage is located in the Yorktown Community Cultural Center, at 1974 Commerce Street (off Veterans Road) in Yorktown Heights, NY. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$14 for seniors and \$12 for children. All tickets are reserved. Tickets may be purchased online (www.yorktownstage.org) or by calling 962-0606.

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music is composed by Philip Glass in his first credited film score. The Picture House, 175 Wolfs Lane, Pelham. 8 p.m. \$12. Seniors, students and members: \$10. Info and tickets: Visit www.thepicturehouse.org.

Monday, Jan. 2

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. A schedule of free events, presented by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Library at Barnes & Noble bookstore, Main St. White Plains. For children 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Face Painting, Arts & Crafts, and storytellers; 11 to 11:30 a.m. C. Duane Wheeler, author of To My

Knowing: Memoir of Grandfather; 12 to 12:30 p.m. Ricardo Gautreau Duo with Jim Ferraiuolo: Latin Jazz, Latin Rock; 1 to 1:30 p.m. Eric Velasquez, author of award winning children's book Looking for Bongo; 2 to 3 p.m. Grant Harper Reid, author of Rhythm for Sale, a biography of Harlem Renaissance producer Leonard Harper; 3 to 4 p.m. concert with Ptah Djembe Drummers. The events are part of a fundraiser to buy books and films for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Library, free and open to the public. The library has unusual and important books and films for adults and children on subjects such as nonviolence and anti-racism, Dr. King and other great peacemakers, African-American history and more. For everyone who makes a purchase at any

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Tuesday, Jan. 22

Tuesdays@Dorry's. Weekly table talk 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering begins at 5:15 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

Chinese Organ Recital/Lecture. The Church of St. James the Less, 10 Church Lane, Scarsdale, is hosting organist Fanxiu Shen (Beijing, China) for an organ recital

and lecture at 7 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by the Westchester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Fanxiu Shen is professor at the Central Conservatory in Beijing, China, where she is a Baroque specialist, teaching harpsichord and organ. She is a highly visible advocate for the pipe organ in China and does frequent lectures and recitals to promote the instrument. The Church of St. James the Less houses a new organ by Klais Orgelbau (Bonn, Germany) from 2017. With four manuals and five divisions, the organ contains 61 ranks. There is no admission charge for this event, but a suggested donation of \$20 is welcome.



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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, -against- April Taal Shorter-Heaton a/k/a April A Breeden, As Heir to the Estate of Alfonso Orr, Jr a/k/a Alfonso Orr, Rhonda Orr, As Heir to the Estate of Alfonso Orr, Jr a/k/a Alfonso Orr, Vanessa Orr, As Heir to the Estate of Alfonso Orr, Jr a/k/a Alfonso Orr, Andrea Orr, As Heir to the Estate of Alfonso Orr, Jr a/k/a Alfonso Orr, Sasha Orr, As Heir to the Estate of Alfonso Orr, Jr a/k/a Alfonso Orr, Earle Orr, III, As Heir to the Estate of Alfonso Orr, Jr a/k/a Alfonso Orr, Alfonso Mendoza a/k/a Alfonso Orr, As Heir to the Estate of Alfonso Orr, Jr a/k/a Alfonso Orr, Malcom G Thomas, Jr, As Heir to the Estate of Alfonso Orr, Jr., a/k/a Alfonso Orr if living and if any be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff,

Mark Lawton Thomas, As Heir to the Estate of Alfonso Orr, Jr a/k/a Alfonso Orr, and Alfonso Orr Jr's respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, United States of America, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Defendants. Index No.: 51479/2018 Filed: 12/7/18

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

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty

(20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; or within sixty (60) days if it is the United States of America. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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Dated: Bay Shore, New York,
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EXAMINER SPORTS

Lady Tigers Capture the Title in Lou Panzanaro, Sr. Tournament in Peekskill

By Albert Coqueran

White Plains High School Head Coach Benjamin Carter took over the Tigers Girls Basketball Program last season with two main aspirations: invigorate the program and elevate it to the level of play and respectability as the famed Ossining High School and The Ursuline School Girls Basketball Programs.

Carter had marginal success last season while compiling a 14-8 overall and 6-4 Conference 1B League record. In his first season at the helm, Carter led the Lady Tigers to the Quarterfinals of the Section 1 AA Playoffs, after beating Fox Lane High School in the Opening Round.

However, waiting for Carter and his Lady Tigers in the Quarterfinals last year was their ultimate proving ground: The Pride of Ossining High School. The Lady Tigers were not quite ready for Ossining last season and lost in the Quarterfinals convincingly, 97-54.

This season once again the Lady Tigers progress is evident, even with only eight games played thus far this year. The Lady Tigers are 6-2 overall, 3-0 Conference 1B, after traveling to Peekskill High School last week and capturing the Girls Championship of the Lou Panzanaro, Sr. Basketball Tournament.

On Jan. 10, the Lady Tigers ran over Haldane High School, 65-40, the representatives from Section 1 Class C,



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

There is certainly no doubt that junior guard Julia Reggio is the leader of the Lady Tigers Varsity Basketball Team. Reggio scored 38 total-points in the two-game Peekskill Tournament, while earning the MVP Award and leading the Lady Tigers to the Tournament Title.

in the Opening Round of the Peekskill Tournament. Senior guard Kennedi Leak, who has vastly improved this season, led the Tigers scoring with 18 points. Aliya McIver, the eighth grade point guard on the young Lady Tigers roster, added 15 points, five assists and seven steals, while

team leader junior Julia Reggio scored 12 points.

The Lady Tigers returned to Peekskill two days later on Jan. 12 and were challenged by a formidable Class AA Yorktown High School team, which is presently 7-2, this season. The Lady Tigers survived a tough contest beating the Huskies, 48-42, while capturing the Peekskill Tournament Title.

Reggio was true to form in this game, scoring more than half of the total points for the Tigers. Reggio dropped 26 points of the Lady Tigers 48 total points in the game. She was presented the Tournament MVP Award for her efforts. McIver, the eighth-grade newcomer made the All-Tournament Team. "The season is going good so far as we work hard towards capturing the league championship," said Carter

The Lady Tigers are a very young



White Plains High School Head Girls Basketball Coach Benjamin Carter (left) is joined on his staff this season by Kiana Letsinger (center), a Peekskill High School graduate ('11), who was a member of the 2010-11 Red Devils team that reached the NYS Finals. Also, returning this season is John Bivas (right), as Assistant Varsity Coach and Head Junior Varsity Coach.

team with only two seniors, four juniors, three sophomores and an eighth grade prodigy in McIver. However, with the improvement of Leak this season, the steadfast play of Reggio, the toughness in the paint of Savannah Williams with the promise that senior Catherine Amodio can corral her outside shooting; Carter's aspiration of a Sectional Title is within the Lady Tigers grasp.

Ravens Fly Past Crusaders, 80-54, in Rematch in the Bronx

By Albert Coqueran

Last season the Stepinac Basketball Team charged past St. Raymond High School in the CHSAA Quarterfinals, on the way to capturing their first CHSAA AA City Championship since 1960.

Nonetheless, thus far this season the accolades have belonged to the Ravens (10-4, 6-2 CHSAA AA), who have beaten the Crusaders twice during the regular season. The Crusaders were a three-point shot away from defeating the Ravens in this year's 20th Anniversary Slam Dunk Tournament.

However, Ravens sophomore guard Malachi Smith made his shot count from behind the arch with 12 seconds left in regulation time to send the game into overtime. The Ravens went on to win the fiercely competitive game, 72-69 in overtime on Dec. 21, at the Westchester County Center.

In contrast, regardless of the measurement of competition in their first game this season, the second game between these two CHSAA AA rivals was anything but competitive, on Friday, in the Bronx.

The Crusaders (3-10, 2-7 AA) hung tough throughout the first half losing by only nine points at the break, even with



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Stepinac Head Coach Pat Massaroni tries to motivate his team to no avail as the Crusaders were dominated by St. Raymond, 80-54, in the Bronx, Jan. 11. Massaroni in his fourth season at the helm is in the midst of his toughest season to date, as the Crusaders have only managed a 3-10 overall, 2-7 AA record with 10 games remaining this season.

their star guard A.J. Griffin sidelined with an injury for the game. The Crusaders even closed the gap to six points, 41-35, at 4:21 in the third quarter.

But when Smith hit a three-pointer followed by a tomahawk dunk by junior guard Gary Grant, which sent the Ravens

home crowd into frenzy, the Crusaders suddenly found themselves down by 13 points.

The third quarter belonged to the Ravens, while outscoring the Crusaders, 28-17, led by 11 third-quarter points by Jalen Reneau. The St. Raymond junior

guard excited the crowd with a shake-and-bake three-pointer at 1:31 and posed with his hand held high after hitting another three-pointer at the third quarter buzzer.

By the time the St. Raymond's hometown crowd finally settled down, the score remained 61-41, with the Ravens leading by 20 points at the end of the third quarter.

Despite a gallant effort by Crusaders junior leader RJ Davis with 18 points and sophomore big man Malcolm Chimezie adding 11 points, the Crusaders could not overcome Reneau's 22 total points, Smith with 13 points and Grant's rebounding and eight points in the game. Not to speak of the Ravens enthusiastic crowd.

Was the injured Griffin, who played in the Slam Dunk against the Ravens but did not play in the game on Friday, the difference in the lopsided contest in the Bronx? Not according to Crusaders Head Coach Pat Massaroni.

"Not executing the game plan and turning the ball over too much" commented Massaroni. "It was not missing any guys and it was not this or that. The bottom line is that we did not perform at the level we need to perform at and when that happens you get embarrassed and that is what happened tonight," said Massaroni.

..... EXAMINER SPORTS

Crusaders Assistant Coach Inducted into Stepinac Hockey Hall of Fame

By Albert Coqueran

The Stepinac High School Varsity Hockey team is skating through a tough season thus far this year compiling a 9-10-2 overall and 6-6-2 League record, while presently in fourth place in the CHSHL A Division.

However, on Saturday, Jan. 5, the Stepinac Hockey Program took a timeout to honor one of its own. Crusaders Assistant Coach Daniel Ahearn was inducted into the Stepinac Hockey Hall of Fame, during the Stepinac Hockey Alumni Dinner held at Stepinac High School.

Ahearn, a resident of Briarcliff Manor, was awarded the distinction for his many years of contributions to the Stepinac Hockey Program, as both a player and Assistant Coach. Ahearn graduated from Stepinac in 2005, after being an outstanding player for the Stepinac Varsity Hockey Team.

Ahearn was captain of the Crusaders for two years and named to the First Team All-League and First Team All-League Westchester County/Journal News his senior year. Ahearn was also voted as an All-County Defenseman by The Journal News in 2005.

Ahearn is a graduate of University of Delaware ('09) and played one year of Junior "A" Hockey for the Delaware Thunder before returning to his high



PHOTO COURTESY STEPINAC ATHLETICS

Stepinac Hockey Assistant Coach Daniel Ahearn (left) is presented a Certificate of Induction by Crusaders Head Hockey Coach Matthew Hogan, after being inducted into the Stepinac High School Hockey Hall of Fame on Saturday, Jan. 5.

school alma mater as the Crusaders Varsity Assistant Hockey Coach.

Ahearn has tenured as Assistant Coach under Crusaders Head Hockey Coach Matthew Hogan for the past 10 years. Hogan and Ahearn teamed to lead the Crusaders to an undefeated season and the CHSHL A Championship in 2017.

NY Knicks Take Their Knocks as Kevin Knox Shines

Westchester Knicks Second in G League East

By Albert Coqueran

On Sunday, Jan. 13, despite forward Kevin Knox scoring a career-high 31 points, the NY Knicks lost their fourth straight game, 108-105, to the Philadelphia 76ers, at Madison Square Garden. Knox, 19 years young, became the sixth-youngest player in NBA history to score 30 points in a game when he netted his career-high in the Knicks loss to the 76ers.

With center Enes Kanter sidelined due to illness, center Luke Kornet, who spent significant time developing his skills with the Westchester Knicks, took advantage of the extra playing time by also scoring his NBA career-high 23 points in the game.

It was the first time Philadelphia played at MSG since Peekskill High School graduate Elton Brand ('97) was named General Manager of the 76ers. When Knicks guard Emmanuel Mudiay missed a desperation three-point shot at the final buzzer, Brand logged his first win at MSG, as General Manager of the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Knicks slide continues as they await the return of their superstar Kristaps Porzingis, who will be evaluated by team doctors next month. The Knicks have lost the last 19 of 22 games, including eight straight at home in MSG.

Presently, the Knicks are 10-33, tied for the second worst record in the NBA with the Chicago Bulls. Only the Cleveland Cavaliers have a worse record at 8-35.

Fortunately for local fans, the NBA G League Westchester Knicks is performing better than their NBA affiliate NY Knicks. Despite losing back-to-back games, the Westchester Knicks (16-10) still remain in second place in the NBA G League Eastern Conference with Playoff competition all but certain this year.

The Westchester Knicks departed their home confines of the Westchester County Center for a three-game road trip after losing to the Capital City Go-Go, 90-89, in overtime, on Sunday, January 6. The Capital City Go-Go is the NBA G- League affiliate of the Washington Wizards.

The local Knicks were also routed in their initial game of the road trip, 123-98, by the Rio Grande Valley Vipers, the NBA



PHOTO COURTESY STEPINAC ATHLETICS

NY Knicks 19 year-old forward Kevin Knox became the eighth rookie in franchise history to be awarded Rookie of the Month. Knox was named Kia NBA Eastern Conference Rookie of the Month for December, while averaging 17.1 points and 6.0 rebounds per game. He also led all rookies working 34.9 minutes per game in December.

G League affiliate of the Houston Rockets.

The Westchester Knicks will return for some "home cooking" at the Westchester County Center when they challenge the Delaware Blue Coats, on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m.

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