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Kevin Bacon Show Filmed at Dorry's in White Plains

By Neal Rentz

Dorry's Diner in White Plains is going to be famous beyond the city.

A crew for the upcoming Showtime series, "City on a Hill," starring Kevin Bacon was filmed at the diner on the morning of Feb. 4. The crew was slated to film both in her diner and on Mamaroneck Avenue in the morning.

Diner owner, Dorry Dimos, said on Feb. 4 it was not a difficult decision for her to allow the filming at her business. "It is exciting," Dimos said. The popular eatery is located at 468 Mamaroneck Ave.

Dimos said "City on a Hill" is a cops and robbers show. "It's set in the 1990's."

As stated on Showtime's Web site, the series is scheduled to premiere on Sunday, June 16 at 9 p.m.

"In the early 1990s Boston was rife with violent criminals emboldened by local law enforcement agencies in which



Filming of the upcoming Showtime series, "City on a Hill," starring Kevin Bacon, took place on Feb. 4 at Dorry's Diner in White Plains.

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White Plains Common Council Public Comment Period Is Now Televised

By Neal Rentz

White Plains residents who want an additional outlet for their opinions to be heard won a victory last week.

Mayor Thomas Roach announced at the Jan. 28 special meeting that the Citizens to be Heard section of Common Council meetings will be broadcast on local cable television for the first time, beginning with the Feb. 4 meeting. "We'll do it forever," Roach said last week. "I've been researching it and there's no reason to pass legislation to do that."

Citizens to be Heard does not currently exist in the Municipal Code, Roach noted. The Common Council should vote to officially create Citizens to be Heard, but does not need to pass a law to state that portion of the meeting must be televised, he said. "Right now it's just a custom," he said. "We'll make it an official part of what we do."

Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona said she supported televising the Citizens to be Heard portion of Common Council meetings. But Lecuona said she and other residents had sought for years for the televising of Citizens to be Heard and were told by the mayor that the broadcasting the public comment had to be approved by legislation from the Common Council.

"At this point, let's just do it," Roach replied. "I never said it couldn't be done and we could pass legislation. I have researched it. This has not been a great focus of mine, frankly. What we are broadcasting is not an actual meeting of the council, but rather the comments of residents who want to come in and be heard."

Televising Citizens to be Heard makes sense because residents want to express

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NYS Assembly Members Listen to State Budget Complaints at Hearing

By Martin Wilbur

The state Assembly's Westchester delegation heard a long list of requests last week for additional money and the restoration of funds for various initiatives from local officials throughout the county and representatives of organizations.

During a Jan. 31 budget hearing on the governor's executive budget at Greenburgh Town Hall, speakers raised a litany of issues, including the need for more money to improve state roads, greater equity in transportation and education funding and calls for the tax cap to be 2 percent or the regional Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is higher.

Mamaroneck Town Administrator Steve Altieri said Gov. Andrew Cuomo's



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Members of Westchester County's state Assembly delegation listen to comments from a wide range of officials and representatives of various organizations during last week's hearing on the 2019-20 executive budget.

proposed budget that cuts Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding runs counter to limiting property taxes. Mamaroneck would lose about \$142,000 a year, money that would have to be recouped through property taxes or the elimination of services.

"Municipal services shape the quality of life in the community and are designed to provide for a safe and comfortable environment," Altieri said.

Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner said his town stands to lose more than \$400,000 in AIM, which represents a 1 percent tax increase.

But Feiner saved his sharpest comments for the state's abandonment

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their opinions to the people of White Plains as a whole, not just for council members, and Roach said he agrees with that portion of the meeting being broadcast.

Roach also said all work sessions, which are named Special Meetings in White Plains, from now on will also be telecast. The work sessions will be moved to the chambers where the regular monthly Common Council meetings are held to provide for a more comfortable atmosphere for those attending the meetings and better sound and production quality to record and televise the meetings, Roach said.

There are no state laws that mandate the televising of municipal meetings and



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach, shown above at a January Common Council meeting, announced last week the Citizens to be Heard portion of Common Council meetings would be televised, beginning on Feb. 4.

some villages do not broadcast them, Roach noted.

Roach is asking the Common Council to approve guidelines for public comments which would reflect standards typical for public meetings. Lecuona asked if the Common Council needed to take a formal vote on the public comments guidelines. Roach said the council could vote on the guidelines, but most municipalities in New York State do not take a formal vote.

Public comment periods should "let people have their say; address the body, not individuals; don't talk to the audience. It's basic stuff," Roach said. His proposed guidelines follow what he has been doing to regulate public hearings during his years as mayor, Roach concluded.

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corruption and racism was the norm – and then it all changed in what was called the 'Boston Miracle.' In this fictional account, assistant district attorney Decourcy Ward comes from Brooklyn and forms an unlikely alliance with a corrupt yet venerated FBI veteran, Jackie Rhodes. Together, they take on a family of armored car robbers in a case that grows to involve, and ultimately subvert, the entire criminal justice system of Boston," the Showtime Web site stated.

Bacon is portraying Rhodes and Aldis Hodge is playing Ward.



A Showtime crew repainted the interior of Dorry's Diner in White Plains to prepare it for the filming of the upcoming series "City on a Hill."

Regular patrons of the popular White Plains hangout might not have recognized the eatery if they came by on Monday because the crew changed the interior of the diner for the shooting. "They took down all of the Bruce Springsteen memorabilia and repainted the inside

of the diner," Dimos said. The crew was set to come back on Feb. 5 to restore the restaurant to its original look.

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More Than 300 New Apartments Proposed for 1133 Westchester Avenue

By Neal Rentz

A development partnership is proposing to create more than 300 apartments at 1133 Westchester Ave. in White Plains.

The joint venture of the NRP Group and the RPW Group is proposing to create the housing in the same complex that already has a commercial area which includes a day care center and other businesses.

Jonathan Gertman, vice president of development for the NRP Group, told the Common Council on Jan. 28 that the proposal is for 303 apartments that would be created in three new five-story buildings. Ten percent of the units would be created as affordable housing and solar panels would be placed on the roofs of the apartment buildings, he said.

Michael Zarin, an attorney representing the developers, said the property is located in a Planned Campus Development District and would not require zoning changes from the Common Council. “We’re in complete compliance with all the zoning,” he said. The proposal is “what this zone was intended to create,” he said. “It really is an integrated project.”

Project engineer Diego Villareale, associate principal of JMC, said about half of the 523 parking spaces proposed for the project are already on the property. There would be one, two and three bedroom apartments spread through the three proposed apartment buildings, he said.

Of the 70 acres on the site, the three



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Robert Weisz, chairman and CEO of the RPW Group, a partner in project that would construct a three-building apartment complex with 303 units on Westchester Avenue, addressed the White Plains Common Council on Jan. 28.

proposed apartment buildings would be constructed on about 20 acres, Villareale said. The housing development would include several amenities including a management office, fitness rooms, and a swimming pool. An additional 12,000 square feet of public recreational space would be linked to an existing walking path on the site and be open to the general public. Landscaping would be placed on the property to give a visual separation between the apartment buildings and the current commercial space, he said.

About 31 public school students would be generated, which would be less than a

half percent increase in students for the White Plains district, Villareale said.

Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona asked if the proposed swimming pool would be open to the general public. Villareale said the swimming pool would be private.

The developers agreed to a request from Lecuona to bring back to the Common Council a list of which parts of the proposed project would be available to the general public and which portions would be private.

Lecuona said the developers should make the parking lot as pervious as possible and improve the look of the lot, including the addition of some art.

Mayor Thomas Roach said the parking lot would have a “shocking amount of asphalt.” The developers should either use a “capture and reuse” irrigation system or permeable surfaces for the new parking spaces. Robert Weisz, chairman and CEO of the RPW Group, said he would seek to have the parking area attractive and green ecologically. “This has been subject to a lot of conversations with our partner,” he said. The parking lot will not just consist of blacktop, he said.

The next step in the approval process is for the Common Council is to refer the plan to the appropriate review boards. The partners hope to begin construction in 2020.

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White Plains Man Charged for Involvement in Port Chester Arson Fire

A White Plains man has been charged in the Jan. 29 alleged arson fire in Port Chester.

Michael Johnson, 45, was arrested on Jan. 30 and charged with arson in the fourth degree "for his involvement in the house fire on Smith Street," the Port Chester Facebook page stated. Johnson was located by patrol officers, according to Port Chester police.

According to the Port Chester Fire Department, the fire began at 4:33 a.m. in the vacant home at 45 Smith St. "The members were met with a difficult job since the fire was gas fed and access was

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Michael Johnson

limited due to failing structural members," the fire department stated on Facebook.

"Operations quickly went to an exterior attack and forced members to evacuate the structure."

The Westchester County Police's Arson, K-9 and Cause and Origin department reported to the scene of the fire to investigate.

The fire was brought under control shortly after 10:30 a.m.

According to Port Chester police, several outside fire departments assisted Port Chester's department in putting out the blaze.

Port Chester police worked in conjunction with the Westchester County Department of Public Safety, the county Department of Emergency Services and the Westchester district attorney's office.

Dobbs Ferry Man Charged with Manslaughter in Death of Baby Son

Kevin Holloway, 41, of Dobbs Ferry, has been indicted and arraigned in Westchester County Court on charges related to the death of his infant son.

On Jan. 22, 2018, in their Dobbs Ferry home, Holloway caused severe injuries to his eight-week-old son. The injuries to the inside of the baby's head and brain were consistent with acute abusive head trauma and caused the infant's death.

The case was investigated by the Dobbs Ferry Police and the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. Assistant District Attorneys Paul Stein, Chief of the Child Abuse Bureau, and Joyce Miller, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

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Con Edison Moratorium on New Natural Gas Hook Ups Is a Wake-up Call

By Pat Casey

On Jan. 17 Con Edison sent a letter to the New York Public Service Commission (PSC) announcing its intent to impose a natural gas infrastructure moratorium on much of its Westchester County service territory, beginning March 15.

On Jan. 18, Con Ed representatives were on the phone speaking with their customers at the local government level, explaining that the moratorium was on all new natural gas hook-ups.

Upon getting the announcement, County Executive George Latimer sent out a notice that he was investigating the situation and a meeting with County officials, local government representatives and Con Ed was held on Jan. 31.

During a press conference Jan. 4, Latimer said, "They were very accommodating," referring to Con Edison, as they answered questions.

Noting that the announcement was very "quick and abrupt," Latimer explained that 45 municipalities in Westchester will be affected, with only a small number at the northern most part of the county not in the moratorium zone.

"The moratorium will impact development in these municipalities, especially the cities in the County, where development is ongoing." Economic revival efforts based on this development will experience a chilling effect,

Latimer said.

During the Monday press conference, Latimer explained that Con Ed is experiencing increased demand for natural gas because energy customers were moving away from oil to gas and the demand was putting a strain on the utility's ability to meet demand during peak times.

Apparently, Con Ed cannot meet existing demand and new demand, Latimer said.

Intent on finding ways to manage the situation to best serve the local municipalities and county government, Latimer said that while the county did not have the authority to prohibit the action by Con Edison, New York State PSC does, and that efforts were underway to communicate with state officials to try to push the March 15 date out so communities affected could take effective action for a smooth transition or even to rework their energy consumption to avoid a stoppage of new gas hook-ups.

Latimer's "action plan" entails getting input from all 45 municipalities affected to identify all the projects that might fall under the moratorium.

Latimer said the county would also hire professionals to track all the regulatory processes and legal issues so the Westchester municipalities could speak as one group if they wanted to rather than

each local government having its own discussion with the utility.

Latimer noted that Assembly members David Buchwald (D-White Plains) and Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale) along with Senate majority leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Yonkers) were set to do whatever was necessary at the state level to help out.

Also speaking during the press conference was White Plains Mayor Tom Roach.

Roach said that when he received the phone call from the city's Con Ed representative he was shocked. Gathering together city commissioners and staff, he called the utility back 15 minutes later.

"As I learned more, I thought the impact on White Plains is not going to be great," Roach said. "But this is a wake-up call. I pretty quickly came over to the idea that this is the opportunity to celebrate the transfer over to renewables, which is where we are headed anyway."

Roach continued: If you look at the cost to bring in another pipeline for what is going to be an outdated fuel and technology, rather apply that money to conservatism and incentivizing homeowners and businesses and new development projects to use renewable energy such as geothermal fuel pumps. The state already has laudable goals for going fossil-free, Roach said.

The Con Edison Web site indicates that in 2017 the utility put out a request for proposals for alternatives to natural gas, such as conversion over to all-electric using wind and solar energy, as well as geothermal alternatives.

A statement from the Geothermal Exchange Organization (GEO), released Jan. 31, in response to the moratorium notification, praised the Con Ed action, stating: "Significant GHP (geothermal heat pump) deployment throughout the Westchester service territory is already being planned by Con Edison, although increased awareness and adoption is needed to meet the needs of all customers. GHPs are a 'beneficial electrification' technology that reduce electric grid impacts, ease gas supply constraints, eliminate onsite emissions, and provide customers significant savings. They use the Earth as a 'thermal battery' to meet the needs of the building."

Despite the involvement of alternative energy supply groups with New York State's policy to move away from fossil fuels to renewable alternatives, BOL chairman Ben Boykin (D-White Plains), expressed his frustration Monday. "You had to see this coming," he said. "A lot of homeowners are moving from oil to gas. Heat pumps are expensive."

Latimer acknowledged that going

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Councilwoman Lecuona Not Running for Reelection, Offers Advice to Voters

As you know, elections for local officials are almost here and the Parties' City Committees are now going through the endorsement process, this time for three seats on the White Plains Common Council, among others. One of those seats I have been proudly holding, with passion and with great dedication for more than 11 years.

The purpose of this letter is to officially announce that I am not seeking the endorsement of the White Plains Democratic City Committee for Common Council or pursuing re-election. I strongly believe in term limits, partially because I believe that our democracy works best when more people are given the opportunity to hold power, rather than when power is held by a small number of

people for a long time. I am positive that there are other candidates who will fight for our City's best interests and they are just waiting to be given the opportunity to do so.

Through all these years on the Council, you have inspired me by sharing your dreams and concerns. I have learned to become a better public servant by listening to you. For what it is worth, please indulge me the opportunity to share with you some thoughts and insights that may be helpful to you when deciding which candidates to support. If you are not involved politically in some capacity, you may ask yourself, how are these candidates selected and endorsed to begin with? I'll try to keep the explanation of the process short.

It starts with candidates being

interviewed by the Nominating Committee (NC) of the White Plains Democratic City Committee (WPDCC). This committee makes recommendations to the full WPDCC, which in effect means to all the district leaders (DL). The DLs then vote to accept or reject those recommendations. I'm not aware of any instance where the NC recommendations have not been accepted by the DLs. Since the voting population in White Plains is currently more than one third Democrat and a large majority of people simply vote party line, it is not difficult to understand why whoever the NC recommends will likely win the election, which has been the case for a long time.

Ask yourself then, since the math shows the NC members will basically decide the next election outcome, who are the Democrats on this committee? Most importantly, how do they get elected or appointed? And here is what I would like you to be aware of: the WPDCC chair appoints four of seven members, which means, if those four committee members follow the Chair's recommendation (as has been the case historically), then in effect, the Chair's recommendations become the NC's recommendation, and in continuing with the above chain, the historic chain of the process, those recommendations will also be who the DLs will endorse, deciding who will appear on the Democratic ballot, which guarantees that those recommended by the NC will win.

At the present time, the Chair of the WPDCC has that level of power. If you want to know who the party is going to endorse you only need to find out who the Chair is endorsing. We can only hope that the Chair's agenda is looking out for the best interests of White Plains and endorsing honest Democrats aspiring to be great public servants. Or that the Chair is hopefully using the WPDCC to promote democratic values and motivate Democrats in White Plains to become more involved in the political system, rather than pursuing any type of personal agenda. As this choice approaches, please ask yourself: Is that what is happening in White Plains?

As you know, I'm a life-long Democrat and in addition to being your councilwoman since 2008, I am also a DL. There is more to say about how Democrats are invited into the WPDCC and voted on to become DLs. Yes, our DLs do a great job and work hard on supporting

our candidates, but you should also ask yourself whether everybody is welcome to be a DL or whether there is an underlying agenda guiding the selection of DLs that is inconsistent with the Democratic process.

My impression is that while Democrats in many parts of the country are eager for more Democrats to participate in the political process, and are encouraging and supporting primaries as a great democratic tool, the WPDCC generally doesn't make it easy for new Democrats to get involved with the Party, and does not welcome primaries. In fact, it has shown that it will fight Democrats challenging the status quo through a primary campaign. Is that how the democratic system should work?

As a candidate, I have been in front of the NC four times, for half hour interviews, including when I ran for Mayor in 2016. Some of the NC members are very well prepared and their questions clearly show they care and are informed on the issues, but some don't ask any questions, which makes you wonder about the quality of the decision-making process and the independence of those who are casting the votes. Of course, I myself have benefited to some degree from this system, but I still recognize flaws in the system.

The point is that we as White Plains voters, as voters that want the best for White Plains, should ideally approach elections with an open independent mind, and come to our own conclusions who we want to represent us on the Common Council--who we think would be listening to us and defending our interests, protecting our families, the environment, improving services and quality of life, and asking for accountability and government transparency while keeping the City fiscally strong.

I am reaching out to you the Democratic District leaders. You have the opportunity to make a difference. Cast your vote for what you think is best for White Plains and if that coincides with the NC's recommendations that's great, but if not, have the courage to dissent and support who you think is the best candidate.

I am also reaching out to you as a White Plains Democratic voter. Believe in the power of your vote. Keep in mind that not voting is also a vote. We all have many demands on our time, but an informed vote is a better vote, and it is important that we all do our homework before we vote, so we can choose candidates that will help build a better vision for White Plains.

We have a responsibility to change the present political situation in our country. We need to ask ourselves what we can do to be part of the change, the 2020 change. And, as people always say: "All politics are local!" We need to start by voting for candidates that will look out for the best interest of White Plains and that will make us proud of being Democrats.

As always, as your public servant, I'm at your disposal, so please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments, great ideas or concerns. That's what I'm here for.

—White Plains Councilwoman
Milagros Lecuona

Youngsters Learn Fancy Footwork at Mets Baseball Clinic



DONOVAN MITCHELL PHOTO

Donovan Mitchell Sr., the Mets director of player relations and community engagement, coached a baseball and softball infield fielding clinic at GameOn 13 in Elmsford. The four-session clinic ended this past Sunday, Feb. 3. Eric Holtz, right, is the owner of GameOn 13. Maddie Stone, left, and Alex Ahn were two of the young players who worked with Mitchell on ground ball footwork, throwing mechanics and other infield skills. Mitchell, a former minor league baseball player with the Houston Astros organization, is also the father of Donovan Mitchell Jr., the star N.B.A. shooting guard with the Utah Jazz.

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IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS FOR 70 YEARS, BRIAN WALLACH AGENCY, WHITE PLAINS

By Neal Rentz

For 70 years, the Brian Wallach Agency has been a fixture in the insurance industry in White Plains.

The agency was one of the first tenants in the One North Broadway building when it opened in 1969, and is now the last original tenant of the building.

Yorktown resident Todd Wallach is continuing the legacy of the company, which was founded by his father, Brian, who resides in White Plains.

Todd Wallach said last week his father will turn 90 in June. "He started [the agency] pretty much right out of high school," Wallach said. "He didn't go to college. He learned a lot on his own. He basically built it up."

Todd Wallach joined his father's agency in 1992. Wallach said he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps. "I was basically born into it," he said. "It was like a natural transition."

Wallach said most of his business is generated through word of mouth, with many of his customers residing in New York state and Connecticut, and some from New Jersey. The agency is also licensed in several other states and some clients remain with the business even

after they move away from the tristate area, Wallach said. But about 90 percent of his clients reside in Westchester County.

Wallach's agency offers a wide variety of insurance



products. "We do a little bit of everything, but our bread and butter are the personal lines – your homeowner's, your automobile, life insurance." About 85 percent of the business is personal

insurance, leaving the remaining 15 percent for commercial insurance, Wallach noted.

How people purchase insurance is changing, with many buying policies online, Wallach said. "We've tried to keep up with the technology," he said. "We have a Website and we're doing some social media." The company's forms can be completed by customers online.

Wallach explained why the agency, which is aligned with all the top insurance companies, has been so successful for so long. "I think a lot has to do with the personal service," he said. "We really try to provide the highest level of service that we possibly can. We try to return phone calls as quickly as possible. When somebody's involved in an accident they don't want to wait two days before getting a call back."

What Wallach's customers say they like about his company: "I can actually deal with a person and I can have rates that are competitive," he said.

The Brian Wallach Agency is located at One North Broadway in White Plains. For more information call 914-949-0000 or visit <https://www.bwagency.com/>. The agency is also on Facebook and Twitter.



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Todd Wallach is the owner of the Brian Wallach Agency, which was created 70 years ago by his father, Brian Wallach.

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Obituaries

Armando Carrea

Armando Carrea, 68, of Armonk, passed away on Feb. 1.

He was born in Colledimezzo Italy on April 25, 1950 to the late Nicola and Clotilde (nee DiLello) Carrea.

On April 26, 1975 Armando married his wife Flora in Yonkers.

Armando was a lifelong plumber who owned his own business, USA Plumbing, Heating and HVAC. He took pride in his trade and always put his customers' needs above his own. He was an avid music lover and loved to dance. In his youth Armando was a singer in a band with his brother and enjoyed entertaining. He also loved riding his horse Jake on numerous trials behind his home in North Castle.

Besides his wife Flora, Armando is survived by his son Robert, his two brothers Tony (Lidia) and Steve, his sister Lina DeLaurentis, his niece Janice (Mauro) D'Ippolito, Lisa (Jason) Vlicky, Laura, Vanessa and Gabriella Carrea and his nephews Nick (Elena) Carrea and Vito (Tracy) Liberatore.

He is predeceased by a sister Delfina.

Renee A. Pastor

Renee A. Pastor passed away peacefully in Valhalla on Jan. 28.

Born in White Plains in 1927, her early professional life was at Dumont Television, which she left to marry Paul A. Rosen in 1951, and to raise a family of three sons.

After graduating from the Fashion Institute of Technology she began a long career in the fashion, fragrance and

public relations industries in NYC, first at Hausen & Bernstein, then Charles of the Ritz, ultimately creating her own agency, RPI INC. As a woman known for her style and directness she excelled in fostering and enabling international designers to enter the US market.

In 1994 she retired to Sarasota, FL where she was actively involved in the city's cultural life, specifically with the Ringling College of Art and Design, the board of the Essex House condominium association, and as vocal civic advocate in the redevelopment of downtown Sarasota. She chaired and organized the 2002 Sarasota 22nd annual Town Hall lecture series benefiting Ringling College.

In 2017 she returned to her roots in Westchester County to reside at The Knolls in Valhalla.

She is survived by her sons Michael, David and Jeffrey Rosen and their respective partners Vivian Manasse, Laura Harrington and Richard Mervis; grandchildren Andrea (Steve Jeannides), Kate and Michael Peter; great grandchildren Maceo and Mia Cecilia; siblings Elaine and Jack Crock, and Peter and Barbara Pastor, as well as many nieces and nephews, extended family and devoted friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Renee Pastor Scholarship Fund at Ringling College of Art and Design, Office for Advancement, c/o Jeney Slusser Senior Development Officer (tel: 941-309-4051; jslusser@ringling.edu/www.ringling.edu), 2700 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34234.



Thomas R. Dalton

Thomas R. Dalton died Jan. 27. He was 65.

Thomas was born July 7, 1953 to Jack and Kate Dalton. He was born and raised in White Plains. After serving his country in the US Army, Tom returned to White Plains before moving to Montrose, NY for 18 years. He most recently lived in Ossining and worked as a designer at Majestic Kitchens & Baths in Mamaroneck.

He is survived by his daughter Meagan Dalton (White Plains), his three stepchildren Brian (Cheri) Fiocco, Denise Fiocco, and Craig (Katie) Fiocco, and their five children, as well as his sister Marylin (Bill) Jankowski, Linda (Jim) Walker, and brother Michael (Maryann) Dalton.

Tom is also survived by his girlfriend Angela Pisano (Ossining).

He is predeceased by his sister Jacqueline (Frank) Gagliardo.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Memorial Sloan Kettering.

Mary Wolff

Mary "Polly" Davies Wolff, of White Plains, died on Jan. 26 at age 95, after a valiant battle with cancer.

She was born in Rochester, NY on March 5, 1923 and adopted by the late Stanley and Ramona (Lenington) Davies of White Plains.

Polly, who attended the Penn Hall School in Chambersburg, PA, graduated from Stephens College in Columbia, MO and Wheelock College in Boston, MA. She taught at the Perkins School for the Blind

(Watertown, MA), and was later a faculty member of the Spence School in NYC. She once expressed to a granddaughter a desire to explore interior design. Her father was Executive Director of the Community Service Society of New York, a nonsectarian family and health agency.

In June 1952, Polly married Herbert A. Wolff, Jr. The couple had met on a bus while commuting to their respective jobs in NYC. Mr. Wolff was with the law firm of Greenbaum, Wolff & Ernst. Polly and Herb were married for over 53 years, until his death in 2005. They raised two children, Dorothy and Charles.

Polly was a devoted wife and mother with a strong sense of community service. She started volunteering at White Plains Hospital at 16 as a candy striper, and later worked with the Hypertension Screening Program for more than 30 years. She was also an active member at The Woman's Club of White Plains, their Book Club, the University Club of White Plains, and The Church in the Highlands. She was a gentle, kind soul with a penchant for collie dogs, traveling, cultivating friends and family.

Polly is survived by her daughter, Dorothy Maillet (husband, Dan), her son, Charles Wolff (wife, Alicia), and four grandchildren: Christie, Matthew, Jessica and Steven.

A memorial service and reception will be held for her this spring at the Church in the Highlands, 35 Bryant Avenue, White Plains.



NYS Assembly Members Listen to State Budget Complaints at Hearing

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of maintenance of state roads. He called the condition of Route 9A "an embarrassment" and portions of Route 100 and Route 119 aren't much better. Feiner agreed with Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti's suggestion for the state to give local governments a fee to repave state roads in their jurisdiction because the Department of Transportation stopped improving most its thoroughfares about four years ago.

"Some of our roads are so bad that milling and repaving won't do the trick. The roads have to actually be rebuilt," Feiner said. "Greenburgh roads that are state owned are in such bad shape that it probably will be cost prohibitive to do all the repaving in one year."

He said he would support a state bond issue, which would probably be needed to address the spiraling cost of road repairs that are needed.

Another transportation related issue saw Naomi Klein, the county's director of planning, ask for a greater increase than the proposed 7.2 percent across-

the-board hike for downstate non-MTA transportation systems.

Klein said the Bee-Line Bus System is the second largest transportation system in the state behind New York City, carrying 27.3 million riders a year. However, Nassau County receives about \$12 million more a year in aid than Westchester.

"This glaring disparity must be addressed and if we can ... it will reduce the burden of funding the bus system that currently falls to the taxpayers," Klein said.

Pat Puleo, a Briarcliff Manor resident and president of the Yonkers Federation of Teachers, urged legislators to change the tax cap to 2 percent or the rate of inflation under the CPI, whichever is higher, and to repeal the 60 percent supermajority approval requirement for exceeding the cap. Instead it should be a simple majority.

Puleo said she and her colleagues are also irked that charter schools operate under more lenient rules.

"We're handing them a lot of our money," Puleo said. "Maybe it would be nice if we had accountability (from them).

Maybe if they had to live by the same rules the rest of us do - transparency and accountability."

Meanwhile, Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association Executive Director Lisa Davis also called for the same change to the tax cap formula because school districts and municipalities need to be certain what their revenues are going to be over the long term.

She said the current limits are unsustainable, particularly when the regional CPI was 0.12 percent a few years ago. That year seven of the association's districts had a negative cap.

Davis also said while the proposed increase in foundation aid in the 2019-20 executive budget may be 3 percent statewide, it is inadequate that the Westchester-Putnam region is scheduled to see just another 0.25 percent.

"This will really affect our programs and services and we do see an increase in diversity within our populations and we need to be able to address their issues," Davis said.

A similar hearing will be held by Westchester's state senators this Friday afternoon (Feb. 8) from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Greenburgh Public Library, located at 300 Tarrytown Rd. in Elmsford.

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forward, the state would have to be involved with the transition process, helping with timelines and grant programs.

Latimer and local government officials will be testifying at a hearing Feb. 11 about the impact of the moratorium and the less than 60-days notice Con Edison gave communities before the March 15 new-project cut-off date. The hope is to get the date pushed out so a workable action plan can be implemented.

**SMALL NEWS
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A Winter Garden: Mind, Body and a Pile of Wood Chips

Before I moved to a maintenance-free condominium complex, my favorite duty as a homeowner was my garden work. Now, the staff plants and prunes my building's surrounding flora impeccably. Sometimes I have to restrain myself from asking the outside staff to let me help out.

When I did my own gardening, my wife loved to tell friends that all I needed to be happy was a big pile of wood chips. It's true. And what really made me happy, besides all the benefits wood chips bring to the garden, was the built-in physical fitness program it guaranteed by doing something practical, as opposed to 30 minutes of monotony on the NordicTrack.

As I tackled a truckload of wood chips, I was benefitting from both aerobic and anaerobic exercise. While the activity was not calculated on my diet and exercise iPhone app, I figured that it was at least as demanding as carrying wood or shoveling snow, which would burn about 350 calories for 30 minutes of activity. But I frequently lasted for a full hour of steady work, until I was sweating and feeling the burn.

And it was a total body workout. There was stretching when spearing my pitchfork into the pile, bending my knees to take the pressure of the weight off my back, lifting with my arms to transfer the chips to my wheelbarrow, heavy duty weight pushing when I wended my way to the spot where the chips were to be deposited and more

stretching and pulling as I adjusted the surface of the chips with a rake at their final destination.

What's great about this exercise plan was that there were no club fees involved. The chips are free, either from your municipality's environmental or recycling department or from a tree service provider with whom you're friendly.

Chips should be dumped where the pile won't be an eyesore to your neighbors. For many years I had dropped them between the far side of my garage and a tall stockade fence at my property line, but I always tried to spread them as quickly as I could to make sure it's not a blight on the property.

Once delivered, some people get alarmed when the chip pile starts to smoke a bit from the heat generated by decomposition, but it will never get hot enough for combustion. Another fear is that a layer of chips depletes the soil below of nitrogen, but that applies only to the uppermost layer, which actually helps retard weed growth. It's not enough

to harm the plantings it surrounds.

Through the years, I found a number of uses for chips, but primarily they are for creating an insulating layer of natural material three to six inches deep around ornamental trees and, with less thickness, over my perennials and where I did my summer annual plantings. I should note that one year I was too generous with the chips and my perennials, the Black-eyed Susan, couldn't make it through the thick layer to bloom for a full summer. However, they came back the next summer when I reduced the thickness of chips.

Hostas and daylilies can leave rather ugly remains when they die down. I cut those to the ground, covered the clipped leaves and stems with chips and smoothed out the surface with a metal rake, which I always used rather than plastic because of its greater flexibility.

Besides the joy that a good pile of wood chips can provide for mind and body, there are so many aesthetic and practical benefits to using them for mulch. They include:

- Less labor in terms of weeding and time spent watering;

- Reduced need for chemical weed killers or herbicides;

- Stimulated growth in that mulched trees grow faster;

- Reduced soil compaction;
- Nourishment of soil by adding nutrients through decomposition; and
- Increased earthworm population, which allows for better aeration.

Simply in terms of aesthetics, the annual use of chips helped me to sculpt my planting groupings at a high elevation, and the color of the chips blended more naturally into the informal garden.

My mind and body would always feel in full harmony with my garden's good looks by the time frost set in. Then, I returned to my NordicTrack until spring beckoned me to my planting schedule, my real outside workout. I miss it.

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A Panoply of Wine Consumer Preferences and Profiles



By Nick Antonaccio

As I pen this column each week, I frequently come across surveys that attempt to capture a plethora of wine-related data and statistics. Given my career background in

finance, I tend to pause, review, assess and draw an inference (rarely a conclusion) on the underlying trends and influences in this wine-centric research.

When I accumulate this data, themes for wine columns bubble into my consciousness. Recent columns that have germinated from this scouring of the Internet have focused on millennials' drinking preferences, the standard deviation of the effectiveness of various corks as bottle closure and comparative grape harvest statistics.

As you may imagine, there are countless surveys and studies for which there is either a lack of space in this column or are so focused that they do not merit significant coverage. This week I've decided to regale you with several statistics on the drinking and buying habits of American wine consumers. In no particular order and without any overwhelming central theme, I present a subjective snapshot of the state of the American wine market.

An excellent source of wine consumer data comes from Dr. Liz Thach, Master of Wine, and Dr. Angelo Camillo, of the

Wine Business Institute at Sonoma State University. Each year they poll a hand-selected group to assess the mood and habits of American wine consumers. Herein, a selection of data culled from their most recent report, some verbatim:

1. What is the level of oenological knowledge of Americans? Fifty percent of

the survey group profess intermediate knowledge, 15 percent as advanced and 3 percent as connoisseurs. The other 32 percent? They confess to knowing very little about wine. The United States is the largest consumer of wine in

the world, yet nearly a third of the wine consumers in the study don't have a basic knowledge of wine. But maybe these are the abstainers among us.

2. So, how much do Americans consume? The FDA has set a safe guideline at two glasses each day for men, one for women. Fifty percent in the survey drink several days a week, 17 percent once a week and the remaining 33 percent less. Perhaps there is no statistical correlation between frequency and consumption. (The FDA specifies daily intake, not cumulative. Abstaining for several days and then binge drinking is not within the guidelines.)

3. Do consumers favor sweet or dry

wines? I was surprised by the responses. The survey questions were presented as a check-all-that-apply mishmash from which it is difficult to draw any objective conclusions. The responses: Those who prefer dry wines, 36 percent; sweet, 38 percent; and semi-sweet, 45 percent. Those red blends that are popular in wine shops are satiating America's sweet tooth.

4. When asked the factors considered when deciding which wine to purchase (check all that apply), here are the top five responses from survey participants. How do your decisions compare? Price: 80 percent; brand: 69 percent; varietal: 33 percent; country of origin: 33 percent; and rating score: 23 percent.

5. How much is spent on a bottle of wine? For home consumption, the sweet spot is \$11 to \$15, but for a special occasion it's \$50 to \$99. At a restaurant, the average is \$31 to \$45, although 31 percent order wine by the glass. Where do you fall on this spectrum?

6. When do consumers typically consume a bottle of wine after purchase? Within 24 hours: 20 percent; within two to three days: 31 percent; and within one to two weeks: 39 percent. Another surprise for me. I assumed most consumers purchased wine for immediate

consumption. Not so.

7. So what wines are Americans drinking these days? The 10 most popular wine varietals sold in wine shops last year (in order, by sales volume) were Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Grigio/Pinot Gris, Red Blends, Merlot, Moscato, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, White Zinfandel and Rosé Blends. Quite diverse, I must say, with a few eye-openers for me. How do your preferences compare?

In our 21st century web-centric world, data gathering and usage influence our decision-making and opinion-setting. Why should our wine-centric choices and preferences be different?

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Sandbox Theatre's 'Noises Off' Coming to White Plains Performing Arts Center

By Neal Rentz

Most youth theater productions are musicals, but the Westchester Sandbox Theatre will be presenting something different this weekend in White Plains.

Westchester Sandbox Theatre performers in grades eight through 12 are having the chance to stretch their creative muscles by presenting the British farce "Noises Off" on Feb. 8 through 10 at the White Plains Performing Arts Center. The cast was rehearsing the farce last week.

The play's director is Jason Summers, the Sandbox Theatre's artistic director. Summers said last week the company has its performers put on one non-musical play per season to give them a chance to do something different.

Summers explained why "Noises Off" was chosen to be the company's latest production. "I've loved it for a very long time," he said.

"Noises Off," which was written by Michael Frayn, originally opened in London, England in 1982. "It's been done several times on Broadway," Summers said.

Summers said the three-act play is about a fictional theater company. The play is a challenge for performers because they not only have to play characters, they have to play characters that are portraying other characters in the fictional play,



PHOTO COURTESY OF WESTCHESTER SANDBOX THEATRE

The Westchester Sandbox Theatre will present "Noises Off," from Feb. 8 through 10 at the White Plains Performing Arts Center. Performers are shown above at a rehearsal on Feb. 1 in the Mamaroneck home of the Sandbox Theatre.

Summers said. Performing "Noises Off" effectively takes precise timing and the understanding among the actors that laughs are generated in "Noises Off" not from conventional joke punchlines, Summers said.

By the third act the actors in "Noises Off" are nearly at the end of their run

and strained relationships show among the characters for comic results, Summers said.

Rehearsing the show "has been a challenge" for the young actors, Summers said. The cast has had only six weeks to rehearse and most of the preparation has taken place at the Mamaroneck home

of the Westchester Sandbox Theatre, he noted. The actors were slated to begin rehearsing at the White Plains Performing Arts Center on Feb. 2, less than a week before the first performance, Summers said.

"We've done a tremendous amount of work over a very short period of time," Summers said.

The White Plains Performing Arts Center is located at 11 City Place, on the third floor. Performances are scheduled for Feb. 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. and on Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$21. To purchase tickets and to find out more about the show visit <https://wppac.com/shows/noises-off/>.

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Valentine's Day: A Time to Romance Over Food and Wine



By Morris Gut

Amore! The coupling of good food and wine with the sensual is the aphrodisiac of literature and verse through the ages. Pucker up! Valentine's Day is Thursday, Feb. 14. Warm things up

a bit, make a whole weekend out of it. Restaurants and nightspots in Westchester are gearing up to serve some of their most titillating specialties. Here is an eclectic round-up of delectable dishes and dining venues for you and your loved one and don't forget to reserve early...



Porterhouse Steak for Two at Hurley's.

Teasing Tacos and Tapas at Don Jito, Mamaroneck

This popular new spot in Mamaroneck serves a tempting fusion of Mediterranean and Latin cuisines with pizzazz via talented Executive Chef Luis Casenas. Tacos and Tapas, they like to say. Dark woods, brick and brown textured leather are reminiscent of a Spanish wine cellar. Let Sue Vitiello and the staff help you through such house specialties as: fresh-made Arepas, Chorizo Flatbread, Donjito Wings, Pulpo a la Plancha; Tacos with a variety of fillings, short rib barbacoa is a favorite; Paella Barcelona; Chicken Enchiladas; or marinated Skirt Steak. There are house made Churros and Tres Leches Cake for dessert. Open daily for lunch and dinner and Sunday brunch. Inviting bar area. Don Jito, 122 Mamaroneck Ave., Mamaroneck. Phone: 914-902-5486. The same group has a sister restaurant in Scarsdale called: Popojito. www.donjito.com.

Classic Surroundings at Luka's, White Plains

Luka's Italian Cuisine, a multi-section 150-seat restaurant and bar/lounge, opened on West Post Road, White Plains, at the former site of Ernesto's. The restaurant has undergone a major renovation: antique white and pastel walls surround the enclosed sparking bar area from the main 55-seat dining room. Recent tastings have included: a fine Hot Antipasto for two, chocked full of baked clams, fried calamari, eggplant rollatini and stuffed mushrooms; a refreshing Insalata di Pere, arugula salad with pear, goat cheese, walnuts and shaved parmesan cheese with a balsamic

dressing; hearty Fettuccine Bolognese in a tasty meat sauce; and a classic version of Vitello Saltimbocca, medallions of veal topped with prosciutto di Parma and melted mozzarella in a rosemary wine sauce over a bed of spinach. Luka's, 130 W. Post Road, White Plains. 914-607-3535. www.lukasitaliancuisineny.com.

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Porterhouse for Two at Hurley's Steakhouse, New Rochelle

Seasoned restaurateur Paul Hurley has opened a handsome 90-seat gastro-pub next to the Avalon complex offering such



Orecchiette Pasta with Peas and Pancetta at Luka's.

amenities as a cozy fireplace, dark wood and brick walls, separate bar/lounge and full-service dining room featuring such specialties as a seafood Raw Bar, Porterhouse Steak for two, Colorado Rack of Lamb, Prime Beef Short Ribs, and a loaded 10 oz. 'Queen of the Sound' prime beef Burger stacked with lettuce, tomato, American cheese, fried oysters, sautéed mushrooms, smoked bacon on a brioche bun. Daily happy hours from 4 to 7 p.m. feature \$1 oysters. Open daily for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. Municipal and valet parking. Hurley's Steakhouse, 15 Division St., New Rochelle. 914-738-6000. www.hurleyssteakhouse.com.

Titillating Antipasti at La Boca, White Plains

Chef/proprietor Tony Spiritoso has brought his vintage bright red slicing machines along wherever he has been,

and they are ready to roll. Breads are served in folded paper bags. And the wine selection is among the best in Westchester. A titillating combination for the palate. The name 'La Bocca' comes from the famous open-mouthed statue in Italy 'La Bocca Della Verita' (the mouth of truth) via the classic film 'Roman Holiday'. Tony and his son in law Alessandro and the veteran staff will take good care of you. Great menu starters right now also include: Crespelle Fiorentino, eggplant

rollatine with ricotta cheese and spinach in a pink sauce; Mozzarella di Bufala, Buffalo mozzarella served with tomato and basil; Insalata Contadina, arugula, pear, walnuts and bleu cheese; Polpo alla Calabrese, octopus sautéed with cherry tomato,

hot pepper, garlic and oil; and Tony's popular Saporì d' Italia, a selection of Italian delicatessen. La Bocca, 8 Church Street, White Plains. 914-948-3281. www.laboccaristorante.com.

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Cocktails and a View at La Piccola Casa, Mamaroneck

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King Crab Leg Platter at Artie's Steak & Seafood.

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Morris Gut is a restaurant marketing consultant and former restaurant trade magazine editor. He has been tracking and writing about the food and dining scene in greater Westchester for 30 years. He may be reached at: 914-235-6591. E-mail: gutreaactions@optonline.net.



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NOTICE 2/2019 Please be advised that the next meeting of the Putnam Valley Planning Board will be held at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday February 11, 2019 for the purpose of considering the following applications: Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm AGENDA SKETCH 1.Homeland Towers, LLC- 265-273 Oscawana Lake Road (TM# 72.16-1-23/File: 2018-0186) The

subject property consists of + 12.1 acres of land and is located on 265-273 Oscawana Lake Road and within the CN Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to lease an area of the parcel in order to construct a 160 foot monopole with antennas, together with related equipment within a fenced compound. **2. Orentreich, David, 855 Route 301 (TM#39.-1-9/File 2019-0189)** The subject property consists of + 73.94 acres of land and is located on 855 Route 301 and within the PC Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a 2,200 sq.ft. improvement to be utilized for equipment storage. Amended Site Plan approval and Major Grading Permit are required. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 3. Approve Minutes of January 14, 2019

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Wednesday, Feb. 6

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 Music Conservatory of Westchester Piano Quartet - Silvia Grendze, violin, Suzanne Wagon, viola, Diana Golden, cello, Sarai Buchanan, piano, offer a program of virtuosic works. A Downtown Music Debut. 12:10 p.m. 30-minute concert. Free admission, donations accepted.

Which Craft? Wednesday. Tape-gami. Learn how to create shapes and structures

by folding masking tape like origami. 4 to 5 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Poetry Slam & Open Mic. SLAM competition and feature performances from guest poet Melania-Luisa Marte, a first generation American. She was born in the Bronx and raised in the Lower East Side of New York City. Her multi-cultured upbringing inspires her to write about navigating the world as a native Spanish speaker of Afro-Dominican descent. She is also a member of the 2017 and 2018 Dallas Poetry Slam Team currently ranking 5th in the nation. Marte was a finalist at the 2017 Texas Grand Slam Poetry Competition and ranked 5th in the 2018 Women of The World Poetry Slam Competition and was just recently a finalist at the 2018 Individual World Poetry Slam Competition in San Diego. She is the founder of "Melanin Goddess" a Dallas based feminist healing collective for WOC. Her debut collection of poetry, MELA, was released November of 2018. To take part in the open mic or slam, register between 6:30 and 7 p.m. Slam poets should bring at least one original poem of up to 3 minutes. Registration closes promptly at 7 p.m., and the program starts shortly thereafter. Co-hosted by local poet and slam-master Eric ZORK Alan.

All are welcome. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Thursday, Feb. 7

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: Typing properly for teens. 4 to 5 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

STEM Buddies. Children in grades 1-4 can sign up at the Compass Desk in the Trove to work on STEM activities in small groups for 30 minutes with teen volunteers or college students. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Joni 75: A Birthday Celebration: Join an incredible array of singers and musicians who came together to honor one of the world's most remarkable artists, Joni Mitchell, on her 75th birthday. The hand-

selected group of peers and protégés including Brandi Carlile, Glen Hansard, Emmylou Harris, Norah Jones, Chaka Khan, Diana Krall, Kris Kristofferson, Los Lobos with La Marisoul, Cesar Castro and Xochi Flores, Graham Nash, Seal, James Taylor, Rufus Wainwright and many others who paid tribute to the iconic artist, performing songs from all stages of Mitchell's life and career, across her entire catalog of 19 studio albums. The concert was captured over two nights in November 2018 by The Music Center at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles, along with special behind-the-scenes interviews with the artists. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$25. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Friday, Feb. 8

Hoff-Barthelson Music School's Faculty Concert Series: Musical Potpourri. An eclectic mix of musical selections, both familiar and new. Works to be performed include Charles Loeffler's Two Rhapsodies for Oboe, Viola and Piano; Johannes Brahms' Variations on a Theme by Haydn arranged for two

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..... EXAMINER SPORTS NY Knicks Start Over Again, Fizdale Thankful for Westchester Knicks

By Albert Coqueran

On Friday, Feb. 1, after the NY Knicks first game since their blockbuster trade, Head Coach David Fizdale made it clear that he fully understands the benefits of having their NBA G League affiliate the Westchester Knicks located close by in Westchester County.

"We communicate a lot back-and-forth and anytime we are in the same town, they are in our practices coaching and helping us. So am I am not surprised about those guys having success because they have been working at the same stuff as our big team," stated Fizdale.

The trade heard around the world sent the NY Knicks supposedly hope for the future Kristaps Porzingis, leading scorer Tim Hardaway, Jr., Trey Burke and Courtney Lee to the Dallas Mavericks for point guard Dennis Smith, Jr. center DeAndre Jordan, guard/forward Wesley Matthews and two future First-Round Draft picks.

The seemingly impromptu deal caught fans, media and even NBA insiders by surprise, on Thursday, Jan. 31. But more importantly, it left Fizdale short potent manpower for the Knicks game the next day against the Boston Celtics.

The trade was official immediately, ushering Hardaway, Burke, Lee and the injured Porzingis out of the Madison Square Garden door, while welcoming Smith, Jordan and Matthews into the "World's Most Famous Arena" but unprepared to suit-up.

On Friday, when the Knicks starting line-up was introduced at MSG, it included center Luke Kornet, who signed a NBA G League Two-Way player contract with NY Knicks in 2017. Kornet spent a lot of time honing his skills assigned to the Westchester Knicks last season. This year Kornet signed a one-year NBA contract with the NY Knicks.

The starting five also included Damyean Dotson, who sent much of last season assigned to the Westchester Knicks but joined the NY Knicks roster at the end



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

NY Knicks Head Coach David Fizdale found himself in a media blitz after the blockbuster trade that sent Kristaps Porzingis, Tim Hardaway, Jr., Trey Burke and Courtney Lee to the Dallas Mavericks. However, with about \$72 million in salary cap space created by the trade, Fizdale eyes the future. "All I do is look forward. I am really excited about our future," he said.

of last season and has cemented himself as a viable asset to the NBA Knicks. Dotson scored 22 points and grabbed six rebounds against Boston.

Also, with Emmanuel Mudiay injured, Kadeem Allen, who signed a Two-Way contract with the NY Knicks on Jan. 14, the day before his 26th birthday, assumed the position of starting point guard. Allen became the eighth player in Westchester Knicks history to earn a Call-up when he joined the NBA affiliate Knicks on Jan. 28.

"I really was not thinking about being called-up because I knew my time would come. I was just playing basketball and eventually God blessed me to be in this position and I am taking advantage of my opportunity," said Allen.

Furthermore, Two-Way player Isaiah Hicks is also well known at the Westchester County Center and Allonzo

Trier, who became the first Two-Way player to sign an NBA contract within the first two months, came off the bench for Fizdale, against Boston.

Yes, there was a blockbuster trade in the NBA, the previous day. But while covering

both the G League Westchester Knicks and their NBA affiliate NY Knicks, I found myself thinking throughout the game as the Knicks played the Celtics, "Thank heaven for the Westchester Knicks!"

"Coach (Mike) Miller has done a heck of a job developing these guys. We really try to have a seamless flow between our G League team and our team. We try to run the same stuff, use the same system, the same terminology and the same levels of accountability," explained Fizdale.

So the NY Knicks surprised the world and traded Porzingis, who if he remains healthy will certainly be some NBA team's superstar in the near future. The Knicks blew-up the team once again, as the organization did under different management in 2011, when they traded, Danilo Gallinari, Wilson Chandler, Raymond Felton and Timofey Mosgov to the Denver Nuggets to attain Carmelo Anthony and Chauncey Billups.

However, this time they have created about \$72 million in salary cap space. I sure hope the gamble pays off in the lucrative free agent market this offseason and brings more than three consecutive Playoff appearances with only one playoff series win and one Atlantic Division title, as was the results of the 2011 trades.

As the NY Knicks start over again this season, there is more than enough "space" to bring a NBA Championship to "The World's Most Famous Arena" by 2021.



NY Knicks Two-Way player point guard Kadeem Allen has the rare ability to make players better around him. He averaged 6.2 assists, 5.2 rebounds and nearly 15 points per game with the Westchester Knicks before getting a Call-up to the NY Knicks on January 28.



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..... EXAMINER SPORTS WPHS Lady Tigers Beat Scarsdale, 50-45, for Fifth League Win

By Albert Coqueran

The White Plains High School Girls Basketball Team is primed for a good postseason this year. With six games, including four league games remaining in the regular season, the Lady Tigers are on top of Section 1 Conference 1-B, with a 9-5 overall and league leading 5-1 record.

On Thursday, Jan.31, the Lady Tigers

survived a strong test from Conference 1-B rival Scarsdale High School. At the end of a disastrous offensive effort in the first quarter, the Lady Tigers were losing 11-3. However, White Plains outscored Scarsdale, 18-6, in the second quarter to take the lead 21-17. Then the Lady Tigers held the Raiders again to a mere six points in the third quarter to take a nine point lead, 32-23.

"We had to make a change and recognize that teams are not going to come at you lightly. They are going to come at you with a vengeance because they know it is getting close to playoff time," commented Head Coach Benjamin Carter

Nonetheless, the Lady Raiders came to play and the fourth quarter was a trial of wills. The game was tied four times in the fourth quarter with the Raiders hitting four three-pointers to take the lead 40-37, midway through the quarter.

But with 4:30 left in the game, of course, it became "Reggio" time. Julia Reggio, the Lady Tigers junior basketball prodigy scored nine points in the fourth quarter, including shooting 7-for-7 from the foul line to seal the game. "I have been working extra hard on my free throws making sure my arch was high," said Reggio, who finished the game with 22 points and 10 rebounds.

Reggio's supporting cast is not bad either. Tigers junior guard Savannah Williams scored eight points in the game with four of her scores coming in that crucial fourth quarter. Eighth grader Aliya McIver displayed she can handle big game pressure by driving to the hoop and scoring to give the Lady Tigers the lead with one minute left in the game.

But it was still either team's game to win with 13.3 seconds remaining when Tigers senior Kennedy Leak blocked the



Lady Tigers junior Julia Reggio displayed she has "ice in her veins" when it comes to securing a win. Reggio shot 7-for-7 from the foul line in the fourth quarter and finished the game with 22 points and 10 rebounds as the Lady Tigers beat Scarsdale 50-45.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Senior Kennedy Leak drives to the hoop for two points. Leak only scored two points in the game but she scrapped for loose balls and played stellar defense, including blocking a crucial Raiders inbound pass in the fourth quarter as the Lady Tigers beat Scarsdale for their fifth league win this season.

Tigers Eisaiah Murphy is the Lohud "Player of the Week" for Jan. 21-27

By Albert Coqueran

Eisaiah Murphy is the workhorse and leading scorer for the White Plains Boys Basketball Team. The junior guard is a three-year varsity player who has improved each season. Murphy is averaging 21 points per game this season, while leading the Tigers to one of their most productive seasons in years. The Tigers record thus far this season is 10-6 overall and 3-0 Conference 1-D, putting them in first place in their Conference.

Murphy finally received the credit he deserves for his efforts when he was voted Lohud "Player of the Week" for the week of Jan. 21-27. Murphy had come close to winning the award many times and finally won the distinction by a landslide margin of 1246 votes. Murphy tallied 2, 046 votes while second place Nicholas Townsend of Horace Greely received 800 votes.

Murphy averaged 26.5 points per game during the week of Jan. 21-27. On Jan. 23, Murphy scored 25 points, secured five rebounds and dished four assists but the Tigers were edged by Scarsdale, 77-75. However, Murphy ran away with the voting when he netted



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30 points, which included eight three-pointers in the Tigers win over Ossining, 84-38, on Jan. 25.

Murphy's eight three-pointers against Ossining was his career high in a game. The Tigers basketball team also broke the school record for three-pointers in a game by hitting 17 from behind the arch. Congratulations to WPHS junior Eisaiah Murphy, the Lohud "Player of the Week" for Jan. 21-27!

Happenings

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pianos, Opus 56; Astor Piazzolla's exciting Libertango arranged for two pianos and cello; Wilhelm Killmayer's Five Romances for cello and piano; Mozart's Piano Sonata for Four Hands in G Major, K. 357; and original works by faculty member Jacob Friedman. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Seniors (60 and up): \$15. Students: Free. Info and tickets: 914-723-1169 or e-mail hb@hbms.org.

"Rent." The Random Farms Kids' Theater will present this play written by Jonathan Larson about how these young bohemians negotiate their dreams, loves and conflicts, providing the narrative thread to this groundbreaking musical. More than 50 local teens will perform in four different casts in eight shows over two weekends. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$20. Premium seating: \$25. Also Feb. 9 and 10 at 2 and 8 p.m. Info and tickets: Visit www.randomfarms.com. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Mother Goose Story Time. A half hour of rhymes, songs and stories that

inbound pass and fought for a jump ball with the score tied 45-45. It was then the Raiders committed the ultimate error by committing an Intentional Foul on the inbound pass. Reggio made the free throws and the Tigers were also awarded possession of the ball. Reggio went 4-for-4 from the foul line in the last 13 seconds of the game to secure the Lady Tigers win, encourage early literacy skills for ages 0-2 with a caregiver. 11 to 11:30 a.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Sunday, Feb. 10

The Phil's Friends and Family Concert. Teaming up with the world-renowned, Tony-decorated Savion Glover ("The Tap Dance Kid," "Bring in Da' Noise, Bring in Da' Funk," "Happy Feet"), the Westchester Phil and Maestra Rachael Worby have planned a unique and unforgettable collaboration of music and dance, with Worby offering a special "guided tour" through the music to delight audiences of all ages. Glover will perform the "Tap Dance Concerto," the only work of its kind in all symphonic repertoire, composed by mid-century master Morton Gould. Then flipping the calendar on its head with Vivaldi's Baroque masterpiece, "Four Seasons," Glover will perform an improvisational duet with the violin soloist, Philharmonic concertmaster Robert Chausow. Purchase College's Performing Arts Center, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. Pre-concert discussion at 2 p.m. Concert at 3 p.m. \$40 to \$97. Children 12 and under accompanied by an adult: Free. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.



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