

Conservatory raises \$6G for quake relief

WHITE PLAINS — The Music Conservatory of Westchester raised \$6,000 from ticket sales and donations at a recent benefit jazz concert supporting the relief efforts in Japan. Donations continue to pour in at the conservatory, which will send all money to the American Red Cross' earthquake and Pacific tsunami victims. The special concert was organized by acclaimed faculty pianist and Osaka native Hiroshi Yamazaki, who told a near sold-out audience he felt compelled to do something following the tragic events in his native Japan. Yamazaki produced the event by recruiting friends and celebrated musicians Bill Crow (bass), Sean Smith (bass), Jan Leder (flute), Takeshi Ogura (guitar), Andrew Beals (alto sax), Tony Jefferson (drums), Bob Arthurs (trumpet), Jeff Siegel (drums), Ted Rosenthal (piano), Nadav Snir Zelniker (drums), Noriko Ueda (bass) and John Cutrone (drums).

— Submitted by Music Conservatory of Westchester

Gateway Center adds new staffers

VALHALLA — The Gate-



Local musician and Music Conservatory teacher Rale Micic, left, is among the performers during the closing jam session at the Music Conservatory of Westchester's Japan relief benefit concert, which raised \$6,000 to assist in Japan's recovery. **JON CHATTMAN**

way Center at Westchester Community College has hired three new members. Eridania Camacho is the new assistant director, Eileen McKee is the director of the Welcome Center and Frank Locatelli is the director of the Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies.

Gateway helps the college address the educational needs of the county's increasingly diverse popula-

tion. The \$40 million center houses business, language, volunteer and international student programs, as well as the college's English Language Institute and the Professional Development Center, which offers corporate training.

— Submitted by WCC

Paredes elected to FSW board

WHITE PLAINS — Perla Paredes of White Plains has

been elected to the board of directors of Family Services of Westchester. Paredes was born and raised in the Philippines and came to the United States 20 years ago to work as a missionary for her church. She worked on FSW's Head Start Policy Council and, in November, was voted its



Perla Paredes



From left, UJA-Federation of New York Westchester Campaign Chair Stu Seltzer of Mamaroneck, event chair Leslie Effron Levin of White Plains, Paula Zahn and David Zaslav. **UJA-FEDERATION OF NEW YORK WESTCHESTER**

president, according to Susan Wayne, FSW's president and chief executive officer.

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UJA division holds spring breakfast

WHITE PLAINS — Emmy Award-winning journalist Paula Zahn sat down with David Zaslav, president and chief executive officer of Discovery Communications, for a one-on-one interview at UJA-Federation of New York's Westchester Division's 2011 Spring Breakfast. The event at Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale attracted more than 240 attendees.

Zahn and Zaslav discussed Discovery's 100-plus worldwide networks and the future of the cable communications industry.

The gathering also heard from Mitch Rudin of Scarsdale, who returned the previous week from a UJA-Federation mission to Ethiopia and Israel. Leslie Effron Levin and Yuval Marcus, both of White Plains, served as chairs of the event. Ron Klausner, a Chappaqua resident, and Ann K. Silver, a White Plains resident, chair UJA-Federation's Westchester Business and Professional Division.

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