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'Ciao Philadelphia' Together We Mark Columbus Day!!



CIAO PHILADELPHIA highlights Columbus Day celebration at City Hall Conversation Hall with reception. Welcoming guests were, from left, Joe Jacovini, chairman of Dilworth Paxson's executive committee; Deputy Mayor Michael DiBerardinis; and Consul General of Italy in Phila. Andrea Canepari. See our Columbus Day commemorations starting Page 3.

Rain Or Shine, There's Always Time For Wine At Vendemmia Festival!



EMCEE Bob Pantano and State Rep. **Maria Donatucci** share in spirit of vineyard. Donatucci couldn't stay for entire event because Gov. Tom Wolf needed her back at the Capitol. Bob will be spinning records at Popi's this fall every Friday night. More Pics Page 17.

Photo by Maria Merlino

Unveiling Historical Marker



HELPING unveil historical marker dedicated to St. John the Evangelist Church at 13th & Ludlow are Councilman Mark Squilla, Senator Larry Farnese, Lt. Gov. Mike Stack and historian Celeste Morello.

Photo by Harry Leech

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Ciao Philadelphia Events Throughout October

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Oct 8- From Falafel to Fetuccini, American Jewish Committee, Giovanni's Bar & Grill
Oct 8- Dante at the Bell Tower, Temple University's Italian Program, Temple University Bell Tower
Oct 8, 15- Film Series on Pasolini & Post-Colonialism, Italian Program,

St. Joseph's Univ., Forum Theater
Oct 8, 9, 10, 11- Columbus Day Parade & Festival, 1492 Society, South 9th Street Business Association, South Philadelphia
Oct 9, 11- La Traviata, Opera Philadelphia, Academy of Music
Oct 9, 10, 11- Sinatra: A

Centennial Celebration, Philly Pops, Verizon Hall - Kimmel Center
Oct 9, 16, 23, 30- The Art of Italy, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia Museum of Art
Oct 10- Deana Martin Live in Concert, Philly Pops, Perelman Theater
Oct 10- Italian Art & Inspiration, Abraham Lin-

coln Foundation of Union League, Union League
Oct 11- A Tribute to Mario Lanza, Munier Mandolin & Guitar Orchestra, Order Sons of Italy, Venice Island Performing Arts Center
Oct 12- Wreath-Laying Ceremony, State Lodge of Penna., Order Sons of Italy, Penn's Landing

and Marconi Plaza
Oct 13- Climate-Proof Cities, Drexel University, MacAlister Hall, Drexel
Oct 14, 21, 28- Learning from the Masters, Penna. Academy of Fine Arts, Penna. Academy of Fine Arts
Oct 15- Studio Incamminati: Steeped in Tradition, Training for the Future, Studio Incamminati School for Contemporary Realist Art, Studio Incamminati

Oct 24, 25- AZA'IO Italian Children's Opera: American Premiere, International Opera Theater, String Theory School Theater
Oct 24- Introducing B Cell City, Temple University, Sbarro Health Research Organization, CAM Art Co. Performing Arts Center, Temple
Oct 24- I piccoli cittadini: incontro di educazione civica per bambini, Consulate General of Italy in Phila, Consulate

Oct 17- Festa dei Friulani, EFASCE of Phila., Venetian Social Club
Oct 18, 25- Christopher Columbus Wreath-Laying Ceremony & ARA Delco Gala, ARA Delco, Christopher Columbus Ass'n, Sons & Daughters of Italy, Delaware Co.

Oct 19- Italian Economy & the Spirit of Entrepreneurship Panel, Drexel Univ., Drexel
Oct 20- Lectures: The Difference Italy Makes, Villanova Univ., Villanova

Oct 20, 23- Film & Lecture Series: Immigration & Post-Colonialism, Italian Program, St. Joseph's Univ., Foley Center, St. Joseph's
Oct 21- 90 Years of Italian Automotive Innovation, Simeone Foundation, Simeone Museum

Oct 22- The Mediterranean, Bridge or Wall: Immigration in Italy in 2015, American Univ. of Rome, Consulate General of Italy
Oct 23- Images of the Divine, Reading Public Museum, Reading Public Museum, Reading, Pa.

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Oct 26- Exploring the Workshop of Pietro da Cortona, Villanova Univ. Italian Consulate General
Oct 28- Bravio delle Botti - Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, Penna. Academy of Fine Arts, Vetri's Family Restaurants, Lo Spiedo, Navy Yard
Oct 28- Italian Cinema Night, Modern Languages Dept., Widener Univ., Freedom Hall, Widener, Chester, Pa.
Oct 28, 29, 30- Inaugural American Italian Symposium in Pediatrics, Children's Hospital of Phila. Colket Jr. Translation Research Bldg.
Oct 29, 30- Guido Gozzano: Memory & Innovation, Center for Italian Studies of Upenn, University of Penna.
Oct 30- A Night of Italian Wine & Cheese: Tasting and Talk, Drexel Univ. Center for Hospitality & Sport Management, Academic Bistro, Drexel

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OUR OPINION

Local Oversight Needed

The School Reform Commission came into being when then Mayor John Street conned Gov. Tom Ridge into taking control of the Philadelphia School District in turn for guaranteeing adequate state funding.

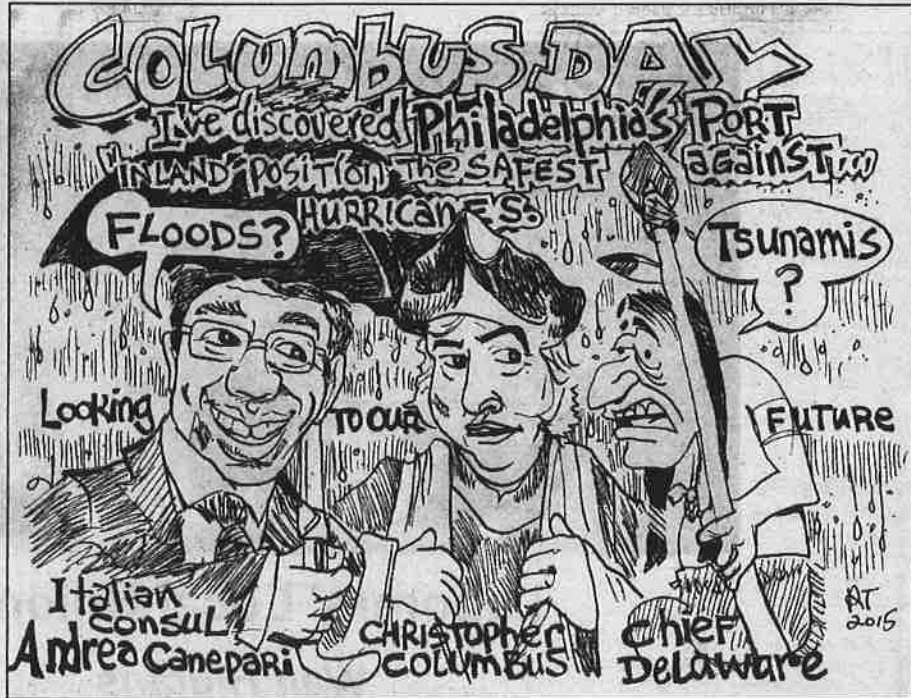
Since then, we have been on a rollercoaster ride as far as ensuring public-school students a stable educational environment goes.

This week, State Auditor General Eugène DePasquale exposed the failure of the Pennsylvania Dept. of Education to provide even that, saying that department is guilty of a dereliction of its duty. Our kids are paying the price in spades.

So what is the solution? More local control and oversight by City Council, less by the School Reform Commission. District Council Members should jump at the opportunity to have a line-by-line say in what the School District does with the money it gets. The effort to seek such a return to local control would be welcomed by the City Controller, who would be an additional investigatory arm for City Council.

But, as we see it, odds are against turning back the clock to a time when providing a decent education was a much simpler chore.

But, then again, other than John Street, no Mayor in recent memory will have the training Jim Kenney will bring to the office of Mayor. We welcome his thoughts on this subject.



Oct. 8- JEVS Human Services hosts Strictly Business event, premiere networking and awards luncheon honoring employers and inspiring employees at Sheraton Phila. Downtown Hotel, 201 N. 17th St., 11 a.m. For info <https://jevshumanservices.org/events/strictly-business/> or (215) 854-1800.

Oct. 8- Gov. Tom Wolf and John Dougherty host Reception for Judge Kevin Dougherty at IBEW Local 98, 4-7 p.m. RSVP Jessica Squadroni (215) 858-5807.

Oct. 8- Justice for Joe Dougherty Appeal Party is hosted at DC 21 Ha., 2980 Southampton Rd., 6-9 p.m.

Oct. 8- Chinatown Night Mkt. (Ye Shi) runs 7-11 p.m. For info Betsy Lee blee@chinatown-pcdc.org.

Oct. 9- State Rep. John Taylor hosts Senior Expo at Cocksink Rec Ctr., Cedar & Cambria Sts, 10 a.m.-12 m. For info (215) 425-0901, (215) 708-3139 or (215) 744-2600.

Oct. 9- Columbus Day City Council Proclamation at City Council, City Ha., Rm. 400. All invited.

Oct. 9- N.E. Catholic Alumni Ass'n hosts comedian Joe Conklin at Fundraiser at Mariana Bracetti Acad. Charter Sch., 1842 Torresdale Ave., formerly N.E. Catholic HS, doors open 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$30. Make checks payable to N.E. Catholic Alumni Ass'n and mail to PO Box 7005, Phila., PA 19149. Fund gives away \$261,000 a year for Catholic education. For info Alumni Office (215) 543-1051 or Albert P. Waskiewicz, Jr., Phila. Boat Supply, (215) 332-5117.

Oct. 9- Democratic 42nd Ward Leader Blaine Tomlin hosts Fish Fry at Champagne, 21 E. Chelton Ave., 5-9 p.m. Tickets \$12. For info Sharon Vaughn (215) 329-0462 or

Lichee Rbett (856) 361-3102.
Oct. 10- State Rep. John Taylor hosts Community Shredding at Cottman & Frankford Aves., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For info (215) 708-3139.

Oct. 10- Phila. Hero Thrill Show is held outside Wells Fargo Ctr., 3601 S. Broad St., starting 12 m. Jimmy Binns leads all-star lineup. Tickets \$10, families \$25 (5 tickets, half price). Available at local police stations, firehouses citywide, or visit www.herotrillshow.org.

Oct. 10- St. Maron Ch. hosts Fall Haffli at 10th & Ellsworth Sts., Church Ha., 7 p.m. Live Middle Eastern entertainment. Adult tickets \$45, Students \$25, Children under 12 \$15. For reservation (215) 389-2000.

Oct. 10- State Rep Mike Driscoll hosts Comedy Hour at Ashburner Inn, 8400 Torresdale Ave., 7:30-10:30 p.m. MC Joe Callahan, featuring Scotti and Grover Silcox. Ticket \$50. For more info call Jack (215) 284-7587.

Oct. 11- Friends of Christine

Hope 2015 host Fundraiser at Ashburner Inn, 8400 Torresdale Ave., 1-4 p.m. Donations \$50. Checks payable to "Friends of Christine Hope 2015", 3331 Bleigh St., Phila., PA 19136. For info Dan Grace (215) 671-9850.

Oct. 13- 65th Ward meets at Ashburner Inn, 8400 Torresdale Ave., 7 p.m.

Oct. 13- Cambodian businesses network at Cambodian Comm. Ctr., 5412 N. 5th St., 5:30-7 p.m.

Oct. 13- Dr. Rob Cavoto hosts Fundraiser for Jim Kenney at Bliss, 220 S. Broad St., 6-8 p.m. Gold \$2,900, Silver \$1,000, Bronze \$500, Supporter \$250. For info robavoto@hotmail.com or (302) 743-6285.

Oct. 14- Breakfast Fundraiser supports Jim Kenney at Galdo's Catering, 20th & Moyamensing Ave., 8-9 a.m. bacon Sponsor \$1,000, Egg Sponsor \$500, Tickets \$250. For info lougald@galdoscaterers.com or (215) 852-4822.

Oct. 14- Councilmanic candidate Al Taubenberger hosts

Grand Oktoberfest Fundraiser at Cannstatter Volksfest Verein, 9130 Academy Rd., 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ward Leaders/Committee people \$30, Patrons \$50. For info (215) 704-0172 or taubenberger2015@gmail.com.

Oct. 15- State Sen. Tina Tartaglione hosts Senior Expo geared toward Spanish-speaking constituents at Community Academy of Phila. Charter Sch., 1100 E. Erie Ave., 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For info Kathy Benton (717) 856-3116.

Oct. 15- Councilmanic candidate Derek Green hosts Fundraiser at Estia, 1405 Locust St., 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$100, Sponsors \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,900. Checks payable to the Green Fund, P.O. Box 4984, Phila., PA 19119. For info Kelly Bauer (610) 217-3751 or kbauer@advantagepep.com.

Oct. 15- Darrell Clarke, Dwight Evans, Jim Kenney and Marian Tasco host Cherelle Parker for Council Reception at Capital Grille,

1338 Chestnut St., 5:30-7:30 pm. Checks payable to "People for Parker", PO Box 27647, Phila. PA 19118.

Oct. 15- State Sen. Shirley Kitchen hosts Clinic for job-seekers with criminal records at Phila. Recovery Comm. Ctr., 1701 W Lehigh Ave., starting 6 p.m. For info (215) 227-6161, ext. 232.

Oct. 16- State Rep. Stephen Kinsey & other leaders host Job Fair at Young Rec. Ctr., 1100 E. Chelton Ave., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For info (215) 849-6592.

Oct. 16- State Rep. John Taylor hosts Reception for Melissa Murray Bailey at Republican City Committee, 3525 Cottman Ave., starting 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 16- Gary Williams hosts Democratic 32nd Ward Fish Fry at Barbers Ha., Broad & Oxford Sts., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Candidates \$35.

Oct. 17- Penna. Supreme Ct. Candidates Forum is held at CCP, Bonnell Bldg., 17th St. betw. Spring Garden & Callowhill, 12-2 p.m.

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Oct. 17- State Rep. Louise Bishop hosts Senior Fair at Prayer of Faith Temple Ch. of Christ, 1541 N. 61st St., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For info (215) 879-6625.

Oct. 17- Councilman candidate Kevin Strickland hosts Fundraiser at Republican City Committee, 3525 Cottman Ave., starting 2 p.m.

Oct. 17- St. Anne's Parish hosts 170th Anniversary Celebration at 2328 E. Lehigh Ave., 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 18- State Sen. John Sabatina hosts Oktoberfest Party at Curran's Irish Inn, 6900 State Rd., 1-5 p.m.

Oct. 19- Democratic City Committee hosts Cocktail Party at Sheet Metal Ha., 1301 S. Columbus Blvd., 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets \$150.

Oct. 19- Lindy Li, a rising star in the Democratic Party, running for represent the constituents of the PA 7th Congressional District hosts cocktails at Parc Rittenhouse, 225 S. 18th St., 5:30-7:30 p.m. For info (267) 356-1653.

Oct. 19- Terry Tracy hosts Fundraiser at Regatta Rm., 201 S. 25th St., 6-8 p.m. Sponsors \$2,500, Individuals \$100-250. For info John Katrina (215) 252-6918.

Oct. 20- State Rep. Mike Driscoll hosts Happy Hour at McGrath's Pub, 202 Locust St., Harrisburg, Pa., 5:30-7:30 p.m. For info Jack (215) 284-7587.

Oct. 20- Bernard Lopez, Democratic 32nd Ward Chair, hosts Fundraiser for MC Judge Stephanie Sawyer at Pyramid Cl., 1735 Market St., 50th fl. Friends \$100, Supporters \$250, Benefactors \$500. For info (215) 317-9232.

Oct. 21- Fundraiser for Democratic City Commission candidate Lisa Deeley at 6 Penna. 6, 114 S. 12th St., 5:30-7:30 p.m. Party Chairman Congressman Bob Brady is Special Guest.

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Community Flocks To Say 'Ciao Philadelphia' In City Hall



MASSIVE turnout of Italians and Italian Americans active in public life in greater Delaware Valley area came to enjoy kickoff in City Hall's Conversation Hall of "Ciao Phila.," a month-long program featuring close and valuable connections between Italy and Phila. area.



DIPLOMATIC corps came together for launch of "Ciao Phila.": from left, Italian Deputy Consul Eugenio Boldrini, Israeli Consul-Exec. Assistant Marsha Flager and Italian Consul Andrea Canepari.



PROUD supporters of Ciao Phila., a monthlong celebration of contemporary Italian economic and cultural might, were Deputy Mayor Michael DiBernardinis, Judge Paul Panepinto and Italian American Heritage Committee member Mario Marano.



FINE ARTS were represented by producer Antonio Lei da Tenulada and soprano Darynn Zimmer.



SONS OF ITALY Dominic Pucci from S. Jersey came out for Ciao Phila. launch at City Hall, arriving with friend publisher Joe Cannavo.



FROM LEFT, Italy-America Chamber of Commerce Exec. Dr. Marco Circelli, Dr. Antonella Cianferoni of CHOP and Deputy Consul Eugenio Boldrini.



SHARING moment were Judge Paul Panepinto with Mary & Mario Marano.



STATE SEN. John Sabatina was delighted to share moment with Italian Consul Andrea Canepari.

Columbus' 1492 Santa Maria Ship Found?

A veteran underwater explorer claimed he has found ship wreckage off the coast of Haiti, the final destination of Christopher Columbus' Santa Maria vessel.

Explorer Barry Clifford believes he has found the famous ship that hit a reef off of Haiti's coastline in 1492.

"All the geographical, underwater topography and archaeological evidence strongly suggests this wreck is Columbus' famous flagship, the Santa Maria," said Clifford.

Haiti has taken an interest

in making resources available to Clifford, helping to assist with his findings. "The Haitian government has been extremely helpful - and we now need to continue working with them to carry out a detailed archaeological excavation of the wreck," he said.

Clifford has yet to physically touch anything at this time. His team has been strictly relegated to measuring and taking pictures of the site.

The explorer said he utilized Columbus' ancient diary. He was able to geo-

graphically pinpoint the area, thanks to prior explorations in the area from 2003.

Several other forms of proof show Clifford and his crew may have in fact found the real wreckage. According to archeology journalist David Keys:

The site is also an exact match in terms of historical knowledge about the underwater topography associated with the loss of the Santa Maria. The local currents are also consistent with what is known historically about the way the vessel drifted immediately prior to its demise.

The footprint of the wreck, represented by the pile of ship's ballast, is also exactly what one would expect from a vessel the size of the Santa Maria.

Using marine magnetometers, side-scan sonar equipment and divers, Mr. Clifford's team has, over several years, investigated more than 400 seabed anomalies off the north coast of Haiti and has narrowed the search for the Santa Maria down to the tiny area where the wreck, which the team thinks may well be Columbus' lost vessel,

has been found.

The Santa Maria was used by Christopher Columbus and crew for his historic journey across the Atlantic Ocean. After it crashed on Dec. 24, 1492, it was destroyed beyond repair.

Afterwards, Columbus and his crew set up a fort in Haiti and named it La Navidad (Christmas), because the shipwreck occurred on Christmas Day. La Navidad is recognized as the first European colony in the New World (Western Hemisphere).