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## Youth Honor Dr. King with Acts of Service



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White Plains Youth Bureau's High School Saturday Academy youth participated in volunteer New York Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on Saturday. They prepared socks and other personal items for the homeless at Lifting Up Westchester, White Plains. Dr. King once said that, "Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

## Loss of SALT Impact on Westchester Real Estate Market

By Pat Casey

Referring to the new tax law recently passed by Congress as a 'tax scam', Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) spoke with White Plains Mayor Tom Roach, North Castle Supervisor Michael Schiliro and Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors (HGAR) president Barry Kramer during a Facebook presentation on Friday. The speakers addressed how the new tax law might affect home ownership in Westchester County.

Lowey, who voted against the tax legislation because she believes it is particularly harmful to residents of New York, said 86 million middle class families would be paying more in taxes.

In particular, Lowey emphasized that the SALT (state and local tax) deduction was a major source of tax fairness for high cost of living and high tax states such as New York.

She explained that in the 17th District, which includes Westchester, 45% of

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## Boykin Elected Chairman of Westchester BOL

Legislator Ben Boykin, (D-White Plains) was elected Board Chairman by the Board of Legislators (BOL) at its Jan. 8 meeting. Chairman Boykin, along with the Democratic Vice Chair, Alfreda Williams; Majority Leader, Catherine Parker and Democratic Whip, MaryJane Shimsky, will form the Democratic team to lead the Board of Legislators for the 2018 - 2019 Legislative Term.

Chairman Boykin, MBA, CPA has 45 years of business experience including executive and managerial positions at Fortune 100 companies in accounting and budgeting, corporate development, organizational restructuring, financial planning and treasury. He managed and restructured complex organizations in North America, Latin America and Europe. He has 25 years of extensive governmental experience including seven years as a member of White Plains School Board and 14 years on the White Plains Common Council where he



Benjamin Boykin was elected chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators during its first meeting of 2018 on Jan. 8.

served three terms as Council President. He is beginning his third two-year term on the County Board. He has held

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## No More Pony Rides at Westchester Winter Wonderland

By Pat Casey

The Westchester County Parks Department and Westchester Parks Foundation are looking for new features to showcase at their annual Winter Wonderland event at Kensico Dam Plaza.

Both pony and camel rides were banned when the safety risks inherent in animal rides ongoing for hours became apparent.

According to a statement from Westchester County Parks Department and Parks Foundation, the decision

was made to remove the animal rides at Westchester's Winter Wonderland for the 2018-2019 season for the best interest of the animals in the program.

However, PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) sent out a press release claiming the decision was made when the organization notified the Westchester Parks Foundation executive director about the cruelty of animal rides.

"The world is no wonderland for camels and ponies forced to carry

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residents depend on the SALT deduction at an average of \$25,000 annually, making the new \$10,000 cap for local and state taxes and income tax an unfair burden.

Barry Kramer said that seniors and first-time homeowners would likely be the most affected by the new tax law.

In White Plains, for example, there could be a 10% to 20% loss of value of homes. As well, the rate of homeownership in the area, which is at 54%, could go down. In other areas, the rate of homeownership currently is at 65% or 70%, Kramer said.

Kramer said HGAR is firmly against the tax reform. "I feel it is a deterrent to homeownership in the area because deciding whether to buy a home or to rent will become a financial rather than a lifestyle decision," he said.

Mayor Tom Roach agreed. "From its beginning, the IRS did not tax money you paid in taxes to local jurisdictions. Localities had priority. Local taxes paid for local services," he said. "This new tax law flips that on its head. Because of the high cost of living in the area, people living here will be inordinately affected."

Roach went on to quote Gov. Andrew Cuomo from his recent State of the State address in which he called New York the Number 1 donor state. "We are a prosperous area and we give much more in money than we get back," Roach

explained. Other states and areas are "receiving states" and those who have spoken so loudly in favor of this tax reform are from those receiving states, Roach added.

Up in North Castle, Supervisor Michael Schiliro said he had been busy collecting the 2018 taxes they could before the end of 2017.

Schiliro is particularly concerned about how the new tax law will affect the mortgage recording tax and building fees, which make up a portion of the North Castle revenue stream.

"We are looking at this on a weekly basis, Schiliro said. "People may not look to expand on or fix up their homes. We saw this for other financial reasons in 2008. We will see if the number of houses sold begins to decline," he said.

Based on the number of people who came forward to pay a portion of their 2018 taxes in advance, Schiliro believes there could be significant impact.

Lowey noted that in her district 17,000 taxpayers paid some portion of their 2018 taxes at an estimated \$51 million. "The IRS has a responsibility to honor these efforts," she said.

Working with Congressman Peter King (R-Nassau, Suffolk), Lowey has prepared legislation to restore the SALT deduction. She and King will continue to work on the bi-partisan effort.

## Boykin Elected Chairman of Westchester BOL

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various leadership roles in business and government. With Westchester County facing a real budget deficit of at least \$100 million, his business acumen, financial expertise and governmental knowledge will be key skills needed as Board Chair at this critical time.

Chairman Ben Boykin said, "I am humbled and honored to serve as Board Chair and to work with all my Colleagues on the Board of Legislators and the Latimer Administration to move Westchester forward. We will have many opportunities and significant challenges ahead but, by working together, we will

make Westchester County a better place to live, work and enjoy."

Legislator Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) served as board chairman for the past four years.

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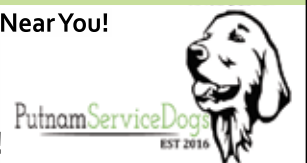
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people on their backs for hours,” said PETA Executive Vice President Tracy Reiman in the statement. “Westchester Parks Foundation did the right thing by agreeing to nix these cruel rides, and PETA is calling on festivals nationwide to follow suit and feature fabulous human entertainment only.”

The PETA statement noted that animals used in traveling exhibits are routinely subjected to the stress of transport, disorienting environments, and mishandling. Camels—who are shy, skittish animals—are deprived

of everything that’s natural and important to them when they’re used for entertainment, and ponies used for rides endure loud noises and interactions with small children, which can be extremely distressing for them. Additionally, animals used for rides or in petting zoos may carry a variety of potentially deadly zoonotic diseases that can be transmitted to humans, the release said.

In related news state Assemblywoman Amy Paulin had a bill regarding animal cruelty passed through the state Assembly.

Proposed legislation A.72-A requires

pet dealers to regularly groom the animals in their care, clean their enclosures and give nursing and pregnant dogs enough space to safely and adequately care for their litter.

“Pet dealers must be held to standards that will promote the safety, good health, and overall well-being of the animals in their care,” Paulin said. “Too often pet dealers are not grooming the animals, and not adequately cleaning the dog’s food receptacles or primary enclosures leading to flea and tick infestation and other diseases.”

# Lagonia Joins Justin Veatch Fund Board of Directors

The Justin Veatch Fund has announced Yorktown attorney Sal Lagonia will be joining its board of directors. Lagonia, who was re-elected to a third term as Yorktown Justice last November, has a keen interest in working with teens and has served on the board of directors of Student Assistance Services Inc., the Westchester County Youth Board and chaired the Yorktown Recreation Commission. Lagonia practices family law, real estate law, business and aviation law and is an aviation analyst at Fox News. Lagonia is also a musician (trumpet, flugelhorn, piano and guitar) who performs regularly with the Class Action band. He spoke of the important role music plays in his life when he delivered the keynote at The Fund’s 2017 scholarship awards program.

“The Veatch Fund has a special place in my heart,” said Lagonia, “as it joins together two passions of mine; music and our fight to reduce the drug problem in a positive way. To me, music is ultimately uplifting, and we must bring that empowering message to our neighbors, young and old.”

The Justin Veatch Fund, a 501(c)3 organization and registered New York charity, was created in 2009 following the death of 17-year-old Justin Veatch from an accidental drug overdose as he began his senior year in high school. Justin was a talented songwriter/musician whose music can be heard on Spotify and other streaming platforms. The Fund’s mission is to honor his legacy with music scholarships to graduating high school seniors, music programs for teens and counseling on the dangers of teen drug abuse. 29 scholarships have been awarded so far with six more planned for June.

Jeffrey Veatch, Justin’s father and The Fund’s president, has delivered his multimedia talk A Message from Justin to more than 35 thousand students with the goal of inspiring teens to take better care of themselves and watch out for their friends. The documentary film Whispering Spirits which tells Justin’s story has been screened in classrooms and community events in more than 36 states and is endorsed by The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD).

On the Board, Lagonia joins dedicated community advocates and Veatch family members who are passionate about honoring Justin’s legacy by empowering teens and expanding musical opportunities for them.



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# Schorr Second GOP Hopeful to Jump Into 37th Senate District Race

By Martin Wilbur

A second Republican announced last week he would vie for the party's nomination for the 37th Senate District special election two days after Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer was endorsed by the Democrats.

Dan Schorr, a former City of Yonkers Inspector General and county prosecutor who ran unsuccessfully for Westchester district attorney in 2009, will compete for the nomination against Bedford attorney Sarmad Khojasteh at a yet-to-be-scheduled Republican convention.

Schorr, 44, a White Plains resident, said his professional experience of prosecuting domestic violence and sexual offenders and fighting corruption are two areas where he would be an asset in the state legislature.

"Those are two really important issues in Albany right now since we have rampant corruption with legislators being charged with corruption over and over and no real sustained effort to change that," said Schorr, currently a managing director at Kroll, a private firm where he focuses on fraud investigations. "I'm someone who's tackled those issues before. A lot of people say 'I'm going to Albany to fight corruption.' But I've actually fought wasteful spending, people stealing money and other problems in government, so that's why I want to do this."



Dan Schorr



Shelley Mayer



Sarmad Khojasteh

It is unclear when a special election to fill County Executive George Latimer's former Senate seat will be scheduled. There has been speculation that Gov. Andrew Cuomo will call an election for April after work on the state budget has been completed, but both Schorr and Khojasteh said last week they had no further information on when a vote could be set.

On Jan. 9, the Democrats held a mini convention at the County Center in White Plains, where Mayer, a Yonkers Democrat, captured the party's line.

With Democrats in control of the governor's seat and firmly entrenched in the Assembly, Schorr said the election is critical to ensure checks and balances. He said the issue of paying hush money

to victims of sexual harassment or misconduct must cease.

"There has to be more protections for people who feel they are victims of sexual harassment (and) can report it with fear of repercussions," Schorr said. "We don't have that."

Fiscal issues must also be a top priority, he said. The looming state budget deficit of at least \$4 billion and lowering taxes for working families has to be addressed.

"Albany has to step up with the out-of-control taxation and unfunded mandates that lead to higher and higher taxes that people can't afford," Schorr said. "That has to end. There have been some proposals in the New York State tax code in light of the new federal (tax) changes and I want to work with people to figure out a

better way to have the New York tax code structured with the new federal law."

Reached last week, Khojasteh said he respects Schorr's qualifications, but believes his more than seven-week head start in the campaign will prove beneficial in snaring the nomination. He said he's used that time to reach out to GOP leaders, including committee chairs, around the district, meeting with various organizations and raising funds.

Khojasteh said coming from a hard-working family, which owned a small business provides him with the background to fight for policies to help the district's residents.

"What we need is independent-minded, practical problem solving that has a laser-like focus on helping working families in Westchester," Khojasteh said.

Schorr said if the public wants to bring desperately needed change to Albany an alternative to Mayer will be sought.

"Shelley Mayer has obviously been in Albany a long time and if people are satisfied with how Albany is running they can continue to support her," he said. "I can bring about change in Albany in a way that someone who's been there for a long time isn't going to do."

The 37th Senate District includes portions of Yonkers and White Plains, the Sound Shore communities, North Castle and Bedford.

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# Berkeley College Welcomes Chinese Students to White Plains

The collaboration between Berkeley College and Guizhou University of Finance and Economics (GUFE) in China continues in 2018.

On Jan. 10, 68 students from China arrived at the White Plains campus. The GUFE students will reside in student

housing at Berkeley College in White Plains, where they will earn credits toward their Bachelor's degrees in business disciplines. Westchester Community College will offer English as a Second Language (ESL) courses to students from China who require ESL instruction.

During the welcome ceremony, Berkeley College and GUFE announced the expansion of the program with Westchester Community College as part of a multi-year partnership with GUFE. "We are building a bridge between China and America. By being here you are making yourself a world citizen," Michael J. Smith, President of Berkeley College, told the students from China. "We are going to challenge you. You are going to work hard, you are going to learn, and you are going to grow."

"I appreciate Berkeley College's support of GUFE. I hope we can expand

our partnership and that we can make progress together," said Song Zhao, Vice President and Party Secretary at GUFE, assigned by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China. "To our students, we hope you can treasure this opportunity to study hard and build a positive presence here." Mr. Zhao is part of a six-member delegation from China that visited Berkeley College and Westchester Community College in anticipation of the students' arrival. The delegation also visited the Berkeley College campus in White Plains and the Westchester Community College campus.



Michael J. Smith, President of Berkeley College, addresses students and officials from Westchester County and China about the Global Educational Collaborative between Berkeley College, GUFE and Westchester Community College.

## White Plains Lawyer Receives Land Use Law Center Award



Frank McCullough, senior partner in the law firm of McCullough, Goldberger & Staudt, LLP, White Plains, was recently the guest of honor at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University's Land Use Law Center Annual Dinner, where he received the distinguished Founder's Award. The dinner was held at the Mansion on Broadway in White Plains on Dec. 6. The Founder's Award is bestowed each year in the name of Theodore W. Kheel, the American attorney and labor mediator, renowned for his ability to build consensus and resolve conflicts. McCullough was a major supporter of the Land Use Law Center. "Frank is an ideal recipient for the Founder's Award," said John Nolon, Professor of Law and Counsel for the Land Use Law Center. "He has distinguished himself in the regional land use community for navigating and calming troubled waters of local zoning approvals of much needed projects and has also epitomized the image of the practicing lawyer as one who gives back to their community." Nolon also noted that McCullough has distinguished himself as a land use attorney who is sensitive to and able to unite disparate parties in support of growth and conservation. Throughout his career, he has counseled his clients to accommodate the interests of local land use officials who represent the full range of interests implicated in land development.

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# Obituaries

## Frank J. Cattarrasa

Frank Joseph Cattarrasa 62, formerly of Yonkers, most recently of Valhalla, passed away on Jan. 10 at his residence. Frank was born Jan. 5, 1956 to the late Michael L. and Josephine B. (nee Castro) Cattarrasa in Mt. Vernon.

Frank graduated from Lincoln High School in Yonkers and then graduated from Fordham University in the Bronx. He earned his law degree from Drake University in Iowa.

Frank served as a member of the Bar Association and also served as an Arbitrator throughout Westchester County.

Frank is survived by his loving wife Deborah Wilson- Cattarrasa of Valhalla, his caring sister Lenore Cattarrasa of Hawthorne, his stepson Robert James Hill of Yonkers, his nephew Michael Gabbamonte, of Hawthorne, and his niece Alicia Gabbamonte of Hawthorne.

## Rocco Zacarolli

Rocco (Bill) Zacarolli, 89, of Pleasantville and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died on Jan. 12. He was born on August 8, 1928 to the late Gaetano and Maria (nee Polese) Zacarolli in MT. Vernon.

Rocco proudly served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a retired Heavy Equipment Operating Engineer and belonged to Local 137 in Briarcliff Manor. Bill is survived by his devoted wife, Marie (nee Timpone) Zacarolli of Pleasantville, and his loving sons, Rocco (Francesca) Zacarolli of Valhalla and Anthony (Catherine) Zacarolli of Greenburgh, two brothers, Gaetano (Judith) Zacarolli of Hillsdale, and Joseph Zacarolli of Danbury. He is also survived by his four cherished grandchildren, Isabella, Victoria, Nicole and Dominic Zacarolli.

Predeceased by his beloved daughter, Roseanne Zacarolli in 2006 and by his two brothers and two sisters.

## Antonio Celetti

Antonio Celetti, a Purchase resident, died Jan. 13 at the age of 95. He was born Oct. 18, 1922 in Guardia Lombardi, Italy

to the late Nicola and Rosamaria Celetti.

Antonio served in the Italian Army during WWII. On Sept. 25, 1947 he married his wife Assunta in Guardia Lombardi. They migrated to the U.S. in 1963.

He worked for 40 years as Caretaker for the Loeb's Estate in Purchase.

He is survived by his wife Assunta, his children Rosemarie (Michael) Giordano of W. Harrison, Grace Gisondi of Purchase, Nick (Josephine) Celetti of Valhalla and Minnie Celetti (Ed). Also surviving are his grandchildren Dina, Stephanie, Amie, Tommy, Nicholas, Brianna, Alisha and Lucas and great grandchildren; Jack, Leo, Julia, Caroline and Wyatt.

He is predeceased by his sister Filomena Narculli and his son-in-law Tom Gisondi.

He loved his family and friends. He was passionate about his garden and fig trees and still made his homemade wine. Antonio always had a funny story to tell.

## Rocco Cipriano

Rocco Cipriano, 87, of West Harrison, died Jan. 11 at the age of 87. He was born Feb. 18, 1930 in Guardia Lombardi, Italy to Rocco and Maria Cipriano.

He is survived by his wife Maria Cipriano of W. Harrison, a daughter, Maria (Nino) Pennacchio, his grandchildren Melissa (Joseph), Michael (Michelle), and Christina and five great grandchildren. Also surviving is his sister Antonia Foglia. He is predeceased by a brother.

## Peter J. Tetro

Peter J. Tetro, a Greenburgh resident, died Jan. 11 at the age of 62. He was born Jan. 3, 1956 in the Bronx to the late Dominic and Dorothy Tetro.

On Aug. 8, 2002 he married his wife Shawna in Houston, TX.

He was a Certified Public Accountant and worked as an Agent for the Internal Revenue Service for 10 years.

He is survived by his wife Shawna and his children Matthew, Mark and Gianna Tetro, all of Greenburgh. Also surviving are his brothers, Paul Tetro of Yorktown Heights and Philip Tetro of the Bronx.

"Peter has touched many lives with his love, kindness and generosity. He will be truly missed by us all."

## Susan J. Zobelt

Susan Jane Zobelt, of Poughquag, NY, passed away on Jan. 11.

Susan was born in Tarrytown to the late William and Betty Scoralick.

Susan received a bachelor's degree in Home Economics from SUNY Plattsburgh, after which she taught in the Elmsford school district for five years. Following this, she worked for Social Services in White Plains. She finished her work career as a school bus driver for Westchester Jumbo Taxi.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend, Susan was an excellent cook and enjoyed preparing meals for her friends and family.

## Frederick Lee

Frederick Rambert Lee was born in White Plains on Feb. 16, 1951 to Marshall Lee and Lizzie Mae Lee. He transitioned on Jan. 8, 2018.

Frederick graduated from White Plains High School and attended Bryant and Stratton College in Boston.

Frederick held various managerial positions throughout his career, with over 20 years at Union Carbide, BOCES and Pepperidge Farm each. His work ethic was admired by many. He was a mentor

to both his family and his community. During his tenure at each of his companies he employed family members and friends whenever possible.

Frederick is predeceased in death by his parents, his aunt Gleannie Rambert and sister Diane Stewart. Frederick leaves behind his loving wife, Traci, daughters Tonya, Sing, Margaret and his son Frederick R. Lee II. Sisters, Carol Vaughn (David), Marsha Mason, Pamela Lee Jones (James), Barbara Walker, and brother Peter Lee (Carmen). Frederick is also survived by two grandchildren Maurice and Jade and two great-grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces and nephews and dear friends.

Frederick's affiliations and hobbies included: Shop Stewart (BOCES), Board Member (Wyndover Woods), proud member of the NRA, watching Western's, playing cards, fishing, golf and traveling. Frederick enjoyed vibrant and passionate discussions. One of his favorite phrases started off with "you people."



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## ArtsWestchester Mounts Exhibit on History of Erie Canal and NYS Brick Industry

ArtsWestchester, based in White Plains, is the recipient of a \$75,000 grant to fund a contemporary visual arts project that celebrates and illuminates the shared history of the brick industry in the Hudson Valley and its relevance to the bicentennial of the Erie Canal.

This funding is part of \$755 million in grants awarded through Round VII of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) Initiative.

ArtsWestchester joins 113 other private and public sector projects that will be receiving nearly \$84.8 million in funds as part of the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council.

The grant awarded to ArtsWestchester will fund a 2018 exhibition, called "Brick by Brick: The Erie Canal and the Building Boom." The funds will allow ArtsWestchester to mount the exhibition and commission artists to create work inspired by the once significant Hudson

Valley brick industry, which according to some historians, was comparable in magnitude and impact to IBM and the nascent biotech companies of today.

The exhibit will open in the fall of 2018. "ArtsWestchester's exhibition is an exciting story about the economic development of New York State as it fueled industry from Buffalo to New York City along a super water highway -- the Hudson River," explained Janet Langsam, CEO of ArtsWestchester. "Brick was

manufactured in towns along the river as new building codes demanded more fire-resistant materials."

A recent study by Americans for the Arts concluded that the nonprofit arts and culture sector is a significant industry in Westchester County. The research indicates that the sector generates \$172.3 million in total economic activity. It also delivers \$25.8 million in local and state government revenue and also supports 5,179 full-time equivalent jobs.

## Board of Health Seeks Nominees for 2018 Public Health Awards

The Westchester County Board of Health wants to recognize volunteers whose time and talents this past year made outstanding contributions to public health in Westchester, and encourages community leaders, educators, health professionals and leaders of local organizations that serve county residents to nominate their unsung volunteer heroes for these annual public health service awards by Feb. 11.

The Dr. Harold Keltz Distinguished Public Health Service Award is presented

annually to a person or community-based organization, whose efforts have made an extraordinary contribution to the public health of Westchester residents but who is not professionally engaged in public health work.

The J.R. Tesone Youth Public Health Service Award is an annual award to a student for his or her creative contribution to public health in Westchester. The award was created in 2014 in memory of J.R. Tesone, a Board of Health member with a lifelong commitment to Westchester

children.

The Board also will highlight the compassion, creativity and commitment demonstrated by a select group of nominees, who will be named Public Health Honorees.

These awards will be announced and presented in April to spotlight National Public Health Week, and the honorees and their achievements will be featured on the health department's web pages. Recent youthful winners have included a teenager who advocated

for children affected by cancer and another who created an app to foster communication between teens with Type 1 diabetes. A volunteer who advocated for comprehensive mental health care for low-income residents, as well as non-profit programs that have worked to reduce health disparities, improve health literacy, and improve access to care also have been honored with the Distinguished designation.

Nomination forms are available at [www.westchestergov.com/health](http://www.westchestergov.com/health).

## White Plains Little League Registrations Closing February 1

Happy New Year to the WPLL Families! Apologies to those who have already registered (no further action is required on your part), but this is a reminder that registration for the WPLL 2018 season remains open. If you intend to register and haven't gotten around to it yet, please take a free moment to visit [www.whiteplainslittleleague.com](http://www.whiteplainslittleleague.com). The registration process is straightforward and

it only takes a couple minutes.

From an administrative standpoint, we really can't overstate the importance of timely registration. As we are required to set rosters and teams by a certain date in order to run the season efficiently, late registrations have a tendency to throw monkey wrenches into otherwise well laid plans (e.g., we may end up having to put more than the ideal number of players on

a given team, which negatively impacts everyone's experience).

This year players born between 5/1/03 and 12/31/12 (8/31/13 for boys only) can register. Registration runs now through Feb. 1, 2018.

Eligible players can register online at [www.whiteplainslittleleague.com](http://www.whiteplainslittleleague.com).

To complete the secure on-line registration process, payment must be

received. We now use PayPal for all payment process. You do not need to have a PayPal account to complete the payment process.

In Person registration will be available at the Rec Dept. during normal business hours starting 12/11/2017. Once available, In-Person forms can be downloaded directly from our site and filled out prior to arriving at the Rec Dept.

## Westchester Seniors Dept. Issues Request for Proposals

The Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services (DSPS) has issued requests for proposals (RFPs) from qualified agencies for services that benefit seniors and family caregivers. Funding comes from grants through the federal Older Americans Act.

### The RFPs are:

The Family Caregiver RFP seeks services

for grandparents, or relative caregivers, who are at least 55 years old and care for a child up to 18 years old.

The Information and Assistance RFP seeks services for persons 60 years or older concerning available public benefits and entitlements, and voluntary services and resources.

The Cluster/Personal Care RFP seeks

various services for people who are 60 years old and older and live in Westchester County.

Details about these and other RFPs are available at <http://www.westchestergov.com/rfp>.

The proposals must be sent by 3 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2018 to: Department of Senior Programs and Service, County Office

Building, 9 S. First Ave., 10th Floor, Mount Vernon, NY 10550-3414.

## Greenburgh Needs More Snow Angels

We have a list of 25 volunteers, which is promising. We would like to recruit more volunteers. We serviced 21 houses in the past storm, and have collected some donations (amounting to \$70) that we plan to put towards shovels, ice melt, snow blower gas etc. We would like to recognize the following people for helping: Gary Mastrangelo, Matt Mastrangelo, Jake Mastrangelo, Joshua Nobel, Mohan Das, Quinten Seskin, Jake Rosenberg, Ryan Weiner, Ryan Turell, Jared Turell, Jonathan Fischgrund, Julius Vizner, Judy Cooperman, Steve Cooperman, Miles Cooperman and The Holland Family Briana Jacobellis and Gabby Staffiero.

If you want to become a Snow Angel email [greenburghsnowangels@gmail.com](mailto:greenburghsnowangels@gmail.com)

—Paul Feiner,  
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

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# Remembering and Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Renewing Our Commitment to the Values of Justice and Equality

Today (Monday), we commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King preached love, justice, and service, and stood up in the face of adversity to fight for a more just and compassionate society.

Dr. King spent his life combating the violence of oppression with the passion and power of peaceful resistance. He risked and ultimately gave his life in the hopes of creating a better world for all of our children. It is thanks to his unwavering bravery and outstanding efforts that I am able to serve today as your Senator and as the Leader of the State Senate Democrats.

While we have come a long way in the fight for equality, there is still much more we must accomplish to create a truly just society. We cannot allow divisive policies and bigotry to imperil our democracy and endanger our way of life.

It is incumbent on us to continue Dr. King's legacy and assume the mantle of responsibility to build a fairer state and nation. We must reject hate and bigotry and stand against those who seek to divide us.

Dr. King's wisdom continues to ring true today as he noted: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

It is in the spirit of this great legacy that I defend the rights and well-being of ALL New Yorkers. That's why I will continue to fight for quality and equal education for all our students, comprehensive criminal justice reform, voter empowerment, and greater economic opportunity.

The vibrancy of our democracy and the health of our communities depend on our commitment to the values of justice and equality. We can only fulfill the promise of equality if we remain true to our beliefs and help pick up our neighbors when they fall. As Dr. King said, "True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the

presence of justice."

As we reflect on Dr. King's legacy, we should renew our commitment to each other and work together to realize his vision of a fairer, more just society.

—**Andrea Stewart-Cousins, New York State Senator, 35th District, Senate Democratic Leader**

### Excerpt from MLK Institute Executive Director's MLK Birthday Message

...We celebrate Dr. King's birthday to honor his legacy and message that there IS another way for our nation. He asked us to see each other not by the color of our skin, but "by the content of [our] character." He also said, "When evil men plot, good men must plan. When evil men burn and bomb, good men must build and bind. When evil men shout ugly words of hatred, good men must commit themselves to the glories of love. Where evil men would seek to perpetuate an unjust status quo, good men must seek to bring into being a real order of justice." --from Stride Toward Freedom

The hard-fought battles of the Civil Rights Movement created pathways through racist landscapes for many of our brothers and sisters. We must work together to rise above the rhetorical and physical violence of racism and white supremacy. We must also honor and stand with all our courageous brothers and sisters who choose to make our country their home.

Starting this weekend, here are some easy things we can do to choose diversity over uniformity, acceptance over racism, and love over hate:

1. Educate yourself and your children on Dr. King's legacy.
2. Make a conscious effort to consistently stand up against any attempt

to normalize exclusion and hate. There is strength in solidarity, and healing when we show that we care about our neighbors.

3. Attend events celebrating diversity. There are many interfaith and interracial events happening this month in honor of Dr. King's birthday.

Let us celebrate Dr. King's birthday this weekend, and all year long through our commitment to the legacy of love and justice for all.

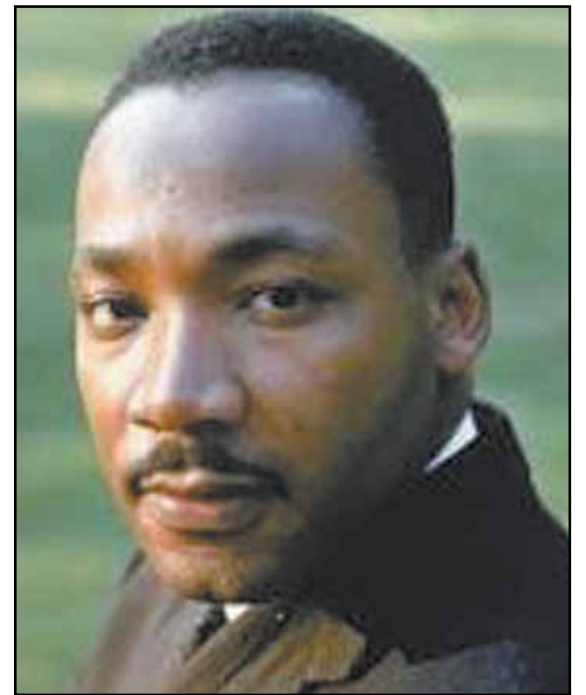
—**Rev. Doris K. Dalton, Exec. Dir., MLK Institute, White Plains**

### Greenburgh Human Rights Committee Would Make Dr. King Proud

Today (Monday), as our nation remembers and honors Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., one of the world's greatest agents for social change, it's appropriate to also express our appreciation to those who are working to fight to implement the dreams that Dr. King had.

The Greenburgh Human Rights Advisory Committee was formed a few years ago by the Greenburgh Town Board and has been very active. They pushed for the successful adoption of a resolution relating to immigration last year and are working with the Greenburgh Police Department, providing immigrants with information about their rights. A forum is being held on Feb. 5, in English and Spanish.

The Committee is doing much more. They initiated the effort to encourage Westchester County to place a bus stop at Rivertowns Square, a major new shopping center in Dobbs Ferry across from the



Saw Mill River Parkway. It's outrageous that a major shopping center has no bus stop located at the center. A few years ago a pedestrian crossing the Saw Mill River Parkway was hit by a car and lost his life. Without a bus stop a tragedy is a probability waiting to happen.

The committee has also sponsored movies at the Greenburgh Library with a human rights theme.

Members of the committee are appointed by the Town Board. But, because there is so much interest, citizens who want to get involved with the committee are invited to attend and participate as nonvoting members.

We are very lucky to have such a dedicated group of citizens working to help the less fortunate live a better life.

Dr. Martin Luther King would be proud...

—**Paul Feiner, Greenburgh Town Supervisor**

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# Why Tax Reform Makes Long Term Care Planning Even More Important



By Anthony J. Enea, Esq.

The recently signed into law Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 provides for a dramatic increase in the federal estate and gift tax credit (amount excluded from federal taxation). The act, which became effective on Jan. 1, 2018, will sunset/end on Jan. 1, 2025 for most provisions effecting individuals.

For 2018, the credit will be \$11.2 million per person (was \$5.49 million per person in 2017) and \$22.4 million for a married couple. Because of this increase in the amount excluded from taxation, the vast majority of Americans will not be impacted by federal estate and gift taxes.

In fact, it has been estimated that the number of federal estate tax returns filed for the year 2018 will drop from approximately 5,000 per year to 1,500 per year. Additionally, the new law allows the

heirs and beneficiaries of the decedent to receive the property inherited at its fair market value on date of death, thus, being able to avoid capital gains taxes unless the property/assets are sold for more than their date of death fair market value.

This change in the federal estate and gift tax law allows one, either during lifetime (by gifting) or upon death, to pass a staggering amount of money without the payment of any federal taxes. Considering the amount of taxes imposed on one's earnings and savings during one's life, many would consider this to be a just result.

While New York and other states still have an estate tax, it is not as onerous as the 40% tax rate imposed under federal law for estates larger than the available credit. In New York, the available estate tax credit for 2018 will be \$5.25 million per person and \$10.5 million per couple (as indexed for inflation) with the highest tax rate of approximately 16% on amounts above the

available credit.

So why does the new tax legislation makes long term care and elder law planning even more important? The answer is quite simple.

With the federal estate tax and the New York estate tax being of little concern (for most New Yorkers), the most important issue many seniors should focus on are the steps needed to ensure that their life savings are not dissipated by the significant cost of long term care (either nursing home and/or home care). It is important to take the necessary pro-active steps to protect one's life saving before health and aging issues rear their ugly head.

Whether it be utilizing an Irrevocable Medicaid Asset Protection Trust, the gifting of assets to loved ones, or purchasing long term care insurance, it is imperative that seniors act while they are in good health and are still capable of doing the planning. It is also important that one be cognizant of the five-year ineligibility period (look back) created for Medicaid nursing home

eligibility when one transfers assets to an Irrevocable trust and/or as gifts to children or others.

In conclusion, the significant minimization of the risks of being subjected to the federal estate tax for all intents and purposes highlights the importance for seniors to refocus their attention to their long-term care and elder law planning needs.

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## Free Thyroid Cancer Screening Stresses Need for Early Detection

By Anna Young

Over 65 residents and emergency service providers made their way to the Westchester County Police Academy in Valhalla last Thursday to take advantage of free thyroid screenings provided by Heartscan Services.

With recent clinical studies showing that thyroid cancer has become the fastest growing cancer in the United States, nearly tripling in the last three decades, state Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) collaborated with the Westchester County Police Benevolent Association (PBA), the Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester (APA) and Heartscan Services to provide early detection.

"Instances of thyroid cancer have been increasing among first-responders, women, people who are exposed to high doses of radiation and people over 40. Early detection saves lives," Murphy said. "Even though a diagnosis of cancer can be

terrifying, thyroid cancer is very treatable."

Those who participated in a five-minute ultrasound had their thyroid nodules screened by experienced technicians and were given recommendations based on the results. Murphy urged everyone to get tested, stressing that those with thyroid cancer often don't show symptoms until it's too late.

"Unfortunately, I'm here to tell you we have actually found a few issues with a few people," Murphy said. "They will be following up with their doctors."

Marilyn Caldiero-Martinucci, president of Heartscan Services, an organization that raises awareness about thyroid screenings to people who may be unaware they are at risk, said when physicians examine the neck they often can't feel the nodules. Therefore, an ultrasound is needed to help provide more accurate results.

With women and 9/11 first-responders more likely to be diagnosed, the program



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Pictured, from left, are Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi, state Sen., Terrence Murphy, County Legislator Margaret Cunzio, Westchester County Police Department PBA President Michael Hagan, Westchester APA and Yonkers PBA President Keith Olsen gather with law enforcement officials on Jan. 11 for free thyroid cancer screenings in Valhalla.

continues to make a difference, she said. Thyroid cancer is one of the top five cancers contracted by 9/11 first-responders. Women account for 75 percent of all cases.

County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant), who was tested during the screenings, expressed interest in expanding the mobile preventive screening program countywide. She said it's the county's obligation to make sure that Westchester's emergency service workers and volunteers who dedicate

their time and lives are protected.

"It's all about preventions, it's about taking care of our first-responders and it's about taking care of our community," Murphy said. "When we all work together we can all make a difference."

The screening was made possible by Murphy who secured state grant money to provide screenings in the region.

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# The Rarefied Air of High-end Wine Prices, Part II



By Nick Antonaccio

The market for rare wines continues to be exclusionary – and highly expensive. It is restricted to those with sufficient disposable income to invest in objects that invariably are the focal

point of feeding their egos.

Just as with other trophies, wine has become an alternative asset investment for those seeking returns on their cash outlays. In 2017, The Knight Frank Luxury Investment Index determined that the traditional collectibles – art, jewelry, coins and watches – reaped respectable annual rates of return between 4 and 7 percent. However, wine values as a group escalated a whopping 25 percent.

In last week's column, my focus was on the top 10 wine sales of all time. I presented details on wines number 10 to 6. The prices per bottle ranged from \$38,047 to an astounding \$117,000. This week, the top 5.

5. The 1945 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti. Only 600 bottles were produced this year by this famous winery in Burgundy, which perennially commands the highest price of any wine in the world. The next year, disease hit the vineyards; wine was not produced again until 1952. In 2007 an American collector decided he wanted

this bottle for his cellar, outbidding all comers for bragging rights. Price: \$123,919 or \$24,784 per glass.

4. The 1787 Chateau Lafite. A classic example of collectors' egotistical tendencies was the sale in 1985 of a single bottle of this Bordeaux wine, purported to be from the personal cellar of Thomas Jefferson. The bidding was frenzied; the winning bidder was Malcolm Forbes, who immediately displayed it in his home under bright (hot) lights for all his friends to envy.

Shortly thereafter, the cork shrank from the heat of the lights and fell into the wine. Forbes now has the envious title of the owner of the most expensive bottle of (worthless) vinegar in the world. To make matters worse, a few years ago, the original seller of the wine was arrested for fraud – the Jeffersonian bottle was a shameless sham perpetrated on a gullible buyer. Price: \$156,450 or \$31,290 per glass.

3. The 1787 Chateau Margaux. Another wine purported to have been purchased by bon vivant Jefferson. William Sokolin, an esteemed New York wine merchant, was the envy of wine cognoscenti all over the world. He owned this one-of-a-kind Jefferson bottle, valuing it at \$500,000.

In 1989, amidst wide fanfare and press coverage, he invited a group to share his Bordeaux treasure at the prestigious Four Seasons restaurant in New York City. Lo and behold, a clumsy waiter knocked the bottle to the ground, destroying it in full view of Sokolin and his guests. While technically not sold at auction, Sokolin nevertheless negotiated hard with his insurance company to recover his claimed value. Price he received: \$225,000, but \$0.00 per glass.

2. The 1869 Chateau Lafite. Another ancient Lafite, but this came directly from the winery's cellar. If you have the money, and ego, there is no price too great for a desired object – or three. A cult name in Asia, this Lafite was expected to garner \$60,000 at a 2010 Hong Kong auction. But a zealous Asian bidder decided this was a must-have for his cellar, pushing the price higher and higher. He successfully purchased all three bottles offered. Price: \$232,692 per bottle, \$46,538 per glass or a truly astounding \$9,090 per ounce.

1. The 1907 Heidsieck Monopole Champagne. You can't make this stuff up. In 1916, a cache of this French bubbly, aboard a Swedish ship bound for Tsar Nicholas II of Russia, was sunk by Germans (note the date). Fast forward

to 1998, when about 2,000 bottles were recovered and subsequently sold at auction. A perfect trophy wine for a high-end investor to dangle in front of his friends, regardless of its cost. Or not? Price for a number of the bottles: \$275,000 each, or \$55,000 per flute.

So there you have it. And what's wrong if I live vicariously through the lives of others? I can cope with my deprived palate, even while a privileged palate is satiating his or hers.

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## Fixtures: What Stays and What Goes When Selling a House

Buyers and sellers who seem perfectly nice and normal throughout the transaction can suddenly lose their cool when the seller asks at the last minute that a modest chandelier over a kitchen table be excluded from the fixtures included in the sale.

"Oh no, you don't," the buyer might say, "it wasn't excluded in the listing!"

And, the fight begins.

This scenario happened to me a short while ago. The seller had forgotten to discuss the chandelier's exclusion with his listing agent. It was a very ordinary fixture, surely one not worth fighting about.

"But we bought it early on in our marriage," the seller protested to his agent. "Our family gathered under it every morning at breakfast, every night at dinner," he was reported to have said. And so it went.

But my buyer didn't relent. I appealed to his better judgment.

"That chandelier is an inexpensive Tiffany reproduction," I argued, "and couldn't have cost more than \$100. I'll buy one that's more than twice its quality as a closing gift for you," I said.

"No, I want that one," he responded.

It looked as though it was going to come to a showdown. Just prior to this incident I had heard a story about how the sale of a home was lost because the

seller had changed her mind about leaving her washer and dryer. Those particular models, with which she had fallen in love, had been discontinued and she didn't want to risk her emotional health with trying another brand.

Oh, my goodness, I declared, you're going to risk losing a house over a matter like a cheap kitchen chandelier? See reason here, I admonished the buyer. Sanity finally prevailed and the seller was allowed to keep the fixture to which he was so strongly attached.

Shortly after that experience, I was involved with another dispute – and you guessed it – it also involved lighting fixtures. This one was in a gorgeous historic home when the seller had affixed the highest-grade wall sconces and chandeliers you could imagine in every room, all quite appropriate to their 18th century surroundings.

My buyers oohed and aahed over every one of them in each room. Only after they



By Bill Primavera

decided to make an offer after the first showing did I make the inquiry of the seller (it was one of those hybrid FISBOs where the seller does most of the work, but the listing is on the MLS system) about exclusions. Sure enough, the lighting fixtures were "available for sale." My buyers were not happy and neither was I.

Give yourself a test. Which of the following items wouldn't normally be included as fixtures in the sale of a home: a built-in stereo system, an electric garage door opener, wall-to-wall carpet, built-in microwave oven, water heater, dishwasher, built-in stove, drapes, refrigerator, washer and dryer.

You are correct if you answered that the last four items are not included. All the other items are automatically included since they are attached and have become fixtures.

The literature on the subject is somewhat simplistic. For instance, lumber sitting by the side of a house is personal property because it isn't permanently attached to the structure or the land, and is therefore not included in a home's sale price; however, when that lumber is nailed or bolted together to become a fence, the wood fence is a fixture attached to the

land and is included in the sale.

Oddly, while the examples I gave about chandeliers would identify them as fixtures, their light bulbs are not permanently attached to the structure so they remain personal property. Very few sellers remove their light bulbs from the light fixtures (as they are entitled to do) unless it's a particularly contentious sale.

(When I sold my first home, I ended up hating my buyer so much that I removed every light bulb from the house and every roll of toilet paper from the bathrooms. Hopefully, I've matured since those early years.)

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Well, I guess we all know where we stand in such battles.

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## Tuesday, Jan. 16

**Tuesdays at Dorry's.** This week Mary Wu will share her story as a two-time kidney transplant recipient. She will discuss how to become a registered organ, eye, tissue donor and about the fact that New York state has the lowest number of registered donors. She looks forward to the conversation, and hopes to dispel any myths or misconceptions about organ, eye, and tissue donation/transplantation as well as to discuss any ethical issues that may arise. She is author of the book *Confessions of a Kidney Transplant Recipient*. Tuesdays@Dorry's gathers conservation partners every Tuesday to share a meal and learn from presenters invited each week. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. presentation 6 to 7 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, 914-682-0005.

## Wednesday, Jan. 17

**Noonday Getaway Concert.** Downtown Music at Grace welcomes The Musicians of the Westchester Philharmonic - William Trigg, percussion, Barry Centanni, percussion, Mary Wilkinson Trigg, vocals offer music of Bach, Cage, Gershwin, and Trigg. The performance will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church Street (Main Street at Mamaroneck Avenue), White Plains. The concert begins at 12:10 p.m. and lasts for 30 minutes; admission is free. This concert is made possible with the generous support of the Brian Wallach Agency, White Plains. Personal and Commercial Insurance since 1949.

**"The Post."** Steven Spielberg directs Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks in this thrilling drama about the unlikely partnership of Katharine Graham (Streep), the first female publisher of The Washington Post, and its volatile, driven editor Ben Bradlee (Hanks), as they come together with The New York Times to expose a massive cover-up of government secrets that spanned four decades and four U.S. Presidents. Followed by a Q&A with The Washington Post's Senior Associate Editor Lally Graham Weymouth and Jacob Burns Film Center Executive Director Edie Demas. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$12. Non-members: \$17. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

## Thursday, Jan. 18

**Poetry Workshop.** The nation's first hip hop ambassador, Toni Blackman, will lead a first-time ever, exclusive freestyle poetry workshop at ArtsWestchester in downtown White Plains. The workshop is being done in collaboration with Rock the Vote! Fusing pop culture, politics and technology, Rock the Vote! works to mobilize the millennial voting bloc and the youth vote, protect voting rights, and advocate for an electoral process and voting system that works for the 21st century electorate. This workshop led by Blackman will take place against the backdrop of ArtsWestchester's current exhibit "Give Us the Vote," with a focus on freestyle (improvised) rap. Participants will learn techniques for creating their own freestyle verse in a cypher, a group setting where everyone performs collectively in a circle. Blackman is a rapper, actress and writer. In addition to serving as the nation's first hip-hop ambassador, she has performed alongside Erykah Badu, the Wu-Tang Clan, Sheryl Crow and many others. She has served in Senegal, Ghana, Botswana, and Swaziland; 5 to 7 p.m.; free admission; ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

**The Bolshoi Ballet's "The Taming of the Shrew."** Acclaimed choreographer Jean-Christophe Maillot entertains with his vision of Shakespeare's battle of the sexes. Set to Dmitri Shostakovich's colorful music, the tale of an ill-tempered young woman who meets her match is a battle of wits between stormy individualist Katharina (Ekaterina Krysanova) and smug Petruchio (Vladislav Lantratov). Maillot brings out the fast-paced athleticism of the Bolshoi Ballet dancers as the two leads clash and eventually fall for one another. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$30. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

## Friday, Jan. 19

**"Near to You"** Opening Reception. A stunning new portrait exhibition, on view will be painting and sculpture by six exciting artists committed to the language and texture of paint and painting as well as challenging approaches to portraiture itself. What does it mean to capture the impression or image of a person? What is it that the viewer recognizes in a portrait? Featuring the work of Tim Doud, Jenny Dubnau, Donna Festa, John Mitchell, Heather Morgan and Julia Schwartz. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Mar. 24. Info: 914-738-2525 or visit [www.pelhamartcenter.org](http://www.pelhamartcenter.org).



**Blue Oyster Cult in Concert.** Blue Oyster Cult has been thrilling fans of hard rock worldwide for more than four decades with powerful albums loaded with classic hits. The Long Island-based band is revered within the hard rock and heavy metal scene for its pioneering work, occupying a unique place in rock history because it's one of very few hard rock/heavy metal bands to earn both genuine mainstream critical acclaim as well as commercial success. Hear hits including "(Don't Fear) The Reaper," "Godzilla" and the hypnotically melodic "Burnin' for You." Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$25, \$35 and \$55. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit [www.paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://www.paramounthudsonvalley.com).

**Max Weinberg's Jukebox.** An interactive concert experience where the audience creates the set list. Fresh off the highly successful The River Tour last year with Bruce Springsteen and The E Street Band, Weinberg invites the audience to create the set list in real time that he and his band will play from a list of more than 200 songs. Everything from The Beatles to the Stones to Bruce is on the potential list. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35, \$48 and \$58. VIP Meet & Greet: \$175. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusicall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusicall.org).

## Saturday, Jan. 20

**Hoff-Barthelson Music School Early Childhood Open House.** Children from three months to five years old and their parents or caregivers are invited to join in the fun. Exercises and games 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. Through these activities, the school's 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. Includes a music and movement class followed by a brief Q&A with faculty and a reception. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 12 to 2 p.m. Free. Snow date: Jan. 27. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: Contact Kathryn Kitt at 914-723-1169 or e-mail [kkitt@hbms.org](mailto:kkitt@hbms.org) or visit [www.hbms.org](http://www.hbms.org).

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## Sunday, Jan. 21

**Weekend Discovery Concert.** Downtown Music at Grace presents REBEL Ensemble for Baroque Music. Jörg-Michael Schwarz and Karen Marie Marmer, violins; John Moran, baroque cello, and Dongsok Shin, harpsichord. Works by Telemann, Legrenzi, Stölzel, Fux and Corelli will be featured; 4:30 p.m.; tickets \$25; the performance will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church Street (Main Street at Mamaroneck Avenue), White Plains.

**Jam Session.** Sunday nights at The Haven at Lagond, each week spotlights a different genre and well-known guest musicians. This Sunday features Rock Jam. Anyone with a desire to play - 18+ over - can join the jam on stage and sit in with peers as well as have an opportunity to meet and play with professional musicians. Adult players of all levels are welcome as well as spectators. Doors open at 7 p.m. Musicians are brought up on a first come first serve basis. The Haven at Lagond Music School is located at 9 Haven Street, Elmsford. Visit [www.lagondmusic.org](http://www.lagondmusic.org) to find out about special guest artists.





## EXAMINER SPORTS

# Sean Kilpatrick, Jr. Day at White Plains High School

By Albert Coqueran

On Friday, Jan. 12, the White Plains High School community gathered in the Harry Jefferson Gym to honor one of their own, the legendary Sean Kilpatrick, Jr.

Kilpatrick played four seasons of varsity basketball for the Tigers and departed as their second All-Time Scoring Leader with 1,289 points. During his four seasons playing varsity basketball, Kilpatrick averaged a remarkable 28.4 points, seven rebounds and six assists per game.

The Yonkers native, who moved to White Plains at a very young age, was one of the most prolific scorers in WPHS basketball history, only surpassed by the Tigers All-Time Leading Scorer, the late Markus Austin.

Kilpatrick attended Notre Dame Preparatory School before attending and graduating from the University of Cincinnati. As a senior playing for the Bearcats, Kilpatrick was selected as a 2014 NCAA Division 1 First Team All-American. Kilpatrick was also an All-American, who did not give up on his dream.

Despite being named a First Team All-American and ending his Bearcats career as their second All-Time Leading Scorer behind only the great Oscar Robinson, Kilpatrick went undrafted in the 2014 NBA Draft. Nonetheless, the local basketball legend continued to pursue his ultimate goal of playing in the NBA.

Kilpatrick achieved his goal, after working his way through the NBA Developmental League, (now Gatorade League), as he impressed NBA scouts while playing for the Santa Cruz Warriors and Delaware 87ers.

Kilpatrick's hard work and determination paid off when the Brooklyn Nets signed him to two 10-Day contracts



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

The entire White Plains Varsity Basketball Team wore number 23 warm-up T-shirts with Kilpatrick's name on the back before their game against R.C. Ketchum on Sean Kilpatrick, Jr. Day, at WPHS. The Tigers honored Kilpatrick even more by beating Ketchum, 53-49, in the ensuing game.

before offering him a multi-year deal in March 2016.

On Friday, Kilpatrick's beloved high school and community paid tribute to him for his achievements by hosting Sean Kilpatrick, Jr. Day, at White Plains High School. During the pregame ceremony before the Tigers played R.C. Ketchum, Kilpatrick's number 23 Tigers jersey became the first ever basketball jersey retired at White Plains High School.

"I am very proud of Sean, his perseverance and never give-up attitude, he never took no for an answer. Nobody has given him anything; he earned it every step of the way," said Tigers Head

Basketball Coach Spencer Mayfield, who coached Kilpatrick all four years at WPHS.

Kilpatrick's "never give-up attitude" was never more on display when he was waived by the Nets on Dec. 7. He kept his dream alive by less than a month later signing as a NBA Gatorade League Two-Way Player and played his way to another NBA contract while signing with the Milwaukee Bucks on Jan. 7.

Besides his ardent work ethic, Kilpatrick credits his family, teachers, coaches and teammates for his success. Kilpatrick's



Tigers Assistant Coach Davon Wilson unveils the number 23 jersey, which will hang on the north wall of the Harry Jefferson Gym.

mother Regina Smith Williams, his father Sean Kilpatrick, Sr., sister Skye and brother Travis were in attendance to witness the unveiling of Kilpatrick's retired Tigers number 23 jersey, which will hang on the north wall of the Harry Jefferson Gym.

"This day means a lot and we thank everyone," said Sean's mother Regina. "Sean struggled a lot to get to where he is at today and I am very proud of him. He never gave up and he kept pushing forward."

Kilpatrick had planned to attend the ceremony, which was originally scheduled for the school's snow day, on Jan. 4. But due to his change in NBA team affiliation, he was in Milwaukee with the Bucks playing the Golden State Warriors and could not attend.

However, Kilpatrick's self-admitted best friend, Sean Brooks, who he has known since childhood, carried a message from the former Tigers superstar to his fans. "I appreciate and love all of you and I will see you all soon," relayed Kilpatrick, after he thanked his mother, father, step-father, brother, sister and coaches. Kilpatrick also acknowledged the White Plains School District, Rochambeau School and in particular English Teacher Janet Warmbir and Coach Mayfield.



Regina Smith Williams (left) the mother of Sean Kilpatrick, Jr. is presented a number 23 framed Tigers jersey in honor of her son, which was retired on Sean Kilpatrick, Jr. Day at White Plains High School. Tigers Head Coach Spencer Mayfield (center), who was Sean's coach for four years and Athletic Director Matt Cameron made the presentation.



White Plains Mayor Tom Roach spoke concerning the achievements of former White Plains High School basketball star Sean Kilpatrick, Jr. before Kilpatrick's basketball jersey was retired.

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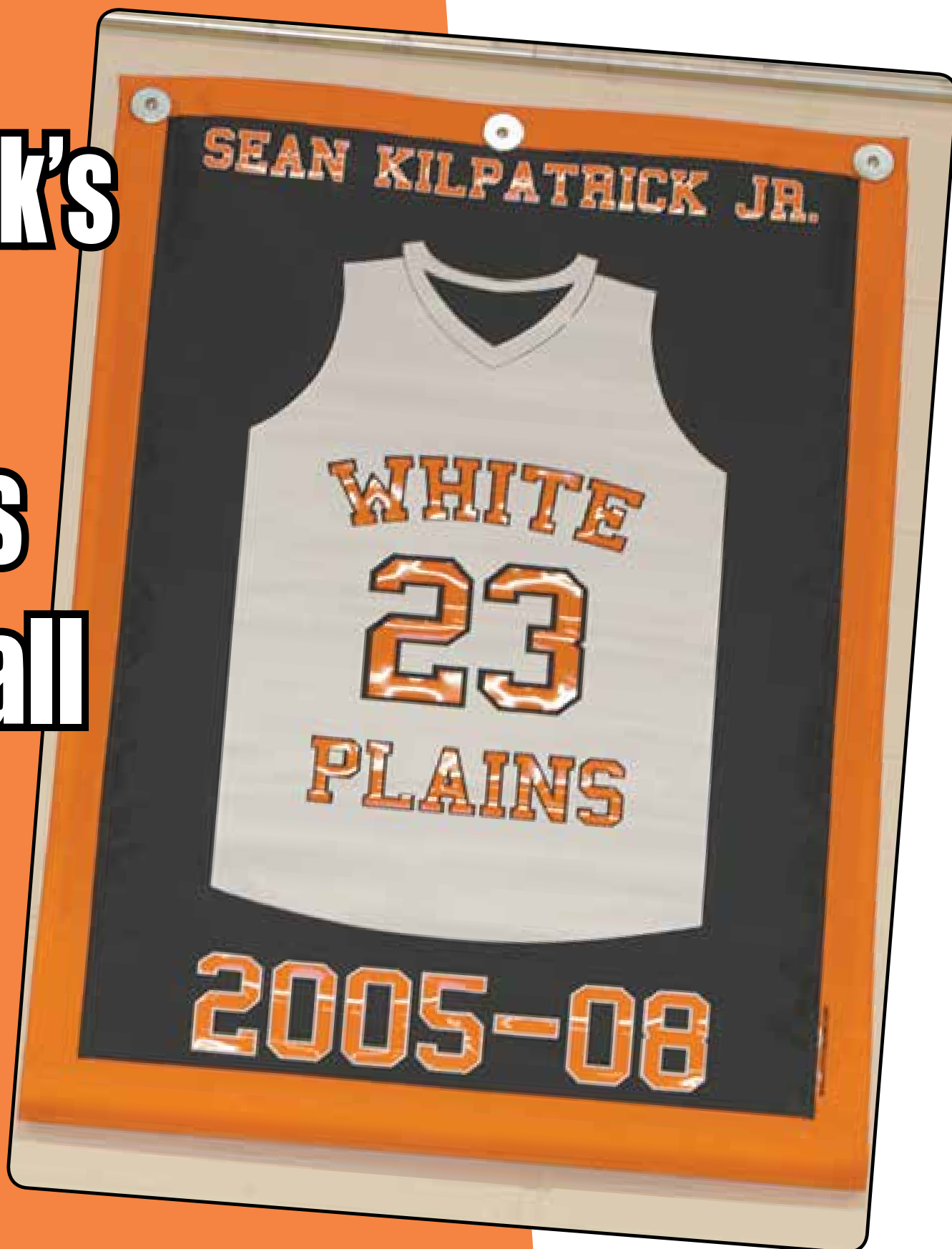
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## .....WHITE PLAINS EXAMINER SPORTS.....

# Sean Kilpatrick's Number 23 Tigers Basketball Jersey Retired by WPHS



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

Sean Kilpatrick played four seasons of varsity basketball (2005-08) for the White Plains Tigers, before being selected as a 2014 First Team All-American at the University of Cincinnati. Kilpatrick worked his way through the D-League (now Gatorade League), before attaining his ultimate goal of playing in the NBA. On Friday, Jan. 12, Kilpatrick's number 23 jersey became the first ever basketball jersey retired at White Plains High School.