



WPHS Students Selected to Perform in Honor Choir



Congratulations to White Plains High School students Adam Lemoine, Samantha Fazio, and Marlee Reinmuth who performed in Pittsburgh's Heinz Hall as part of the 175-member Eastern Region American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Honor Choir. Adam, Samantha, and Marlee were selected by audition from among many hundreds of students from all over the Northeastern region of the U.S. to participate in this incredible musical event. They are pictured here with the Honor Choir conductor, Dr. David Fryling, and their WPHS choir director, Penelope Cruz, who was recently elected to be president of the ACDA Eastern Region for 2020-2022.

WPSD Super Presents Preliminary Budget

By Pat Casey

The White Plains Board of Education held a public hearing on new Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Ricca's preliminary 2018-19 school district budget on March 12.

The preliminary budget is \$218,593,020, up 2.08% from the adopted budget of \$214,135,854 for school year 2017-2018.

The increase is slightly less than the previous year (2.58%), reflecting slightly lower revenue decreases in state and federal aid (\$23,954,750) in 2018-19 vs. (\$24,104,849) in 2017-18. Other revenue decreases for 2018-19 are projected at \$11,618,210.

The projected tax levy for 2018-19 is \$183,020,060 vs. \$176,975,345 in 2017-18, an increase of 3.42%.

The tax rate percentage increase is 2.88%.

Real property taxes make up 83.73% of the school district's revenues.

The Budget process calls for the School Board to adopt the budget on April 9 at

its regular meeting.

Another public hearing, on the Adopted Proposed Budget, as required by the State, will take place on May 7 at the start of the Board's Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Education House (5 Homestead Lane, White Plains).

Board President Rosemarie Eller said, "The staff, with input from the community, has developed a budget which maintains the high quality of education in White Plains while being fiscally responsible."

The budget will be put before the taxpayers on May 16, along with two propositions. One will authorize the expenditure of existing funds in the Capital Reserve Fund (not to exceed \$10,000,000) and the other authorizes free bus service for students who live at least one mile from the High School.

The community is encouraged to visit the district's website, www.whiteplainspublicschools.org for information on the budget.

County Legislators Demand Storm Response Answers From Utilities

By Anna Young

The Westchester County Board of Legislators demanded answers Monday from Con Edison and New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) representatives for the muddled response to the widespread power outages inflicted by dual Nor'easters this month.

Throughout the special three-hour meeting of the entire board, lawmakers skewered the utilities for inadequately preparing for the Mar. 2 wind and rain storm and the Mar. 7 snowstorm. Legislators strongly agreed there were communications breakdowns and misinformation presented to the public that must be rectified.



Downed power lines all over Westchester County caused widespread power outages during wind and rain storms earlier this month.

"We've heard from you before that lessons were learned. We heard that after (Superstorm) Sandy that lessons were learned," Majority Leader Catherine Parker (D-Rye) said. "The unfortunate thing from this experience is that it really throws that into question. Truly, it seems there was a first failure in responsiveness, a failure in accuracy and a failure of dissemination of information. It just seems we're back exactly where we were with Sandy."

Con Edison representatives said they prepared a week before the storm but were surprised by the "hurricane-like event" that arrived on Mar. 2. They said

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restoration procedures were followed once the first storm impacted the electrical system.

"After the storm arrived Friday, that didn't actually finish until Saturday in terms of the wind, we were still getting outages and you size your mutual aid to the outages you are experiencing," said Kyle Kimball, Con Edison's vice president of government relations. "That's why if you look at the timeline of us requesting mutual aid it begins to ramp up."

He added the storm was so widespread with 147,000 outages that crews were requested from across the United States.

"This was a practically devastating storm for our electrical system," Kimball said.

Trish Nilsen, NYSEG's director of emergency preparedness, said the utility's personnel followed group emergency plans and staged about 150 line and tree resources in their service areas prior to both storms. NYSEG's service area in the county, which was hit particularly hard, includes Yorktown, Lewisboro, North Salem, Bedford, Pound Ridge and Somers.

Following the first storm, Nilsen said NYSEG expanded to 1,200 workers, which comprised the utility's own personnel, local contractors and additional resources; in Brewster there were 72,000 customers impacted. A

company review process is underway to analyze the response.

But legislators didn't appear satisfied with many of the answers they were receiving.

"Listening to completely inconsistent information on how things are going and what the plans are from day to day, I'll tell you, is beyond infuriating and it tells me there are people who should be in charge of upper management in your company who don't know what the heck they're doing," Legislator MaryJane Shimsky (D-Hastings-on-Hudson) said. "And the fact that we've lived through this before is a really serious problem."

Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill) said that while nobody can control the weather or prevent trees from falling on power lines, residents within his district were trapped at home for days due to downed trees and high voltage wires. He suggested Con Edison work with local municipalities to expedite the restoration process.

Minority Whip Gordon Burrows (R-Yonkers) and Shimsky demanded that more line workers be hired to offset the travel time of the out-of-state utility crews.

"If you need to call mutual aid from 1,500 miles away and they're not here... for two to three days that compounds the problem," Burrows said. "If you have

experienced line workers living in the area there's not a need maybe to call all the mutual aid staff. I want to address the immediate problem of staffers that are in the area."

Legislator Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers), who said his district "was blown out like a bomb," was concerned that seniors at Heritage Hills in Somers could die without power for extended periods. Legislator David Tubiolo (R-Yonkers) shared similar concerns that the slow pace of restoration put lives at risk.

Jane Solnick, Con Edison's director of public affairs in Westchester County, said the utility has conducted outreach with senior facilities to provide preventative measures during storms. She agreed to collaborate with municipalities to prepare more effectively in the future.

Following the storms, County Executive George Latimer, who attended Monday's meeting, called for Con Edison and NYSEG to clean house of its senior managements.

"You've lost the public's trust and that's a big problem for a utility company to have," Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) told the representatives. "I think this is a wakeup call for all of us on how we communicate with each other."

The utility companies failed to answer several questions posed by the Board

saying they would have to get back to them. The Board suggested they all meet again to discuss methods of preparation and continue to have an open dialogue.

Con Edison to Provide Food and Medicine Reimbursement to Customers

Con Ed has announced that it will reimburse customers who lost power for three consecutive days or more for food and medicines as a result of the two Nor'easters that hit our area.

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WPHS Senior Organizes Westchester March for Our Lives

On Saturday, March 24 at 1 p.m., approximately 3,000 community members from Westchester County are expected to gather for a “sibling march” as part of the March for Our Lives movement. The march is one of hundreds happening around the country planned by students in solidarity with survivors of gun violence. The purpose of the march is to call on lawmakers to make students’ lives and well-being a priority and to pass common-sense gun safety legislation.

“It is time to stop gun violence from tearing up communities. As a teenager, I realize how powerful my voice is, and that this is our time to speak out about a cause that is very important to me because it should not be affecting every individual in the United States. This is our future that we are fighting for, the future for the next generations too,” said Kelly Marx, 18-year-old senior at White Plains High School and student organizer for the Westchester County March for Our Lives.

The rally and march in White Plains will enable people from all over Westchester County to raise their voices along with the more than 500 marches planned thus far around the globe.

The idea to march came from grieving students in Parkland, FL after a 19-year-

old former student shot and killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Feb. 14.

The march in White Plains will begin at 1 p.m. at Post Road Elementary School and will proceed to White Plains Public Library. The march is about 1 mile.

A rally will begin around 2 p.m. next to the Martin Luther King, Jr. statue behind the White Plains Public Library. Student activists will make remarks.

To register to march visit www.marchforourlives.com.



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Local Artist Inspires WPHS Students During Career Series



Local artist Michael Albert, best known for his collages, which he calls “cerealism,” visited White Plains High School and spoke about his career as an artist and being an entrepreneur during the Youth Bureau’s Exploring Career Pathways series. Albert shared his personal journey with the students and shared inspiring words and advice. The students, many aspiring artists themselves, hung on to every word and were thrilled when Albert presented everyone with signed copies of some of his prints.

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The Hon. John Martin and Seamus Clarke Feted by Board of Legislators

The Westchester County Board of Legislators gathered March 12, to honor local businessmen and community leaders as part of the Board's annual Irish History and Heritage Celebration.

Board Chair Benjamin Boykin presented a proclamation to White Plains Common Council President John Martin, whose family emigrated from Ireland in the 19th century.

Martin has served for more than nine years on the White Plains Council, and also is the past Chair of the White Plains Urban Renewal Agency and the White

Plains Business Improvement District. He is an attorney and entrepreneur and currently serves as Vice President and General Counsel of All New York Title Agency, Inc., which he founded in White Plains in 1995.

Martin was recognized by the Board on Monday for his role as Founder and Chair of the White Plains St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, which launched the city's annual parades beginning in 1998. The "green" parade has grown to be one of the biggest and most popular parades in Westchester. For 21 years it

has marched on under Martin's consistent guidance.

"I'm proud of our parade and all that it has come from, from its humble beginnings," Martin said. "I'm proud of all that it stands for, which includes the contribution of immigrants from Ireland and by extension the contributions of immigrants from all parts of the world and all faiths, creeds and colors."

Legislator David Tubiolo presented a Board proclamation to Seamus Clarke, who owns and operates J.P. Clarke's Saloon on McLean Avenue in Yonkers. Clarke's

opened in 1996, realizing Seamus Clarke's dream of owning his own business after coming to the U.S. in the 1980s from County Leitrim.

Clarke is a board member of the McLean Avenue Merchant's Association and an



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Seamus Clarke (left) and John Martin.

active member of the Irish community in Yonkers, including running the annual fundraising golf outing for the Aisling Irish Community Center, which assists Irish immigrants in their transition to life in America.

Noting that McLean Avenue has the highest concentration of Irish population in Westchester, Legislator Tubiolo said, "Seamus epitomizes McLean, the Irish and us as Americans."

Clarke commented on the history of Irish immigrants in Westchester going back to the 19th century saying, "We are very proud as immigrants, that our ancestors played their part in building up this great county and this great country."

Monday evening's festivities began with a performance by the Pipes and Drums of the Emerald Society of Westchester, a rendition of the Irish national anthem by singer/guitarist Padraig Allen and a performance by the O'Rourke Irish Dancers.



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Twenty Artists Submit Proposals for 20th Anniversary Arts Avenue Project

Twenty artists from throughout the Hudson Valley have submitted proposals for a public art opportunity in the City of White Plains. ArtsWestchester, in partnership with the City of White Plains, White Plains Business Improvement District (BID) and Kite Realty Group, recently put out a Request for Proposals for an artist/designer or artist team to design and install graphics for a street painting for the "Arts Avenue" drop-off/pick-up lane between ArtsWestchester and the City Center on Mamaroneck Avenue, inclusive of the vacant street space on Martine Avenue, between the crosswalk and handicap parking space.

Janet Langsam, CEO of ArtsWestchester explains, "This year marks the 20th anniversary of ArtsWestchester's purchase of the landmark Peoples Bank & Trust Building on Mamaroneck Avenue. To celebrate this anniversary and the transformation of the former bank building into a multi-use arts incubator, we are commissioning a public art project that will help identify our historic building as a center of creative activity in the City of White Plains."

The recent Request for Proposals



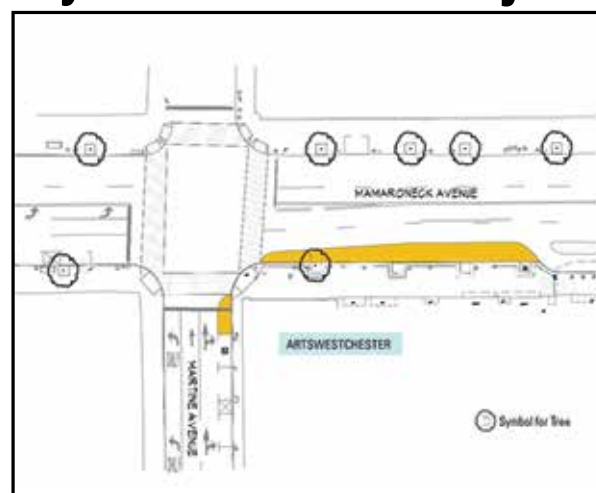
Over the last two decades, ArtsWestchester has transformed the nine-story building from the Peoples National Bank & Trust bank into a cultural hub of activity for artists and creative businesses. To mark this anniversary, ArtsWestchester will be undergoing a series of façade improvements and the new sign installations were part of the first phase. Two new ArtsWestchester signs were installed with a bucket truck high on the exterior of the building in order to better designate the building as the cultural destination that ArtsWestchester has become. The installation was done by SIGNARAMA Hartsdale.

asked artists to consider the following goals.

1. To improve the pedestrian experience.
2. To build visibility of ArtsWestchester's headquarters at 31 Mamaroneck Avenue.
3. To help celebrate the 20th anniversary of ArtsWestchester's residence in its historic building.

Artists were encouraged to submit designs for the project that are distinctive, that consider the character and historic significance of the building, as well as the City's street life, and that will comply with traffic and safety regulations.


Applicants had to be at least 18 years old, and must live or maintain a studio address in the lower Hudson Valley region of New York, including NYC (all five boroughs), Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster, and Sullivan Counties. The selected artist(s) also must be registered to do business in New York State. The artist honorarium for the street art project



The yellow highlighted area of the diagram shows where the street 'Arts Avenue' project will be constructed.

will be between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

The site for the project is described as the Mamaroneck Avenue drop-off/pick-up lane is the "Welcome Mat" to ArtsWestchester and the City Center (home to shops, restaurants, the White Plains Performing Arts Center and Cinema de Lux.) The approximately 1,694 square foot space available for artwork includes the vacant street space on Martine Avenue, between the pedestrian crosswalk and handicap parking space (highlighted in the diagram in yellow.) No work shall be performed in any of the traffic lanes on Mamaroneck Ave.



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up at the White Plains Recreation & Parks Department at 85 Gedney Way, White Plains.

Candidates must be able to fulfill the following requirements: Be at least 16 years old as of June 15, 2018 (Teen Camp candidates must be at least 18 years of age by June 15, 2018); be available to work typically from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. daily;

must be available for the entire six (6) week camp season, July 2 to Aug. 10; must attend the mandatory staff orientation on Thursday, June 28, Noon to 5 p.m.

All applicants must bring their application for an in-person review before acceptance. Reviews will be held at the White Plains Recreation & Parks Community Center, 65 Mitchell Place,

White Plains, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. on one of the following days: Monday, March 26, Tuesday, March 27, or Wednesday, March 28. No appointment needed, drop in review only. Completed applications must include all specified documentation.

For additional information call 914-422-1424 or e-mail at atofano@whiteplainsny.gov.

LWVWP Honors Beth Smayda with Civic Engagement Award

The League of Women Voters of White Plains has honored former White Plains Councilmember (2010 to 2017) Beth Smayda with its Civic Engagement Award.

A public finance professional for over 25 years, Beth has a long history of involvement in the White Plains community, having served as a past President of the White Plains League of Women Voters, Chair of the League's City Budget Committee for 20 years and Chair of the City Government Committee. She also served on the White Plains PTA Council, chairing the School Budget and Legislation Committees, work for which she received the PTA Jenkins Award.

Beth's public finance career began at Moody's Investors Service after working as a researcher on intergovernmental and local government financial issues for the New York State Legislative Commission on State-Local Relations. At Moody's she was an Assistant Vice President in the Northeast Group. She then went to MBIA where she worked for 18 years analyzing, marketing, executing, monitoring, and remediating municipal bond transactions. Beth then went to BondFactor Company as Managing Director and is now a



Beth Smayda

Director at the ACA Financial Guaranty Corporation.

In 2006 Beth co-founded the Northeast Woman in Public Finance (NEWPF), a network of 1,000+ women from all fields in the public finance industry. She served as Co-President through 2012 and was named in December 2013 as a Trailblazing Woman in Public Finance by the Bond Buyer. She has been a long-time member of the Municipal Analysts of New York.

Junior League Seeks Teen Clothing For Local Girls in Need

The Junior League of Central Westchester (JLCW) has kicked off of a donation drive for teen girls' clothing and personal items. New and gently used donations are needed for the upcoming Teen Boutique, an event created by The Sharing Shelf of Family Services of Westchester (FSW). Teen Boutique is a one-day free shopping boutique for girls ages 13-19 from families in financial need. The private event will be held at the Westchester County Center in late April.

The Sharing Shelf will welcome at least 250 girls, referred through schools and area nonprofits such as community groups, social service agencies and food pantries. Each shopper will select a week's worth of spring and summer clothing and accessories including shirts, shorts, sweaters, skirts, dresses, shoes, pants, jewelry, bras, new socks and new underwear.

The JLCW is calling on the local community for donations to make the event a success. Clothing should be

gently used or new, in clean, wearable condition and seasonally appropriate. Accepted sizes are Teen/Adult S to XL and pants 0-20. There is an acute need for Adult L/XL tops and pants in women/teen size 10 (30) and larger.

"Teen Boutique has been a vast success because it empowers the teen girls to choose the essential items they need to thrive, enabling them to feel valued and more confident," said Deborah Blatt, Program Director and Founder of The Sharing Shelf. "We are excited to pair with the JLCW once again. With each Teen Boutique, we see the power of the Westchester community coming together to make it happen, and we look forward to the continued support of those who need it most."

Through the month of March, donations can be dropped off on the porch at the JLCW's Wayside Cottage at 1039 Post Road, Scarsdale.

For more information and ways to get involved, visit <http://www.jlcentralwestchester.org/teenboutique>.

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Film Activity in Westchester Off to a Good Start in 2018

According to the Westchester County Office of Tourism & Film, film activity in Westchester County has risen significantly in the last two years marked by a significant uptick in feature film location shoots. Westchester County collected a total of \$656,224 in location

fees for film, television, and commercial shoots at county-owned properties, a 31% increase vs. 2016. In addition, production days for county-owned properties in 2017 were up 27% from 2016.

County Executive George Latimer said: "Film activity is an important contributor

to our local economy in Westchester. Our municipalities, local businesses and local residents reap economic benefits from film activity. It's also a point of pride for us. We enjoy seeing our beautiful County in films, television projects and commercials."

Director of Westchester County Office of Tourism and Film Natasha Caputo notes film activity for 2018 is already off to an impressive start. "Goldfinch," directed by John Crowley and starring Sarah Paulson and Ansel Elgort, began shooting in Yonkers in February.

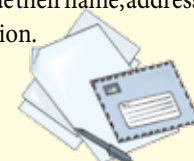
Caputo said: "As more location managers and scouts discover Westchester's benefits, word gets around quickly. They've discovered you can access exquisitely maintained historic properties,

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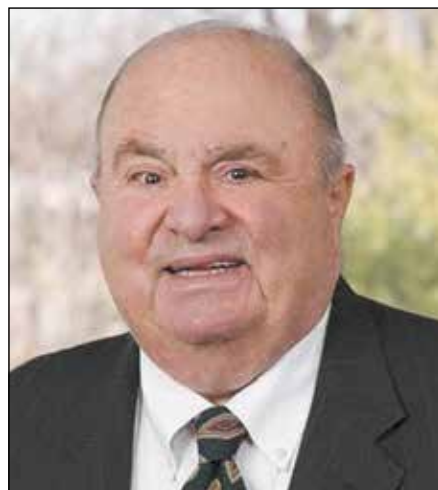
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Obituaries

Samuel G. Fredman

Hon. Samuel G. Fredman of White Plains passed on March 14. Survived by his sons Neil (Michele) and Andrew (Susan Leon), grandchildren Daniel (Stephanie), Joshua (Jaime), Ariele (Perry) and Alison, and two great grandchildren.

Sam Fredman led a distinguished career as an attorney, judge and arbitrator since he began practicing law in 1949. Sam focused on matrimonial law for 40 years and reached the highest pinnacle of the



Hon. Samuel G. Fredman

bar in this area, resulting in his selection to the prestigious American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. From 1989-2000, Sam served as a justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Ninth Judicial Circuit.

After retiring from the bench, Sam became a private arbitrator and mediator, serving as counsel at Wilson Elser. His ability to bring together the parties to a lawsuit and find common ground among their varied interests was invaluable in resolving hundreds of disputes over the years without the expense of litigation.

Sam also was active in numerous professional, community, charitable, religious and political organizations in White Plains, Westchester County and elsewhere. Sam was past chairman of the SUNY-Purchase Council; past chairman of the Westchester County Democratic Committee and member of its Executive Committee; and co-founder and past president of the Westchester Jewish Council (formerly Conference) and member of its Executive Committee. He also was a member of the Anne Frank Center USA Advisory Board.

Sam served in the U.S. Army Air Forces from 1943-1946 and was honorably discharged as a technical sergeant after service in the South Pacific theater and in Japan.

Congresswoman Nita Lowey offered the following statement on Judge Fredman's passing: "I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Judge Samuel G. Fredman. Sam Fredman was not afraid to speak his mind, always guided by the principles of justice and fairness for all.

Throughout his more than six decades of public service, he distinguished himself as a leading attorney, judge, State Supreme Court Justice and arbitrator. Sam also generously shared his wisdom and talent with many community, professional, religious and political organizations. ... Sam continued throughout his long career and into retirement to demonstrate to all that he was a member of 'The Greatest Generation.'

"Westchester has lost a dynamic leader, skilled jurist, wise counselor and dedicated mentor to dozens of organizations and individuals.

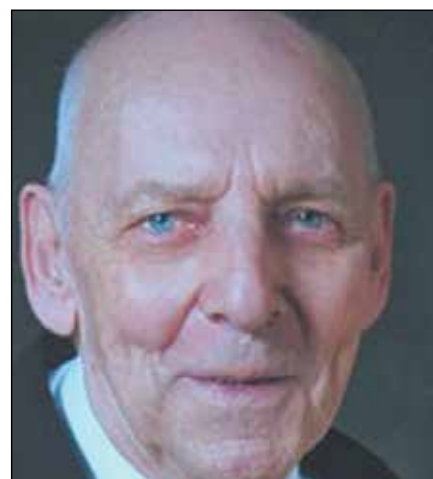
"And I have lost a dear friend and trusted advisor, the first to support my entry into elected office 30 years ago."

Services were held March 16 at Temple Israel Center, White Plains followed by interment in the Sharon Gardens cemetery, Valhalla.

Vincent F. LeBlanc

Deacon Vincent F. "Bob" LeBlanc died on March 11 in his home in West Harrison surrounded by family. He was 90 years old.

Bob led a life of loving service to community, faith, and family. He was born to Hosanna and Servand LeBlanc on September 3, 1927 in Hardwick, a vibrant French-Canadian enclave in northern



Vincent F. LeBlanc

Vermont. He left his parents' dairy farm to enlist in the U.S. Army, serving in Korea from 1950-1953 with the 65th Infantry, 3rd Division, Company G. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and attained the rank of corporal, though he remained humble about his service for the rest of his life.

After the war, Bob returned to Hardwick to marry the love of his life, Mignonne LeCours, who grew up on the farm next door. They were wed on May 21, 1955 at St. Norbert's Church, and would go on to have six children, 18 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Bob and Mignonne moved to Purchase in 1955, where Bob maintained Mary Louise and Ogden Reid's Ophir Hill estate. He later worked as the

maintenance supervisor at the Purchase Community House, where he poured his craft and ingenuity into many projects, including the design and construction of the miniature golf course that bears his name today.

In 1980 Bob was ordained a permanent deacon of the Roman Catholic Church at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. He served the people of St. Anthony of Padua Church in West Harrison and the Purchase Fire Department as chaplain from 1980-2003. Especially devoted to the sick, particularly children and the elderly, he volunteered countless hours ministering to patients at Westchester Medical Center, Blythedale Children's Hospital, and Ruth Taylor Geriatric and Rehabilitation Institute.

An avid artist and craftsman, Bob loved transforming everyday and discarded objects into furniture, appliances, jewelry, and works of art for his patients, family, and friends. Affectionately known as Pèpère, he delighted his grandchildren and many others with his hand-painted magnets. In recent years, Bob spent his days devouring word puzzles and blessing visitors with his quiet presence and unexpected humor. He brought joy to all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Mignonne LeBlanc; a brother, Joseph LeBlanc; three sisters, Louise (Charles) Nye, Rose (Robert) Carlson, and Georgette (Louis) Gianuzzi; six children, Daniel LeBlanc, Nicole (Charles) Decker, Claire (David) Kapusta, Michele (Leon) LeBlanc, Monique

(Mark) Miculcy, and Elisabeth (Adam) Emerson; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews, and his beloved parish family at St. Anthony of Padua.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 15 at St. Anthony of Padua Church. He will be buried in Hardwick, VT. Memorial contributions can be made in Deacon Bob's name to St. Anthony of Padua Church, 85 Harrison Street, West Harrison, NY, 10604.



Police Blotter

WP Man Found Guilty in Engaging in Sex with Child

Jard Hobbs (DOB 5/5/73) was convicted of engaging in a course of sexual conduct with a child under 13 years old. Judge Susan Cacace presided over the jury trial in Westchester County Court.

Hobbs was found guilty on three counts: Course of Sexual Conduct against a Child in the First Degree, a class B violent felony; Rape in the Second Degree, a class D felony; Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a class A misdemeanor.

Prosecutors stated the sexual abuse began when the child was 11 and ended when she was 13 at which time she told her family. The defendant was in his 40s. They subsequently reported the abuse to Rye Police. During the police investigation, they found DNA evidence including semen in the child's shorts, which corroborated the charges.

Rye Police arrested Hobbs at his White Plains residence July 7, 2017.

Hobbs has been remanded without bail while he is awaiting sentencing May 15, 2018. He faces up to 32 years in prison, with post-release supervision, and he will have to register as a sex offender after he



Jard Hobbs

gets out of jail.

The case was investigated by Rye Police, the Child Abuse Bureau of the Special Prosecutions Division of the DA's Office and the Westchester County Department of Public Safety.

It was prosecuted by ADA Paul Stein, Chief of the Child Abuse Bureau, and ADA Karen Herbert of the Special Prosecutions Division.

A House's Ceiling Height Has Evolved Over the Years

A visitor to our home last week commented on its luxuriously high ceilings and how "open" it made our living space.

Yes, we opted to pay more money for the top floor of our condo building, which featured ceiling heights that are two feet higher than on lower floors. Once experiencing 10-foot ceilings, it's hard to go back.

Many years ago, when my wife and I discovered our dream home, we were delighted that we could figure out a way to turn a one-and-one-half story saltbox wing with all original 18th century details into a separate apartment.

However, it came with one caveat. Whenever it was available for rent and we received inquiries from prospective tenants, the first thing my wife would ask was, "Do you mind telling me how tall you are?"

There was always a questioning pause on the other end of the line, but if the answer was 6-foot-2 or over, her response was, "Sorry, I don't think this apartment would be for you."

The reason was simple to explain. The structure was built in 1734 when people were shorter, and the ceilings on both floors are barely two inches more than that in height. We didn't want to waste any very tall person's time in considering a home where they might feel like Gulliver

visiting Lilliput or Alice in Wonderland inside the rabbit's house.

In those days, most houses were utilitarian structures and homebuilders knew that lower ceilings meant less space to heat in winter and, therefore, less wood chopping to fit into a day already bursting with physical activity.

Greater affluence afforded ceilings with greater height. The same holds true today. While ceiling heights in Victorian times had reached an average of 13 feet, based on English city houses, heights moderated to eight feet with the advent of mass housing developments after World War II. That height, based on the standardized length of an eight-foot stud, stayed in place until the term McMansion was coined in the early 1980s, where center halls and family rooms could soar two stories high.

By the end of the 20th century, increased fuel costs put a damper on ceiling heights so that today the average new construction had nine-foot ceilings on the first floor and eight feet on the second. That extra foot

in height on the first floor, it is estimated, can increase the building cost from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for a 4,000-square-foot house, depending on the region.

To keep everything in proper scale, a higher ceiling means larger furniture, taller windows, thicker crown molding, a taller fireplace mantel and bigger light fixtures. Even artwork has to be larger to cover more wall space.

What mitigates the extra expense of taller ceilings is the cost savings that come from better insulation and other energy-saving improvements to windows and doors.

In the distant past, homes were built with what we call a "balloon frame," where studs go from grade level to roof, as opposed to the "platform frame" we use today, where each floor's studs make its own separate box and one box is placed upon the other. With a balloon frame, ceilings could be any height, but as the milling of studs was standardized to eight feet in the early 20th century, ceiling heights were almost universally that same measurement.

A comfortable ceiling height today depends on who you talk to. An architect

friend told me that affluent clients are asking for a nine-foot minimum ceiling but prefer 10- or even 12-foot ceilings. Anything less than that is unacceptable to the people who do not have to be concerned with utility costs. New zoning regulations keep even the wealthiest clients from going overboard. Building height is limited in our communities, which in turn limits the height to which we can build ceilings.

Beyond cost, another factor to consider is the psychology of it all. Pulte Homes, one of the nation's largest homebuilders, recently conducted research demonstrating that while consumers like higher ceilings to give a room a more expansive feel, it can render the space cold and austere.

Today, besides an open floor plan, we want homes that are more inviting, casual and warm. Part of achieving that is with ceilings that are appropriately scaled. So, if you're a house hunter, carefully consider the space between your head and ceiling, because it can't be changed easily, unless you partake of the magic mushrooms enjoyed by Alice in Wonderland!

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You Are What You Eat, But is That Who You Want To Be?



By Nick Antonaccio

Last week I introduced the Slow Food movement and its inevitable offshoot, Slow Wine. After penning my column, I began to think about the evolution of diets across European and Asian countries and in the United States.

From the Mediterranean diet to the American "fast food nation" dietary habits, culinary traditions have evolved, more over the past 50 years than in the previous millennia. Historically, the American diet, which as a reflection of our entrepreneurial spirit and ambition, has been focused on immediacy and efficiency as compared to the laid-back Mediterranean diet and its Asian equivalent, which have been focused on the appreciation of food and the intrinsic, interwoven role of wine and other beverages.

Yet in this era of pandemic information overload, the two dietary patterns are beginning to cross over, for better and for worse. Allow me to contextualize these dietary changes into a historical perspective. An anthropological review provides a roadmap to the evolution of these once divergent diets.

The human body has evolved very

little over the last 40,000 years. It was "designed" for a specific diet, one that was reliant on readily available products and ingredients. Think about the diet of early homo sapiens: berries, root vegetables (each a complex – or good – carbohydrate), nuts, fermented juices, wild game and a mastodon steak once or twice a year. This diet prevailed for millennia but then, as the population grew, along came cities and the need to feed the masses. Industrialized agriculture – principally processed grains and products with pumped up sugar (bad carbohydrates) – became a primary source for food, a divergence that is not in humans' DNA.

As the Industrial Age gradually infiltrated our lives, so too did the commercial food industry, notably in the United States. Scientific applications and additives were introduced to preserve and extend the shelf life of raw food. Not coincidentally, commencing in the mid 20th century, the incidence of cancer, heart disease and obesity began to rise to near epidemic levels. Through all of these changes, wine remained a healthy, unadulterated staple.

Until recently, Americans were uniquely impacted by the rise in life-threatening diseases. The USDA has addressed these issues, and they didn't have to look far for a solution. Mediterranean-rim countries have resisted what the Americans have succumbed to. Their diets more closely resemble a diet for which our physiology was designed: a balance of unadulterated, minimally processed proteins, fats and

carbohydrates, lubricated by fermented juice.

However, there is a strange irony in this tale. Americans, introduced to the "French Paradox" 20 years ago, have begun to slowly change to a more Mediterranean focused diet. The rest of the world, however, has begun to succumb to the ubiquitous American diet. As American capitalism has expanded across the globe, there has been a rise in overly processed foods, coupled with an increase in the consumption of fatty foods (hamburgers and super-sized French fries) and sugary soft drinks.

For example, historically the incidence of heart disease in Japan and France was minor compared to the United States. This all changed as American food manufacturers expanded to these countries over the last quarter century. Today, heart disease has become a major concern in these countries as well as other globalized nations that have embraced the American diet.

There is one constant in the evolution of early man's diet. Wine has been a beverage of choice for millennia, growing in popularity to this day. This "superfood" is considered an elixir for health and a

social lubricant that ameliorates modern day stress. Even the USDA agrees: "Moderate alcohol consumption also is associated with reduced risk of all-cause mortality among middle-aged and older adults and may help to keep cognitive function intact with age."

Sound diets are on the rise in the United States. We're moving in the right direction, but the road is a long and arduous one to synchronize our lifestyle with our physiology. My advice: rather than inhaling your food, take a deep breath, exhale and smell the roses – and the rosemary – in your next meal.

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Flavorful Culinary Road Trips



By Morris Gut

I had the pleasure of visiting several culinary cities and sites this past year, encountering celebrities from all over the food spectrum. I would like to share some of them with you. When I was in the nation's Capital this past winter, I just had to revisit the 'Bon Appetit! Julia Child's Kitchen at the Smithsonian' in Washington, D.C., a remarkable utensil by utensil reconstruction of her Cambridge kitchen highlighted by memorabilia and videos of her famous TV cooking shows. I was delighted to see fans of all ages coming to pay respect to her iconic legacy. It inspired me. The exhibit is in the National Museum of American History, and a must visit www.JuliaChildsKitchenattheSmithsonian.org. **Dining During the Cherry Blossom Festival in D.C.**

It is lovely this time of the year, and it helps remove some of the political tension in the air. The annual Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington D.C. takes place from March 20th through April 15 and there are culinary options galore all over our beautiful Capital. Here is a compendium.

After a wonderful walk through the new District Wharf development (www.wharfdc.com) along Maine Ave. next to the boatyards, which is chock full of eateries, we got hungry. We booked a table at Jaleo for two reasons: we respect what Chef Jose Andres has accomplished both in and out of his kitchens, and we finally wanted to taste a sampling of his work. Jaleo is colorful, bustling, with a very enthusiastic staff. We shared the pleasant house Sangria and ordered small plates of Bacon Wrapped Dates, Pulpo, Patata Bravas, and Gambas. All were flavorful mouthfuls, except for the pulpo. Did not care for the consistency. We shared their flan for dessert, and the creaminess was very much to our liking. Over the top, in fact. But, alas, a frustratingly small

portion. Could have easily done a couple more. Delicious! Overall, we will be back to try more tapas, perhaps party over one of their Paellas www.jaleo.com.

I always enjoy a run through Georgetown and this visit was no exception. We went down to K Street to try Farmers Fishers Bakers. We had never been in this section before and it was busy, like the rest of the area. Picturesque as well. Ice skating was in full swing, and from the boardwalk there is a dramatic view of the Kennedy Center and Watergate Hotel across the Potomac.

Inside FFB there was a half hour wait we were told. It was lunchtime. The joint was jumping. Not even a seat at the bar. We lucked out when a couple of tables emptied early and got a center booth overlooking the entire setting. It happened to be Restaurant Week and we both ordered a couple of \$22 three course lunches. They did not disappoint.

For me, a starter salad with shaved cauliflower, Asian pear, sunflower seeds, celery and raisins. Refreshingly good. I followed with the Bricked Chicken served with citrus-griddled onions and farm-a-roni succotash. The chicken was beautifully grilled, the skin nice and crispy, the meat practically melted in your mouth. I have always been a sucker for succotash and this portion was quite good. For dessert I had the Boston Cream Pie, which was not the BCP I know. This version was more of a cream layer cake, or perhaps they just brought me the wrong item. My companion did not suffer either: a fine spinach, mushroom and fennel salad with beets and basil, followed by Fisher's Fry Platter piled high with bay scallops, choice of dipping sauces, with peanut cider slaw and street corn. I just knew she would order the Key Lime Pie for dessert. Service was very friendly, and considering the crowd, efficient. Overall, it was a fantastic deal www.farmersfishersbakers.com.

We re-visited Central Michel Richard along Pennsylvania Ave. and enjoyed their take on such titillating French bistro fare as: Country Pate with all the trimmings; Lump Crabcake with leek tartar; Grilled Salmon with lentils; tender Steak Frites, and a most amazing artisanal deconstructed Banana Split that was enough for two. It was hard to pass on their famous Napoleon layered with luscious cream. Founder and uber-Chef Michel Richard passed away not long ago. Yet, as a testament to his team, Central is as good as ever. One of our favorites in D.C. www.centralmichelrichard.com.

We were looking forward to visiting Isabella Eatery at posh Tysons Galleria in McLean, just a few miles outside of The District. We had heard a lot about Chef/Restaurateur Mike Isabella and his

work from D.C. to Richmond. We scored a great parking spot near the entrance to the mall and anxiously entered. There was a big Isabella Eatery sign to greet us. The Isabella Eatery 'food hall' is a bit confusing at first, all those separate eating counters with a sprawling dining and seating area in the center. Patrons can sit either at a counter, or in a communal dining area where the waitstaff will hand you a menu listing specialties from each of the nine or so eating sections. You can mix and match as you wish from Greek to Mexican fare.

Right across the hall sits Graffiato, one of Isabella's more popular concepts, featuring 'comfort' Italian specialties. We opted for the small bar there.

The Graffiato space itself was crowded at lunchtime. We shared orders of Arugula Salad and one of their wood burning oven pizzas called The Forager, topped with



Delicious flan at Jaleo, D.C.

artichoke, mushrooms, ricotta, mozzarella and roasted garlic. Both the salad and the crusty pizza were very flavorful www.isabellaeatery.com.

After touring some of the shops we stopped at Danielle's Desserts. So glad we did. The 'killer' cakes and pies beckoned. It was a hard decision, but a big portion of their Pecan Coconut Chocolate Chip Pie and Strawberries and Cream Layer Cake did the decadent trick. I sensed a Southern flair in this bakeshop www.daniellesdesserts.com.

For me, no trip to The Beltway is complete without a Vietnamese meal at Eden Center in Falls Church. It is sort of a Vietnamese version of Chinatown and always busy. Our favorite eating spot is Huong Viet where we always order pretty much the same thing: a big bowl of Pho for me, and lettuce wraps with beef for the lady. And it is consistently satisfying and reasonably priced. Must try one of the Banh Mi shops on a future visit www.edencenter.com.



Lidia Bastianich at Barnes & Noble, Westchester

Dining with Lidia at Barnes & Noble, Westchester

Culinary entrepreneur Lidia Bastianich made a guest appearance at Barnes & Noble in Eastchester late last year. Several hundred turned out to hear her discuss her cookbooks and field questions about her stellar career. She managed to rouse the crowd. It was nice to see her again. I am a fan. I have always considered her cooking style to be 'vivacious and lush'. And Felidia, her famous restaurant in Manhattan, is where I celebrated my 60th.

Prior to her talk, we decided to have an early dinner at the new Barnes & Noble Kitchen on the premises. It is a new concept the bookseller is testing. Every time I visit the store, usually in the afternoon, I notice how active the restaurant and coffee bar have become. The house 'no reservations' policy worried me a bit, especially with Lidia on the premises, but the manager led us to a good table for two where we were able to watch the evening unfold.

We ordered a tasty well-oiled and herbed Hummus Platter with za'atar, surrounded with carrots and multi-color broccoli for dipping. The crackly Lavash toast that came along with it was just delicious. We craved more. Our mains: Brick Cooked Chicken (here it is again), on the bone served with a potato puree with tarragon and watercress. Tender and very flavorful. And, Plancha-Cooked Salmon served on a bed of whole grain tabbouleh salad and basil dressing. The salmon filet cooked just right, the salad a fine counterpoint. We were impressed, better than we anticipated for this type of in-store operation. We will return www.barnesandnoblekitchen.com.

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Crusty bread, garlic and olive oil at Jaleo, D.C.



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Tuesday, March 20

Tuesdays at Dorry's. Smart Resistance - a conversation about how to resist most effectively. Robert Reich has laid out guidelines for 2018. Reich is a political commentator, professor and author who served in the administrations of Presidents Ford, Carter and Clinton, and was a member of President-elect Obama's economic transition advisory board. Many consider him a very smart commentator on economic and politics. Michael Hackett will facilitate. Tuesdays@Dorry's gathers conversation 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, March 21

America's Chronic Condition: The Rising Cost of Your Healthcare. There are many complex issues confronting us as we provide, consume and pay for health care. Now more than ever, we need to start prescribing solutions. Hear from experts in a balanced conversation as they discuss the challenges with providing healthcare coverage and keeping costs down. Find out what you need to know as a business owner, employee or healthcare provider. The panelists are Kevin Dahill, of Suburban Hospital Alliance; Mary Jo Jacobs, of USI Insurance Services; Dr. Charles Rothberg, Medical Society of the State of New York; and Eric Linzer, of the New York Health Plan Association. Presented by the Westchester County Association (WCA). DoubleTree by Hilton, 455 S. Broadway, Tarrytown. 8 to 10 a.m. WCA members: \$35. Non-members: \$45. Info and registration: Visit www.westchester.org.

Noonday Getaway Concert. Cellist David Heiss is a member of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and is principal cellist of The New York Pops at Carnegie Hall. Featured as a concerto soloist and recitalist in a wide range of repertoire, he plays a John Betts cello, dated 1789. He is joined by the pianist Warren Jones, a member of the faculty of the Manhattan School of Music and the Music Academy of the West, who is Principal Pianist for the exciting California chamber music group Camerata Pacifica. 12:10 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church St., White Plains. This 30-minute free concert

is open to the public, and made possible with the generous support of Dagher Engineering, PLLC.

Thursday, March 22

Literary Lunch. A social event and literary discussion led by Manhattanville alumnus Donna Miele. Bring your own lunch and join us for a discussion of current issues in the literary world. Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free.

National Theatre Live's "Julius Caesar." Caesar (David Calder) returns home in triumph and is greeted by joyous throngs. Alarmed by the autocrat's popularity, the educated elite conspire to bring him down, civil war erupts and all is chaos. Ben Whishaw (Brutus), Michelle Fairley (Cassius) and David Morrissey (Mark Antony) star in this dynamic production from Nicholas Hytner. Jacob Burns Film Festival, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 3 p.m. Members: \$25. Non-members: \$35. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Meet the Writers: Tyler Wetherall. Join the MFA program and Manhattanville's undergraduate creative writing majors in celebrating the release of Wetherall's memoir, "No Way Home." Wetherall is a Brooklyn-based writer and journalist whose work has appeared in The Guardian, The Telegraph, The Brooklyn Magazine and Vice, among others. Her first book, "No Way Home: A Memoir of Life on the Run" tells the story of her childhood as the daughter of an international pot smuggler, growing up on the run from the FBI. Her fiction has appeared in The Gettysburg Review, and she is deputy editor of the literary journal The Wrong Quarterly. She also teaches journalism and creative writing at Manhattanville College. Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 7 p.m. Free.

Literary Salon and Book Signing. Moderated by acclaimed author and three-time Emmy Award winner, Allison Gilbert Rebecca Soffer, author of "Modern Loss," and Jeff Rossen, author of "Rossen Reports," will read from their latest work. The event will be moderated by award-winning author and Omega Institute speaker Allison Gilbert, author of "Passed and Present." Following the readings, books will be available for sale and signing by the authors. The Aligned Center, 1 Bridge St., Suite 64, Irvington. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Info: 914-292-0930 or e-mail info@thealignedcenter.com.

Friday, March 23

Chefs Helping Vets Fundraiser Series. American Legion Post 1038 in Valhalla

will host the second of three culinary sessions led by industry professionals. Tonight, Doral Arrowwood Pastry Chef Stacey Cohen helps participants create the perfect bouquet - of cupcakes. Participants will create frosting flowers - roses, chrysanthemums, daisies - and turn them into a gorgeous cupcake bouquet. Proceeds will benefit Valhalla American Legion Post 1038. Doral Arrowwood Conference Center, 975 Anderson Hill Rd., Rye Brook. 6 p.m. \$55 (includes a \$30 charitable tax deduction). The series continues May 12. Info and registration: Visit www.alpost1038ny.org/chefs-helping-vets.html.

Orpheus Chamber Orchestra: The Courage to Create. The orchestra creates extraordinary musical experiences, performing at the highest level, challenging artistic boundaries and inspiring the public. Georgian violinist Lisa Batiashvili brings her insightful perspective to Prokofiev's elegant Second Violin Concerto, a work steeped in the crosscurrents between Russia and the West. Purchase College's Concert Hall, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$50, \$65 and \$80. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.

Forbidden Broadway. From "Annie" to "Phantom" to "Wicked," this fall-down funny, satirical roast of more than 30 Broadway hits features outrageous costumes, silly spoofs of the songs you know by heart and madcap impressions by a stellar cast. Newer spoofs include "Hamilton," "The Book of Mormon" and "Once." It's never been more fun poking fun at your favorite musicals and stars. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 8 p.m. \$27 to \$46. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

Saturday, March 24

March for Our Lives. This is a march against gun violence organized by White Plains High School students that will begin at Post Road School at 1 p.m. and end at the MLK Statue (next to White Plains Public Library) for a rally and student speeches. "This will be our call to action to leaders in our community."

Graphic Novel Writing Conference. Consisting of two workshops targeted at aspiring youth and adult graphic novelists. The adult workshop features instruction by Paul Levitz, past president of DC Comics and Manhattanville College MFA program adjunct professor, who will apply an advanced look at story construction, emphasizing character and story. Barbara Slate, author of "You Can Do a Graphic Novel," will teach a youth workshop, for ages 10 to 18, focusing on the mixing

of drawings and words. Artistic ability is not a requirement for participants. Special guest keynote presenter will be Colleen Doran, whose graphic novel adaptation of the Neil Gaiman story, "Troll Bridge," became a New York Times bestseller. Manhattanville College's Berman Student Center, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$75. Doran's talk at 1 p.m. is free and open to the public. Info and registration: Visit community.mville.edu.

Common Ground Concerts: Peter Mulvey With Special Guest Crys Matthews. Over the past 20 years, Mulvey has pursued a restless, eclectic path as a writer and musician - immersing himself in Tin Pan Alley jazz, modern acoustic, poetry, narrative and Americana stylings. Relentlessly touring as a headliner he has also shared the stage with luminaries such as Emmylou Harris, Richard Thompson, Ani diFranco, Indigo Girls and Greg Brown, and has attracted an audience that stretches from Anchorage to Amsterdam. Matthews blends Americana, folk, jazz, blues, bluegrass and funk into a bold, complex performance steeped in traditional melodies and punctuated by honest, original lyrics. Common Ground Coffee House at the First Unitarian Society of Westchester, 25 Old Jackson Ave., Hastings-on-Hudson. 7:30 p.m. \$20 and \$25. Info and tickets: Visit www.commongroundfusw.com.

Sunday, March 25

Great Green Eggstravaganza. A day of egg-themed activities, including an environmentally-friendly egg hunt. Make seasonal crafts, meet some animals on the great lawn and join a naturalist to discover signs of spring. Rain or shine. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Early registration (before Mar. 25): Members--\$5. Non-members--\$10. Day of event: Members--\$8. Non-members--\$15. Info and registration: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Family Day: Celebrate Spring. Families are invited to celebrate spring with delightful activities inspired by Nowruz, the Persian New Year Festival that marks the beginning of spring. Experience Persian classical dance and music performances as well as demonstrations by a traditional Iranian calligrapher and miniature painter. Mosaic crafting, a Haft-Seen display and Persian treats will also be available for visitors to enjoy. Organized in collaboration with The Ferdowsi School of Westchester. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St., Katonah. 12 to 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-232-9555 or visit www.katonahmuseum.org.



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NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF CRYPTO CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 2/2/18. Office location: Westchester County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/5/18. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **14 Kensington Rd, Ardsley, NY 10502. DE address of LLC: 919 North Market Street, Suite 950, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PETE'S MEATS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on (1/5/2018). Location: (Westchester). SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **(United States Corporation Agents INC 7014 13th Avenue suite 202 Brooklyn NY 11228). Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF CRYPTO CAPITAL PARTNERS LP. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 2/2/18. Office location: Westchester County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/5/18. SSNY is designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **14 Kensington Rd, Ardsley, NY 10502. DE address of LP: 919 North Market Street, Suite 950, Wilmington, DE 19801. List of names and addresses of all general partners available from SSNY. Cert. of Limited Partnership filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ART BOYKOFF, LLC filed with SSNY on 1/25/2018 located in Westchester County. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. designated as agent of LLC. Process may be served against LLC to above agent located at **7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, New York 11228. Purpose: Recreational art instructor**

FORMATION OF BROOKMONT MANAGEMENT, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/9/18. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to **Penny Jackson, 45 Winchester Oval, New Rochelle, NY 10805. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NEW LOOK DEVELOPERS, LLC filed with SSNY on 1/17/18. Office loc: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **20 Van Buren Pl., White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: Buying and renovation of homes.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DENNIS J. CAMPAGNA, ARBITRATOR, LLC Art. of Org. filed with Sec. of State 01/16/18. Off. loc.in Westchester CO. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to **Dennis J Campagna, 50 Main Street, Suite 1000, White Plains, NY 10606-1900 PURPOSE: Any lawful business.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE LAW & MEDIATION OFFICES OF LORI GREENE, PLLC. Arts of Org filed with SSNY 1/5/18. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Law & Mediation Offices of Lori Greene, PLLC, 75 S. Broadway, Suite 400, White Plains, NY 10601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CA-DEAU FRAGRANCE, LLC filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/13/2018. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the principal business address: **11 Patriots Farm Place, Armonk NY 10504. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MIDLAND AVE DELICATESSEN LLC filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/12/2018. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BOWIE BROWS, LLC. ART OF ORG. filed with SSNY on 02/07/2018. Office in Westchester County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **128 Court Street White Plains, NY 10601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF HAUS OF FUREY LLC. ARTS. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/22/18. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at **36 Lee Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ALM SPEECH THERAPY, PLLC ART. OF ORG. filed with SSNY on February 13, 2018. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail pro-

cess to: **2810 Springhurst St, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE WEST HOLLOW GROUP LLC. Art of organization filed with the SSNY on 1/29/18. Office location is PUTNAM County NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **7 West Hollow Rd Brewster NY 10509. PURPOSE: any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SET IT IN STONES, LLC Art of organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/08/2017. Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **71 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CG MEDICAL BILLING SERVICES, LLC Art of organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/22/2018. Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to

the principal business address: **168 Douglas Ave., Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A LICENSE, NUMBER "PENDING" FOR BEER, WINE AND CIDER has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Beer, Wine and Cider at retail at a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 39 WHEELER AVENUE PLEASANTVILLE, NY 10570 for On Premises Consumption. **SMPL ENTERPRISES, INC. DBA TZATZIKI GREEK GRILL 39 WHEELER AVENUE PLEASANTVILLE, NY 10570**

LEGAL NOTICE: PARKING LOT LICENSE AGREEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2021 The Village of Pleasantville Board of Trustees will be accepting proposals from qualified owners/operators of "for-hire" transportation companies for the exclusive right to occupy three (3) parking spaces within the Memorial Plaza parking lot, located adjacent to the Pleasantville railroad station between Bedford Road and Manville Road in Pleasantville, New York. Interested persons may obtain information, forms and instructions from the office of the Village Clerk, 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville New York. The Village of Pleasantville Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal. Applications must be returned to the Village Clerk by 4:00PM on April 15, 2018. **Judith Weintraub, Village Clerk, Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Board of Trustees of the Village of Pleasantville will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 26, 2018, 8:00pm, prevailing time, 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, New York to hear comments as it pertains to amending Chapter 166, Article IX, Section 31 of the Village Code entitled "Cold War Veterans' Real Property Tax Exemption as follows: **Section: 166-31 Grant of exemption.** A. Residential real property which qualifies under the provisions of Real Property Tax Law § 458-b shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 15% of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$12,000 or the product of \$12,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less. **TO ADD: B.** The exemption provided under this article shall be effective for as long as a qualified owner of qualified residential real property remains a qualified owner thereof: without regard to the ten (10) year limitation period previously in effect. **Judith Weintraub, Village Clerk, Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York**

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RED-LINE VENTURES LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Sec. of State (SSNY) on 2/21/18. Office in Westchester Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to **1045 Park Street, Parkmall, Peekskill, NY 10566, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

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White Plains Jump In and Swim

The City of White Plains 6th Annual "Jump In and Swim" program kicks off on Friday, March 23.

The program is all about exposing children and adults to water safety and swimming through a series of free learn to swim activities and classes. In spring 2012, Mayor Tom Roach called together the various aquatic provider agencies within the City. As a result of this meeting, a coalition of community partners was formed with the goal of reducing accidents involving drownings. These statistics include:

- Nearly 70% of African-American children and nearly 60% of Hispanic children have low or no swim ability;
- Approximately 10 people drown every day in the U.S.;
- More than one in five fatal drowning victims are children younger than 14;
- Drowning is also a silent killer – most young children who drowned in pools were last seen in the home, had been out of sight less than five minutes, and were in the care of one or both parents at the time;
- Participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning by 88 percent among children aged one to four years;
- African-American children drown at a rate nearly three times higher than their Caucasian peers;



• If a parent does not know how to swim, there is only a 13% chance that a child in that household will learn how to swim.

Participating in this effort to make sure every White Plains child and adult has exposure to water safety and the opportunity

to learn basic swim skills are the White Plains Recreation and Parks Department, White Plains School District, YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester and White Plains Youth Bureau. Each agency has contributed time and resources to

making "Jump In and Swim" a positive and fun learning experience for participants.

2018 Jump In and Swim activities include presentations at all White Plains elementary schools by USA Olympian Maritza McClendon, who will speak with the children about the importance of water safety.

Family Swim Game Night at White Plains High School hosted by White Plains Recreation and Parks is Friday, March 23 at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, March 24 at White Plains High School a Water Safety Clinic with USA Olympian Maritza McClendon is at 1 p.m. followed by a synchronized swim exhibition at 2 p.m.

Water activities and classes for all ages hosted by the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester will take place from March 26 through March 29.

Participants in the White Plains Youth Bureau After School program will have learn to swim activities hosted by the White Plains High School Swim Team.

Additional supporters of the program include: African-American Men of Westchester, Crown Plaza, TR Insurance Agency-Elmsford and USA Swimming.

To receive a full listing of all Jump In and Swim activities visit www.cityofwhiteplains.com.

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2018 Game Schedule White Plains Tigers Baseball

Saturday, March 24 @ CLARKSTOWN NORTH 11:00

Monday, March 26 NORTH ROCKLAND 4:30

Wednesday, March 28 @ MAHOPAC 4:30

H.I.T Charleston, SC Saturday, March 31 - Thursday, April 5

Monday, April 2 HIT TOURNAMENT GAME TBD

Tuesday, April 3 HIT TOURNAMENT GAME TBD

Wednesday, April 4 HIT TOURNAMENT GAME TBD

Saturday, April 7 ST. RAYMONDS 12:00

Wednesday, April 11 @ MAMARONECK 4:30

Friday, April 13 MAMARONECK 4:30

Monday, April 16 @ NEW ROCHELLE 4:30

Wednesday, April 18 NEW ROCHELLE 4:30

HARRISON "DAVE BASSO" TOURNAMENT

Friday, April 20 HARRISON (1st Round) 4:30

Saturday, April 21 TBD (Championship) 10a/2p

Tuesday, April 24 WALTON 4:30

Wednesday, April 25 MT. VERNON 4:30

Friday, April 27 @ MT. VERNON 4:30

Saturday, April 28 REGIS 11:00

Tuesday, May 1 JOHN JAY EF 4:30

Thursday, May 3 @ YORKTOWN 4:30

Saturday, May 5 KEIO ACADEMY 12:00

Tuesday, May 8 @ SCARSDALE 4:30

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Saturday, May 12 FOX LANE 12:30

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2018 White Plains High School Varsity Softball Schedule
(As of 3/13/18 - subject to change)

3/20-Tue Eastchester Scrimmage Away 4:00

3/22-Thu Tappan Zee Scrimmage Away 4:30

3/23-Fri Pearl River Scrimmage Away 4:30

3/26-Mon SPELLMAN GAME HOME 4:15

3/28-Wed Danbury Scrimmage Away 4:15

4/03-Tue Carmel Away 11:00

4/06-Fri Port Chester Away 11:00

4/09-Mon NORTH ROCKLAND HOME 4:30

4/11-Wed Mamaroneck** Away 4:30

4/13-Fri New Rochelle** Away 4:30

4/14-Sat WPLL

4/16-Mon OSSINING* HOME 4:30

4/17-Tue MT. VERNON** HOME 4:30

4/19-Thu Ursuline** Away 4:30

4/20-Fri Scarsdale** Away 4:30

4/23-Mon RC Ketcham Away 4:30

4/25-Wed SCARSDALE** HOME 4:30

4/27-Fri MAMARONECK** HOME 4:30

4/28-Sat John Jay CR "JayFest" Away 2:30

4/30-Mon Clarkstown North Away 4:30

5/01-Tue NEW ROCHELLE** Sr. DAY HOME 4:30

5/03-Thu Mt. Vernon** Away 4:30

5/04-Fri Nyack Tournament Hen HudNyack HS 5:00

5/05-Sat Nyack Tourn Nyack/A.Magnus Nyack HS 4/6:30pm

5/09-Wed URSULINE** HOME 4:30

5/14-Mon LAST DAY TO PLAY REGULAR SEASON GAME

5/16-Wed Outbracket Higher Seed 4:30

5/17-Thu Sectionals Opening Round Higher Seed 4:30

5/21-Mon Sectional Quarter-Finals Higher Seed 4:30

5/23-Wed Sectional Semi-Finals Higher Seed 4:30

5/26-Sat Sectional Finals N. Rockland 12:00

**League Game *PINK OUT GAME: 4/16 - Ossining




Battle of the Bravest
Annual Charity Cup Hockey Game

The 23rd Annual Battle of the Bravest Hockey Game will be held Saturday, March 31 at the Ebersole Ice Rink in White Plains, starting at 1 p.m. Firefighters from White Plains and FDNY will face-off in this Charity Cup to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley.

Come out and support the White Plains Firefighters Local 274 in their efforts to Keep Families Close at the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley.

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