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March For Our Lives Rally Against Gun Violence Draws Thousands

By Martin Wilbur

Thousands of Westchester residents marched through White Plains on Saturday to demand stricter gun laws in hopes of putting an end to the rash of gun violence and mass shootings in schools.

The White Plains March For Our Lives rally stepped off from Post Road Elementary School and followed a one-mile route to the county courthouse as participants carried an array of signs and chanted "Enough is Enough" and other slogans. The impressive turnout mirrored what was seen in cities across the United States on Saturday afternoon, with a final estimate pegging attendance at 9,000 people according to White Plains High School senior Kelly Marx, organizer of the White Plains march and rally. Marx obtained her crowd count from the White Plains Dept. of Public Safety and noted that aerial photographs corroborated the number.

The nationwide marches were scheduled shortly after the Marjory



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS

About 9,000 people came out for the Westchester County March for Our Lives in White Plains Saturday, March 24.

Stoneman Douglas High School massacre in Parkland, Fla. on Feb. 14 that killed 17 people, including 14 students.

Once marchers reached the courtyard between the courthouse and the White Plains Public Library, student leaders from high schools across Westchester and Putnam counties delivered passionate speeches vowing to fight for tighter gun control legislation and to defeat elected officials who oppose them or stand in the way of their cause.

"School should not be a place where you fear for your lives," said Kaitlin Balfe, a Fox Lane High School student. "In this country we may have a right to bear arms but we also have a right to an education and the right to feel safe while getting there. We have a right to be kids and we have a right to be heard."

Among the changes the students called for are laws that would provide more robust background checks, raising the minimum age to buy a gun, prohibiting bump stocks

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Phase 2 Plans for Winbrook, Light Industrial Mixed Use Zone for Haarlem Ave.

By Pat Casey

At the March meeting of the White Plains Planning Board, Mack Carter, Executive Director of the White Plains Housing Authority, introduced the next phase of construction at the former Winbrook community at 223-225 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The Housing Authority is moving forward with the developer Trinity Financial Inc. on applications for Site Plan and Special Permit approvals for a new stand-alone multi-family residential building to be known as Brookfield Commons Phase 2.

Phase 1, known as the Prelude has been occupied and is in use with community space and 104 residential units of mixed



The proposed Master Plan (right) would replace the existing Site Plan (left) at the Winbrook Housing development in White Plains.

income levels. The building design of the Prelude has set the general parameters for design of the other buildings to be constructed on the site.

Brookfield Commons will replace existing Building 135, which will be demolished once construction on the new building is completed and residents have been moved in.

Carter emphasized that all of the 450 families living in the Winbrook community at the onset of redevelopment of the entire project will be relocated into the new buildings before units are made available to other applicants. He also noted that while a design theme will run

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The plaza outside the Westchester County Courthouse, home to the statue of Martin Luther King, Jr., which is a rallying point for many justice-seeking events, was packed with participants spilling over into the street.



"School should not be a place where you fear for your lives," said Kaitlin Balfe, a Fox Lane High School student at Saturday's Westchester County March for Our Lives in White Plains.



White Plains High School senior Kelly Marx, organizer of the Westchester County March for Our Lives in White Plains, tells the crowd: "I am tired and scared and I've had enough."

to transform a firearm into an automatic weapon, extreme risk protection orders to allow a judge to temporarily bar a person who is a danger to themselves or others from owning a gun and banning assault weapons.

Marx urged the crowd to educate themselves on which state legislators support these measures.

"I am tired and scared and I've had enough," Marx said.

Brewster High School student Autumn Gerard said proposed commonsense gun laws wouldn't infringe on a citizen's Second Amendment rights but would make needed changes to make today's society safer.

"If you're a safe and responsible owner of a handgun what are you so afraid of?" Gerard asked. "We are not trying to take your guns away, we are trying to regulate them. We're trying to stop our children and our futures from being taken away. Because guns don't die but children do, and our right to live will still outweigh your right to a gun every single time."

While the march and rally was attended by many of the county's elected officials, including Rep. Nita Lowey, state Senate Minority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assemblywoman Amy Paulin and County Executive George Latimer along with local, county



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and state lawmakers, comments delivered were confined nearly exclusively to the students. The lone exception was White Plains Mayor Tom Roach, who welcomed the crowd.

Although the motivation for March For Our Lives was last month's tragedy, Roach said he sees hope on the horizon. He said the reason why the United States sees more gun violence than nearly every other country is that guns are too accessible for too many people.

"There is joy that the majority is being heard, the majority is speaking out," Roach said.

Woodlands High School student Kamran Larrow said despite the long list of horrific shootings that seem to be occurring with greater regularity and the imposing challenges created by the National Rifle Association, he is optimistic that there will now be change.

"It's not a dream. It will happen," Larrow said. "We must all stand up and we'll stand up to the congressmen that act as puppets for the NRA."

Other student speakers urged those in the crowd who want to see change to vote, not just in federal elections but in local and state contests as well. For those not registered to vote, it is time to sign

up, they said.

"Mr. President, how many mass shootings will it take to have you change our gun laws?" said John Jay High School senior Sofia Rossi. "How many more students' lives must be taken before you put pen to paper and take action?"

While the March For Our Lives events around the United States were a culmination of more than a month's worth of mobilization since the Parkland shooting, Gerard said she and her peers across the nation plan to continue this fight until they see results.

"On the 14th we walked out (of school), today we marched and in November we'll vote," she said.

Many in the crowd who attended said they came not only because they want to see tighter gun legislation but to stand with the students who have been a source of inspiration. White Plains resident Jamie Price said she couldn't be prouder of them.

"I needed to show the students that I support them," Price said. "I support these young adults. They are my future and I look forward to my future – whatever I have left at my age – I look forward to my future because I know that's who I have representing me. These kids are amazing."

Pat Casey contributed to this story.



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County Legislators Question Playland Contract With Private Operator

By Anna Young

The Westchester County Board of Legislators announced plans last week to review and possibly terminate the county's contract with the private entity that had been selected to operate Rye Playland.

Majority Leader Catherine Parker (D-Rye) called on County Executive George Latimer to end the 30-year contract with Standard Amusements during a March 22 press conference at the amusement park.

Parker, whose district includes Playland, cited Standard Amusements for breaching its contractual requirements, reaping the profits and putting further strain on county taxpayers. The deal, signed in 2016 by former county executive Rob Astorino, would see a \$60 million investment between the county and the company to restore the park.

"Public-private partnerships are designed to be a win for both parties," Parker said. "The public-private partnership with Standard Amusements to manage Playland has steadily shifted the burden to the public."

Parker, who voted against the initial deal, said she has been concerned with the burden the agreement would place on taxpayers. It now requires more than the county's initial \$30 million investment to refurbish the family friendly park,



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Board of Legislators Majority Leader Catherine Parker, center, with fellow lawmakers Lyndon Williams and Nancy Barr at Rye Playland last week to announce the county will review its contract with Standard Amusements, the operator of the amusement park.

Parker said.

She added that Standard Amusements has failed to make its required payments to the county.

"Standard Amusements had to pay the county \$2.25 million and to date they have only paid \$775,000," Parker said. "We know those payments have not been

made because (the) prior administration gave extensions without the approval of the Board of Legislators."

While Parker is seeking immediate termination, legislators Lyndon Williams (D-Mount Vernon), Nancy Barr (D-Rye Brook) and Vice Chair Alfreda Williams (D-Greenburgh), who also attended last

Thursday's press conference, said they are in favor of revisiting the contract. They agreed they are not yet prepared to make a decision to cancel the deal.

"Legislators are going to take a deep dive and all the committees that are involved in this contract will look very closely to make sure we're not increasing or in any way affecting the county's liability in terms of Playland," Alfreda Williams said. "And make sure to protect all the citizens of Westchester County."

Lyndon Williams, who chairs the Law and Major Contracts Committee, explained that he has a fact-gathering role in the process and will exercise extreme oversight to assess if there has been legal compliance with the terms and conditions of the approved contract.

"We can't really jump to that conclusion before we've had our process of reviewing the contract, having different persons in looking at the changes that are made," Williams said. "At the conclusion of that process we will make a recommendation to the county executive and his administration as to what we believe are the appropriate steps to take."

The board's review, which is set to begin in two weeks, will be undertaken by several Board of Legislators committees – Budget and Appropriations, Law and Major Contracts, Parks, Planning and Economic Development and Public Works.

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Phase 2 Plans for Winbrook, Light Industrial Mixed Use Zone for Haarlem Ave.

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The red shaded area shows the proposed 5-acres to be rezoned as Haarlem Ave. Mixed Use Light Industrial.



Architect's rendering of the proposed building Brookfield Commons Phase 2.

throughout the redevelopment, each new building would have unique aspects.

The master plan for the entire community is being considered during this phase of redevelopment.

Brookfield Commons will incorporate 129 units at mixed income levels in a nine-story building. Unit sizes will vary and each floor will include a laundry area with washers and dryers and each unit will include a dishwasher. The ground-floor level will feature a fitness area and a gym and outdoor landscaping with public open space has been designed to promote street activation and security.

The White Plains Common Council is the lead agency on the approval process for the Site Plan and Special Permit (for increased height of the building to 9 stories). Planning Board members agreed unanimously to inform the Council they had no issue with the existing proposal and suggested the process to approvals move ahead.

At the same meeting Planning Commissioner Christopher Gomez described a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of White Plains with respect to creating a new Light Industrial Mixed Use 2 (LI-M2) Zoning District, in the Haarlem Avenue neighborhood.

Again, the White Plains Council is the lead agency on the zoning amendment.

Commissioner Gomez explained that the new zone would be similar to the Light Industrial Mixed Use Zone created three years ago at Westmoreland Avenue.

Because of the transit orientation of White Plains and the popularity of the North White Plains train station as a commuter hub, rezoning to include multi-family residential development was considered compatible with the city's Comprehensive Plan.

The area proposed for the new zone is about 5 acres and is shown shaded in red on the accompanying diagram. The entire existing Light Industrial Zone includes 23 parcels and 11 acres of property, which is illustrated by the redline perimeter.

The new zone would allow 620 to 630 units of residential density and a minor increase in building height to accommodate that density. Property setbacks would be increased and all parking would be incorporated onto any site plan.

The new zone would continue to accommodate light industrial uses as those already in operation in the area. However, there would be no heavy manufacturing, no car washes, no property storage or automobile wreckage allowed, for example.



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Latimer, Buchwald Propose Action Plan for County, Utilities

By Anna Young

County officials have proposed steps to tackle the deficient reaction by Con Edison and New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) that left thousands of residents without power following back-to-back nor'easters earlier this month.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) hosted nearly 70 local and state elected officials last Friday to develop a unified action plan after the utility companies' feeble response to the Mar. 2 wind and rainstorm and the Mar. 7 snowstorm.

During a press conference Monday morning, Latimer said officials addressed what needs to be done to prevent a similar situation from recurring rather than what went awry during the storms' aftermath.

"Now we turn collective anger into collective action," Latimer said. "The most important thing is to change the way things are done so that we don't have those experiences repeat again to the best of our ability."

Buchwald added that both storms and the utility companies' poor communication and reaction united residents and officials to work toward a better solution in the future. He said it's incumbent upon those that represent the county to produce a unified response to Con Edison and NYSEG to serve the



County Executive George Latimer, right, with Assemblyman David Buchwald Monday in White Plains to announce a collaboration plan between the county and the utilities for improved preparation and communication before and after severe storms that knock out power.

public effectively.

"The people of Westchester experienced a series of extended power outages that are totally unacceptable," Buchwald said. "We thought after Superstorm Sandy that lessons had been learned but clearly not well enough."

Buchwald said a questionnaire was provided to all government officials in Westchester following last Friday's gathering. The survey addresses a range of issues regarding storm response, he said.

Buchwald stressed his commitment to

making sure that no aspect of the storm response is ignored. He said he wants to address initial planning, assessment of damage and protecting critical facilities and vulnerable customers, while also making sure communications during extended power outages are precise.

"Both the communications to the public and the communications to government officials were tremendously lacking," he said. "On a whole range of different areas, the response fell short of what we really need and expect as New Yorkers."

Latimer said he would like to see a slew of changes from Con Edison and NYSEG. Proposed actions include remodeling of both utilities' websites that accurately reflect the damage and outages in each municipality in real time; a complete review of robocalls to ensure residents receive accurate information; and advance preparation coordinated between the county and the utilities before any potential major storm.

"Prudent people can take prudent action if they are given accurate information," Latimer said. "We had this process through Sandy and then we had problems still. We don't want this to happen again, not in the same way. We have to recognize and learn from this experience."

Following the storms, Latimer called for Con Edison and NYSEG to clean house of its senior management. Now Latimer and Buchwald are hoping that despite the significant management failures, both entities will be receptive to the county's analysis and make improvements.

"They have a responsibility, whether they like it or not, to make changes," Buchwald said. "Although this is the start of a new process, we're not going to let this go. We want to make sure the people of Westchester know that we're fighting on their behalf and we haven't forgotten, just because the power is back on, the experience they went through."

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Former New York Giant Football Player Lee Rouison spoke with youth at White Plains High School, Hamilton High School and Woodlands High School about "Achieving Your Dreams." Pictured are: With Plains Youth Bureau Exec. Dir. Frank Williams, WPSD Superintendent Dr. Joseph Ricca, Lee Rouison, White Plains Mayor Tom Roach and White Plains Rec and Park Commissioner Wayne Bass.

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Sr. Mary Caroline Thomas, RDC

Sister Mary Caroline Thomas, formerly known as Kathryn Thomas, a Sister of the Divine Compassion, died peacefully at St. Cabrini Residence on March 19.



Sr. Mary Caroline Thomas

Sister was born July 17, 1927 in Elmira, NY, the daughter of Henry and Mary (Cronin) Thomas. She attended Elmira Catholic High School, received her BS in Chemistry from Good Counsel College and a MS in Chemistry from Notre Dame University.

Over her teaching career she taught at St. Bernard's School in White Plains, St. Mary's School in Katonah, NY, Preston High School in the Bronx and Kennedy Catholic in Somers. Sister received numerous awards in the course of her teaching career.

Sister Laura Donovan, President of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, said, "Sister Caroline was a gifted, and dedicated science teacher, and an ever-loyal member of our religious community."

Sister is survived by her Sisters of the Divine Compassion and her cousins, Anthony and Bonnie Punzo. She was predeceased by her brother, Fr. William Thomas.

A wake was held on March 23 in the Chapel of the Divine Compassion followed by a funeral liturgy and burial at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Donations in memory of Sr. Caroline can be made to the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, 52 North Broadway, White Plains, New York 10603.

Lowey Calls on Postmaster General to Develop Plan to Address Mail Problems

On Monday, Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) sent a letter to United States Postmaster General Megan Brennan calling for the Postal Service to develop a comprehensive plan to address systemic and potentially life-threatening postal service failures and to hold a town hall meeting in Westchester County before June 1, 2018.

Lowey says volume and consistency of complaints across New York's 17th Congressional District and rest of Westchester require systemic attention rather than case-by-case fixes.

In the letter, Congresswoman Lowey notified Postmaster General Brennan

of 80 cases sent to Lowey's District Offices and passed along to Deputy Postmaster General Ron Stroman over the past six months that indicate a wide range of structural issues including significant breaks in delivery; packages left in inappropriate locations, such as in streets or in bushes; and loss of tracked mail containing medication, tax statements, and official records and documents.

"Despite repeated attempts to address Postal Service issues at the district level, and multiple communications with Deputy Postmaster General Ron Stroman since my meeting with him in Washington last September, the

volume of postal service complaints to my office has not decreased," wrote Congresswoman Lowey.

The letter further stated: "The mail delivery problems facing many of my constituents and other Lower Hudson Valley residents are serious and widespread, and the continued failure of the postal service to remedy these issues and implement structural fixes is unacceptable. I look forward to your prompt attention to this request and to reviewing your plan to address the issues facing the Lower Hudson Valley. I know your trip to Westchester to listen to people directly affected by USPS shortcomings will be worthwhile."

Music Conservatory of Westchester Colors of Music Student Mural Contest

Calling all Westchester County aspiring teen artists! The Music Conservatory of Westchester has launched the Colors of Music Student Mural Contest with a search for talented local students to share their artistry on a public canvas, and collaborate with an experienced professional in a mural representing the theme of "Multi-Cultural Music." One winner and three runners up will be selected by a panel of art experts from Westchester and New York City. The winner will collaborate with mural artist Jonathan Villoch to create the final mural design. All four original student designs will be incorporated into the mural as well as displayed inside the Conservatory building.

This opportunity is open to all eligible residents of Westchester County, and current students of the Music Conservatory of Westchester.

Entrants must currently be in grades 7-12. Contest entries must be submitted by Friday, May 11, 2018.

Original art submissions will show the student's interpretation of "Multi-Cultural Music" using a variety of mixed media of the student's choice. Copyrighted material or images of celebrities will not be allowed. The Conservatory asks that students limit artwork to images of family friendly subject matter.

A judging panel of art experts, including Janet Langsam, CEO of Arts Westchester, Lynn Honeysett, Executive Director of the Pelham Art Center, Samantha De Tilio, Assistant Curator, Museum of Arts and Design, Margaret Adasko, Curator of Education, Katonah Museum of Art, and the mural artist will make selections in two rounds.

Round 1 will be a digital submission round accepted



The winning mural will be displayed on a large-scale canvas — an exterior wall of the Conservatory building on Central Avenue in White Plains.

via email. If chosen for Round 2, the original artwork must be mailed or dropped off at the Music Conservatory of Westchester to be considered for winning the contest.

Student entrants must complete and send a submission form signed by their parents and a digital copy of their artwork to ColorsOfMusicContest@gmail.com.

For more information about the contest guidelines and to complete the submission form, visit: www.musicconservatory.org/colorsofmusiccontest.

The Colors of Music Student Mural Contest is made possible by a Challenge America grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The Conservatory is honored to be a recipient in this nationally competitive award program.

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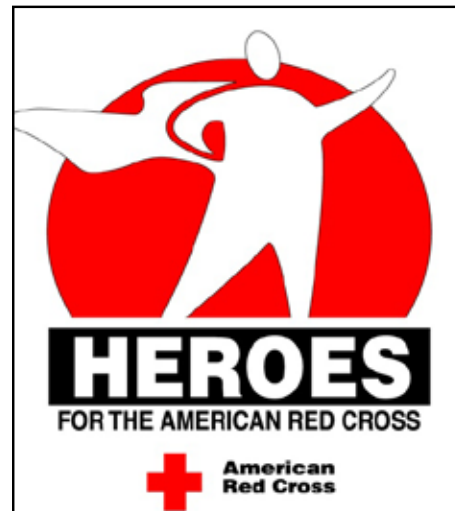
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Calling All Women: Be Proactive to Protect Your Health



By Lou Giampa

Back in the day, a woman speaking of her personal health could land her in a mental asylum or subject to bloodletting by leeches. Mothers were hush-hush with their teen daughters about their changing bodies, and older ladies gave nary a whisper about their joint pains. In the centuries long before employee wellness programs and biometric screenings, some diseases were blamed on night air and expressive emotions. And women who pursued an education were warned that intellectual pursuits damaged their reproductive health.

Women across the globe have progressed in moving their health to the forefront of everyday conversations and medical advancements. This betterment is evident in the celebrations of March as Women's History Month in the United States and March 8 as International Women's Day, yet countless females remain in the dark about their ongoing health and fitness. Many go undiagnosed with illnesses for years despite repeatedly seeking help from their physicians.

Shortfalls still exist in women's health. It is one of the reasons we stay watchful of the senior women we serve through our at-home caregiving. Older women face increased challenges to staying attentive to their medical conditions. These challenges can be everything from thinning skin to serious breathing

problems. It is important for both aging women and men, with the help of their families and caregivers, to stay on the lookout to detect health issues early.

Women are often at high risk for specific diseases, but many do not know it. A WebMD report on the top five health concerns of women includes heart disease, breast cancer, osteoporosis, depression and autoimmune diseases.

Heart disease is the leading killer of both women and men. In women, it is responsible for roughly 30% of deaths in the United States. Autoimmune chronic illnesses include type 1 diabetes, lupus, multiple sclerosis and thyroid disease.

Women can take the following actions to protect their health as they age.

Understand your own body. Although there are commonalities to stress, pain and illness, every person responds differently to these factors. What makes you energetic or sluggish? What are your optimum hours of sleep? How much exercise is enough without causing muscle fatigue or strain? What foods upset your stomach? If you are in menopause, how is your body adjusting? The more you are a student of your own body, the more you'll be prepared if something seems off-kilter and you need to seek medical attention.

Educate yourself on health issues. With ever-expanding technology and instant access to information, women of all ages can stay up to date on pertinent health topics. Local physician offices

and hospitals often host health programs and forums just for women. The federal government's Office of Women's Health — womenshealth.gov or 1-800-994-9662 — shares a wealth of facts about women's health and wellness. Healthfinder.gov is another national-level resource for organizations and services available to assist with a woman's well being.

Know and act on your family health history. Did your grandfather have diabetes? What types of cancer run in your family? Do your siblings have high blood pressure? Collecting an accurate health history on your family of origin can give your doctor a better

picture of your current health and your risks for disease. Ask relatives from both your father's and mother's sides about any medical conditions they have or have had. Record the ages when these conditions first occurred. If your family member does not remember specifics, approximate ages and general health descriptions are still useful. You may not be able to change your family health portrait, but you can make changes in unhealthy behaviors such as smoking and lax eating habits.

Seek preventative health information. The life expectancy for U.S. women continues to rise, moving from 78 years in the mid-1980s to 81.1 years in 2016. Preventative health information and early detection tests are adding years to people's health. To keep your own health in check, stay current with your doctor

on the screening tests for the following health conditions that often increase with age:

- High blood pressure – manual or digital blood pressure monitor
- Cholesterol – fasting lipoprotein panel
- Heart disease – blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index and other cardiovascular tests
- Diabetes – fasting blood glucose level, or A1c test
- Colorectal cancer – fecal occult blood test (stool-based), colonoscopy
- Breast cancer – clinical breast exam, mammogram
- Ovarian cancer – pap smear
- Skin cancer – annual skin test
- Osteoporosis – bone mineral density test
- Glaucoma – eye exam with dilation of pupils

As our country and world lend special honor to women this March, you are encouraged to be proactive about your own health. And you can be grateful for all the ladies who lived before you and helped changed the tide on physical conditions being attributed to night air, expressive emotions and educational pursuits.

Lou Giampa is the President of Right at Home Westchester. Lou is a New York State Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) who volunteers in hospitals and nursing homes throughout Westchester County. He also volunteers with the Alzheimer's Association, Meals on Wheels, and the Aging in Place community; 914.468.1944; www.westchesterseniorcare.com.

Guest Column

White Plains Hospital Celebrates 125 Years with Donation Drives

When White Plains Hospital opened its doors in 1893, it did so with the same mission that guides it today—to provide exceptional care, every day to members of the community. In that spirit, as the Hospital marks its 125th anniversary in 2018, its employees are leading a yearlong program to benefit children, seniors and low-income families throughout the Westchester region.

Throughout 2018, Hospital employees will come together to collect and donate items to various local charities as a means of giving back to the community that has long supported its growth and evolution.

The donation drives kicked off in January with the Hospital's Marketing, Foundation, and Human Resources departments contributing children's cold weather accessories to the Don Bosco Community Center in Port Chester. Coinciding with American Heart Month in February, the Hospital's Critical Care Division donated 125 pedometers to the White Plains Senior Center. In March, the EVS, Food Service, and Radiology & Pathology departments teamed up to collect new pajamas and books for children to be donated to Pajama



White Plains Hospital nurses Leslie Rodriguez and Melissa Alves Malaver joined Ellen Albers, White Plains Community Center Assistant Director, and White Plains Mayor Tom Roach to deliver pedometers to the White Plains Senior Center.

Program, a nationwide charity providing new pajamas and books to children in need.

"This donation drive extends our commitment to care that goes beyond the clinical, and lets our employees engage with the community in a way that's very personal and meaningful," explained Dawn French, White Plains Hospital's Vice President of Marketing and Community

Relations.

In addition to the charitable donations, a special website dedicated to the anniversary, wph125.org, has been created to showcase the Hospital's history. The website features personal reflections and memories submitted by staff, patients and community members. All are invited to share their own White Plains Hospital stories through the microsite.

White Plains Hospital was founded when 22 women and three men came together to establish a voluntary, not-for-profit hospital in the rural village of White Plains to care for their fellow residents. Today, the Hospital and its physician practices see more than 200,000 visits annually.

"Our community has been such a vital factor in our success," said French. "Since our beginnings in 1893 as a four-room building to the modern hub of advanced care we are today, the community has

supported our growth and helped expand our mission so that we are now able to provide exceptional healthcare to all of Westchester."

The year's festivities will culminate with a 125th anniversary gala in September at the Sleepy Hollow Country Club, the site of the organization's first fundraising gala in 1956.

White Plains Hospital (WPH) is a member of the Montefiore Health System, serving as its tertiary hub of advanced care in the Hudson Valley. WPH is a 292-bed not-for-profit health care organization with the primary mission of providing exceptional acute and preventive medical care to all people who live in, work in or visit Westchester County and its surrounding areas. Centers of Excellence include the Center for Cancer Care, The William & Sylvia Silberstein Neonatal & Maternity Center and The Ruth and Jerome A. Siegel Stroke Center. The Hospital's Flanzer Emergency Department is the busiest in Westchester County, seeing more than 60,000 visits a year. White Plains Hospital performs lifesaving emergency and elective angioplasty in its Joan and Alan

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Food Bank for Westchester Changes Name to Feeding Westchester

Food Bank for Westchester has announced a name change. The nonprofit hunger-relief organization will now be known as Feeding Westchester.

"Our name is changing, but our mission, our work, and our board and staff remains the same," said Leslie Gordon, President and CEO, adding that the organization is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

Feeding Westchester's mission is to end hunger in Westchester County. With that said, the new name reflects how the organization helps to "feed" Westchester residents. As the heart of a network of more than 300 partners, Feeding Westchester sources and distributes food, and other resources, to towns throughout Westchester, Gordon explained.

"We are Westchester's largest hunger relief program and are responsible for 95% of food provided to those who are hungry in the county. We efficiently invest in storage infrastructure – like freezers, refrigerators and trucks – so that our agency partners don't have to, freeing them to focus on serving our neighbors who are hungry. We also safely recover nutritious food that would otherwise go to waste – and we are truly committed to providing people with good, nutritious meals. We make feeding Westchester possible."

Developed by national branding experts and supported by extensive



Leslie Gordon, CEO of Feeding Westchester (formerly known as Food Bank for Westchester) unveils sign with organization's new name: Feeding Westchester.

research, the new brand strategy connects Feeding Westchester to the national fight against hunger.

"Through our network, we feed people who are hungry in every single town in Westchester. We tackle hunger from all angles," Gordon said.

Despite its affluent reputation, Westchester nevertheless continues to face hidden hunger throughout the county. One in five people in

Westchester are hungry – including 1 in 3 children. According to Gordon, Feeding Westchester is in the second year of its strategic plan, and already on track to reach its goal of distributing 10.5 million pounds of food annually by 2021 – which is the equivalent of 9.3 million meals.

In announcing the new brand, the organization received support from many elected officials.

Westchester County Executive George

Latimer said: "Feeding Westchester is an excellent name for an organization that does just that. The work they do serves the often forgotten residents of our County who work hard to feed themselves and their families, and rely on the help this organization can provide. While the last 30 years were successful under their previous name, I look forward to seeing the great work yet to come."

Chair of the Board of Legislators Ben Boykin said, "I am pleased to be joining the Food Bank of Westchester for this major announcement. The organization's name now will be synonymous with its mission -- Feeding Westchester. That's important, because despite our great blessings, as many as 20% of Westchester residents go hungry -- one out of every five of our friends and neighbors. Feeding Westchester is the driving force for getting food to organizations to sustain our residents and help alleviate hunger, and now everyone will know that by its name. I wish Feeding Westchester continued success as it celebrates its 30th anniversary."

White Plains Mayor Tom Roach, added: "Feeding Westchester is such a valuable Westchester resource. The good work they do and the lives they positively impact every day are an asset to our community."

To learn more about Feeding Westchester visit feedingwestchester.org.

Local Entrepreneurs to Launch Parenting Website Pretzl

This April, Amanda Cole, Hartsdale resident and founder of breastfeeding resource and store Yummy Mummy, will launch Pretzl, a new parenting website.

Dreamed up by Cole and her co-founder, Olivia Leon, Pretzl is a portal enabling moms and dads to search, discover and book activities, all on the same site.

Serving the parents of the approximately 219,000 kids in Westchester, the online marketplace will list more than 5,000 Westchester-area activities, classes, camps, events and parties at launch. Pretzl will allow parents to identify and immediately book activities for their children. Listings are searchable by activity, town/location, date, time and age range. Search results will contain all necessary information with the ability to sort and purchase, without additional fees or redirection to another website.

Post purchase, parents will be able to manage schedules via their phone, PC or tablet.

This is not Cole's first foray into the startup world. She is also the CEO and founder of Yummy Mummy, a Durable Medical Equipment provider specializing in breast pumps and supplies. She recognized the need for a product like Pretzl from her own experience planning her son's sixth birthday. The busy working



Amanda Cole, co-founder and CEO of Pretzl (left) with Olivia Leon, co-founder and Vice President, Marketing.

mom was frustrated with the lack of a consolidated resource for party and class venues/options and spent countless hours soliciting recommendations from fellow parents and searching the Internet.

The MBA-trained mom joined forces with Yummy Mummy Marketing Director and fellow NYU Stern School of Business colleague, Olivia Leon, to create Pretzl where parents could find the right class for their child or plan a birthday party with

everything from invites to party favors.

"Our mission is for Pretzl to revolutionize the way parents discover and book activities for their children," said Cole. "We're accomplishing two things: simplifying the often time-consuming and stressful process of class scheduling and party planning, and exposing children to experiences they never knew existed but will surely love."

There is no membership fee to

use the site.

Future plans for the site include geographic expansion, a loyalty points program and a mobile app. How Pretzl got its name? According to some historians, the earliest pretzels were dubbed "pretiolas," meaning "little rewards." Cole and Leon want to, "give kids the reward of amazing experiences and give their parents the reward of easily finding and booking those experiences."

For more information on Pretzl, visit www.pretzl.com and follow on Facebook for the latest news and updates.

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Herfort, M.D. Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory and Marie Promuto Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory. White Plains Hospital has outpatient medical facilities across Westchester, including multispecialty practices in Armonk and New Rochelle; and Scarsdale Medical Group locations in Harrison and Scarsdale. The Hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission and earned its recognition as a Top Performer for Key Quality Measures® in 2015 and 2013. The Hospital received Magnet® designation in 2012 and 2016 from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

For Better Home Security, Take Certain Precautions

Now that I live in a condo building with great security, I don't worry about the possibility of a burglary. But for many years, after having had an unsettling experience when I lived in a single-family home in Brooklyn Heights, I thought about the possibility every day.

The distant memory of that morning still makes my blood run cold. When we awoke, my wife told me she had dreamed someone was in our bedroom while we were asleep. Until we were wide awake, we had no idea that this had actually happened.

When we went downstairs, we found that our back door had been taken off its hinges and that an intruder had spent considerable time with us. He (I am just assuming that it was a man, but who knows?) had scoured every one of our rooms, looking for cash. We knew this because every book in our library had been leafed through. He stayed long enough to help himself to the snack foods in our kitchen.

The stranger had even been in my child's room and stole the piggy bank next to her bed. It makes me shudder when I think about what might have happened had I awakened.

At the time, living in a single-family house in New York City with no alarm system, we were vulnerable to burglary or worse. Never

again, I thought. From then on, and following our move to the suburbs, I took all the traditional precautions, as well as some unconventional ones, to guard against robbery and home intrusion.

A while back, I received a forwarded e-mail from a buyer client, a police officer in the Bronx, about preventing burglaries. While I already knew many of its points, I found some of its content new and useful. Credit for the advisory is given to several investigators and criminology professors who interviewed a large number of imprisoned burglars. Here are the tips that resulted.

1. The burglar may have been at your home recently cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters or power-washing your siding and deck. A dishonest individual would use that time to check your home for valuables or weak points.

2. Few of us would refuse to let a worker into our home to use the bathroom. Just make sure your guest doesn't unlock any door or window to gain easy entry.



By Bill Primavera

3. Keep your doors locked. It's obvious, but burglars only need you to forget once. Ditto for engaging your alarm system and closing your windows.

4. When you are away, be sure someone takes in your mail and newspapers. Ask a neighbor to leave footprints after it snows.

5. Burglars very cruelly check obituaries to see when a home will be left unoccupied. Get a house sitter for when you will be away. Use similar precautions when you are having a tag sale or packing for a move.

6. Keep your car keys next to your bed. If you sense that someone is trying to enter the house, press the panic button for your car. With the alarm going off, the intruder won't want to hang around.

A somewhat unorthodox suggestion I once received when asking what I should do if I had the misfortune to encounter a burglar involved the use of wasp spray, rather than pepper spray, for self-defense. Wasp spray can supposedly shoot up to 20

or 30 feet and is more accurate in hitting its target. I researched this and found that federal law prohibits the use of a pesticide that is inconsistent with its intended use. However, some might argue that this method of self-defense might be compared to a homeowner hitting an intruder over the head with a shovel, which is certainly not the intended use for that tool either.

When I once blogged about the use of wasp spray, I received a stern repudiation from one reader who asked if I really wanted to be responsible for blinding someone, despite the crime involved. It gave me pause and I thought, well, only if my life seemed threatened.

It may be unpleasant to think about the possibilities of burglaries, or worse, the terror of a home invasion, but we know that they happen. Being informed and taking every precaution possible is the smartest thing to do.

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Tuesday, March 27

Harlem Fine Arts Show. New date; 6 to 9 p.m.; Reckson Center, 360 Hamilton Ave., White Plains. Celebrating artists and authors with special recognition and honors to Kenny Lee, Steve Morton, Harriet Cole and Tommy Moore; 914-422-1378 for more information.

Tuesdays at Dorry's. Shelley Mayer is seeking the State Senate seat that was vacated by George Latimer. As an Assemblymember she has sponsored many pieces of legislation, and serves on committees that include Social Services, Labor, Education, the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force and others. She will speak with us about why she chooses to run for the Senate, what strengths she believes qualify her to do so, and what she would hope to accomplish. 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.

Poetry Reading. Alumni Reading: Poet Gillian Lynn Katz and Author John McCluskey. Join us for a celebration of two Manhattanville alumni, Katz and McCluskey. Katz's chapbook, "Kaleidoscope," which draws from her childhood in South Africa and her experience starting over in the United States, was published in 2012 by Finishing Line Press. McCluskey's novella, "A Moment of Fireflies," is the story of a

family in Chicago and its alcoholic father who drinks to blunt his own childhood wounds. Preceded by a wine and cheese reception. Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 6 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.mvillemf.com/2017/10/spring-events-calendar.

Abbott House Open House. Guests will receive tours of the historic building, get a rare glimpse of Abbott House's programs in action and learn about volunteer opportunities. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about the multiple programs available for children, families and adults with developmental disabilities. Includes a bake sale held by adults with developmental disabilities who attend the Day Habilitation Program. Light refreshments served. Abbott House, 100 N. Broadway, Irvington. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.abbotthouse.net or contact Lauren Candela-Katz at 914-409-0088 or e-mail Lcandela-katz@abbotthouse.net.

Wednesday, March 28

Noonday Getaway Concert. Lucian Rinando, flute, Samuel Magill, Cello and Babette Hierholzer, piano offer a program which includes the Trio in D Minor of Felix Mendelssohn as transcribed by the composer, as well as a selection of Preludes from the Well Tempered Clavier of J.S. Bach in an extremely beautiful arrangement by the nineteenth century piano virtuoso, Ignaz Moscheles. 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 in part, with the generous support of D'Errico Jewelry, Scarsdale.

Psychotherapy and Kabbalah. Rabbi Ben Newman and Jennifer Convissor, founder of Infinity Wellness and LiveWork Solutions, lead a two-

part creative, interactive workshop for those seeking deeper insight into their personal challenges or inspiration to find inner strength. Also for those in healing professions who would like to gain a unique perspective on helping others. An all-inclusive environment, appropriate for everyone, regardless of background, beliefs or lifestyle. The Aligned Center, 1 Bridge St., Suite 64, Irvington. 6:30 to 8 p.m. \$40 for one session; \$60 for both. Second session is Apr. 25. Info and registration: 914-292-0930 or e-mail info@thealignedcenter.com.

Thursday, March 29

Small Works Exhibition. Works in a variety of media – all 15 inches or smaller – are featured in this 14th annual juried show that demonstrates incredible creativity and skill achieved by artists. Works paintings, sculpture, drawings and mixed media pieces will be selected by juror Julian Kreimer, an artist, critic and educator. Kreimer is an associate professor of painting at Purchase College. Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Apr. 21. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

Great Books Forum Series. J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" will be discussed. Discussion led by Professor Christine Timm. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Room 131, Valhalla. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail Professor James Werner at james.werner@sunywcc.edu.

Saturday, March 31

Rubberbandance Group. Choreographer and dancer Victor Quijada found this dance group as a vehicle to manifest his unique choreographic identity through the creation of powerful

and innovative dance works. The company,

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also led by dancer and artistic co-director Ann Plamondon, reconciles the spontaneity, fearlessness and risk-taking of hip-hop culture with the refinement and choreographic maturity of the ballet. Purchase College's PepsiCo Theatre, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$35, \$55 and \$57.50. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.

Sunday, April 1

Easter Service and Egg Hunt. Pastor Tim will deliver an uplifting message and celebrate this special morning with beautiful choral music accompanied by a professional string ensemble. After the service, children of all ages are welcome to participate in this family-friendly event as they search the church grounds for thousands of candy-filled eggs. There will also be face painting available for the little ones. First Baptist Church of White Plains, 456 North St., White Plains. Service at 10:30 a.m. Egg hunt at noon. Info: 914-949-5207 or visit www.firstbaptistwhiteplains.org.

Go Green White Plains 6th Annual Earth Day Shoe Recycling Initiative

We all have them – an old pair of shoes (or two or three) lying on the floor somewhere in the back of our closets, getting dustier by the week. The City of White Plains is challenging residents to reach into their closets – all the way to the very back – dig out those old dusty shoes, and donate them to a Citywide shoe recycling effort as part of the City's celebration of Earth Day. This month-long green effort is underway and will culminate in April.

This is the sixth year the City will undertake a shoe collection and recycling drive. Over the past five years, working together with local businesses, religious organizations, neighborhood associations and schools, White Plains collected over



20,000 pairs of shoes. Those shoes were diverted from the waste stream and went on to find a new life where they were greatly needed. The City has once

again partnered with Soles for Souls (www.soles4souls.org) on this recycling initiative.

In recognition of this achievement, Soles for Souls sent over 200 pairs of brand new shoes to White Plains to redistribute in the community. The goal this year is to get that total number up to 25,000 pairs of shoes collected.

Donating your shoes couldn't be easier. There is now a dedicated Soles for Souls Bin located at the Gedney Recycling Facility. In addition collection boxes are located in these public buildings for drop off during regular business hours:

- **City Hall: 255 Main Street**
- **Library: 100 Martine Avenue**
- **Youth Bureau: 11 Amherst Place**

- **Gillie Recreation Center: 11 Gedney Way**
- **Ebersole Skating Rink: 110 Lake Street**
- **Ed House, 5 Homeside Lane**

In addition, the White Plains School District is again partnering with the City to aid in recycling efforts. Families with children in the public schools will be able to drop off shoes at the Soles for Souls drop boxes located in each school building.

Shoes will be sorted over the weekend of April 21-22 at the Gedney Recycling Facility. If you would like to donate your time to a worthy cause, you can help with sorting and bagging shoes for shipment, email jiannetta@whiteplainsny.gov.

Spring is coming; so clean out those closets and do something good for our environment at the same time!

Award-Winning Journalist Dishes on Trump in New Book

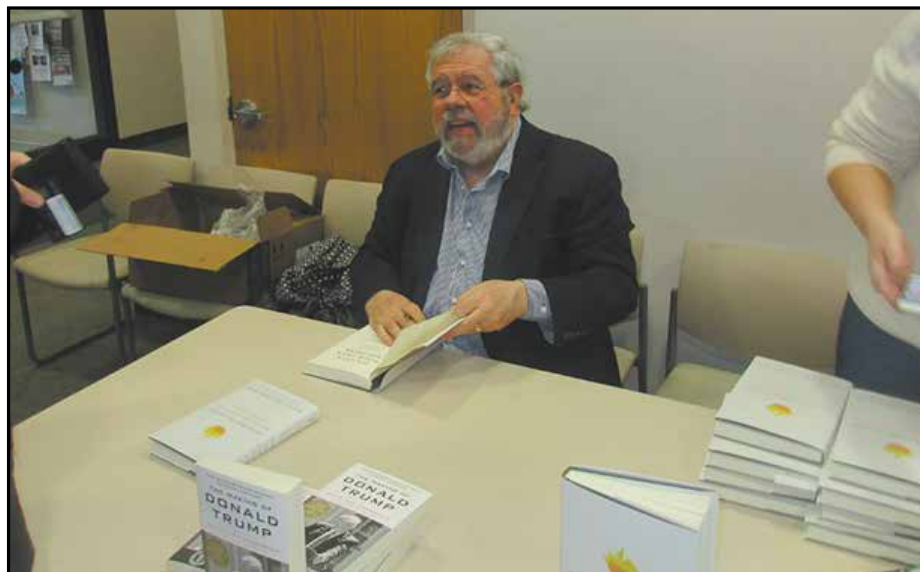
By Martin Wilbur

David Cay Johnston has no doubt that the upcoming midterm election is the most important vote in the United States since the depths of the Great Depression.

In 1932, with the country reeling from the worst economic conditions in its history, some Americans advocated turning to communism to solve the nation's ills. Others lurched toward fascism, scapegoating various groups. Instead, voters chose Franklin D. Roosevelt, who over the course of his presidency gradually restored Americans' pride and saw it become a world power.

Johnston, a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter and author, said the nation faces another watershed election in 2018. This time a change of direction is needed not because of a financial crisis but to elect a Congress that can rein in the worst impulses of President Donald Trump, he said.

"Do we want the United States of America, I believe flaws and all is the greatest political idea in the history of the world, to endure or do we want to throw it all away?" Johnston said. "And if we don't make a clear stand now that, no, we don't want incompetence, and people who are delusional who brag about making things up and pay off people to be silent, people who voice their admiration for murderers



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter and author David Cay Johnston came to Chappaqua recently for a discussion about his new book "It's Even Worse Than You Think: What the Trump Administration is Doing to America."

and dictators all around the world, then all the wonderful things we've got we can throw away."

Johnston spoke recently at New Castle Town Hall in Chappaqua and signed copies of his new book, "It's Even Worse Than You Think: What the Trump Administration is Doing to America." His book examines how Trump's actions

and appointees have in just over a year chipped away at Americans' rights and civil protections. The program was presented by Left of Main Street and Briarcliff-Ossining Indivisible.

Johnston has written about Trump for 30 years, initially while covering the Atlantic City casino industry for The Philadelphia Inquirer in the late 1980s.

When Johnston moved to The New York Times, he focused on tax reporting, which earned him a Pulitzer in 2001. That coverage would frequently bring him into Trump's orbit on various issues in New York City real estate circles.

Last year, Johnston was the journalist who had a copy of Trump's 2005 income tax return anonymously mailed to him. Johnston is convinced that Trump wanted him to receive a copy.

The danger of the Trump presidency is not necessarily what can Trump do to the country while he's in office, Johnston contends, but it could serve as a blueprint for the next power-hungry hopeful who would actually have the competency, intelligence and temperament to pull off much of what Trump hopes to achieve.

Throughout his hour-long talk, Johnston, who said he is a registered Republican, leveled withering criticism at Trump, calling him "the greatest con artist in the history of the world." Similar to his father, he is mostly a showman.

Johnston said Trump managed to bankrupt his casinos because he's "a cash extractor." He's also been able to keep significant parts of his past hidden because of his propensity for non-disclosure agreements over the decades, even demanding them for low-level

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Ferreting Out Wine Gems Has Never Been Easier – and More Difficult



Today's wine market is unlike any in the history of the retail wine trade. Never has there been more wine available at such high-quality levels and at such reasonable quality

and price thresholds.

Think about it. When was the last time you opened a bottle of wine, poured it, tasted the first sip and complained about the quality? When was the last time you experimented with an inexpensive bottle and were so disappointed you poured the remaining wine down the drain? Or, when was the last time you splurged on a bottle and were disappointed in the quality of the wine?

This abundance of quality wines represents the epitome of the worldwide wine market in today's economy. The improving global financial markets are aiding in increased sales as well.

As with all markets, much of success is perception. A perception of the source of wine, a perception of the price of wine and a perception of the expansiveness of wine supply chains. While the reality of the wine market is as I've described, there are multiple factors that cloud the state of the industry today.

First, while the proliferation of wines is at an all-time high, the wines being

produced are in the tight control of a small number of mega producers. Consider a statistic I've quoted on numerous occasions: 84 percent of the wine produced in the United States is from 2 percent of the wineries. Now that's economy of scale – and significant savings to consumers. But it makes for a rather homogeneous selection. There's not much diversity in a wine that is produced in annual quantities measured in millions of cases. Yet this is the 21st century business model.

Second, the other 98 percent of the wineries are smaller scale, the majority producing less than 5,000 cases per year. There are more than 9,000 wineries in the United States, nearly half in California. Yet these wines are not well-represented on retail shelves. Why? The top 10 distributors in the United States control over 50 percent of the retail market – and by extension, shelf space. As big businesses their priority is repeat sales. Wineries producing less than 5,000 cases cannot sustain long-term retail popularity. Brand loyalty

is the ever-elusive goal of distributors and winemakers. If they are unable to consistently offer the consumer what he or she wants, the fickle consumer moves on to the next brand. Today, there are excellent wines that are can't gain traction through the current retail model.

Third, wines offerings in the mass media continue to grow. While representing a small portion of annual wine sales in the United States, private label clubs have attracted a loyal following. Have you ever been seduced by an introductory offer of 12 bottles for \$69.95? Have you ever attempted to repurchase the same wine? These private clubs, many of which are promoted under the banners of national newspapers, are enticing but rarely satiate long-term appetites.

Fourth, direct winery sales are beginning to gain popularity. Whether via a club structure, such as the mass media type above, or mailing list subscriptions, this is an excellent means to find small production wines made by passionate winemakers. I am a subscriber to the mailing lists of several California

wineries. Periodically I receive email offerings of new releases. Several wineries require an annual commitment; others are of the pick-and-choose, no obligation nature.

Yet, for all these choices and perception-quashing opportunities, there remain a significant number of wines that fly under the radar. These winemakers are faced with multiple challenges in selling their excellent wines. These include small production, smaller marketing budgets and even smaller capital resources. At times the only means to become aware of their existence is through local word-of-mouth. This requires a trek down dusty, winding country roads. I have undertaken multiple expeditions to several wine regions, notably California, in search of little-known jewels. I have rarely been disappointed. But the challenge is formidable.

I recently embarked on one of these expeditions. I'll regale you with my recent exploits, beginning next week.

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..... EXAMINER SPORTS Stepinac Basketball Wins First NYS Federation Title in Program's History

By Albert Coqueran

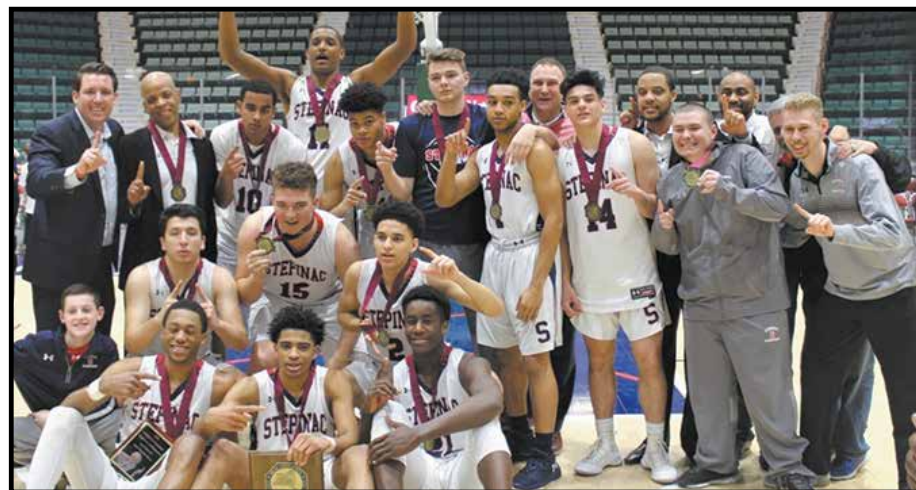
Stepinac High School won its first ever NYS Federation Basketball Championship in the school's history when the team beat PSAL Champion South Shore High School, 88-76, at Cool Insuring Arena, in Glens Falls, on Sunday, March 24.

The Crusaders had a stellar championship season this year, while also capturing the CHSAA AA Championship after beating Christ the King High School on March 11 at Fordham University.

The Stepinac Crusaders beat the Long Island Lutheran Crusaders, 76-72, in the Federation Semifinals to advance to the Championship Game. PSAL Champions South Shore trounced Liverpool High School, 80-48, to advance to the Federation Title contest.

However, Stepinac's victory over the Long Island Crusaders in the Federation Semifinals did not come without controversy. A Federation's scorekeeper's mistake in first quarter of the game credited a Stepinac timeout to Lutheran. Lutheran called a timeout with 8.3 seconds remaining in the game with the score tied 72-72, and was called for a technical foul for having no timeouts remaining.

Stepinac's Alan Griffin made both technical foul shots giving the White Plains Crusaders the lead. Stepinac also was granted possession of the ball. On the inbounds play R.J. Davis was fouled



PHOTOS COURTESY OF STEPINAC ATHLETICS

On Sunday, March 24, at Cool Insuring Arena, in Glens Falls, the Stepinac High School Basketball Team celebrated their first ever New York State Federation Championship in the school's history, when the Crusaders beat South Shore High School, 88-76. P

and made both foul shots and Stepinac prevailed to win, 76-72.

Later review of the game showed Lutheran actually did have a timeout remaining, as was protested by Lutheran Head Coach John Buck. But according to National Federation of High School Rules, no video replay is allowed or is an official protest of the game. "Tough situation but the official book is the official book," stated Robert Zayas, the Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA.

Stepinac sophomore guard Davis scored 27 points, including shooting 14-of-14 from the free throw line. Crusaders star guard Alan Griffin had 18 points, 10 rebounds, while shooting 8-for-8 from the charity stripe. Stepinac shot 25-of-26 from the foul line in the game. Adrian Griffin, Jr. contributed 14 points in the Semifinals

win over Lutheran.

Despite Stepinac's brilliant performance against the number 1 team in NYS; maybe in all fairness those 8.3 seconds should have been played over with the score tied 72-72.

Nonetheless, the rule and outcome of the Semifinal game stood and Stepinac advanced to win their first ever Federation Basketball Championship.

The Stepinac Varsity Basketball Team achieved their ultimate goal by beating South Shore, 88-76, to celebrate their first ever NYS High School Federation Basketball Championship. "This is an unbelievable feeling for not only the coaches, players and entire team but for the Stepinac community. The first Federation Title for Stepinac is something we will never forget," proclaimed Massaroni.

Alan Griffin was named Federation Tournament Most Valuable Player, after scoring 28 points and securing 16 rebounds in the Championship Game. Davis added 25 points and seven rebounds, while continuing his hot streak at the foul line while making 13-of-14. The younger Griffin netted 16 points. Davis and Griffin, Jr. joined Alan Griffin on the Federation All-Tournament Team.



Stepinac guard Alan Griffin (center) is presented the MVP Award of Federation Basketball Tournament by the Head of the PSAL (left) and Tom Murray (right), representing the CHSAA. Griffin scored 28 points and grabbed 16 rebounds in the Championship Game.



In his third season at the helm of the Crusaders, Stepinac Head Basketball Coach Pat Massaroni (center) is presented the NYS High School Federation Basketball Championship Plaque, after leading Stepinac to their first ever Federation Championship with an, 88-76 win over PSAL Champion South Shore High School.

Award-Winning Journalist Dishes on Trump in New Book

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campaign volunteers in 2016.

"Donald Trump is not who the American public thinks he is," Johnston said. "He's not a successful businessman, he's not smart, he doesn't know anything. He's literally an ignoramus."

Perhaps Trump's worst quality is his need to exact revenge, he said.

"Donald has written and said repeatedly

over the years that he gets pleasure from destroying the lives of other people," Johnston said.

Trump has run roughshod over the country's institutions and the norms of office of the president, which have been established by his 44 predecessors over more than two centuries. Some presidents were successful and smart,

others were failures or had serious flaws, but all understood the gravity of the office and what was expected of them, Johnston said.

That's why citizens of all political stripes must educate themselves and vote to activate real checks and balances – before a Trump political disciple one day executes his agenda, he said.

"I may be gone, you may be gone before it happens, but it will happen if we don't change direction the same way we changed direction in 1865 when we got the child labor laws, when women got the right to vote in 1920, when Richard Nixon signed the Clean Air and Clean Water acts," Johnston said. "What are you going to do? It's up to you."

EXAMINER SPORTS

Westchester Knicks Head to the Playoffs as Eastern Conference Champs

By Albert Coqueran

Westchester Knicks guard Billy Garrett had a good look at the basket but missed a field goal to tie with 4.5 seconds left in the game. The Erie Bayhawks, the Gatorade League, NBA affiliate of the Atlanta Hawks, went on to spoil the local Knicks season finale, by beating the NY Knicks NBA affiliate, 100-96, at the Westchester County Center, on Friday, March 23.

"This team does not want to be congratulated yet, they still have work they want to do," commented Westchester Knicks General Manager Allan Houston, referring to winning the 2018 G-League Championship this season. "That is their mindset; but they have been a very mature and resilient group and fun to watch," continued Houston, a legendary NY Knick in his own right.

(32-18) in the G-League this season.

In his third season at the helm, Westchester Knicks Head Coach Mike Miller has led the NY Knicks local NBA G-League affiliate to their best record in franchise history and a regular season Eastern Conference Championship.

The local Knicks 32-18 record and regular season Eastern Conference crown exhibits monumental progress from the 10-40 losing mark they achieved in their inaugural season in 2014-15. "I am happy for the group. There has been a lot of work that has gone into this and you could feel early this season that we had a good group and to see them stay together and go through the changes is probably rewarding for everybody," stated Miller. "We have a good group, they show-up and they play."

The First Round of the 2018 NBA Gatorade League Playoffs begins on

Tuesday, March 27. The Westchester Knicks gained a bye in the First Round and will play the winner of the Grand Rapids Drive versus Raptors 905 First Round game slated for Wednesday, March 28.

The Westchester Knicks, as Eastern Conference Champions, have home-court advantage in the Eastern Conference Playoffs, which means their G-League Quarterfinals and Semifinals games, will be played at the Westchester County Center. The date and times of the games are TBA.

"It would be really special to bring a G-League Championship to Westchester. We have an amazing group of guys and it starts at the top with Allan (Houston). It would definitely be a special thing to do and that is our mindset going into the Playoffs," said Westchester Knicks guard Xavier Rathan-Mayes.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Xavier Rathan-Mayes became the seventh Westchester Knicks Call-up when the Memphis Grizzlies signed him to a 10-Day contract on March 5. However, Rathan-Mayes returned to the local Knicks on March 16, to score his fourth triple-double against the Windy City Bulls and help Westchester to a regular season Eastern Conference Championship.

Despite the loss in their regular season finale, the Westchester Knicks sustained the best record in the history of the four-year franchise this season, while logging a 32-18 mark and winning the regular season NBA G-League Eastern Conference Championship.

The local Knicks not only won the Eastern Conference, which earned them the top seed and a First Round bye in the 2018 G-League Playoffs, they also tied the Austin Spurs, the NBA Western Conference G-League affiliate of the San Antonio Spurs, for the best overall record



Westchester Knicks 6'-8" forward Devin Robinson (left) jumps-ball against Erie BayHawks Jeremy Hollowell in the fourth quarter of the local Knicks season finale at the Westchester County Center. Robinson had 18 points in the game and he should prove to be a positive factor for the local Knicks in the upcoming G-League Playoffs.



Westchester Knicks center Isaiah Hicks, who averaged 16 points and eight rebounds a game this season, autographs a jersey for an adoring fan, after the local Knicks season finale at the Westchester County Center, on Friday, March 23.



In his third season as Westchester Knicks Head Coach, Mike Miller (center) drew-up a plan that led the local Knicks to the best record in franchise history (32-18) and a regular season NBA G-League Eastern Conference Championship.

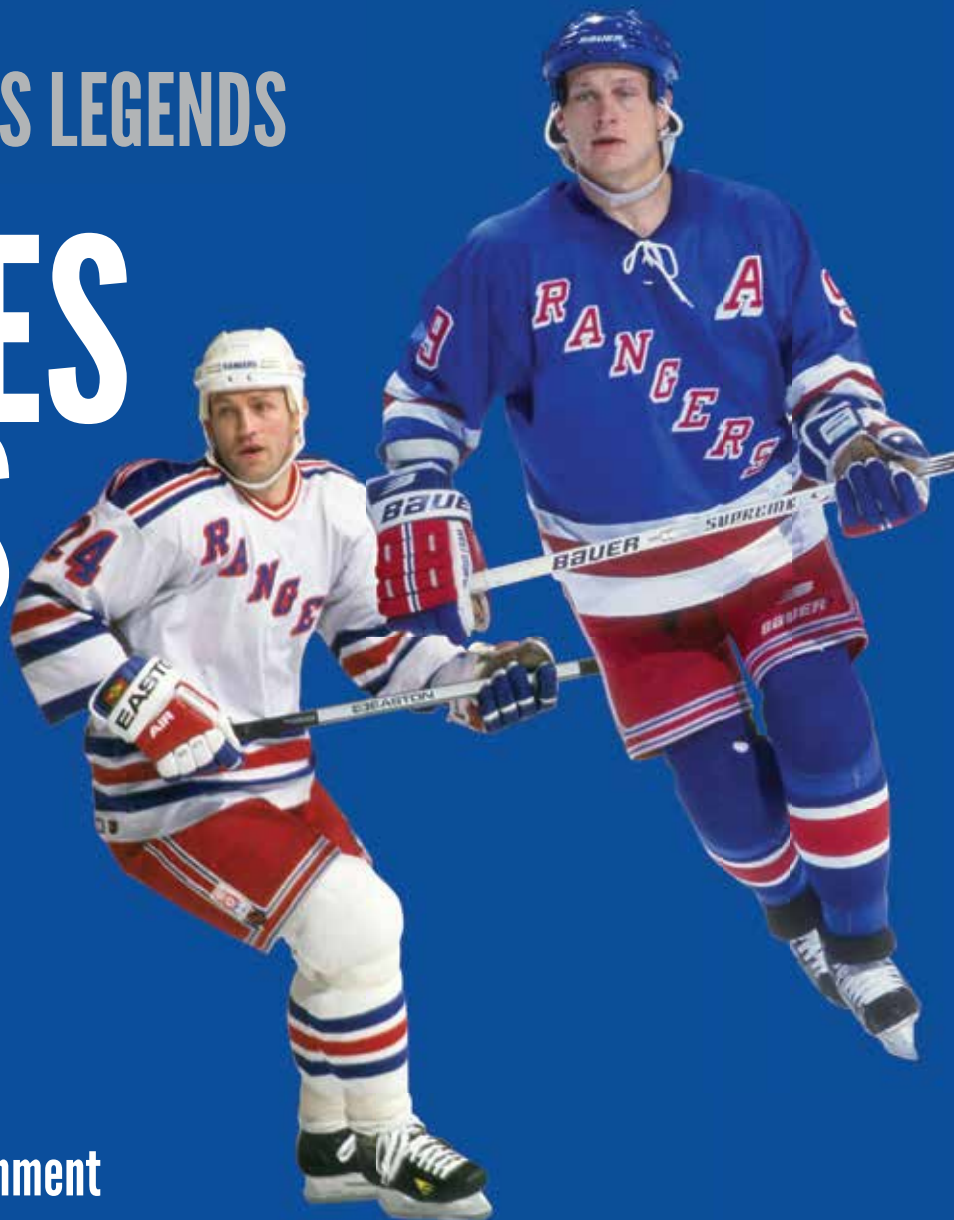


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