



White Plains Battle of the Bravest Supports Ronald McDonald House

By Albert Coqueran

They Came. They Played. They Remembered.

On Saturday morning 13 members of the Fire Department of New York City (FDNY) joined a multitude of other firefighters to pay tribute and lay to rest FDNY Lieutenant Christopher Raguso, who was also a Master Sargent in the Air Force National Guard.

Raguso and FDNY Fire Marshall and Air Force National Guard Major Christopher "Tripp" Zanetis along with five other military service members died when their helicopter crashed in Iraq on March 15.

It was an emotional week for members of the FDNY, who also buried comrade firefighter Lt. Michael Davidson on Tuesday, March 27. On Thursday, March 22, Davidson died while fighting a fire that broke out in a building in Harlem where a movie was being filmed.

On Saturday morning, after the 13



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

L-r] Lt. Chris LaRocca, the Team Captain of the FDNY Hockey team, Ronald McDonald, representing the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley, White Plains Mayor Tom Roach and WPPD Lt. Rich Servello, the organizer of the event, participate in the Ceremonial Puck Drop to begin the 23rd Annual "Battle of the Bravest" Charity Cup Hockey Game, at Ebersole Ice Rink, on Saturday.

members of the FDNY joined other comrades to pay tribute to their fallen comrade Raguso and his family, they drove from the funeral in Kings Park, Suffolk County to Ebersole Ice Rink in White Plains.

At the local ice rink the 13 FDNY members donned their hockey gear as members of the FDNY Hockey Team and challenged the White Plains Fire Department Hockey Team in the 23rd Annual "Battle of the Bravest" Charity Cup Hockey Game to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley.

"Anytime a fireman dies in the line of duty it is tragic and we try to make every funeral the best we can," stated FDNY Lt. Chris LaRocca, the Captain of the FDNY skaters. "The fact that these two firemen died while doing a tour of duty in the military just makes it that more meaningful and tragic," said LaRocca.

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Highlands Middle School Students Join National Choir



Students from White Plains Middle School-Highlands traveled to Oklahoma City as part of the National Youth Choir of the OAKE (Organization of American Kodaly Educators) Conference on March 21-24, under the direction of Fernando Malvar-Ruiz. Pictured, left to right, are: Letisha Baker, Malisa Trueblood, Conductor Fernando Malvar-Ruiz, Heather Liu-Silverstein and Aleksei Sincerbeaux.

Changes Underway at White Plains Train Station

MTA Metro-North Railroad announced Friday that a full-scale renewal project to bring state of the art improvements to the White Plains train station is underway.

The project, which coincides with efforts by The City of White Plains to update the area immediately surrounding the train station as a Transit District, is intended to provide increased safety to commuters as well as easier navigation and a cleaner more up-to-date and pleasant transit environment.

The White Plains station with more than 12,000 riders boarding trains daily, has the third highest ridership in the Metro-North system, second only to

Stamford and Grand Central Terminal.

The station's makeover is part of a \$135 million Metro-North Station Improvement Initiative funded by the MTA's 2015-2019 Capital Program. Construction is expected to continue to December 2020.

While the White Plains station is already fully ADA accessible, repair work will enhance this accessibility. The project adds an elevator within the main entrance for customers to reach the new side platform, including two ADA compliant stairs with radiant heat flooring for snow and ice control. The MTA is investing

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There was a Moment of Silence before the game for deceased brethren, which included the late White Plains Police Officer Michael Ferguson, who passed away in November 2017. Ferguson skated with the WPFH Hockey Team for many years.

Afterwards, retired Yonkers firefighter Frank Amadio sang the National Anthem before the 23rd Annual "Battle of the Bravest" Ceremonial Puck Drop. City of White Plains Mayor Tom Roach dropped the puck with no other than Ronald McDonald himself, as "Battle of

scoring duel with the FDNY coming out on top 11-7. Nonetheless, as the public address announcer said after the third period horn, "The winner is The Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley."

"Their support is fabulous to us. We are located in Valhalla, so the White Plains Fire Department, Yonkers and New York City Fire Departments have all been very supportive of us," acknowledged Lisa Fine, Director of Events for the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley.



Earlier on Saturday morning March 31, the FDNY Hockey Team attended the funeral of FDNY Lt. Christopher Raguso, who was killed in a helicopter crash in Iraq while on duty as a Master Sargent in the Air Force National Guard. Afterwards, the FDNY Hockey Team drove from Suffolk County to White Plains to participate in the 23rd Annual "Battle of the Bravest" Charity Hockey Game.

the Bravest" organizer WPFH Lt. Rich Servello and FDNY Lt. LaRocca awaited the drop.

"We really appreciate the FDNY taking the time to come and participate in this event. They have been going through a lot in the FDNY at this time, which makes us appreciate it even more. It is also great to see our guys (WPFH) out there skating for a great cause," said Mayor Roach.

The ensuing game was a back and forth

The firefighters took an intermission from the competition between the second and third periods to hold a raffle for prizes, which included a 40" Flat Screen Television, autographed pucks by former NY Rangers Ryan McDonagh and Rick Nash. There were also signed hockey sticks by NHL goalie Martin Biron and Rangers defenseman Kevin Shattenkirk. The Crown Plaza Hotel White Plains-Downtown also donated a gift certificate



During the Intermission between the second and third periods of the "Battle of the Bravest" Charity Cup Hockey Game, members of White Plains Professional Firefighters Local 274, (l-r) Lt. Sandro D'Antona, Lt. Brian Hickey and firefighter Cole Martin organized a raffle with prizes, which included an autographed Martin Biron, goalie stick and signed Ryan McDonagh puck.



The FDNY Hockey Team (in red) and the WPFH Hockey Team joined as comrades before the game and then competed against one another for charity in the 23rd Annual "Battle of the Bravest" Charity Cup Hockey game.



FDNY firefighter Ryan Blair (center) defends against WPFH firefighter Jake Douglass (right) to keep Douglass from getting the puck past FDNY Goalie Joe Meola (left) for a score. Blair and Douglass both contributed two goals apiece to their respective teams, as the FDNY outlasted the WPFH, 11-7, in the 23rd Annual "Battle of the Bravest" Hockey Game.

for the raffle.

There was also a one of a kind encased pinstriped firefighter helmet autographed by former NY Yankees closer Mariano Rivera on display at the "Battle of the Bravest." The unique helmet is being auctioned exclusively through Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley, online at www.RMH-GHV.org. The auction began on Monday, April 2 at 5 p.m. and will close on Thursday, April 12 at 5 p.m. The starting bid is \$1000.

The second period of the "Battle of the Bravest" ended with the WPFH leading by a score of 7-6. However, the FDNY skaters owned the third period outscoring the local firefighters, 5-0, in the period.

Team Captain Lt. LaRocca scored three goals and firefighter Ryan Blair netted two goals for the FDNY. WPFH firefighter Jake Douglass, scored two goals and firefighter Tommy Dooley also scored for the local firefighters.

After the 23rd Annual "Battle of the Bravest" Charity Hockey Game and all the festivities concluded at Ebersole, a celebration to commemorate this year's event was held at Ron Blacks Beer Hall on

Mamaroneck Avenue, where the winner of the 50/50 Raffle was awarded. White Plains Firefighters Local 274 also sold their signature "Battle of the Bravest" T-shirts throughout the day. All proceeds from the "Battle of the Bravest" benefit the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley.

It is the 23rd consecutive year that the "Battle of the Bravest" Charity Cup Hockey Game has been organized by White Plains Firefighters Local 274. On March 27, the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley presented White Plains Firefighters Local 274 with their prestigious Red Shoe Award as 2018 Heroes of the Year.

Also, in attendance was WPFH Deputy Fire Chief Richard Houlihan. The WPFH also skated while keeping comrade firefighter Clark Douglass, in their thoughts and hearts. Douglass, traditionally wore jersey #21, and is a longtime member of the WPFH Hockey Team. Douglass could not participate in this year's "Battle of the Bravest," as he is extremely ill, while battling his own fight against cancer.

NYS Passes Legislation to Thwart Negative Impact of New Federal Tax Law

By Pat Casey

New York is the first state in the country to pass legislation that will help residents who have been disadvantaged by the new federal tax law that essentially raises state and local taxes (SALT) by imposing a \$10,000 cap on federal deductions for both state income and local property taxes.

The updates to the New York State Tax Law can save New Yorkers billions in federal income taxes. Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) said in a statement released over the weekend, "We are sending a message to Washington that no longer should the federal government view New York's economy as a piggy bank to empty for deficit spending and tax cuts aimed at other states."

The NYS Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget, which was passed on Friday, contained two policies originally proposed by Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale) as stand-alone legislation to provide options for relief for Westchester County residents, who essentially would have seen their NYS taxes go up.

According to Paulin, in 2015, among New Yorkers who itemized their tax returns, the average State and Local Tax deduction was \$22,000. Further information published by ATTOM Data Solutions, an organization that collects



Assemblyman David Buchwald

and distributes information about property including taxes, indicates that 73% of Westchester homeowners pay more than \$10,000 in property taxes and many Westchester County constituents are already paying \$20,000 or more in property taxes alone.

Buchwald, who served as a tax attorney before his election to the State Assembly, said in an interview on Monday that working with colleagues on the tax code update was like a "flash from the past."

Buchwald explained that other changes to the state tax code also "restored a bunch of deductions that existed prior to the federal change."

Some of the federal changes would have put more money into the NYS treasury and others would have benefitted the federal government by as much as billions of dollars, according to Buchwald, who added that any changes in tax law to enhance the state treasury should be made by the state and not the federal government.

The first element of the tax code change, which is applicable to 2018 taxes filed in 2019, is to allow residents

to itemize deductions on their state tax return, even if they do not itemize those deductions on their 2018 federal return.

The second element allows charitable contributions to NYS, local governments and school districts to offset local property taxes, which essentially would have gone up 25% to 35% with the new federal tax law, Buchwald said.

The budgets currently being passed by local school districts and municipalities will determine what the property tax rate is. That process remains the same. The state tax code update in essence allows an option as to how that tax bill is

paid by residents.

"Charitable contributions, which are still allowed as a deduction by the IRS, can now be made to NYS with an 85% tax credit and to local governments and public schools as an up to 95% credit against your property tax bill," Buchwald explained. "Local governments and school districts will have to adopt separate local laws, establishing these charitable funds and adopting the charitable tax credit."

Local governments include municipalities as well as county government. "Residents will have to stay on top of their local governments and school districts to make sure these new laws are introduced and passed," Buchwald said.

Separate from the property tax provision, the state tax code update also set up an optional payroll tax system for businesses to restore deductibility of employee salaries not deductible since the federal \$10,000 cap was enacted.

"Essentially, this replaces state income tax withholding with a payroll tax," Buchwald said. "Employees would still file income tax forms, but the amount owed would go down. The employer should end up transferring to the state the same dollar for dollar amount."

Employers and business owners will have until December 1 each calendar

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year to opt into the system. Again, Buchwald advises residents to encourage their employers to look into and adopt the optional payroll tax, which will save individuals money.

In putting the new tax code together, legislators worked closely with academics and tax attorneys. Both Paulin and Buchwald expressed gratitude for the teamwork.

"The biggest challenge was figuring out how to take the academics' ideas and turn them into legislation that would stand up to the inevitable challenges coming from the IRS," Buchwald said. "That



Assemblywoman Amy Paulin.

partnership will continue and grow as other states follow New York's example. We will work together to defend the new tax codes as challenges come up."

Because the New York State Tax Law updates were passed just last Friday, Buchwald expects it will take some time for conversations to develop between the affected parties and for information to be exchanged. However, he thinks that New York's quick action will help area families and businesses plan for the efforts needed to keep their federal tax bills as low as possible.

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in improving ADA compliant features at the station, such as railings, platform guardrails, signage, and a new public address system.

Other improvements include refurbishment and functional upgrades to the station's main entrance, the Main Street entrance, the Hamilton Avenue entrance, and the Mott Street entrance. Security cameras and speakers will be positioned throughout the station. Crews will install new platform canopies with wood ceilings, LED lighting, and a heated stairway leading from the side platform.

Added amenities such USB chargers, Wi-Fi and cellular connectivity, digital screens that provide access to train information, ticket vending machines and new benches will also be provided.

Customers can look forward to an expanded, glass-enclosed waiting area, new interior station wall panels, ceiling tiles and fixtures, a remodeled ticket office, an improved food vendor space and refurbished bathrooms. MTA Arts and Design has issued an open call for artists to create a site-specific installation at the station.

Service at the White Plains station will continue throughout the duration of the three-year project. The renovation has been planned in three phases to minimize the disruption to customer travel.

Metro-North Railroad's March 18 schedule reflects weekend and off-peak service changes that are in effect to accommodate the station's upgrade. While this work is underway, customers are advised to allow for extra travel time to access the open section of platforms.

In response to the MTA's announcement White Plains Mayor Tom Roach said: "Two years ago, the City of White Plains embarked on a comprehensive study of our Transit District, the area immediately surrounding the White Plains train station. Metro-North was a key stakeholder and participant in that study. The study culminated in the release of a Strategic Plan for the area and then the release of an RFEI, which generated a high level of interest from developers and urban planners. We are now working on an RFP for release later this year. Metro-North's White Plains station Renovation project has served to further increase the interest in this area of the City. Governor Cuomo and Metro-North recognize that an enhanced White Plains station will not only better serve our mutual constituents, but is an important economic driver for the City. I would like to thank them for their confidence in White Plains and their advocacy for this much-needed project."

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Miller House Refurbishment Plans to Be Announced; Will Remain on Site

By Martin Wilbur

A plan to refurbish the deteriorating Elijah Miller House/Washington's Headquarters and enhance the grounds will be unveiled in the upcoming weeks with the intention of maintaining the landmark at its North White Plains site.

Last week, the North Castle Town Board unanimously reaffirmed its 2014 resolution asking that Westchester County, which has owned the 280-year-old structure and property since 1917, keep the house at 140 Virginia Rd. despite a lack of parking and being located next to a cement plant.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro said after recently communicating with County Executive George Latimer's office the plans could be made public as soon as the Town Board's Apr. 11 meeting.

"The indication I got is it's all positive," Schiliro said. "It is an exciting time to get this done."

In addition to the restoration of the house, a small structure could be built to serve as a visitor's center, he said.

During the past 10 years, efforts to refurbish the house, which served as George Washington's headquarters during the Battle of White Plains in October 1776, have bogged down in debate. Attempts have also been made to relocate the house to a more accessible site, including nearby Kensico Dam Plaza, which is also owned and operated by the county. However, groups such as North



A December 2015 photo of Miller House/Washington's Headquarters in North White Plains. Westchester County will soon announce refurbishment plans for the 280-year-old house.

Castle's Elijah Miller House Committee, the North Castle Historical Society and the Friends of Miller House/Washington's Headquarters want to see it remain at its current location.

The house has been closed to visitors for well over a decade because of its worsening condition. A blue tarp was placed over the roof several years ago to protect the structure.

County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) said last Thursday

that after about a year of work, the county's Parks Department has completed design plans for the house's refurbishment. She said there could also be the addition of classroom space to make the property more attractive to the general public and school groups.

"The design plan will make it so that it will be able to be utilized not only by the public but by schools," Cunzio said. "That's something that we really wanted to be able to do, make it useful. Will it be

refurbished? Absolutely, but we also want to make it attractive for events, for the public and for the school districts."

About \$2 million has been set aside for the work, she said. There is the original \$1.3 million bond that was approved by the Board of Legislators in 2010, plus another \$700,000 county lawmakers appropriated last year, which is still available, Cunzio said. Small grants from the state and other sources are also being pursued.

Last year, there had been talk of a complicated agreement that would see the county complete the refurbishment while the town would take title to the property. Programs would have been supported by private donations. That arrangement will no longer be necessary, Schiliro said.

At last week's Town Board meeting, some residents urged the town to restore the Miller House and keep it at its current site while others said it would attract more visitors and volunteers if it were placed in a better location.

Linda Fernberg, president of Friends of Miller House and an Elijah Miller House Committee member, said relocating the house would jeopardize its landmark status. The house is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Furthermore, it would be out of place at Kensico Dam Plaza, Fernberg said.

"The dam represents something from the early 1900s," Fernberg said. "When

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY LEGISLATOR

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Obituaries

Eleanor Braddicks,

Eleanor Leonora Braddicks, of White Plains, died on March 30.

Eleanor was born on Nov. 6, 1920 in Wise (Warren County), North Carolina to Irene Evans and James Edward Harris. She was the oldest of four children of this union. The Harris family migrated north, first to West Newton, Mass., and later to New York City in 1932, where she attended local schools and graduated with honors (Arista) from Wadleigh High School in Manhattan.

Eleanor met Robert Braddicks at a social function, and a relationship began which soon deepened sufficiently to create the basis for 64 years of marriage. They were married on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 1941. Their daughter, Carolyn Anne,

was born in September 1946. Her beloved husband died in 2006.

Eleanor began working in various clerical and secretarial positions immediately after graduating from high school, including a civil service position at the Brooklyn Navy Yard during World War II. In November 1955 she began working at Consumers Union, which was located in Mount Vernon at that time. She received several promotions over the years, and retired as an Assistant to the Executive Director in August 1986. She continued working part-time at CU as Assistant Archivist for nine additional years - finally becoming a fully retired person in 1995.

Eleanor has been an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon since joining the church in 1955. She served as an Elder from 1978 to

1980, and was a member of the Chancel Choir from 1975 to 2002. She was one of the founding members of the Mount Vernon Music Academy in 1988, and served as Treasurer of the Governing Committee of the Academy from its inception until 2002. She was also a board member of the Hoff-Barthelson Music School in Scarsdale from 1994-2000, and a member of the Zonta Club of Westchester from 1972 to present. She is a member of the Regency Bridge Club and the Golden Years Bridge Group, as well as the Woman's Club of White Plains.

Charlotte F. Riviezzo

Charlotte Riviezzo, 90, of Ardsley, passed away March 20. She was born Nov. 3, 1927 in New Rochelle to Frederick

and Mary Jane Schiller. In April of 1947 Charlotte married her husband, Joseph, in White Plains.

There was no greater joy to her than being called GG by her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Charlotte is survived by her two children; Margaret E. Vlasaty of Ardsley and Joseph Riviezzo of Tucson, AZ. She is also survived by her four grandchildren Karen (Rich) Ashnault, Laura (Russ) Coapman, Jason Vlasaty, and Eric (fiancee' Rachel Cipolla) Vlasaty, and seven great grandchildren Dannica, Carleigh, and Elena Ashnault, Justine and Hunter Coapman, Isabel Bustle, and Brayden Vlasaty.

Charlotte is predeceased by her husband Joseph Riviezzo, and son-in-law Toby Vlasaty.

Westchester County DA Calls on Governor to Enact New Gun Legislation

Westchester County District Attorney Anthony Scarpino, Jr. has urged Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature to pass the Extreme Risk Protection Order bill as part of the state budget. In a press statement released March 26, Scarpino said: "The Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) will empower family members and law enforcement to remove guns from family or household members in crisis and at risk of deadly consequences, pending a hearing."

While New York State may already have some of the strongest gun laws in the country, Scarpino said, "enacting ERPO legislation may save more lives by stopping potential offenders in crisis from committing acts of violence-acts that may be wholly preventable by allowing law enforcement to take weapons out of their hands before a tragedy occurs. The time to pass this bill is now. I urge Governor Cuomo along with state lawmakers to work together and enact this bill as part of the state budget."

"We stand with the New York ERPO Coalition, which includes New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, Moms Demand



Anthony Scarpino, Jr.

Action for Gun Sense in America and the district attorneys of Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Staten Island and Queens counties among others, in supporting this important and potentially life-saving legislation."

The Extreme Risk Protection Order (A.6994/S5447) will allow law enforcement to remove weapons from

individuals in crisis and bar them from obtaining firearms. Currently, there is often no legal process for removing firearms already possessed by such individuals, even if family members or law enforcement believe them to pose an elevated risk of violence to themselves or others.

Under this bill, an ERPO will allow district attorneys, family and household members or intimate partners or police officers to petition the court to issue a civil order of protection prohibiting people found to be dangerous to themselves or others from possessing or purchasing a gun.

The Court may grant a temporary ERPO if the application presents sufficient evidence of threats, serious bodily harm, attempts at suicide or homicide, or other violent behavior to oneself or others. The individuals in crisis have a right to a hearing, if the ERPO is granted. Law enforcement agencies are notified when an ERPO is issued.

White Plains Recreation Plainsman Hockey Try-Outs

The City of White Plains Recreation and Parks Department will hold Plainsmen Ice Hockey travel program try-outs on the following dates:

Tuesday, April 10

Mites/U8: 6 to 7 p.m.

Squirts/U10: 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

PeeWee/U12: 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11

Squirt/U10: 6 to 7 p.m.

Pee Wee/U12: 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Bantam/U14: 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Midgets/U16 & U18: 9:45 to 10:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 12

Pee Wee/U12: 6 to 7 p.m.

Bantam/U14: 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Midgets/U16 & U18: 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Try-outs will be held at

Ebersole Ice Rink,

110 Lake Street, White Plains.

Those trying out must attend all session days. The fee is \$85 (non-refundable) for Squirts, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget, and \$50 for Mites. Full hockey gear is required.

The Plainsmen Ice Hockey program is a member of the Hudson Valley Hockey League and competes in the tri-state area.

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April Bronx River Pathway Closure

A stretch of approximately 1,000 feet of the Bronx River Pathway in Eastchester will close for a riverbank stabilization project Mondays through Fridays starting Monday, April 2. The pathway will remain available to the public on weekends. Work on the segment is expected to be complete by April 30.

The affected section runs from the Harney Road intersection south to the first footbridge. The area will be marked with signage by the contractor. No detour will be available.

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Attorney General Indicts 10 People with Links to Local Organized Crime

NYS Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced the arrests and indictment of 10 individuals on charges stemming from the alleged operation of lucrative loan sharking and gambling activities controlled by the Lucchese Organized Crime Family in Westchester last week.

The long-term investigation, called "Operation The Vig Is Up," involved the alleged loan sharking and bookmaking activities of alleged Lucchese "made member" Dominick Capelli and alleged Lucchese "Associates" or "non-made" crew members in Westchester and the Bronx. The loan sharking operation is the largest such operation ever investigated by the New York Attorney General, with usurious interest payouts exceeding a million dollars just during the approximately one-year investigation, according to a statement announcing the arrests.

As part of the long-term investigation, investigators utilized wiretaps, covert surveillance cameras, a car bug, undercover police officers, and hidden cameras. Additional evidence came as a result of search warrants executed at defendant Robert Wagner's home in New Rochelle and at McKiernan's Lawton Street Tavern in New Rochelle.

In total, investigators identified over 47 distinct loan sharking victims, many with multiple loans, who were preyed on by the defendants. Loan sharking victims were allegedly required to make weekly, high interest "vig" payments, either by directly paying individual defendants, or by dropping off cash payments at two New Rochelle businesses: McKiernan's Lawton Street Tavern and The Glass Room, a smoke shop. Victims were allegedly charged exorbitant weekly loan rates averaging over 200 percent per year, effectively creating a high-cost debt trap for all individuals taking out such loans.

Additionally, defendants Capelli, Wagner, and Frank McKiernan are alleged to have run an illegal bookmaking operation, utilizing the gambling website bxbets.com to generate over a half a million dollars in annual wagers.

Attorney General Schneiderman charged the following ten individuals with Enterprise Corruption – with underlying crimes of Usury in the First Degree and Promoting Gambling in the First Degree: Dominick Capelli, 61, of New Rochelle; Robert Wagner, 59, of New Rochelle; Frank McKiernan, 53, of New Rochelle; Anthony Martino, 76, of Port Chester; Michael Wagner, 63, of Bronx; Steve Murray, 49, of Bethel, CT; Seth Trustman, 36, of Bronx; Richard Caccavale, 59, of Yorktown Heights; Jessica Bismark, 32, of New Rochelle; Robert Wagner Jr., 33, of New Rochelle.

The Enterprise Corruption charge alone carries a maximum penalty of 8-1/3 to 25 years in prison.

Two related indictments were also filed in conjunction with this investigation. A separate bookmaking indictment charged Michael Lepore, 61, of New Rochelle and Vincent Tardibuono, 41, also of New Rochelle, with running an online bookmaking operation via website ezplay2001.com, which generated over \$1.5 million in annual wagers.


Additionally, a related narcotics-based indictment filed by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office and prosecuted by OAG OCTF Assistant Deputy Attorney General Thomas Luzio, charged Lucien Cappello, 38, of New Rochelle, with Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree, a Class A-II felony, as well as six counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and seven counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree. If convicted, Cappello faces 10 years in state prison and five years of post-release supervision.

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Boomers: From Blue Collar Roots to Blue Pinstripe Suits



By Richard Cirulli

As we Boomers are now in the retirement phase of our lives, some of us are taking a reflective retrospective view to see how far we have strayed from the ideologies of our youth. The sixties were a turning point in our country in many ways. It was during this era that for the first time in our history there were more college students than farmers, and there were more service jobs than manufacturing jobs.

With this boost of national intelligence, the author like so many first-generation Americans found an opportunity to escape blue-collar roots, seek the pinstripe suits, power ties, and white-collar shirts of corporate America in search of the American dream. This era was also the zenith and halcyon days of America's economic dominance, prosperity and upward mobility. During the sixties youth questioned the unequal distribution of wealth and found it virtuous to fight for the underdog and the disenfranchised. Regretfully for some Boomers, moving up the corporate ladder and pursuit of Maslow's hierarchy of needs made them

easily forget their humble roots and the sweat on the brows of their parents laboring to build a better world.

Now, in the autumn of our lives and for the first time viewing our setting sun on the horizon, we existential types are trying to ascertain how much of our humble origins and humility we have carried with us. Or, how much we have abandoned for the sake of promoting our self-elitism. With a sense of dismay, many Boomers have dropped, "Thank you" from their vocabulary.

Sadly the inspiration for this article was the result of a number of similar conversations I found myself engaged in with my generational peers over the past few months. To be forthright these observations are based on empirical observation and not intended to be broad-brush statements. But rather to make the point of how some Boomers view the acquisition of wealth to be reserved exclusively for their white-collar "professional" class, and not to be shared with manual laborers. Over the series of these conversations what became evident is that these elitist views are being passed down to our children and grandchildren

via parental narcissism, or parental pride – a fine line to straddle for sure.

While finding myself in the company of a generational acquaintance, this proud parent shared with me his story about his son's completion of an executive MBA and his recruitment by a Fortune 500 company offering him a very generous salary, with bonuses and all the perks.

And, with the most sincere and genuine intentions upon hearing this good news, the author extended a litany of compliments to the parents for having raised a son truly living the "American Way."

No sooner had the congratulatory words faded when he responded by saying he had concerns about this stalwart company on the grounds that it had given raises to its union employees. To paraphrase his sentiments, his concern was that these un-American union workers were taking money away from the company with their "hefty" salaries. And "these people" were only concerned about themselves and would take company money that should be going to his son instead.

After taking a very long and reflective deep breath, the author, simply replied: "Did you not send your son to school with the intention that he ultimately could secure the highest earnings possible? And is not his high salary and benefits (proportionately much higher than the union wages of the company's manual work force) taking away from the profits of the company? Would you admonish your son to not take a raise or bonus in order to give it back to the company to be shared and disbursed to the shareholders? Is he un-American as well? You may want to ponder your thoughts for a moment. Maybe we should not lose sight that you are fortunate enough to have the means to send your children to earn degrees that easily transmute into lucrative salaries. For

the more fortunate, a degree is a passport to the American way of prosperity. For others, the American way can only be achieved through the sweat of their labors and a union card. Do they both not share the same agenda? And, have you lost sight of your parent's humble blue-collar roots that paid for your college tuition? Earned as they labored in quarries, factories, sweatshops, etc. in a foreign land?

After a long pause, he responded, to my surprise: "You know I never looked at it that way. I am rather disappointed in my elitist and selfish, view of life."

The author makes no judgment nor implies bad character or virtue on the part of this proud father. Rather it is merely an observation on how far we have traveled from our fellow humanity, while walking (at times unconsciously) deeper into our egocentric world.

In closing, we do not have to look only to Wall Street in search of greed. It is easily found at our dinner tables, social settings and in our thoughts. For Wall Street is just the collective result of our individual intentions. The author would be quite remiss for not taking this time to say "Thank you" to all those on whom this column was made possible by the sweat of their brows, and calloused hands.

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Here Are Some Tips for Easy Spring Gardening

Most every spring I write a piece about simplifying garden chores to achieve maximum effect in design and color with minimum effort in planting, weeding and especially bending and kneeling.

Although I've lived for three years in a condominium where someone else does all the bending and kneeling to keep the surrounding property looking like Shangri-La, I enjoy thinking about past garden chores. I can still throw out some tips that may be of help to you in simplifying your workload without sacrificing satisfying results.

Once a garden plan is developed and set in place, spring chores amount mainly to maintenance. As naïve as I was as a young homeowner thinking that every tree, shrub and bulb I discovered on my property, as well as ones that I plopped there over the years, would continue to grow and prosper during their lifetimes and mine.

Oh my, how the landscape that embraced my historic home changed over the near half-century that I owned it. Thanks to pestilence, severe winters and especially those unforgettable storms, Irene and Sandy, which toppled 17 mature trees, my property was transformed from an almost completely shaded stretch into a very sunny property, requiring an entirely different landscaping

plan and maintenance requirements.

That unforgiving sun demands that little things grow into big things, be they cultivated or wild, and that requires a lot of work to either encourage growth or eliminate it. That would have been fine if I were willing, which I was not, and had the time, which I didn't.

After the tree service people removed nine felled trees from Hurricane Irene, then another eight from Sandy, my property, which had been a gorgeous shaded glen, suddenly looked like a war zone. I was also thousands of dollars poorer from the experience.

At first, I was grateful that none of the trees had hit the house, but I didn't know where to start with suddenly moving from shade gardening to that of bright sunlight.

Years ago, the spreading limbs of two century-old sugar maples required only broad swaths of evergreen pachysandra below. And in the sunny areas of the



By Bill Primavera

property, enthusiastic gardener that I was at the time, I planted beds of annuals and perennials in every inch of space that had access to the sun. Now, suddenly there was too much access to the sun and I had no drive to plant much at all. But it taught me some lessons in garden simplification that I pass on here.

Where a giant maple had once stood, centered on my front lawn, I seeded grass and bordered it with the pachysandra that had been under the tree to create a soft transition to the wooded area beyond.

I replaced all of the annual beds with either hardy perennials or daylilies, or better yet, vinca, where I didn't have to do anything at all.

For flowers that require less planting time, I've turned to container gardening. Since my attack by Mother Nature, I've created a more architectural garden by collecting urns – iron, aluminum that looks like iron, concrete and clay – and interspersed them on either side of the entrance to my driveway, three on my patio, at the entrance

to my front door and at several locations in my backyard.

To make them really carefree, I planted three geraniums in each urn, usually in pink and one white, my favorite combination. Geraniums are the hardiest plant under the sun, and surrounding them, I planted white and pink petunias, the kind which hang over the edge. Then I mulched them to better retain water. The nicest thing about container gardening is that I didn't have to bend over or kneel to plant them.

To guard against the need for constant weed pulling during the summer, I asked my lawn maintenance people to drop me off a truck of "clean" wood chips at the far edge of my wooded property. Then, when I felt like some exercise, instead of going to the gym I picked up my pitchfork and coated every bed of perennials and around my hostas with a thick layer of chips to retain moisture and keep the weeds at bay all season long.

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Miller House Refurbishment Plans to Be Announced; Will Remain on Site

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Miller House was first constructed in 1738, with an addition in 1770, you're talking about a farmhouse that existed centuries before, and how it specifically relates to that area," she said.

Daughters of Liberty's Legacy co-founder and Elijah Miller House Committee member Cynthia Kauffman said the house would lose its historical context if moved.

"It would be nice to pick it up and put it somewhere everyone would want to see it, but what you're looking at there is just a farmhouse," Kauffman said. "The story can't be told if you move it because the location that it's in was important to it when it was a home, but it was also important when the generals were there."

John Diaconis, a board member of the Friends of Miller House/Washington's Headquarters, added that the cost to move the structure would be prohibitive and it might not withstand a move. Estimates have ranged from as much \$250,000 to \$500,000 for relocation.

However, other residents said Miller House is just as out of place next to the cement plant, which detracts from its historical significance. Plus, the location is extremely inconvenient for visitors.

"It's really not someplace where you would want to go," said North White Plains resident Terri Lobermann of the current site. "You may want to see the

building but it's really not accessible. The (dam) property would still be North White Plains. It's a desirable location, the dam plaza. You can see it, you can drive to it and you can park there."

Schiliro said there are valid arguments to be made on both sides, but the board would support the town's committee, the Historical Society and Friends of Miller House.

"I think you can make the argument on the other side of it, that there's a historical loss if the building is moved from the property," he said. "I think we've heard that from all three of these organizations."



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More Culinary Road Trips, Provincetown, Cape Cod



By Morris Gut

We start hitting the road this time of the year. I had the pleasure of visiting several culinary cities and sites over the past year, and I would like to share some more of them with you.

We spent a wonderful week in Provincetown, Cape Cod, caught the right weather... and ate up a storm! It had been a while since our last visit. I must acknowledge our hosts and accommodations. We had booked a bed and breakfast: 8 Dyer Street (www.8dyer.com), right off Commercial Street. It was ideally situated, beautifully designed and lovely. Partners Steve and Brandon could not have been more cordial. Brandon is a C.I.A. trained chef and our breakfasts were hands-on and terrific. A colorful breakfast/brunch buffet was set up every morning. On a couple of occasions, we took our early meal at Yolqueria, (www.yolqueria.com), their restaurant just down the street on Commercial, where we were able to order anything off the menu. They offered us many useful dining and touring suggestions during our stay.

We ate at Mac's twice due to the many recommendations we received. Our first meal was at the original Mac's Shack (www.macsseafood.com) located in nearby Wellfleet. We arrived for early dinner, before the place opened, so we had to wait about a half hour. A crowd had already gathered in the parking area. We took seats at the rustic outdoor bar in lieu of a table, and our convivial barkeep took us in like family. She helped select some local brews while we waded through the menu. We had to have a half dozen local Wellfleet Oysters, of course, with all the trimmings. They were homegrown and very fresh. Shrimp and Scallop Dumplings looked good with another patron, so we had a bowl. Also, very good. For mains, I ordered the Crispy Fried Fish Taco Platter while my companion went for the Pan-

Seared Salmon. Portions were very large, easily sharable. Our second visit to Mac's was at their Provincetown restaurant. We made a pit stop of sorts after a beautiful ocean-dune drive nearby. This space was much larger, but the bar with its large fish mural was a good spot to relax. Had their Clam Fritters with a couple of brews and it was just fine. Mac's has added, markets to their growing group for take-away. One was on Rte. 6, and the other was attached to the resto in town.

Chequessett Chocolate Café and Bakery (www.chequessettchocolate.com) was a nice find in North Truro. The display cases and blackboard beckoned as we entered this charming café with several tables. They do a 'bean to bar' factory tour right on the premises. Took away some of their Chocolate Dipped Figs and Apricots. We nibbled them throughout our stay. Just down the road was Atlantic Spice Company (www.atlanticspice.com), a wholesale herb and spice mail order warehouse that is open to the public. It looks as if it had not changed in years. Customers were browsing the shelves. We took home a few bags of herbs and spices. Can't wait to use the Mesquite Chips during grilling season. Have not had that flavor in a long time.

The Lobster Pot (www.ptownlobsterpot.com) on Commercial St. is an institution in Provincetown, dishing out seaside meals galore for generations. It has been seen on travel commentaries and movies. Our visit was on a late afternoon and the place was bustling. The sunny views added to the coastal atmosphere. I went for a Portuguese combination platter of Pork and Clams Osso Buco. It was trawler sized and hearty. Barely got through half, and it was very tasty. My partner got the Fried Scallops Platter with fries, and it was also big. Scallops were fresh and sweet. We ended up bringing some back to our B &

B and stuffing it into the fridge for snacking.

Strangers & Saints (www.strangersandsaints.com) on Commercial is a happening. It is housed in a vintage property with a beautiful classic bar that turns clubby later in the evening. We got there for an early dinner. The menu is updated tavern/ eclectic and combines small and big plates with a Mediterranean theme. Our waiter offered to help us through, but we ended up ordering more than we could finish anyway.

We started with a tasty platter called Smoke & Spice, a charcuterie of sorts with cheese and assorted cured meats. The Arugula & Fig Pizza was rustic and delicious. Panned-seared scallops were plump and tasty, too. Washed it all down with a couple of Ciscos.

The Mews Restaurant & Café (www.mews.com) on Commercial, facing the ocean at the foot of the charming gallery row, has a storied history dating back to 1964. Dinner guests have included a cross-section of celebrity, from Vice President Al Gore, Judy Garland, to John Waters and Whoopi Goldberg. And it is a good, solid restaurant. Began our meal with terrific Chatham Mussels bathed in Pernod, fennel and a garlic rouille with French bread for soaking up the sauce. The Burrata & Beet Salad with kale worked well, too. My companion's Almond Crusted Cod was fresh and delish, as was my big tender cut of Rib Eye Steak with Gorgonzola. We shared the house made Key Lime Pie for dessert.



Brandon and Steve setting up the breakfast buffet at 8 Dyer, Provincetown.

Menu Movers & Shakers

We made two stops at the long-running Provincetown Portuguese Bakery along Commercial St. The display cases are filled with fresh baked goods that are very tempting. Their Malassadas, fried doughnuts without the hole, are dreamy and decadent. I am crazy for the cream-filled variety. Pastéis de Nata, egg pastry tarts, are fine, too. If it's a bit chilly, their homemade soups will soothe you.

Special Hint: Combine the good eating with a tour of the dramatic Cape Cod Dunes, an awesome Whale Watch Excursion, the art galleries, and a big surprise at the Provincetown Library.

Along the Connecticut Shore, Norwalk

We took a leisurely drive to Norwalk from our Westchester digs and popped into Harbor Harvest (www.harborharvest.com), a farmer's market/caterer along the boatyards. News 12 had been reporting that they were building a third custom hybrid catamaran, with help from Derektor Shipyards in Mamaroneck, that will be able to deliver and link goods to and from Long Island farms in minutes rather than hours. Made me curious.

Sipped on a container of fresh coffee as we
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Portuguese Lamb Shanks and Clams at The Lobster Pot, Provincetown.



Provincetown Portuguese Bakery.

The Conundrum of Satisfying One's Maturing Palate



When I was a young man, I thought like a young man, acted like a young man and drank like a young man. Now that I have matured, I think, act and drink like a mature man (with apologies to the Bible verse from Corinthians 13:11).

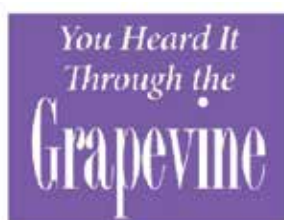
What does a mature man drink? I must say it has been an evolutionary journey, from price-conscious wines to price/

into the \$15 to \$20 range or ever "splurged" on a wine above \$20, you've most likely experienced a greater price/quality ratio than your taste buds and palate have ever enjoyed. And if you've ever experienced a "higher-end" wine above \$50, it's difficult to revert to the wines that piqued your palate as a younger wine consumer, your wine spending budget notwithstanding.

Over the last few years I've embarked on a mission to find upper echelon wines that stand apart from the hundreds of brands available on the shelves of retail wine shops. My current effort is focused on California wines, which, in my opinion, is today's hotbed of entrepreneurial experimentation. There is a cult of winemakers who are intent on producing wine as a fulfillment of their passion, with a genuine desire to introduce consumers to fine wines at (somewhat) reasonable prices.

So here's the rub: How does one find and procure these gems?

California is dotted with the likes of wine lovers turned winemakers. A



number have grape-stained hands from crafting their own wines while others have ink-stained hands from writing checks to purchase wineries and hire talented winemakers.

During my last two trips to Napa Valley and Sonoma County, I have been fortunate to locate passionate winemakers producing fine wines in near obscurity from the broad wine-consuming community.

Here are several means I've employed to seek out these winemakers.

1. A deep dive into the Internet prior to my trip. I've found comments from fellow travelers, blogs from fellow wine writers and newsletters from professionals with far greater time and budgets than I. This investment in surfing has paid off many times. Several of my now-favorite wineries have come from unpeeling the layers upon layers of information and opinions deeply buried on the web.

2. Engage a sommelier at a wine country restaurant. Who better to offer advice than someone who is tapped into local winemakers who frequent their dining room? He or she will gladly share

a unique experience with you of a wine on their list, which may be an exclusive offering. A number of them have hidden gems in their cellar that may not be on the wine list.

3. The concierge desk at wine country hotels and resorts. Small producers frequently offer these workers free tastings at their winery. For me, word of mouth is a powerful inducement coming from an exuberant concierge.

4. Visit a tasting room. Fellow patrons frequently will share their adventures and discoveries when you join them at the tasting counter. Everyone likes to share a secret, especially wine country travelers.

5. Specialty wine shops in wine country. Wooed by small producers, these shops can be instrumental in identifying and sponsoring a rising winemaker star.

Invariably these gems command premium prices. But the artisanal craftsmanship and small production are worthy of an investment.

Coming up, a few of my discoveries over the last few years.

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surveyed the place. It is a rustic market divided into different food sections, with a mostly local theme. The micro-greens were sprouting in their temperature-controlled cabinet: watercress, I noticed. There were canned and jarred goods. The meat counter and produce section were not as hearty as usual, probably due to the off-season. The staff appeared to be preparing for an off-premise catering event on the large community table. I can see how this market must bustle during

warmer months, with its close proximity to the boat clubs. We decided to move on, but not before picking up a jar of tomato sauce from The Meatball Shop in Manhattan, of all places. We will return in late spring or summer.

We headed over the bridge into SoNo for a bite at SoNo Baking Co. & Café on Water St. (www.sonobaking.com). Owner/Chef/Baker John Barricelli had worked with Martha Stewart, if you recall. The display cases were loaded

with a tempting variety of pastries, cakes, pies and breads. The Café was busy at brunchtime, but we managed to find a seat within minutes. From the menu we ordered a Ham & Cheese Croissant and California Avocado Toast to share. With every bite, the warmed crumbly croissant oozed its melted cheesy center. The Avocado Toast was served on a delicious house baked multi-grain bread with a pile of well-dressed mesclun salad. Spotted display tray of Sarah Bernhardt cookies

when we came in and had to have a few for dessert. One of my favorite cookies, and decadent! Picked up a fresh baguette for our trip home.

More culinary travels down the line...

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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. SSNY shall mail process to the principal business address: **24 Cedar Place, Rye, NY 10580.** Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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

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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 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.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RNB NEW YORK REALTY, LLC. Arts of Org filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/8/2017. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Kristen Renzulli, 31 Overlook Drive, Chappaqua NY 10514. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.**



GUSON SERVICES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 12/20/17. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **FERGUSON SERVICES LLC 90 Shinglehouse Road Millwood NY 10546. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KATIE MORGAN, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 2/5/18. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **121 North Chatsworth Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EMERSON INK LLC filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/13/2018. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **46 Grandview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Literary Services.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SERENITY PUBLISHING, LLC. Art of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/05/2017. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and mailed by SSNY to: **312 Watch Hill Road, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful acts.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ALEX BOFFI, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/31/2018. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, **14 Westview Avenue, Unit 603 Tuckahoe, New York 10707. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KSCRATCH NETWORKS, LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/13/2010. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **5 Shatterhand Close, White Plains NY 10603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MOORELOVE4YOURSOUL, LLC. Art of organization filed with the SSNY on 3/19/18 located in 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 **25 Lake Street #4J, White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.**

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Tuesday, April 3

Tuesdays@ Dorry's. Cynthia Williams is an organizer with the New York Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement. As someone impacted by the criminal justice system she will share with us the state of Solitary Confinement in New York State prisons, how the lack of uniform operating procedures cause vulnerable people such as juveniles, disabled people, people with mental illness, the elderly, pregnant women, and LGBT people to be placed in solitary confinement for months, years and even decades. New York State has more than 4000 people in prison that are housed in solitary confinement in cells smaller than a car parking space. People are locked in these small spaces for between 22-24 hours per day. The Humane Alternatives to Long Term Solitary Confinement Act Bill No: A. 3080 / S. 4784 is making its way through the New York State Legislature. Cynthia will provide an update on this Bill. 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, 468Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, 914-682-0005.

"Her Magnum Opus." A freewheeling narrative enacted almost entirely through movement and music, this is award-winning choreographer Marta Renzi's ode to creativity and community. Presiding over the festivities is Aileen Passloff, a

grey-haired force of nature playing a version of herself. A diverse cast weaves in and out of her home, including a devoted younger friend (dancer Arthur Avilés), a pregnant dancer, a young couple in need of counseling, even a fairytale prince who pops out of a pile of autumn leaves. A tantalizing mix of magical realism and improvised naturalism, the film unfolds in bucolic settings, which hold emotional ties for the group as a source of inspiration and solace. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:35 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Wednesday, April 4

Noonday Getaway Concert. Bach and Vivaldi with the celebrated REBEL Ensemble for Baroque Music-- Jorg-Michael Schwarz, violin, Karen Marie Marmer, violin, and Dongsok Shin, harpsichord are joined by special guest artists for a jubilant program featuring the Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 of J.S. Bach as well as Spring from the Four Seasons of Antonio Vivaldi. 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 Nanette H. Bourne and John R. Delfs.

"King in the Wilderness." Commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the 50th anniversary of his death. Filmmaker Peter Kunhardt chronicles the last few years of King's life and portrays a conflicted leader who, after the Voting Rights Act passed in 1965, faced an onslaught of criticism from both sides of the political spectrum. Thanks to revelatory conversations with his inner circle of friends, this film unearths a stirring new perspective into King's character, his radical doctrine of

nonviolence and his internal philosophical struggles prior to his assassination in 1968. Followed by a Q&A with Kunhardt and producer Teddy Kunhardt with Programming Director Brian Ackerman. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 6 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Meet the Writers: Layli Long Soldier. Soldier is the author of the poetry collection "Whereas," which is a finalist for the National Book Award. Her first book was the chapbook "Chromosomory." She has been a contributing editor to Drunken Boat and is poetry editor at Kore Press. In 2012, her participatory installation, "Whereas We Respond," was featured on the Pine Ridge Reservation, an Oglala Lakota Native American reservation in South Dakota. In 2015, she was awarded a National Artist Fellowship from the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation and a Lannan Literary Fellowship for Poetry. Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.mvilllemfa.com/2017/10/spring-events-calendar.

"Machines." Marrying stunning visuals with social advocacy, Rahul Jain's debut documentary – winner of the Special Jury Award for cinematography at Sundance – takes audiences into the labyrinthine passages of an enormous textile factory in Gujarat, India. Jain's camera wanders between pulsating machines and bubbling vats of dye to create a moving portrait of the human laborers who toil for 12 hours a day to eke out a meager living. Interviews reveal the stark inequality and dangerous working conditions brought about by unregulated industrialization in the region – a political message delivered amid the unsettling beauty of the factory's mechanical underworld and the colorful,

billowing fabrics it produces. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

"Chappaquiddick." In this riveting political thriller, the scandal and mysterious events surrounding the tragic drowning of Mary Jo Kopechne after Ted Kennedy infamously drove his car off the Chappaquiddick Bridge are revealed. Not only did this event take the life of an aspiring political strategist and Kennedy insider, but it ultimately changed the course of presidential history. Starring Jason Clarke as Kennedy and Kate Mara as Kopechne. It will screen two days before its official debut on Apr. 6. The Picture House, 175 Wolfs Lane, Pelham. 7:30 p.m. \$12. Seniors, students and members: \$10. Info and tickets: Visit www.thepicturehouse.org.

Thursday, April 5

One Night of Queen. Performed by Gary Mullen and The Works, this is a spectacular live concert recreating the look, sound, pomp and showmanship of arguably the greatest rock band of all time. They have been hailed as the world's premiere Queen tribute band and have received rave reviews. Gary Mullen and The Works brings the spirit and passion of rock icon Freddie Mercury to life on stage with this spectacular rock tribute. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35, \$45 and \$50. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Friday, April 6

Axial Theatre's Spring Benefit. A dual celebration as it welcomes the company's new co-artistic

directors, Catherine (Cat) Banks

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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!

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and Linda Giuliano, and ushers in a milestone year – the 20th anniversary of the Pleasantville-based professional theater company. Featuring cabaret performances by Axial singers, gourmet bites and libations from Jean-Jacques Culinary Creations in Pleasantville and a live auction featuring a luxury getaway to the Italian Riviera and a South African safari. ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 7 to 10 p.m. \$60. Info and tickets: 914-286-7680 or at visit. www.AxialTheatre@gmail.com.

“The God of Isaac.” An Arc Stages production about a young man who goes on a spiritual quest to find out about his Jewish heritage. Using comic moments from classic American literature and film to help him learn, audiences will find themselves laughing hysterically one moment and wiping a tear the next, as he works through life lessons dealing with his high school Jewish girlfriend, his shiksa wife and his loving, interfering mother. Directed by Stephanie Kovacs Cohen and written by James Sherman. Arc Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. Adults: \$28. Seniors and students: \$22. Also Apr. 7, 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. and Apr. 8 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-747-6206 or visit www.arcstages.org.

Saturday, April 7

Vic DiBitetto. An incredibly powerful performer, this comedian churns energy, honesty and humanity into nonstop laughter. His pace is frenetic. He's been called a cross between Rodney Dangerfield and Ralph Kramden. The bottom line: DiBitetto leaves his audiences

breathless with laughter. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$25, \$35, \$45 and \$55. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

Sunday, April 8

Westchester Philharmonic's Eternal Spring. Edgar Meyer's mantel full of Grammy Awards barely define this remarkable composer and performer, whose instinct for collaboration draws the likes of Yo-Yo Ma, Joshua Bell, Bela Fleck, Emanuel Ax and now the Westchester Philharmonic. Purchase College Concert Hall, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 3 p.m. \$36, \$76 and \$98. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.

Himmel Award and Lecture.

The New Yorker art editor Françoise Mouly and her husband, Pulitzer Prize-winning Maus creator Art Spiegelman, will receive the Katonah Museum of Art's (KMA) 2018 Himmel Award in recognition of their achievements in elevating illustration and comics to the realm of fine art and literature. Throughout their careers, Mouly and Spiegelman have employed comics as a potent gateway for visual storytelling and social commentary. More than ever, the immediacy and power of their medium speaks to a generation accustomed to sound bites, memes and messages relayed in 280 characters or less. The couple will discuss their work, process and collaborations in a salon-style conversation followed by a Q&A. The Harvey School's Walker Center for the Arts, 260 Jay St., Katonah. 5 to 7 p.m. Katonah Museum of Art members: \$50. Non-members: \$75. Students: \$15. Reservations recommended. Info and tickets: Visit www.katonahmuseum.org.

Community Gun Buy-Back

A Community Gun Buy-Back event sponsored by the NYS Attorney General's Office in collaboration with the City of White Plains Dept. of Public Safety, Westchester County District Attorney Anthony Scarpino, Jr. and County Executive George Latimer will be held Friday, April 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mount Hope AME Zion Church, 65 Lake St., White Plains.

Non-working and antique firearms - \$25; rifles and shotguns - \$75; handguns - \$100; assault weapons - \$150.

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the site once the unloaded gun is received and screened by officers.

Guns must be unloaded and placed in plastic, paper bag or box and transported by car in the trunk.

This is an amnesty program, no identification is required and no questions will be asked of the person dropping off the firearm(s). Licensed gun dealers and active or retired law enforcement officers are not eligible for this program.

Call 212-416-6044 for more information.

White Plains Proposed Budget Schedule

The City of White Plains 2018-2019 Proposed Budget was given to the Common Council during its April meeting Monday night. The total General Fund Proposed Budget is \$174.0 million, an increase of \$3.9 million or 2.3% over last year. Total Combined Proposed Budgets is \$193.9 million, an increase of \$4.9 million or 2.6%.

The Property Tax Levy of \$60.5 million (including the Business Improvement District) is within the state tax levy cap by approximately \$3,500. The allowable tax base growth factor is 1.0132; the allowable levy growth factor is 1.0200.

The proposed Property Tax Rate is \$211.36, an increase of \$5.99 per thousand dollars of assessed value, or 2.9%. With a median A.V. of \$13,500, a home owner will pay an additional \$81

in City tax. Sewer fees will remain at 19% of the bill for water consumption.

Sales tax is projected to remain flat at \$44.5 million based on actual receipts received through December 2017 and estimated receipts through February 2018.

Meeting Schedule:

Budget Overview - Tuesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m. Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall

Community Services, Public Works, Public Safety, Parking - Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m. Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall

Public Hearing - Monday, May 7, 7:30 p.m. Common Council Chambers, City Hall

Budget Adoption - Wednesday, May 30, 6:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall



Pleasantville Music Fest Invites Young Musicians for Battle of the Bands

The Pleasantville Music Festival is excited to again invite local young musicians

to compete for a chance to play at for the 2018 festival. Musicians 26 years old and younger who play original music, can sign up to participate in the Battle of the Bands, presented by Lagond Music School.

The fourth annual competition is designed to showcase young talent in New York's backyard and is open to residents of Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Fairfield, Bergen and the Bronx.

“It's a great opportunity for young upstart musicians to perform for our

audience...and it's a great opportunity for our audience to see that the next generation of music is out there waiting to be discovered.” said Bruce Figler, director of the Pleasantville Music Festival.

Performers will compete in front of judges at Lucy's Lounge in Pleasantville on Apr. 29 and at Garcia's in Port Chester on May 6. The finals will be held at Lagond Music School in Elmsford on May 19. At least two winners will be chosen to open at the July 14 festival.

Musicians interested in participating should visit www.pleasantvillemusicfestival.com for submission instructions.

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