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Spring Has Sprung All Over White Plains



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Kwansen cherry trees and tulips by the Civil War statue at Main Street and North Broadway, White Plains, have matured over the years since planting by the White Plains Beatification Foundation (WPBF). Originally planted to beautify the downtown, the work of WPBF has indeed turned White Plains into a "Blooming City."

County Law Violated in Custodial Workers Firing

By Anna Young

Members of the Board of Legislators and union representatives were met with hostility on Tuesday as they lobbied for seven workers who were fired from Caspi Development Company in White Plains to get their jobs back.

The longtime custodial workers lost their jobs last month when the building's management hired a new cleaning contract, Integrated Building Management. Neither the workers nor their union, SEIU Local 32BJ, were contacted about the contract expiration, and the workers were denied the right to continue working under the new contractor.

Chairman Ben Boykin (D-White Plains), Majority Leader Catherine Parker (D-Rye) and Majority Whip MaryJane Shimsky (D-Hastings-on-Hudson) joined members of 32BJ and other local labor leaders outside 234-235 Main Street to

protest the firing.

"I have three kids and my family that I need to support and now because I lost my job my family is suffering the consequences," said Amando Martinez, one of the seven workers who was fired on Apr. 2. "I just want to tell the employer to put their hand on their heart and think about the working people. We just want to work like everybody else."

Legislators and the seven workers attempted to deliver a letter signed by over a dozen elected officials and a workers' petition to Caspi representatives but were denied entry to the property by White Plains police.

At least five police officers arrived mid way through the 15-minute demonstration.

Police told the group they were allowed to protest on the public sidewalk but were

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Latimer Signs Law to Help Support Veteran-Owned Businesses

By Anna Young

County Executive George Latimer signed into law a measure that will ensure businesses owned by service-disabled veterans are considered for future county contracts.

The bill stipulates that service disabled veteran-owned businesses (SDVOB) will receive at least 6 percent of the county's future contracts. The legislation requires all county departments and offices to encourage certified SDVOBs to participate in the contracting process.

Latimer said the newly enacted law is an important step to help disabled veterans' businesses in Westchester thrive.

"This is one of the most important things we can do to help disabled veterans



County Executive George Latimer was joined by Board of Legislators Minority Leader John Testa, Legislator Margaret Cunzio and veterans at the American Legion Hall in Armonk last week to sign a bill that will encourage veterans to bid for county contracts.

make the transition to civilian life and private life from a business standpoint," Latimer said during the signing at the American Legion Post 1097 in Armonk last Thursday. "We believe this type of outreach will really help us get a much higher percentage of veteran-owned businesses to participate in the economic strength of this county."

The county Office of Veteran Affairs will be required to submit an annual report by June 1 verifying that the county is complying with the law. Currently, there are roughly 15 certified SDVOBs operating in Westchester in a wide variety of industries, from construction to information technology.

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not allowed on the property, per Caspi's request. Police then agreed to escort Parker and 32BJ field manager Tim McGrath to the building but Caspi employees refused to accept their letters.

"To refuse a letter that politely points out a Westchester law may have been broken and that the developer can be a hero by communicating to the maintenance company that the seven employees should be rehired, shows a blatant disregard for common decency," Parker said. "It seems

like a pretty bad sign that the building owner is not willing to accept our request to do the right thing."

Shimsky added that the companies' lack of civility and unwillingness to discuss the potential legal ramifications of their actions is stunning. She said they aren't a true representation of most businesses within the county.

The fired workers have sued Caspi and the management company claiming they violated the county's Displaced Service

Employees Protection Law. The act protects the rights of displaced service and janitorial building workers and ensures they keep their jobs for 60 days under new contractors.

"The county's Displaced Service Employees Protection Law was designed to protect workers in precisely this set of circumstances," said Boykin, adding that he attempted to contact Caspi representatives several times and received no response. "Violating this county act is totally unacceptable."

Tom Carey, president of the Westchester Putnam Central Labor Body said he also tried, without success, to communicate with Caspi and plead the workers' case.

"It's ridiculous that the building owner and their contractor are treating these seven workers this way," Carey said. "In today's standards we don't put up with this kind of stuff."

The National Labor Relations Board is also investigating charges alleging that Integrated Building Management refused



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Members of the Board of Legislators and union representatives lobbied for seven workers who were fired from Caspi Development Company in White Plains during a demonstration last week.

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The legislation, introduced by Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant), received support by all 15 county legislators who voted on the bill last month.

"Even though this is a small population of Westchester County for our veterans, I feel this is an important population," Cunzio said. "This is the least we can do to thank those that served our country and have given their time to protect us and to make sure that the county and this country are what it is today."

Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill) added that supporting the legislation was a no-brainer. Testa said a debt of gratitude should be paid to the 40,000 veterans living in Westchester and that the law would be a step in

the right direction.

Ron Tocci, director of the county's Veteran's Service Agency, said the statute would make the public more aware of the highly skilled and trained former servicemen within Westchester who deserve an opportunity.

"What this will do for companies like mine is allow us to gain a strong foothold in the construction industry, as well as other industries Westchester County is going to bid out," said William Segel, a combat veteran and owner and president of Segel & Co. in White Plains. "This not only helps us (business owners) but it helps our big community of veterans not only in Westchester County but in New York State. We're excited to bring value to contracts all across the county."

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Coyote in Thornwood Park Attack Had Rabies

By Martin Wilbur

The coyote that attacked a five-year-old girl in a Thornwood park last week tested positive for rabies, county Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler said.

Amler said that everyone who came into contact with the animal or its saliva is being evaluated to learn if they are in need of preventative rabies treatment.

The animal, which was captured by an off-duty Irvington police officer at James M. Carroll Park, was shot and killed by a Mount Pleasant police officer on Apr. 29 after it bit the girl on the left forearm at the playground area. The girl was treated at Westchester Medical Center and released.

Mount Pleasant Police Chief Paul Oliva the coyote came out of the woods and attacked the child.

Dr. Melissa Grigione, a professor at Pace University's Department of Biology and Health Science, said it is uncommon for a coyote to attack a person in northern Westchester.

Unusual behavior is one of the first signs that an animal has rabies, according to the county Department of Health. A rabid animal may become abnormally aggressive, may lose its fear of people, act excitable or irritable or unusually tame

or lethargic. Staggering and frothing at the mouth is another sign.

If a person encounters a coyote, they should make noise, get away from it and call authorities, Amler said.

"If a coyote approaches, make noise and try to avoid it," she said. "If it appears aggressive or lethargic, it could have rabies, so contact local police. Avoid contact with strays and other wildlife."

Physical contact with a wild or unfamiliar animal should be immediately reported to a health care provider where the person should be evaluated. If left untreated, rabies is fatal.

All animal bites or contact with animals suspected of having rabies must be reported to the Westchester County



Coyote sightings in Westchester County have been on the rise.

Department of Health at 914-813-5000. Calls are taken 24 hours a day.

Pet owners are urged to keep their pets' rabies vaccinations up to date. State law requires dogs, cats and ferrets

to be vaccinated against rabies and receive regular booster shots. For more information, call the Department of Health's rabies hotline at 914-813-5010 or visit www.westchestergov.com/health.

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These will be available at the Westchester County Airport, 2 Loop Road, West Harrison: Friday, May 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m.

to 2 p.m.; Friday, May 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Residents with ornamental ponds can add fathead minnows to the water. The minnows eat mosquito larvae, preventing them from maturing into biters. Dunks serve the same purpose in birdbaths, rain barrels and unused pools. Residents who plan to pick up minnows should bring a bucket or pail; minnows will be distributed in watertight plastic bags. To keep the minnows viable, residents should plan

to bring them straight home and release them immediately into ponds with at least eight inches of water.

"With their hearty appetites, this baitfish can keep mosquitos from breeding in your pond and biting you in your own backyard," said Sherlita Amler, MD, Commissioner of Health.

Any resident can help reduce the mosquito population, even without a pond.

"Mosquitoes can lay their eggs in a puddle, a flowerpot saucer or an old

tire, so it's extremely helpful to clear your yard and the pavement around your home of buckets, pails and toys that collect standing water and pour out any water that remains after it rains," Amler added.

Large areas of standing water on public property that cannot easily be removed should be reported to the health department at 914-813-5000.

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White Plains – This Blooming City Blooms

By Beth Wallach

Spring happened fast, announced by the finally blooming daffodils all over White Plains. Interrupted by weird recurring snowfalls in April, it seemed like it would never arrive. Then, miraculously, it did. Almost overnight. For Joanna D'Addario, daffodil chairman of the White Plains Beautification Foundation (WPBF), it was her reward for managing an ambitious project that has resulted in over 44,000 daffodil bulbs planted throughout the city. Hardly any green spots were overlooked.

In one of the sunniest spots in town, near the traffic light at Hillside Avenue and Ferris Avenue, a blast of yellow dazzled the eye with dozens and dozens of beautiful daffodils swaying in the breeze. Behind the flowers stood a fir tree, which glowed with lights over the holidays, a perfect backdrop. Soon a summer bloom of native plants will appear, in cooperation with the Ferris Avenue neighbors. Joanna will be quick to tell you that none of this could have been accomplished without the help of the Department of Public Works, which provided sweat equity in

prep work and planting bulbs with her. The daffodil project began three years ago when the all-volunteer WPBF celebrated 50 years of incorporation. Thus their "Golden Year" began.

In 1965 the first project of WPBF was providing seating – bench planters – along Mamaroneck Avenue. Prior to that, before becoming a 501(C)3 corporation, it spent 13 years soliciting building owners for funding to plant 61 pin oak trees along the tree-less avenue. Little did they realize how that small committee would flourish and grow. Its original goal was to beautify the shopping district. The vice president of the WPBF, Commissioner of Parks Joseph E. Curtis, coined a phrase that stuck: the goal of the organization is to create "A City in the Park." And now, many years later, you can stroll downtown and enjoy the many things that have helped make that goal attainable.

Of special interest this week, not to be missed, is a drive out Mamaroneck Avenue, starting at WPBF's tall clock and garden where Bloomingdale Road



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Over 44,000 daffodil bulbs have been planted throughout the City of White Plains as part of an ambitious project to celebrate the city's Beautification Foundation's 50-year anniversary.

and the avenue meet. Drive toward Mamaroneck. No words can describe the sight of the medians filled with flowering trees, especially the Kwansan cherry trees surrounded with tulips. Spring is fleeting, as are the cherry blossoms, so don't miss

a nice walk-around, drive-around trip immediately! You won't be sorry.

For those interested in helping WPBF please consider attending their annual meeting Monday, June 11, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Church Street School.



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Kwansan Cherry Trees are in full spring bloom along several White Plains boulevards.



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Daffodils blooming along the walkway next to Solomon Schecter school in White Plains.

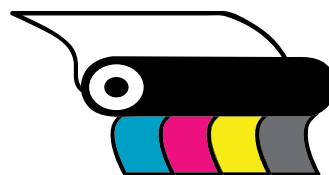


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Stepinac HS Lady Crusaders Honor Mothers of the Year



Archbishop Stepinac High School's Lady Crusaders recently honored Carla O'Donnell of White Plains and Linda Whelan of Elmsford as Mothers of the Year during the Annual Spring luncheon held at the VIP Country Club in New Rochelle. The school's parent organization recognized the two Stepinac mothers of alumni sons for their "longstanding, tireless dedication and generosity to support the school's mission," said Sylvia Simmons, Lady Crusaders president.

Both honorees have deep Stepinac roots, especially football. Carla is the wife of Mike O'Donnell, head coach of the Stepinac championship Crusaders varsity football team and athletic director. She is also the mother of two sons who graduated from Stepinac: Conor (Class of '09) and Liam (Class of '14). They also played football and lacrosse at the school. In addition to having served as an English instructor at Stepinac for four years, Carla is a former president of the Lady Crusaders. In that capacity, she helped to create new fundraising opportunities when Stepinac transitioned to an independent school eight years ago. Linda has been a staunch supporter of Stepinac's football team since her brother, Mike O'Donnell, became head coach 28 years ago. Her son, John, graduated from Stepinac in 1998, played football for the Crusaders and volunteers as a coach for the team. Linda also loves her job as a member of Stepinac's front desk team where she greets visitors to the school. She especially enjoys seeing the students who make "every day special."

Million Air Celebrates Opening of New Hangar at Westchester Airport

County and local officials joined with executives from Million Air, May 2, to celebrate the grand opening of Million Air's new hangar at its corporate aviation complex at Westchester County Airport. The 52,000-square-foot hangar is part of Million Air's \$80 million expansion and upgrade at the airport.

The two-story hangar features 28-foot height doors capable of housing a Gulfstream 650 business jet and eight customizable offices with storage space. With the completion of the new hangar, Million Air's complex will have 84,000 square feet of hangar space and 7.25 acres of ramp space.

Construction is currently under way on a new 18,000-square-foot terminal, which is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

In May 2016, the Westchester County Board of Legislators approved a 30-year lease with Million Air, granting improvements of the company's Fixed Base Operation facilities on the 26-acre



Pictured from left: Westchester County Director of Operations Joan McDonald; Million Air CEO Roger Woolsey; Business Council of Westchester President and CEO Marsha Gordon; County Board of Legislators Chairman Ben Boykin; County, Legislator Marylane Shimsky and Harrison Town Supervisor/Mayor Ron Belmont

property at Westchester County Airport. In October 2016, the Westchester County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) approved issuing tax-exempt bonds for Million Air, which lowered the project's financing costs.

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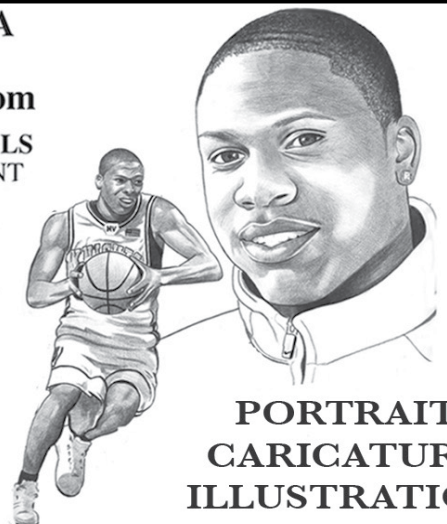
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Murder and Weapons Charges for Tarrytown Shooter

Defendant Cynell Brown (DOB 1/13/1990) has been arraigned on an indictment before Judge Anne Minihan and charged with murder in connection with the shooting death of a Tarrytown woman in her home Feb. 27, 2018.

Brown has been charged with one count of Murder in the 2nd Degree, an A-1 felony; one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, a



Cynell Brown

class C felony; one count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4th Degree, a class C felony; one count of Criminal Possession of Marihuana in the Fifth Degree, a misdemeanor; and two counts of Tampering with Physical Evidence, class E felonies.

Prosecutors allege that on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018, the Tarrytown Police Department received a 911 call regarding an apartment located at 177 White Plains Road in the Village of Tarrytown. At the time, they were given the description of a man fleeing the area. Upon arrival at the apartment, responding units located a female victim who was semi-conscious and bleeding from gunshot wounds. The victim, identified as 34-year-old Jessica Wiltse, was transported by



Iran Colon

Tarrytown Ambulance to the Westchester County Medical Center where she was pronounced dead. During the course of the police investigation a firearm was recovered.

Brown was arrested at the Port Authority Bus Terminal that same evening and was detained by Port Authority Police until a team of police led by Village of Tarrytown Police Department arrived. Brown has no known permanent address.

If convicted, Brown faces life in state prison. His next court date is scheduled for May 15, 2018.

Cynthia Arce Arrested for Assault on Mamaroneck Police Officers

The Westchester County DA's Office is investigating the incident on Chestnut Avenue in Mamaroneck, April 28, that resulted in the death of a 2-year-old child. In addition, two Village of Mamaroneck police officers were injured by the child's mother who was also wounded.

Cynthia Arce (DOB 7/10/89), the child's mother, was placed under arrest May 1 at the Westchester County Medical Center where she was being treated for a gunshot wound sustained during her attack on the police officers. She is charged with two counts of Attempted Aggravated Murder of a Police Officer, class A felonies. Arce was arraigned before County Court



Garth Trail

Judge Anne Minihan and remanded to the custody of the Westchester County Department of Corrections. The Legal Aid Society was assigned to represent Arce when she appeared in the Village of Mamaroneck Court on May 3.

The felony complaint alleges Arce attacked the two Village of Mamaroneck police officers who responded to a 911 call at the house where Arce lived with her mother and her toddler daughter. Arce repeatedly slashed and stabbed at the officers with two large sharpened instruments. Police Officer Osvaldo Ramos sustained a large laceration to his left hand as he tried to protect himself and Police Officer Joseph Gaglione, who had fallen to the floor, sustained a wound to his foot as he was kicking at the defendant to block her attack.

The circumstances that gave rise to this tragedy, including the events, which took place on April 27, are the subject of the ongoing investigation.

The Westchester County Medical Examiner is performing an autopsy on the deceased child and results are expected to take some time.

Three Corrections Employees Arrested On Multiple Counts

NY State Police arrested Iran Colon (DOB 1/17/87), a correction officer based at the Taconic Correctional Facility in Bedford Hills, May 1 at his home on Staten Island. He was brought to Westchester and arraigned on a 19-count indictment stemming from illegal activities involving an inmate victim between May 1, 2017 and September 23, 2017. The charges include three counts of Promoting Prison Contraband in the First Degree, class D felonies; five counts of Rape in the Third Degree, class E felonies; four counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the Third Degree, class E felonies; and seven counts Official Misconduct, class A misdemeanors.

Colon has been released on bail. The next court date is May 22, 2018 in Westchester County Court. The defendant's appearance is waived, meaning Colon does not have to be



Melissa Hill

present. Colon is suspended without pay.

Taconic Correctional Facility is a medium security correctional facility in Bedford Hills that houses women only.

Garth Trail (DOB 9/4/56), a former head cook at the Taconic Correctional Facility in Bedford Hills, employed by NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision was arraigned on one count of Criminal Sexual Act in the Third Degree. It is alleged Trail engaged in a sexual act with an inmate victim on Sept. 27, 2017, in the kitchen area of the facility. Trail was arraigned in Ossining and released on his own recognizance. Next court date is May 23, 2018 in Bedford Town Court. Trail resigned Sept. 30, 2017.

Melissa Hill (DOB 7/11/74), a former Correction Officer, employed by NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, has been charged with two counts of Official Misconduct stemming from acts in connection with a romantic relationship with an inmate from Nov. 19, 2017 to Jan. 30, 2018 in connection with her employment at Sing Sing Correctional Facility. Hill was given a Desk Appearance Ticket and is due back in court on May 15, 2018 for arraignment in Ossining Town Court. She resigned April 16, 2018.

Sing Sing Correctional Facility is located in Ossining New York. It is a maximum-security prison that houses adult males.



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Local regulations and ordinances are implemented, in theory, for the general safety, health and welfare of the community. When these rules are broken a fine is set to remediate the "damage" caused by the infraction, and to teach the offender a lesson not to repeat it. The ethical question to be raised is: are the fines intended to correct a wrong and to teach a lesson? Or are these fines punitive, implemented solely as a revenue stream to ease the management of the administration? To be objective, a city needs revenue to support an acceptable level of service, though should not use the fees simply as a means to cover spending shortfalls. This leads us to the next

question of who enacts the ordinances and sets the cost of the fines. We would like to believe that one of the benefits of democracy is a government by the people, with absence of hereditary or arbitrary class distinctions or privileges.

Take for instance the simple ordinance of parking fines. When a municipality levies very high fines it is often quite punitive and at a rate far in excess of any usury. We need to ask ourselves how was the schedule of fines set, and by whom. Certainly not the registered voters of the community. These fines are usually set and approved by our elected officials. This can prove problematic in affluent Westchester County where elected officials often are

high salary professionals, who oftentimes receive supplemental stipends and benefits to serve on such boards.

This leads us to consider the next shortcoming of our local practice of democracy and diversity in regard to the absence of understanding the diversity of incomes within the community. The annual mean income in America is \$59,039. We need to ask ourselves how many of our elected officials fall within this income range. Our common council board members, for example, may earn far in excess of this, and as a result might be immune and insensitive to what chaos and hardship a \$50 fine can have on a single parent, or those on limited fixed

incomes. A simple arithmetic calculation will clearly confirm a fine of \$50 takes away a higher proportion from those with a lower disposable income leaving them less for the basics of life. For the high wage earner \$50 is merely an annoyance. To someone on a fixed income it's a few days of food for the family, or money for medications.

I believe it is fair to suggest to our elected leaders to better define whose safety, health and welfare they have in mind when they set punitive fees. Is it the corporate city or the citizens who comprise the city? And, can a city government serve these two opposing masters?

—Richard Cirulli, White Plains

County BOL Relaunches Panels on Saw Mill and Bronx River Flooding

After a two-year hiatus, the Westchester County Board of Legislators (BOL) relaunched advisory boards dedicated to addressing flooding and other issues along the Saw Mill and Bronx Rivers.

The Saw Mill River Advisory Board (SWAB) and Bronx River Advisory Board (BRAB) bring together elected officials; administrators and professionals from state, county and local governments and agencies; residents; and members of community and environmental groups, to share information and support efforts to address needs relating to the rivers.

The work of the advisory boards is increasingly important as we deal with the impact of more frequent and more extreme weather events that can

cause flooding.

A meeting, held May 3, attracted nearly 30 attendees including David Kvinge, Director, Environment Planning at the County's Department of Planning, who provided an update on projects and plans for the rivers. Those include riverbank stabilization, clearing of silt and sediment, a study of conditions along the entire Bronx River, and a plan for installing stream gauges to measure water from extreme weather events.

Attendees also raised a number of concerns including removal of invasive vines that kill trees affecting storm water management; removal of downed trees that cause flooding; strategies for dealing with debris including plastic bags and Styrofoam that back up storm drains and

create debris dams; and discussion of infrastructure projects.

The Advisory Boards will meet again in June.



Left to right at end of table: Legislators Nancy Barr; David Tubiolo, co-chair of BRAB; Marylane Shimsky, chair of SWAB, co-chair of BRAB; and Damon Maher, relaunch Saw Mill River and Bronx River Advisory Boards.

Let's Put an Open Air Exhibit Along the Mario Cuomo Bridge

Shortly after the Governor announced plans to replace the Tappan Zee Bridge with a new bridge and to build a walkway for cyclists and pedestrians to enjoy, I suggested an outdoor art museum be placed along the three mile walk.

Recently, I spent a few hours at the RiverArts studio open house in Greenburgh and spoke with many artists about the concept. The artists I spoke

with were all enthusiastic and mentioned that Brooklyn participates in an annual large scale traveling photography exhibit reaching 6 million people through open area exhibitions in eight cities across America. It's called the FENCE (see fence. photoville.com).

Over the past six years the FENCE has consistently attracted exceptional work by talented photographers from around

the world, giving the community an opportunity to enjoy powerful narratives with a diverse audience of millions of visitors annually. If they could have an outdoor art exhibit in Brooklyn, why can't we do the same on the Mario Cuomo Bridge?

I believe that an outdoor art exhibit at the Mario Cuomo Bridge would be enjoyed by millions of cyclists, pedestrians

and tourists. It would help make the bridge a tourist attraction and destination point. It would help the local economy by attracting more tourists from around the world.

The exhibits should be professionally curated and could also have displays promoting the environment and efforts to make the world more sustainable. The exhibits should change periodically - just like they do at museums.

I'm writing to state, county officials, leaders in the arts community and business leaders trying to promote this concept. I hope you will give this your consideration. I also have suggested that the walk of the bridge be named in honor of Pete Seeger who did much to promote a cleaner Hudson River during his amazing life.

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—Paul Feiner,
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

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Obituaries

Robin E. Lauck

Robin E. Lauck, a White Plains resident, died May 5 at the age of 54. She was born Nov. 21, 1963 in Mt. Kisco.

Robin was a graduate of White Plains High School ('81) and graduated SUNY Purchase with a BA in Sociology. She worked as a Recreational Specialist at various nursing homes throughout Westchester. She also was a member of the Sterling Club in White Plains and volunteered at Gilda's Club in White Plains.

Robin is survived by her parents, Sal and Linda Guzzi of Stuart, FL, her sisters, Jennifer Topping and her husband Chris of White Plains and Stephanie Goff of Ridgefield, CT., her nephews, Lucas, Ryan and Connor Goff and many lifelong friends.

Robin was extremely artistic and loved music and dancing.

Visitation at McMahon, Lyon & Hartnett Funeral Home Inc., 491 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, Thursday, May 10; 2 to 6 p.m.

Nancy Blumenthal

Nancy H. Blumenthal, 91, of White Plains, died on May 6.

She was born on Feb. 15, 1927 in New York, NY.

For 61 years Nancy was the loving

and devoted wife of Edwin (deceased), wonderful mother to Peter, Andrew and Amy Desmond; beloved mother-in-law to Deborah (deceased), Cheryl and Peter Desmond; proud and cherished grandmother of Karen Huber and husband Andrew, Jennifer and Eric Blumenthal, Lesley Malakoti and husband Dan, and Lynne and Marc Desmond; adoring great-grandmother of Elise, Grace and Kevin Huber, and Donovan Malakoti. Nancy loved her siblings Bob Hausman and Dorothy Kahn (both deceased).

Nancy ran a successful commercial real estate business with her brother, enjoyed tennis, dinner parties, and traveling, and above all appreciated every opportunity to get together with family.

Services will be held at the Ballard-Durand Funeral Home at 2 Maple Ave., White Plains at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 10.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the March of Dimes.

Jerry Julian Cole

Jerry Julian Cole, of White Plains, known to one and all as J.J., passed away on May 5 at the Calvary Hospital in the Bronx. He was 93 years old.

Jerry was born in New Rochelle on Jan. 21, 1925. A graduate of New Rochelle High School and composer of a school anthem, he served in the U.S. Army in Europe as a

member of the 104th Timberwolf Division during World War II.

J.J. received a B.A. in music from Williams College in 1949, where he served as captain of the undefeated golf team. He went into business with his father, Harry D. Cole, a prominent Westchester real estate broker.

J.J., who owned and managed Rosedale Liquor Store on Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains, was a member of Fenway Golf Club for 50 Years and a resident of White Plains for over 60 years.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Martha Irvin Cole, three children (Reb Cole, Tom Cole and Nancy LaCava), seven grandchildren (Jordey, Evan and Emily LaCava; Benjamin and Nina Cole; Calen and Garth Cole) and a sister, Marilyn Feinberg.

The memorial service will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Calvary Hospital.

Harry Vorperian

Harry Vorperian, a Norwalk, CT resident, departed on May 5. He was born on Nov. 27, 1924 in Pittsburgh, PA.

He was predeceased by his wife of 59 years, Martha Diana Vorperian, who passed in May 2017.

He is survived by two sons John (Milder) of White Plains and Richard (Kate) of

Somers, and by a step-grandson Juan of White Plains.

Visitation will be held at Ballard Durand Funeral Home, 2 Maple Ave., White Plains on Wednesday, May 9 at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Funeral service the same day at Ballard Durand 12 to 1 p.m. Burial at Ferncliff Cemetery.

Lawrence Fleischman

Lawrence Fleischman, of White Plains, father and grandfather passed away on May 4.

He was the owner of his own accounting practice located in Elmsford. Larry was involved with local politics, most recently serving as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Over the years, he had been very involved with his Synagogue and the Exchange Club.

Larry is survived by his children, Jeffrey and Dory Fleischman, Howard and Anna Fleischman, and seven grandchildren.

Larry was predeceased by his wife Carol Fleischman, grandson Elijah Fleischman, and sister Irene Platt. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law Sandy Masnick and Betty Shaffer, as well as brothers-in-law Burt Masnick, Charles Shaffer and Harvey Platt.



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Vincent P. Ferri

Vincent P. Ferri "Chicho", a West Harrison resident, died May 3 at the age of 89.

He was born Nov. 19, 1928 in White Plains to the late Bernardo and Anna Ferri.

Vincent was a graduate of White Plains High School and went on to serve in the U.S. Navy for three years. He was issued the WWII Victory Medal.

On Jan. 10, 1951 he married his wife Genevieve Intrieri at St. Catherine's Church in Riverside, CT.

Up until his retirement he worked as a Glazier for A-1 Glass Company in White Plains.

Besides his wife Genevieve whom he has been married to for 67 years, he is survived by his children; Vincent (Debra) Ferri of W. Harrison, Donna Marie Ferri of W. Harrison and David (Deborah) Ferri of Lagrangeville and his grandchildren; Michael (Amanda) Ferri, Emilie (Matt) Collier, Stephen V. Ferri, Rebecca Ferri and Will Ferri along with a great grandchild, Cameron Collier. Also surviving is his niece Ann Mezzancello.

He is predeceased by his brothers, Edigio, Henry and William and his sisters, Lucy Palladino, Cecelia D'Altilio and Adeline Barlotta.

"He was a kind, gentle, loving and giving husband and father. He was always the person to turn to in any situation for

his guidance. His family was always his greatest joy and accomplishment in life.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Veterans charity of your choice.

Michael Ashley Stephenson

Michael Ashley Stephenson of West Harrison, died May 2 after a lengthy hospitalization due to complications of lymphoma.

Michael, the son of the late Justin and Helen Stephenson was born June 11, 1961 in Zaragoza Spain at an U.S. Air Force base. Being in a military family, he grew up in many places around the world including Spain, London, Germany, and Tucson, Arizona, but had a special fondness for Portsmouth, NH, where he often spent time with his maternal grandparents and Panama City, FL where he attended school from eighth grade until graduation from Rutherford High School in 1979. Michael graduated from Harvard University in Cambridge, MA, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Economics in 1983 and subsequently earned a Masters in Business Administration in Finance from University of California, Berkeley in 1988. Michael and his wife, Gina, met freshman year as undergraduates at Harvard. He worked as a Director in Asset Finance and was employed in the investment-banking field for 30 years, most recently with Citigroup Global Markets. After business school, Michael lived in San Francisco

for many years, and then Chicago, before relocating to New York and joining Citi in 1997.

Michael's greatest love was spending time with his family. Michael was a devoted father of triplets and was an avid sports fan dad who went to every ice hockey, soccer and basketball game possible. He was a good man and a fountainhead of knowledge who was constantly teaching his children to help them develop strong moral compasses. Michael was also an expert woodworker making fine furniture and decorative pieces. He loved fine foods, travel, driving his Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup Truck, he found baking to be soothing,

and always liked being right even if he always wasn't.

Michael is survived by his wife, Gina, and his children George, Nia, and Benjamin Stephenson; his sister Diane Stephenson and her husband David Westbrooks of Dallas, TX; his brother-in-law Larry Day and sister-in-law Beverly Ratcliff of Bay Shore, NY; his uncle, Ashley Jones and wife Arlene of Pottersville, MI; as well as a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and extended family members and friends who loved him. Memorial contributions may be sent to ChildFund International, P.O. Box 26511, Richmond, VA 23261-6511 or the charity of your choice.

Local High School Students Win Congressional Art Awards

Brianna Martinez, a Harrison resident and a junior at Harrison High School, pictured with Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison), secured second place in the 2018 Congressional Art Competition for New York's 17th Congressional District for her photograph entitled "Fenced In." Vincent Albana, a junior at The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, took first place for his photograph, "Rough Road." Jenna Assumma, a Dobbs Ferry resident and senior at Dobbs Ferry High School, came in third for her "Crash Landing" collage. "Our region is fortunate to be home to so many excellent young artists," said Lowey. "I'm proud of all of the participants in this year's Congressional Art Competition. Their artistic talents are excellent contributions to the Lower Hudson Valley's cultural identity." The Congressional Art Competition is a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. Each spring, students submit entries to their representative's office, and panels of district artists select the winning entries. Winners are recognized both in their district and at an annual awards ceremony in June in Washington, DC. The winning works are displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol.



Mt. Carmel Students Win CYO Art Awards

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Elementary School, Elmsford, students swept away 17 awards at the recent Westchester County CYO Art Competition. Their work was based on their studies of folk artist Grandma Moses and modernist Franz Marc as presented to them by their school art teacher Mary Ann Balco Berry. Four students received First Place awards. Their work has been sent to the Archdiocesan Office at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City where they will compete with other winners throughout the archdiocese. First place winners are: Jonathan Lazo 8th grade, Erin Riley 8th grade, Nicole Lalji 7th grade and Lenin Pintado 6th grade. Other Mount Carmel winners are: Grade 8 - Second Place - Dominic Zacaroli, Third Place - Dayana Lucero; Grade 7 - Second Place - Jean Arevo, Third Place - Mia Feliciano; Grade 6 - Second Place - Isabella Fino; Grade 5 - Third Place - Amanda Gomez, Jonathan Guzman, Marilyn Poggi, Laila Robinson; Grade 4 - Second Place - Richard Fialkovic; Grade 3 - Third Place - Keymi Fernandez; Grade 2 - Third Place - Jaden Dorival; Grade 1 - Second Place - Isabella Regis.



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Burns Takes a Look Back as Jazz Sessions Series Turns 10

By Neal Rentz

If you're a jazz lover, you should be elated at what the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville has in store this month.

The film center is reprising its annual Jazz Sessions series, predominantly featuring films that have been screened during its previous jazz series along with several new pieces. There will also be five live performances to augment the programs.

Jazz Sessions Take 10, named because the Burns has held the series for a decade, is presenting 11 evenings showcasing documentary and fictional films. Burns film programmer Kathryn Bonomi chose this year's selections while the live performances have been scheduled by Maria Traversa, a former staffer.

Two films that will be revisited are "1959: The Year That Changed Jazz" on May 23, which features a live performance by the Benny Benack III Quartet, and "Jazz on a Summer's Day" on May 30, followed by Veronica Swift and her trio.

Those lucky enough to have had tickets to the sold-out opening night program last Wednesday saw John Pizzarelli, a popular



JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER PHOTO

The Julian Lee Quartet will perform as part of the May 9 program of the Jazz Sessions Take 10 series at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

guitarist and singer, perform a tribute to Antônio Carlos Jobim. The evening's film was "The House of Tom – Mundo, Monde, Mondo," a 2007 documentary directed by Ana Jobim and Jobim Biscoito Fino.

Pizzarelli has been a popular fixture at previous Jazz Sessions programs, Traversa said. Last year he made a CD of the collaboration between Jobim and Frank Sinatra producing the album "Sinatra & Jobim @ 50."

The Julian Lee Quartet will perform on May 9 following the screening of "Chasing Trane: The John Coltrane Documentary," a 2016 film directed by John Scheinfeld.

Traversa praised Lee as "one of the most promising young saxophonists in New York City." A Juilliard graduate, Lee has performed at many of the top jazz venues and at major festivals, she said.

His performance following the Coltrane documentary is fitting, Traversa

noted, because Lee mentioned in an interview that the John Coltrane Quartet was the ideal jazz band. Coltrane sprung to prominence in the late 1950s with the release of his album "Giant Steps" and became one of the top jazz bandleaders and composers before his premature death.

Traversa said young performers such as Lee are keeping the jazz tradition alive while at the same time brining their own creativity to the genre.

"They absolutely respect the tradition," she said. "They respect it, and looking forward, making it their own."

On May 16, the Julius Rodriguez Trio will perform following the screening of "Bill Evans: Time Remembered," one of the new films featured during this year's series. Evans was a brilliant jazz pianist and composer who worked with the likes of Miles Davis and formed a unique trio with drummer Paul Motian and bassist Scott LaFaro.

For more information, including tickets and the series' full schedule, visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org or call 914-747-5555. The Jacob Burns Film Center is located at 364 Manville Rd. in Pleasantville.

Birding With Brando: Naturalist Lessons From 'On the Waterfront'

By Brian Kluepfel

In anticipation of a separate writing assignment on New Jersey, I watched Elia Kazan's 1954 classic "On the Waterfront."



Of course, this movie provided Marlon Brando with his breakout role as Terry Malloy, the down-and-out fighter who takes on the system. Brando won the Academy Award

for his tortured performance.

One thing crazy birders like me (or those who are on deadline, desperate for story ideas) notice are bird references in film. In "Waterfront," Terry keeps a flock of pigeons on the roof of his apartment building and he also inherits those of Joey, a longshoreman who's been killed.

Terry wins Edie's heart by explaining that he looks after the pigeons because "there's a lot of hawks in this city," of course a metaphor for the Darwinian struggle down at the docks. He further explains to Edie that pigeons mate for life, a great pick-up line if I ever heard one.

Of course, the film makes liberal use of the term "stool pigeon" or "stoolie" to describe informants. I discovered that this usage goes back to medieval hunting days when a dead pigeon was affixed to a stool (or maybe a "stoal," an archaic word

for tree stump) to attract other birds. In one of the movie's more troubling scenes, one of Terry's teenage followers shouts at him "a pigeon for a pigeon" after he kills the entire coop to get revenge for Terry's grand jury testimony.

The site I consulted (www.phrases.org.uk/meanings/stool-pigeon.html) also feels that the term may just have been derived from informants who waited around on barstools, observing the action and reporting their findings to the cops.

Another insulting term for informants in the film is "canary." Are you going to sing like a canary or stay "D and D (deaf and dumb)"? This is the conundrum that Terry faces throughout the film, wracked by his guilt and pressed into conscientious action by Karl Malden in the role of Father Barry, the local Catholic priest.

The film won eight Academy Awards, including one for best supporting actress for Eva Marie Saint as Edie. She later said of Brando: "I did refer to him once as a hummingbird because you just felt his sensitivity – his sensitivity to life, I guess, and certainly to the other actor and to the material and to the moment at hand."

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The Story About the Raised Ranch That Never Dies

Many years ago, I wrote a column with the long title, "The Raised Ranch, Love It, Leave It or Change It."

I described how since its explosive development in tract housing, starting in the early 1960s, home seekers have either loved or hated the design. For those who hated it, the article suggested how the design might be changed, eliciting many responses from readers asking for architects who might do the job – to this day.

Since the inception of its design, never has the style of a house spawned more opposing opinions than that of the raised ranch. Some prospective home buyers are drawn to it – perhaps they grew up in one – while others say, "show me anything but."

"I don't know who exactly invented the design of the raised ranch, but whoever it was should be shot!" said Michael Piccirillo, a Yorktown architect told me years ago. Actually, some architectural historians say that the design was created by none other than Frank Lloyd Wright.

The history of the raised ranch and its place in the American housing scene, rising from a clever idea to ubiquitous popularity then to disfavor as a style, is a strictly American phenomenon. While you see many ranch-style homes in the New York area, they originated on the West Coast in the 1920s. Once their

influence reached the East Coast, the foundation had risen half a story and the one-level ranch was "raised" to create two levels.

The main complaints that Piccirillo has about the elevated ranch are the same that we hear most frequently from other detractors, that the entrance platform between the main and lower levels is typically shortened so that it's difficult to close the door behind you without stepping up or down a step. Furthermore, there is no room for an entry hall closet. As Piccirillo pointed out, the lower level is cut off from the main flow of the house.

"When modernizing a raised ranch, it's not easy to modify the space," he said.

"It can become a more sizable project that's more complicated than re-doing a ranch, cape or colonial."

Yet it's this very cut-off feeling that some people find desirable for converting a raised ranch into a mother-daughter layout or an accessory apartment.

Basically, the raised ranch is a one-story ranch propped atop a high foundation,

creating a lower living space without raising the construction cost appreciably. Normally that lower space is divided into one or two rooms, along with a half or full bath and a laundry room. The rest of the level is for the utility room and a two-car garage.

But detractors say that while the inside may offer more space at less money, the exteriors are devoid of any distinguishing features, so that large tracts of the design tend to look alike.

Another issue in the raised ranch debate is that its design has fallen into disfavor more quickly than any other style of house. Homeowners today are more sophisticated at all price levels and they

want to distinguish themselves from their neighbors. On the longest block in my town with the most raised ranches, the transformation from likeness started to take place in the late 1980s, first with the selection of new siding and windows. Then there were additions, which many times included revamping the two-car garage into living space and extending a wing with a new garage and a "bonus" room overhead.



By Bill Primavera

A Case for Experiencing California Wine Country – Often



By Nick Antonaccio

"A show of hands. How many of you have visited wine-producing countries?"

This is how I typically begin one of my wine and food pairing events.

A large percentage invariably raise their hands with smiles on their faces and glee in their eyes.

"How many have been to Italy's wine regions?" Enthusiastic hands are raised. "To France's wine regions?" Fewer, but equally enthusiastic nods.

"Who enjoyed new wines and visited

wine adventures than their homeland.

When pressed on the rationale for their greater interest in European wine regions than those in California, the response invariably focuses on several factors they attribute solely to European wine regions: the enchanting populace; the locally produced food served at restaurants and wineries; and the spectacular seascapes and landscapes. And the local wines that reflect the land and people. And the local wines that pair so well with the prepared food. And the local wines that taste so natural and unadulterated.

It is at this juncture that I respond as if I am employed by the California wine tourism council. The wine regions of California offer similar opportunities and experiences as those in European wine regions. It is the perception of many that California wine country is similar to the glamorous, hedonistic, wealthy lifestyle of the major cosmopolitan areas of the state. Yes, there are a few pockets in Napa Valley that reek of transplanted wealthy entrepreneurs and trophy wineries. Yet this is a small percentage of the otherwise bucolic and agricultural undertones of the majority of Napa Valley, Sonoma County and the central coast. It is in these regions

that one finds adventures in wine and food rivaling many European wine regions.

The history of California wine is built on the backs of European settlers who emigrated from Italy, Germany and other Western European nations. They brought with them their culture, lifestyles and intimate understanding of their reliance on nature for their success.

This is vividly experienced and understood when traveling the backroads of California wine country.

Small wineries owned and managed by passionate artisans dot the landscape. Living the simple life of farmers, intent on producing the best expression of the bounty of the land, they have created a cult following among folks like my wife and me. And their lifestyle and passion perennially attract restaurateurs and aspiring chefs to share their experiences.

Cruise down winding lanes, and around a bend you will find a farmhouse with a discreet sign identifying a winery you have never heard of – just like in Europe.

Stop at a small family-run winery and be enthralled by the backstory of the winery's creation, sample their offerings or be overwhelmed by the aromas and taste of the carefully crafted wines that are

A while back, I met a husband-and-wife team of architects who first made me aware of clever ways to disguise the top-heavy look of the raised ranch with a front bump-out. They designed what I call an "entrance tower" for the center that remedies at least two of the design problems associated with the house. The tower is basically a one-and-a-half to two-story extension in the middle of the house, which solves the problem of the small entry platform. The entrance then becomes expansive depending on the dimensions of the tower and provides more room for a coat closet.

Also, the addition of the tower tends to make the raised ranch look more like a colonial. The tower can soar two stories to impress visitors or to create a second floor for a large elevated walk-in closet or another bathroom.

For anyone who's living in a raised ranch and wants to update or upgrade the design to a contemporary colonial look, I've researched and worked with a couple of architects who can help. For contact information, just call my number below.

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My recent columns have focused on my thoughts of the bounty and beauty of California wine country. More of my personal experiences are forthcoming.

If you venture to California wine country, I believe you will want to return again and again – just like Europe.

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'wine and food rivaling many European wine regions.'

wineries on these trips?"

All who have visited these countries and wine regions acknowledge their immersion in the wine culture of the cities and villages.

"And how many of you have traveled to California wine regions?"

Silence, or a few raised hands is the typical response. New Yorkers seem more interested in traveling to Europe for their



Happenings



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Tuesday, May 8

Tuesdays@Dorrey's. Andrew Yankowitz screens legal cases for attorneys. He has an unconventional approach, with the goal of saving time and money for clients in many areas of the law: Matrimonial; Family; Criminal; and Trusts, Wills and Estates. He believes that the standard approach is often not productive and does not necessarily lead to a good resolution. Come learn how he broadens our thinking. Tuesdays@Dorrey'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. Dorrey's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, 914-682-0005.

WPCNA Meeting. The White Plains Council of Neighborhood Associations monthly meeting at Education House, 5 Homeside Lane, White Plains; 7:30 p.m. Assistant Superintendent of Business for the White Plains School District, Dr. Ann Vaccaro-Teich will present the Proposed 2018-2019 School Budget. She and Dr. Joseph Ricca, Superintendent of White Plains Schools, will be available afterward for discussion with the audience. In addition to the Budget Vote for 2018-19, there will be two questions on the ballot: a proposition to authorize the expenditure of funds from the District's Capital Reserve Fund, and a proposition to authorize transportation of students in Grades 9-12 at no additional cost. Also on the ballot: School Board Trustees James Hricay, Cayne Letizia and Rose Lovitch are running unopposed for new 3-year terms. They will discuss their backgrounds, Board responsibilities, visions for the future, and take questions from the audience. The meeting is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Everly Brothers Experience: The Zmed Brothers. A genuine and youthful Everly Brothers experience. The Zmed brothers, Zachary and Dylan, celebrate the genetic intimacy so ever present in the harmonies created by Don and Phil Everly. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. \$89 per person (plus tax). Show only: \$55 per person (plus tax). Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

Wednesday, May 9

Farmer's Market. White Plains Outdoor

Farmer's Market on Court Street at Main Street; open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Wednesday for the season.

Noonday Getaway Concert. Leann Osterkamp, an American pianist known for her versatility, charisma, technical command, and outstanding academic scholarship. Leann was heralded by the New York Times as bringing "descriptive color" to her performances and by the Los Angeles Times as a "strong" collaborator with "the desired flashiness." Her debut solo album *The Complete Solo Piano Works of Leonard Bernstein*, was released under the Steinway and Sons Recording Label in Fall 2017. Leann Osterkamp is a Laureate of the 2008 New York International Piano Competition and is a Young Steinway Artist. Presented in partnership with the Stecher and Horowitz Foundation. 12:10 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church St., White Plains. This 30-minute free concert is open to the public, and made possible, with the generous support of Dagher Engineering, PLLC.

Lunchtime Meditation. At the White Plains Library. A weekly meditation program. No registration or equipment necessary. Starts promptly at 12:15 p.m. Brief beginning instruction will be followed by silent meditation. An experienced guest teacher will attend the first Wednesday of each month. For information please contact: Christiane Deschamps at 914-422-1496 or cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov.

Mother Nature's Storytime. Nature-themed stories, nature walks, live animals and/or crafts. For children two to four years old; with a parent or caregiver. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. Meets six consecutive Wednesdays. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: \$50 for six-week session. Non-members: \$90. Pre-registration required. Info and registration: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Social Security Educational Workshop. For those who are single, married, divorced or widowed between 60 and 70 years old. Led by Social Security, retirement income and tax specialist Paul Petrone. Mamaroneck Public Library, 136 Prospect Ave., Mamaroneck. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Paul Petrone at 914-944-3073 or e-mail petronefinancial@yahoo.com.

Introduction to Phenology. Explore the changing trees and welcome the spring through a walk, talk and paint celebration. Phenology is the study of the study of

seasonal changes, especially in relation to climate and plant and animal life. Join us for a Bronx River Alliance Ecology Team meeting following the guided walk. All attendees are welcome to bring their own drawing pad and creative materials; the team will provide additional supplies. In partnership with the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. Refreshments at 7 p.m. Program at 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Thursday, May 10

NT Live: "Macbeth." Shakespeare's most intense and terrifying tragedy directed by Rufus Norris, will see Rory Kinnear and Anne-Marie Duff return to the National Theatre in London to play Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Members: \$25. Non-members: \$35. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Friday, May 11

Giant Tag Sale. Used and new donated items in a wide variety of categories, including used and antique furniture, collectibles, jewelry, appliances, housewares, CDs, DVDs, toys, sports equipment, tools, gardening supplies, good used clothing and accessories, bed and bath, decorative art and much more. All proceeds will benefit the Hudson Chorale, the area's largest nonprofit community chorus and will be used to cover the costs of securing professional soloists and musicians to join the season concerts. Rain or shine. 107 Bedford Rd. (corner of Manville Road and Route 117), Pleasantville. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also May 12. Early Bird Friday from 8 to 9 a.m. \$10. Info: Visit www.HudsonChorale.org.

Get the Led Out. From the bombastic and epic, to the folky and mystical, this group has captured the essence of the recorded music of Led Zeppelin and brought it to the concert stage. The Philadelphia-based group consists of six veteran musicians intent on delivering Led Zeppelin live like you've never heard before. Utilizing the multi-instrumentalists at their disposal, Get the Led Out recreate the songs in all their depth and glory with the studio overdubs that Zeppelin themselves never performed. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35, \$40 and \$48. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Saturday, May 12

White Plains TILI Shed Open. The Take It or Leave It shed at the White Plains Recycling Yard at Gedney open for the season.

Big Truck Day. Learn about, see and touch the big trucks at White Plains DPW yard at 86 Gedey Way, White Plains; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"From Nature." The Art Gallery at the Rockefeller State Park Preserve welcomes the artistry of actor, author, producer and director Val Kilmer. A renaissance talent, his unique abstract enamel paintings are the ultimate internal process realized. Kilmer's exhibit is enhanced by the inspirational surrounding of Pocantico Hills, the valleys and Hudson River views. The exhibit is co-curated by John Woodward of the Woodward Gallery in New York City and Audrey Leeds of the park gallery. The Art Gallery at Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free admission. The exhibit continues through June 10. Info: 914-631-1470.

Mother's Day Wildflower Walk. Join staff and master gardener Mary Harrington for a wildflower walk through the preserve. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 10 a.m. to noon. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

Native Meadow Planting. Install a new demonstration meadow featuring native grasses and perennials. Come help plant. Meet at the office/garden entrance. Best for adults and children 12 years old and up; each youth must be accompanied by an adult. Pruyn Sanctuary, 275 Millwood Rd., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-6503 or visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

Westchester Choral Society Concert. Be treated to a moving rendition of John Rutter's "Gloria" with organ accompaniment. The concert will also include a collection of folk song arrangements by Rutter called "The Sprig of Thyme." "Gloria" is a musical setting of parts of the Latin "Gloria." He was commissioned to compose it in 1974 by Mel Olson, an American choral conductor known for introducing many of Rutter's works to the U.S. "The Sprig of Thyme," offers a selection of 11 traditional songs from the British Isles. Longstanding favorites, including "Willow Song" and "The Miller of Dee," are combined with lesser-known pieces such as "O Can Ye Sew Cushions" and "The Sprig of Thyme." Rye Presbyterian Church, 882 Boston Post Rd., Rye. 4 p.m. \$25. Students: \$10. Info and tickets: Visit: www.westchesterchoralsociety.org.

Chefs Helping Vets Fundraiser Series. American Legion Post 1038 in Valhalla will host the last of three culinary sessions led by industry professionals. Tonight,

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join Chef Toni D'Onofrio as she teaches the secrets and artistry behind making Neapolitan-style grilled pizza. Learn a few knife skills tricks before creating a smoky new twist on nachos, grilled nachos. Broken Bow Brewery will be on hand for a tasting and talk about choosing the best beer for your summer fare. Proceeds will benefit Valhalla American Legion Post 1038. American Legion Post 1038, 27 Legion Drive, Valhalla. 4 to 7 p.m. \$55 (includes a \$30 charitable tax deduction). Info and registration: Visit www.alpost1038ny.org/chefs-helping-vets.html.

Bring Butterflies to Your Backyard. Learn how to help the declining Monarch Butterfly population and other local

butterflies during this informative presentation. Find out how you can raise Monarchs from hatchling to adulthood in your own backyard. It's easy, fun and educational. All families will be sent home with the Monarch's favorite food source: a Milkweed plant, to start you off on an educational journey. Space is limited to the first 70 people. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org. Registration: E-mail brssaudubon@gmail.com.

Sunday, May 13

Mommy's 'Lil Sprouts. We will gather in the Manor House to read a short story and meet some of our furry friends. Afterward, plant a variety of seeds to take home and nurture them as they grow. Recommended for children three years old and up.

Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Arlo Guthrie: The Re-Generation Tour. Iconic folk singer Arlo Guthrie and his children, Abe and Sarah Lee, perform the music of three generations of Guthries in this celebration of an iconic American family. Arlo was born with a guitar in one hand and a harmonica in the other in Coney Island, Brooklyn, in 1947. He is the eldest son of America's most beloved singer/songwriter/philosopher Wood Guthrie and Marjorie Mazia Guthrie, a professional dancer and founder of The Committee to Combat Huntington's Disease. Arlo Guthrie's career exploded in 1967 with the release of "Alice's Restaurant," whose title song premiered at the Newport Folk Festival and helped

foster a new commitment among the '60s generation to social consciousness and activism. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 7 p.m. \$48, \$58 and \$68. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

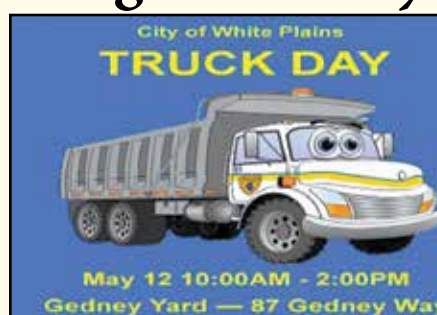
Jam Session. Sunday nights at The Haven at Lagond, each week spotlights a different genre and well-known guest musicians. This Sunday features Rock/Jam. Anyone with a desire to play - 18+ over - can join the jam on stage and sit in with peers as well as have an opportunity to meet and play with professional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

White Plains DPW Big Truck Day

The City of White Plains Department of Public Works is excited to announce the details of their super popular, hands-on annual Truck Fair for children. This interactive, fun, free and informative day will be held on Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gedney Way Recycling Center located at 86 Gedney Way. Attendees will be able to learn about, see, touch, sit in, sound the sirens,

honk the horns and even operate some of the biggest vehicles in the city's fleet.

Vehicles on display and providing demonstrations are from Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments. The display will feature: Antique Vehicles, Brush Chippers, Stump Grinders, Backhoes, Aerial Bucket Trucks, Rollers and Pavers, Street Sweepers, Automated Side Loaders and many more Tonka Trucks



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