

as an early influence, among others. These days, he notices a seemingly mandatory new role taken on by some of the late-night talk-show hosts, a trend driven by the current state of affairs.

"Some things are so outrageous with what is going on that it almost makes it obligatory for a late-night talk-show host to spend half their monologue talking about politics," he says. "You go back to Leno, Carson, or Letterman; they weren't doing 50 or 60 percent politics in their monologues. You would have a couple of jokes, then they'd move on to something else. Now, they are actually doing more in-depth political reporting than some actual news people."

Last year, Breidbart took his show on the road and headlined on three continents. He tailored his material for audiences in the Netherlands, the U.K., Ireland, and South Africa. Back at home in Westchester, his favorite place to perform is at Mamaroneck's Emelin Theatre, where in March he emceed a show featuring "Comedians from *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*." His remaining 2019 schedule includes performances up and down the East Coast and possibly Australia, New Zealand, and Asia.

The youngest of three brothers, Breidbart moved with his family at age 7 from New

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York City to Scarsdale (his upbringing in the village has become fodder for material in his act). He eventually chose Pelham as his home.

"Here, I'm 25 minutes from Manhattan, and you have the best of both worlds," he says. "You've got the city right nearby, and you can go home and close your door, and it is quiet, and you have a backyard. I've got four barbecue grills — I've got everything I need."

Beyond his comedic talents, Breidbart spent several years as a competitive sculler, a Chinese dragon-boat racer, and even earned his pilot license. As Breidbart has discovered, just navigating your way around Westchester can be a challenge.

"I love Westchester," he says. "There are a lot of parks here, a lot of green space — and highways that flood. If somebody is going to invent an amphibious automobile, it would have to be somebody in Westchester." **W**

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