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## White Plains Common Council Okays 2019-20 Budget

By Neal Rentz

Following two months of review, the White Plains Common Council voted 5-2 to approve the 2019-20 budget on May 30.

Voting against the spending plan, which will go into place on July 1, were Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona and Councilman Dennis Krolian.

The budget includes a 2.7 percent tax levy increase, which is lower than the state tax cap for White Plains, which is 4 percent. The tax rate increase is also 2.7 percent.

The tax increase on a home with a median assessed value of \$13,500 will be \$77.

A major factor for the tax increase is lower sales tax revenue. The city is projecting that sales tax revenue for the coming budget year is going to be \$44 million, \$2.7 million less than six years ago.

Overall spending, which includes water,



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White Plains Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson voted in support of the 2019 budget at the May 30 Common Council Meeting.

sewer, library and self-insurance funds, will rise by \$4.4 million, an increase of 2.3 percent.

Mayor Tom Roach supported the budget and praised the work of city employees. "The level of services that are provided to people in this community are higher than you'll find in any other community," Roach said. "And we have done it under fiscally trying circumstances."

The city has been in compliance with the state tax cap every year he has been mayor, including the year before the cap came into effect, Roach said. "We are careful with our money here," Roach said.

White Plains has met the tax cap despite the fact that state aid has not increased to the city since 2008.

Common Council President John Martin said there are many positive aspects in the budget, including not exceeding the tax cap. The bulk of city budget, 70

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## State Senators Likely to Go Down to Wire on Rent Regulations Update

By Lindsay Emery

A New York State Senate public hearing held last week in Greenburgh debated whether rent regulation and tenant protections should be renewed and extended in time to meet the June 15 deadline.

A package of nine bills is being pushed by Democratic legislators in hopes of establishing universal rent guidelines across the state.

Senators heard from tenants and advocacy groups in favor of the legislative package and landlords in opposition. Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Yonkers) and Sen. Brian Kavanaugh (D-Manhattan),



LINDSAY EMERY PHOTO

Tenants advocates in favor of new rent guidelines and landlords in opposition spoke at last week's hearing in Greenburgh on proposed state legislation.

who is chairman of the Senate's Housing, Construction and Community Development Committee were joined by senators Shelley Mayer (D-Yonkers), David Carlucci (D-Clarkstown), Zellnor Myrie (D-Brooklyn) and Peter Harckham (D-Lewisboro).

Several landlords and groups representing their interests argued that the proposed legislation would destroy the Westchester housing

market and pressed for incentives for building owners.

"Addressing affordability through the strengthening of these ETPA laws is going to produce bad results for the tenants and the economy as a whole," said Jerry Houlihan, a real estate broker.

Tina Jackson, a member of the Rochester Citywide Tenant Union, traveled from upstate New York to attend the hearing with two other colleagues. Jackson was joined by Elizabeth McGriff, another tenant union member, who endured the foreclosure of her house. McGriff described how landlords and tenants are supposed to be protected from legislation

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“These costs can be passed along to a tenant but that increase stays for the life of the apartment,” Harckham said. “So

“Every landlord who keeps up their buildings, not only for their own investment but for their tenants, supports a wider economy in the neighborhood,” Annunziata said. “If the more radical bills

“So when you look at this package, this goes way beyond ETPA-eligible buildings, it finally talks about the county and New York as a whole, which hasn’t been done for renter protections or rights for I can’t even remember, right?” Herrera said “So, I think that this is an opportunity for

All nine bills from the package are currently in committee in the Senate and Assembly.

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# Appeals Court Rules Brezler Campaign Collected Sufficient Number of Signatures

By Pat Casey

White Plains Democrat Kat Brezler received a favorable decision from the Supreme Court Appellate Division in Brooklyn, establishing that her campaign collected the required number of signatures to appear on the Democratic line in the June Primary Election for White Plains Common Council.

"This is not just a victory for my campaign, but for the voters who the establishment attempted to disenfranchise. We are sending a message that business as usual will not be accepted. Voters should have a choice and thanks to today's decision, they will," Brezler said.

The campaign's petitions were challenged on claims that signatures did not match voter registration cards, some of which were over 40 years old. A Westchester County Judge originally ruled that these signatures were invalid, however the Appellate Division found that the Brezler campaign was not given sufficient notice on the nature of the signature challenges. Because this would not allow sufficient time to prepare a defense, the decision was overturned.

"One of the opponent's chief arguments rested on the fact that a subscribing witness, Kimberly Cooley, did not reside at the address she wrote in her witness statement. However, that address, affected by Superstorm Sandy, is currently under



Kat Brezler

construction and resulted in her staying at multiple places while she intends to return to her permanent address. The court ruled that the address was her residence because she has not established a fixed residence elsewhere and the signatures should not have been invalidated," the Brezler statement said.

"I want to thank my incredible legal

team for fighting so vigorously and to all of my supporters who never gave up the fight and helped ensure we had the resources to fight this."

Brezler will face off against three candidates endorsed by the White Plains Democratic City Committee in February – incumbent Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson, who was first elected to the Council in 2014, as well as Victoria Presser and Jennifer Puja.

"The decision by the Appellate Court to reverse the lower court's decision and put our opponent back on the ballot required reinstating the signatures of voters who do not live in White Plains, or are not registered Democrats, on hyper-technical grounds. We obviously disagree, but there will now be a primary," said Barry Caro for the White Plains Democratic City Committee.

"We have every confidence that White Plains Democrats will vote for the candidates supported by the White Plains Democratic City Committee: Council Member Nadine Hunt-Robinson, Victoria Presser and Jenn Puja. Nadine, Vicki and Jenn have far more local, grassroots support than their opponent does – as well as the endorsements of Mayor Tom Roach, County Executive George Latimer, and County Board Chair Ben Boykin," Caro added.

Shortly after Brezler announced the

appeal decision, the League of Women Voters of White Plains announced a Candidates Forum for the Democratic Primary to take place Monday, June 17, 7 to 9 p.m. at the White Plains Public Library auditorium.

The Primary Election is Tuesday, June 25. Polls will be open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

On Monday, June 3, a fund-raising email from the Brezler campaign stated: "I can't believe it! After a unanimous decision by the Appellate Division 2nd Department, our opponents are dragging us up to Albany into the Court of Appeals."

As this issue of The White Plains Examiner went to press, a request for comment from the White Plains Democratic City Committee about a new appeal had not yet been received.

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# Local Nonprofit Addresses the Challenges Facing Foster Children

By James Anderson

Children who have grown up in the foster care system face challenges that many of their peers never have to deal with.

Last week, FosterKidsUnite, a local nonprofit organization that supports youngsters as they age out of the system, addressed some of the challenges facing foster children and honored two who went through the system and recently graduated college.

The keynote speaker at the annual foster care awareness event, held last

Thursday afternoon at the Mount Kisco Public Library, was adoption attorney Lisa Peck Goldberg, who works closely with FosterKidsUnite. Goldberg said the shortcomings of the United States' foster care and adoption system results in 24,000 young adults who age out every year.

"That means they are hitting 21, or 18 in some states, without a family, without a permanent home, without a safety net, and that's just inexcusable," she said.

Goldberg works with adoptive families, foster-adoptive families and biological

parents who are considering placement of their children. She addressed the misconceptions that many people have about foster children.

"There's a lot of myths out there, and I'm here to tell you that there is no such thing as a bad child," Goldberg said. "There's a child that's experienced trauma, there's a child who needs that hug and love and someone to read to them...then they can fly and they can grow."

Goldberg detailed the process to become a foster family. After submitting an official request, prospective families are sent a

30-page packet to complete to ensure they are serious about going through the process. Once completed, a family will undergo a home inspection and 30 hours of training about the foster system and parenting.

Once these steps are completed, the family can expect a call from an agency within 24 hours, she said.

Goldberg's address was followed by a question-and-answer session, which turned into a discussion about trauma and perseverance. One woman shared her experience growing up with her biological mother, who opened her home to foster children in addition to taking care of her own.

"They asked her [if] she would take a 16-year-old girl with a three-month-old baby that belonged to her and we took both of them in and it worked out pretty good," the woman said.

FosterKidsUnite founder and President Tanya Cooper and Mount Kisco Mayor Gina Picinich presented scholarships to two students. Sasha Simmonds and M'Mahawa Sylla both received the Robert Cooper Memorial Scholarship, which was named after Cooper's late brother. Simmonds is pursuing a masters in speech pathology.

Cooper, a former foster child and Fox Lane High School and NYU graduate, is the author of a book, "Surviving Foster Care and Making it Work for You." She recently started writing a second book.

Cooper, who works as a substance abuse counselor in Carmel, launched FosterKidsUnite after the passing of her brother in 2014. The organization began as a single scholarship in her brother's name. She said it offers non-traditional services to foster children who are aging out of the system and continuing their education. The services include monthly care packages, individual mentoring and scholarships.

Cooper concluded the program by thanking her volunteers and the graduating students.

"People are going to be the ones that change the world, and when I see people like you, people like her, I think, okay, we have a chance here," Cooper said.

After the awards ceremony, Picinich offered her appreciation for Cooper's efforts.

"The work that you do is so very important, and to all of the folks receiving awards, all who have given so graciously their time and opened their hearts...on behalf of the village of Mount Kisco, thank you," Picinich said.



Tanya Cooper, founder and president of FosterKidsUnite, is a fierce advocate for helping foster children. She and her brother were raised in a foster home.

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# Girl Scouts' Cookie Drop Effort Surpasses 1 Million Boxes to Troops

By Violet Fearon

In difficult circumstances, a taste of home can be great comfort. That was the sentiment last Saturday when Girl Scout troops throughout the lower Hudson Valley gathered in the Westchester Police Academy parking lot in Valhalla for the 18th annual Operation Cookie Drop.

Operation Cookie Drop is the brainchild of Alison Bergman of Ardsley, who wanted a way to express support for the troops following 9/11. She started the effort in 2002, and the Pleasantville-based Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson has been sending cookies to troops overseas as well as stateside ever since.

Over the years, Operation Cookie Drop has grown significantly. The first year, 20 boxes of cookies were shipped; last year, more than 107,000 boxes were packaged and sent. The Girl Scout cookies have been spread far and wide, from Afghanistan to the South Pole.

On Saturday, with the police academy grounds bustling with activity as members of dozens of Girl Scout troops gathered, boxes of cookies were arranged in huge stacks of Tagalongs, Samoas and Do-Si-Dos. In a nearby tent, attendees wrote letters to send to the troops.

The effort also reached a notable threshold: Operation Cookie Drop shipped its 1,000,000th box to troops.



Dozens of Girl Scout troops from throughout the Hudson Valley organize and package boxes of Girl Scout cookies that are being sent to the troops stationed throughout the United States and abroad. Last Saturday, the effort, Operation Cookie Drop, shipped its 1,000,000th box of cookies since it was launched 18 years ago.

Ron Tocci, director of Westchester County's Veterans Service Agency, was presented with the milestone box of cookies before it was shipped. He remarked on the symbolic importance of the number, as one million U.S. service members have died since the founding of the country.

"It represents all the patriotism and loyalty and sacrifice," Tocci said.

Girl Scouts from throughout the lower Hudson Valley were involved with the program.

During the ceremony, a variety of speakers expressed their gratitude for service members and Operation Cookie

Drop, and the ceremony also celebrated the Girl Scouts. In a letter, U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand reflected on how the Girl Scouts "shapes a young girl's life" and provides "core values of courage, confidence and character."

Col. Chester B. Edwards, a Vietnam veteran, also thanked the scouts who came out on Saturday morning.

"The guys look forward to (receiving the cookies)," Edwards said. "They love it."

Later, a soldier and former lower Hudson Valley Girl Scout spoke about the unusual experience of having both sent and received boxes from Operation Cookie Drop. The gift is always appreciated, especially on days when spirits are lifted by a surprise box of cookies.

The service member also answered the most frequently asked question from Girl Scouts: "We do fight over the Thin Mints, but there's hugs later."



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# BALLARD-DURAND FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES, WHITE PLAINS

## By Neal Rentz

When northern Westchester resident Matthew Fiorillo took ownership of Ballard-Durand Funeral & Cremation Services in White Plains in 2001 he had already been an employee of the funeral home since August 1998.

"I had an opportunity to purchase the building and business in 2001 and have been here ever since," Fiorillo recalled last week.

Fiorillo enrolled in funeral service school when he was 18. "I chose funeral service at a young age, not understanding what it would entail. I just felt it was my calling and something that I was meant to do in life," he said. "When I was working here I established a relationship with a lot of the community members. I had the opportunity to purchase it and move forward."

Fiorillo owns a second funeral home in Elmsford, which he purchased in 2011, and two years ago he purchased a third funeral home in Beacon in Dutchess County.

Fiorillo said in college he studied mortuary science, which included several disciplines. "It's anatomy, physiology, chemistry and microbiology. And then it's also the soft sciences, accounting, business management and sociology," he said.

Sociology is used by funeral directors as a way to learn to handle people in



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Matthew Fiorillo has been the owner of Ballard-Durand Funeral & Cremation Services in White Plains since 2001.

delicate situations, Fiorillo said. "All my staff is trained in just creating healing experiences for people. To be able to walk hand in hand with them through their journey of grief is really rewarding for us. It's really what we hope to accomplish – to create a healing experience through the funeral services that we provide and get the family back to living their new normal

without their loved one," he said.

Fiorillo said his business provides memorial services, visitations and cremation services.

Another feature of the business is the ability for customers to preplan for services. Every quarter of the year it offers Dine and Learn, which invites residents to a local restaurant where they learn about the benefits of pre-planning, Fiorillo said. "Really that's putting your wishes on paper, making all your wishes known for what your final arrangements would be," he said. "Whether they choose to pay for it or not, they get the peace of mind knowing everything's in place."

Though he has been in the business for many years, Fiorillo said it is not easy working with families who have lost loved ones. "It's something that you just have to learn to cope with," he said. "The dynamics of a family is always different. Every time the doorbell rings it's a different family with different needs and different wishes. We never lose sight of the fact that these

people are hurting and they need our care."

"We're really big on personalization, making the service unique for each unique individual," Fiorillo said.

Fiorillo said his business is a member of Selected Independent Funeral Homes. "We're the only one in this area," he said. "If the death occurs outside of this area, for instance Texas or Arizona or California, there's another Selected Independent Funeral Home that abides by the same code of ethics that we do and we use them at a cost savings to the family to transport the person back into our care." Only 7 percent of funeral homes in the nation qualify to be a Selected Independent Funeral Home, he said.

His funeral home provides free services for police and firefighters killed in the line of duty and free ongoing grief support programs for those who have lost loved ones, Fiorillo said.

The funeral home recently conducted its annual Dove Release and Memorial service, Fiorillo said. "Every family comes back to the funeral home that we served in the previous year and they get a basket with a white dove and we all let the doves go at the same time," he said. "They're welcomed back into the funeral home for something other than a loss or a death. And they get to see us again and we're able again to walk with them in that grief journey that they're going through on that path to healing."

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Unneeded city-owned properties should be sold to generate additional revenue, Martin said.

Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson said "the budget, as constructed" will allow the city to maintain its AA1 credit rating from Moody's. The budget is "insuring the delivery of needed services as well as preserving the quality of life for our residents, while adhering to sound fiscal policies" she said. "Those fiscal policies have led to the continuing AA1 bond rating."

White Plains, unlike some other local municipalities, does not borrow to pay for tax certiorari refunds or city employees' pensions, Hunt-Robinson said.

By reducing costs in a variety of ways over the years has "allowed us to toe the line on taxes," Hunt-Robinson said.

Lecuona explained why she could not support the budget. One of her concerns



White Plains Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona voted against the 2019-20 budget at the May 30 Common Council meeting.

was the excessive use of fund balance.

The budget does not address many areas of fiscal concerns in the city, Lecuona said. The city needs to have a consolidation plan to reduce costs and there needs to be updates of the city's Comprehensive Plan, she said, adding an economic development plan needs to be created for the city.

The budget does not provide "clear guidance," Lecuona said.

Krolian also said he could not support the spending plan for several reasons. The budget has "the highest debt and debt service" payments "I have ever seen," he said.

The tax reform bill approved in Congress and signed by President Donald Trump no longer allows exemptions for local taxes above \$10,000. Many local residents pay over that amount and are being harmed, Krolian said.

"We don't have the income to do

everything we want to do," Krolian said.

In a related matter, the Common Council voted 5-2 last week to approve a salary increase of 2.5 percent or more to non-union employees, including elected officials and managers. As they did on the 2019-20 budget, Lecuona and Krolian voted "no."

Lecuona said the 2.5 percent increase or higher was greater than the 2 percent state tax cap. The managers and commissioners are receiving salaries in the "six digits" plus benefits, well above the median income of White Plains residents, she said. Lecuona added she was not criticizing the work of commissioners and managers in delivering services to residents.

Raises for non-union employees need to be based on merit, she said.

Krolian said the non-union employees would not leave their jobs if they did not get raises.

## County Clerk Warns About New Soc. Sec. Number Robo-Call Scam

Residents of Westchester are being hit by another telemarketing scam, this time involving their social security number. The scam targets people with a robo-call pretending to alert them that their social security number has been frozen or compromised. If the person stays on the line and follows the scammer's automated

instructions, they will be asked to enter their social security number to "confirm" it is correct, and then they will be asked for payment to remedy the non-existent issue with the social security number.

"Not only is this scam cheating people out of money, it is leaving them vulnerable to identity theft," said Tim

Idoni, the Westchester County Clerk. "It is bad enough to have your money stolen, but having your identity stolen can be a living nightmare."

The scam is using a similar 800 number to the one the U.S. Social Security Administration uses for their customer service, to better fool people into thinking

they are legitimate.

"A government agency would never use a robo-call or automated service to alert you of a serious issue, particularly with something as important as your social security number," said Idoni. "Always be on alert when someone asks for a cash payment or personal information."

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### Ursula La Grande

Ursula V. La Grande, devoted mother and loving friend, of White Plains, was called home on June 2, after a sudden illness at the age of 88.

Affectionately known as "Dee" by all who loved her, she was born on Sept. 28, 1930 to the late Anne and Joseph Palumbo in Brooklyn.

Her family moved to the Bronx, where Dee graduated from Evander Childs High School and embarked on a career in modeling. She subsequently worked for R. H. Donnelly until she met and married the late Charles T. La Grande Jr. and settled in the Dunwoodie section of Yonkers to begin a family.

Dee became active in St. Ann's Church and School, joining the St. Ann's Women's Club and P.T.A. She was also a founding member of the Dunwoodie Youth Association and served a term as president of the Association's Woman's Auxiliary Chapter. As her children grew, Dee returned to the business world, taking the position of executive secretary in various offices and companies, while establishing friendships and loving relationships along the way. She pursued a spiritual path, became a yoga instructor, and taught in a number of venues. Upon her divorce, Dee settled in Bryant Gardens in White Plains, where she resided for nearly 40 years.

Fueled by her love of knowledge, Dee later took college level courses at the College of New Rochelle. Her love of God led her to The Self H.E.L.P. - Foundation, Inc., where she became a student under the tutelage of her beloved Master Teacher, Guru Madeleine. Dee is survived by her three children, Donna Cowle (nee La Grande) Lisa La Grande, Charles La Grande III, her Granddaughter, Jessica Cowle, and her son-in-law, Rick Cowle.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The S.E.L.F. - Help Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization located at 570 Main Street, New Rochelle, NY, 10801.

### Daniel McManus

Daniel Thomas McManus, age 12 of Armonk passed away on June 1, after a long courageous battle with Leukemia.

Danny was born on March 23, 2007 in White Plains to parents Francis and Deirdre (Murphy) McManus.

Danny was known by his family and friends to exude a quiet confidence and warm spirit.

His friends say he was a fierce competitor on the field but a gentle soul and loyal friend off the field. Danny was very athletic and could be found playing lacrosse, basketball, and boogie boarding at Stone Harbor beach. He loved playing Fortnite with his friends, riding bikes and watching his favorite college sports team, University of North Carolina. He was also

passionate about luxury sports cars and attending the car shows at the Jacob Javits Center in NYC.

Danny is survived by his parents Francis and Deirdre (Murphy) McManus; the best brother anyone could ask for, Colin; his grandparents Francis and Bridie (Pat) McManus and Thomas Murphy.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother Mary Ellen Murphy.

He was adored by his paternal aunts and uncles, Jeanne and Joe Looney and Noreen and Timmy Ryan. Maternal aunts and uncles Thomas and Siobhan Murphy and Julie and Nick Marcello.

Beloved cousins include Katie and Maggie Looney, David and Bridget Ryan, Dylan and Aidan Murphy and Nicholas Marcella.

A mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday June 5 at 11 a.m. at The Church of St. Patrick in Armonk. The family asks that memorial contributions be made to The Children's Cancer fund ([www.thechildrenscancerfund.org](http://www.thechildrenscancerfund.org)) and The Casey Powell World Lacrosse Foundation (<https://worldlacrosse.org>).

### Bruce King

Bruce Cameron King, of White Plains passed away May 30.

He was 66.

Bruce was born Dec. 18, 1952 to Donald E. and Rhoda (nee Cameron) King.

For 38 years Bruce worked for J.P. Morgan Chase, before retiring in June 2018. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi.

On Sept. 11, 1982 Bruce married his wife, Teresa King, in Queens.

Bruce is survived by his wife Teresa; his two sons Kasey C. (Alexandra) King of New York and Cody C. (Margaux) King of Boston, MA; his brother Donald King; and four sisters Mary, Elizabeth, Bridget, and Maureen.

He is predeceased by his parents and his sister, Catherine.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in Bruce's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

### Albert Ricci

Albert V. Ricci died on May 29 at Albert Einstein Hospital in the Bronx.

He was 87.

Born in White Plains to the late Harry and Mary Ricci in March 1932, Bert lived his entire life in West Harrison.

He is predeceased by his sister, Angie; brother, Harry; Wife, June; and Daughter, Michelle.

Bert started working at the flower shop at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in NYC as a child delivering flowers. He served in the Air force during the Korean War and is a current member of the VFW. When he came home, he and his brother Harry ran a stone mason business from 1956 to

1976.

Bert married June Franzese in 1957 and had 56 wonderful years with her till her death in 2013.

In 1977, he opened Silver Lake Hardware with his wife, June and has been a well-loved figure in town ever since. Always ready to share advice and solve the smallest of hardware dilemmas. He was always quick with a joke, ready to play a game of golf with his buddies any chance he could get and loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his son, Gregory Ricci; Daughter-in-Law, Diana Ricci; Nephew, Robert Ricci and his two grandchildren, Antonia Zulli and A.J. Zulli.

### Wanda Schwall

Wanda L. Schwall, of White Plains, passed away May 23. She was 63.

Wanda was born June 14, 1955 in Tullahoma, TN to the late Artis Spencer and Helen Jouise (nee Johnson) Smythe.

Wanda worked as a customer service representative for Verizon, until her retirement in 2016.

On Sept. 18, 2005, Wanda married her husband Benedetto J. Schwall in Elmsford.

Loving and caring, Wanda was an introvert with social butterfly qualities. She was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister.

Besides her husband, Benny, Wanda is survived by her son, Artis Smythe of Poughkeepsie; her four grandchildren Artis Smythe, Michael Smythe, Shakia Smythe, and Jaheim Smythe; her five great grandchildren; and four siblings Arta Weise Hammonds, Ella L. Smythe-Brows, Ray Anthony Smythe and Thomas Melvin Smythe.

She was predeceased by her brother Spencer King Smythe, and sisters Susan Warlanda Marsh, Mary Alice Smythe, and Ruby Elaine Hicks.





# Millionaire Rookies: How to Manage Money When You Come Into Money



By Kevin Peters

It's baseball season, and in an annual ritual as reliable as robins showing up on the front lawn, baseball players – veterans and rookies alike – hope to show off their skills.

There are 466 Major League players with a base salary of \$1 million or more. The highest annual base salary this year is \$38.3 million, going to pitcher Stephen Strasburg of the Washington Nationals. The Philadelphia Phillies signed outfielder Bryce Harper to a 13-year contract that will pay him \$330 million!

The veterans, for the most part, may be accustomed to their upscale lifestyle, but for those whose careers are just beginning, there will be a lot of money in their pockets, more than they could have imagined.

Some analysts compare young pro athletes to young lottery winners, who suddenly come into a huge amount of money with little or no idea how to invest

wisely or prepare a solid foundation for future fiscal security.

For those not in the MLB or who have not won the lottery, similarly sized windfalls are still possible. Consider the individual who is selling a long-established business or a house, or receiving a sizable inheritance, or the savvy investor that has identified a “unicorn” and benefitted from the skyrocketing stock price.

A new bundle of cash will present myriad opportunities, but like for rookie athletes, can come with tremendous pressure to be responsible in spending and investing, fund retirement and leave a legacy for the future.

Before doing anything, take into account that a windfall, like an athlete's years on the field, and thus their salary, can be finite. Professional athletes may find themselves earning lots of money early in their careers. But that money can disappear just as quickly as it is earned, if recipients are cavalier with their spending

habits and ignore the lessons that foster intelligent investing.

First, plan for the future. Save for retirement. To have a better chance of financial success, be cognizant of the basics of personal finance – basics that I believe are often ignored when emotions overtake rationality.

Sadly, many pro athletes will be bankrupt or under financial stress within five years of entering retirement. So begin to think ahead as soon as you come into a lump sum.

Place funds into retirement accounts that are tax deferred, such as an IRA or 401(k), which can address two long-term issues at the same time: saving money and helping to reduce taxes.

By starting a retirement account early, along with accounts such as trusts for expenses like college for children, investors can build on decades of growth that may result in sizable assets when they are needed.

Plan for the unexpected. Consider how often an athlete's career is cut short by

injuries. Are you prepared for a health scare or another unforeseen expense? Be sure to start building an emergency fund that can be leveraged for the unexpected.

Create a budget to stay organized and on track and try to avoid overspending and impulse purchases. This is a good way to ensure you are not spending outside of your means or spending too heavily in one sector.

For all of us, including those with a formidable throwing arm or the ability to making leaping one-handed catches, there are lessons to be learned when it comes to acquiring sudden wealth.

If we take the time to be mindful of the basics of investing, obtain solid advice from experts in financial planning and tend to our finances with the same attention that athletes give to physical fitness, we can avoid the pitfalls and make our personal finances a lifetime success story.

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## Guest Column

# There are Options to Alleviate Pain Besides Opioids



By Dr. Christine Stathes

We live in a society that puts a premium on quick-fix solutions to complex problems, including remedies for pain. Pain is one of the many reasons to seek advice from a healthcare professional. It is

highly individualized and one of the most controversial and complex medical conditions to treat.

Since the mid-1900s, the health care system's approach to pain management has been the pharmacological masking of pain. This has resulted in a dramatic increase in opioid prescriptions, leading to misuse and addiction.

In 2014, more than 750,000 people in the United States were receiving substance abuse treatment for prescription opioids, and the number of those getting treatment for heroin was twice what it had been in 2002. In 2016, more than 42,000 people in the U.S. died from an opioid overdose.

A growing percentage of more than 4 percent of people addicted to prescription opioids transition to heroin.

No one wants to live in pain and no one should put their health at risk in an effort to be pain free. Moving forward, the health care system needs to re-examine interventions for pain.

In recent years, more and more evidence has shown that physical therapists may be the answer when it comes to managing pain. Physical therapy is a dynamic profession that has been shown to be effective in managing pain and improving function. For instance, a growing body of evidence has determined physical therapists as a first-line approach to those suffering from low back pain.

Additional high-quality evidence supports the effectiveness and efficacy of physical therapy interventions in preventing and minimizing pain for fibromyalgia, hip and knee osteoarthritis.

Using physical therapists as the first-line approach has been proven to lower both healthcare-related costs and the use of opioid medications.

Physical therapists engage in a comprehensive examination and evaluation process that focuses not only on pain but also the movement patterns and imbalances that contribute to painful conditions.

Therapists also play a valuable role in the patient education process helping the patient understand the mechanisms of and contributors to pain. Physical therapists can provide realistic expectations for recovery, with or without opioids. With advanced understanding of how the body moves and through targeted and patient specific individualized treatment plans, physical therapists can correct the factors contributing to your pain and abnormal movement patterns.

If you or someone you know is in pain, do not wait any longer. Under New York

State law, Direct Access allows you to see a physical therapist for an evaluation and treatment without a physician's referral. In New York, a wide variety of insurance plans allow up to 10 visits, or 30 days, for treatment, whichever comes first. Feel free to contact us and our staff will be happy to verify whether your insurance plan is a participating provider with Direct Access.

In addition to physical therapy, patients can get pain relief from other conservative healthcare services such as chiropractic care, acupuncture, massage therapy, Active Release Techniques and the Graston Technique. At ProClinix, we are able to provide these services and modalities to our patients as an integrative approach to care to eliminate pain as quickly and efficiently as possible.

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## Guest Column

# County Flags at Half-Staff, Security Measures at Government Bldgs. Under Review

In response to last Friday's shooting at a municipal building in Virginia Beach, Westchester County Executive George Latimer has directed Westchester County Department of Public Safety Commissioner Thomas Gleason to lead a review and evaluation of security measures and protocols at all Westchester County facilities.

Latimer said: “What last week's shooting shows us is that in these times, we must work to ensure we are doing everything we can to keep those in our

facilities safe. This shooting occurred in a municipal building where residents are required to come in for various permits, receive paperwork, etc. - exactly like what occurs in municipal buildings in Westchester and nearly everywhere else around the Country.”

Gleason said: “Our Department is committed to keeping Westchester residents and employees safe. We constantly review all real-world incidents that occur and update our security procedures and protocols in response if

needed. We will be conducting a similar assessment in the aftermath of the Virginia Beach tragedy.”

Further, to honor the 12 victims of this horrific act of violence – many of whom were public servants who dedicated their lives to serving their community – Latimer has directed flags on Westchester County facilities be flown at half-staff.

Latimer concluded, “These 12 innocent victims were everyday people who were just living their lives. This is not normal and this is not right. Our nation

must act now to stop these senseless mass shootings, unless we want to see any trip to a public space become a potential nightmare.”

In recent years, the Westchester County Police have conducted Civilian Response to Active Shooter training for hundreds of County residents. CRASE training provides people with practical guidance to help them survive an active shooter event if one occurs in their workplace or other location where they are present.



## Steps on How to Attract Neighbors Who 'Tweet'

While our POTUS has given new significance to the practice of tweeting, this column deals with another source: those who chirp and have wings to fly.

Between a childhood in South Philadelphia and an early adulthood spent in Boston and Brooklyn Heights, I never had much exposure to birds or birdwatching – unless you count sharing the sidewalk with flocks of pigeons. Now, after decades of living in a leafy suburb, the birds of our region have become a regular part of my life.

Our life with birds began in storybook fashion when my wife Margaret developed a friendship with a cardinal who would scrape its beak against our bedroom window screen every morning until she greeted it. The chickadees of the winter would make way for the robins and blue jays of spring, and autumn would not be complete without spotting at least one procession of wild turkeys crossing the road.

At the time I began to ask family members, some real ornitho-enthusiasts, especially my mother-in-law, what the average homeowner could do to help out local birds. Their advice is condensed here.

First, birds need food. The big sack of wild birdseed you can get at the supermarket may disappoint you if you are hoping to see a variety of species.

House sparrows, a species non-native to this area, are attracted to the millet in most seed mixes, and they will usually crowd out other birds at the feeder to get to it. They are cute in their own right, but if you want to support other types of birds, the millet has got to go.

Finches like thistle and Nyjer in special vertical feeders, crows and jays enjoy peanuts and many other birds like striped shell sunflower seeds.

Once your food is laid out, you need to protect it from squirrels. You have to expect the squirrels to come at your birdseed from every conceivable direction. What seems to work best is to put cone-shaped baffles above and below your feeder, and then position it far enough away from any surface from which a squirrel can launch itself laterally.

If this doesn't work, wild bird supply stores sell a hot pepper oil specially designed to be mixed into bird seed, such as Cole's Flaming Squirrel Seed Sauce. The birds can't taste the spice at all, but

squirrels hate it.

A few kind souls even set up special squirrel feeders in the hopes of keeping them well-fed enough to leave the seed alone, but I would fear a squirrel invasion if I encouraged them.

Now that your birds are fed, you can offer them shelter. There are many birdhouse-shaped garden accessories available. But to truly help the birds, you will want to research the needs of the species you want to attract. Purple Martins, for example, want to live close together, and their birdhouses look like apartment buildings. Bluebirds, on the other hand, prefer a single birdhouse on a pole in a sunny field, preferably with a horizontal

slit for an entrance. Once again, house sparrows crowd other species, but you can discourage them by looking for entrance holes no bigger than one-and-a-half inches in diameter.

For all birds, select houses with at least one ventilation hole to let heat out, another one on the bottom for drainage and a rough-surfaced interior to help the birds climb out. An overhang over the

entrance gives them shelter from rain and sun, but avoid a perch in front of the hole, which can help a predator gain access.

If you have cats, keep them indoors. Cat predation causes the deaths of millions of birds a year, and an indoor lifestyle is much safer for the cat as well. Hawks and owls need food, too, but if you don't want them eating your guests, you can help by keeping your feeders under the shelter of a tree or deck.

Finally, think about protecting birds from flying into your glass windows or doors. One of the less visually obtrusive products I have found are window alert decals and UV liquid window markers. The decals and liquid are nearly transparent to us, but birds can see them clearly with their UV vision. They do have to be replaced every six months.

These tips are barely an introduction to all you can learn when you start noticing birds. Eventually the interest can grow into a most rewarding way to reconnect with nature.

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# The Heady Adventures of a Hudson Valley Locavore



By Nick Antonaccio

In last week's column we explored the changing landscape of the farm-to-table diet in the United States. As I've roamed the Pleasantville Farmers Market each week, I've been observing the changing season's bounty, especially in the fare offered by Hudson Valley farmers.

More and more local produce, meats, cheeses, baked goods, spices and herbs are coming to market as the growing season advances. And, of course, there is always a Hudson Valley wine producer on the scene, completing the cycle of farm-to-dining repast.

Local products paired with local wines. If it grows together it goes together.

This was the theme of last week's column.

Over millennia, denizens of small communities experimented with producing compatible food and wine. The ancient Romans perfected this marriage of Mother Nature with man's nature, coexisting in a symbiotic relationship, introducing the farm-to-table concept. What grows best together goes best together.

Fast forward to the late 20th century when global trading upset the concept of

farm to table. Pairings of food and wine were expanded. Now Americans were able to enjoy their Hudson Valley sparkling wine with fresh strawberries from Central America in the deepest winter months and their Hudson Valley Vidal Blanc from Whitecliff Vineyard with fresh tomato-based salads from Mexico year-round.

In the last 10 years, Americans have experienced a return to basics in many parts of the country. Consumers vigorously seek out local fruits and vegetables as alternatives to those imported from other countries, even from other regions of the United States. Farm to table has gained a strong foothold in the diets and preferences of American consumers.

But in this 10-year period, I've also noticed a new take on the concept of pairing local ingredients and wine: if it goes together it can grow together.

American farmers and wine producers

*'Americans are able to expand their quest for local sources of food and wine.'*



are experimenting with food and grapes rarely produced locally. As a result, Americans are able to expand their quest for local sources of food and wine.

Gourmet vegetables such as kale and arugula abound in local markets.

Varieties of grapes previously grown exclusively in foreign soil now flourish in American vineyards.

I present two examples of the changing landscape of Hudson Valley wine production that enables pairings previously not available.

A grape previously grown primarily in France, Cabernet Franc, is now successfully produced by several vintners in the Hudson Valley.

An excellent, traditional pairing of Cabernet Franc has been with grilled meat. The combination goes very well together. But growing together? It had been difficult to find a top pairing within the confines of the Hudson Valley. No longer. The award-winning Cabernet Franc from Robibero Winery in New Paltz and the hormone-free, antibiotic-free, grass-fed cattle from Kiernan Farm are a locavore's dream come true.

If it goes together it can grow together.

A grape previously grown exclusively in a small area of Northwestern Spain,

Albarino, is produced to high acclaim in Marlboro, a short drive from Westchester County.

Another traditional pairing is a crisp, high minerality wine with a gazpacho produced from the abundance of local highly desirable tomatoes, many of which are heirloom varieties. Such a pairing was not considered feasible due to the difficult environment in which to produce such a wine. But no longer.

The Albarino wine from Fjord Vineyard (one of only a handful available in the United States) and the tomatoes from the sustainable farm of Morgiewicz Produce in Warwick create a new flavor profile not previously available to local-centric gourmands.

Everywhere I venture in the Hudson Valley I am impressed with its growing diversity and the passion of those who work the land to create a local, self-sustaining economy for all of us to enjoy.

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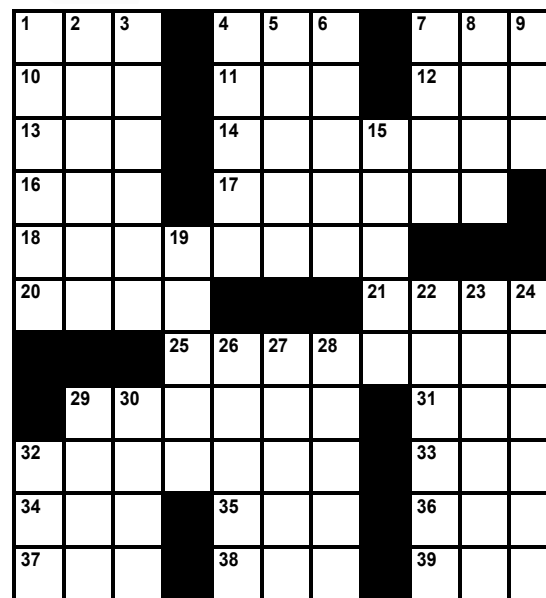
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### Across

1. D.J.'s stack
4. Kind of dance
7. Casual attire
10. Expanse of water
11. Be indebted to
12. Hunter's prize, perhaps
13. Cloth edging
14. Breakfast item
16. Fanfare
17. Rogue or scoundrel
18. Fended off
20. Brandy flavor

### Down

21. \_\_\_ fixe
25. Treating with anti-septic
29. When daylight fades or new White Plains restaurant bar
31. Prefix for tourism
32. Related atomic element #5
33. Fish
34. Currency exchange board abbr.
35. Cry in Bonn
36. Snaky letter

37. "She loves \_\_, yeah yeah yeah" The Beatles
38. Spanish king
39. No longer working, abbr.

### Down

1. Black key
2. Bridgewater of jazz
3. Small turnover
4. Baseball card manufacturer or new Mt. Kisco Bakery
5. Expect
6. Copper coins
7. Zip
8. Nevada county
9. Scratch (out)
15. Spanish port
19. Olympic figure skater Slutskaya
22. South Beach follower
23. Crate
24. Selfish person
26. Actor award
27. Un-frost
28. "The Simpsons" mouse
29. Not too good
30. Pakistani language
32. Real bargain

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# Local Playwright's Latest Play to be Performed in Armonk, White Plains

By Neal Rentz

Port Chester resident Richard Cirulli may technically be retired, but he is anything but inactive.

The former White Plains resident is a writer whose sixth play, "Thoughts for a Lost Friend," will be staged in Armonk and White Plains this summer.

Cirulli is a Doctor of Divinity in Gnostic Studies and also received a doctorate in business and economics. He works as an independent consultant. "My emphasis now is I write books, I write plays, short stories," he said. Cirulli also has written the Boomerang column for Examiner Media for about the past four years. "It deals with the 'baby boom' generation," he said.

"The Songs of Roland," Cirulli's recently-published Gothic New Age romance, is available from Barnes and Noble and Amazon, and is also being sold internationally. His second book, "Love Psalms," is scheduled to be released in late 2019.

Though Cirulli said he has been writing for a good part of his life, he began writing professionally about 10 years ago. "I've always been a natural writer," he said.

"Thoughts for a Lost Friend," the sixth play Cirulli has written since 2016, will be performed by the non-for-profit Demitasse Players, An Essentially Existential Troupe, formerly known as the



Former White Plains resident Dr. Richard Cirulli will have his fourth play staged in Armonk and White Plains this summer.

New Stage Players. "Thoughts" is Cirulli's fourth play that has been staged.

The first production of "Thoughts for a Lost Friend" will be staged on June 30 at 2 p.m. at the Whippoorwill Theater in Armonk and on Sept. 15 at 2 p.m. at the White Plains Performing Arts Center.

"Thoughts for a Lost Friend" is about two aging Baby Boomers who dated in the 1960's, Cirulli said. "One of their friends went to Vietnam and never returned," he said. There has been denial and hard feelings between the two, who have a reunion 40 years later in the play and the audience learns the reason for the hard feelings, he said. The male lead appears to be the antagonist at the beginning of the play, but by the end of the show is a protagonist.

"I'm an existential philosopher," Cirulli said. "All my plays are very dark dramas, very existential."

"I've brought in some very talented actors and businesspeople," Cirulli said. "It's growing quite well in a period of three years."

Cirulli explained the philosophy of the Demitasse Players productions. "We want to use the stage as a tool to educate people," he said, adding his plays deal with characters heading down paths of personal destruction. Audience members can see "that's either me or that's somebody I know," Cirulli said.

Cirulli said he does a marketing survey of audiences following performances of his plays. "We get real positive feedback," he said.

Cirulli said the theater company strives to do more than just entertain.

"It lets people take a look and say wow, the next time I see this behavior I should insert myself, because if I do I'll prevent something bad from happening as opposed to just letting it go," Cirulli said. The plays seek to bring awareness to mental health issues that are often taboo subjects to address, he said. But by doing so, persons struggling with mental illness "can get the help they need," he said.

For more information, visit [www.demitasseplayers.com](http://www.demitasseplayers.com) or call 845-320-7316.



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### Tuesday, June 4

**Tuesdays@Dorrey's.** "Rev. Joe Agne served as Pastor of Memorial United Methodist Church in White Plains for 13 years. During that time he was deeply engaged in community organizing. In 2006 it was Joe's idea to launch Tuesdays@Dorrey's as a way for people to come together and learn. In 2010 he and his wife Dana Jones moved to Colorado, where he first served at Boulder's progressive United Methodist Church. For the past several years Joe has been Pastor at Cedaredge UMC in the mountains, encountering new experiences and growing and learning. He looks forward to visiting White Plains and sharing with us his experiences living in Trump territory. Weekly table talk 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering begins at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome. Dorrey's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

**Families of Veterans Writing Workshop.** Are you a family member or caretaker of a veteran or active duty service member? White Plains Public Library and Veterans Writing Workshop are pleased to offer a free 10-week creative writing workshop just for you. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required. To register visit [fvww.weebly.com](http://fvww.weebly.com), call 914-629-4016 or email: [info@fvww.org](mailto:info@fvww.org). White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Talkie Tuesdays.** Come and watch a different "classic" movie each week; 4 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Tech Tuesdays (Grades 4-6): 3D printing.** This class is a session for preteens, specifically children in grades 4-6. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., White Plains Library.

**An Evening With Hollywood Producer Irwin Winkler.** Join us for an evening with Winkler, the legendary Hollywood producer behind "Rocky" "Raging Bull" and "Goodfellas" to name a few. "Guilty by Suspicion," written

and directed by Winkler and starring Robert DeNiro and Annette Bening, will be screened. After the screening, Jacob Burns Board President Janet Maslin and Winkler will discuss the film and his new autobiography, "A Life in Movies: Stories from 50 Years in Hollywood." There will also be a book sale and signing, with books courtesy of The Village Bookstore. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

### Wednesday, June 5

**Farmers' Market.** Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains. Hours of operation each Wednesday are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Lunchtime Meditation.** A weekly meditation program. Brief beginning instruction will be followed by meditation. No experience or special equipment needed. A guest instructor will lead the program the first Wednesday of each month; 12:15 to 1 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains. For more information, contact Christiane Deschamps at 914-422-1496

or [cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov).

**"TransMilitary."** The Ossining Documentary and Discussion Series celebrates Pride Month by screening this documentary about an important aspect of LGBTQ+ life. On Apr. 12, the Pentagon banned transgender people from enlisting or serving in any branch of the U.S. military. Those service members who came out during the Obama-era regulations are said to be exempt, though there have been reports of people being discharged for being transgender. "TransMilitary" chronicles the lives of four individuals (Senior Airman Logan Ireland, Cpl. Laila Villanueva, Capt. Jennifer Peace and First Lt. El Cook) who came out to their chain of command. Followed by a post-screening discussion and Q&A with a distinguished panel. Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave., Ossining. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.OssiningDocumentaries.org](http://www.OssiningDocumentaries.org).

**Poetry Slam.** Open Mic, SLAM competition and feature performances from guest poets from around the country! To take part in the open mic or slam,

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register between 6:30 and 7 p.m. Slam poets should bring at least one original poem of up to 3 minutes. Registration closes promptly at 7, and the program starts shortly thereafter. Co-hosted by local poet and slam-master Eric ZORK Alan. All are welcome. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

### Thursday, June 6

**Stories & Stuff.** Preschool storytime, including a craft activity, for ages 4 and 5 without adult. Literacy connections are made at "Stories & Stuff" where stories are centered around a theme and children listen and interact with corresponding rhymes, songs and/or finger plays. A final craft project ties in with the topic fostering a sense that stories are imaginative, yet lasting, and continue to enrich our creative thoughts and play; 4:30 p.m. White Plains Library.

**Climate Change Workshop, Part II.** Find out how climate change is transforming farms, forests and front yards in this second part of a series launched in December. Includes continental breakfast and refreshments. Professional credits for landscape architects will be available. County Center, 198 Central Ave., White Plains. 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$25. Info and registration: Visit <https://planning.westchestergov.com/soil-and-water-conservation>.

**The Royal Ballet: "Flight Pattern."** The Royal Ballet shows its contemporary side in works from three of today's leading choreographers. Christopher Wheeldon's "Within the Golden Hour" is based on seven couples separating and intermingling to music by Vivaldi and Bosso, lit with rich sunset colors. Crystal Pite's "Flight Pattern," danced to Górecki's "Symphony of Sorrowful Songs," is a moving reflection on the refugee crisis. In between, there's a new work by Belgian artist Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui. Jacob Burn Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$30. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**"Arabesque."** A fast-moving, suspenseful tale of international intrigue starring Gregory Peck as a professor who is plunged into deciphering a high-stakes secret message written in hieroglyphics and Sophia Loren as an enigmatic beauty who can – or cannot – be trusted to help. With music by Henri Mancini, it's full of plot twists and red herrings. Part of The Films of Stanley Donen series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 and 7:30 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**Armonk Lions Fol-de-Rol.** The 45th

annual event will feature music, face painting, live music, food trucks, craft activities and vendors as well as very cute racing pigs. Fun for the entire family. All proceeds are donated to support local community nonprofit organizations, community projects and to help people in need all over the world by donating to organizations such as Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Autism Speaks and Meals on Wheels. The Lions Club also sponsors a scholarship for two deserving seniors from Byram Hills High School, and donates to Lions Clubs International Foundation which engages in disaster relief, vision and health screening for people in need. Free admission. Tickets and unlimited wristbands are sold for the rides. Wampus Brook Park, Maple Avenue, Armonk. 6 to 10 p.m. Also June 7 from 6 to 10 p.m., June 8 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and June 9 from 12 to 5 p.m. Info: Visit [www.armonklions.org](http://www.armonklions.org) or visit the Armonk Lions Fol-de-Rol Facebook page.

### Friday, June 7

**Hoff-Barthelson Music School Early Childhood Music Program Open House.** Learn all that the program has to offer for children six months to five years old. Their children and their caregivers are invited to join in the fun of a music and movement class, followed by a brief Q&A with faculty and a reception where attendees can socialize with other families. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-723-1169, e-mail [hb@hbms.org](mailto:hb@hbms.org) or visit [www.hbms.org](http://www.hbms.org).

**Get the Led Out: The Might Zep.** Get the Led Out captures the essence of the recorded music of Led Zeppelin and brings it to the concert state. 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 re-creates the songs in all their depth and glory with the studio overdubs that Zeppelin themselves never performed. The group brings the audience what it wants – a high-energy Zeppelin concert with an honest, heart-thumping intensity. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35, \$40 and \$48. Also June 8. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

### Saturday, June 8

**Farmers' Market.** Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains. Saturday opening day with music and special events. Hours of operation each Saturday are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Juneteenth Parade & Festival.** Parade on Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains 11 a.m. Festival on Court Street, Noon to 5 p.m. Free event

**Yoga Teachers Association's Work-**

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**Shavvout Service and Discussion.** Rabbi Frank Tamburello will lead a service about the holiday Shavvout, explaining its connection with modern humanist thinking. Local activist Diane Steinfink of New Rochelle will also present a talk about the noted writer, poet and activist Grace Paley. Paley established herself as a major voice in 20th century American literature. She was chosen as the 2018-2019 Humanistic Jewish Role Model because her values were expressed in action. Followed by refreshments and sociability. Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains. 2:30 p.m. Free; donations welcome. Info: Contact Dimitry at 718-8828 or visit [wchj.org](http://wchj.org).

**Opening Reception for "Urban Choreography."** A solo exhibit of paintings and pastels by artist Marion Block Schneider focuses thematically on New York City, its energy, light and color. The dynamic, colorful works in this show are observations of the patterns or "choreography" created by the movement of people in the city. Schneider, a Larchmont resident and former senior art director at Pepsi, she now paints full-time at her studios in Larchmont and Port Chester. Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 3 to 5 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through June 22. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 12 to 5 p.m. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit [www.mamaroneckartistguild.org](http://www.mamaroneckartistguild.org).

**Hoff-Barthelson's Festival Orchestra Season Finale Concert.** The orchestra closes out its 2018-19 season with Music Director Jun Nakabayashi conducting performances of Beethoven's "Overture to Egmont, Opus 84," Strauss' "Oboe Concerto in D Major, TrV292" featuring guest artist Gerard Reuter as soloist; and concludes with Mendelssohn's "Symphony No. 3 in A minor, Opus 56 (Scottish)." Performing Arts Center at

Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 7 p.m. Suggested donation: \$20. Students: Free. Info: 914-723-1169, visit [www.hbms.org](http://www.hbms.org) or e-mail [hb@hbms.org](mailto:hb@hbms.org).

**Cabaret Night:** Bewitched, Bothered & Bewildered. The Church of St. James the Less will host its second annual Cabaret Night featuring Dakota Martin and Keiji Ishiguri. The cabaret will take the audience on a romantic journey in three parts, leading them to discover how love often leaves us in one of these states, if not all of them at the same time. Jazz standards and memorable musical theater tunes will be performed by mezzo-soprano Martin and Ishiguri, pianist, with a few special guests thrown in. Includes hors d'oeuvres, light dinner, dessert and wine and soft drinks. Church of St. James the Less, 10 Church Lane, Scarsdale. 7 p.m. \$75. Seniors and adults (35 and under): \$50. Info and tickets: 914-723-6100 or visit [www.stjamesscarsdale.org](http://www.stjamesscarsdale.org).

### Sunday, June 9

**"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers."** The naturalistic moves of this talented cast were choreographed by Michael Kidd, who fashioned rousing dance numbers out of such daily frontier tasks as chopping wood and raising a barn. The story centers on a backwoodsman (Howard Keel) who brings his new bride (Jane Powell) home to take care of his houseful of slovenly brothers. After getting over her shock, she sets about trying to help them acquire some brides of their own. There's a lot to wince about in the plot, given today's standards, but the unbeatable dance numbers and catchy Oscar-winning score (music by Saul Chaplin and Gene de Paul, lyrics by Johnny Mercer) live on. Part of The Films of Stanley Donen series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 12, 2:15 and 8 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**Raptors of Westchester.** Meet birds of prey with a naturalist and discover what makes these creatures the hunters of the sky. Includes a visit to the outdoor bird aviary to feed the majestic bald eagles, red-tailed hawks and great horned owl. 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](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

Arlo Guthrie: "Alice's Restaurant" Back By Popular Demand Tour. When legendary folk music icon Arlo Guthrie took to the road to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his seminal song "Alice's Restaurant Massacre," he was incredibly moved by the feedback from enthusiastic fans. This tour will coincide with the 50th anniversary of the feature film "Alice's Restaurant," originally released in 1969, starring Arlo as himself. It was filmed in

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process to **Ashish Parikh, 100 Menlo Park Mall, Ste. 500, Edison, NJ 08837. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

**APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF THE TAILORY, LLC** filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/25/19. Formed in PA 2/18/14. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC on whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to Anthony Lopes, 3901A Main St., Ste. 203A, Philadelphia, PA 19127. The office address in PA is 1105 Tyson Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111. Cert. of formation filed with **Kathy Boockvar, Acting Secy. of State, 302 N. Office Bldg., 401 North St., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).** The name of the LLC is: Nate The Dog Man, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 02/14/2019. The County in which the Office is to be located: Westchester. The SSNY is designated

as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: **415 South St, Apt 4A, Peekskill, NY 10566. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF UNDERPINNED LLC.** Art. Of Org. file with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/16/19. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon who process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **118. N. Bedford Rd., Suite 100, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.**

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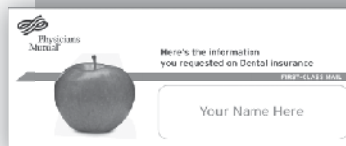
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**Town of Putnam Valley Special Meeting June 5, 2019** 1)Resolved that the Putnam Valley Town Board does hereby approve and endorse the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, Inc. in their application for a grant under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for a park project

known as Canopus Creek Preserve within the Town of Putnam Valley. 2)Authorize the Supervisor to sign a letter of support for the Hudson Highland Land Trust's CFA Application #90325, entitled Canopus Creek Preserve for the acquisition of the Cimarron Ranch Property. 3)Continued discussion on the de-icer ordinance 4)Continued discussion on revisions to our noise ordinance 5)Continued discussion on Airbnbs.

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White Plains 2030: Designing Our City

The League of Women Voters of White Plains in partnership with the White Plains Public Library invites the public to attend an information program titled White Plains 2030: Designing Our City. The meeting will be on Wednesday June 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the White Plains Library. The format is roundtable discussions in which residents will be asked to consider some aspect of the question, "What qualities should characterize White Plains in 2030?" The residents of White Plains are important stakeholders in how their city evolves. They must have a central role in designing the White Plains of the future—

what our city should look and feel like. A city has a physical infrastructure (buildings, roads, etc.), but it must also be livable, vibrant and engaging. This is its social infrastructure. What kind of development is needed to attain the sort of city its residents want it to be? What role should commercial and residential developers have in making White Plains what its residents want? What should we expect our government to do to drive the vision that residents have for their city? Shaping consensus about these questions calls for residents to engage in a dialogue that motivates them to become

active participants in effecting change in White Plans in the next decade and beyond. White Plains 2030: Designing Our City provides a setting for residents to discuss their ideas about development of the physical and social infrastructure of the White Plains of the future. The League of Women Voters White Plains hopes the outcome of these discussions would be agreement on some ideas and the need for more discussion about others. It would also be the basis of a report to city government reflecting residents ideas about the future of our city. Refreshments will be served.

Livanos Family to Compete on Family Food Fight on ABC

Members of the Livanos family, owners of the Livanos Restaurant Group featuring Moderne Barn in Armonk and The City Limits Diner in White Plains, now celebrating its 25th anniversary, will participate in ABC's new series Family Food Fight. The series premieres on Thursday, June 20 at 8 p.m. EDT. The extraordinary legacy of the Livanos family began in 1957 when John Livanos immigrated to the United States from Greece and began his career as a dishwasher, working for his uncle in Manhattan. He purchased his

first restaurant in 1960, and later opened the elegant Livanos Restaurant in White Plains, in 1985. Today, John and his children, Nick, Bill and Corina, own and manage the critically acclaimed Oceana, Molyvos, Ousia, and Oceana Poke in New York City, as well as Moderne Barn in Armonk, and City Limits in White Plains. Nick, the eldest of the Livanos siblings, grew up working in the family's restaurants during the school year and spending his summers in Greece. Coming from a family of talented cooks and a long line

of commercial fishermen, it didn't take long for him to fall in love with food; the concepts of freshness and quality were the foundation of his culinary expertise. Nick graduated from Adelphi University with a bachelor's degree in management, but his life changed when, on a whim, he decided to visit the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, and later enrolled. Today, Nick oversees the business of all Livanos restaurants. Members of the family who will participate in the ABC series are Enrico, Lorena, and Johnny Livanos.



# The WHITE PLAINS Examiner Sports

## Tigers Softball Season Ends at 20-3, After Loss in Section 1 AA Finals

By Albert Coqueran

The White Plains High School Softball Team and their fans were stunned by the 12-0 shutout loss to John Jay-East Fishkill High School, in the Section 1 AA Finals, at North Rockland High School, on Saturday.

A multitude of White Plains High School Softball fans, parents, softball alumni and administrators traveled to North Rockland to support the Lady Tigers in the Section 1 AA Finals. Nonetheless, they departed the 9 /11 Memorial Fields at North Rockland H.S. distressed regarding the outcome of the game, especially considering that the Tigers defeated the same Patriots team earlier in the season, 4-2.

It was truly an uncharacteristic performance by the White Plains High School Softball Team. The Lady Tigers had never allowed an opponent to score more than five runs against them all season, while recording eight shutouts this year. They also defeated opponents by a margin of 10 or more runs nine times this season, while scoring a total of 212

runs and averaging 9.2 runs per game in 23 games.

Granted Patriots senior pitcher Megan Schumacher pitched a remarkable game, while striking out 10 batters and holding the Tigers efficient hitting team to three hits for a complete game win. "I was throwing the pitches that were working for me and just doing the best that I could," said Schumacher, the University of Missouri bound righty.

Nonetheless, a 12-0 shutout win for the Patriots was inconceivable against this young Tigers team who dominated most opponents this season. "No, I expected to beat them but not 12-0. No, no way," replied Patriots Head Coach Mike Crocco, Jr. "I know how good our team is and I know how good they are too and we could not afford to take them lightly. They are a well-coached and talented team," emphasized Crocco.

Talk about "uncharacteristic performances." The Patriots batters slugged and slapped 18 hits off Tigers freshman pitcher Ella Utschig, who had been sensational throughout this season.

And the Tigers bats went silent against Schumacher, managing only three singles in the game.

The Lady Tigers advanced to the Section 1 Finals by beating Arlington High School, 8-1 on Thursday, May 30. The Tigers won with situational hitting, a solo homerun by second baseman Alexa Galligani and three hits and two RBIs from shortstop Natasha Mendez.

The Tigers slammed nine hits off of Arlington's freshman upstart pitcher Morgan Pepe, including a double by first baseman Ava Rainone, while Utschig held the Admirals at bay, relinquishing only three hits in the game.

This was the WPHS Softball Team's first Section 1 Finals appearance since 2007, and the result against the Patriots was in complete contrast to the manner the young Lady Tigers played throughout the 2019 season.

"I think it was an incredible season. However, this is an unfortunate way to end

it. But I think because of this experience in the Finals, we are going to be stronger, tougher and more experienced and we will be back next year," stated Tigers Head Coach Ted O'Donnell.

The saving grace for the Lady Tigers is that they will have their entire team returning next season. Rainone and slugger third baseman Sarah DiSanto are the only juniors on the team. They are complemented by four sophomores including, catcher Zoey Kovach, centerfielder Amanda LeMark and outfielders Jillian Vignone and Evelyn Flores.

Galligani, who made a name for herself this season, is one of five starting freshman on the team with pitcher Utschig, shortstop Mendez, leftfielder Sasha Persaud and rightfielder Kiersten Hardy. "We played our hearts out every game (this season). This is just a tough loss that we had to take but we will be back next year," said Team Captain DiSanto.



MATTHEW BERKMAN PHOTOS

White Plains High School Softball fans supported their Lady Tigers all season, including a big contingency traveling to North Rockland High School for the Section 1 AA Finals. Fans departed disappointed with the Tigers 12-0 loss to John Jay-East Fishkill. But they look forward to next season, as the entire Tigers Softball team will be back.



MATTHEW BERKMAN PHOTO

Freshman Alexa Galligani slams a solo homerun over the centerfield fence in the third inning of the Lady Tigers, 8-1 Section 1 AA Semifinals win over Arlington H.S. on Thursday, May 30, at WPHS. Next season, opponents will take notice of the Tigers leadoff hitter Galligani, as she has established herself as one of the best hitters in Section 1 softball this season.



# EXAMINER SPORTS

## Cal Markowitz Concludes First Year of Varsity Tennis in NYS Tourney

By Albert Coqueran

White Plains High School Varsity Tennis Player Cal Markowitz had a remarkable 2019 season. Markowitz, a seventh grade student from Highlands Middle School, not only made the Tigers



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

Cal Markowitz, the 13 year-old tennis prodigy from WPHS, advanced to play in the NYSPHSAA NYS Boys Tennis Tournament this year. The Tigers varsity tennis sensation lost only two matches this season, unfortunately one of those matches was to number one seed junior Ryan Fishback, in the Second Round of the Main Draw of the NYS Tournament. Markowitz (right) is pictured with WPHS Boys Varsity Tennis Coach Brian Golden.

varsity tennis team; he became their Number One Singles Player this season.

Markowitz achieved postseason status, while playing in his inaugural year of varsity tennis. He was the Number One seed in the Conference 1 Tournament and won the Conference 1 Boys Tennis Title this year. He finished third in the Section 1 Tournament, while qualifying for the NYSPHSAA New York State Tennis Tournament held at the U.S. Open National Tennis Center, in Flushing, NY.

Markowitz defeated Joe Ocker from Mexico, NY, 6-0, 6-0, in the first round, which placed him in the Main Draw of the NYS Tournament. However, he was defeated in the Second Round of the Main Draw, 6-2, 6-1, by the Number One seed junior Ryan Fishback from Geneva, NY. Fishback went on to win the NYSPHSAA NYS Boys Singles Championship.

Markowitz, the classy seventh grade tennis marvel from White Plains, lost only two matches during his first season playing varsity high school tennis. Furthermore both of his losses came against number one seeded players including, Ryo Sakai from Keio Academy in the Sectional Semifinals and Fishback in the State Tournament.

Nikolay Sahakyan/Jason Shuler from Scarsdale High School defeated Charlie Levinson/Connor Aylett from Mamaroneck High School in three sets, 6-3, 7-6, 6-4, to capture the NYSPHSAA Boys Doubles Championship.

## Raina Tumminello an Eight-Year Old Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Champion

By Albert Coqueran

Raina Tumminello an eight-year old second grade student at Church Street Elementary School in White Plains won the Big Apple Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Tournament in the 51 Pounds-Gray Belt-Light Feather Weight Division for seven and eight year olds held in Manhattan, on May 19.

The Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Tournament was held at Cathedral High School in midtown Manhattan and encompassed both boys and girls in the competition. Tumminello was an entry which included 331 young Jiu Jitsu students competing for Gold. Tumminello (pictured) rose to the top of her bracket in the BJJ Tournament by submitting three opponents to take home the Gold Medal.

Tumminello represents the Essential Jiu Jitsu School in Hartsdale, where she trains under Professor JT Torres and Coaches Nate Hiott and Sam Bretado. "They have done such a great job training her into a great fighter," acknowledged Raina's father, Joseph Tumminello. The eight-year old Brazilian JJ Champ has competed in six tournaments thus far and won four of those challenges including three in a row with her latest tournament victory.

Tumminello plans to compete in the upcoming North American Grappling Association (NAGA) Connecticut Tournament on July 13 and the 2020 International Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Federation (IBJJF) Pan-American Championship

Kids Tournament held in Long Beach California in February 2020.



PHOTO COURTESY JOSEPH TUMMINELLO

Raina Tumminello won gold in the Big Apple Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Tournament.

## White Plains Hit-N-Run Baseball Team Wins Memorial Day Tournament



The White Plains Hit-N-Run Baseball Team celebrates a Memorial Day tournament win.

The White Plains Hit-N-Run Baseball Team won the Lou Wachtel Memorial Day Tournament held in Briarcliff, outscoring their opponents 32-12, and beating the Old Greenwich Riverside Community Center Thunder 5-4.

HNR was down 2 in the top of the 6th, scored 3 to take the lead to win the championship. Luke Antonucci made the go ahead lead single and Jack Kennedy had the tying hit and scored on Luke's hit.

Brandon Stabile was named Tournament MVP.

Brandon was asked to come in the championship game to protect a 1 run lead in the bottom of the 6th with the opponents two 3-4 hitters due up and got 3 outs on 6 pitches.

During the tournament, Brandon pitched four games, six total innings with 60 total pitches over the four outings. He gave up 0 runs, 1 hit, 4K and 1 walk.

Marcel Galligani, Head Coach and Jake McGrath, Assistant Coach will continue to teach the team through the summer with a focus on winning more tournaments in the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League.



Brandon Stabile was named Tournament MVP.



# ..... EXAMINER SPORTS ..... Stepinac Pulls off Thrilling 12-Inning Two-Day Comeback Win over St. Ray's

By Rob DiAntonio

Stepinac coach Keith Richardson admitted it was the wildest game he's ever been a part of.

The CHSAA playoff contest between Stepinac and St. Raymond's started at St. John's University in Queens last Tuesday night and ended 50 miles north, at Kennedy Catholic High in Somers, the next afternoon.

The best part for the Stepinac coach and his Crusaders is that they ended up on the winning end at the conclusion of the two-day marathon.

The Crusaders trailed 2-0 in the top of the seventh inning and were down to their final strike when Dom Nicolò's clutch two-run RBI single tied the game. The game was postponed in the top of the eighth due to poor weather conditions. They came back the next day and the Crusaders pulled out a 5-3 win in 12 innings.

"I've never been part of a game that crazy before anywhere," Richardson said. "Two days, two rain-delay storms and a ton of highs and lows. It's a testament to the guys. They're hanging in there and we're talking about surviving as best as we possibly can. We did that yesterday and today. It was really great."

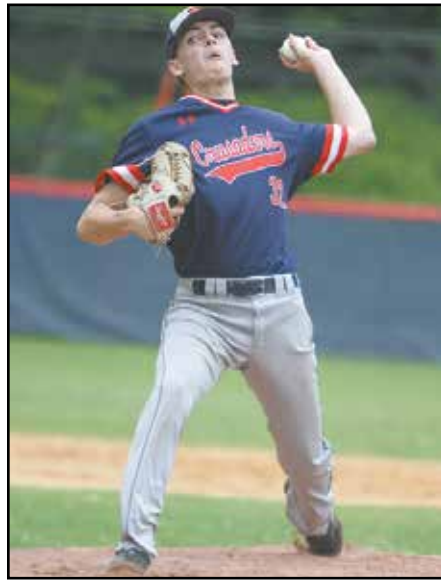
Nicolò was confident they would make the comeback.

"Everybody just loves playing the game and wants to be here," Nicolò said. "Yesterday, we were down two runs in the top of the seventh and I just kept telling the team, 'All we need is two. All we need is two.' We just kept fighting."

And Nicolò came through with the two they needed.

"All my coaches called it and said it was going to get to me," he said. "I wasn't even that nervous. I just saw the fastball and tried to drive one."

Jackson Branigan fell in a two-strike hole two batters earlier, but singled to keep Stepinac's hopes alive. Following Nicolò's big hit, Mike Becchetti blasted a ball to the warning track, but it was run down by the St. Ray's outfielder to keep



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS

Chris Fox pitches in relief against St. Ray's last Wednesday at Kennedy.

the game tied.

"I was a little upset, but there's nothing you can do," Becchetti said of being robbed at the fence. "It's baseball, right? But Dom came through for us and kept us alive. Today, we just all tried to piece it together and get the win."

Stepinac starting pitcher Chris Antonelli hurled 6.1 innings, while striking out five and allowed one earned run.

The next day, St. Ray's threatened multiple times to end the game but Stepinac was able to escape. In the bottom of the eighth, a batter laced a one-out double in the gap, but Chris Fox got the next two batters to fly out. In the ninth, St. Ray's had a runner on second with one out again, but the Crusaders turned a double play to escape again.

Fox relieved Antonelli on Tuesday, and returned to the mound on Wednesday when the game started again. He pitched 3.2 scoreless innings and struck out three. Matt Mercado closed out the final two innings and earned the win in relief. He fanned two hitters.

"Chris Fox went out an inning for us yesterday and came back again today,"



Dom Nicolò tied the game with St. Ray's with two strikes and two outs, then hit for the cycle in the Crusaders' next game.

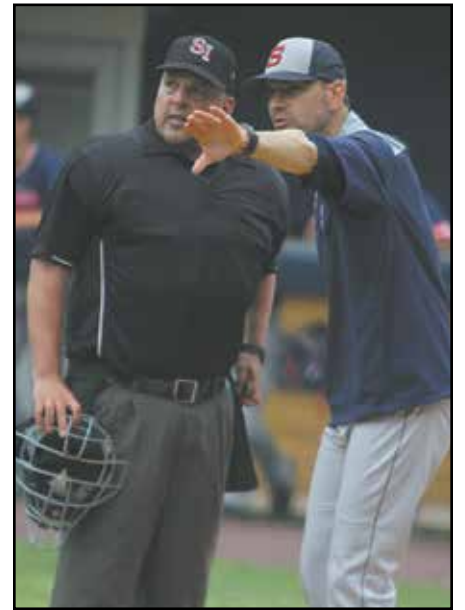
Richardson said. "He was great. All the guys took the ball and not only took it, but they wanted it. That was the best part about it. They were throwing strikes and did a great job."

Stepinac finally took the lead in the top of the 12th inning. Brandon Flissler walked with one out and then stole second. Nicolò struck out, but Becchetti cracked a two-out double over the left fielder's head, scoring Flissler and giving the Crusaders the lead.

"I've played against Adrian (Batista) and I've always hit off him," Becchetti said. "He's a great pitcher and I know he has a slider. He threw it the first pitch and I figured that he was going to throw it again."

Izaiah Walker followed with a single to right field, scoring Becchetti to make it 4-2. Anthony Saputo walked and Antonelli took a single the other way, scoring Walker.

St. Ray's scored a run and then loaded the bases in the bottom of the 12th inning, but Mercado was able to bear down and end the game.



Stepinac coach Keith Richardson speaks with the umpire about a call.

"It's just cool to be out there," Becchetti said. "This is the first time we're going past this point in the playoffs."

Stepinac was right back at it the next day and rode its momentum into another elimination game. The Crusaders defeated All Hallows 12-0 to advance to the final four.

Nicolò had a monster day, hitting for the cycle and going 4 for 5 with five RBI. Walker and Aidan McDonough combined on the hill for the win. They struck out nine in the two-hit shutout.

Mercado (2 for 4, 2 RBI), Becchetti (RBI), Flissler (3 runs, RBI) and Branigan (RBI) also contributed offensively.

Stepinac was scheduled to face Archbishop Molloy in another elimination game on Monday, June 3. The winner will face Iona Prep the next day for a berth in the championship game against Fordham Prep on Thursday, June 6.

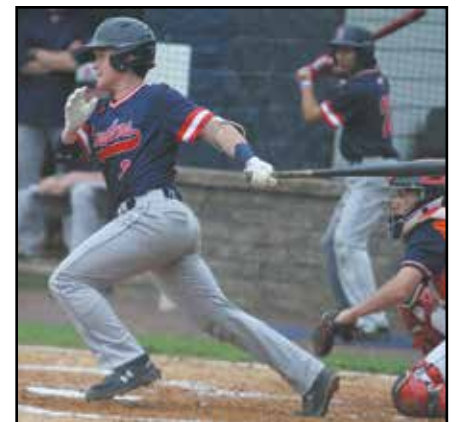
"I hope so," Richardson said when asked if the emotional win over St. Ray's can provide the team with a lot of momentum moving forward. "I really liked what I saw at the end of that game yesterday and it carried over to today. It's down to only four teams left and we're excited to be one of them."



Matt Mercado receives a high-five after closing out the 12-inning win.



Mike Becchetti awaits a St. Ray's base stealer.



Anthony Pressimone follows through on a swing.





ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

# The WPHS Softball Team Concluded a Remarkable 20-3 Season

The White Plains High School Softball Team concluded a remarkable season with a record of 20-3, as the Runner-up in the Section 1 AA Finals. Nonetheless, with the entire team including (l-r) Captains Zoey Kovach, Sarah DiSanto and Ava Rainone returning next season, they will certainly be a force to be reckoned with in Section 1 Softball next year.