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# Congratulations WPHS Graduating Class of 2019!

White Plains High School held its 122 commencement June 26 at the Westchester County Center with 534 students eligible to receive their diplomas during the evening's program. For students, teachers, school administrators, family and friends, it was a time for celebration as the Class of 2019 set off to begin their next phase of education at college or to begin careers in the workplace.

For more about the graduating class and photos of the graduates see Page 5.



ROBERT DIANTONIO PHOT

## White Plains Seeking Replacement for Retired Judge

By Neal Renta

The City of White Plains has established a committee to search for a replacement for recently retired City Court Judge Brian Hansbury.

Mayor Tom Roach said last week the committee has been formed to review resumes from candidates for the opening and it has been interviewing candidates.

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Dennis Krolian, city
Corporation Counsel
John Callahan came
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NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Callahan came White Plains High School senior Ethan Donn sang "God Bless America" continued on page 4 on June 16 at Citi Field during the New York Mets game.

### **Democratic Party-endorsed Candidates Win White Plains Common Council Primary**

By Neal Rentz

Three Democratic Common Council candidates defeated a non-endorsed challenger in the June 25 primary.

According to unofficial results from the Westchester County Board of Elections, with 100 percent of the voting districts reporting, incumbent Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson received 2,010 votes (29 percent); Victoria Presser received 1,834 votes (27 percent); Jennifer Puja received 1,827 votes (27 percent) and Kat Brezler, who was not endorsed by the Democratic Party, received 1,223 votes (18 percent).

Brezler will be on the November general election ballot as one of the candidates endorsed by the White Plains Working Families Party.



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White Plains Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson, shown above, Victoria Presser and Jennifer Puja won the Democratic Party primary race for three seats on the Common Council, defeating Kat Brezler, who was not endorsed by the party.

The endorsed Democrats celebrated their victory at Vintage Lounge & Restaurant.

Hunt-Robinson led those in attendance who joined her in saying, "When Democrats vote. Democrats win. When Democrats vote Democrats win. When Democrats vote Democrats win."

"Thank you for what you have done," Hunt-Robinson told the attendees. "You did it. You worked with us. I want to thank all the members of the White Plains Democratic Committee, all the members of labor, all the members who are not even here." She thanked members of the party who got out the vote earlier in the day.

"Be proud of your party. There is nothing, nothing in White Plains for us to be ashamed of. And I am disappointed in people who will play politics of bashing our city for personal gain. And today you proved them wrong," Hunt-Robinson said

Presser also thanked her supporters. "I would have to start with a quote from Grampa Abe. 'Darling, the Democrats are the party of the people.' I learned that when I was very young," Presser said. "And I am so overwhelmed to know that I could take that education that I got early and bring it here to White Plans and to work with\ such extraordinary running metes."

Puja said, "There's a first for everything. This is the first time the primary has ever been in June. This was the first time I've ever run for office, ever. I'm overwhelmed

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### **Exhibit at Crowne Plaza Shares History of LGBTQ Movement in Westchester**

**By Natalie Chun** 

The Crowne Plaza White Plains, in partnership with local LGBTQ community center The LOFT, opened a special photo exhibit for pride week on June 27 in the hotel's lobby.

The exhibit features photos from early LGBTQ marches and documents the beginning of this movement across the country, with a focus on Westchester specifically. The hotel's director of sales and marketing, Tonya Inman, called it "a pictorial walk through history."

During the event, Judy Troilo, executive director of The LOFT shared some of the history of the LGBTQ movement in Westchester and of The LOFT since its founding in 1983.

"Our community has gone through so much and right now, to be honest with you, we're celebrating," Troilo said. "We're in a climate right now that is not the most LGBTQ friendly. So having our local community lift us up is amazing."

Monika Henry, general manager of the Crowne Plaza White Plains says the hotel has a local and community focus and is an accepting place where people can gather and be comfortable.

"Because of pride month, we really wanted to support the community and show our support and appreciation," Henry said. "A hotel is kind of a melting pot with not just our guests, but also our



NATALIE CHUN PHOTO

"We celebrate with things like pride, and events where the community comes together," Troilo said.

employees. There's people from all walks of life, all age, all race, ethnicity. So it's very fitting for us."

Henry also said that she hopes to continue collaborating with The LOFT, which Troilo was excited about as well.

"We look forward to working with you more," Troilo said, "and here in Westchester we all need to stick together."

The LOFT is primarily focused on Westchester County but also serves the

surrounding areas, including Putnam County, Rockland County, and even some areas of Connecticut. And in these areas, their main goal is to "advocate, educate and celebrate the LGBT community," according to Troilo.

The LOFT serves over 5,000 people every year with a wide variety of programs, from youth programming to transgender peer support groups, and beyond. They put on events for pride month, provide



This handmade banner includes remnants of the mile-long rainbow flag that was carried through the streets of Manhattan in 1994, the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots.

helpline services, and free HIV testing.

"We have over 50 programs and services, so we're tired," Troilo said. "And the reason we're tired is because we're currently a staff of four. We're hiring two new people but the beauty of the loft is we have over 175 volunteers."

These volunteers work on a range of things from helping with mailings

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to the July 24 Common Council work session to explain what is being done to replace the retired judge. Krolian said he wanted to be able to explain what the process was after the Common Council fills the vacancy. An independent person should be able to observe the process, Krolian said, adding he wanted the vote to appoint the new judge to be made in public.

Callahan said a vote to appoint cannot be done during a closed executive session of the Common Council. "The vote will be in public," he said.

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### Exhibit at Crowne Plaza Shares History of LGBTQ Movement in Westchester

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to group facilitators to social workers providing pro bono services. The LOFT works to serve the community while the community supports The LOFT as well.

And to continue this even further, Troilo says that The LOFT hopes to expand. They would like to have a greater presence in areas like northern Westchester and areas even beyond Westchester County, and generally, want to be more accessible to the public.

"If the community can't come to our center, we're looking at satelliting where we can come to the community and provide services," Troilo said.

But even with all these different services, The LOFT's goals are constant throughout: to create a safe space for people to truly be themselves, and to support the LGBTQ community.

"We want to make sure they never ever have to go back in the closet," Troilo said. "And they can live their authentic self in a community with people that love them for who they are."

The exhibit will be on display in the lobby of the Crowne Plaza White Plains until the end of the month.

#### Democratic Party-endorsed Candidates Win White Plains Common Council Primary —

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and I'm proud of the people powered, grass roots, positive campaign that we've all run."

"There was a unifying message," Puja said. "We all care about the City of White Plains and so do the three of us."

Among those Puja thanked was the White Plains Democratic City Committee. "You have proven that when people talk about the establishment and the machine that's running this city it's all rhetoric. You're all hard working. You have all made a difference and all care about democracy and about this city. And that's what should stand out apart from this race and any other that comes forward."

Brezler reacted to her defeat on June 26.

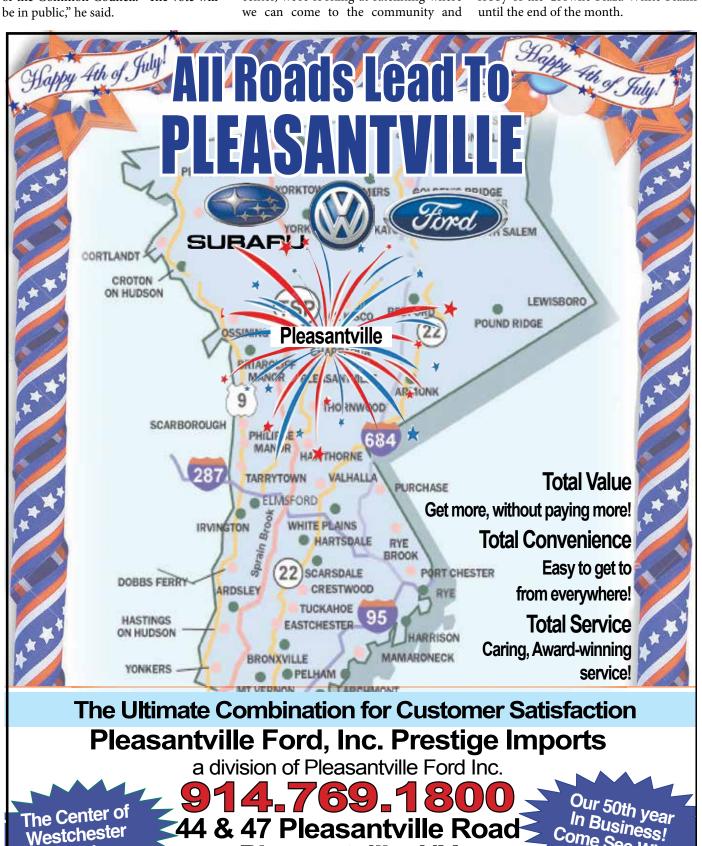
"I'm proud of our team and the race we ran," Brezler said. "Voting shouldn't be this hard. Getting on the ballot shouldn't be this difficult. 'Inaccessible buildings' disenfranchise voters because the only way they can be accessed is by an expensive mailing strategy. We were out spent. Still our grassroots machine made choice possible and I'm proud of each and every person that participated in this election. Our democracy is out of shape. It's always a good choice to exercise it."

### United Hospital Site in Port Chester to be Developed

An article published online June 18, 2019, by the Westchester Business Journal stated that the former United Hospital site in Port Chester, once planned to be developed by Starwood Capital Group, is now to be developed by Rose Associates and BedRock Real Estate Partners. The partners intend to develop the 15.45-acre site as a mixed-use community with housing, retail and "other offerings."

Starwood had bought the property in 2006. United Hospital closed in 2005.





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### **Congratulations White Plains High School Graduating Class of 2019**

By Pat Casey

The 122nd Annual Graduation Exercises for the WPHS Class of 2019 took place, Wednesday, June 26, at the Westchester County Center in White Plains.

As in past years, the event was marked by inspirational speeches from students and faculty and distinguished members of the local community came to witness the ceremonies and offer their good wishes to the students embarking on new ventures.

The list of colleges and universities highlighted a class of students going off in many different directions – from American University to Barnard College and local Berkeley; from Brown University to Cornell and Duke and CUNY New York City College of Technology; from the Fashion Institute of Technology to Fordham University and the International Fashion Academy in Paris; from John Jay College of Criminal Justice to the Laboratory Institute of Merchandising

(LIM) College; Pratt Institute to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; from SUNY's at numerous locations to University of California at Berkeley; from the U.S. Naval Academy to Xavier University of Louisiana – to name just a few.

A good number of the seniors graduating received Advanced Regents Diplomas, several with Honors.

Highlighted with special recognition were National Merit Scholarship Program commended students: Daniel DeGenaro, Eli Lichtblau, Kristina Radulovic, and Aaron Weiner.

The National Hispanic Recognition Program acknowledged Isabela Kent and Samuel Brown.

One hundred and sixty-three students received the President's Award for Educational Excellence for maintaining a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

And, the 2019 PTA Recognition

Awards for students contributing 30 or more service hours to the school and community were given to 21 students.

This year's Salutatorian, Kristina Radulovic, spoke about not being afraid of taking risks.

"Some of us have made commitments to college, others to careers and their own post-high school ambitions, and we all look towards the future with excitement but apprehension. Soon, we'll all be in a new place, with new peers and new friends. We get a clean slate, a fresh start to another round of four years ... But this round is different: it's our chance to finally find ourselves by working for ourselves. Use your chance to study anything and everything - each and every one of you holds great potential and limitless curiosity, use it to explore whatever you want," Radulovic encouraged her fellow classmates.

The class Valedictorian, the student

with the highest-grade score average, is Kalsoom Rashid. She advised her fellow graduating classmates to move on regardless of the obstacles that get in the way. Then, acknowledging her Muslim heritage and happy to be someone who has been counted on to represent Islam in the school and community, Rashid said, "embrace your differences and learn to still stand together to change this world. Here, at White Plains High School, we have had a fairly similar environment to grow, yet we all have developed differently. And there is absolutely nothing wrong with that."

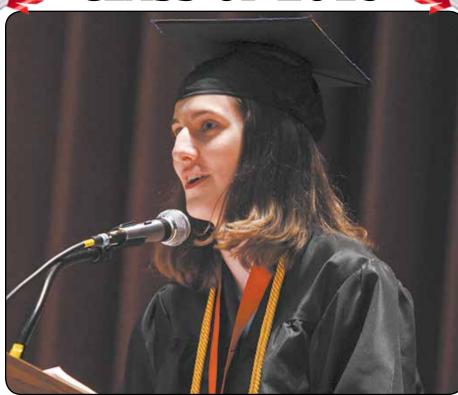
"Develop a sense of what your passion is and use it to serve the community. We all need each other to survive. That's how the world works. My weakness may be someone else's strength. The challenge is to find our talents and passions and use them in a way that can ultimately help society," she concluded.

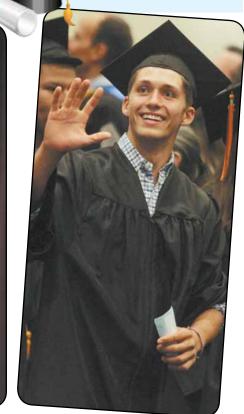
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Salutatorian Kristina Radulovic suggests fellow graduates should not be afraid to take risks.







Valedictorian Kalsoom Rashid advised graduates to find their passion and use it to serve the community.







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#### **Obituaries**

#### Candida Guerra

Candida Rosa De Guerra, of White Plains, passed away June 26.

She was 98.

Candida was born Feb. 16, 1921 in Venezuela.

She is survived by three daughters, Irene, Beatriz, and Alicia Corina, and many, many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Candida was predeceased by her husband Jose Heli Guerra, her son Hugo, her mother Ana Maria, and one brother.

#### Stella J. Marciano

Stella Josephine Marciano, a Somers resident, died June 26.

She was 96.

Stella was born Sept. 19, 1922 in New Rochelle to the late Michael and Rose Palmieri Riggio.

On Dec. 2, 1951, she married Benedetto J. Marciano. He predeceased her.

From a very young age, family and faith were the pillars of Stella's life. She was a devout and passionate Catholic. As a child, she asked her parents to transfer her to the nearby Catholic elementary school. Stella attended New Rochelle High School during WW2 and was proud to support the war effort by making medals and belt buckles for our soldiers. Once married, she worked in the family business, Marciano Bake Shop. When not at the bakery, she was a steadfast homemaker, encouraging her children to study hard and do well in school. That extended to her grandchildren. Her life centered on her family, and she was the foundation.

Stella is survived by her six children Joseph Marciano of Trumbull, CT, Phyllis O'Brien of Wappingers Falls, Ben Marciano of South Salem, Robert Marciano of White Plains, Anthony Marciano of Scarsdale, and Roseann Marciano of Somers. She is also survived by her grandchildren Kristina, Andrea, Nicola, Carl, John, Benjamin, Matthew, Brittany, Zachary, Samantha, Alexa, Luke, Reese and Trey.

She is predeceased by her siblings Albert, Theresa, Frances and Gloria.

#### Geraldine Drohan

Geraldine M. Drohan died on June 25. She was born on July 5, 1924 in New York City (Harlem) to Charles A. and Nellie J. (O'Grady) Clancy.

Geraldine was a graduate of Cathedral High School and the College of Mt. St. Vincent and was a management retiree of The New York Telephone Co.

On May 30, 1960 Geraldine married Nicholas J. Drohan in St. Bernard's Church in White Plains. Nicholas, a native of County Waterford, Ireland died on April 27, 1984. Geraldine was predeceased by her brothers Harry F. Clancy and Fr. Charles A. Clancy of the NY Archdiocese.

#### Paul F. O'Connor

Paul Francis O'Connor, a lifelong resident of White Plains, died peacefully at his childhood home on June 25.

He was 73.

Born in White Plains on Nov. 15 1945, Paul graduated from Manhattan College in 1967 with a degree in English. He embarked on a career in education, spending nearly four decades as a teacher in the Stamford (Conn.) school district, earning a Master's Degree from California State University Dominguez Hill, before retiring in 2004. Paul also worked at Macy's for many years.

He met his wife, Ronnie, at SUNY Albany and they were married Feb. 14, 1970. The couple raised their four children: Sean, Diane, Chris and Colin, in Paul's childhood home in Mayfair Acres. He was an avid tool smith and tinkerer, building and fixing any household project.

Paul loved music: folk, classical, and

musicals, radio variety programs, and supporting – unconditionally - the activities of his family. He spent countless hours crisscrossing the region and nation for swim meets, college move-ins and outs, and performances. Paul was an active member within the Magdalene Community, receiving great joy from serving as an usher at weekend masses.

Paul was predeceased by his wife of 48 years in September. He is survived by his four children Sean (Kim), Diane (David), Christopher (Ashley) and Colin (Eileen). He was the loving grandfather to five grandchildren; Megan, Owen, Ellen, Liam and Abigail. He is also survived by his sister, Kathy and predeceased by his parents Francis and Margaret (Zelt).

As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made in Paul's name to Archbishop Stepinac High School https://46261.thankyou4caring. org. On the designation section please select (Other). After clicking "Other" please put in memory of Paul O'Connor, or to Danbury Regional Hospice, www.regionalhospicect.org or The Church of the Magdalene www.churchofthemagdalene. org.

#### Irving Sandler

Irving Sandler, of White Plains, passed away June 24.

He was 90.

Irving was born April 1, 1929 in White Plains to Louis and Mary (nee Tollman) Sandler.

Irving married his wife, Margaret Ann, in 1965. She predeceased him.

Before his retirement in 2000, Irving worked in real estate for 50 years.

Irving is survived by two daughters Kelly Sandler, and Leslie Sandler, both of White Plains; grandson Andrew Lewis; and a sister Anne Lewis. He is also predeceased by his son Gregg Sandler, his brother Harold Sandler, his sisters Faye Gilberg and Ceil Chandler.

### White Plains Woman Arrested for Animal Cruelty

SPCA of Westchester Humane Law Enforcement Division (HLE), under the direction of Ernest Lungaro, in a joint investigation with the White Plains Police Department, arrested and charged Romy Goldsmith Shapiro, 40, of 25 Bank Street in White Plains with animal cruelty and abandonment of a cat.

On June 12, maintenance workers assigned to the trash compactor room heard noises coming from inside a black plastic bag. They quickly cut it open and discovered a black and white cat, alive, inside of a pet carrier bag. The cat, named Cotton, had fallen 20 stories down the trash chute, into the basement and directly into the trash compactor.

Cotton was transported to a local animal continued on page 11



Cotton suffered only minor injuries.



Cotton in the carrier.

### **Local Chess Player Heads to National Championships**

#### By Natalie Chun

Nicolas Checa, a 17-year-old Grandmaster chess player from Dobbs Ferry, is headed for the US Junior Championship in St. Louis next month, where he will join the top 10 players in the nation to compete for a \$20,600 prize.

The national championships will be hosted by Saint Louis Chess Club from July 10-20 and will feature the US Junior and US Girls' Junior Championships and the U.S. Senior Championship. Checa has attended the national championships twice before, in 2016 and 2017.

"I'm optimistic going into it," Checa said. "Since I've played two times before, I kind of know what the tournament is like, I know kind of how to approach it."

In addition to his experience with this particular tournament, however, Checa is already a highly successful player.

In 2012, he became the U12 National Champion in the USCF/Chess.com Invitational Championship. A year later, when he was only 11, he became the youngest New York State Champion in history. He still holds that record today.

Checa originally began playing chess in his home at the age of four and quickly began competing in local scholastic tournaments, while still in elementary

"They were typically local, they were usually around Westchester," Checa said.



NATALIE CHUN PHOTO

Nicolas Checa is among the top 10 junior chess players in the country and will be competing in the invitation-only national championships next month.

"And then once I stopped playing those and started playing in tournaments with adults and higher level competition, I really developed a lot as a player."

One of the ways Checa has developed as a player is by reading. Pointing to a tall bookcase overflowing with books, Checa explained that all those books were about chess, and contributed to much of his growth.

"Especially when I was younger, I

36. Rocky creator

37. "The loneliest

really devoured a lot of [the chess books] so I think that definitely played a role in my development," Checa said. "Also, it is a sort of thing that the more you practice, the more you play, the more intuitive things become."

Checa practices his chess skills is with a computer. He says that at this point, computers are better at chess than humans are and there is a lot to be learned from playing with them.

However, humans and computers aren't the same.

'Well, humans are much more fallible in the sense that they're going to make mistakes," Checa said. "It's almost

These different variables make for a more complex game, which is one of the many things Checa appreciates about

"I think the competitive nature is definitely one of the most interesting parts of the game," Checa said. "I think there's also the kind of cerebral analytical part of it that makes it more interesting than more common pastimes."

The intuitive aspect of chess, however, did not come to Checa naturally but is something he developed over time. Though he does not keep a consistent plan for his practicing, Checa will sometimes spend up to five or six hours a day on chess.

"For me, it's always been something I've enjoyed so I just kind of do it as I please," Checa said. "Not, as a chore with the schedule or anything."

Clearly, his appreciation for the game has brought him far as he will be facing the best in the country early next month.

"I'm just very enthusiastic about this tournament," Checa said. "It's always been a real pleasure to play there and I'm looking forward to going again."

#### Crossword by Myles Mellor

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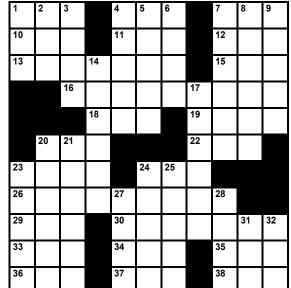
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- 25. Make up for mistakes 27. Scrubbed, as a
- mission 28. Finger tip
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#### ZAIRE SMITH

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**Dated: White Plains, New York** June 19, 2019 BY ORDER OF THE COURT

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### BEAD EVERYTHING, WHITE PLAINS

#### **By Neal Rentz**

Rye Brook resident Debbie Daum said last week, "I have always been a crafter and a maker."

Daum's creative passion is on display as owner of Bead Everything on E. Post Road in White Plains.

Daum, who opened Bead Everything in May 2016, explained last week why she created her business. "There used to be another bead store a few blocks away called Beads of Westchester," she said. "They closed in 2014. I worked there for three years. And before that I came from the jewelry industry. I am a gemologist by trade."

Before being hired by Beads of Westchester, which was located on Westchester Avenue, Daum went to the store to purchase supplies to assist in her jewelry making. The big box craft stores did not offer what she needed, Daum said. Her final position with Beads of Westchester was store manager, she noted.

Following the closure of Beds of Westchester, Daum stayed home for a while to care for her children. "Then I started to get a little antsy," she recalled. "I visited a friend who was working in another bead store down in Maryland. And when customers started asking me questions I realized how much I missed it.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Rye Brook resident Debbie Daum is the owner of Bead Everything in White Plains.

I missed the environment. I missed helping people. I missed teaching."

"I decided that I needed to do this and everything just kind of fell into place," Daum said.

Daum said she chose White Plains for

her business because it is centrally located. "Our customers come from as far away as Orange County and southern New Jersey and Fairfield," she said.

"We sell all of the bits and pieces that you need to make jewelry," Daum said. "We

cater to stringers and wire workers." Bead Everything also caters to bead weavers, who stitch with a needle and a thread, she said. "Most bead stores tend to focus on one segment," she explained.

All of her staff is made up of beaders and artists, Daum said. "If you don't know how to do it you can't properly help the customer, she acknowledged.

Bead Everything also offers made jewelry, most of which has been created by Daum or her staff.

In addition, Bead Everything provides several classes. All her employees teach at the store, Daum said.

"We like to make people happy," Daum said. "We like to see people succeed. We get a lot of designers in here and we want to see their business be successful. And I love to teach."

Daum explained why her business has been successful. "Customer service is probably like 75 percent of our business," she said. "And also because we offer something nobody else has. We are the only full service, big bead store in the county."

Bead Everything is located at 175 E. Post Rd. in White Plains. For more information call 914-644-8191, send an e-mail to info.beadeverything@gmail.com or visit beadeverything.com. The business also has a Facebook page.

### Officials, Environmental Advocates Hail Westchester's Polystyrene Ban

#### By Martin Wilbur

County lawmakers and supporters of the recently approved prohibition of polystyrene in Westchester called passage of the legislation a major victory in the fight to preserve the environment on June 26.

Legislators Kitley Covill (D-Katonah) and Nancy Barr (D-Rye Brook), co-chairs of the Board of Legislators' Environmental, Health and Energy Committee who cosponsored the measure, gathered outside the Katonah Reading Room accompanied by County Executive George Latimer and various environmental advocates, saying that the new law is a significant step in moving environmental protection forward.

Environmentalists have said that polystyrene is not recyclable and does not break down, therefore crowding landfills and polluting watercourses. It also contains known carcinogens.

"In the end, it's really environmentally important to stop this particular product because the birds pick it up, the fish eat it, it gets into our waterways, it clogs storm drains," Covill said. "There has been some conversation about it being recyclable but the technology is not there and in the end it's better to not have this."

The bill was unanimously approved by the Board of Legislators on June 3 and has been signed into law by Latimer.



County Legislator Kitley Covill holds up a small piece of polystyrene she found near her house in Katonah. The county recently approved banning the material, commonly used for food containers and for packing, which will be in effect by the end of the year.

There is a six-month delay to allow for an adjustment period, so it will not go into effect until the end of the year.

Under the law, polystyrene will no longer be available for food establishments to pack food and for businesses or individuals to fill packages for shipping. There are several exemptions, including the use of egg cartons and to pack meat and other store and supermarket products,

said Anne Jaffe Holmes, managing director of the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County.

It will also not mandate that shipments received from out of the county comply with the polystyrene ban, she said.

Holmes said there has not been much opposition in the Westchester business community, only from representatives of polystyrene manufacturers. Since none of those manufacturers are Westchester based, they held little sway, she said.

Katonah Reading Room owner Peter Menzies said he and his wife have voluntarily used compostable food containers and utensils at their two establishments, the other one being Little Joe's Coffee and Books, also

in Katonah. He said he was pleased that the county is following the lead of other municipalities and counties throughout the United States, including Nassau and Suffolk counties, in banning the material.

"We made a commitment to minimize impact," Menzies said. "We put a lot of care and thought into selecting the products that we use, everything from straws to cups to paper bags. Our philosophy is to minimize the produce that goes out the door so it stays out of landfills."

Majority Leader Catherine Parker (D-Rye) said there previously hadn't been the political support for the ban when it was first proposed about five years ago. However, it received bipartisan backing when it was put to a vote. She called it "a monumental day for Westchester."

Barr thanked the lawmakers and the advocates for helping to make the ban a reality.

"Without their efforts, your efforts, we would not be able to do this type of legislation," Barr said. "So I hope you will work with us for us to make Westchester a very environmentally friendly place."

Menzies said that while the alternatives are more expensive – the containers he uses may be close to twice as costly, he said – there can be savings in other ways by cutting down on the number of napkins and plastic utensils given out. In fact, the Katonah Reading Room has an option for its patrons to request or decline the utensils and napkins when ordering through its online service, Menzies said.

"We do it because it's good business sense and it's great environmental sense, to minimize what we give to customers," he said. "Make them ask for that instead of overloading them with all the extra napkins and straws."

### Musings on Home Ownership and Real Estate

This week I reprise some musings based on both practical and absurd observations made from past columns.

The common complaint of noise from **neighbors.** No man is an island, but there were a couple of occasions, especially when I lived in an apartment building that was not well insulated for sound, when I wished I were. Noise is the biggest complaint we have about neighbors. According to a survey by Trulia, 67 percent of us like our neighbors. Should that leave us to assume that the other 33 percent of us don't like them for some

Why has the great American front porch disappeared? Blame the advent of television and computers that keep people inside. The society that created the need to socialize with neighbors and passersby on the street has vanished. Those who still build front porches are expressing a longing for the way things used to be. Understandable in today's fast-paced world.

If you have a front porch, paint the **ceiling blue.** The theory here is that the insects are fooled into thinking the blue paint is actually the sky where they can't nest. In the old south, folks believed the sky color warded off evil spirits. In any event, blue is a calming color, so using it to paint a ceiling in any area intended for relaxation makes sense. You can simply enjoy that rocking chair or chaise lounge

and not give a second thought to any nasty spirits lurking.

He's boiling, she's freezing. Men have more insulating muscle than women, so sometimes people living in the same household have a hard time agreeing on a room temperature. To the rescue are the home heating/air conditioning systems with several zones. But what about in a shared bedroom? An electric blanket with two controls is the answer.

St. Joseph strikes again. I've told several stories about the lore and techniques attached to burying a St. Joseph statue

on the property of a home seeking a buyer. My favorite is about a homeowner who tried several underground locations and positions for the statue, but none worked. Frustrated, he threw the statue in the trash, only to learn a week later that the town dump had been sold.

Will we all return to dust? Did you know that household dust is composed mostly of our own flaking skin? If we are uncomfortable when our house is dusty, is that being uncomfortable in our own





**Rv Rill Primavera** 

Why is there an elongated toilet? The design of the elongated toilet bowl surely was designed to accommodate the male anatomy. Trading up from a circular bowl to an elongated one is for a guy like going from jockeys to boxer shorts.

Not to belabor the point about the toilet, but... While we would all agree that it's the gentlemanly thing for guys to return the toilet seat to the down position, most times the practice requires reminders. However, we should all engage in the practice of also lowering the lid before we flush to prevent the spray of bacteria.

A bathroom practice I've

never understood. I've always wondered about the idea of placing a basket of magazines or even books on the tank or next to the toilet. It seems to me that anyone who has to sit long enough to read waiting for that final stage of peristalsis to take place should be thinking about visiting a gastroenterologist.

Of death and taxes. We've all heard the expression that the only certainties in life are death and taxes. While we can't do anything about the inevitability of death,

we can try to negotiate property taxes by grieving them. If a tax grievance is in your future, I wish you good luck. And if somehow you manage to negotiate the inevitability of death, write and let me know how you did it.

A mattress tale. My wife tells a cute story about mattresses. When she took her 88-year-old mother to buy a new mattress and the salesman noted that it came with a 20-year guarantee, her mother said, "At my age, I only need a five-year guarantee. Can I get a better price for that?"

**Too much shorthand.** If you're buying or selling a house, you've certainly encountered your share of abbreviations FSBO (for sale by owner), AO (accepted offer), CMA (comparative market analysis), EIK (eat-in kitchen), SLD (sliding glass doors), etc. Sometimes it seems that our whole world, especially with texting, has gone much too far into shorthand. When making an admittedly low-ball offer on a house and told that the listing agent would "follow up" after speaking with her clients, I was startled by her return e-mail when the subject line was abbreviated simply to "FU!"

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#### White Plains Woman Arrested for Animal Cruelty continued from page 8

hospital for veterinary care and treatment. White Plains Police responded to

the location and notified the SPCA of Westchester's Humane Law Enforcement Unit. The ensuing investigation conducted by the SPCA's officers revealed that Romy Goldsmith Shapiro had put her cat down the trash chute on the 19th floor. It's estimated the cat was in the trash compactor room for eight hours before she was discovered.

'It's hard to imagine such a senseless act of cruelty," said Shannon Laukhuf, SPCA

Executive Director. "Miraculously, Cotton survived without any serious injuries. We are so thankful workers found her in

If you suspect animal cruelty or neglect, call the Police or the SPCA of Westchester's Confidential Animal Cruelty Hotline at 914-941-7797.

Founded in 1883, the SPCA of Westchester is a no-kill animal shelter located at

590 North State Road in Briarcliff Manor.



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### Allergic or Intolerant to Wine? There's a Ray of Hope for You

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I've previously written columns on sensitivities to white or red wines. I've also written a column fostering the production of wines without the

By Nick Antonaccio wines without the intervention of those produced in science labs. I've even written a column on the medicinal benefits of red wine.

In my Internet travels I've come upon a research project conducted in Canada that ties all three of these topics together.

It would seem perfectly logical that wines produced naturally, without the use of chemicals in the vineyard or the winery, are intrinsically better for our health. And certainly, naturally produced red wines, containing health-enhancing resveratrol compounds, are intrinsically better than white wines.

But what of those unfortunate friends and relatives who are allergic to wine, whether red or white (or both)? Are they doomed to deprived lives if they abstain? Must they lead tortured lives if they flout their physiological aversions to wine?

It would seem so.

The ranks of these poor souls demonstrating an allergy or intolerance

to wine are numerous. To clarify, the immune system of a certain percentage of us creates allergic reactions when wine is consumed. For certain others, it is our digestive system, histamines or sulfites that create an intolerance

to wine, interfering with the manner in which alcohol is processed by our bodies.

Symptoms may include headaches, asthma-like breathing, sinus congestion, nausea or skin flushing – or any combination of these debilitating conditions. To be deprived of the ethereal sensory pleasures and the corporal health benefits of a glass of wine qualifies as cruel

and unusual punishment.

Scientific and anecdotal evidence have ascribed these wine-related symptoms to various causes, but no declarative, definitive conclusions have been reached that cover the full spectrum of symptoms.

Throughout my years of investigation, I've not found a common denominator that accounts for the widespread allergies that afflict so many wannabe wine consumers. At one point I felt that natural, unadulterated wines would alleviate the

negative reactions suffered by so many. Unfortunately, these unadulterated wines contribute to allergic reactions as often as mainstream wines.

Now researchers at the University of British Columbia have discovered a compound in natural yeast that may be the baseline culprit accountable for many wine allergies or intolerances.

Naturally occurring neurotoxins in common yeasts are created as a byproduct of the fermentation process. Classified as bioamines, these compounds exist in various strains of natural and cultured yeasts. These yeasts are utilized by many winemakers to stabilize fermenting wines and to soften the high acidity present in many wines

Having previously identified this culprit, the researchers now offer a solution. After 16 years of testing, they claim to have developed a genetically modified (GMO) form of yeast that eliminates bioamines. They have obtained approvals from several governmental agencies – including the FDA in the United States – to market this modified yeast commercially.

That's it: A solution that will instantly transform wannabe wine consumers into enthusiastic wine lovers. Ah, not so fast, future wine snobs. Although this is a groundbreaking development, many regulatory bodies – the European Union, in particular – have strict laws banning the use of GMOs and are unlikely to change their position in the foreseeable future. Many consumers are not comfortable with altering yeast genetics either, especially those espousing natural wines.

What's a consumer to do? Although there may be a solution, only time and further research will determine the viability of new, natural strains of bioamine-free yeasts. In the meantime, I offer several work-arounds that may be helpful for those prone to negative reactions to wine.

- 1. Rosé wines are lower in offending yeast microbes than red wine. Experiment with a bottle.
- 2. The red grape that has the highest levels of bioamines is Pinot Noir; abstain if possible.
- 3. As wine ages, bioamines tend to dissipate in the barrel or bottle; drink aged wines whenever possible.

Modern science has a knack for finding solutions to age-old dilemmas. I look forward to the day when I can raise a glass of wine to anyone and everyone.

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### White Plains Independence Day Celebration, July 2

The White Plains Annual Independence Day Celebration will take place on Tuesday, July 2nd from 6 to 10 p.m. This free event will be held at White Plains High School on North Street.

Residents are encouraged to come early, bring blankets and chairs and enjoy a fun-filled evening of music, games, entertainers, food, and fireworks.

This year's celebration will feature a wide variety of entertainment including a performance by The Doobie Others, a tribute to the Doobie Brothers, on the main stage. Children and their families will also enjoy a visit from the Animal Embassy, the Miz Liz Variety Show, the Bubble Bus, Science Tellers, and Patriotic Tattoos in the Kids' Corner. Inflatable Party Adventures will offer inflatable rides for only \$2 each. Festival food will be available for sale, including barbeque, fried dough, ice cream, Westchester



Burger, pizza, fish fry, Walter's Hot Dogs, Kona Ice, and more.

The fireworks show, presented by International Fireworks, will begin at approximately 9:20 p.m. The sky will be illuminated with a spectacular display.

There is no rain date for this event. Check the City's website www.cityofwhiteplains. com, or its social media (FB: City of White Plains, Mayor Thomas M. Roach / Twitter: @cityofwp) for weather-related updates or call 914-422-1302.

### Music Fest and Fireworks at Kensico Dam, July 3

Westchester County Executive George Latimer has invited residents of Westchester and beyond to the Music Fest and Fireworks celebrating America's independence, Wednesday, July 3, at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

"We are proud to present this traditional event at Westchester's own 'Central Park' featuring an array of music and stunning fireworks," Latimer said. "I look forward to joining with the Westchester Parks Foundation, which is sponsoring the event, in celebrating our nation's birthday one day early with thousands of our neighbors."

Entertainment begins at 5 p.m. with

a guest DJ, followed by the Benson-Scott Big Band at 8 p.m. Spectacular fireworks, with the historic Kensico Dam as the backdrop, follows at about 9:15 p.m.

Admission and parking are free. Carpooling is suggested. Concertgoers should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating, as well as a picnic supper.

The Music Fest and Fireworks is presented by Westchester County Parks and sponsored by the Westchester Parks Foundation with support from radio station 100.7 WHUD.

Kensico Dam Plaza is at the north end of the Bronx River Parkway in Valhalla.

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#### Tuesday, July 2

**Talkie Tuesdays.** Come and watch movie trilogies. Three great movie trilogies in July. For teens. 2 to 4 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Reading Buddies Training.** Training for teen volunteers that will be Reading Buddies over the summer. 5 to 6 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

**Independence Day Celebration.** White Plains Fireworks and festival 6 to 10 p.m. at White Plains High School on North Street.

"David Crosby: Remember My Name." Crosby has a lot to say. In this unflinchingly upfront portrait of the singer-songwriter who co-founded the Byrds and then Crosby, Stills & Nash (and Young), he expounds on busted love affairs, drug addiction, political activism, regrets, family, stardom, music, his recent creative rebirth and his fervent wish not to die. Interweaving freewheeling interviews with filmmaker Cameron Crowe and a rich helping of archival footage and music, this not-to-be-missed documentary is a reminiscence of Crosby's ups and downs, a look at him on the road today, and a touching, nostalgia-infused portrait that's imbued with affection for its horny, ornery, but consistently charismatic subject. Includes an opening reception for the Sounds of Summer: Music Films Old and New series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$15. Non-members: \$20. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.

#### Wednesday, July 3

**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

Which Craft Wednesdays. Perler Beads. Create a design with Perler beads. For students in grades 6 and up on a first-come, first-served basis. 3 to 4 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

**Fireworks & Music Fest.** Kensico Dam Plaza. Entertainment begins at 5 p.m. Fireworks at 9:15 p.m. Parking and admission are free. Concertgoers should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating, as well as a picnic supper.

Poetry Slam & Open Mic. To take part in the open mic or slam, please register between 6:30 and 7:00 pm. 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. 6:30 to 9 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

#### Thursday, July 4

**Movie Night: Independence Day.** 7 to 9 p.m., Pre-registration required; \$6 per person. 914-864-7286. Muscoot Farm, Route 100, Somers.

**Holiday Fireworks:** 9:30 p.m. Special fireworks display choreographed to patriotic music. Playland Park, Playland Parkway, Rye; 914-813-7000. Also July 5.

Pops, Patriots and Fireworks. The Westchester Symphonic Winds perform a selection of works that pay tribute to America's independence. The evening includes a medley of Rodgers and Hammerstein songs performed by Caramoor Schwab Vocal Rising Star alums Madison Leonard and Shea Owens and ends with a rousing rendition of Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," followed by a spectacular fireworks display. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 8 p.m. \$15 to \$93. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

#### Friday, July 5

Mary Poppins. A double feature of movies each Friday in Galaxy Hall in July and August. Mary Poppins. Rated G. 1964. Classic Disney musical. Julie Andrews made her Oscar-winning film debut as the "practically perfect" Mary Poppins, a magical nanny who enlightens the lives of everyone she meets while caring for a stiff banker's two children in London in the early 1900s. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

**Mary Poppins Returns.** Movie, 2 to 4:45 p.m. White Plains Library.

**Drop In Coloring Club.** Come relax and explore your creativity by coloring. For students in grades Kindergarten to 6th grade. 3 to 5 p.m. at White Plains Library.

**Football.** New York Streets vs. Massachusetts Pirates, 7 p.m. at Westchester County Center, White Plains. Tickets at nystreetsfootball. com or ticketmaster.com. Parking fees apply; 914-995-4050.

#### Saturday, July 6

**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.

Float Like a Butterfly. On the opening day of the Live Butterfly Exhibit, learn about the amazing and magical life cycle of a butterfly while getting up close and personal with these beautiful animals. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members and children under 2: Free. Non-members: Adults--\$11. Seniors and students--\$10. Children--\$9. (Price includes admission to the Live Animal Museum.) Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Laura Benanti. This Tony Award winner brings a sparkling evening of song to the Venetian Theater stage. A highly celebrated singer, dancer and actress who took Broadway by storm at 18 years old, Benanti's talents have led her to numerous roles on stage and screen, including recent revivals of "She Loves Me" and "My Fair Lady." Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 8 p.m. \$15 to \$107. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

#### Sunday, July 7

Movie - Mary Poppins. Rated G. 1964. Classic Disney musical. Julie Andrews made her Oscar-winning film debut as the "practically perfect" Mary Poppins, a magical nanny who enlightens the lives of everyone she meets while caring for a stiff banker's two children in London in the early 1900s. 2 to 4 p.m. at White Plains Library.

Orchestra of St. Luke's. Diving into his obsession with Beethoven's music, pianist Jonathan Biss is in the fourth year of his Beethoven/5 commissioning project: the five Beethoven piano concertos each presented with a contemporary composer's response. After welcoming the New York premiere of Timo Andres' entry in 2016, this is a cocommissioning for the latest installment, Caroline Shaw's "Watermark," a response to Beethoven's 3rd Piano Concerto. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 4 p.m. \$15 to \$88. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or www.caramoor.org.

New York Liberty vs. Las Vegas Aces: 3 p.m. Westchester County Center, White Plains. Tickets and information at liberty. wnba.com or ticketmaster.com. Parking fees apply; 914-995-4050.

#### Monday, July 8

Morning Bird Walk. Go birding with the Saw Mill River Audubon. Beginners welcome. Rain or shine. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way (Route 117), Pleasantville. 7:30 a.m. Free. Meets the second Monday of each month. Info: Visit www.sawmillriveraudubon. org.

Yank Out Unwanted Plants. Help remove invasive plants threatening in one of many events being held statewide during New York's sixth annual Invasive Species Awareness Week. Gloves will be provided. Bring extra tools. Dress in long sleeves, pants and closed footwear. Lady Bird Johnson Demonstration Garden at The Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free. (Park in Lot 1.) Info: 914-606-9870 or visit www.nativeplantcenter.org. E-mail wcc. nativeplant@sunywcc.edu if attending.

Mother Goose Playtime. A half hour of rhymes, songs and stories that encourage early literacy skills for ages 0-2 with a caregiver. At 11:30 a.m., age-appropriate toys are brought out for a half-hour playtime encouraging socialization skills. White Plains Library.

**Neighborhood Nights.** Magic with Seth Dale at Gillie Park, Gedney Way, White Plains; 7 p.m.

**Neighborhood Nights.** Music with ZEV, 7 p.m., Mattison Park, Quinby Ave., White Plains.

#### Tuesday, July 9

**Strawberry Festival** and **Card Party.** Bring your favorite game, cards and friends. Featuring table prizes, an auction and raffle along with fabulous desserts. Trinity Lutheran Church, 292 Elwood Ave., Hawthorne. 1 to 3:30 p.m. \$8. Info and reservations: 914-769-2546.

**Summer Concert.** Matt Nakoa, a modern multi-instrumentalist and songwriting troubadour; 5 to 7 p.m. at White Plains Plaza, One North Broadway.

**Neighborhood Nights.** Magic with Seth Dale, 7 p.m., Druss Park, South Lexington Ave., White Plains

**Neighborhood Nights.** Music with ZEV, 7 p.m., Mitchell Tot Lot, White Plains.

#### Wednesday, July 10

**Tech Wednesday for Adults.** Big Data. Participants in this session will learn about modern data collection and what can be done about it. 12 to 1 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

How Green is My Town? Is a project of Grassroots Environmental, a science based non-profit organization. Learn how you can support your local leaders in making your town more sustainable

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### WBT's Summer Production Will Have You 'On Your Feet'

#### By Evelyn J. Mocbeichel

It's easy to imagine that the latest production at the Westchester Broadway Theatre (WBT) would be a rousing, exciting one simply by hearing the title, "On Your Feet."

Learning it is the biography of singer Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine, it's an assured a good time. Running now through Aug. 4, this is the perfect family-oriented, summer entertainment show for audiences of all ages.

Based on the lives of the Grammy Award-winning husband-and-wife team Gloria and Emilio Estefan, the story starts with their humble beginnings in Cuba, with each family starting a new life in the United States. Gloria's family fled Cuba when she was a child and settled in Miami where her mother cared for her and her younger sister while their dad went off to the Vietnam War.

Coming fairly close to covering Gloria's real-life biography, WBT always manages to capture the essence of any storyline they present on stage. It's impressive how the set designers can switch from lush Miami scenery, complete with palm trees and ornate fountain, to the family's kitchen, offices of record producers and numerous other settings, with a seemingly blink of an eye. Even the bus crash scene that severely injured Gloria, and was covered extensively in the news at the time, was effectively done, wowing with its creativity

of such an event

The cast is large for this production and they are all full energy, with a 10-piece band on hand, giving the show its big band feel and Latin musical flavor. The dance numbers and choreography are spectacular and the music is contagious, bringing back the songs that catapulted Gloria and the Miami Sound Machine into Grammy history.

Despite Emilio and Gloria's arrival in the States without many resources, their families survived the upheaval. They met when Gloria was 17 and their combined talents enabled them to break through all barriers to become a crossover sensation at the top of the pop music world.

This production follows their rise to fame through raw talent and perseverance. From international superstardom to life-threatening tragedy, "On Your Feet" takes you behind the music and inside the real story of this record-making and groundbreaking couple who, in the face of adversity, landed on their feet.

The story is based on an original book by Alexander Dinelaris. The show is directed and choreographed by Donna Drake, with musical direction by Bob Bray. The production features one of the most inspiring stories in music history and includes the iconic hits "Get on Your Feet," "Don't Want To Lose You Now," "1-2-3" and "Coming Out of the Dark."

The show's star, Maria Bilbao, as Gloria Estefan, convincingly makes the audience



Jose Luaces and Maria Bilbao as Emilio and Gloria Estefan in the Westchester Broadway Theatre production of "On Your Feet," that will be shown now through Aug. 4.

feel as if they were watching a flashback into the life of the real Gloria. It's easy to see why the multi-talented Bilbao was chosen to star in this production.

Also part of this strong cast is Jose Luaces as Emilio Estefan; Karmine Alers as Gloria Fajardo; Lauren Cosio as Rebecca; Michael Gorman as Phil; Sandy Rosenberg as Consuelo; and Byron St. Cyr as Jose Fajardo. Other cast members are Sydney Alise, Allyson Carr, Edgar Cavazos, Arthur Cuadros, Logan Epstein, Liesl Jean Jaye, Edgar Lopez, Felix Marchany, Sherena Medford, Tristan Miller, Natalia Nieves-Melchor, Nico Seidita and Alexis Semevolos.

Westchester Broadway Theatre is located at 1 Broadway Plaza in Elmsford. Tickets range from \$59 to \$89, plus tax, for dinner and the show depending on

the time and date of the performance. For tickets and information, call 914-592-2222.

For group reservations, including discounts for groups of 20 or more, call 914- 592-2225. To reserve luxury boxes, call 914-592-8730 for private parties of six to 22.

Matinees are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday and some Fridays, with lunch at 11:30 a.m. and the show at 1 p.m. There are performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees serve lunch at noon with the show at 1:30 p.m. while on Sunday evenings dinner is at 5:30 p.m. with the show at 7 p.m.

Also check the website for ongoing special offers at www. broadwaytheatre.com.

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as Ellen Weininger reviews the resources, templates, science and tools municipalities can use to address environmental priorities. This program is in partnership with the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group and will be held at the Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 7 to 9 p.m. Free.

**Neighborhood Nights.** Magic with Seth Dale, 7 p.m. at Turnure Park, South Lake St., White Plains

**Wayback Wednesdays.** Van Morrison Tribute, 7 p.m. Court Street, White Plains.

#### Thursday, July 11

**Noonday Concert.** Free concert at Renaissance Plaza, White Plains, featuring Tim Veeder Quartet.

**Intro.** to Microsoft PowerPoint. Learn how to create a simple slide show presentation using Microsoft PowerPoint 2016. Adult computer class, 3 to 4:30 p.m., White Plains Library.

**Shakespeare in the Park.** Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival presents Julius Caesar, by William Shakespeare, 7 p.m.,

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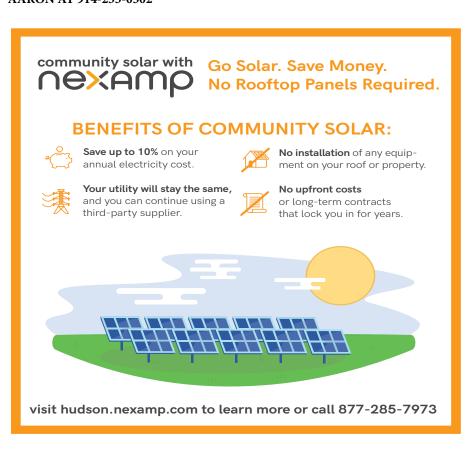
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### WP Hit-N-Run Shuts Down Yorktown in GHVBL Action

#### By Rob DiAntonio

The WP Hit-N-Run 17-and-under baseball team blanked the visiting Yorktown Thunder 3-0 last Thursday in a Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League game.

Starting pitcher Jake Dorchak tossed six scoreless innings while scattering five hits. Mark Kent came on in the seventh to close out the game and recorded a one-two-three inning.

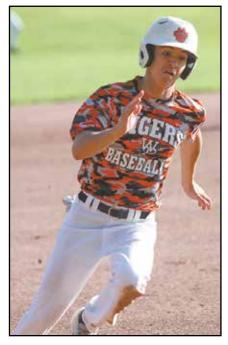
"Jake struggled early in the game and was falling behind (in counts)," WP Hit-N-Run coach Tony Burgio said. "But then he started to pitch to contact and we made the plays. We had one error, which didn't hurt us. But he battled and got stronger as the game went on."

With the game scoreless, Yorktown led off the top of the fourth inning with a triple off the left-field fence. Two walks loaded the bases, but Dorchak was able to bear down and get three straight outs including two strikeouts.

The Tigers capitalized in the bottom of the inning when Joey Portanova laid down a suicide squeeze. Kent scored from third base and John Myers was running the whole way and scored from second to



Frank Del eon heads for first base



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS

Mark Kent makes his way to third base during a 3-0 win over the Yorktown Thunder.

give White Plains a 2-0 lead.

"We're not a big hitting team, so how we score runs is small ball," Burgio said. "We get a lot of bunts for hits and sacrifices. Whatever we have to do because we're not going to score 10-15 runs. We're not built that way. We have very good pitching. If we play defense, we're going to be in every game."

WP added a run in the bottom of the fifth when Mason Lang scored from third base on a first-and-third run down play.

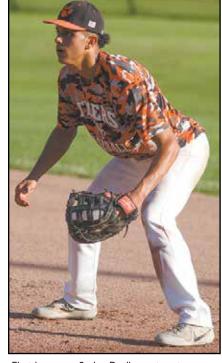
White Plains (6-3) split with the Fairfield County Captains in a doubleheader on Sunday. They fell in the first meeting 3-2 but blew out the Captains 11-4 in the second contest at White Plains High School.

"This team has potential," Burgio said when asked if they have high hopes for the season. "The pitching and defense are there. If we hit the ball, they're going to be very good."

The WP Hit-N-Run Orange team also played last Thursday at home, falling to the Rye Grays 11-4.



WP catcher Chris McGuire makes the throw to first against visiting Yorktown.



First baseman Carlos Paulino gets set.



Pitcher Jed Dorney delivers during a 13U GHVBL game last Thursday.



Malik Dawson hustles to third base for WP Hit-N-Run.

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### **SLM Hoop Academy to Hold Basketball Camp for Boys and Girls**

#### **By Albert Coqueran**

White Plains High School Head Boys Basketball Coach Spencer Mayfield will instruct a Baseball Camp at WPHS for Boys and Girls from July 8-12. Boys and girls from fifth grade to seniors in high school are welcome to attend the SLM Hoop Academy, "Shooting and Offensive Improvement Camp."

Mayfield and his Tigers Assistant Coaches Davon Wilson and Spencer Smith will instruct camp participants in on-court skills including, making lay-ups, finishing under the hoop with contact, mid-range and distance jump shots, shooting off the catch and off the dribble, shooting under pressure, creating your own shot, ball handling, free throws and the concept of playing with a team.

Mayfield, the Camp Director, will also invite guest speakers and have station drills and games between teams. The tuition for the entire five-day camp session for boys and girls is \$200 per attendee. For more information and to obtain an application form to participate in the SLM Hoop Academy Basketball Camp for Boys and Girls contact Tigers Head Basketball Coach Spencer Mayfield by e-mail: Coachslm14gmail@gmail.com or by telephone: 845-323-3416.

#### Tigers Boys Basketball Golf Fundraiser at Saxon Woods Golf Course

White Plains High School Head Basketball Coach Spencer Mayfield is also organizing a Golf Outing Fundraiser through his SLM Hoop Inc. to benefit the Tigers Basketball Program, which will be held at Saxon Woods Golf Course, on Monday, Sept. 9.

SLM Hoop Inc. is a non-profit organization that supports the White Plains High School Boys Basketball Program. SLM Hoop Inc. sponsors basketball camps and clinics, as well as, summer basketball programs and donates team gear while also assisting with travel expenses to showcase tournaments where the young high school players can be seen and recruited by college coaches.

During the 2019-20 seasons the Tigers Boys Basketball Team will travel to Charleston, South Carolina to participate in the Rotary Roundball Classic. The WPHS Boys Basketball Golf Fundraiser is to help raise funds to assist with the traveling expenses to the Roundball Classic.

The Tigers Golf Outing Fundraiser will be a Four Person Scramble, which will begin, with Check-in at 11:30 a.m. at Saxon Woods Gold Course, on Monday,



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

WPHS Head Boys Basketball Coach Spencer Mayfield (left) brings his resume of 26 years of experience as the Head Coach of the Section 1 AA Tigers Varsity Basketball Team and his 23 years of NBA knowledge as a Scout for the Utah Jazz to his SLM Hoop Academy Basketball Camp being held at WPHS from July 8-12. Tigers Assistant Coach Spencer Smith (right), who played for Mayfield and graduated from WPHS in 2007, will assist Mayfield during the five-day camp.

Sept. 9. There will be a 12 p.m. lunch before the foursomes kick-off with a Shot Gun Start at 1 p.m.

Gun Start at 1 p.m.

Dinner will be served, after an afternoon of golf, where awards will be presented

and contests held for prizes. Triple Crown Sports will also hold a Silent Auction during the event.

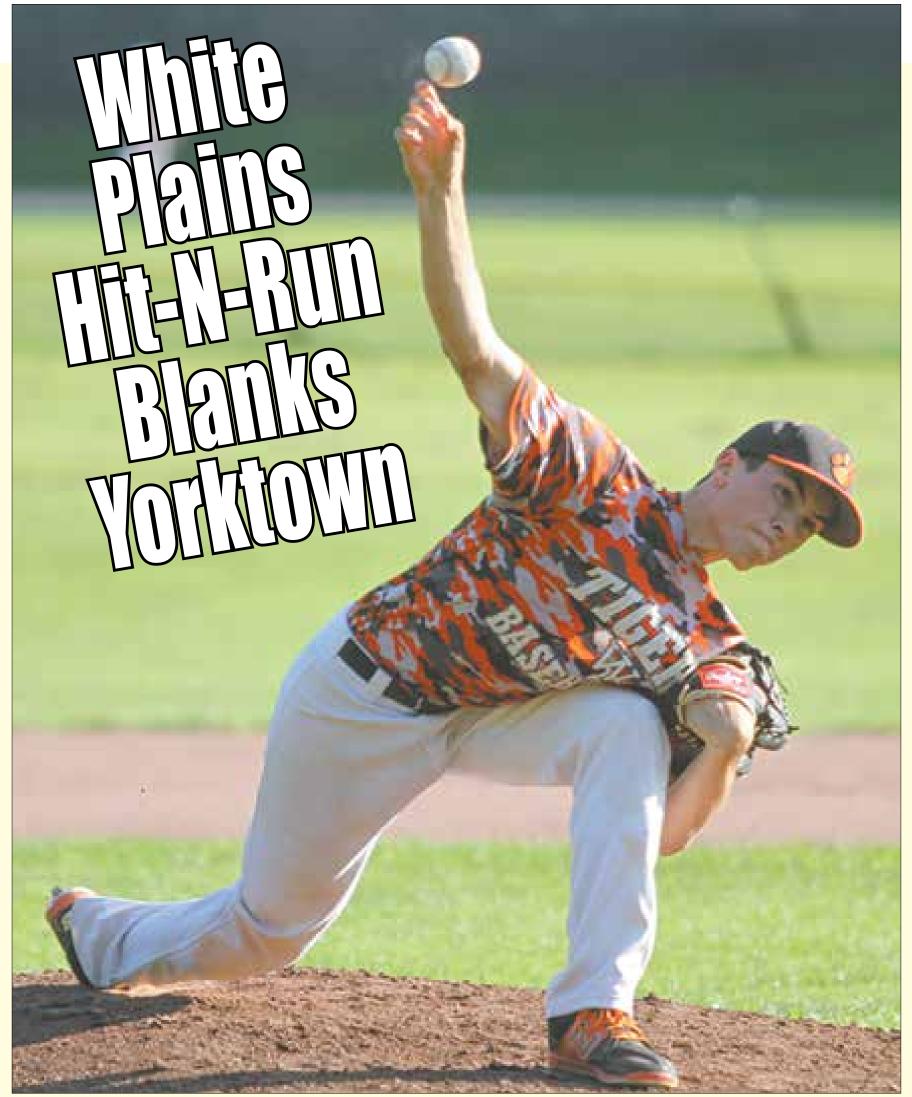
There are sponsorships being offered to support the Tigers Golf Outing Fundraiser, which includes Event Sponsor for \$2000, Lunch Sponsor for \$500, Tee Box Sponsor for \$250, Flag Sponsor \$200 and Patron Sponsor is \$50. All donations are tax deductible.

Participants interested in forming or joining a foursome for 18 holes of golf with a cart, including lunch, dinner and the three-hour hospitality will cost \$175 per golfer. For just a relaxing dinner and the three-hour hospitality the cost is \$60.

The Golf Outing Fundraiser is one of the functions of SLM Hoop Inc. with the goal to provide the student-athletes of WPHS Boys Basketball with a respectable program that they can be proud of and the community can admire.

For more information and to obtain a Registration Form to register for the Golf Outing contact White Plains Head Boys Basketball Coach Spencer Mayfield at Coachslm14@gmail.com or by telephone at 845-323-3416. Please make checks for donations and sponsorships payable to SLM Hoops Inc., P.O. Box 918, Nanuet, NY 10954.





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Jake Dorchak pitched six innings for WP Hit-N-Run in a 3-0 shutout win over the Yorktown Thunder last Thursday in a 17U GHVBL game.