Relaxation

White Plains Hit-N-Run Team Makes Playoffs

White Plains Hit-N-Run Head Coach Nick Cutsumpas (center) has led his Nine Years Old-and-Under Team to the Westchester Baseball Association (WBA) Playoffs, as the Tigers achieved a 7-7 record this year. For more team photos, go to page 15. Continued on page 2

County Lawmaker Addresses Sexual Assault at Colleges

By Sarah Bonanno

Westchester County Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) recognizes that sexual assault on college campuses remains a major problem at institutions of high learning.

Last Wednesday evening, Borgia hosted a forum on the issue at Westchester Community College, which was attended by about 30 people. The panel discussed potential legislation to combat sexual assault and misconduct, as well as the culture of violence and rape on campuses.

It included representatives from advocate organizations such as G.O.O.D. For Girls and the Westchester Women's Agenda. Students and personnel from local colleges and universities also joined in the discussion.

One in five women and one in 20 men will experience sexual assault on college campuses, according to a 2007 study conducted for the Justice Department's National Institute of Justice.

"There's been a lot of discussion in the media, at the state level, at the federal level about how do we turn the tide on what appears to be an epidemic of sexual assault on campus... I think there's always been this level and things that happen to young men and young women continued on page 2

FASNY Vote to Come Before White Plains Council Wednesday, Aug. 5

The White Plains Common Council has scheduled a Special Meeting, Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, to consider the proposed discontinuance of a portion of Hathaway Lane between Ridgeway and Gedney Esplanade pursuant to Section 152 of the White Plains Charter and Section 29 of the General City Law as well as the application submitted by the French American School of New York (FASNY) for a Special Permit for a "private elementary and secondary school," at 400 Ridgeway.

The above notice was posted on the White Plains city website Monday morning.

The agenda for the Special Meeting was posted last Thursday with the contents of an ordinance and resolution before the Council. Together as the Final FASNY Project, they consider the closing of a portion of Hathaway Lane, approval of the school's Site Plan and Special Permit to run a private school in the residential zone in which the site is situated.

The ordinance to change the official City Map regarding Hathaway Lane and the resolution on the FASNY special permit both contain a communication from former White Plains Planning... continued on page 2

Convert La Cantina for Boat Rentals

In response to the request for proposals recently submitted by the Westchester County Executive for developers to convert the abandoned La Cantina's restaurant at Macy Park off the Saw Mill River Parkway for a public use, Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner has submitted his thoughts on a potential project.

In an email over the weekend, Feiner wrote that he would like to see the former restaurant building converted into a bicycle and non motorized boating rental shop. "Tourist info about Westchester could also be shared at the site," Feiner said. "Non-motorized boats are allowed in Central Park. Macy Park, the location of the abandoned La Cantina restaurant, is a beautiful park, in close proximity to the South County bicycle trail and a short walk... continued on page 2

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Commissioner Susan Habel, who was called out of retirement to work on the FASNY applications, is working as a Management Associate.

In the Hathaway Lane ordinance the Council will vote on the (1) discontinuance of a portion of Hathaway Lane, a public street, from Ridgeway to a point 50 feet south of the southerly property line of the property known as 57 Hathaway Lane; (2) an amendment to the Official Map of the City of White Plains ("Official Map") pursuant to General City Law Section 29; and (3) the conveyance of such discontinued portion of Hathaway Lane to the French American School of New York for an amount to be established by the Common Council by separate ordinance, and subject to such terms, conditions and easements as are necessary to protect and provide public access or private utility company access to any municipal or other public and private utilities, and further subject to separate provision for a two-way public access through the French-American School property between Ridgeway and the northerly public portion of Hathaway Lane.

The vote on the Special Permit considers (A) Special Permit/ Site Plan for a "Private Elementary School" and "Private Secondary School"; (B) Site Plan Approval for an accessory "Nursery School"; (C) Special Permit/ Site Plan Approval of accessory tennis courts.

The Zoning Resolution considers the FASNY site as consisting of several parcels and includes approval of a Final Transportation Management Plan, Final Site Landscaping Plan, Final Conservancy Area Master Plan, Final Construction Management Plan for the FASNY School Project, and Final Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easement.

The documentation includes the approved Environmental Findings Statement adopted by the Common Council on December 19, 2013, and the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) approved by the Commissioner of Public Works effective May 15, 2015.

The meeting will be broadcast on the City’s Government Access cable channels - Cablevision channel 75 and Verizon Channel 47.

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to the spectacular lake at Macy Park. A boathouse, bike rental shop and a small café would be an attractive addition to the County and would encourage people to enjoy one of the region’s most attractive assets.”

In the communication, Feiner further suggested that if non-motorized boating is a success at Macy Park it might encourage the county to drop its opposition to plans to allow Sprain Lake to also be used for non-motorized boats.

Above all, Feiner is concerned that the Saw Mill River Parkway's picturesque landscape must be preserved. “Using the building for a park related purpose would remind developers, public officials and the community that the parkway should not become another Central Avenue,” he concluded.

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on college campuses and what’s different now is that we’ve decided that’s no longer acceptable,” Borgia said. “We’ve decided that we’re going to put processes in place to make sure that this doesn’t happen.”

Sarah Reingold, regional assistant for U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, said Gillibrand has been fighting for the Campus Accountability and Safety Act, which seeks to protect students and hold schools accountable in instances of sexual assault. The measure would extend the amount of time victims have to file a case and sets new notification requirements for victims and accused students involved in the campus disciplinary process.

Karen Cheeks-Lomax, chief executive officer of My Sisters’ Place, a domestic violence education and prevention program, said colleges currently do not have adequate systems in place for combatting sexual assault, including transparency with administration and confidential safe space programs.

“People realize once they say, ‘This [sexual assault] has happened to me,’ colleges and the administrations don’t believe it, and they’re looking to support their own reputation,” Cheeks-Lomax said. “No one really talks about how many complaints of sexual assault or sexual misconduct have taken place [on campus].”

Former SUNY New Paltz student Arianna Cember cited the nuances of language when discussing sexual assault.

“The dichotomy of victim versus survivor is a perfect example of the influence that words hold,” Cember said. “The term ‘victim’ strips the person who has experienced sexual assault of any autonomy or power, while ‘survivor’ imparts a sense of reclamation, strength and authority.”

Borgia said she plans to return to the Board of Legislators with ideas to introduce preventative measures to combat sexual assault on college campuses. She would like the county to become involved with placing advocates on Westchester campuses, increasing training for professors and staff members, implementing active bystander education and recruiting more men to the cause.

“I do feel that it’s ridiculous that we have to say to people, ‘Don’t rape.’ That should be pretty universally understood at an early age,” Borgia said.

Other topics included working to create diverse safe spaces on campuses where both genders, those who identify as LGBTQ+ and minorities can come forward and share their stories, as well as the underlying discourse of rape culture.

“Rape culture starts, I would argue, as soon as we assign pink or blue to a baby because we live in a culture that devalues all things that are feminine and all things that are related to women,” said Gabriella Ibacache, a community educator for My Sisters’ Place. “So we send these messages—that to be a woman is to be not worthy.”

Introducing holistic sex education, which includes emotional health, physical health and respect for a person’s value, at a young age can help teach healthy relationships and combat misogyny, Ibacache added.

Borgia characterized last week’s forum as a good start.

“Nothing changes in society unless we talk about it, and that’s why it’s so important to hear people’s voices tonight, and then also to continue to talk about this,” she said.

Small News is Big News

County Legislator Catherine Borgia

The White Plains Examiner
Newly Renovated Kittrell Pool Re-opens in Time to Beat Summer Heat

After a year of renovation work, White Plains’ Kittrell Pool has re-opened to the public and is ready to host some serious summer fun. Built in 1970, this pool has been a fixture in White Plains for almost 50 years.

During the ribbon cutting ceremony last week Mayor Roach said, “Kittrell Pool has always seen heavy usage by camp groups and residents. This investment ensures that all White Plains residents will have a high quality aquatic facility at their disposal.”

White Plains Recreation and Parks Commissioner Wayne Bass said, “Kittrell Pool was in need of an upgrade and I am thrilled with the result. Our residents can now enjoy a modern pool design and new features.”

The modern new pool design utilizes a portion of the old pool shell and then expands upon it. It boasts a new operating system, a new deck surface, lap lanes, improvements to changing rooms, lockers and showers and new patio and lifeguard chairs.

Additionally, the city has made improvements that make the pool more accessible. These improvements include: zero – depth entry, which is also great for small children, an ADA compliant walkway, entrances, bathrooms, exits, showers, changing rooms and a new aquatic wheelchair and lift assist.

Design and engineering for the new pool was done by Lothrop Associates of White Plains and Weston and Sampson of Massachusetts. The pool was constructed by Norberto Pools of Long Island.

Kittrell Pool is located at the corner of Fisher Avenue and Irving Place. The pool entrance is on Fisher Avenue. Kittrell Pool is open from Noon - 6:30 p.m. daily and until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Pool admission is free to those with a valid, current White Plains Rec/Parks ID card.

ID cards can be purchased at the Rec/Parks Office, located at 85 Gedney Way, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m. - Noon. ID cards cost $11/adult and $7/youth and are valid for one year. Proof of residence must be presented at purchase.
More Plants Stolen from White Plains Beautification Foundation Gardens

By Pat Casey

There is a thief or thieves with horticultural knowledge running amok in White Plains, stealing bushes and plants from gardens built and maintained by the White Plains Beautification Foundation.

The most recent theft, noticed July 27th, is the removal of two rather large hibiscus plants from the organization’s newest garden, planted in late May this year. This theft is rather disturbing because the garden was planted by the Devine family in memory of their parents Tom and Marge Devine who passed away last winter. Thomas P. Devine Sr. died at 90 years old Oct 8, 2014. His wife Marge died December of the same year.

The family raised the money, with family and friends donating eagerly, and paid for the full cost of the garden, which was planted at the corner of S. Lexington and Prospect Street in Druss Park. The garden is located across the street from the home in which the couple had lived for many years and is in close proximity to St. Bernard’s Church, which the couple frequented.

White Plains Department of Public Works helped to clear the brush from the area to prepare the garden.

A police report has been filed and both the police and the Beautification Foundation hope the thieves will return the plants or someone will recognize two new hibiscus plants and lead police to the perpetrators.

A spokesperson for the Beautification Foundation said the family was so excited about the garden and now are very disappointed and angry that someone would steal these plants from a memorial garden. One hibiscus plant was left behind.

The White Plains Beautification Foundation is an all-volunteer organization, responsible for the many gardens in White Plains. The organization is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with the installation of a clock at what is called the Amodio Triangle at the “Y” intersection at Mamaroneck Avenue and Bloomingdale Road, and a gala at the C.V. Rich Mansion on October 8. Visit wpbf.org for more information.
By Colette Connolly

There’s a way to escape life’s stresses and distractions, and it’s right in the heart of downtown Mount Kisco.

In the newly opened Rise Above Flotation, the journey to inner peace begins at the front door as affable co-owners Micah Saccomanno and his wife Katie Lynch Saccomanno welcome customers into their creatively designed facility, complete with natural wood and other environmentally friendly products.

In Westchester’s only float facility, customers are urged to leave their cell phones and other mobile devices behind and savor the moments of silence, healing and restoration.

Clients submerge their bodies in 10 inches of warm saltwater set to body temperature within a darkened flotation tank. This simple procedure is a form of reduced stimulation therapy intended to block out the distractions of an increasingly hectic world, explained Micah Saccomanno.

Physician and neuropsychologist John C. Lilly popularized the benefits of floating. In 1954, he conducted research on how the brain would react when it was denied external stimuli, specifically when placed in an isolation tank without light and sound.

In the 1970s, the tanks that Lilly used for his research had evolved to today’s more commercial, user-friendly floatation tanks. While the practice of floating declined during the ’70s and ’80s, Micah Saccomanno believes the digital culture has created a renewed interest in the practice as well as in its emotional and physical benefits.

“Dramatically good things happen to you when you float,” said Saccomanno, who floats regularly and is familiar with its positive effects, which have been documented by the Oklahoma-based Laureate Institute for Brain Research.

Results include relief from eating disorders, addictive behaviors, chronic pain and fibromyalgia, among other problems. The military, Saccomanno noted, has also used floating to treat soldiers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. For athletes it’s a way to heal injured joints and muscles and enhance muscle memory, a practice called sports visualization.

The couple offers two tanks, one about six feet by eight feet and another they named the “womb,” a smaller, more intimate space that is about five feet by eight feet. Once inside, patrons are asked to relax as they float in the darkness with no sensory influences to distract them. A third tank will be operational in the next two weeks.

Katie Saccomanno, a licensed massage therapist, said the floating experience takes time getting used to since most people’s brains operate day to day in a fight or flight mode. She said it takes most people between 20 to 25 minutes to get comfortable in the solitary environment.

“What’s important to remember, however, is that everyone who goes into the flotation tanks has control over their own experience,” explained Micah Saccomanno.

That includes the ability to open and close the doors and to adjust the lighting so it’s not completely dark, particularly important for people who might be claustrophobic, he added. Air is constantly being pumped into the tanks to maintain comfort level.

Many clients spend at least an hour floating, but many of them extend the experience. “We want to make this a very safe place where people can de-stress and gain that incredible awareness of mind and thought,” said Micah Saccomanno, who’s in the midst of establishing partnerships with local medical practitioners, educating them on the benefits of floating.

Customers are asked to take a shower before and after the float, as the salt will be uncomfortable on the body if not washed away. Towels, shampoo, conditioner and low-sounding hair dryers are all available free of charge.

To help with sound insulation and to prevent salt water from entering the ears, earplugs are provided. Music can be played for those who don’t want complete sensory deprivation.

In the three weeks since the business has been open, the feedback has been excellent. A journal on the coffee table in the main lobby is already filling up with positive testimonials.

Rise Above Flotation is located at 111 E. Main St. below the Elephants Trunk. It is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. To book a session or learn about pricing or special membership packages, call 914-241-1900 or visit www.riseaboveflotation.com.
Team Toon, a hybrid animation/live action comedy and action series for audiences aged 6 to 11, developed by Cartoon Network EMEA and starring White Plains High School senior Jon-Christian Costable, is now playing on Netflix.

Part Scooby-Doo style mystery, coupled with live action fun, Team Toon is a series about four friends: Dylan, Sam, Ash and Iko who create the online cartoon series – Psycho Squirrel. Reality and the tooniverse collide when Psycho Squirrel’s animated characters and hi-tech gadgets come to life and help the friends solve mysteries at Hutchinson Elementary School.

Costable, who plays Sam on the 26-episode series, is also a member of Boy Scout Troop X.

ArtsWestchester has issued an open call to photographers – both hobbyists and professional – for images documenting Westchester’s most memorable moments of the past 50 years.

“2015 is a golden year for ArtsWestchester,” said the organization’s CEO Janet T. Langsam. “We’re celebrating 50 years as Westchester County’s designated arts council and the county’s connection for the arts. As we ready ourselves for the next half-century, we are pausing to look back and celebrate all the milestones and memorable moments from Westchester’s last five decades with a special exhibition.”

To mark ArtsWestchester’s golden anniversary, the organization will present “Through the Decades: Picturing 50 Years in Westchester,” a photographic exhibition featuring archival and crowdsourced photographs. The public is invited to submit photographs for inclusion in the exhibit. Their favorite photos from Westchester’s most memorable events can be submitted via the online application through ArtsWestchester’s website.

Artists may submit to one or multiple categories, but may submit no more than five images in total. Photographs must have been taken within the past 50 years and depict events, people or places in the county from no earlier than 1960.

The deadline for submissions has been extended to Aug. 7. Photographers will be notified of works chosen for the exhibit, which will take place in ArtsWestchester’s gallery on Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains, no later than Aug. 21.

“Through the Decades: Photographing 50 Years in Westchester” is scheduled to be shown from Oct. 5 through Nov. 21, with an opening reception planned for Sunday, Oct. 4.

For more information and complete submissions guidelines, visit artsw.org/decades.
Westchester County Jail Death. New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced Monday that his office will launch a formal investigation into the death of Raynette Turner, the mother of eight who died in a Mount Vernon jail cell while in police custody last week.

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Looking into the death of Raynette Turner. New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced Monday that his office will launch a formal investigation into the death of Raynette Turner, the mother of eight who died in a Mount Vernon jail cell while in police custody last week.

“It is the first investigation since Gov. Andrew Cuomo issued an executive order appointing Schneiderman as special prosecutor in all cases where an unarmed civilian dies at the hands of police.

Turner, 42, was arrested on Saturday, July 25 after allegedly shoplifting some crab legs from a grocery store.

Because there were no judges working on Sunday to arraign her in court on the misdemeanor charge, police opted to keep Turner in custody through the weekend. Over the weekend Turner said she was feeling ill and was taken to a hospital and later released. At the courthouse Monday, Turner reportedly vomited while awaiting her arraignment in an upstairs holding area. She was then taken back to a cell downstairs.

Courthouse officials are supposed to check on the holding cells every 15 minutes. However, The Journal News reported no one saw Turner for another hour, when she was found dead in the cell around 2 p.m.

A spokesman for the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office told news media that Turner’s initial autopsy was inconclusive. The medical examiner’s office is awaiting results from toxicology tests.

On Monday the Westchester County District Attorney’s office released this statement: “The Governor has expanded Executive Order 147 to include an investigation into any unlawful acts or omissions in connection with the death of Raynette Turner on July 27, 2015. We will work with the AG and his staff to ensure a smooth transition of this matter. From my office is awaiting results from toxicology tests.

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The defendant was arraigned in Dobbs Ferry Village Court. Bail was set at $10,000 cash.

The defendant’s next court date is November 19th, 2015. He faces a maximum sentence of seven years in state prison.

Greenburgh Police Department
On July 20, police responded to TJ Maxx on Central Avenue for a larceny in progress. Com sec advised the store’s loss prevention observed a male and female enter the store at approximately 7:24 p.m. The male suspect is observed on camera taking two pocketbooks off the display. Both suspects then proceed to the shoe section. As the female suspect is enroute to the shoe section she is observed grabbing several articles of merchandise. The male suspect at this time is observed in the shoe isle, taking out a small folding knife and attempting to cut the security devices off the pocketbooks. The female suspect is then observed taking the pocketbooks and placing the merchandise she had taken while enroute to the shoe section in one. Both suspects proceed to the register where the male uses his body to block the view of the front-end cashiers as the female exits the store. The female suspect was confronted outside the store by the loss prevention officer, where she dropped the pocketbooks in the fire lane and fled into a Nissan Altima. Both suspects were placed under arrest and transported back to police headquarters.

While at headquarters, an inventory of the male’s personal property revealed in his wallet three oblong orange pills, which were identified as Amphetamine and Dextroamphetamine compound a c2 controlled substance. The suspect was subsequently charged with possession of drugs and possession of the folding knife, which was recovered on his person at the time of the traffic stop. The suspects were both printed and released on bail of $750 and $500.

Unlicensed Driver. On the afternoon of July 20, police officers parked on Wyoming Avenue in a marked police vehicle were facing south with a clear and unobstructed view of the stop sign located at 540 Tarrytown Rd. At that time the officers observed a white Honda fail to come to a complete stop at the stop sign. A car stop was initiated. The driver, a male Hispanic gave the officer a NY License that belonged to a woman, the front seat passenger, who said she was the offender’s wife. Officers asked the driver, a second time for his license, and he stated that he did not have a driver’s license. NCIC inquiry revealed the offender’s license to be suspended a total of four times on four dates. The driver was removed from the vehicle and placed under arrest. When the passenger was being arrested, she jumped out of the car and started to approach the officers in an irate manner. One officer gave her verbal commands to get back into vehicle.

The passenger said she had paperwork at home that proved her husband had paid the fines, which still showed active in NCIC. She was unable to provide any proof of paid tickets on scene. The car was turned over to the passenger, who is the registered owner. The driver was transported to police headquarters. While the driver was being processed, his wife went to police headquarters with proof of payment of two of the UTTS that still showed as active suspensions effective 7/9/15. The driver was issued a total of three UTTS, returnable to Greenburgh Town Court. He was released on $250 bail.
White Plains Issues RFP for MultiModal Transportation Center Redevelopment

The City of White Plains has released its Request for Proposals (RFP) for the MultiModal Transportation Center Redevelopment Project. The White Plains MultiModal Transportation Center Redevelopment Project (“the Project”) will provide an enhanced MultiModal Transportation Center that serves all modes of travel and maximizes the economic development potential of the area. The Project will also create a welcoming and attractive new “destination” that will transform the MultiModal Project Area and provide a welcoming gateway that both complements and reinforces the downtown core. The design of the project will be based on sustainable design principles that, among other considerations, are protective of the environment; minimize negative environmental impacts; use low-impact materials and promote energy efficiency.

RFPs are due Friday, August 28, 2015 at 4 p.m. The full RFP can be viewed at www.cityofwhiteplains.com.

Sellers Sought for Saxon Woods Garage Sale

Families are invited to free up some space around their house by cleaning out those closets, basements and attics and bringing the “used but usable” items to the Saxon Woods Garage Sale, Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Saxon Woods Pool in White Plains.

Sponsored by Westchester County Parks, this sale is for individuals and families who want to sell their unwanted items, such as clothing, household items, electronics, furniture, toys, books and sporting goods. No professional antiques or collectible dealers are allowed. The sale is limited to the first 100 applicants who register.

Price is $40 for a 100- to 125-square foot space. Sellers must provide their own tables, chairs, canopies and anything else necessary for display; no electrical hook-ups are available. Gates open at 6:30 a.m.; booths must remain open until 3 p.m. A $20 cash refundable deposit will be required at check-in that day; it will be returned at the end of the day, pending inspection of the site by park staff.

Obituaries

Joe Sullivan

Joe Sullivan, the legendary football coach of Archbishop Stepinac High School’s Crusaders football team for 23 years, passed away at the age of 91 on July 31.

Sullivan’s career at Stepinac began in 1949, a year after the all boys’ Catholic high school opened, when he joined as assistant coach to Buzz Werder for the fledgling football team. He served in that capacity until 1958 when he assumed responsibilities as head coach.

Among the notable Stepinac alumni he coached during his 23-year tenure at the helm of the Crusaders was former NFL lineman Bob Hyland of White Plains.

In 2008, Sullivan was inducted into Stepinac’s Hall of Fame. He lived in Lake Carmel.

Richard Henshaw

Richard Noel Henshaw, 48, passed July 29 at his home in White Plains. He was born on December 17, 1966 in Dublin, Ireland to the late Anne Hughes and Richard Henshaw. There were a total of three siblings, Richard, Eldest, Martin and Kevin Henshaw. He attended and graduated from Lynbrook High School in Lynbrook, NY. He continued his education at Suburban Technical School in Hempstead. Richard worked for Transocean Inc., as an Import Administrator in White Plains, until he was diagnosed with liver cancer. His career also included Swiss and Delta Airlines, in New York and Georgia. He loved spending time with family and attending church serving as a faithful deacon and usher. He was passionate about reading and loved football (New York Giants), Soccer (Manchester United), Hockey (Islanders), Baseball (New York Mets), and Basketball (New York Knicks). In 1990 he married Margaret Frangias and out of that union they had four beautiful daughters, Anne, Caitline, Meghan, and Emily Henshaw. On March 21, 2006, he married Yvonne Taylor and soon after adopted his daughter Thema Frangias. Richard is survived by his wife, Yvonne Henshaw, Father-in-Law Noel Vincent Taylor, daughter, Thema Noel Frangias and grandson Levi John Abbott. From his previous union daughters, Anne, Caitline, Meghan, Emily Henshaw. Brothers, Martin (Maureen) and Kevin (Lisa) Henshaw and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Victor Spinelli

Victor C. Spinelli, Sr., a White Plains resident, died July 28 at the age of 81. He was born May 21, 1934 in White Plains to the late Anthony and Elena Spinelli.

Victor served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957. On August 4, 1957 he married his wife Marie Perrotta. He was the owner of Victor’s Italian American Deli in Stamford, CT. Victor was a prominent lifelong member of Mt. Carmel Church. He was a past President of White Plains Patriots Pop Warner Football, Treasurer of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 11 and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Besides his wife Marie of White Plains, he is survived by his children: Tony Spinelli of White Plains, Joanne (Tom) Gerardi of New Canaan, CT, Cindy Shea of White Plains and Victor Spinelli, Jr. of Brooklyn; his grandchildren Andrew Gerardi, 1st Lt. Brian (Tiffany) Gerardi, Kyle Gerardi, Victoria Gerardi, Janelle Gerardi, Michael Shea and Kelsey Shea. Victor was one of 12 siblings and is survived by Virginia Falzarano, Gino Spinelli, Teddy Spinelli and Ernest Spinelli.

He led through examples of Goodness, Giving and Positivity. He was a friend to all.

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The ‘Why’ of a Project Like Crown Molding as Much as the ‘How’

When I sat down with my lawyer, Dan Tota, in Yorktown Heights, it was to discuss his project of installing crown molding in his home. But after we talked for a while, I was as interested in the “why” of his project as the “how.”

“After working all day in a high pressure job, dealing with intangibles, it’s a welcome change to come home and make something that’s tangible with my hands,” Tota said. “There’s a lot of enjoyment in doing the job and, if you do it well, it gives you continued satisfaction again and again whenever you look at it.

Of course, if you botch the job, nobody wants to be reminded of it afterwards.”

Would Tota consider himself a handy person?

“While I’m an attorney now, I actually grew up working as a mechanic, so I know how to work with my hands,” he said. At the same time, I’m realistic about those projects I know I can do and respectful of those I can’t. Also, I’m fortunate to have friends who are contractors who can advise me when I need help.”

Besides personal satisfaction, Tota pointed out the marketing value that improvement projects add to his house when he chooses to upgrade to a larger home. His most recent project was adding crown molding to his entrance hall, living room and dining room. In my opinion, crown molding is the most immediate “dress-up” upgrade one can give an interior at the least expense.

Crown molding is literally the crowning touch in that it draws the eye upward in much the same way curtains hung at ceiling height do while providing that smooth transitioning from vertical to horizontal. I would say that good proportions are magnified with moldings and, in effect, it’s the finishing touch.

In fashion, it might be compared to the collar on a shirt or the cuff on a sleeve. When I first visited the condos at Trump Park Residences in Shrub Oak, the first upgrade detail I noticed in the hallways and units was the generous crown molding, in this case a big simple cove molding, seven inches wide for ceilings that are almost nine feet high. Cove molding features one big dramatic curve that makes a much bolder statement and avoids the busyness a more complicated crown can add, and that impressed me.

But not all crown molding has to knock you over in size to be dramatic. A room with an eight-foot ceiling can become much more dynamic with a simple but strong four- to five-inch crown molding and adding a five-inch base molding. By emphasizing both the base and ceiling, the room has much more character and strength. Of course, you can always get a good carpenter to do the job for you and I recommend mine at the end of this piece. But if you’re a DIY enthusiast, the two basic pieces of equipment you need are a mitre box and coping saw, coupled with a lot of patience in calculating the amount of molding you need and angles at which to cut it.

All of that can be found on line with graphics that easily demonstrate the process better than I can describe in the limited space here. But let me share a couple of tips from Tota’s experience to save you some grief.

“I chose a molding that wasn’t too thick – four inches – so that the saw didn’t have to be as big, and if your ceilings are the standard height of eight feet or a little more, that serves very well,” he advised.

“Another good tip: instead of choosing a natural finish, go with the molding that is primed white. That forgives a lot of sins if you’re not perfect with your cuts. If you’re working in white, mistakes can be better concealed with putty or caulking until you get the hang of it.”

Michael Lavelle is the carpenter I recommend. He can be reached at 914-482-7178.

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A Toast to the Origins of the Celebratory Toast

By Nick Antonaccio

“C h e e r s ! ”
“Salud!” “Santé!”
“Prost!” “L’chaim!”
“Nostrovia!”
Whatever the language, whatever the occasion, raising one’s glass of wine in celebration always seems a most appropriate gesture.

The toast is invariably interpreted as “Good Health!” regardless of the occasion. Typically offered by the host of an event and followed by multiple responses, this tradition has changed little since ancient times. The Greeks revealed it in it to celebrate camaraderie and the Romans basked in it to savor battles won.

When Napoleon reigned as the emperor of France, he was less interested in toasting than he was in imbibing the wine of choice for an occasion. “I drink Champagne when I win, to celebrate; and I drink Champagne when I lose, to console myself.”

Just as you do, I raise my glass to focus the attention of my guests, to engage them in the meaning of an occasion: to honor a loved one, present or past, the attainment of a status in life or a cordial gesture of welcome and friendship. However, this tradition is rooted in traditions dating back to ancient times.

Many societies employed the simultaneous raising of wine-filled glasses or the clinking of those glasses for very practical reasons. Today, the intent of a toast is solely to praise, compliment or celebrate an individual or group of individuals. However, the origins of the toast are secondary to conviviality. The primary reasons were strategic and preventive.

1. A practical reason evolved in ancient Greece and Rome. Poisoning the drinking vessel of one’s enemy was an early practice. To protect a host from nefarious guests - and guests from a diabolical host – wine was served from a common jug, first to the host and then to the guests. Once the host imbibed, the guests followed, raising their vessels to celebrate the mutual trust earned.

2. The Vikings and early Germanic tribes were notorious for vigorously banging drinking cups on their communal dining tables to ward off evil spirits they believed were roaming the area. Banging loudly was believed to clear the air and create a more celebratory atmosphere.

3. During medieval times, diners began toasting. Just as you do, I raise my glass to focus the attention of my guests, to engage them in the meaning of an occasion: to honor a loved one, present or past, the attainment of a status in life or a cordial gesture of welcome and friendship. However, this tradition is rooted in traditions dating back to ancient times.

Critics describe Welt’s songs as “alternately amusing, living, moving and poignant; a strong experience full of emotion and pleasure.” Other entertainment includes Naftshenu Orchestra, a well-known Jewish orchestra known for its speciality in musical versatility performing all styles of Jewish and contemporary music. Children’s entertainer Bobby Doowah whose contagious enthusiasm, originality and creativity have been captivating and entertaining young children for years, and the Westchester Klezmer Program Band and Cantor Randy Herman performing with members of Kol Hazzanim – the Cantors of Westchester.

In addition, Camp Zeke will lead Israeli dancing for all ages throughout the day.

Face painting and balloon artistry by Maria, as well as PJ Library will also be on hand to provide additional family activities and fun throughout the day.

The event is free (including parking) and open to the public and will be held rain or shine. Attendees are welcome to bring chairs, blankets, and picnics. Kosher food and snacks will be available for purchase. A vendor exhibition area including Jewish Art/Judaica will be open throughout the festival. “There is something for everyone, from children to adults, at this festival. We hope all members of the community, regardless of faith, will join us for this very festive day,” said Elliot Forchheimer, Executive Director of The Westchester Jewish Council.

This event receives partial funding support from the Potschek Music Fund and Westchester Program Services of UJA-Federation of NY. For more information about the event, contact Westchester Jewish Council at 914-328-7001.

The Westchester Jewish Council is the central coordinating, advisory and resource body for 158 Jewish organizations and nearly 150,000 Jewish residents of Westchester. As a Jewish community relations organization, the Council connects Westchester’s Jewish communities and strengthens relationships among Jewish organizations and other ethnic and faith based groups, elected officials, Israel and the community at large; www.wjcouncil.org.
Hudson Valley Shakespeare Actors to Read “The General from America”

By Lindsay Burgess

Benedict Arnold, best known as an American traitor, is taking on the role of the protagonist in a reading series from The General from America, a production written by award-winning Richard Nelson at the Depot Theatre in Garrison on August 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Nelson won a Tony Award for James Joyce's The Dead, a Drama Desk Award for Some American's Abroad and an Obie Award for Vienna Notes.

The contemporary play is directed by Tony Award nominee, Moritz von Stuelpnagel.

"Moritz is really one of the gifted directors of this generation," artistic director, Davis McCallum said. "I'm really pleased and proud to have him back here for the second time."

Stuelpnagel directed All is Calm last year in December in honor of the 100th anniversary of World War I, but McCallum has known him for several years. They worked together to make these productions come alive.

McCallum taught acting and directing at Princeton and at The New School for Drama and Acting.

"My job is trying to figure out how we can best serve our mission," McCallum said. "We put a lot of time into choosing the series and who should work in it. We have some of the best actors from Manhattan coming to Garrison to help out with this."

The cast includes Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival (HVSF) actors Thomas Michael Hammond, Francesca Choy-Key, Susannah Millionzi, Kurt Rhoads, Triney Sandoval, Gabra Zackman and Matthew Amendt, who played Hamlet in the 2011 HVSF production.

Celebrating 29 seasons of production, the HVSF appeals to audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

"It's so hyper local. It's just amazing that this piece of famous American history has been turned into such a brilliant play," McCallum said.

McCallum is confident that people who take an interest in Shakespeare and/or the West Point Museum, which exhibits historic artifacts, will especially enjoy this production in particular. He says that attending the West Point Museum is like living history, an experience that the productions of the original show. He says the music is still relevant today and the HVSF production team attempts to give its audience as well.

"The play was written in the last 20 years from a contemporary angle," McCallum said.

The contemporary angle does not include any sets or costumes. The actors, who will meet up to rehearse for two days next week, will be reading with their scripts. The goal of the readings is to allow the audience to focus on the essence of the words and the chance to see the actors up close as they reenact history with the Hudson Valley scenery behind them on Garrison Landing.

Though Benedict Arnold is often viewed as a traitor who took the side of the British during the American Revolutionary War in the 1770's, this play attempts to display his perspective as he wrestles with the major decision to team up with Ethan Allen and the Green Boys of Vermont to attack Fort Ticonderoga.

"It presents conflicting points of view and the audience gets to make up their mind," McCallum said. "I hope they'll be reminded of just how rich in culture the Hudson Valley is in terms of American history. The birthplace of the environmental movement was in Westchester."

Tickets are $25 and can be purchased online at the Depot Theater website http://www.philipstowndepottheatre.org/.

For more information about upcoming shows for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, visit http://hvshakespeare.org/.

WPPAC Presents Reconceived Version of Rock Musical “Chess”

The 1983 version of “Chess” originally pitted an American player against a Russian one at the height of the Cold War, reflecting the political climate of the time. White Plains Performing Arts Center’s (WPPAC) re-imagined production mimics this, while updating to today's political atmosphere. Set in the not too distant future, we find ourselves in a world in which every character becomes a pawn in an international political game controlled by a master player.

"Chess" a smash hit rock musical of the 1980s is back in a re-imaged WPPAC production updated to today's explosive political climate between the United States and the Middle East. In this production of “Chess,” the ancient game becomes a metaphor for romantic rivalries, competitive gamesmanship, political power plays and international intrigues. From one match to another, the players, lovers, politicians, and spies manipulate and are manipulated to the pulse of a monumental rock score by ABBA’s Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson, with book by Richard Nelson and lyrics by Tim Rice.

The show's director Keith Levenson played background during the 1990 national tour and later directed subsequent productions of the original show. He says the music is still relevant today and the tension of the game with the reconception placed somewhere in the Middle East puts the re-envisioned version of the musical at the right place at the right time. "Different people play each other who have never played each other before," Levenson says of the new production.

The show runs for three performances only, August 7 to 9. Tickets are $25 to $35.

"Chess" is a Stage 2 production.

WPPAC's Stage 2 theatre program bridges the gap between the Conservatory and MainStage, giving college and graduate school performers the opportunity to work in a Professional Regional Theatre under the guidance of Broadway artists.


The show is directed by Keith Levenson with musical direction by Brent McGee and choreography by Jennifer Jonas.

Visit wppac.com for tickets.
We’re happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words “Happenings Calendar Submission” in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Pat Casey at pcasey@theexaminernews.com.

Wednesday, Aug. 5
White Plains Outdoor Market. Fresh food and produce from local farmers, plus specialty items; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Court Street between Martine Avenue and Main Street, White Plains

TILL Shed. Take It or Leave It recycling at Gedney Yard, 87 Gedney Way, White Plains; 2 to 4 p.m.

Dancing Under the Stars. Back to the Garden Woodstock Tribute; 7 to 9 p.m. at Renaissance Plaza, White Plains.

Family Film Frenzy. Featuring an outdoor movie. The park opens at 7 p.m. for after-hours swimming, picnicking, and relaxing. The movie begins at sundown. Bring your own picnic, or purchase food at the concession stand. For seating, bring blankets and chairs. Admission is $5 per person (free for children under 5) and includes the movie only. A Westchester County Park Pass is not required for admission. Admission wristbands will go on sale the day of the event and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Annie (PG, 2014) at 5:30 p.m. Concert at 6:30 p.m. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Concert at 6:30 p.m. Katonah Museum of Art and Caramoor members: $15. Non-members: $20. (Includes complementary beer and wine.) Info and tickets: 914-232-9555 ext. 0.

Thursday, Aug. 6
Noonday Concert. Outdoor live musical performance at Renaissance Plaza, White Plains (Mamaroneck Avenue and Main Street) by Bookends - 60s-80s Hits. Sponsored by New York-Presbyterian Westchester Division.

Greenwich Concerts. If you enjoy listening to jazz, you will love the new urban Jazz in the Park Concert series sponsored by the Theodore Young Community Center every Thursday through August 13. Admission is free, great food to purchase. The concerts are held outside – at Yosemite Park located behind the Theodore Young Community Center, 32 Manhattan Ave., Greenburgh. For info call 914-989-3600. Showtime: 7 p.m. Aug 6 - Duke Guillaume with Power of Praise.

“Points of View From the Circle” Opening Reception. A group photography exhibit featuring an exciting mix of work from the members of RedCircle Photo Arts. The Upstream Gallery, 8 Main St., Hastings-on-Hudson. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Aug. 30. Info: 914-674-8548 or visit http://upstreamgallery.com.

Friday, Aug. 7
“Chess.” The smash hit rock musical of the 1980s returns in a re-imaged production updated to today’s explosive political climate between the United States and the Middle East. In this production, the ancient game becomes a metaphor for romantic rivalries, competitive gamesmanship, political power plays and international intrigues. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Center, White Plains. 8 p.m. Adults $35, Students (22 and under): $25. Also Aug. 8 at 8 p.m. and Aug. 9 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

TILL Shed. Take It or Leave It recycling at Gedney Yard, 87 Gedney Way, White Plains; 9 a.m. to noon.

Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education. Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own heat to help melt through the late winter ice. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday and Sunday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Saturday, Aug. 8
The Wright Stuff: Westchester Children’s Museum. Young inventors will use odd materials to create a flying object and experiment with the museum’s fantastic wind tunnel. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 2 to 3 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-669-5161 or www.ruthkeelermemoriallibrary.org. (Online registration preferred.)

The Drifters and Tribute to the Platters. The Drifters are one of the most successful and beloved singing groups of all time with hits like “There Goes My Baby”, “Under the Boardwalk”, “This Magic Moment” and many more. The Platters were one of the top vocal groups of the 1950s. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 5:45 p.m. Dinner at 8:30 p.m. $90 per person (plus tax). Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit www.BroadwayTheatre.com.

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Monday, Aug. 10

Wild Encounters Story Time. Nature discovery for youngsters. Enjoy a nature-themed story and discover the wonders of nature while exploring fields, forests or landscaped grounds. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. For children three to five years old; with a parent or caregiver. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: $9 per child. Non-member: $12 per child.

Every Monday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Ongoing Events
Storywalk at Bryant-Mamaronck Park. Co-sponsored by the White Plains Recreation & Parks Dept. and the White Plains Public Library, an exciting initiative that combines a children’s story with a nature walk through White Plains’ newest park. Children follow the pages of a story as they walk along the path. The stories change every 6-8 weeks. Featured book through Monday August 31 is “Mr. King’s Things” by Genevieve Cote. Mr. King likes new things. When his stuff gets the slightest bit old, he just tosses it into the pond. But when a pond monster frightens Mr. King, he must think of new ways to deal with old messes - with delightful results. Municipal parking available at the Mamaronck Ave. lot behind Dunkin Donuts.

Summer at Playland. Friday Night Fireworks are back, choreographed to music, beginning at 9:15 p.m. and will run every Friday through September 4. Admission for the fireworks is free for Westchester residents. Special $15 ride admission nights for those entering the park after 5 p.m. will take place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through Sept. 3. The price includes unlimited rides until closing.

Playland’s summer daily entertainment schedule is in full swing, with the Kiddyland DJ, Katy’s Pop Princess Party, Superhero Power with Coaster the Dragon, and Funky Fairytales: Jack and the Beanstalk, all taking place in the Kiddyland section. Grab a seat in front of the Music Tower Theater stage to watch a lively song-and-dance performance, “New York Days, Broadway Nights!” Show times are posted in the park.

Regular admission prices: $30 unlimited rides; $20 Junior (under 48”) - Westchester residents with acceptable proof of residency are eligible for a $5 discount on these prices. Spectator admission (no rides) is free for Westchester County residents and $10 for non-residents.

Season Passes: $95 for unlimited rides all season, with a $15 discount for Westchester residents. Purchase four or more and save 10%; $35 for spectator admission all season (no rides), for non-residents of Westchester County. Parking is $5 weekdays, $7 weekends and $10 on holidays, special events and concert days.
New French Bistro Opens in Port Chester

By Jerry Eimbinder

Appétit Bistro has opened in Port Chester with a predominantly French menu. This is the first ownership venture for the three partners: Edwin Montoya, his brother-in-law Edi Rivera, the chef, and hostess Dina Ortega. Escargot is the restaurant’s most popular appetizer, Montoya said. Priced at $11, it comes with Pastis Maitré’d butter and is topped with puff pastry.

“Also a very popular appetizer is a fondue for two or more people with roasted potatoes, chunks of bacon and croutons for dipping,” Montoya mentioned. That costs $20.

The appetizer list also includes octopus salad, served with celery, capers, cherry tomato and arugula ($14).

“Our best-selling entrée is duck a l’orange with wild rice.” It is priced at $25 and followed in popularity by cilantro-lime shrimp with Yukon whipped potato, spicy green beans and citrus vinaigrette ($25).

Seafood dishes abound. Entrées include Prince Edward Island mussels, branzino, red snapper, lemon sole and seafood linguini. The seafood entrées are priced from $19 to $24.

Entrées also include chicken, steak fries and a burger with a choice of French fries or a petite salad ($15). The highest priced entrée is New York strip steak with sautéed onions and mushrooms ($26). Specials are offered Friday through Sunday only.

The leading dessert is tarte tatin, an apple tart baked upside down and topped with a scoop of vanilla ice cream ($10). Eight red and 10 white wines are offered by the glass and priced from $10 to $13. Wine by the bottle and beer are also available.

The Sunday brunch menu, served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., offers Eggs Benedict ($12), French toast ($10), banana pancakes ($8), goat cheese and spinach omelet ($11) and steak and eggs ($23).

Montoya and Rivera are both Guatemalan natives. Montoya came to the United States at 16 and worked at Lescala in Greenwich for four years, the last two as a server, and at BLT Steak in White Plains as a floor manager. He is an avid fresh water fisherman; his favorite non-work activity is fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass in the Seven Lakes area of Bear Mountain State Park. Rivera accompanies him on occasion.

Rivera was a chef at Lescala for 10 years and Le Penguin, also in Greenwich, for two years.

Appétit Bistro is open for lunch and dinner every day except Wednesday. It is located at 540A Willett Ave. in Port Chester. For more information, call 914-690-2000 or visit www.appetitbistro.com.

La Panetière Celebrates 30th Anniversary With Six-Course, Prix-Fixe Dinner

By Jerry Eimbinder

La Panetière, opened in Rye in 1986, will serve an $85 six-course, prix-fixe 30th anniversary dinner for 10 days during August. Wine pairing is optional at an additional cost of $50. A complimentary drink of the patron’s choice is also included.

Roast filet of beef with seared foie gras, truffle sauce, and jardinière of summer vegetables is the main course shown on the special menu, but host Jacques Loupiac said substitutions if requested could be accommodated.

The dinner will be offered on August 4 through 8 and again on August 11 through 15, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Mobile Pizza Caterer Will Pull Up Into Your Driveway

By Jerry Eimbinder

Catered Neapolitan pizza parties are the specialty of Pizza Luca.

One of its trucks tows a wood-burning oven to a residence, corporate site, or wherever a private party is being held. With the oven operating at temperatures up to 900 degrees, only 90 seconds are needed to bake individual-sized pizzas.

Party package pricing starts at $1,250 plus tax, said founder Dean Medico. This package is capable of feeding at least 25 guests and includes pizzas, salad, gelato and lemon ice. Four different pizzas are offered and served on white paper plates: Marinara, Margherita, Bianca (a white pizza) and Filetti (a white pizza with cherry tomatoes).

Included in the $1,250 package is a choice of one of three salads: Caesar, spring green and tri-color (three different types of lettuce). Antipasti is an optional extra.

Medico, a Hartsdale resident, attended The French Culinary Institute and the Italian Culinary academy (now known as the International Culinary Institute). He started in the mobile pizza business in 2012, buying a 1952 Chevy flatbed truck to haul the oven. A second truck was later added.

Catering is offered from early spring through Thanksgiving.

The business is named after Medico’s son, Luca, and is affiliated with the New York Hospitality Group, owners of Sam’s of Gedney Way, The Great American BBQ Co. and Caperberry Events.

For more information, call Pizza Luca at 203-219-5702 or visit www.pizzala Luca.com.
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White Plains Hit-N-Run Nine Years Old-and-Under Make WBA Playoffs

By Albert Coqueran

White Plains High School Varsity Head Baseball Coach Marcel Galligani’s summer months are occupied by supervising his White Plains Hit-N-Run Leagues for youngsters in our area. The White Plains Hit-N-Run Teams participate in the Westchester Baseball Association.

Galligani supervises seven teams in his White Plains Hit-N-Run franchise, including Nine Years Old-and-Under Orange and Black baseball teams, 10 Years Old-and-Under baseball team, 12-and-Under, 16-and-Under and 17-and Under baseball teams, as well as, a 12-Years Old-and-Under Softball team.

Nick Cutsumpas is Galligani’s Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach during the Tigers high school season. During the summer, Cutsumpas is the Head Coach of the White Plains Nine-and-Under Hit-N-Run Baseball Team.

Cutsumpas and his young Tigers could not stop Harrison’s Nine-and-Under Team (9-6), on Sunday, while losing 8-2 at Gillie Park. However, Cutsumpas has led the young Tigers to the WBA Nine-and-Under Playoffs season with a 7-7 record.

Harrison put together one big inning while scoring six runs in the third inning that led to the win. “I saw one bad inning if that bad inning does not happen it is a completely different ballgame today,” commented Cutsumpas.

Nonetheless, although the young Tigers definitely want to win these games; Cutsumpas admits that the true goal of the White Plains Hit-N-Run franchise is to develop the youth and develop these young baseball players. We want to instill as much learning and development in these young children as possible,” Cutsumpas said.

Enza and Michael Portanova have resided in White Plains for 10 years. Their son Nicholas plays for the White Plains Hit-N-Run Nine Years Old-and-Under Black Team. Callum Markowitz hit a single and drove in the first run of the game for the White Plains Hit-N-Run Nine Years Old-and-Under Black Team.

Markowitz also pitched the sixth inning and retired the sides in order. But Harrison won the game 8-2.

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White Plains resident Nicholas Portanova warms-up on defense at first base as his White Plains Hit-N-Run Nine Years Old-and-Under team prepares to take on Harrison. Portanova’s mother Enza and father Michael were present at the game.

Both the White Plains and Harrison teams will compete in the Westchester Baseball Association (WBA) Nine-and-Under Playoffs, which begin this week. Victor Cottini is the Head Coach of the Harrison Nine Years Old-and-Under Team.

Harrison’s Nine-and-Under pitcher Mike Iannacchino displays his intensity, while throwing a fastball and leading his team to an 8-2 win over White Plains, on Sunday, at Gillie Park.
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