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Local Elected Officials Vow to WP 13U Black **Seek Accurate Census Count**

By Neal Rentz

Several local elected officials vowed to seek an accurate 2020 census count during a meeting last week in White Plains.

The York State Complete Count Commission held the public hearing at the New York Power Authority headquarters.

As stated on its "The Web site, bipartisan New York State Complete Count Commission was created to inform and help direct the state's efforts in the upcoming 2020 Census. The Commission is analyzing census undercounts and



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

New York State Complete Count Commission Co-Chair previous Jim Malatras at the July 25 public hearing in White Plains.

recommending ways to ensure a full and complete count for the 2020 census."

Next year's census made headlines in June when the US Supreme Court voted to not allow the Trump

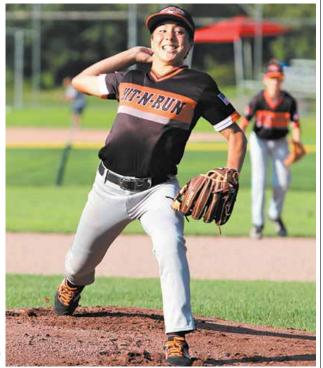
Administration to put a citizenship question on 2020 census forms.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said the county has set up its own 2020 census committee and municipalities in Westchester have created their own committees. "We all understand that there's over 100 federal programs that tota1 billions of dollars of aid that are allocated based

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Hit-N-Run Plays Opening Round of

Callum Markowitz pitched four innings of no-hit shutout baseball for the White Plains 13U Hit-N-Run Black Team against Interstate Baseball-Westchester County in the Opening Round of the GHSBL Playoffs. Unfortunately, a disastrous fifth inning where Interstate scored seven unearned runs led to a 7-6 loss for White Plains and elimination from the GHSBL Playoffs. For more on the WP 13U Hit-N-Run and 17U GHVBL Playoffs see page 17.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

President Trump Challenges NYS TRUST Act to Block Release of His Tax Records

By Joan Gaylord

Lawyers for President Donald Trump filed a lawsuit this past week in an effort to block New York State's recently enacted TRUST Act. Sponsored by Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) and signed into law this month by Governor Andrew Cuomo, the TRUST Act allows New York to release state tax records of any New York government official, including the President, when requested by any of three federal Congressional committees that have an oversight role on tax policy.

The lawsuit, filed in Federal District Court in Washington, D.C., claims that releasing the state tax records would violate the President's First Amendment

rights. It seeks to block the House Ways and Means Committees from requesting the records and the state from complying with any request.

Assemblyman Buchwald said the President's attorneys appear to be making a privacy-relate claim. He said the courts might issue an emergency order to prevent the immediate release of the records and to allow time to consider the points included in the lawsuit.

"I expect New York will defend the state's rights and I have every confidence that New York will prevail," said Assemblyman Buchwald.

The New York law followed the decision made by the U.S. Treasury Department to refuse



Assemblyman David Buchwald

Congressional requests for the President's federal tax returns. The law allows the state to furnish records to the federal House

Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Finance Committee or the Joint Committee of Taxation. Assemblyman Buchwald noted that New York already provides the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) with access to New York tax records when requested. Earlier in his career, Assemblyman Buchwald practiced tax law.

"This new legislation is wholly consistent with a long tradition of states responding when there are disputes between branches of government," he explained.

If the federal committee chairs do not ask for the information, the New York law as written would not permit the state to disclose the returns, noted Bridget Crawford, a professor of tax law at Pace

Law School in White Plains. She added, however, that there would be nothing that would prohibit the state from passing a law that requires public disclosure of tax returns as a condition of a candidate's appearing on a statewide or national ballot in New York.

"Trump's attorneys making a privacy-related claim. but I do not think it will be successful," commented Professor Crawford. "If the federal committee chairs have a proper motive for requesting the return, such as investigating President Trump's possible conflicts of interests, then New York would be within the bounds of the newly drafted law to disclose them."



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on census data," Latimer said. Some of the federal programs that allocate funds based on census data include Medicare, Medicaid, highway planning and construction, mass transit funding, Pell Grants for higher education, Community Development Block grants for infrastructure projects, special education programs and Head Start, he said.

There must be an accurate count during next year's census, Latimer said. In working on how to allocate the additional revenues to municipalities from the recently approved higher county sales tax, "I immediately saw where an undercount deprives community A or community B of revenue that they both need and deserve," he said.

Latimer said preparation for next year's census count is the first time in his experience, "where there's this kind of willingness and energy of the local levels of government" to have a complete count statewide. The effort for an accurate count requires public education campaigns and outreach to residents, Latimer said.

At least seven communities in Westchester have created 2020 census committees so far, Latimer said. State funding needs to be sent to the county for next year's count, he said.

Patricia Keegan, district director for Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison), read a statement on behalf of Lowey.

Lowey stated, "The Commission is doing critical work to prepare for the 2020 census, insuring that we get an accurate count."

New York residents send more in taxes dollars to the federal government to other states than it receives back, Lowey stated. "It is essential that we get our fair share of federal support," she stated, adding that in the 2016 fiscal year the state received more than \$73 billion from 55 federal programs that was guided by 2010 census data.

Lowey stated that she opposed the Trump Administration's efforts to have a citizenship question on the 2020 census questionnaires. "In Washington I have opposed the Trump Administration's efforts to limit participation in the census at every turn," she stated. "In fact, before the Supreme Court ruled against the administration, as Chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee I insured that the House passed funding bills supporting the census and blocked the citizenship question by law." The House bill included a \$4.6 billion increase for the census, Lowey stated.

"We can't get an accurate count without adequate funding," Lowey said. "Unfortunately, this administration chose to play political football with a fundamental function of our government by attempting to add the nefarious citizenship question. It was an unnecessary addition and a clear attack on immigrant and other minority communities."

Aside from the state commission's work, efforts have begun in her Congressional district through county and local census committees, Lowey stated. "We must insure that people feel safe enough to participate in the census by coordinating with local stakeholders to get the word out and make sure groups that are vulnerable to underestimation are heard," she stated.

Caleb Hersh, chief of staff for Westchester County Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining), said there were undercounts in her district during the 2010 census and portions of her district "have historically been undercounted," he said.

"It is cruelly ironic that many places that need the most public assistance are also the most undercounted," Hersh said. "This impairs the ability of our already struggling communities to get critical aid. Many residents in our district struggle with poverty and lack of Internet access making it difficult for them to obtain critical census information."

Commission Co-Chair Jim Malatras told Hersh the Commission is seeking to have the people Hersh was referring to in his comments respond to next year's census. Malatras said if new people are coming into the district, that population needs to be reflected in next year's census count. He added that immigrants might be apprehensive about responding to the census questionnaire even though the citizenship question will not be part of next year's count.

Alex Roithmayr, chief of staff for Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains), said the Assemblyman appreciated the Commission's efforts "to insure all communities are accurately represented in the 2020 census."

Buchwald was part of a "friend of the court brief" to the US Supreme Court in opposition to the citizenship question, Roithmayr noted. The state needs to recognize that Westchester has "hard communities to count."

"It is essential that every effort be made to increase initial response rates," Roithmayr said

Libraries in Westchester need state funds to participate in the census outreach process, Roithmayr said. Churches, Chambers of Commerce and schools can also be part of the outreach process, he added.

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New Cricket Field Opens in Hartsdale

By Neal Rentz

According to the Greenburgh Cricket Committee, the sport is the second most followed in the world behind soccer.

"In the US baseball may be thought of as an American sport with a long and illustrious history, however cricket predates it," according to the committee. "Cricket was being played on this land before it became the United States and historical records as early as 1737 have chronicled its existence. Even though baseball has eclipsed cricket in popularity, there are over 600 dedicated cricket playing fields in the US."

Local cricket enthusiasts now have a new venue for their passion.

The Town of Greenburgh recently created a new cricket field at Richard Presser Park on Central Avenue in Hartsdale, Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner said last week the town is the first Westchester community to have retrofitted a park for cricket.

Greenburgh, to my knowledge, is one of the first communities in Westchester to recognize the importance of cricket," Feiner said. "I am sharing the enthusiastic response we have received with other municipal officials, hoping that other communities in Westchester will consider creating their own cricket fields. This is a very exciting initiative."

On Jan. 9 the cricket committee, which consists of residents in Greenburgh and surrounding areas, came to the town to express their desire for a cricket field. After town officials expressed their support for a



he new cricket field at Richard Presser Park on Central Avenue in Hartsdale.

local field the committee began a process to make the facility reality.

The committee held educational sessions regarding the sport with the Town Board and residents. The committee worked with the town's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and it created short-term and longterm objectives.

"We have been very fortunate to have the assistance of Gerard Byrne, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation (Town of Greenburgh) among others," according to the committee. "They have supported our long term vision and also accommodated our short term goal of repurposing existing fields in the town."

In May the town told the committee Richard Presser Park was where the first official cricket pitch would be laid. The first event was held on the field on July 6. According to the committee more than 100 cricket enthusiasts from the community either played or watched cricket on opening

Feiner said the cricket field is open to the public but residents must reserve the field by calling the parks department at 914-989-1809. "Any group of 10 or larger will need to have a permit," Byrne said last week. "Due to a local law this park can be reserved by non-residents."

'The reaction has been fantastic," Feiner said. "Lots of residents are very excited about the field and I hope that this will just be the beginning. If the town acquires new open space in the future we would seriously consider using the space for more cricket fields. I have also written to every mayor and town supervisor in Westchester asking that they consider doing what Greenburgh did. This is a sport that people enjoy. There is a serious need in Westchester for more

The committee said the new local field is the first in a series of efforts to promote cricket in the county. "Representatives of various Westchester cricket teams have come together to create "22yardsport," a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the sport of cricket in Westchester surrounding communities," committee stated. "They will be the voice of cricket enthusiasts in working with local officials for the development of dedicated cricket facilities. While our journey has only started. We are excited to see what the future will bring."

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County Children Name New Ride at Playland Park

After 409 submissions from the public. County Executive George Latimer was joined by 1st through 6th grade children attending the County's Nature Camp at Cranberry Lake Preserve in White Plains to choose the name for Playland Park's first new ride in 11 years.

From the five finalists, (Dizzy Dragon, Dragon Spinner, Dragon Twist, Dragonator, Dragon Tailspin) the campers overwhelmingly chose "Dragonator" for the new ride.

The ride features a large disk with 24



County Executive George Latimer with Cranberry Lake Nature Campers and their choice name for the

while sliding back and forth on a frame. The manufacturer calls the ride "Disk'O 24."

Latimer said, "Last month, I asked the people of Westchester to submit their name ideas and we received 409 submissions. While some were nutty, like Ridey McRideface and I-95, most were fun. But what makes 'Dragonator' so special is that the final name was chosen by children of this County, which is who Playland is all about."

Dragonator was submitted by Mount Pleasant resident Larry Gottlieb.

Gottlieb said, "As a lifelong Westchester resident having spent many hours at Playland with family and friends, it's a truly unique honor to name a ride that will hopefully bring joy to thousands of park attendees for years to come. Long live the Dragonator!"

After the naming vote, Latimer was asked about the status of Playland financially, due to litigation the county is engaged in with the current park management company, a private enterprise.

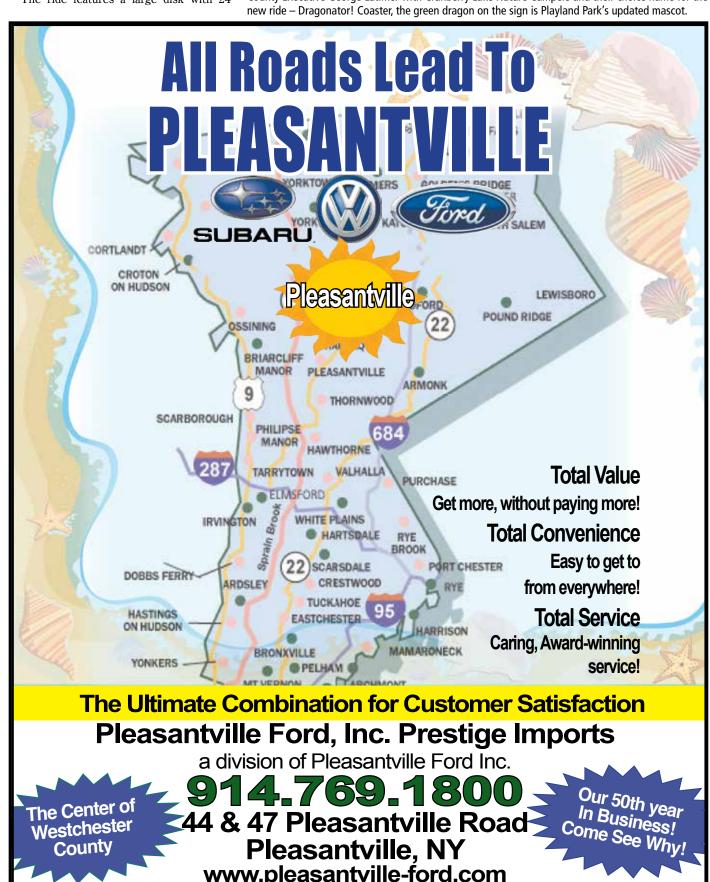
"We are committed to the park," Latimer said. "The county can run the park well. We have done the most we could do with what we have."

This year, Latimer said attendance at the park has been up due to good weather. He noted that marketing is a priority. The more the park is marketed, the more people come and the more revenue is received, Latimer

Latimer emphasized that there is a reason for public parks - they are for residents to have something to come to that they normally could not access. He explained that the contracting out philosophy to corporations that focus on profit might not be the right fit for publically owned resources.







Yankees Legend Celebrated with Parade in New Rochelle



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

The City of New Rochelle was "saving" one last special send off for Yankees Legend, Hall of Famer and Former Resident Mariano Rivera (Mo). The City Mariano called home for nearly a decade celebrated Mariano Rivera's unanimous selection into this year's Baseball Hall of Fame with the city declaring Saturday, July 27, 2019, 'Mariano Rivera Day.' In a classic Sandman Salute, the City of New Rochelle presented Mariano Rivera with the Key to the City and celebrated Mo's close ties to the community with a Pinstripe Parade in his honor. Many Westchester officials came out to honor their fan.

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Town of Mt. Pleasant Holds Medal of Honor Parade for Westchester Veterans



Sunday was a perfect summer day graced with a light breeze when the Westchester Medal of Honor parade in the Town of Mount Pleasant marched down Elwood Avenue. Heralding the 20-minute procession was the 42nd Infantry Division Band from Camp Smith. Among the veterans marching was Joe Gullotta (88) who fought in the Korean War from 1952 – 1954. Born in Mt. Pleasant Gullotta said, "This parade is about patriotism. The general public doesn't really know that the Medal of Honor goes to those who went above and beyond the call of duty." Medal of Honor recipient Robert O'Malley proudly marched alongside Honorable Loree Sutton, M.D., Brigadier General, U.S. Army retired, and founding Commissioner of New York City's, Department of Veteran's Service, and Town of Mt. Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi. O'Malley was in the Marine Corps and stationed in Chiliu, Vietnam for 90 days where he was wounded three times. He earned three purple hearts. – Abby Luby



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Jamaican Flag to be Raised in White Plains on Aug. 3

By Neal Rentz

On Aug. 3, the Jamaica Emancipendence Committee, Acting Jamaican Consul General to New York Lisa Bryan Smart and White Plains Mayor Tom Roach will raise the Jamaican flag at Renaissance Plaza on Main Street during a ceremony scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.

The ceremony is being organized by the Jamaica Emancipendence Committee under the auspices of the Thomas H. Slater



The Jamaican flag

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The yellow, green and black flag of Jamaica will fly over the city for the first time.

The flag rising will commemorate Jamaica's Emancipation, which took place on Aug. 1, 1834, and the country's independence on Aug. 6, 1962.

The Braata Folk Singers will perform traditional Jamaican folk songs and Andrene Bonner will bring alive Jamaica's national treasure, Louise Bennett, as she does her rendition of "Miss Lou." The emcee will be "Confucius Says," Wayne Chin, formerly of Jamaican radio station RJR.

Ceremony attendees are being encouraged to wear the colors yellow, green and black.

The event is being sponsored by WestCOP, Supor, First Community Church of the Nazarene, Caribbean Food Delights and Golden Krust (corporate and the New Rochelle franchise).

For more information call 914-948-6211.

New York Streets Employee Charged with County Center Thefts

By Neal Rentz

Westchester County Police arrested an employee of the New York Streets National Arena League football team on July 25 and charged her in connection with two recent thefts at the Westchester County Center in White Plains.

Aniyah Booker, 18, of Hamden., Conn., was taken into custody following an investigation by detectives from the General Investigations Unit

She is facing two misdemeanor Larceny charges.

Booker is a production contractor with the New York Streets, which played its home games this season at the County Center.

According to county police, the first theft occurred July 5. A member of the New York Streets dance team reported that someone took about \$1,000 in cash from her bag while it was left unattended in a changing room used by dance team members. On July 21 members of the visiting Carolina Cobras football team

reported that someone entered their locker room before halftime and removed cash and a ring from multiple lockers. The missing cash was estimated at about \$3,000.

Booker was processed at county police headquarters and released on a desk appearance ticket requiring her to appear in White Plains City Court on Aug. 8.

Victory Mitsubishi of Larchmont to Pay Restitution for Deceptive Business Practice

New York State Attorney General Letitia James announced last week that restitution payments were mailed to over 400 consumers who were sold a bogus anti-theft window etch product for their automobile without their knowledge or consent. The award is the result of a Stipulation of Settlement and Order of Damages, stemming from a

lawsuit won by the Attorney General's Office against Victory Motors, LLC (d/b/a/ Victory Mitsubishi of Larchmont) and Victory Auto Group, LLC (d/b/a Victory Suzuki of The Bronx).

The Attorney General's Office filed a lawsuit in December 2017, alleging Victory Motors, LLC, which closed in 2018, and

Victory Auto Group, LLC, charged many consumers for an unwanted and fraudulent anti-theft product that cost up to \$4,000 per vehicle. Known as an after-sale product, this item was often added onto the final cost of the vehicle without the consumer's knowledge or consent, after the consumer had agreed upon the purchase price of a vehicle but

before the sale transaction was finalized.

The court ordered a Stipulation of Settlement directing the dealerships to pay a total of \$305,850 in damages, which includes restitution to the victims of the fraud. Consumers were charged amounts ranging from \$129 to \$3,998 for the bogus anti-theft product.

Lead-Based Paint Remediation Funds Available to Eligible Homeowners

Westchester County has announced \$4.1 million in federal funding to conduct healthy home assessments and help low-income homeowners remediate lead-based paint in their homes.

Applications are now available to property owners and rental building owners who qualify for lead-based paint remediation through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Lead Hazard Demonstration Grant Funds, and Healthy Homes Supplemental Funds. The funds will be used to protect families with limited resources from health hazards that can be associated with lead-based paint, and provide assistance to those who may have homes with affected surfaces. The grant will allow for approximately 240 properties to be rehabilitated over the course of three years.

Westchester County has been awarded \$3.5 million for the Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction program, and \$600,000 in Health Homes Supplemental funding from HUD.

Property owners, including rental property landlords, are eligible if the property and the occupants meet the program requirements. The funding is income eligible, but available to be used in any community in Westchester County. Remediation efforts can include an assessment of lead and other safety hazards, and the replacement, encapsulation or rehabilitation of affected surfaces. Funds will be awarded on a first come, first served basis based on a home inspection that determines the presence of lead. Priority consideration will be given to households with a child under the age of 6, or a pregnant woman.

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Planning Norma Drummond said, "Our affordable housing efforts have always included the rehabilitation and preservation of existing housing. Having these funds will allow us to once again have the resources to assist lower income households with their housing rehabilitation needs."

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Greenburgh Police Chief Retiring to Become County Chief Criminal Investigator

Greenburgh Police Chief Chris McNerney will retire from the Greenburgh Police Department on August 25, to pursue an opportunity with the Westchester County District Attorney's Office as their Chief Criminal Investigator.

Town Supervisor Paul Feiner said the Town Board will be interviewing the three Police Captains for the position of Interim Police Chief. The Board will appoint a

permanent Police Chief after a civil service promotional test is administered in March 2020.

Greenburgh's loss is The District Attorney's gain, Feiner said. We appreciate the hard work and outstanding service given to the town by Chief Chris McNerney and wish him great success. He ran a great department, was hard working, smart and innovative and will be missed.



ARTHUR MURRAY DANCE STUDIO, WHITE PLAINS

By Natalie Chun

Arthur Murray Dance Studio in White Plains, one of 300 locations worldwide, teaches 21 different styles of dance including salsa, tango, waltz, rumba, merengue and swing.

Owner Michael Powers said the business

has been in his family for decades. His father bought his first location in Yonkers in 1957 and since then, they have taught four to five generations of people in Westchester County and areas of Connecticut.

Powers began dancing at a young age but moved onto

other activities, and became a business owner. He owned a deli at the age of 19 and later a landscaping business, but came to work with his father in 1996.

"And then when I started dancing, I fell in love with it," Powers said. "What I really fell in love with was the effect that dance has on people. That's what kept me doing this. Seeing a married couple stay together, seeing a guy that has no confidence get confidence, seeing a woman with no confidence get confidence get confidence."

Powers believes that the styles of dance taught at Arthur Murray also create a more encouraging atmosphere that's different from other sports or forms of exercise. He says that in other sports like tennis, golf or bowling, someone loses. But "dancing, you both win." Students also get the unique experience of exercising with someone as opposed to next to someone.

"The craziest thing about our business

is that we have the power of touch," Powers said. "When you go to a gym, you work out, your spinning class, it's you in the class. And now it's just a different feeling. And now you are dancing with someone, your brain, there's just different

chemical reactions. You get to feel a part of something."

Arthur Murray Dance Studio in White Plains has around 175 active students who generally range in age from the mid-20s into their 70s. Powers applauds the diversity in this area and believes dance to be a strong unifier. Every Friday, the studio hosts a social, which all students can attend to learn new styles and meet other students, creating a strong sense of community within the dance studio.

"You have from CEOs of Fortune 500 companies to cashiers dancing together at a Friday night social," Powers said. "No one cares, everyone just wants to have fun."



PHOTO COURTESY OF ARTHUR MURRAY DANCE STUDIO OF WHITE PLAINS

White Plains' Arthur Murray Dance Studio teaches many different styles of dance to around 175 students.

"We usually say one thing great about the studio: it's like taking a dance vacation," Powers said. "When you're here you forget about everything. Even as owner, I can be going through all this, practices of business or stuff with kids or whatever else it is, but

when I teach, it just all disappears. One of the best forms of stress relief I have ever come to find."

Arthur Murray Dance Studio is located at 139 E Post Rd in White Plains and their phone number is (914) 948-5929.

Local Chess Player Places Second at National Championships

By Natalie Chun

Seventeen-year-old Nicolas Checa, Dobbs Ferry resident and Grandmaster chess player, recently took second place in the US Junior Championship in St. Louis and won \$4,000 in prize money.

The national championship was hosted by Saint Louis Chess Club and took place July 10-20. This year marked Checa's third appearance at the championship and his best performance, exceeding even his own expectations. Checa attended before in 2016 and 2017, placing seventh and fifth, respectively.

The championship consisted of nine rounds in which the top 10 players in the country competed for a \$20,600 prize purse. Checa

remained the tournament leader after round three and was tied for first place with Awonder Liang going into the ninth and final round.

Liang and Checa faced off in the final round in "a wild game with both kings in trouble," according to the Round 9 Recap by US Chess Champs. Grandmaster Liang, ultimately took first place, winning his third US Junior Championship in a row and qualifying for the US Championship.

"Special shout out to Nicolas Checa, he should be commended for an incredible event," Saint Louis Chess Club wrote in a tweet at the end of the championship. "He was certainly the most solid player of the whole tournament, and with a little more luck could have won it all."

The invitation-only tournament is for those under the age of 20, meaning Checa still has a few more chances to take first place. Though he has no immediate for future plans he is tournaments, committed to continuing to compete and play, while furthering his growth as a player.

"One of the things I love about chess is that it is possible to learn something new from every game," Checa wrote in an email. "I hope to learn from all my games in this event and I aim to improve for future events."



PHOTO COURTESY OF SAINT LOUIS CHESS CLUB Nicolas Checa came in second place at the US Junior Championship.



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Obituaries

Respected Local Journalist Dies at Home in White Plains



Richard Liebson

Richard Liebson, 61, White Plains resident and long-time reporter for The Journal News/lohud, died in his home on July 28. He succumbed to cancer, which he had struggled with for two years.

Liebson was a well-known reporter covering news in Central Westchester during a good portion of his career.

An obituary published Sunday on lohud. com described Liebson as "one of The Journal News' best-known writers and characters, a beat reporter of the old school who chatted up sources on his off hours, huddled with people burned out of their homes, distrusted authority figures (and anyone who didn't answer a question directly), and managed to find the humanity in the most hard-bitten crime stories."

"Rich was a smart, hardworking reporter and lucid storyteller who was admired by everyone in the newsroom for his trusted and generous counsel and infectious love of journalism," said Mary Dolan, editor of The Journal News/lohud.

Liebson grew up on military bases in the U.S. and Germany as the son of an Air Force master sergeant. He was born Jan. 14, 1958 in Landstuhl, Germany. He graduated from Valhalla High School in 1976, and served in the U.S. Army from 1976 to 1980, "writing for Stars and Stripes."

He was hired as a part-time reporter for the Westchester Rockland Newspapers in 1983 and promoted to full-time in 1985. He's had a number of beats over the years including education, municipal government and public safety.

According to the lohud obituary, he was an always-optimistic fan of the Jets and Mets, a devotee of Muhammad Ali and Bob Dylan. and a lifelong student of Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday his family learned to observe each year. He loved history, especially the Civil War, but was equally fascinated by local history and valued his time with local historians. Liebson was an authority on the Battle of White Plains and his definitive history of the battle hung in Westchester classrooms for many years.

Liebson married Victoria Hochman on June 15, 1996. Hochman is a former editor for The Journal News and Newsday and is now manager of public relations for Thompson & Bender, Inc.

In addition to his wife, Liebson is survived by two daughters, Morgan Shelby and Rebecca Liebson of White Plains, two brothers, Bruce Liebson of Greenwich, and David Liebson of Carmel, and two sisters, Liza Liebson and Laura Liebson of Acapulco, Mexico.

Visitation will be Tuesday, July 30, 4 to 6 p.m. at Ballard-Durand Funeral Home, 2 Maple Ave., White Plains. A memorial service will follow at 6 p.m. Liebson requested that no one wear ties.

Santo Lagano

Santo "Sam" Rocco Lagano passed away peacefully in his home in West Harrison July 25. He was 90 years old.

Santo was born in Port Chester on Oct. 1,

From 1950-1952 he served in the military during the Korean War. On May 9, 1954 he married his beautiful and loving wife, Antoinette. They had their first child, Daniel, in January of 1956 and their second son, Stephen, in May of 1958. They started their life as a family in West Harrison, and then moved to Hyde Park where they lived for 23 years only to return to West Harrison.

Santo received his bachelor's degree in 1950 from the American Institute of Banking and his master's degree in 1970 from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University. He was humble and hardworking. His educational success was an amazing feat for a first-generation Italian American born in the United States. Santo's work ethic and diligence made him into a strong role model for his two sons, family, and friends.

He was loved by so many friends of his sons and grandchildren for his loving disposition and kind words.

He had a distinguished career in the banking industry. He was a government bank examiner (his favorite job) and had an impressive career at Marine Midland bank (now HSBC). He worked his way up, starting as a messenger, then teller, and through other positions to ultimately end his career as Senior Vice President for the bank on Wall Street. His moral fabric, attentiveness to detail and care for people were recognized early and an underlying trait to his success.

He was a volunteer on corporate boards for several organizations including United Way, Poughkeepsie's St. Francis Hospital (now MidHudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center), Rotary Club,

For over 30 years Santo was an active parishioner at the Church of St. Anthony of Padua in West Harrison. He prioritized and was extremely passionate about his involvement with the parish. He always volunteered at the church's annual St. Anthony Fiesta and advised the church both financially and operationally for many years.

Santo is survived by his son Stephen and his wife Laura and their three children, Victoria, Isabella and Zachary. He is predeceased by his wife Antoinette and their eldest son Daniel.

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, July 30, at 10 a.m. at the Church of St. Anthony of Padua in West Harrison. Entombment will be at Gate of Heaven

Cemetery Hawthorne.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Westchester, 95 South Broadway, White Plains, NY 10601.

Anthony Narciso

Anthony J. Narciso, 68, of White Plains passed away on July 21.

He was born on Aug. 15, 1950 to Anna K. and Joseph Narciso.

He was an artist/illustrator in the advertising industry in New York City. Anthony was kind, gentle, and would help people in need.

He is survived by his sister, Christine Narciso, of Thornwood.

Anthony was predeceased by his parents. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Parkinson 's Disease Foundation. www.parkinson.org.

Raffaele Macchia

Raffaele Macchia, of West Harrison, passed away July 21. He was 88.

Raffaele was born April 12, 1931 in Guardia dei Lombardi, Italy, to Felice and Rosa (nee Forgione) Macchia.

On Dec. 29, 1959 Raffaele married his wife Rosa in Guardia dei Lombardi, Italy.

For 30 years Raffaele did masonry work for the labors union, until his retirement in 1999. He was a hard worker, and a loving husband and father.

Besides his wife of 60 years, Rosa, Raffaele is survived by his four children Grace (Mike) Casarella of West Harrison, Tina (Angelo) Mariani of Harrison, Michelle (Joe) Carozza of Thornwood, and Gerry (Denise) Macchia of Bethel, CT.

Also surviving are two brothers Michele (Carmela) Macchia of West Harrison and Giuseppe (Michelina) of Italy, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Raffaele was predeceased by his sister and her husband, Gaetana and Francesco Forgione.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donation be made to the American Cancer Society. www.cancer.org.

William James Silverberg

William J. Silverberg, MD, of White Plains, passed away on July 21 at the age of 95.

He was born in New York City on Nov. 5,

Dr. Silverberg received his medical degree from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1950 and practiced psychiatry with great devotion and diligence over 60 years, largely in White Plains. He was that rare physician whose phone was available

In his private life, Bill included among his many pleasures bluegrass, Lindying, water skiing, tennis and lusty fooding (hello, Bembas). But his primary passions were his family and Maine.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 73 years, Shirley; his devoted children and their spouses Peter and Patty, Alan and Diane, Deb

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imi Hendrix 'Re-Experience' Band to Rock Stage at Expo

By Michael Giuliano

Fifty years after participating in the Woodstock music festival that shaped a generation, a living piece of music history looks to pay tribute to the now-iconic gathering.

Juma Sultan, a musician who played with Jimi Hendrix at Woodstock in 1969, will be making

appearance at the Hudson Valley Exposition alongside Kiss The Sky, a group known as a Jimi Hendrix "reexperience" rather than just a cover band. Led by guitarist Jimy Bleu, Kiss The Sky takes a revolving stable of recording artists from the New metropolitan area and brings them together to capture

every essence of the original Hendrix spirit.

Not content to just play the same songs that made Jimi Hendrix a household name, the band is often decked-out in similar or replica clothes that the original band would have worn, and plays with identical instruments with similar amplifying effects to truly recreate the original sound. Bleu even trained himself to play guitar left-handed, behind his back, and with his teeth, all of which were signature Hendrix moves.

To me, this is one of the most truthful versions of Jimi's music I've seen," Sultan said in an interview. "I've played with 'cover bands' who are good, but he [Bleu] is different. He is very charismatic

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and brings original character to the music."

Sultan, member of the Blues Hall of Fame, has been playing music since the early 1960's, when he started out primarily as a musician playing upright bass.

After moving from his hometown of Monrovia, California, to New York City, he was fortunate enough to become acquainted with Hendrix, as well as a slew of other talented musicians. After collaborating several times and strengthening their friendship, Sultan was invited to be a part of Hendrix's Gypsy Sun and Rainbows band, now playing percussion instruments.

Over the years Sultan has toured with other former members artists who performed at the last



Juma Sultan, a musician who played with Jimi Hendrix at Woodstock in 1969, will be making an appearance at the Hudson Valley Exposition this weekend.

of Hendrix's band (each of them also having performed with Kiss The Sky), and is looking forward to performing for a large music festival called WE2019 in North Carolina in August. WE2019 is a two-weekend festival looking to recreate the magic from the original Woodstock concert, featuring eight

concert 50 years ago.

"It can never be repeated or duplicated," Sultan said, talking about his experience at the Woodstock concert. "I experienced unity, brotherhood, and love, and that's something that's hard to bring out today. The spirit that prevailed there still lives, but it's

The Hudson Valley Exposition takes place on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 1 to 10 p.m. at Riverfront Green Park in Peekskill. The "Rockin' the Green" concert, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Woodstock concert, begins at 4 p.m. on the main stage. Visit www.hvexposition.com for

A 50-Year Rewind to Woodstock, White Lake and War Happy Golden Anniversary Woodstock ... Many More

By Richard Cirulli

"By the time we got to Woodstock We were a half a million strong And everywhere was a song and a celebration And I dreamed I saw the bomber death

Riding shotgun in the sky turning into butterflies Above our nation We are stardust We are golden" -Joni Mitchell

We celebrate the Golden Anniversary of Woodstock in August. For us Boomers, it is hard to believe we are celebrating this historical event 50 years later. Yes, time goes by fast when you are having fun.

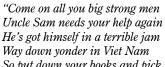
As Baby Boomers, we also bear the unofficial name du plume and moniker Woodstock Generation, although the author like so many Baby Boomers did not attend the event. Attendance was limited to those 500,000-plus intrepid souls who were hardy enough to challenge the logistics and weather for a "happening" that would be dubbed three days of love, peace, and rock and roll. Not to mention in hindsight a once in a lifetime opportunity to be a part of

So, on that fateful Friday morning of August 15, 1969, I called a few friends to inform them I would pick them up and drive them up to Max Yasgur's farm for the three-day Aquarian Exposition at White Lake. I then became quite existential and had an epiphany of sorts. When I left my air conditioned room and walked to the car, a thought passed through me that echoed within like a reverb unit, "tents don't have air conditioning or running water, and what about the dry cleaning? Just imagine

what the place will be like without a freshly cleaned and pressed wardrobe at my disposal complete with a few starched bandana's." (Well, I had to be coordinated.) Swiping away the sweat from my brow, I went back to my air conditioned room to call my now (ex) friends, informing them that due to my allergies to grass and trees (this is true, Boy Scout's honor) I was unable to attend, because my meds

would make me too drowsy to drive. I thought I would just wait until the album and the movie came out. Now, is this the mind of a budding radical?

Looking back, free of the rose-colored glasses of nostalgia, while 500,000 youths were camped out at a 500-acre farm for a few days of peace, love, and rock and roll, on the other side of the world 543,482 G.I.s were camped out across 127,212 square miles in



So put down your books and pick up a gun we're Gonna have a whole lotta fun

"And it's one, two, three, what are we fighting for

Don't ask me, I don't give a dam, next stop is Viet Nam

And, its five, six, seven, open up the pearly gates

Ain't no time to wonder why, whoopee we're all gonna die' -Country Joe McDonald

Fifty years later, many of us with children, heck grandchildren, maybe it's time to take a Hajj to our holy shrine in Bethel in our gas guzzling and air-conditioned SUVs,

mobile monuments to our generation's prosperity, the wealthiest cohort generation in American history. Why we can even pick up our dry cleaning and starched bandanas before we leave and book the best rooms around Bethel Woods. Did I hear someone whisper capitalist pig?

In hindsight, what Woodstock was for our nation was the first budding of a straight branch to grow from the crooked timber of

In closing, what can we Boomers sing about now? Well maybe something like this:

And it's one, two three, what are we living for

I don't give a dam I am just an aging old man Living off of Uncle Sam

Come on all Boomer women and men Uncle Sam needs our helb again He's got himself in a terrible jam With social security he can't afford to spend

So Come on Boomers and move fast Put down your cash in a tax sheltered box And spend some cash on a late bash For poor old Uncle Sam Gonna raise our taxes again

And it's five, six, seven open up your checkbook again

Ain't no time to wonder why, Whoopee we'll all be broke again.

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How a Ghost Helped Me Buy a House ... A Fantastic but True Story

In a past column I mentioned, perhaps impetuously, that I had once lived in a "haunted" house and I would someday write about it. Just recently I received a note in the mail from a "devoted fan" who reminded me of this promise and asked me to fulfill it.

Both my down-to-earth wife Margaret and I did experience paranormal activity in one of our homes, our first in fact, when we were just 26 and 28 years old respectively. The very fact that we were able to acquire the property at all was extraordinary. For the first three years of our marriage, we had been apartment dwellers and, at the same time, collectors of antique items and furnishings, but we didn't have a nickel in savings to buy a house.

However, we did have a good friend, Terry Murray, who owned a gorgeous two-family federal townhouse in Brooklyn Heights where we lived. The house had on its first floor an antiques shop and, coincidentally enough, my wife and I had been looking for a commercial rental to establish an antiques shop.

"Why don't you just buy my house and the antiques shop along with it?" Terry asked when we told him of our quest. "But we have no money to buy a house," we replied. "How about if I give you the time to raise the money for a down payment, say six months?" he suggested.

The offer seemed too good to be true. For that house, priced at \$65,000 at that time (and now valued, according to Zillow at \$3.2 million), a \$13,000 down payment was requested. But Margaret and I had just under \$500 in savings.

We decided to accept the challenge and bought the house, determined to raise the \$13,000 down payment somehow within six months.

The bottom line is that we were able to accomplish that feat and - are you ready for this? – a ghost helped us do it. Here's how:

Along with the property came a married couple who rented the top two floors of the home, built in 1826, in what was by then a landmarked community. When the wife knocked on our door on the first day of our ownership to introduce herself, her first question was, "Did Terry tell you the house was haunted?" My first reaction was to laugh to myself, but I responded that Terry had mentioned

no such thing, but I would be delighted if it were true.

Well I can assure the reader here that the house indeed came complete with a ghost... and that ghost, a gentleman whose name was Jacob Hicks (I'll tell how I learned his name below), helped us to raise that \$13,000 for the down payment within six months. Seriously. Here's how:

Just a few weeks after we took possession, one Saturday morning, I was vacuuming the shop in preparation to open at noon. Because



By Bill Primavera

both Margaret and I had fulltime jobs in public relations, we ran the shop only on Saturdays and Sundays. In fact, it was called The Saturday Shop.

Over the din of the vacuum cleaner, I thought I heard footsteps on the floor above me, then I sensed something over my shoulder, turned around, and there, facing the bright sunlight through our front windows, I saw the shadowy figure, almost translucent, of a large man wearing a bowler hat (inside, I wondered?) and an overcoat... winter clothing in the dead of summer. Without speaking a word, I communicated to this apparition that I really didn't feel that I could handle this, and the message I received back, was simply: "Very well, sorry' and in an instant, the apparition was gone. And again, I heard footsteps over my head.

How could I keep this happening to myself? Being in the public relations field, I had a good contact at the Lifestyles section of The New York Times who was also a friend. I called her and related my extraordinary tale, hoping she wouldn't think I was pulling her leg. "You have to let me write about this," she responded.

The article appeared in the Saturday Times the next week. While I was getting ready to open the shop that morning, still shaving, I heard voices outside on the sidewalk. I looked out of my second story window and saw a line of people forming, waiting for the shop to open at noon. Normally on a Saturday, Margaret and I would take in about \$200, which in those days was good money. On this first Saturday of such notoriety, however, we earned just under \$2,000 and within six weeks, we had the \$13,000 we needed for the down payment. Thanks, Ghost.

I learned the name of my ghost through an amazing occurrence some years later. In a museum located in Brooklyn Heights is a painting depicting a Brooklyn street scene in the mid1800s. It shows local residents who lived there at the time and each person's image has a number attached to it. In one corner of the painting, I spied my ghost, looking as I had seen him in my shop. Following the number attached to him in the legend at the bottom of the painting, he was identified as Jacob Hicks, the very person who had owned my home at that time!

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Across

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- 4. Fluid-filled structure
- 7. Shakespearean shout of disapproval
- 10. Singer, Rawls
- 11. Difficulty
- 12. Kiev is its cap.
- 13. Unit of energy
- 14. Belonging to the subject of a Chuck Berry song or Yorktown German restaurant
- 16. Biblical suffix
- 17. Improves
- 18. Capital of Nepal
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- 25. Boat races
- 29. Ethnic cuisine
- 31. Lawyer, abbr.
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- 33. It separates "pay"

- from "view"
- 34. Punching tool 35. Manning from NY
- 36. Fighting Tigers
- of the N.C.A.A. 37.
- "Christ the Redeemer"
- locale
- 38. Type of bread
- 39. UFO crew

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- 7. Provide money for
- 8. Clanton and Turner
- 9. TV drama settings
- 15. Alaska native
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- 22. Basic
- 23. Most recent
- 24. Period when an ani-
- mal is in heat
- 26. Moray catcher
- 27. Joyfully
- 28. Musical with the song
- "N.Y.C."
- 29. Furry fruit
- 30. Former Winter
- Olympics host
- 32. Way off

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Comparing the Essence and Similarities of Wine and Chocolate

"It is in the

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You Heard It

Through the

Grapevine



By Nick Antonaccio

This past weekend, as I sat at my keyboard contemplating the 616th published column of You Heard It through the Grapevine, an urge struck me to indulge in one of the topics of my previous focuses.

So it is that I am sitting here this Sunday evening, with a glass of red wine at hand and an artisanal bar of Amedei chocolate nearby.

As I cogitate over what is at hand, I realize that the similarities between wine and chocolate go beyond their agricultural heritage and processing. It is in the consumption of each that the similarities are equally striking.

When I guide my guests in one of the many wine-tasting seminars I conduct, I walk them through several steps to better understand and savor each glass of wine they consume. So too with a chocolate tasting seminar I conducted several years ago.

For each wine and chocolate experience there are five steps (the 5 S's) that assist in honing our senses and enjoyment.

Step 1: "See" the wine. This is your first interaction and provides an overall indication of the style, from light to robust. Hold the glass of wine up to the light. Generally speaking, the lighter the color the lighter the weight and intensity of the wine. Conversely, the deeper the color, the more body and richness. So too with chocolate. A light brown color indicates that more

milk product was added during processing. A dark, burnt umber color indicates a high concentration of cacao butter and less milk.

Step 2: "Swirl" the wine in the glass. This infuses oxygen into the wine and opens

the bouquet to your olfactory senses. For chocolate, a small "squeeze" piece between your fingers. The higher the cacao butter content, the more quickly it will melt; the lower, the longer it will take. Cacao butter is the foundation of the highest quality chocolates, providing the richness and smoothness desired by connoisseurs.

Step 3: "Sniff" the wine. Bring the glass to your nose; it is in this step that your overall impression of the wine will be set, as well as

its nuances. Our sense of smell has tens of thousands of olfactory receptors, which transmit the aromas of a wine to our brains, resulting in a pleasurable or off-putting impression. So too with chocolate. Bring a piece of chocolate to your nose and breathe in the fragrances. Our olfactory receptors are inundated with the aromas that form our

impression of the particular brand and style of chocolate. High quality chocolate will have deep and rich aromas, without metallic or medicinal undertones.

Step 4: "Sip" the wine. Our tongue and

mouth dominate our sense of taste. Here is where our palates determine if a wine is bitter, sweet, salty, sour or savory. These senses translate to our perception of a wine to be fruity or dry, soft or tannic. So too with chocolate. As you taste a piece, savor it as it melts in your mouth. How does your palate perceive it? Smooth or gritty? Robust or velvety? Sweet or bitter?

Step 5: "Swallow" the wine or chocolate. The finish is the final impression on your palate. A long, lingering, sensation is another indication of the

quality of each. For wine, it transmits a desired level of complexity and finesse. So too with chocolate. A high level of cacao butter will dissipate on the palate, highlighting the flavors; a low level will leave a waxy or greasy coating in your mouth, muting the flavors and diminishing the experience of the next bite.

As I take another sip from my glass of fruity and mildly acidic Zinfandel (although Port is likely the best pairing with chocolate), my senses of smell and taste are enhanced by the richness and moderate bitterness of the 70% Amedei chocolate. Ah, I love writing this column.

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Happenin8s

The Examiner is happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event to pcasey@theexaminernews.com. For a full listing of the upcoming week's events, visit www.theexaminernews.com and click on Happenings.

Tuesday, July 30

Toddler Tuesday. Toddler Tuesday is an early literacy story and playtime for ages 2-4 with a caregiver. Children and their caregiver will hear stories, play together, and increase their early literacy skills. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis beginning 30 minutes prior to the program. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

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.

Tech Tuesdays. Students in grades 1-3 are invited to come take part in a fun STEM-focused activity. Activities will include coding, computer animation, robotics, video game design, augmented reality, and other possible programs. 2:30 to 3 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Do Gooders. A weekly opportunity for teens in grades 7-12 as of fall 2019 to earn volunteer service hours and make a difference in our community. Each week we'll work on a different project to benefit a local organization. Registration recommended; space is limited. This program is supported by the Allstate Foundation. 3 to 5 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Reading Buddies. Practice reading with a teen Reading Buddy. Reading Buddies will be available to read one-on-one with children in grades 2 to 5 on Tuesday evenings and Monday and Wednesday afternoons for 15 minute sessions. Sign-up will start 30 minutes before the program time. 4:30 to 7 p.m., White Plains Library.

Wednesday, July 31

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.

Tech Wednesday for Adults. Video Editing 101. Participants will learn how to manipulate video files and have the chance to create their own clip. 12 to 1 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

The Artists' Loft with Art Bennett. On the last Wednesday of each month from February through September, join Art Bennett and other guest teaching artists in the library's café space from 6 to 8 p.m. for evenings of fun, creativity, and community. Musicians are welcome every month, with all musical skill levels welcome. Bring your instrument and any tunes you want to work on, or just bring your ears to relax and listen. Art likes to run a workshopstyle event, where you get a chance to see how musicians who have never played before work together to create! An electric piano and a PA will be available. A few times through the year, guest-teaching artists will come and run workshops focused on visual arts, dance, and/or hip-hop in parallel to Art's music workshop. These sessions are modeled after musician and educator Art Bennett's experience in the 1970s Loft Jazz scene in NYC, where artists of all mediums collaborated and created together. White Plains Library Community Room.

New Castle 2019 Summer Concert Series: FDR Drive. This group will perform Top 40 and classic hits. The fourth of six Wednesday evening concerts. Recreation Field, South Greeley Avenue, Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free.







Thursday, Aug. 1

Noonday Concert. Free concert at Renaissance Plaza, White Plains, featuring Jimmy Tate.

Lego Free Play. Use your imagination to create wondrous worlds out of LEGOs! Run by our teen workers. Grades 1 to 6,2 to 3 p.m., White Plains Library.

Summer Jazz. Sage, 6:30 p.m. at William L. Carter Pavilion at Yosemite Park, 32 Manhattan Ave., Greenburgh. Food will be available for purchase.

Block Party: Sami Stevens Trio. This rhythm and blues group performs for the fourth of seven Katonah Museum of Art concerts. Includes complementary soft drinks, craft beer, wine and specialty cocktails along with light refreshments. Rain or shine. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St., Katonah. 6 to 8 p.m. Members: \$20. Nonmembers: \$25. Children (under 18): Free. Info and tickets: Visit www.katonahmuseum. org.

Grateful Dead Meet-Up 2019. Join Dead Heads in your neighborhood - and around the world – when Trafalgar Releasing and Rhino Entertainment celebrate the 9th annual Grateful Dead Meet-Up at the Movies! This can't-miss event, happening on what would have been Jerry Garcia's 77th birthday, features the previously unreleased complete June 17, 1991, concert from Giants Stadium. Widely considered one of the greatest shows of the band's final decade of performing, this concert also sounds unlike any Dead show you've ever heard as it was one of only two recorded on 48-track. As a special treat, this screening will also feature a reveal of the Grateful Dead's 2019 boxed set, featuring the Dead's legacy manager, archivist and producer David Lemieux. Part of the Sounds of Summer: Music Films Old and New Series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 8:30 p.m. Members: \$10. Nonmembers: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.

Friday, Aug. 2

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them. A double feature of movies each Friday in Galaxy Hall in July and August. Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them (Rated PG13, 2016) Taking place in JK Rowling's Harry Potter Wizarding World, Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them opens in 1926 as Newt Scamander has just completed a global excursion to find and document an extraordinary array of magical creatures. Arriving in New York for a brief stopover, he might have come and gone without incident...were it not for a No-Maj (American for Muggle) names Jacob, a misplaced magical case, and the escape of some of Newt's fantastic beasts, which could spell trouble for both the wizarding and No-Maj worlds. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. White Plains Library.

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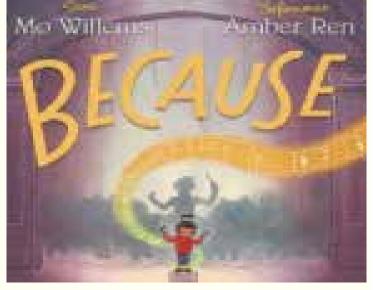
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young children. Kids will learn about the mythology surrounding wolves and the important role they play in the natural world. This is an exciting time for wolves as they are out searching for prey as they prepare for the birth of this year's pups. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and possibly the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 2 p.m. Also Aug. 4 and 25 at 11 a.m. and Aug. 10, 24 and 31 at 2 p.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-763-2373 or visit www. nywolf.org.

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Sunday, Aug. 4

Heritage of India Festival. Music, entertainment, crafts and food vendors. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Free admission. Free. Info: 914-864-PARK or visit parks. westchestergov.com.



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and Vic; his adored grandchildren Amy and Jon (husband); Emily and Charlie (fiancé); Andrew, Josh, Rachel; and his wondrous 7-month-old great grandson, Noah.

In 1976, on the rocky, bold ocean coast of New Harbor, Maine, Bill designed and built his dream home. This is where he enjoyed the most blissful periods in his life with family and close friends. His final gesture of love for his Utopia was the nest he created on his property in 2017 for a displaced osprey family, a home in which they are still thriving.

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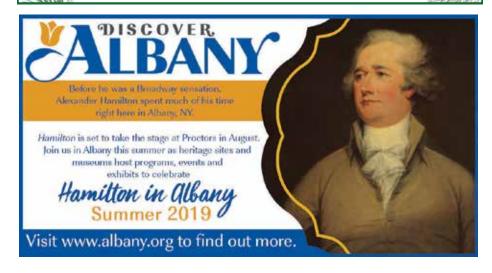
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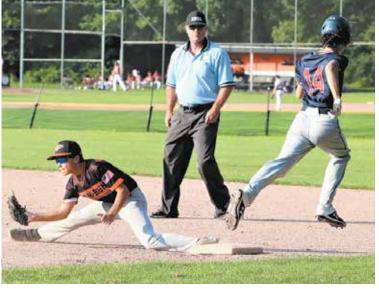
By Albert Coqueran

It was all going so well through four innings for the White Plains 13U Black Hit-N-Run Baseball Team in the Opening Round of the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League (GHVBL) Playoffs, on Thursday, at WPHS. The number three seeded Hit-N-Run 13U Black team was leading the number 14 seeded Interstate Baseball-Westchester County 13U team by a score of 4-0.

Callum "Cal" Markowitz was on the mound for White Plains and was throwing a no-hit shutout through four innings against Interstate. Yes, this is the same Cal Markowitz, who at 13 years old became the number one singles player for WPHS Varsity Boys Tennis.

Markowitz won the Section 1 Conference Boys Singles Title this year and advanced to play in the NYSPHSAA New York State Tennis Tournament at the U.S. Open Tennis Center.

But in the summer months it is time for Markowitz to showcase his well-known baseball prowess with the Hit-N-Run Baseball Program.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

White Plains 13U Hit-N-Run Black first baseman Dillon Drazka (left) makes the stretch but Interstate centerfielder Troy Worrell beats the throw after taking a base on a dropped third strike in the third inning of the Opening Round of the GHSBL Playoffs.

"Cal has been part of this baseball program since he was eight years commented Hit-N-Run Founder and Organizer Marcel Galligani, who is the Head Coach of the 13U Black Team. Galligani is

White Plains 13U Hit-N-Run Black Head Coach Marcel Galligani (right) leads his youngsters with the same enthusiasm, guidance and discipline as he does his WPHS Varsity Baseball Team. Galligani founded the White Plains Hit-N-Run Baseball Program 18 years ago.

better known as the Head Coach of White Plains High School Varsity Baseball.

The atmosphere was positive among the team and the faithful fans gathered around the junior varsity field at WPHS, after the 13U Hit-N-Run team put a threespot on the scoreboard and lead 3-0 after the third inning.

Second baseman Andrew Berlingo singled; leadoff hitter Malcom White drew a walk and then Markowitz batting second hit a single. White scored on the overthrow by the Interstate centerfielder and Markowitz advanced to second base. Markowitz then stole third and was sacrificed home by catcher Dereck Diaz, making the score 3-0.

The young Hit-N-Run Black team also scored a run in the fourth inning leaving them confident with a 4-0 lead with Markowitz pitching a no-hitter through four innings against Interstate. Nonetheless, the top of the fifth inning was still to come for Interstate.



White Plains 13U Black Hit-N-Run third baseman Sam Fusco walked, stole a base and scored in the sixth inning, as the young White Plains team staged a comeback. But they fell short by one run and lost to Interstate Baseball-Westchester County, 7-6, in the Opening Round of the GHVBL Playoffs, on Thursday, at WPHS.

Who would have expected a leadoff walk to Interstate catcher Vinnie Sasso, a double by Dereck Countermanche and two consecutive errors by the Hit-N-Run infield to prompt Interstate to score seven unearned runs in the fifth inning to take the lead 7-4?

The three seeded Hit-N-Run Black team fought back scoring a run in each of the sixth and seventh innings but the local 13U team came up one run short, while losing, 7-6, to the 14 seeded underdog Interstate Baseball.

"Seven unearned runs in the fifth inning for a 7-6 loss. Cal had as he was in that inning we just did not make plays for him," said Galligani. "These are a great group of kids and a lot better baseball team then witnessed today. It is unfortunate that this is how their season has to come to a close," stated the Hit-N-Run Founder.

The winning pitcher for Interstate Baseball was Andrew Jenkins with three innings of relief pitching by Countermanche, who closed the game. Countermanche and shortstop Collin Witz both had doubles in that game determining fifth inning for Interstate.

White Plains Hit-N-Run 17U Advances to **Semifinals**

The number five seeded White Plains 17U Hit-N-Run beat the number 12 seeded Hardball NY, 11-3, in the Opening Round of the 17U GHVBL Playoffs, on Thursday, on the Varsity Baseball Field, at White Plains High School.

The 17U Hit-N-Run squad scored 11 unanswered runs after Hardball led 3-0, after the first inning. Hit-N-Run rightfielder Johnny Myers had four hits including a double and three singles. Mark Kent pitched six innings for the win. Kent and Myers will lead the WPHS Varsity Baseball Team next season.

The Hit-N-Run 17U went on to beat the number four seeded Coastal CT Tides, 5-2, in the Quarterfinals to advance to the GHVBL 17U Semifinals, where they will play the number eight seeded Fairfield County Captains. "This team has the potential to win it all. Our pitching is there and we are hitting the ball well; if we play defense we are going to be very tough to beat," said Head Coach Tony Burgio, who is assisted by his son, Anthony Burgio, the ace pitcher of last season's Tigers Varsity Baseball Team.

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WP Hit-N-Run Endures Narrow Playoff Defeat Against Cortlandt

By Rob DiAntonio

White Plains' 10-and-under team traveled north to face off with the Cortlandt Americans in the first round of the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball league playoffs last Wednesday. The WP Hit-N-Run squad gave all they had for six innings, but suffered a 2-1 defeat at Seaboldt Field.



Julian Bystricky makes the catch at first for the out.



White Plains' 10U baseball team poses for a team picture following a playoff defeat to Cortlandt.



Luca Fugarino slides safely into home plate to tie the game.

Evan Espin pitches last Wednesday at Seaboldt Field.

"It was a great battle; a 2-1 game in the playoffs," White Plains coach Steven Fugarino said. "We just didn't put the ball in play enough offensively. It really came down to one or two plays at the end."

Cortlandt took an early 1-0 lead against WP pitcher Evan Espin. White Plains was finally able to get on the board in the fifth inning. Luca Fugarino laced a double over

the right fielder's head. He was then moved to third on a ground out by Matt Zimmerman. On a passed ball, Fugarino raced home to tie the game at 1-1.

"He's our youngest kid and he's kind of a leader on this team," Fugarino said of his son Luca. "That's what I tell these kids: put the ball in play hard and make the other team make a play. He was

certainly aggressive on the play coming home and tied it up for us."

In the bottom of the fifth inning, the Americans regained the lead on an RBI single to center field with one out. But White Plains was able to get out of the jam when catcher J.J. Milazzo tagged out a runner at the plate and second baseman

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White Plains Shavon Lockhardt Brings Home Goalball Silver Medal

Shavon Lockhardt, a member of the USA National Women's Goalball Team, won a silver medal, along with her team, qualifying for the 2020 Paralympics to be held in Tokyo.

legally blind, 29-yearold moved to White Plains from Brooklyn three years ago. Her interest in goalball was peeked six years ago when she experienced a friend play the game. She started with the now defunct New York Lady Lions and is currently a member of the New Jersey Honeybees in West Orange. Her trip to the USA National team was pre-destined by Lockhardt, herself, when she told her father she would make the team. She says it is her skill, drive, ambition and work ethics that got her there.

According to its Facebook page, "The USA Women's Goalball Team is a Paralympic sports team that competes internationally in a sport called goalball. Goalball is a sport for people who are blind or visually impaired."



Shavon Lockhardt with her Silver Medal.

Lockhardt says the goal is to roll the ball as hard as possible in the opposing team's direction. The balls have bells and the court is tactile, allowing the players to hear and feel. To get to Tokyo, the USA team had to roll past Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ukraine Greece; Great Britain in the quarter finals and Israel in the semis. China beat them in the finals. The team trains in Fort Wayne, Indiana and Lockhardt spends most of her time there.

On a recent trip home, Lockhardt visited the Thomas H. Slater Center wearing her medal. A few months earlier, staff member, Anita Roper, had engaged Lockhardt in conversation when she and her father visited the Slater Center to use the computer. Lockhardt shared that her team had won a gold medal

for a test event for the qualifier.

Lockhardt resides in the Winbrook Housing Development in White Plains, which sits adjacent to the Slater Center. Winbrook is the primary target area for the Slater Center. In addition to the programs and services provided by the Center, residents also have access to the use of computers, copier and fax.

Lockhardt is often visited and accompanied by her father, Robert Sinclair, when she comes home. Sinclair describes himself as "her biggest fan." He beams as he speaks about her accomplishments. "I saw the passion in her when she would travel to New Jersey at 5 a.m. taking public transportation. She was always the first one in and the last one out."

The shy and reserved Lockhardt, is confident. "I feel great," she says. "I accomplished what I set out to do."

The Thomas H. Slater Center is planning a fundraising drive to assist Shavon with her expenses as she travels back and forth to Fort Wayne, Indiana. Please send donations to: Thomas H. Slater Center, 2 Fisher Court, White Plains, NY. Indicate Shavon Lockhardt in the memo area of your check. A Go Fund Me page may be developed.

WP Hit-N-Run Endures Narrow Playoff Defeat Against Cortlandt

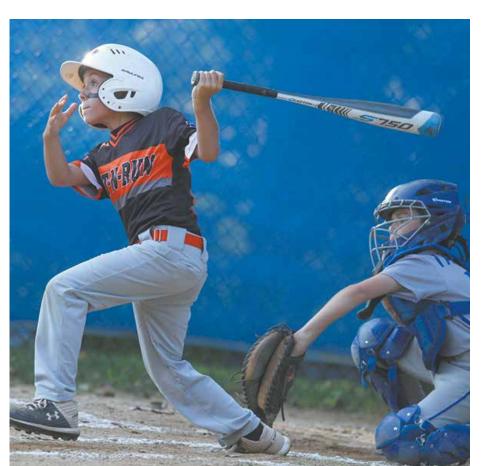
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Fugarino made a diving catch.

Strong defense was a theme for White Plains throughout the game. Third baseman Jack Pastor made a diving stop and fired to first base just in time in the third inning. Fugarino then made a running catch on the outfield grass to get out of the inning.

In the fourth inning, right fielder Holden Cusic's diving catch was another play for the highlight reel.

"A hundred percent," coach Fugarino said when asked if the team has leaned on its defense this season. "Our last practice was last night (Tuesday) and we talked about that



Luca Fugarino connects.



WP Hit-N-Run coach Steven Fugarino gives instructions during a break in the action.

the team that's going to throw more strikes and make the defensive plays is going to have an opportunity to win. We did that, but we didn't put the ball in play enough."

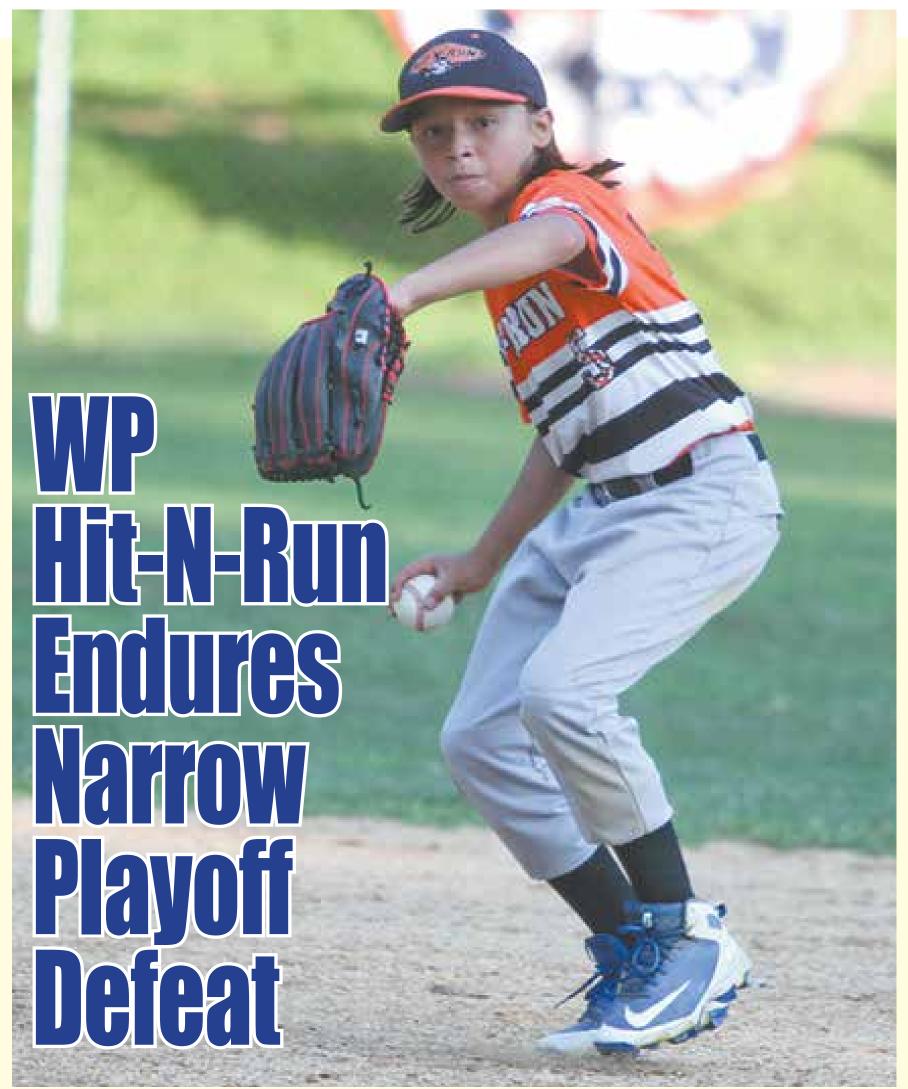
In WP's final chance in the top of the sixth inning, Cusic beat out an infield single with two outs. He stole second but the next batter struck out to end the game.

Starting pitcher Espin pitched admirably, tossing five innings while limiting the damage with some timely pitches along with the help from his defense.

"I think his strike to ball ratio had to be somewhere in the 65 percent range," coach Fugarino said. "He made a couple mistakes on the mound fielding wise, but he threw strikes all game long."

The team's roster is rounded out by Jack Sheehan, Alejandro Giraldo, Stephen Grazio, Bennett Cuesta, Alex Kaplan, Sean Krouskoff, Julian Bystricky and Sean Alfala.

"We've got a mixed group here," coach Fugarino explained. "We've got a couple of younger players and some older. They played hard and did everything I asked them to do. There are things they have to work on; they know that. But I'm really proud of the group and it's been a fun season."



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White Plains' 10-and-under team traveled north to face off with the Cortlandt Americans in the first round of the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball league playoffs last Wednesday. The WP Hit-N-Run squad gave all they had for six innings, but suffered a 2-1 defeat at Seaboldt Field. Pictured, Shortstop Alejandro Giraldo makes the throw to first.