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Battling for White Plains Rec Softball Championships



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Dunne's Pub celebrated at their namesake watering hole, with bartender Nicky Rooney (back second left), after beating Riemann's, 19-11, in the Semifinals to advance to play Mansion on Broadway in the White Plains Rec Men's Thursday League Playoff Championship. Mansion beat Brazen Fox, 20-19, to advance to the Championship series. **For more on the White Plains Rec Softball Championships see page 14.**

Down State Rep Calls for Help to Stop Gun Violence

By Pat Casey

New York State Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson (D-District 36), representing southern Westchester and parts of the Bronx called on Governor Cuomo and New York senators in Washington on Monday to increase police support to cities like Mount Vernon, Yonkers, Rochester, Albany and Syracuse, to help in the fight to eliminate gang and gun violence.

"It is clear that despite the committed efforts of the local police, they do not have the resources and manpower to effectively control the possession and use of illegal firearms," Hassell-Thompson said.

The state senator called for the immediate and sustained deployment of New York State Police to supplement local police departments like Mount Vernon; "whose residents are currently experiencing a less than normal quality of life," she said.

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Greenburgh Twins Volunteer to Beautify County Parks

While most teenagers would prefer to spend their weekends shopping at the mall, checking out the latest movie or lounging on the beach with friends, a couple of local teenagers have decided - on their own - to spend every chance they can "giving back" by spending their leisure time cleaning County parks.

Greenburgh residents Jeannie and Leo Yamazaki are 16-year old twins who have participated in almost every volunteer effort organized by Friends of Westchester County Parks as part of its new program called Volunteer with Friends, which began earlier this year as an effort to invite residents to join in the

beautification of parks.

"It has been a really enjoyable experience," said Jeannie, who attends Valhalla High School with her twin brother. "At first, I thought it would be a great opportunity to get my volunteer hours in for the National Honors Society, but then I realized that you also get to see all of the different wonderful parks in Westchester County - some I didn't even know we had."

Twin brother Leo agreed and said that he started volunteering with Friends as a way to enjoy the outdoors. "I learned that it is valuable to contribute to the community. And being out in nature

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Golden Retrievers Rescued from Istanbul, Turkey Need Homes

By Martin Wilbur

Westchester resident Eileen McFadden has always opened her heart and her home to animals. As a child, she often enticed many of the neighborhood pets to come home with her, then tell her mother it was urgent that they take them in.

"My mother would say to me, 'No, they belong to somebody. You have to give them back,'" McFadden recalled. "And I said, 'No, they followed me home and they need me.'"

Today, there really are countless dogs that need McFadden help. For the past 19 years the McFadden has volunteered for Golden Re-triever Rescue, Inc., a

nonprofit that was formed in New Jersey and also serves Westchester and Rockland counties to rescue and find homes for dogs of that breed. The last 12 years McFadden has served on its board of directors.

At McFadden's prodding, the organization is part of an effort to rescue Golden Retrievers from Istanbul, Turkey, where an estimated 50,000 canines roam the streets or spend their lives in one of the city's 32 municipal shelters. It is believed that 500 to 800 of those dogs are Golden Retrievers, she said.

On Sept. 13, 18 purebred Golden Retrievers are scheduled to land at Kennedy Airport, on their way to joining New York families

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that have adopted them. McFadden said thousands of dogs are on the loose in Turkey because the customs for Muslims, which overwhelmingly comprise the country, do not allow dogs to live inside the house with a family. Dogs in Turkey have a specific purpose,



Golden Retrievers rescued from the streets of Istanbul by American organizations, including one local, need homes in the United States.

such as serving as a guard dog. Most spend their lives outside, if they aren't brought to a shelter.

"They live alongside people. They don't live with people," she said. "They live in doorways, they live in the woods, they live in courtyards. The restaurants feed them. They take scraps from the restaurants."

McFadden, who is coordinating the effort for Golden Re-triever Rescue, heard about the problem after an Atlanta-based rescue learned of the situation through an American citizen who had traveled to Istanbul. Earlier this year, the Atlanta rescue, working with Turkish volunteers, brought over 51 dogs in two

separate transports while appealing to dog rescue organizations throughout the United States for help.

When McFadden heard of the dire situation facing the dogs of Turkey, and Golden Retrievers in particular, she couldn't sit idly by.

"I want them all out of there," McFadden said. "It's catching on. Atlanta was first. They've done two. I'm third. In October, the fourth one is going to be flying into Chicago."

The dogs that are coming over have all been examined by veterinarians in Turkey and vaccinated. They will spend their first night at the American Legion in Thornwood, where McFadden's husband was the former post commander. Then they'll be headed to Grace Lane Kennel in Ossining the next morning until they can be examined by Ardsley Veterinary Associates, McFadden said.

Nearly all of the dogs arriving on Sept. 13 have homes, but there will be other opportunities for adoption. McFadden has arranged for another transport of Golden Retrievers to the area in early November.

While Golden Retrievers make excellent pets, there are restrictions for families looking to adopt, especially those from Turkey, McFadden said. They can't go to a home with a child younger than eight years old; someone should be home at least part-time, if not full-time, to pay attention to them until acclimated; they

should not go to a home with more than one other dog; and the family's property needs to have a fenced in area.

Despite their poor living conditions in Turkey, the dogs are quite sociable. After an adjustment period, the ones that went to the Atlanta area have all acclimated to their new surroundings.

"All of them have been adopted and all

of them are doing really well," McFadden said. "They're 'Velcro dogs.' They're typical Golden Retrievers – they love people, they're very social from living out in the streets and amongst the people. They bond immediately with their families."

For more information on adoption or to volunteer or make donations, visit www.grrinj.org.

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is enjoyable," he said, adding that he has noticed the difference he and other volunteers have made volunteering in the program. "The several garbage bags we fill show the progress we're making."

Volunteer with Friends takes place



Greenburgh twins Leo and Jeannie Yamazaki have invested much of their free time in volunteering to clean up County parks.

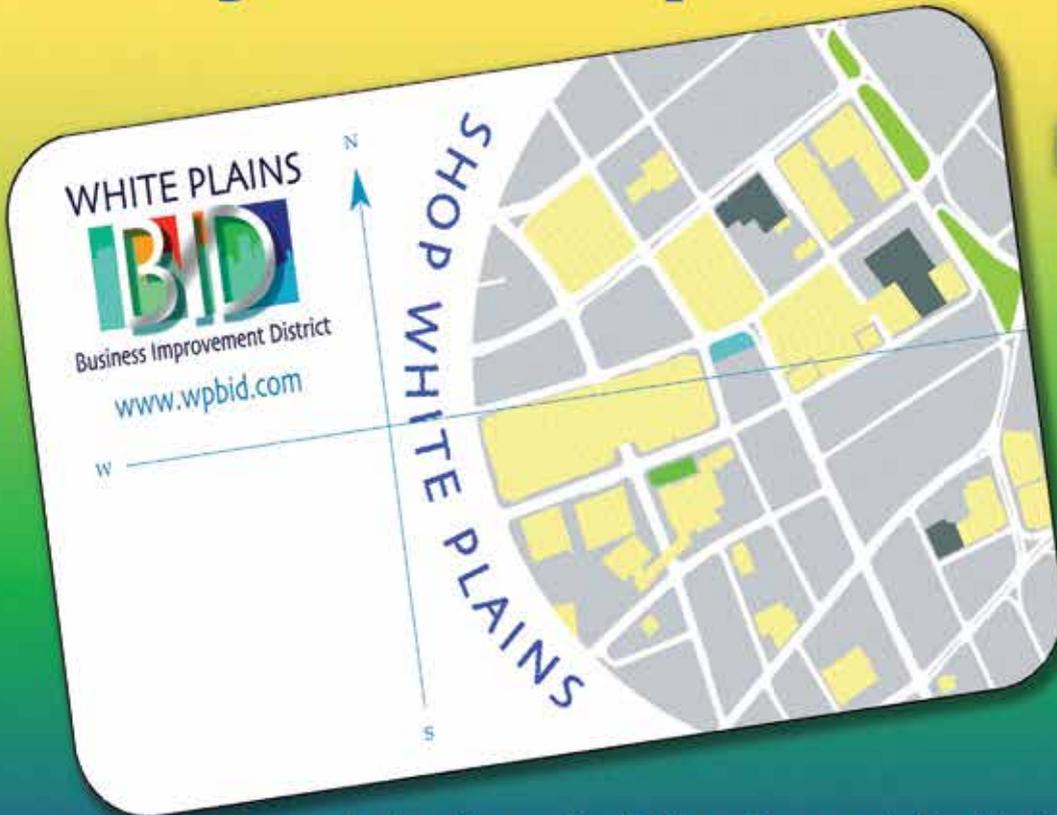
dedicated exclusively to promoting and supporting Westchester County Parks, welcomed Volunteer Coordinator, Sara Cavanaugh earlier this year. As the lead organizer for Volunteer with Friends, Cavanaugh serves as the link between the organization's staff and the broader community, matching volunteers' interests and talents with a wide range of areas including outreach events, office tasks and more.

As the largest and most active organization advocating for the county park system, it is the mission of Friends to encourage continued investment in Westchester County's 18,000 acres of parks, trails and open spaces.

To learn more about Friends of Westchester County Parks and Volunteer with Friends, visit www.friendsofwestchesterparks.com or contact Sara Cavanaugh at 914-231-4530. Follow Friends on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FriendsofWestchesterParks or on Twitter @Friends of Parks.

on the third Saturday of each month through October. Activities include raking, mulching, planting, litter pickup and more. Friends, the only organization

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After Decades of Serving Local Children the LBCC Needs a Helpful Boost

The Greenburgh Police Department and the Fairview Fire Department partnered with the Parent Association of the Lois Bronz Children's Center on Manhattan Avenue in Greenburgh during a pot luck fundraiser last Friday to raise awareness of the needs of the Children's



PAT CASEY PHOTOS

Sebastian, Bryce and Kalani pose with some of their new friends in front of a refurbished military SWAT tank purchased in July by the Greenburgh Police Department during a pot luck fundraiser August 28 to support the Lois Bronz Children's Center.

Center and to bring out members of the community, especially the children, to get them engaged with their local public safety partners.

The Greenburgh Health Center, Greenburgh Public Library, Westchester County WIC Program, Westchester Community College, Wells Fargo, Hudson Health Plan, Turning Point it's Your Turn, Theodore Young Community Center's Chef El- Amin and Mr. Softee also participated.

"We are raising funds to help the Lois Bronz Children's Center and the great staff that help our children. They have helped us as parents and the care for our children is outstanding," Marlyn Pena of the Parent Association said. "We are giving back to LBCC by raising funds to help them continue to provide services and programs."

A brief history. The need for organized childcare in Greenburgh, was clearly demonstrated when the 1960 census indicated that 55 percent of the women

living in the Fairview community were employed, and were forced to make whatever arrangements they could for their young children. In one instance, June Castleberry, a resident in the community and a member of Union Baptist Church was providing child care services for 17 children ranging from infants to nine-year olds in her home. They would become the first children to be enrolled when Union Child Day Care Center (UCDCC) opened its doors in 1966. Reverend Charles H. Churn, then Pastor of the Union Baptist Church on Manhattan Avenue, and an early advocate for day care, offered the basement of his church as a site for the day care program and Ms. Castleberry became the first staff member.

This was made possible by an active community committee led by Marion Goodman, former Chairperson of the Office of Economic Opportunity Task Force on Day Care, in cooperation with Phyllis Shearer, former Director of the Westchester Community Opportunity Program, and with the support of "seeding funds" from a private family foundation.

In its second year of operation, UCDCC became part of the Westchester Community Opportunity Program, and received Federal Head Start funds to meet a major part of its costs. In 1968, Union was incorporated under regulations of the New York State Department of Social Welfare. Since day care centers serving infants could not be licensed, Temporary Incorporation was granted while UCDCC participated in a pilot program to determine the effects of group day care for infants. The positive results enabled UCDCC to become the first center licensed for infant care in New York State.

By 1969, the Union Child Day Care

Center had outgrown its church quarters. The available space was inadequate to house the growing numbers of children needing care. This began a discussion of plans for a new facility. The center was able to secure a loan under the New York State Youth Facility Act to build a new center. In 1972 the center opened at its current location.

For many years the center struggled to pay back its loan, so the Board of Directors, led by Barbara Holland and the Executive Director, Rita Hulkower were approached by the Greenburgh Town Supervisor, Anthony Veteran and Lois Bronz, then a member of the Town Board, to negotiate with the state of New York to have the Town purchase the building for one dollar. This agreement (finalized in 1987), states that UCDCC can operate a childcare center in this building for 99 years.

In the year 2000, the Board of Directors developed a comprehensive Strategic Plan for emphasizing the center's educational focus, strengthening the curriculum,



Marlyn Pena, Sonja Washington, Bill Carter, Tanya Johnson and Police Sergeant Hall at the Lois Bronz Children's Center potluck fundraiser.

expanding parenting support services, and bolstering the center's administrative infrastructure and fundraising efforts. The plan also included a name change, and in 2006, UCDCC was renamed in honor of County Legislator, Lois Bronz.

From its inception, the center attracted and was enormously enriched by the efforts and dedication of a great many volunteers. Lois Bronz was chosen for her many years on the Board of UCDCC; for founding and chairing the Phone-a-thon, the center's major fundraiser for 25 years; and for always being a strong advocate for all children.



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Greenburgh Awaits Decision on Affordable Housing Proposal for WestHELP Site

At its last meeting, the Greenburgh Town Board approved a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with Marathon, an affordable housing company, to manage 54 one- and two-bedroom units of affordable housing for families at the site of the former WestHELP homeless shelter located off of Knollwood Road.

Having been asked why this decision was made, Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner decided to circulate an email providing a bit of history and explanation about the current proposal.

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"Inner city communities are drowning in taxes and cannot afford the financial commitment to stamp out gang and gun violence. I have no wish to create a 'police state', however, the temporary deployment of state troopers from low crime areas to high crime areas could be managed without raising local taxes. I will be calling for a review of buy and bust protocols to ascertain whether it is possible to provide increased protections to innocent bystanders and children of communities during these effective, but dangerous 'buys.' The work of our undercover police is one of the most dangerous jobs in the nation," Hassell-Thompson continued.

Hassell-Thompson said she would speak with NYC Mayor DeBlasio, and

In 2011 the county closed WestHELP, which was built on the grounds of Westchester Community College by Andrew Cuomo (when his father was Governor), Feiner explained.

According to an agreement in 1990, Greenburgh was given rights to the property for 30 years commencing upon the termination of the WestHELP lease. The requirement specified at the time was that the Town must provide housing for low- and moderate-income persons. If Greenburgh does not do this the, property would revert back to

his law enforcement officials, to request a copy of the NYPD investigation relating to the August 28 case in which bystander Felix Kumi was shot during an undercover gun operation.

Kumi, 61, who was accidentally shot by a plainclothes officer, died early Saturday, hours after being wounded when the officer opened fire on an armed suspect during an undercover gun buy that went bad, according to the New York City police. The 37-year-old gunman was struck three times in the torso while another bullet tragically struck Mr. Kumi.

"While I commend the Mount Vernon and New York City police for making arrests in this and other cases, the greater aim of my comments is to prevent shootings. There is a crisis in Mount

the county.

The town has rights to the property for approximately 15 more years.

Feiner further explained that numerous proposals had been made since the closing of WestHELP, but each was turned down for various reasons. Greenburgh was even told by Westchester Community College that it might need the property for student housing.

Working quietly, the Town Board negotiated a proposal with Marathon for 54 two-bedroom apartments, all senior citizen housing. The town would receive

Vernon as in most urban cities due to the proliferation of guns and gun related violence."

Hassell-Thompson said she would request that the Attorney General assess whether this case falls within Executive Order 147. "The protection of civil rights is not inconsistent with support for responsible police work. Technically, it is my opinion that there is jurisdiction for at least an assessment as to whether this type of fact pattern warrants the intervention of our newly created independent special prosecutor," she concluded.

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\$1.9 million minus mold remediation. The condition: the lease would also have to be extended to 30 years, an action that the county government would have to take since the town does not have rights to the property after 15 years.

According to Feiner's communication, the County Executive's office advised the Town Board that they would advise the town sometime around Labor Day whether or not they will support a proposal to extend the lease for 30 years and to allow senior citizen housing at the site.

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City Center Dance, White Plains, Warms Up for New Season

By Arthur Cusano

As children across Westchester start classes this fall, some will be adding dance to their schedule.

At City Center Dance, located at 98 Lake St. in White Plains, students from 3 to 18 years old can learn a variety of dance styles, including ballet, tap, jazz and hip-hop, and participate in various dance workshops throughout the year.

Owner Dina Giordano of Harrison opened the studio in 2002 and attracts students from not only White Plains, but surrounding communities as well. Giordano said she started dancing as a child through the now-defunct Young

People's Program at SUNY Purchase.

"They exposed us to the professors at the college, so I was lucky enough to have my training be supplemented by teachers at the college," she recalled.

Giordano then studied dance and business administration at Pace University before opening her studio. All of her students train in a safe, state-of-the-art dance area that is always open for parents to view. There is an end-of-year recital that shows parents the progress the students have made.

"Parents ask if we have an end-of-year recital, and of course we do, because they do want to see what their student has accomplished after being here for close to nine months," Giordano said. "And we love doing it because we want to show the parents what the children have learned."

Giordano also works as an assistant coach of the Westchester Knicks Dance Team, who train at her facility during the season.

The Westchester Knicks are the Developmental League team of the NBA's New York Knicks, and finished their inaugural season last year. The team plays at the County Center.

"It's great to be back in that kind of arena, working with adults," Giordano said. "I work with children all the time, so now I work with what are like the post-grads, and one of my former students is actually on the team. It's really rewarding because I get to see the fruits of my labor for all of those years come to fruition."

The studio moved from a downtown location to the current one four years ago, but Giordano said business has been good in both locations.

"Even through the recession, we were able to hold our own and we've been



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

Dina Giordano, an assistant coach for the Westchester Knicks Dance Team, has owned and operated City Center Dance in White Plains since 2002.

holding steady for quite a long time now," Giordano said.

Jazz and hip-hop dance are the most popular styles.

"They are different, but the basis for most of the dance styles are the same. Everything has its roots in ballet," she said.

Dance classes coincide with the school year, and are held between 3 and 8 p.m. Giordano said she works with parents to schedule classes at times that are convenient for most students.

For more information about the dance school and its class schedule visit <http://citycenterdance.com/> or call 914-328-1881.



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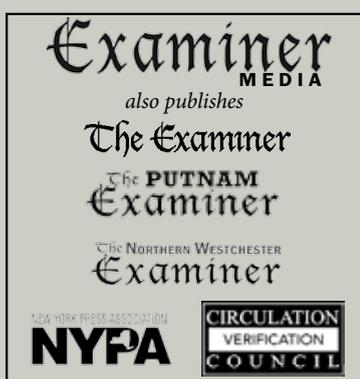
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Letter to White Plans Mayor and City Council Members Voting in Favor of FASNY

The nightmare is over in White Plains after almost five very long, stressful, tumultuous years. This real-life civics debacle had one collateral pleasure, that is, working with and getting to know some outstanding White Plains residents.

However, the ham-handed manner in which you conducted the French American School of New York (FASNY) review spoke volumes of what a JV team approach you took with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process. While everything you did was for the legal record, your 'cook book' approach missed the essence of the SEQRA environmental review: Land, air, water, minerals; Flora, fauna; Noise; Features of historic or aesthetic significance; Population

patterns Community character.

FASNY came extremely close to ruining the entire southern portion of White Plains thanks to your 'oversight' and lack of stewardship.

You must understand that your votes in favor of an outside developer, FASNY, instead of the people who elected you will have a very long half-life in the memory of concerned White Plains voters. We felt abandoned by you, our elected public servants. You threw us under the 'mandatory' FASNY school bus.

Your inexplicable actions are in contradistinction to the honest, visionary, courageous and civic-minded stances taken by your colleagues: Milagros Lecuona, Nadine Hunt-Robinson and

Dennis Krolian.

It is truly frightening what would have happened without intense citizen scrutiny. It gives one pause, to think about the myriad decisions you make without such involvement.

Your votes are your legacy. Voters will remember your vote.

—Anne M. Casey, M.D., White Plains

Editor's Note: A communication from a representative of FASNY within two days prior to publication of this letter, indicates that litigation against the City of White Plains by the French American School of New York regarding the negative outcome of the Special Permit and Site Plan application is still pending and will be filed with the court.

HVAC Co. Suggests Westchester Building Owners Clean Their Cooling Towers

With the recent deadly outbreak of Legionella bacteria, New York City is taking proactive steps to make certain this disease does not spread further. The Opera House Hotel's (located in the South Bronx) cooling towers were the source of the Legionella outbreak; the outbreak was responsible for killing 12 people and sickening dozens more. On Tuesday, Aug. 18 Mayor de Blasio signed a legislation requiring regulation of all cooling towers in NYC.

Legionella bacteria, when airborne, can lead to pneumonia and death, particularly in the elderly and

infants. The bacteria were found inside the hotel's cooling tower systems. A cooling tower functions as a heat exchanger where water and air are placed in contact with each other to reduce the temperature of the water. As the cooling tower introduces the air to water, part of the water evaporates, which reduces its temperature as it circulates through the tower.

"All buildings owners should get their cooling towers routinely inspected to ensure an outbreak such as this does not occur in Westchester County," said Bud Hammer, President of Atlantic

Westchester, a commercial and industrial HVAC business. "Being proactive with checking and chemically treating cooling tower water will help protect a building and all who inhabit inside and nearby."

Building owners can maintain their cooling towers properly by:

- 1.) Draining and cleaning the tower at least once a year;
- 2.) Hiring a professional, licensed chemical water treatment service company;
- 3.) And, obtaining monthly water condition reports to monitor biological activity and corrosion levels

10th Annual Women on the Move Luncheon to Honor Harrison Resident Tobi Rogowsky

On Friday, Sept. 18, hundreds are expected to gather at the Hilton Westchester for the 10th Annual Women on the Move Luncheon to benefit the New York City - Southern New York Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Women on the Move is a nationwide educational and fundraising event that helps to increase public awareness of multiple sclerosis and the National MS Society while acknowledging and encouraging the advancement of women philanthropists.

This year's event will honor Tobi Rogowsky, of Harrison, who has been living with MS for more than 40 years. A retired lawyer, Tobi is presently on the board of trustees of the chapter and is a former chair of the Southern New York board before its merger. She is a member of the executive committee and serves on the development committee. Over her more than 20 years as a volunteer with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, she has raised more than \$2 million.

The luncheon will also feature Acorda Therapeutics Mission Spotlight speakers Wendy Booker, the first person with MS to stand at the North Pole; Liliane Haub, wife and mother living with MS who will run her fourth NYC marathon this year;

Alexandra Levin, diagnosed with MS in 2005 and has climbed a number of high altitude mountains around the world; and Kate Milliken, entrepreneur and producer of numerous online projects for the Society, who is also living with the disease.

The luncheon will be held at the Hilton Westchester, 699 Westchester Avenue, Rye Brook, Friday, Sept. 18 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at <http://bit.ly/1WQwBFT>.

Multiple sclerosis, an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, interrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS.

The New York City - Southern New York Chapter of the National MS Society is committed to helping the 12,000 people living with multiple sclerosis in the five boroughs and Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Orange and Sullivan counties continue moving their lives forward. The chapter raises funds locally

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Harassment. On August 17, the reporting victim went to police headquarters. He told police that on the previous day he and the suspect had been involved in a vehicle accident in Manhattan. At the accident scene, the parties exchanged information and did not file an accident report with the local police department. The victim said the suspect gave him a cellular number as his contact and that he had contacted the suspect with that number to discuss the accident, but that the issue was not resolved. According to the victim, at about 8:30 the following morning he received text messages on his cell phone from the suspect's cell phone. The text messages contained threatening language towards the victim. The text messages linked to the said cellular phone number included: "I will burn your house and business," "f** your wife in front of you," "take your kids," "we are at war." The messages caused the victim to be alarmed

and to fear for his safety and that of his family. Police attempted to contact the suspect at the said cellular number and White Page listing of the suspect's address in Queens with negative results. The Detective Division is investigating further.

Attempted Break-in. On August 18, the complainant reports that when she got home at noon she noticed a draft in her basement and that one of her small basement windows, which is too small to make entry through, was ajar. Upon checking the rear of her home she also noted three torn window screens. The complainant said no items were taken and that it appeared no one had made entry into her home. Police canvassed the area and checked for video surveillance with negative results. Report filed for information purposes.

Driving while on Cell Phone. On the evening of August 19, police noticed the

driver of a gray 2000 Honda Odyssey using a portable electronic device while traveling north on Central Avenue. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver's New Jersey license was found to be suspended. He had also failed to answer a summons from the Town of Greenburgh in 2013. A further check found an active warrant on the driver issued by the Buchanan Village Police Department.

Theft of Services. On the afternoon of August 19 police responded to the Cabin Restaurant where the manager reported that a white male in his fifties, with long gray hair, wearing a blue hat, blue shirt, and jeans had come into the restaurant, sat down, and ordered \$68.61 in food and drinks. After the man was done eating he got up and walked outside saying he was going to smoke a cigarette. Once the man got outside, however, he began to run south on Knollwood Road and went into the Chase Bank parking lot. The bank

parking lot along with the surrounding areas were canvassed with negative results. The manager said the restaurant does not want to pursue charges if the offender is located at this time.

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Obituaries

Jenny Magliari

Mary Jane "Jenny" Magliari, loving mother, grandmother, wife and sister, passed away August 29 surrounded by her loved ones. Born on February 4, 1941, in Seaham, England to James and Mary Jane Rountree, Jenny was the seventh of 10 children. She moved to the United States in 1964. She married John Magliari in 1969 and they raised their family in West Harrison. In 1988 Jenny and her husband moved to Jupiter, Florida. A woman of great faith, Jenny was an active member of Jupiter First Church for 27 years.

Jenny is survived by her son Gary (Ilene) Magliari; daughters Donna Pelchat, Camille (Anthony) Branca, Colleen (Joseph) Borrelli and Gillian (Geoff) Love; grandchildren Heather, Alex, Jenna, Jayna, Jason, Katherine, Corilee, Joseph, Marisa, Veronica, Alexis, Samantha, Ben and Sarah; sisters Marjorie Gearing, Dorothy Shelton Longley, Nancy Questa, Maureen McNaney, Gwendolyn Mustard;

brother Thomas Rountree; many nieces and nephews and friends including her dearest friend Breda.

Memorial contributions towards cancer research may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73123.

Miriam Frankel

Frankel Miriam D., "Mimi" died peacefully in her sleep on August 28, in her home in Valhalla. Born on July 7, 1921 in Brooklyn to Max and Ann Drexler, Mimi received a BA from Hunter College and an MA from Queens College, both in education. She worked first as an occupational therapist, and then for the majority of her career as an educator—as an elementary school teacher and ultimately as a nursery school director, at the Forest Hills Jewish Center in Queens. She married Arnold J. Frankel of the Bronx, founder of Aceto Corporation. Arnold and Mimi remained happily married for

over 50 years until his death in 1998. With a passion for Jewish culture and tradition, Mimi worked as a docent at the Jewish Museum in Manhattan, and along with her husband, donated generously to both Jewish and other charitable organizations. As the "matriarch" of the Frankel family, she was a warm and loving mother, wife, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, mother-in-law and friend. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Jodi Frankel, and predeceased by her daughters, Hinda Squires Levy and Janet Frankel Staub. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Max Frankel, Peter Squires, Leon Frankel, Eli Staub, Rena Staub, Jessica Frankel, Amanda Squires, and Adam Frankel, as well as her great-grandchildren, Priya and Ezra Kasargod-Staub and Henry Frankel.

Carmela Aquilano

Carmela (Millie) Aquilano, a lifelong resident of White Plains, died August 27

at the age of 96. She was born October 17, 1918 in White Plains to the late Paul and Maria Arena Richichi.

On February 20, 1945 she married Eugene Aquilano. He predeceased her in 2007.

She was a graduate of White Plains High School. Millie worked for AT & T in White Plains and was a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church where she was a member of the Rosary Altar Society. Millie was also a Girl Scout leader.

She is survived by her children, Donna (Ed) Bruno of White Plains and Eugene Aquilano Jr. of Pearl River. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Nicole and Craig Bruno whom she loved dearly. She is predeceased by her sister Ann Scarfone.



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Boomerang

The Wrinkled Shirts Rebellion – A Look at the Power of Peer Pressure



By Richard Cirulli

We are all conscious of the reality and power of peer pressure and how it is not limited to youth. To a degree most adults still try to keep up with the Joneses well into maturity and old age. This held true for the Baby Boomers during the sixties as we watched the riots in Chicago and the shootings at Kent State.

Watching such events in the media made many of us feel we were not doing our part by offering solidarity to the movement.

Like many of my peers I attended the peace rallies and Earth Day celebrations, and selected protests to attend buffet style as my appetite dictated. Our youthful rage and need for expression was kept in check by local mores and respect that seemed to have trumped the national ethos. One major influence in my upbringing was the reality that many of my friends were children of police officers living in the neighborhood. This, of course tamed our behavior and at times we were somewhat indebted to them for turning a blind eye

on our youthful shenanigans.

That said, we were still in need of a personal protest of sorts to show our meddle, or foolhardiness, depending on one's perspective. We were just waiting for that flashpoint to be ignited at the hands of a totalitarian fascist regime, which was abusing the proletariat. After searching long and hard we found no such institution or person in our small village to protest against. It was a real bummer.

Then suddenly, we found our flashpoint.

In January of our senior year at high school, one of my friends was suspended for not tucking his shirt into his trousers. The dress code dictated that all boys must wear their shirts tucked in. What an outrage. Were fascists now running the school?

The rhetoric sounded good and it seemed to work to rally the proletariat (not sure if we knew what that meant at the time) into action. The next day many of us entered the school with our un-tucked shirts in solidarity and ready for the great standoff.

The teachers on hall duty stopped us, advising that we either tuck in the shirts or face immediate suspension. We opted for the latter and were sent home. The

rebellion spread like wildfire as the girls joined in protesting the ban on wearing pants. Again, what an outrage especially during the winter months.

Next the seniors walked out in mass, except for the varsity football team, which was granted exemption since they needed to wear their sports jerseys out to show they were members of the fascist elite. In reality they did not win too many games.

After a long and tense standoff that lasted until high noon, the principal rescinded both dress codes, did not send out suspension notices and all protesters were not given detention for skipping class.

It was a great deal for sure, because it gave us more time to study for our math and history mid terms, which had been scheduled for that morning. What a coincidence.

Upon hearing the news, in true radical form, I changed into a pressed button down shirt tucked it in and headed back to school – a born anarchist. I was now labeled and stereotyped as one of the class radicals.

Thirty-seven years later I received an invitation to attend my class reunion. The only one I ever attended. I went to see how

much my “radical” graduating class had changed over the years; especially after my own metamorphic change of having lived a rather conservative life as a Mormon, a business executive, and later as a college professor, recently divorced with two grown daughters.

As expected I arrived late to the dinner dance, dressed in a blue pin stripe suit, white shirt (tucked in) with red power tie. A radical at heart, I maintained my somewhat long hair.

The first thing I noticed was that everyone was dressed casually. The women wore jeans, and the men had un-tucked shirts.

After a night of reminiscing about the radical days, dancing and drinking water with lemon juice, I jumped into my sports car, put the top down, un-tucked my shirt and started to head home. As I tuned the radio to my favorite rock station, I adjusted my hearing aide while I listened to Give Me Shelter or was it Helter Skelter? As I redlined my car I thought: “Youth truly is wasted on the young.”

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Back to School



Five Ways to Get Kids Excited to Learn This School Year

Many children love the prospect of learning, while others may need a bit of motivation. But parents can get kids on board with a little encouragement and creativity to make learning fun. Here are some ideas to get them excited to learn.

Library Visits

By making a run-of-the-mill trip to the library seem like a true adventure, children will associate books with intrigue at an impressionable age. The librarian can point out the best titles for inspiring learning and fun.

Time visits to occur during your local branch's storytelling hour or other early childhood programming. Also, be sure to sign your child up for a personal library card, which will be a source of pride at the circulation desk and put them on the path of reading enrichment.

Learning Tablets

To give kids an extra edge in learning, consider a fun yet educational tablet, such as the InnoTab MAX. Durable enough for kids, this device has a seven-inch multi-touch screen and features progressive learning content that adapts to a child's age.

Web access and communication apps, which kids can use to exchange messages with friends and family, are limited to protect children, and parents are free



to manage these controls. The tablet comes with Movie Maker and Art Studio, amongst other apps, and additional content can be found at the Learning Lodge app store.

"The tablet has proven to be a welcome way for kids to interact with digital media," said Dr. Eric Klopfer, platform learning expert and member of the Expert Panel at VTech, a world leader in age-appropriate and developmental stage-based electronic learning products for children. "Touch interfaces and well-crafted content have

meant an easy-on ramp for many children who learn through this technology."

Board Game Night

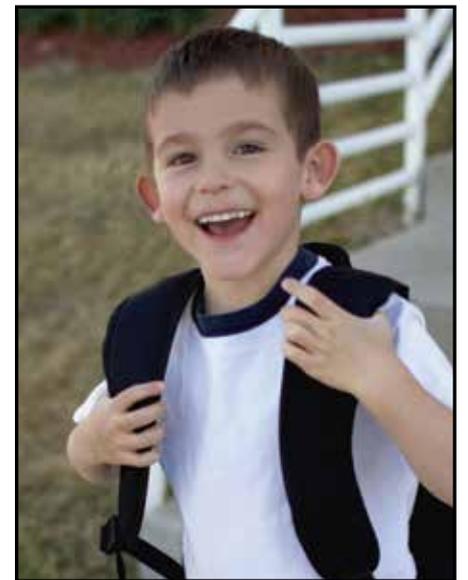
After dinner, gather around the table a second time. From classic word games that challenge one to stretch the limits of his or her vocabulary, to trivia games testing science and world history knowledge, board games have the potential to bring the family together and also to educate. Be sure to check the box for age-appropriate guidance.

Wearable Tech

Wearable technology can inspire kids to learn and be creative while staying active. For example, the VTech Kidizoom Smartwatch DX offers motion-activated games, a stopwatch, calendar, 3D clock face and calculator so children can work out simple math problems. It also includes a time-telling app featuring a friendly owl that helps kids learn to tell time. Additional apps are available for download on the Learning Lodge. The internal memory offers ample storage for budding photographers and videographers documenting the world around them.

Sweeten the Deal

Consider creating a rewards chart where children can track their progress as they meet learning goals. It can be an effective



way to motivate kids to try new ways of learning and work hard to reach a goal. You can find many free downloadable charts online.

More ideas can be found at www.vtechkids.com/parenting.

To make learning a priority in your home, get kids on board. They'll be inspired when they see that learning can be fun.

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No Wonder I'm Healthy and Happy, My Home is Clean

It was evident from our first week living together after we returned from our honeymoon that I had married a real "neatnik." That meant everything in its place, bed made in the morning, dishes washed after every meal and nary a speck of dust ever in evidence.

I always thought that I was pretty neat as a bachelor and I was always pleased to show my place whenever I invited a friend in, but wasn't sure that I passed muster when I invited my then-girlfriend and future wife over for the first time. She noticed that dust bunny under my sofa, then looked in my underwear drawer (imagine?) and saw that my whites were not properly whitened, as they should be. Obviously I needed a woman's touch to take me to the next level of super clean.

When we had our first couple of apartments, we always did our own cleaning and bought an arsenal of cleaning supplies to help us. But once we bought our first home we employed a cleaning service, which we maintained through the years. Since moving recently to a condo, we've been doing the job ourselves again because it's so manageable and enjoyable. Yes, enjoyable. Therapeutic, actually.

Research maintains that a clean house makes people feel happy, satisfied, comfortable and healthy. According to Carol Nemeroff, associate professor of psychology at Arizona State University, spring-cleaning may have been in

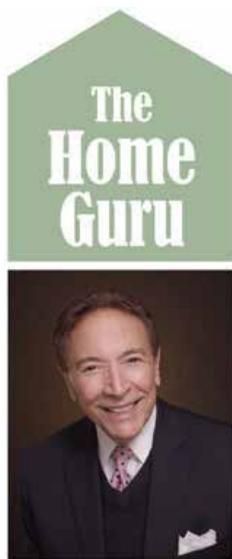
existence for ages.

"This psychological boost may be derived from an urge to clean out our nests, a trait that is biologically programmed into us," Nemeroff said. "And, because we know that good hygiene leads to good health, cleaning may ultimately be related to a basic survival instinct."

A recent survey done by a cleaning product company revealed that a good way to keep your house cleaner was to become more sociable and invite friends over more frequently. I thought that was a cute idea. After all, it's for guests that we really want to shine.

That led me to research an entire spat of surveys that reveal all kinds of information about the benefits of cleaning our homes, which led to scores of advice columns about how exactly to keep our houses in tip-top shape.

By taking a close look at 1,000 different homes, Indiana University's Physical Activity Department found a direct correlation between the cleanliness of a home and the owners' level of physical activity. Associate Professor Nicole Keith, who led the study, concluded, "The



By Bill Primavera

interior condition of their house seemed to be the only thing affecting their physical activity."

Indoor air can be up to five times more polluted than outdoor air, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, and the average person will spend 90 percent of their day indoors. This makes the cleanliness of your home that much more important because it will have a huge impact on what you breathe in.

The American Cleaning Institute found that 38 percent of women and 24 percent of men say they suffer real stress when they feel they are living in a messy environment and

that cleaning relaxes them. Psychologists have found that there's a marked difference in mood before and after cleaning chores, just as with a therapy session.

Actually, you can even quantify and qualify just how happy you can be by which cleaning chore you do around the house. Seriously. A Soap and Detergent Association study that examined household cleaning habits and behaviors asked 1,013 American adults (507 men and 506 women) which chores made

them the happiest or gave them the most satisfaction.

The survey's results revealed that respondents felt most satisfied and happiest about shiny floors (21 percent) and a tidy toilet (21 percent), followed by clean countertops (20 percent), a sparkling shower (15 percent) and a spotless sink (7 percent).

Another survey from the same association revealed that only 12 percent use a regular cleaning person or service, but 18 percent would consider doing so. Meanwhile, 8 percent get help only for spring-cleaning. Fifty-three percent don't use a cleaning service and never would consider doing so.

But whether we do it ourselves or have someone else do it for us, it seems that the benefits of a clean home hold firm.

So if you're at home feeling a bit down, may I suggest that you give yourself a boost by shining up that floor or cleaning the toilet?

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Refocusing on the Role of Water in Our Daily Lives



By Nick Antonaccio

When was the last time you stepped back from this hectic world and observed the wonder and beauty of our planet?

When was the last time you untethered yourself from your electronic device and absorbed nature in all its glory and power?

For myself, while on vacation this summer at the beach, after several days of de-stressing, I finally got in touch with Mother Earth. As my mind cleared, I was able to focus on the sheer awe of nature that I take for granted every day. Then I began to consider the more practical elements of nature rather than the ethereal aspects. Suddenly, for reasons I can't rationalize, my ninth-grade biology class lessons began streaming into my consciousness. What precipitated this as I sat there on the beach, scanning the vastness of the ocean and the mesmerizing ebb and flow of the tide?

With water as my focal point, I began to consider my biology teacher's lessons on the omnipotence and omnipresence of water on our planet, and the delicate balance humans play in that vastness. As I pondered the macro and micro aspects of water's dominance in our lives, my mind naturally (for me) came full circle to the glass of wine in my hand, celebrating

another jaw-dropping sunset. Through the mental gymnastics going on in my finance-trained mind, the connection between the ocean before me and the liquid gold in my glass began to gel.

With those memories in mind, allow me to refresh your biology lessons to see if you also can appreciate the connection of everything on our planet to water – and your next glass of wine.

We all know the basics of water's dominance. In the oceans, on land, in soil, in plants and in our bodies, water is at the very core of existence. We were taught that 71 percent of the Earth's surface is water. But do you remember that 96.5 percent of the Earth's total volume of water is undrinkable? Only 3.5 percent is fresh water, which must sustain the millions of fresh water-dependent species that inhabit our planet, including its 7.3 billion humans.

How is it possible that humans can sustain themselves on such a seemingly meager proportion of fresh water? This fresh water is not readily available to us. Nearly 70 percent is in the form of polar ice caps and glaciers. The remainder, sourced primarily from rivers, lakes, aquifers and runoff, represents less than

1 percent of all the water on Earth that is readily available for human consumption. Throw climate change and the three-year drought in California into the mix and it is easy to understand the concern over the long-term implications for future water supplies.

Let's move from the global view to the perspective of water and the human body. Those biology lessons taught us that a typical adult body is composed of 60 percent water. To sustain this level of water, and optimal health, we rely on several sources. Certainly, the 1 percent of Earth's freshwater readily available to us is the major source.

But just as our physiology is comprised of a significant proportion of water, so too are other living organisms. The organisms that provide life-sustaining and vital nutrition.

Most plants and vegetables contain significant levels of water. A balanced diet will provide much of the recommended water intake we need to sustain a healthy body. A few examples: a cucumber is 96 percent water by weight; watermelon is 92 percent; steak is 74 percent; cheese is 40 percent; and bread is 35 percent.

And then there are water-based

beverages that provide the water needed to sustain our bodies and our lives: coffee, tea, juices and wine.

There it is: wine. It is critical to sustaining the health of our bodies. Over 85 percent of a glass of wine is water.

Whew, that was a long way to connect the vastness of the ocean to a single glass of wine for a light-hearted discourse on the importance of water in our lives and bodies. But my memories of sunsets on the beach still linger, reinforcing the delicate balance for sustaining quality life on our fragile planet.

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The Restaurant Examiner



Plenty to Eat – and Take Home – at Fall Crafts at Lyndhurst

By Jerry Eimbinder

Some 300 artists and artisans will display handcrafted wares on the grounds of Lyndhurst in Tarrytown during the weekend of Sept. 18-20.

More than 30 foodstand concessionaires and take-home gourmet food and beverage exhibitors will also participate in the 31st annual Fall Crafts at Lyndhurst.

Long rows of booths, many in mammoth tents, will display a multitude of jewelry, clothing and unique handmade objects.

Three Westchester County-based exhibitors that did not appear at this year's Spring Crafts at Lyndhurst will introduce their merchandise: tapestry coat maker Lynn Pullman (Bedford), jeweler Suzanne Schwartz (Katonah) and felt scarf maker Janet Sikirica (Dobbs Ferry). Other new-to-the-show exhibitors include felt clothing maker Miriam Carter (Dublin, N.H.) and Andre Maiwald, a builder of whimsical wooden birdhouses (Perkasie, Pa.).

New food vendors include Milly's Organics, offering salad dressings (no gluten, no preservatives and no added salt); Pippy's Food Truck serving a variety of hot dogs including a chili cheese dog; Pretzel Princess selling chocolate covered pretzels; and Sweet Muse, a fudge brownie baker.

Gourmet products will include chocolate wine, wildflower honey elixir, pear/ginger jam, butter fudge and premium venison cuts.

Gourmet "Take-Home" Food Exhibitors

Awesome Specialties of Little Tikes. Dips and spreads include salsa mixes, soup and chowder mixes, muffin and cookie mixes.

Bella's Home-Baked Goods. Includes Italian biscotti, butter toffee, cookies and brownies.

Betty Jane's Sweet Delights. Peanut brittle packaged in bags.

Bittersweet Herb Farm. Dips, sauces, jams, oils and balsamic vinegars.

Casa De Jorge. Raspberry, peach, pineapple or mango flavored salsa.

Dutch Desserts. Chocolate pies and fruit tarts. Also Dutch apple, blueberry, red cherry, peach, raspberry, strawberry rhubarb, pumpkin and pecan pies.

Heitmann's. Glazed nuts include Bavarian, coffee and liquor. Handmade candies such as licorice, "gummies," salt water taffy, lollipops, rock, candy corn and candied popcorn.

Highland Farm. Venison cuts including steaks, roasts, chops, medallions and cutlets.

Hillrock Estate Distillery. Small batch spirits, wine, bourbon and rye whiskey.



Food concessions at 2015 Spring Crafts at Lyndhurst. The Fall Crafts Show is scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 18-20 at the Tarrytown estate.

ImmuneSchein. Ginger elixirs. Ingredients include organic ginger root, wildflower honey and organic lemon juice, turmeric root and Ceylon cinnamon.

JD Gourmet. Barrel-aged balsamic vinegar and olive oil blends from Italy,



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goods including brownies and muffins.

Oliver Kita Chocolates. Made with satin cream, sweet butter, fruit, roasted nuts and more.

Pazdar Winery. Wine including chocolate wine.

Pika's Farm Table. Hot super-sized Belgian sugar waffles and take-home quiche, soup and potpies.

Pippy's Food Truck. Hot dogs (100 percent beef).

Platte Clove Naturals. Nut-based granola and salad topper products include maple cranberry, maple ginger, apple cranberry nut and curry nut crunch.

Popcorn Man. Kettle corn. Pretzel Princess. Chocolate-covered pretzels.

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rhubarb/strawberry and pear/ginger.

Sweet Muse. Fudge brownies.

Sumptuous Syrups of Vermont. Yellow ginger, black currant, lemon basil, blackberry and chocolate.

The Olive Oil Factory. Oils and balsamic vinegar.

Udder Ideas Fudge. Cream and butter fudge.

Warwick Valley Winery & Distillery. Red and white wine, port and dessert wine.

Food Concessionaires

Aba's Falafel. Gluten free/vegan falafel. The Israeli falafel balls are made with chickpeas, garlic, onion, parsley and cilantro and seasoned. Served in a pita pocket or on a plate.

Everything About Crepes. Sweet and savory crepes and baguette sandwiches.

Greek Isle. Lamb and chicken pitas and Greek salad.

Island Cow Ice Cream. Organic homemade ice cream from Maine.

Skinny Buddha Organic Kitchen. Soup and salad.



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Jill Liflander will perform with a puppet show and a dancing frog performance during the 31st annual Fall Crafts at Lyndhurst from Sept. 18-20.

marinades and handmade pasta.

Kissed By The Sun Spice Company. All-natural Caribbean spices.

Milly's Organics. Organic fruit and fresh herb salad dressings.

Mostly Myrtle's. Gluten-free baked



Scott Martin who demonstrated wheel-thrown pottery making at the spring 2015 show will return for Fall Crafts at Lyndhurst.

S&S Concessions. Sausage and peppers, hamburgers, coffee and smoothies.

Thai Taste Restaurant. Pad thai and chicken skewers.

Admission (cash or check) for a weekend ticket is \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors (62 or older) and \$4 for children (6 to 16.) Children under 6 are free. Parking is free on-site and at other nearby parking areas with frequent shuttle bus service.

The show runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Sunday and until 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The Lindsey Webster Band will perform on Saturday and Sunday with emphasis on rhythm and blues (dancing permissible).

Jill Liflander (Jilly Puppets of Sleepy



Two crafts shows, one in spring, the other in fall, are conducted annually at Lyndhurst in Tarrytown.

Hollow), a puppeteer, dancer and choreographer, will entertain with a puppet show and a dancing frog performance on Saturday and Sunday. Liflander teaches at SUNY Purchase and her puppet shows are seen at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale.

There will also be face painting, storytelling and balloon animal making for children as well as stilt walkers. Other activities include the making of Shibumi silk scarves under the guidance of Patricia Disantis and a wheel-thrown pottery demonstration by Scott Martin.

The show is managed by Artrider Productions, a crafts show operator formed in 1983 by Stacey Jarit and her husband and co-director Jeff Sobel, a former planner for the Village of Tarrytown. The assistant director is Laura Kendel. Artrider Productions can be reached at 845-331-7900 or visit www.artrider.com.

A similar spring crafts show will be held Apr. 29 to May 1, 2016, and the fall show will return Sept. 16-18, 2016.

The show is sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Lyndhurst is a Tarrytown estate that was once the home of railroad baron and builder Jay Gould.

Lyndhurst is located at 635 S. Broadway in Tarrytown. For more information, call 914-631-4481 or visit www.lyndhurst.org

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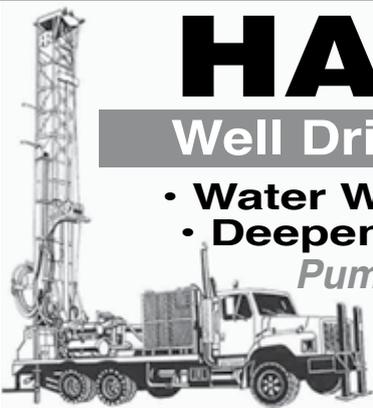
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Tuesday, Sept. 1

Tuesdays at Dorry's gathers "conversation partners" weekly for informal table talk. There is no charge. Just come and order your food from Sylvia and enjoy the discussion and the company. Please join us. No reservations are needed. 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. This week a conversation about Transitions brought on by changes in personal circumstances. Autumn is a transitional time of year. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains; 914-682-0005.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

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

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

Resident Artist Slide Night. Featuring slide presentations from four 2015-16 resident artists. Artists Kelley Donahue, Jose Tlazani, Chris Pickett and Max Seinfeld will be presenting their images and talking about their work and journeys in clay. Clay Art Center, 40 Beech St., Port Chester. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-937-2047 ext. 226.

How Artists Respond to Trauma and Urban Violence. Join the conversation about how creative expression can provide an outlet to communicate ideas, make observations, forge connections and send powerful messages about violence and injustice. Panelists include Michelle Bishop, founder and president of Harlem Needle Arts Association, which promotes fiber and needle arts in the African Diaspora; Nathan Connolly, assistant professor of history at John's Hopkins University, whose scholarship focuses on the politics of race, capital and property; Warren Lehrer, Purchase College Art+Design professor and co-founder of the nonprofit community organization EarSay, Inc.; and Lachell Workman, an artist whose work investigates race, identity, society, memory and trauma. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735

Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 12:30 p.m. \$10. Purchase College students, staff and faculty and museum Circle Level Members: Free. Info: 914-251-6100 or visit www.neuberger.org.

Thursday, Sept. 3

Noonday Concert. Outdoor live musical performance at Renaissance Plaza, White Plains (Mamaroneck Avenue and Main Street) by Guest Artist. Sponsored by New York-Presbyterian Westchester Division.

Saturday, Sept. 5

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

CORNucopica. The lower Hudson Valley's only corn festival, returns this Labor Day weekend featuring a bounty of corn-centric delicacies and a bevy of interactive, corn-related activities. This celebration of all things corn will include hands-on activities, craft and cooking demonstrations, lots of corny cuisine, live music and a friendly scarecrow come to life. For all ages. Philipsburg Manor, 381 N. Broadway (Route 9), Sleepy Hollow. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults: \$16. Seniors: \$12. Children (3-17): \$8. Children under 3 and for Historic Hudson Valley members: Free. Also Sept. 6 and 7. Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

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 (except Sept. 13). Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Village People Concert. Get ready for a throwback night of high-energy dance music and 1970s fun when the Village People take the stage for an end-of-summer bash. Rain or shine. Playland's Music Tower Theater, Playland Park, Rye. 8 p.m. Free with park admission. Spectator admission (no rides) is free for county residents. Parking: \$10. Info: 914-813-7010 or visit www.ryeplayland.org.

Sunday, Sept. 6

Nature Story Time. Let your imagination run wild. Hear a story, meet a live animal and have fun with a nature activity. Recommended for children three to six years old. Greenburgh Nature Center,

99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. Members: \$5 per person. Non-members: \$8 per person. 2 p.m. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

"The Tempest." Presented by the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival featuring the HVSF Conservatory Company. Audiences of all ages will revel in the circus-like atmosphere created by the company's young artists in a 90-minute version of Shakespeare's enchanting tale of a magical island full of monsters and fairies. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 3 p.m. \$25. 914-739-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

Ongoing Events

Bicycle Sundays, sponsored by Con Edison and New York Presbyterian Hospital, on the Bronx River Parkway are back this fall for three consecutive Sundays on Sept. 13, 20 and 27. During Bicycle Sundays, a portion of the Bronx River Parkway is closed to cars for the exclusive use of bicyclists, joggers, walkers, scooters and strollers. The course runs from Exit 22 at the Westchester County Center in White Plains, south to Exit 4/Scarsdale Road in Yonkers, a round-trip of 13.1 miles. There are many points of entry and exit along the way. The program runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each week. Parking is available at the County Center lot in White Plains for a fee of \$7. In case of rain, the program is cancelled.

Support Connection Events. Yorktown-based Support Connection is holding a series of Community Kickoff events in preparation for their 21st Annual Support-A-Walk for Breast and Ovarian Cancer. From August 19 through the end of September, Support Connection is coming to your community. The Walk is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 4, (rain or

shine) at FDR Park, Route 202, Yorktown. It is held to bring attention to the needs of people affected by breast and ovarian cancer and to raise funds for Support Connection's free support services for those living with these diseases. Each year, thousands of people of all ages take part in this inspiring and uplifting community event, often in honor of loved ones affected by breast and ovarian cancer. The Community Kickoff events are designed to give people the chance to visit a location in their own community to learn more about the Support-A-Walk. At each event, guests will be able to: Events will be held: today from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at New York-Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital, 1980 Crompond Rd., Cortlandt; on Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon at Hudson City Savings Bank, 302 Somers Commons, Baldwin Place; on Aug. 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Microsoft Store at The Westchester, 125 Westchester Ave., White Plains; on Sept. 12 from 9 to 11 a.m. at The Rugged Boot, 3256 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake; on Sept. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. at The Wig Outlet, 194 S. Central Ave., Hartsdale; and on Sept. 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Microsoft Store at The Westchester, 125 Westchester Ave., White Plains For details about any Community Kickoff, or to host one in your community, contact Support Connection: 914-962-6402 or walk@supportconnection.org.



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The Battles for the White Plains Rec Softball Playoff Championships



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Umpires James Hodges (left) and John DiPilato (right) go over the ground rules and protocols for the game with Vintage Manager Pat Martucci (second left) and Brewskis Manager Michelle Kilgallen before the start of the Women's Playoff Championship, at Gillie Park, on Thursday, August 27.

Vintage right-fielder Andrea Dinella celebrated her 22nd year as a member of the NYPD, on Sunday, Aug. 30. She also hit a RBI-triple in Game 1 and a winning-walk-off RBI-single in Game 2, which tied the two-out-of-three games series between Vintage and Brewskis, 1-1, in the White Plains Rec Women's Softball Championship.



Vintage pitcher Katie Letscher was relieved in the sixth inning of Game 1, after a ball thrown back to the mound bounced off the rubber and hit her on the collarbone. Vintage lost Game 1 to Brewskis in the two-out-of-three-games Women's Playoff Championship, 12-9. But Letscher returned in Game 2, to even the series 1-1, beating Brewskis in a thriller, 17-16.



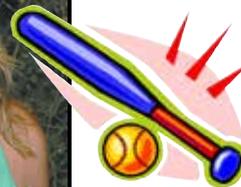
All Vintage-catcher Tracy Harmon could do was watch as Brewskis leftfielder Tina Rodriguez came around to score the first run of Game 1, in the White Plains Rec Women's Playoff Championship. Brewskis won Game 1, by a score of 12-9, but Vintage evened the two-out-of-three games series, 17-16, in Game 2, of an evening doubleheader, on Thursday, at Gillie Park.



Riemann Auto Body pitcher Tommy Zeoli could not solve the hitting of Dunne's Pub, as Dunne's beat Riemann 19-11 in the Semifinals to advance to White Plains Recreation Men's Thursday League Playoff Championship.



Brewskis Christie Kilgallen rounds third base and heads for home. Kilgallen is a tremendous offensive threat for Brewskis. In Games 1 and 2 of the Women's Playoff Championships, she had a combined seven RBI on eight hits, including six singles, a two run homerun and a three-run homerun.



Lauren O'Connor could not help her team Healy Electric get past Vintage in the White Plains Rec Women's League Playoff Semifinals, as Healy loss 9-8. But O'Connor will assist all softball teams as the new Adult Softball Coordinator after the Fall League seasons conclude. O'Connor is presently a White Plains Senior Recreation Leader; she will succeed Frank Magaletta as Adult Softball Supervisor, while Magaletta will stay on to consult the leagues. Lauren's mother Kathleen O'Connor is the Commissioner of Westchester County Parks and Recreation and her grandfather Joseph O'Connor is a former Commissioner of White Plains Recreation Department.

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NY Liberty Make WNBA Playoffs for the First Time Since 2012

By Albert Coqueran

Two days after President Barack Obama honored the 2014 WNBA Champions Phoenix Mercury at the White House; the New York Liberty made their statement for a Presidential welcome in 2015.

The Liberty clinched their first WNBA Playoff berth since 2012, when they beat the Western Conference leading Minnesota Lynx, 81-68, on Friday, Aug. 28, at Madison Square Garden.

“[Clinching a playoff berth] definitely gives us a confident boost but we know our work is not done. We are hungry and we have to keep this going. The hungry lion hunts best, so we are just trying to stay hungry and stay motivated,” said Liberty Head Coach Bill Laimbeer.

The Liberty is in first place in the Eastern Conference with the best record in the WNBA, at 20-8. The Ladies of Liberty achieved their best start in a season at 17-7, when they beat the San Antonio Silver Stars on August 19. They are also the first WNBA team to attain 20 wins this season.

The entire Liberty team and their coaching staff with Liberty President Isiah Thomas orchestrated this season’s turnaround. The Liberty was 15-19 last season and missed the playoffs by losing the tiebreaker to the Chicago Sky.

However, much of the credit has to go to Liberty standout-players Tina Charles, Epiphanny Prince and Tanisha Wright combined with the leadership of Essence Carson and Swin Cash. They have motivated Sugar Rogers, Brittany Boyd and Carolyn Swords to bring their best game, every game and tutored rookie Kiah Stokes to WNBA maturity.

Tina Charles is averaging 17.8 points per game (ppg.) and 8.6 rebounds, which has brought her much consideration for WNBA MVP this season. Wright, the Liberty point guard, leads the team in assists with 101 and is also averaging 7.7



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

The NY Liberty end practice at the Madison Square Garden Training Center, in Tarrytown, on Thursday, Aug.27. The Ladies of Liberty are enjoying their best regular season in franchise history and have made the WNBA Playoffs for the first time since 2012.

ppg. Wright is the “floor general” and has kept the Liberty backcourt in check.

However, Prince has certainly been the catalyst for the Liberty’s turnaround this year, after joining the team 10 games into the season. The Liberty was 6-4 without Prince on the team and are, 12-4, since the Brooklyn native joined the team on June 30.

Prince is averaging 15.8 points, 3.6 assists and three rebounds per game in 18 games. Most remarkably, she leads the team in steals with 40, even after missing 10 games this season. “It feels good. I just want to help the team as much as I can to

win. We put in so much work at practice and it is good to see results,” stated Prince, after practice on Thursday, at the MSG Training Center, in Tarrytown.

Carson was drafted by the Liberty with the seventh overall pick in 2008. The Liberty is the only WNBA team that she has played for during her professional basketball career. Carson is the only player on the Liberty’s present roster who was on the team when the Liberty reached the playoffs in 2012.

“We played hard the entire way and we put ourselves in a good position. We understand it is not over yet, so we are still going to play with the same intensity and are aware that we have to raise it,” said Carson.



NY Liberty center Tina Charles (left) and guard Epiphanny Prince (right) have led the Liberty to their first WNBA Playoff berth since 2012. The Liberty is in first place in the Eastern Conference with a WNBA-best record of 20-8.

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