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## White Plains High School Graduates Answer the Call to Adventure



White Plains High School seniors answered the call to adventure as they began to look forward to new places and ventures upon their graduation last Thursday. The event was held at the Westchester County Center with a room full to capacity of graduates and well-wishers, as student speakers and administrators spoke about embracing the future despite the challenges that lie ahead, especially for this generation of young adults. The Class of 2016 valedictorian Jacob Brady and salutatorian Sarah Samaranayake remembered with fondness events of the past and gave encouragement in looking forward. The graduates will attend colleges across the country, several receiving significant scholarships. Former White Plains Schools Superintendent Timothy Connors stepped in for Superintendent Paul Fried, who has been away on sick leave for an indeterminate period of time. He was joined by High School Principal Ellen Doherty, White Plains Mayor Tom Roach, members of the school board and staff on the stage to hand out diplomas and acknowledge merit. **See Page 3 for more photos from the White Plains High School Graduation.**

## Board Of Legislators Special Election Set, Candidates Slated

By Pat Casey

At a Special Meeting of the Westchester County Board of Legislators Monday morning, the date for the Special Election to fill the vacated seat of retired Legislator Bernice Spreckman (District 14, serving Yonkers and part of Mount Vernon) was set for Tuesday, August 9. The date was moved back from the originally proposed date of August 2.

Spreckman, a Republican, gave notice of her resignation on June 7, effective immediately. According to the Westchester County Charter an election to fill the vacant seat must be held within

90 days of the resignation.

Questions about the process followed to tender the resignation, which could affect the 90-day requirement and the fact that several other elections were already scheduled, prompted BOL Majority Leader Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) to request a September 13 date for the Special Election when an expected primary vote may be scheduled in Mount Vernon.

Borgia said the August date was right in the middle of vacation time and that residents would not turn out to vote. Borgia also stated that the proposed

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## Key Legislation Approved, Supported By Local State Lawmakers

By Martin Wilbur

Three area state lawmakers were encouraged that several critical issues were addressed with fresh legislation that was passed in the recently completed legislative session in Albany.

Perhaps most notable was Assemblyman David Buchwald's (D-White Plains) quest to combat corruption with a measure that attracted widespread bipartisan support. His bill calls for a constitutional amendment calling for pension forfeiture by state officials convicted of a felony that is job related.

Although Buchwald had worked on

the issue since he arrived in the Assembly in 2013, growing disenchantment with the scourge of corruption cases, most recently highlighted with the convictions of former Speaker Sheldon Silver and former Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, convinced lawmakers in both parties to support the amendment.

The vote was unanimous in the Assembly with only five dissenters in the Senate.

"The era of taxpayer funded pensions for disgraced public officials convicted of corruption is on its way towards coming to its rightful end," Buchwald said.

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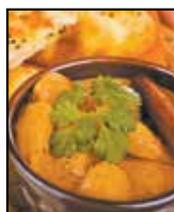
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“Those who breach the public trust and violate their oaths of office do not deserve to be financially supported by the very people they failed to serve.”

The measure must be approved by both houses again in next year’s legislative session for it to be sent to the state’s voters in the form of a proposition on the November 2017 ballot, he said. The assemblyman said he was confident the legislature would support the amendment next session.

State Sen. George Latimer (D-Rye) said he viewed the bill as a preventative measure to clean up Albany. For example, legislators who might have cheated on their expense report will be less likely to do so if it could result in the loss of their pension.

“That’s what you should think about before you do something that’s felonious,” he said. “It’s more of a deterrent than a punishment.”

However, Latimer also expressed disappointment that necessary changes to how the state’s campaign are funded were not made.

Legislation for a hotel occupancy tax that would benefit several Westchester communities passed both houses of the legislature for the second consecutive year. Last year bills that would have benefitted six Westchester municipalities, including North Castle and Mount



NYS: Assemblyman David Buchwald’s pension forfeiture proposal that would strip state officials of their pensions if they are convicted of a felony related to their job was approved overwhelmingly by the state legislature. Meanwhile, Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti was hopeful his bill to force the Department of Transportation to study all grade crossings would receive Gov. Cuomo’s support.

Pleasant, by allowing a tax of up to 3 percent on lodging bills within their jurisdictions were vetoed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Latimer and Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville) were hopeful that the tax would be signed by Cuomo, particularly as municipalities become increasingly strapped economically due to the tax cap.

They agreed that it’s unfair for cities in New York to be allowed to impose the



tax but towns and villages are required to obtain enabling state legislation to levy the same tax.

Abinanti remained cautiously optimistic that his bill to direct the state Department of Transportation (DOT) to study all grade crossings in the state would also receive support from the governor.

The measure, approved by both houses, would have a greater focus on changes to reconfigure crossings. However, with

passage of two measures that would require the DOT and the railroad to inspect bridges that the trains travel over and signals at the crossings, there may be sentiment that those two actions are sufficient, Abinanti said.

He said the two bills that were proposed are a supplement to, not a substitute for, his legislation.

“I’m hopeful that the legislation will be signed by the governor because they work together nicely,” Abinanti said.

He and Latimer were also pleased that sharp increases in minimum wage were approved. While New York City will see a \$15 minimum wage within three years, in Westchester incremental increases of \$1.50 an hour per year will begin in January. It is expected that Westchester will see a \$15 minimum wage in four years.

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# WHITE PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2016 GRADUATION, JUNE 23



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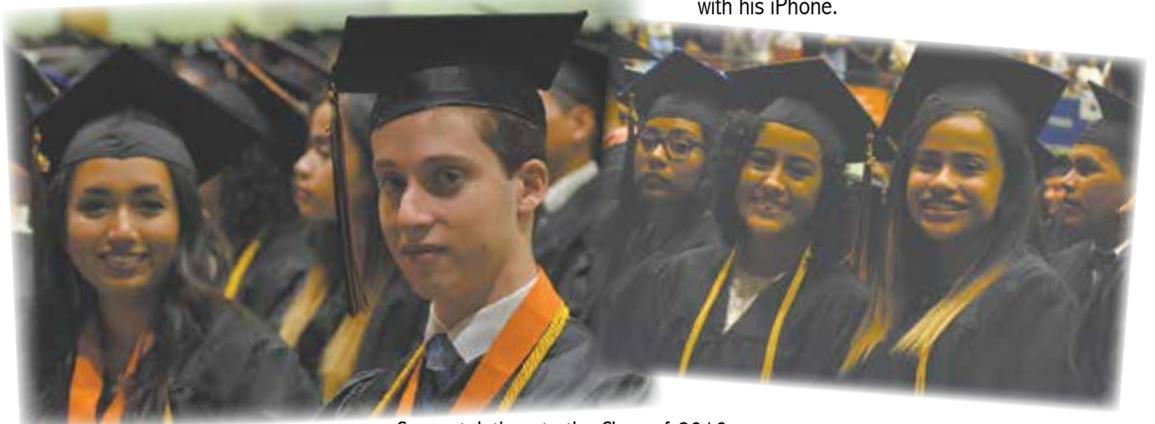
Acting White Plains Schools Superintendent Timothy Connors and White Plains High School Principal Ellen Doherty lead the procession of 2016 graduates.



White Plains Mayor Tom Roach stands on the stage next to Tim Connors, ready to take photos and "tweet" congratulations with his iPhone.



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Sarah Samaranayake, WPHS Class of 2016 Salutatorian.



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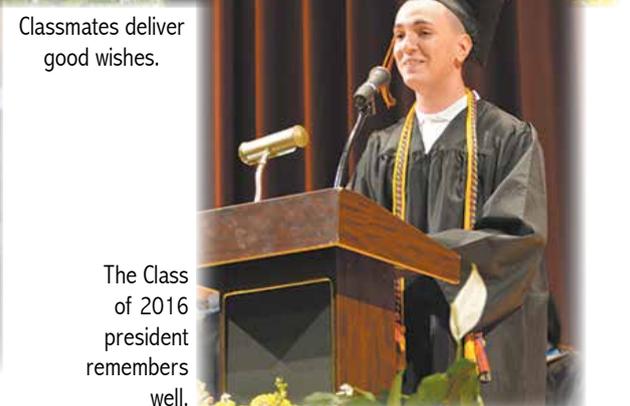
Classmates deliver good wishes.



Jacob Brady, WPHS Class of 2016 Valedictorian.



Congratulations to the Class of 2016.



The Class of 2016 president remembers well.

### BOL Special Election Set, Candidates Slated

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September 13 date would save taxpayer money.

However, Monday's vote confirmed an earlier election date of August 9.

David Tubiolo, Spreckman's former legislative aide and the son of the Yonkers Republican Committee Chairman Justin Tubiolo has announced his candidacy for the seat.

Christine Peters, a social worker who lost to Spreckman during the last election, announced her intention to run for the seat on her Facebook page. Peters is a Democrat.



# New Officers Elected to White Plains American Legion

On June 25, new officers were sworn in at the historic Mitchell House location of the home of the White Plains American Legion. The new commander is Kevin Lasher, a lieutenant in the White Plains Fire Department and Marine veteran who served during the Vietnam era. New vice commanders are: Joe Waldron, Dan Duane and Bob Gibson.

After the veteran's took their oath of office, the Auxiliary swore in their new officers. Debra Palazzo, an attorney, was sworn in as President and Cynthia Kauffman as vice President.

All the officers were sworn in on the front steps by retired Supreme Court Justice (and new Legion member) Denis Donovan.

The Legion recently received the "Rehabilitation Award" for their work with veteran's recovering from alcohol and/or drug abuse at Montrose VA hospital.



(L to r) Pres Debra Palazzo, VP Cynthia Kauffman, Honorable Denis Donovan, vice Commander Joe Waldron, Commander Kevin Lasher.

Historic Mitchell house is a replica of the first Colonial court house where the Declaration of Independence was read 240 years ago in 1776. The Uncle of the original owner was a signor of that document as well as the US Constitution.

The Legion is accepting new members. For more information on joining the American Legion, Auxiliary (daughters) or Sons of the American Legion call 914 495-3631 or visit: facebook.com/ALA135.

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# White Plains Girl Scout Aids Children of My Sisters' Place

White Plains Girl Scout Julia Golden has completed a Gold Award project designed to benefit children who have been impacted by domestic violence and served by White Plains-based My Sisters' Place.

A Junior at White Plains High School, Golden (16) had previously worked with her Girl Scout Troop to organize toiletry drives for My Sisters' Place, a nonprofit organization that provides services, advocacy and education to support victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and human trafficking.

Specialists provide free childcare for women attending meetings or counseling at My Sisters' Place. Golden noticed that the childcare room was overcrowded with supplies and toys for young children. She reorganized and improved the room, solving storage problems and creating a nook for older children. She led volunteers to collect, organize and arrange storage drawers, bins, baskets and shelves, and along the way also collected books, videos, games and toys to donate. In a modern twist, much of what she provided was hunted down for free using Internet sites such as craigslist and freecycle. One special feature of her project involved creating and filling seasonal holiday boxes so holiday-themed decorations, books and videos can be pulled out for holiday use



White Plains Girl Scout Julia Golden reorganized the childcare room at My Sisters' Place.

and then easily tucked away until needed again.

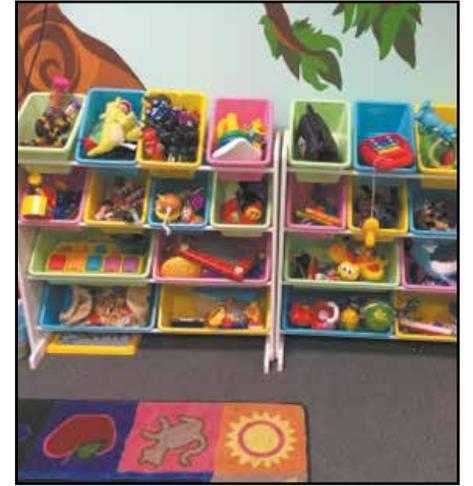
Golden worked with My Sisters' Place Volunteer Coordinator Silvia Lederman, who said, "Julia made a sustainable impact in the room that will last a long time and will benefit not only My Sisters' Place, but also the children that we serve."

Childcare Specialist Lisa Alfano commended Golden for her "hard work on this wonderful project." Golden's Girl Scout

troop co-leader since Kindergarten, Clare Castro, said "It has been a real pleasure watching Julia develop her leadership skills over the years, and I am so proud of her and all she has accomplished!"

Golden, pictured painting a toy box for the Children's Room, and spent more than 80 hours working on her project. She attributed her successful completion of the project to "focusing on a goal, staying organized and having the help of a wonderful group of volunteers."

The Girl Scout Gold Award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. Open only to girls in high school, this prestigious award challenges girls to change the world—or at least their corner of it. Girl Scouts are part of the sisterhood of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, a global movement



The childcare room at My Sisters' Place with new shelving and storage.

comprised of more than ten million girls worldwide who are using their talents to positively impact their communities. Since 1916, Girl Scout's highest award has stood for excellence and leadership. Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson has 30,000 girls and 13,000 adult members throughout Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester Counties.

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## Obituaries

### Patricia Cipriano

Patricia M. Cipriano "Patty" died on June 23 after a year-long battle with cancer. She passed with her four Godchildren by her side, who loved her deeply and were so grateful to have her in their lives. She is survived by her mother, Catherine (Nina) M. Cipriano. Nina and Patty had an inseparable bond and were together all the time. The truest definition of a mother/daughter bond. Nina called Patty "Poopie" and even today when she says this, it brings a smile to our faces.

Patty was born on October 7, 1953.

She is predeceased by her father Frank (Chippie) J. Cipriano and her brother Frank (Froggy) R. Cipriano. She loved her father and brother deeply as they did her. The bond of Frank, Nina, Frankie and Patty was undeniable and inspirational. Anyone who witnessed their interaction knew they had encountered love in its purest form.

Patty is survived by her Uncle Bill Tassani and his wife Diana and her Uncle Joe (Junior) and his wife Eleanor. She is also survived by her four Godchildren - Andrew Amodeo, Alexa Snyder, Corin Snyder and Julianna Snyder.

Patty loved life and had a strong faith that guided her throughout her time on Earth. She worked for Philip Morris International as Executive Assistant to Louis C. Camilleri. Her career spanned 43 years, which is unheard of and yet she was focused and dedicated every day of her career - remarkable indeed.

To all of us who knew Patty, life without

her seems unimaginable. She led by example, loved deeply, was selfless and demonstrated unconditional loyalty in its truest form. She was generous beyond imagination and loved her designer shoes, designer bags and jewelry. However, at the end of the day, she knew these were just "things" and would often say, "things don't matter but we do."

Rest in Peace Patty. We love you to the moon and back and so much more.

### Stephen Schainman

Stephen "Big Chief Steve" Schainman, former Director of Mohawk Day Camp and Day School in White Plains, for 51 years, passed away June 23. For over half a century, tens of thousands of campers, staff and families benefited from Steve's wisdom, expertise and commitment to children. He will also be remembered by campers as "Mohawk Man," his camp's superhero.

Stephen was born on January 15, 1934. A graduate of Yale and Harvard Business School, Steve became Director of Mohawk Day Camp and School in 1966. He married his future Co-Director, Barbara Baskind, in 1967. A recognized leader and innovator in the camp profession, Steve received the American Camp Association's highest honor in 2005, the "Legend in Camping" award. He was especially known for his many contributions to camp safety. Mohawk became the first camp or school in New York State to put seat belts on buses. Steve then lobbied for New York's 1984 pioneering school bus seat belt law.

Steve is the former President of the New York State Camp Directors Association, board member of the New York Section of the American Camp Association, and Chair of the Tri-State Camp Conference.

Steve is survived by his wife Barbara, children Kenneth and Lauren, sister Roe, and seven nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Steve's life will be held at Mohawk Day Camp on September 18 at 2 p.m.

### Michael DeMarsico

Michael J. DeMarsico died peacefully June 22, with his family, in the home that he built, as was his wish.

Mike was born on June 18, 1918. He is survived by his daughters, Diane (Rod) Lucero of Red Bluff, California and Jody (Ed) Grant of Rochester, NY; His grandchildren, Steve (Donna) DeMarsico and Michael (Paul) DeMarsico, Rachel Lucero, Michelle (Ryan) Patrick, Joyann (Jake) Williams, Steve, Laura and Kevin Grant. His great-grandchildren are Casey DeMarsico, Michael and Matthew Patrick, and Hunter and Barrett Williams.

Mike was pre-deceased by his parents Michael and Josephine Marsico, his loving wife, Eva (Caccavone), his sons Michael and Stephen, and 8 siblings.

A plumber for over 25 years Mike later took a position with the Town of Harrison as the Assistant Building Inspector. He retired from there about 17 years later. As a plumber his specialty was to retrofit pipes into old homes and odd spaces. He loved to putter and could fix just

about anything.

Mike was an ex-president of the Italian American Club and an ex-chief of the West Harrison Fire Department. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II as Sergeant. A part of his duties was to entertain the troops by serving as pitcher of the baseball team the Flying V's. After the war he played for a short time with the Chicago Cubs single A farm team.

Mike and Eva were married for 68 years. Family was always very important. He spent his recent birthday happily surrounded by his family, telling stories and eating cake.

He will be missed.

### Aldo Menichino

Aldo Menichino, a longtime North White Plains resident, died June 20 at the age of 70. He was born February 25, 1946 in Nocera Inferiore, Italy.

On April 22, 1970 he married Maria Chiaravalle.

Aldo worked for the White Plains School District as a painter for 30 years, retiring in 2001. He had a passion for food, loved watching soccer games, but most of all he loved spending as much time as possible with his grandchildren. He also loved sharing stories and the outdoors.

Besides his wife Maria of N. White Plains, he is survived by his children; Aldo Jr. (Teresa) Menichino, of Thornwood and Anthony Menichino of N. White Plains and his grandchildren; Anthony, Julia, Mariella and Brianna Menichino.

## Westchester Police Officer Exam Applications Due by July 25

Applications are being accepted now through July 25, 2016, for the Civil Service exam for Westchester Police Officer. The exam will be administered on Nov. 19, 2016, and anyone interested in taking it must apply by July 25 with the Department of Human Resources at [humanresources.westchestergov.com](http://humanresources.westchestergov.com).

who is, don't let this opportunity slip by. This exam can be the start of an exciting and rewarding career."

Typically, the exam is given only once every four years, so those who want to be a police officer must take the exam now or likely wait until 2020.

To be eligible to take the exam, applicants must, at the time of the examination and for at least one month prior to the exam, be legal residents of Westchester County and possess a high school diploma or equivalency. On the day of exam, they may not be over the age of 35, unless

they are a veteran of the Armed Forces as defined by New York State law. Police officer candidates cannot be appointed until they turn 20, but can take the test before then.

Those who pass the test are put on a list ranked by test score, and the list is used to hire police officers as positions become available. The Westchester County Department of Public Safety and all local police departments with the exception of Yonkers, White Plains, New Rochelle and Mount Vernon hire from this list.

The test will be administered at various locations within the county. Specific locations will be announced prior to the November exam.

The exam application fee is \$100. Waivers may be available for some applicants.

There is also a separate application for the title of Police Officer (Spanish Speaking). We encourage those who are bilingual in English and Spanish to apply for both titles, requiring two separate applications and fees. This is the only way to appear on both lists and have the possibility of being hired for whichever title becomes available, even though there is only one written exam in English. There will be an oral proficiency Spanish exam for those

who pass the written exam.

Details about the fee waivers, the language proficiency examination and other information are described in the official examination announcement at [humanresources.westchestergov.com](http://humanresources.westchestergov.com).

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# Police Blotter

## Greenburgh Police Department

**Possible Break-in.** On the evening of June 20, the complainant reports coming home from school and noticing the front door to his apartment was very loose. The door was still locked but gave way quite a bit. The complainant used his key to make entry and reports nothing inside the apartment was out of place. Another walk through of the apartment was made by responding officers and again nothing was out of place or missing. Further investigation of the door revealed that the deadbolt had been installed and screwed into a flimsy strip of wood and then into the door frame, which could account for a loose locked feel over time. Management was contacted and they said the apartment next to the one in question had recently been put on the market and there have been frequent showings implying that the door could have been mistaken for the apartment for sale. Neighbors were interviewed in the immediate vicinity and reported nothing suspicious. Several other doors adjacent to the apartment were inspected with negative results. The complainant was advised to contact police headquarters if he has any further information on said incident.

**Suspicious Person.** On June 19 at approximately 4 p.m. police responded for a report of a male with a rifle on his

shoulder. The complainant called police communications to report while he was on Ardsley Road near Lynwood Road; he observed a white male with sun glasses with what appeared to be a rifle slung over his shoulder. Thorough canvases of the surrounding area were conducted with negative results. The complainant was the only caller. Police spoke to several people along Ardsley Road, but no one else saw the male.

**Suspicious Person.** On June 18 at midday, Police received a report of a black male going door-to-door asking for money. Due to call volume there was a delay in units responding. Officers later located the male, who produced a valid permit to solicit for the New York Youth Club. An NCIC check came back with two warrants for the suspect out of Clarkstown (petit larceny) and Pelham Manor Village. Communications reached out to both jurisdictions and both reported that they would not be able to come to pick up the suspect. The suspect was advised of both warrants and what he had to do to clear them up. The permit was revoked and he was sent on his way.

**Petit Larceny.** At about 11 p.m. on June 18, officers responded to a residence on a report of a larceny from a vehicle. Upon arrival officers spoke with the

homeowner who reported that he looked out his window and observed two males going through the vehicles in his driveway. When he exited his residence the two males ran off, possibly onto County Center Road towards Old Kensico Road. The vehicle in the driveway closest to road was entered by Suspect #1 who is described as a Male Black, dark-skinned, with an afro, approximately 170 lbs. and wearing a black muscle t-shirt with white lettering. The other vehicle was entered by Suspect #2 who is only described as a Male Black, light-skinned. An unknown amount of assorted change and small items were

missing from the vehicles.

**Suspicious Incident.** On the afternoon of June 17, officers responded to a multi-dwelling residence on Central Avenue in Hartsdale. The complainant reported that an unknown party(s) had put feces on his front doorstep. He said this was not the first time this had happened, but it was the first time he was reporting it. The complainant said he does not have proof, but believes it could be his upstairs neighbor who he has had issues with in the past. The complainant wished the incident to be documented only at this time.



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When the opportunity comes to choose the “skin” of a house – the siding – whether for new construction or re-surfacing, you might think that the main factor would be personal preference for its look. But there are other important matters to consider, namely its cost, energy efficiency, ease of maintenance and impact on home resale value.

Whether it’s brick, stone, wood siding, stucco, vinyl or fiber cement (also known as Hardie board, named after its inventor) or a combination of two or more of those possibilities, our approach to new siding demands some study, especially since there are so many options from which to choose.

Our choices today might further be influenced by the region of the country where we live, the neighborhood of our youth or a certain ideal.

I remember that when my family moved from a brick row home in Philadelphia to the south, my parents sought a brick home simply because that was what they were used to. When they were told, however, that their new home was merely “brick veneer,” they somehow felt cheated. Having attended college in Williamsburg, I somehow always envisioned that I’d someday own a colonial with clapboard siding.

If we were all to choose on the basis of aesthetics alone, I suspect that we might select regular wood siding, which is the first siding from our nation’s earliest days, but it’s too expensive to maintain. Underneath an additional layer of composition shingle

on my 1734 home, I was thrilled to discover those thick original clapboards with remnants of its first paint job in red, probably the combination of milk and oxblood.

Today, for most of us, the main choices for exterior siding are either vinyl or fiber cement. A comparison of the two options show benefits and downsides.

Vinyl siding is made primarily from PVC, a rigid plastic material, and is attached to the exterior in a way that allows it to expand and contract with changing temperatures.

Fiber cement siding is made from a mix of wood pulp and Portland cement that’s formed into long boards or shingles and is attached directly to the structure with nails. It is a popular choice because of its ability to withstand extreme weather conditions and holds paint for extended periods of time. It can be painted or stained, but it can also be ordered pre-painted in a range of colors.

As for maintenance, vinyl siding has advantages. When fiber-cement is installed, it needs to be caulked and painted (unless



By Bill Primavera

you opt for the pre-painted version), unlike vinyl siding, which needs no additional work before or after installation. Long term, fiber cement needs to be painted periodically and caulking in the joints must be maintained to avoid water intrusion.

Vinyl siding, on the other hand, just needs a power wash periodically, or for DIYers, a spray with a garden hose and some soapy water suffices to retain its vibrant look.

There are some other variables to consider. Some of the lesser quality vinyl products can fade with time, while the color of better quality products is more enduring and virtually impervious to chips and cracks. That’s not the case for fiber cement, which is so rigid that it can crack during the installation process and after it is

attached.

In my own case, I found that after a few years, some areas of my fiber cement board, which had been behind my downspout and hit repeatedly by rainwater, literally flaked away and needed to be replaced.

As for energy efficiency, fiber cement board has a low rating but is more eco-friendly, while vinyl can be purchased with insulation attached.

From a durability and maintenance standpoint, fiber cement board comes with a 30- to 50-year warranty, and needs to be painted every five to 10 years. A positive is that its color can be changed. Vinyl comes with a 25-year warranty but can’t be painted, so the homeowner is stuck with the same color for its lifetime. And, if damaged, vinyl must be replaced.

Considering cost and installation, there is a vast difference between the two products. The installed cost of vinyl siding is, on average, at least a third less expensive than fiber cement. Fiber cement is heavy, requiring special cutters and specialists to install.

In addition to saving on the initial cost of purchasing and installing vinyl siding, money is saved over its lifetime because it needs no painting or re-caulking.

As one would expect, and as confirmed by Mary and Robert Sniffen, proprietors of Miracle Home Improvements in Croton-on-Hudson, vinyl sells twice as much as cement-fiber, “mainly because of the cost factor,” Mary Sniffen said.

To learn more about home siding, Miracle Home Improvements can be reached at 914-271-9119.

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## Several Remedies for Getting Over a Hangover



By Nick Antonaccio

Some of us celebrate hard, some hardly celebrate. Some of us wake up in the morning in an alcohol-induced fog; some of us wake up in our normal mental fog.

As a public service, I’ve researched hangover remedies around the globe. I’ve found the familiar and the bizarre; some simple, others elaborate; some chemical, others organic; some 21st century, others 14th century; some time-proven, others unknowingly in a double-blind trial period; some miracle cures, others desperate experiments; some ready to be patented, others worthless placebos.

Above all, the prudent advice is to know your limits and always drink responsibly.

If you don’t heed the advice in the previous sentence, here are several innovative, and a few novel, remedies, in no particular order of effectiveness that I’ve gleaned from the media, casual conversations with friends and relatives and personal experience. If you’re inclined to try any of these remedies, do so at your own risk. I accept no responsibility for any negative effects you may experience if you decide to experiment.

1. Zaca Recovery Topical Patch. A new homeopathy product, you apply this before a night on the town. Also, don’t forget to apply your nicotine patch and maybe your birth control patch, as you may have cravings – and regrets -- and regrets, the morning after. As described on the producer’s website: “A simple, all-natural recovery topical patch is infused with 11 different organic ingredients. A powerful blend of antioxidants, vitamins and amino acids.” The theory is that the patch will replenish the vitamins and acids lost when consuming alcohol, restoring you to your former healthy state. This is a common theme in a number of the following remedies.

2. A significant portion of the toxins we consume are excreted through the skin. Speed up the process with a hot shower or a bath infused with hot mustard or wasabi powder, lending new meaning to the term Asian “take-out.”

3. From the ancient Romans, who had many opportunities to need hangover cures, comes the deep-fried Canary breakfast.

4. Oh, you’re a vegan? Try a Polish favorite: A large glass of pickle juice.

5. File this under Hangover Helpers in your recipe files: sauerkraut/cabbage soup. It’s an Eastern European feast that rehydrates and replenishes vitamins.

6. An Irish concoction: In a beer mug, mix raw eggs, lime Jell-O and a few drops of flat Guinness.

7. Leave it to the Mongolians: Pickled sheep eyes in tomato juice. “Here’s looking at ewe.”

8. Here’s one reason the Wild West probably got its name: A cup of rabbit dung tea after spending a night on the range caressing a bottle of whiskey.

9. Are you in the Sandwich Generation? Just reach for your child’s or parent’s Pedialyte to rehydrate and restore electrolytes.

10. W.C. Fields contrived this recipe for “avoiding” the ill effects of a hangover: A martini made of one part vermouth, four parts gin and one olive, to be taken round the clock.

My personal remedy, bland but effective: lots of water (or Gatorade, which has electrolytes) to rehydrate, offsetting the diuretic effects of alcohol and flushing out the toxic waste in the digestive system. However, as countless generations have found, there is but one universally proven

remedy: the passage of time.

Warning: To my knowledge, none of these remedies have been evaluated or approved by the FDA. Proceed at your own calculated risk.

Each of us has a physiology – and a psyche – that responds differently to the good and the bad that we ingest. If you haven’t yet found the right remedy for a hangover, you may be enticed to try one of the above formulas. It depends on how badly you want to feel good.

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# Mike Love and the Beach Boys Coming to County Center July 6

By Pat Casey

After more than 50 years, famed rock band The Beach Boys has seen a resurgence in interest in its music. Since 2013, when fans sent their Capital Records re-release "Sounds of Summer" to triple platinum, demand for the group has continued to increase.

With band co-founder and lead singer Mike Love, The Beach Boys will play locally at the Westchester County Center on Wednesday, July 6.

Joining Love will be Bruce Johnston, who along with Jeffrey Foskett, Brian Eichenburger, Tim Bonhomme, John Cowsill and Scott Totten, continue the legacy of the iconic American band. This concert will not feature Brian Wilson, Al Jardine or David Marks.

Love's role as the band's front man sometimes overshadows his stature as one of rock's foremost songwriters. "Surfin," The Beach Boys' first hit came from his pen. With his cousin, Brian Wilson, Love wrote the classics "Fun, Fun, Fun," "I Get Around," "Help Me Rhonda," "California Girls" and the Grammy nominated "Good Vibrations."

The period between "Good Vibrations" (1966) and The Beach Boys' biggest selling hit "Kokomo" (1988) is one of the longest spans of time between number one records in history. This feat demonstrates



Mike Love at a concert in 2004

SOURCE: WIKIPEDIA

the ageless, timeless appeal of The Beach Boys. Love is the co-author of both of these smash hits.

Love was among the first pop musicians to become involved in the practice of Transcendental Meditation. He began practicing TM in December 1967. He was among those who included The Beatles, Donovan, Prudence Farrow and Mia Farrow on their famous trip to Rishikesh in India in 1968. He still maintains his

practice of TM and participates with such organizations as the David Lynch Foundation to promote the benefits of Transcendental Meditation.

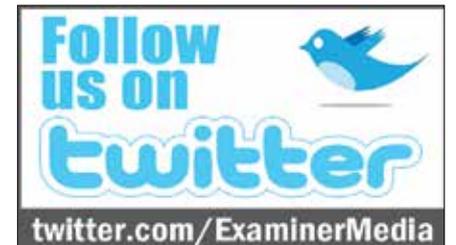
The Beach Boys annual tours have reached all of the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia and popular demand has not allowed Love a summer off in 50 years in his role as lead singer.

It was Love's idea to perform free Independence Day concerts on the grounds of

the Washington Monument in the nation's capital beginning in 1980. After a national uproar following Secretary of Interior James Watt's ban of The Beach Boys for this event, they returned on July 4, 1984, by a personal invitation from First Lady Nancy Reagan. On July 4, 1985, The Beach Boys played to an afternoon crowd of one million in Philadelphia and the same evening they performed for over 750,000 people on the Mall in Washington. The day's historical achievement was recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Love has been a longtime supporter of environmental causes. He created the Love Foundation, which supports national environmental and educational initiatives.

Doors will open at the Westchester County Center for The Beach Boys at 7 p.m. The performance begins at 8 p.m. Parking is \$10. Tickets are \$102, \$92 and \$82 and can be purchased through the Center's on-site box office. For more information call: 914-995-4050.



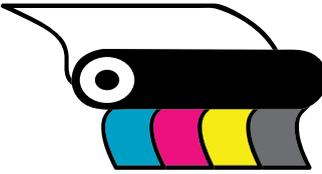

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# Summer Bites and Pieces



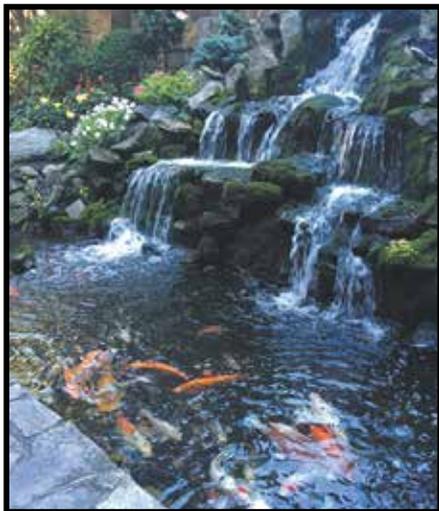
By Morris Gut

Here are some dining venues and dishes you should try not to miss this summer.

**Al Fresco Dining at Trattoria Vivolo.** Dean Vivolo, chef-owner of Trattoria Vivolo in Harrison, has been offer-

ing al fresco dining throughout the week, weather permitting, at his vintage diner setting across from the Metro-North station. Customers are invited to lounge over a glass of wine or cup of espresso, share one of the tasty thin-crust pizzas, or take in a full meal. The friendly staff is eager to please.

Robust Pasta selections include: Las-



Cascading waterfall at Mulino's, White Plains.

agna al Forno, Bolognese style; Ravioli di Spinaci, stuffed with spinach and ricotta cheese with a light marinara sauce; Bucatini all' Amatriciana, pancetta, spicy tomato sauce, pecorino cheese; Gnocchi con Chinghiale, will boar ragu with pecorino; and Agnolotti con Salvia, veal filled half moon pockets with pancetta, butter and sage. The Linguine Vongole is a favorite as is the Orecchiette with sausage.

Hearty 'Pesce' and 'Carne' specialties include: Branzino Arrosto, pan-seared sea bass with garlic, lemon, and extra virgin olive oil; Costoletta di Vitello alla Erbe, grilled veal chop topped with fresh herbs and sauteed mushrooms; Caciucco di Mare, lobster tail, shrimp, vongole, mus-



Owner Dean Vivolo at Trattoria Vivolo, Harrison.

sels, calamari in spicy tomato herb sauce over linguine; Costoletta di Maiale, pan-seared pork chops with vinegar peppers and potatoes; and Gamberi Agrodolce, grilled shrimp, honey, balsamic sauce. Daily verbal specialties augment the regular menu. All entrees served with seasonal vegetables. At lunch the house also offers a variety of Panini sandwiches.

*Special Hint:* While there, take a look at the new black and white photos of Italy hanging throughout the restaurant. They were taken by the Vivolo family during a visit to Dean's paternal home town of Accadia-Foggia in the Apulia region of Italy.

Trattoria Vivolo is located at 301 Halstead Ave., Harrison, opposite the northbound Harrison Metro North. Lunch is served Monday through Sunday, noon to 3 p.m. Main courses at lunch: \$8.95 to \$14.95. Dinner is served seven nights from 5 to 10 p.m. Main courses at dinner: \$14 to \$35. Party facilities for up to 40 guests. Seasonal outdoor seating. Take out. Major credit cards. Free and municipal parking. Casual dress. Reservations accepted. Phone: 914-835-619; www.trattoriavivolo.com.

**Cascading Fountain at Mulino's.** It is a multi-level dining room lush with flowers and a lovely cascading outdoor fountain loaded with fishes, which can be seen through a giant picture window. This restaurant has been lavishing itself on a discriminating upscale crowd since 1993 under the careful guidance of proprietor Louis Gigante. Let seasoned general manager 'Jimmy' Cavagna and his staff take you through such pleasures as the extraordinary Cold Seafood Platter, loaded with fresh chilled lobster, colossal U5 shrimp, Alaskan King Crab Legs, sweet lump crabmeat, east and west coast oysters, littleneck clams, Jonah crab claws, all beautifully decorated and served over crushed ice with three dipping sauces; Black Linguine with Baby Lobster Tails; Garganelli alla Carbonara, tossed with pancetta, eggs and parmigiano reggiano; Nodino di Vitello Valdostana, stuffed double cut veal chop; Dover Sole pan sautéed and de-boned; and the smooth house made Italian cheesecake.

Open Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner; Saturday for dinner only from 5 p.m., Sunday from 4 to 9 p.m. Mulino's Group also operate the new Mulino's at Lake Isle Country Club, Eastchester, a state of the art catering facility. Municipal and valet parking. Mulino's of Westchester, 99 Court Street, White Plains. 914-761-1818; www.mulinosny.com.

**Outdoor Deck and Organic Herb Garden at Dubrovnik.** The outdoor deck and organic herb farm are blossoming. Founded by Jerry Tomic, Dubrovnik became a sensation: Westchester's first restaurant devoted to Croatia, a multi-level 85-seat establishment with seasonal outdoor pa-

tio, state of the art temperature controlled wine cellar (ask for Jerry's wine just arrived from his family's winery in Croatia), al fresco wood fire rotisserie BBQ, lush seasonal herb garden and bar/lounge. Talented chefs man the kitchen and they will transport you to the beautiful Adriatic in flavorful style. Veteran restaurateur and operating manager Nada Bernic (previously of The Terrace in upper Manhattan), also insists they use the finest ingredients in

the seasonal marketplace. Most everything is house made from the bread to deserts. Try the Warm Octopus Salad; Steamed Mussels; Bay Scallops on the Shell; Fresh Cod Filet with grapes, olives, pearl onions; Mama Tereza's

lobster, shrimp, scallops, fish, clams and mussels steamed in a seasonal broth over pasta; Rack of Lamb; or whole roasted fish prepared out on the BBQ.

Open seven days for lunch and dinner. Handsome private party and meeting facilities for up to 120 guests include a wine cellar room and garden room for banquets. Valet parking. Dubrovnik, 721 Main Street, New Rochelle. 914-637-3777; www.dubrovnikny.com.

**Galloping Bar/Lounge at Rio Bravo.** Rio is a sprawling 200-seat environment strewn with colorful Mexican art and artifacts, and multiple seating areas with a big bar/lounge for socializing. Brothers Edgar and Hector Brambila also operate a Rio Bravo in Fairfield and another in Westport. The menu is loaded with flavorful surprises: Milanese Chicken Tacos, hand battered fried chicken wrapped in a tortilla covered with melted cheese, roasted poblano crema, pico de gallo and mixed cabbage; Torero Steak Fajitas, a giant portion of wood grilled marinated skirt steak; Southwestern Caesar Salad, a spicy twist to the traditional Caesar with corn, tomatoes, cotija cheese and chicken Milanese, tossed with chipotle-ranch dressing; and Square Knot Salmon, achiote and lemon seared salmon with roasted pineapple. General manager Omar and his staff will take good care of you.

Happy Hours in the galloping bar/lounge Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. feature half price house drinks and appetizers. Taco Tuesdays offer \$1 tacos at the bar. Large selection of Tequilas at the bar and you can also build your own Margarita. Rio Bravo, 1879 Palmer Ave., Larchmont. 914-341-1546; www.riobravotacosandtequila.com.

**Lobster and Shellfish Served in a Tub.** This restaurant would thrive anywhere but its right in the middle of City Island,



Organic herb garden at Dubrovnik, New Rochelle.

the charming seaport village just below the Westchester line. The Zagat N.Y.C. Restaurant Survey designated Artie's Steak & Seafood one of the best in the Bronx. Owner Spiro Chagares and his staff offer patrons an inspired melding of traditional and contemporary dishes served with flair. Sit back in one of several dining areas and enjoy such changing specialties as: hearty Seafood Chowders; Smoked Salmon Roll-Ups; Wood Grilled Jumbo Shrimp



Galloping Bar/Lounge at Rio Bravo, Larchmont.

and Scallops; hunks of tender Short Rib; a massive Zuppa Di Pesce; tender Oven Roasted Rack of Lamb; American Shellfish Jambalaya; Chardonnay Poached Salmon with seafood; and fresh Lobster prepared in a variety of styles. The trawler size Clam Bake served in a tub is a sight. There's a loaded Lobster Salad Roll at lunch and their Mediterranean style Pizzas are good to share, too.

Check out the redesigned bar/lounge most evenings for good networking. Private party facilities. Off premise catering. Open seven days. Free parking. Artie's Steak & Seafood, 394 City Island Ave., City Island (Bronx). 718-885-9885; www.artiescityisland.com.

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## The Restaurant Examiner



# Josephine Leggio Was Inspiration for Irvington's Mima Vinoteca

By Jerry Eimbinder

Josephine Leggio (1919-2016) passed away on June 13 at 96 years old.

She loved to cook and her recipes were an inspiration for family members, including three of her 15 grandchildren – John Leggio, Robert Leggio and Dana Santucci, co-founders of Mima Vinoteca in Irvington. The restaurant's founders also include Santucci's husband Armando and Phillip Leggio, Robert Leggio's and Santucci's father.

When Mima Vinoteca opened in January 2008, John Leggio was the dinnertime host and Santucci was the host at lunchtime.

"Mima is a reminder of all our grandmothers and mothers who taught and cooked for us as we grew," the restaurant's website states. "Mima is what we call our grandmothers and it is how we present



A picture of Josephine Leggio and her husband, John, hangs on a wall at Mima Vinoteca.

our endeavor to you, a restaurant that remembers the classics and modern world."

An old picture of Josephine Leggio and her husband, John, who died in 2006, hangs on a wall near the restaurant's bar. The Leggio family traces its roots to Paler-



Mima Vinoteca in Irvington, which Leggio inspired three of her grandchildren to open.

mo and Ragusa, Sicily.

A Tarrytown resident, she was buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, also the resting place for Washington Irving. She leaves 29 great-grandchildren.

Leggio's grandson John is responsible for connecting Vinoteca to the restaurant's name. He borrowed it from a traditional term "enoteca," or wine bar, substituting "vino" for "eno."

Two other Westchester restaurants, Zuppers in Yonkers and Tramonto Ristorante in Hawthorne, are owned by Leggio family members and existed when Mima Vinoteca opened in 2008. They were both known for serving authentic, classic Italian dishes.

Mima Vinoteca opened in the space previously occupied by Red Hat Bistro, which had reopened three months earlier as Red Hat on the River on the Irvington riverfront. One of Mima's early events was called "Taste the Food and Wine of Sicily."

Mima Vinoteca is located at 63 Main St. in Irvington. For more information, visit [www.mimarestaurant.com](http://www.mimarestaurant.com).

## Himalaya Nepalese/Tibetan Restaurant Coming to Scarsdale

By Jerry Eimbinder

Gyaljen Neru Sherpa has a new challenge: the opening of a sister eatery in Scarsdale for his popular Yorktown Heights restaurant called Jewel of Himalaya.

An interior and exterior renovation program for the new Nepalese/Tibetan restaurant is underway and a mid-August opening is planned. It will be called simply Himalaya.

A former guide for Mount Everest climbers, Sherpa is familiar with challenges. He twice led expeditions to the summit

of Mount Everest, the tallest peak in the world. He came to America when he was 16, but went home to lead climbing teams until he was 27. Depending on the elevation that was set as the goal, an expedition could run a week to a month. Climbing to the top and returning took about three months.

"When you grow up in the Himalayas, there are two things you are expected to learn – how to climb and how to cook," said Sherpa, who by the time he was 16 he was proficient in both. "Where we lived, families grew the vegetables they ate and



Steamed chicken morrios (dumplings).



Jewel of Himalaya owner and chef Gyaljen Neru Sherpa, center, on a trip home to the Himalayas. Sherpa is scheduled to open a second restaurant, Himalaya, in Scarsdale in August.

his native area, the dinner menu will have many shrimp dishes, since it is very popular at restaurants in the Himalayan region. A seafood curry will include lobster, scallops and shrimp.

The new restaurant will have a stage for cultural events such as live native chanting accompanied by a flutist and on-screen films depicting life in the Himalayas and Nepal. The programs will be presented Thursday through Saturday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. and will change each day.

Two carpets stand out among the wall decorations, both gifts from the king of Nepal to Sherpa's father who was a government official.

Himalaya will be located at 751 Central Park Ave. in Scarsdale. It will serve lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Ample parking is available behind the restaurant. Jewel of Himalaya is located at 34 Triangle Center in Yorktown Heights. For more information, call 914-302-2886.

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The restaurant also offers delivery service throughout the day and at dinner-



The vehicles used by Ben's of Scarsdale for its new lunchtime delivery program.

time to a wider area but delivery charges may apply depending on the size of the order and the distance to be traveled. Details are provided at [www.BensDeli.net](http://www.BensDeli.net).

Ben's of Scarsdale is located at 718 Central Park Ave. in Scarsdale. It has a large parking lot, 914-468-2367.

–Jerry Eimbinder

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## Tuesday, June 28

**Tuesdays at Dorry's.** Tuesdays @ 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. Food ordering begins at 5:30 p.m. Presentation and discussion usually 6 to 7 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains; 914-682-0005.

## Wednesday, June 29

**White Plains Farmers Market.** Located on Court Street between Martine Avenue and Main Street, the White Plains Farmers Market features produce and flowers, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, pickles and olives, handmade and imported cheese, seafood, bread and baked goods, organic honey, prepared food and flavors from around the world, a line of gluten free products, all natural soap, organic tea and more. Open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine.

**Sunset Yoga in the Parks.** Whole Foods Market Westchester and Tovami Yoga, a yoga studio in Mamaroneck, kick off "Sunset Yoga in the Parks," a summer series of four free yoga classes taking place in Westchester County parks. The free yoga series kicks off on Wednesday, June 29 at Kensico Dam Plaza, located at 1 Bronx River Parkway in Valhalla, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Whole Foods Market Westchester will provide light refreshments for each event. Rain date is July 6.

## Thursday, June 30

**Noon Day Concerts.** Free concerts will be held on Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. in Renaissance Plaza located at Main Street and Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains. This week Brian Carter Quartet - Jazz.

## Friday, July 1

**Independence Day Celebration.** The City of White Plains Annual Independence Day Celebration will take place on from 6 to 10 p.m. (rain date: Wednesday, July 6) at White Plains High School on North Street. This is a free event. Residents are encouraged to come early, bring blankets and chairs. This year's celebration will feature a wide variety of entertainment including a performance by Larger than Life on the main stage spanning 100 years of song and dance to commemorate the 100th anniversary of White Plains' incorporation as a city, as well as a pre-

firework musical patriotic salute. Children and families will enjoy a visit from the Animal Embassy, the Miz Liz variety show, Dinosaurs Rock, Gemstone mining and the Nimham Mountain Singers in Kids' Corner. Inflatable Party Adventures will offer inflatable rides for \$2 per ride. Food offerings include barbeque, fried dough, ice cream, burgers, Walter's Hot Dogs, Kona Ice, and more. The fireworks show, presented by International Fireworks, will begin immediately after the flag is officially welcomed and presented. The sky will be illuminated with a spectacular display. In the event of inclement weather an announcement will be posted on the City's website, ([www.cityofwhiteplains.com](http://www.cityofwhiteplains.com)), Facebook (City of White Plains, Mayor Thomas M. Roach) and Twitter (@cityofwp) pages by 10 a.m. on Friday, July 1 as to whether the event will go on as scheduled or moved to the rain date.

**Death of a Salesman.** 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, July 1 and 2 at the Play Group Theater, 1 North Broadway (#111), White Plains. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at the door or can be ordered by calling 914-493-8328. Presented by Stepinac Drama Club Theater Lab.

**Satisfaction: Rolling Stones Experience.** An international touring tribute show to the world's greatest rock 'n' roll band. The show is entering its 15th year in production with over 2,500 performances. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$20 and \$25. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit [www.paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://www.paramounthudsonvalley.com).

**"A Night on Fire."** Fire jugglers will provide an adrenalin-pumping jolt of pre-July Fourth excitement. This one-hour show is a fully choreographed, live display of fire arts featuring flame-wielding, fire-eating performers twisting and turning, juggling and dancing, spinning and sword fighting. Performed by the juggling and comedy troupe A Different Spin, part of the Boston Circus Guild. Musician Jim Keyes provides pre-show entertainment. Philipsburg Manor, 381 N. Broadway (Route 9), Sleepy Hollow. 8 and 9:30 p.m. Adults: \$22. Children (17 and under): \$16. Historic Hudson Valley members receive a \$5 discount per ticket. Also July 2 at 8 and 9:30 p.m. and July 3 at 8 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org).

## Saturday, July 2

**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. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday and Sunday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**Family Saturdays @ the Lab.** Learn about green screening, explore an augmented reality sandbox and make your own claymation stop-motion film! Jacob Burns Film Center educators will be on hand to guide visitors through an experience like no other. Jacob Burns Film Center's Media Arts Lab, 405 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. Meets the first Saturday of each month. Info: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

## Sunday, July 3

**Kensico Dam Music Fest and Fireworks.** Bring a picnic and chairs for entertainment and a concert of patriotic music followed by fireworks. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla. Entertainment begins at 6 p.m. Patriotic music at 8 p.m. Fireworks at 9:15 p.m. Carpooling strongly suggested. Info: 914-231-4033.

## Ongoing Events:

**New Kayak Boat Launch at Liberty Park.** Liberty Park is a two-acre park located on Lake Street on the White Plains/Harrison border. This park is a favorite for residents wanting to enjoy passive recreational activities. A peaceful environment tucked away from the busy downtown, Liberty Park lends itself to picnicking, hiking and fishing in the 22-acre Silver Lake. New this year, and open May 14 through October 16, is a Kayak Boat Launch. Kayaking is a fun and easy to learn activity for adults and children alike. Kayaking will be allowed by permit only and is available for daily or seasonal use. In addition, kayaking classes for families, adults and kids will be provided by Mountain Valley Guides. Kayak rentals

are also available through Mountain Valley Guides. For additional information contact the White Plains Recreation and Parks Department at 914-422-1339.

**Bocce, Anyone?** Park-goers of all ages can now make a leisurely game of bocce part of their outdoor plans in the City of White Plains. The City of White Plains has opened two regulation size bocce courts in Turnure Park. The courts are located near the bathrooms and playground on Canfield Avenue and are open to the community. The game of bocce is a sophisticated spin on outdoor bowling and is easy to play and fun to watch. Players must bring their own bocce balls (available at most local sporting goods stores). The Recreation and Parks Department also has a set to lend to residents with a current Recreation ID card and a \$20 refundable deposit. The courts are free to use and open to individuals on a first come, first serve basis. Groups larger than 16 must contact the Recreation Department for a permit, additional Rules and Regulations for court use are posted in the park. For additional information, call 914-422-1339.



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# Fourth Annual Yankees Game in Memory of Alyce Coqueran

By Albert Coqueran

My late mother Alyce N. Coqueran was a lifelong resident of the Tarrytowns. She was born on Courtland Street in North Tarrytown (now Sleepy Hollow) on June 6, 1926 and passed away on December 29, 2012, at the age of 86.

Alyce Coqueran was a dedicated Yankees fan, whose alliance with the "Bronx Bombers" was enhanced later in life, after meeting my friend Martha Richman and her late husband Arthur Richman, who was a Senior Advisor to the Yankees. Therefore, each year members of the Coqueran family with friends gather at Yankee Stadium to pay tribute to the matriarch of our family, Alyce N. Coqueran.

The Fourth Annual Yankees Game in Memory of Alyce Coqueran was held on Wednesday, June 22 At Yankee Stadium.

The entire event was sponsored by Ken and Patsy Gamble, as part of Ken Gamble's Opening Day, when Gamble invites about 500 family members and friends to Yankee Stadium to enjoy a game. Gamble's own Yankees Opening Day is a tradition started by his late father Frank Gamble many years ago.

Alyce Coqueran was not only a single parent who worked three jobs simultaneously at times to raise her seven children. She also took a positive leadership role in her community. She served on the Board for Tarrytown Municipal Housing Authority for 27 years, while helping to maintain a good quality of life for the residents of Franklin Courts, where she resided for 58 years.

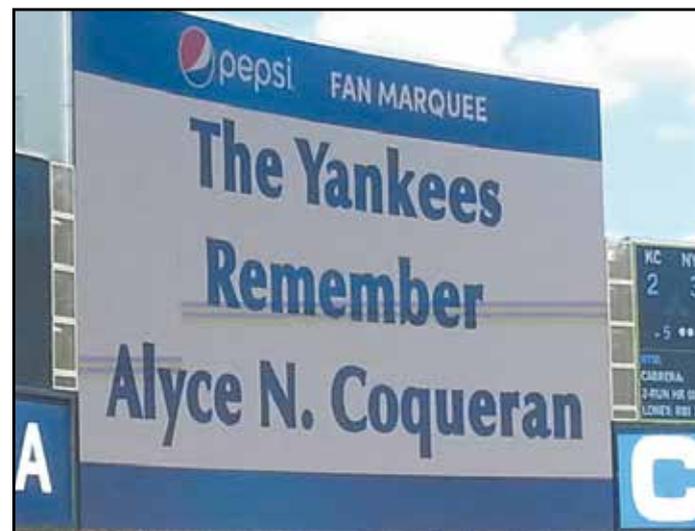
Alyce Coqueran was also one of the original Founders of the Community Opportunity Center of the Tarrytowns, along with Bill Burnett who attended the game in her honor. She also remained a Board Member of the COC for 41 years.

Her dedication to the Tarrytown community was recognized by two official proclamations during her lifetime proclaiming "Alyce Coqueran Days" in Tarrytown. She was also honored with a proclamation on her 85th Birthday dedicating June 6, 2011, as "Alyce Co-



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

As in the past three years members of the Coqueran family once again joined with friends to remember their matriarch, the late Alyce N. Coqueran, as part of Ken Gamble's Opening Day, at Yankee Stadium. This year the event was held on Wednesday, June 22, as the Yankees played the Colorado Rockies.



On Wednesday, June 22, at Yankee Stadium, 30 members of the Coqueran Family with friends witnessed the NY Yankees pay tribute to the late matriarch of our family with a sign remembering Alyce N. Coqueran, a lifelong resident of Tarrytown and a member of the Westchester County Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

queran Day" in Westchester County.

And maybe that is why the baseball gods rewarded the Coqueran family with a win on Ken Gamble's Opening Day, as Yankees Starlin Castro hit a walk-off homerun in the bottom of the ninth inning and gave Mom a 9-8 win over the Colorado Rockies!

I would like to thank Ken and Patsy Gamble, the Yankees Director of Scoreboard and Broadcasting Greg Colello and cameraman Eric Capstick and the NY Yankees organization for a marvelous afternoon.

*Alyce Coqueran's son, Albert Coqueran is a sportswriter/photographer for The White Plains Examiner.*



## JP Doyle's and Sports Celebrities Help Wishes Come True

By Albert Coqueran

Brian Doyle, the proprietor of JP Doyle's Restaurant, on Beekman Avenue, in Sleepy Hollow has been a longtime supporter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Hudson Valley.

On June 16, Doyle recruited Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred, who is a resident of Tarrytown and NY Mets legendary closer John Franco to led a softball team against a team led by WFAN Radio Talk Show hosts Boomer Esiason and Craig Carton of the Boomer & Carton Show, in a Charity Softball Game to benefit the Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley, at Devries Park, in Sleepy Hollow.

The rosters for the JP Doyle's Sports Celebrities Charity Softball Game also included former NFL player Chris Simms. The MLB Team beat the Boomer & Carton Team, 6-4. Nonetheless, the real winner on this day was the Make-A-Wish



[L-r] Former NFL Player Chris Simms, NY Mets legendary pitcher John Franco, Craig Carton of WFAN Radio, Brian Doyle, Proprietor of JP Doyle's Restaurant, MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred and former NFL quarterback and WFAN Radio sports talk show host Boomer Esiason joined forces to raise over \$20,000 for the Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley, while participating in the JP Doyle's Charity Softball Game, on June 16, in Sleepy Hollow.

Foundation of the Hudson Valley, as the JP Doyle's Charity Softball Game raised more than \$20,000, to help grant future wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Since its inception in 1986, Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley has granted wishes for over 2,300 children. The Make-A-Wish experience for children is a combined community effort involving volunteers, staff, medical professionals and donors such as JP Doyle's to make wishes come true, which enrich the lives of children with life-threatening ailments.

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# New York Liberty 20th Anniversary Celebration

By Albert Coqueran

On Sunday, the New York Liberty celebrated their 20th Anniversary in the WNBA, by playing the same team they hosted 20 years ago, the Phoenix Mercury, in their first home game at Madison Square Garden on June 29, 1997.

The Liberty, the Mercury, and the Los Angeles Sparks are the only three remaining original teams in the WNBA. Furthermore, the Liberty is the only remaining WNBA franchise still operating under their original owner, the Madison Square Garden Company.

The Music Therapy Institute of The Music Conservatory of Westchester led the pregame festivities by singing the National Anthem. Lisa Sandagata, the Director of Outreach Services for The Music Conservatory of Westchester, led her group from White Plains to partake in the festivities.

The Liberty then honored the original members of the Liberty who took the court for the first game of the franchise against the L.A. Sparks, in Los Angeles on June 21, 1997.

Carol Blazejowski, the original Senior VP and General Manager of the Liberty, led her inaugural roster onto center court at MSG, which included, Rhonda Blades-Brown, Cassandra Crumpton-Moorer, Simone Edwards, Jasmine Perazic-Gipe, Trena Tice-Hill and off course who could forget, Sophia Witherspoon, Sue Wicks, Kym Hampton, Vickie Johnson, Rebecca Lobo and Teresa Weatherspoon.

“Special, extremely special day because

we are the woman who went to war every day together in practice, we pushed each other to get better because our responsibility was so great to play in New York City and in the WNBA,” said Weatherspoon.

Lobo, who is also an original member, played for the Liberty from 1997-2001. She is presently a reporter and color analyst for ESPN with a focus on women’s college basketball and the WNBA. “Just to have the WNBA be around for this long makes me so proud,” commented Lobo. “If there was no WNBA, I would not have a job in the summer or any basketball to talk about,” said Lobo referring to other opportunities for woman that grew from the success of the WNBA. “The WNBA

has also had a huge impact on college women basketball.”

The only thing the Liberty could not celebrate on Sunday was a victory, as the current Liberty fell to the current Mercury, 104-97, in overtime. The Mercury came out running, while leading by as much as 18-4, before the Liberty closed the gap to one point 47-46 at the half.

The Liberty surged to lead by as much as 10 points, 67-57 at the end of the third quarter. However, with five players in double figures for the Mercury it proved too much for the Liberty. The Liberty was outscored by Phoenix 32-22 in the fourth quarter and 15-8 in overtime.

Liberty forward Tina Charles had another superlative game with 26 points and eight rebounds. Sugar Rodgers complemented Charles, by scoring 23 points, while shooting 5-for-11 from three-point range and 4-for-4 from the foul line. Shavonte Zellous added 13 points and three assists for the Liberty.

Nonetheless, the Liberty scoring was not enough to hold off the offensive attack of the Mercury. Candice Dupree led the way with 26 points on 11-for-13 shooting, Diana Taurasi scored 24 points, Penny Taylor and Brittney Griner added 16 points each and DeWanna Bonner had 14 points. Furthermore, the Mercury shot 33 foul shots to the Liberty’s 15 on the Liberty’s home-court. Mercury was 27-of-33 and the Liberty 12-of-15

from the foul line.

Despite the outcome of this game, the Liberty is off to their best start of the season since 2001, at 10-5. The loss to the Mercury on Sunday snapped a six-game winning streak for the Ladies of Liberty, their longest since 2010. “Yeah, we are (in good shape), we know what we have to clean-up, like them being on the free throw line, just little things like that,” said Charles.

Charles was presented the WNBA Cares Community Assist Award for May, for her work launching the “Build-Up NYC” Program to bring Automated External Defibrillators and CPR training to New York City communities. State Farm is the presenting sponsor of WNBA Cares Community Assist Award.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Current NY Liberty team members gather with the inaugural members of the 1997 NY Liberty team to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the NY Liberty and the WNBA, on Sunday, at MSG.



A group from the Music Therapy Institute of The Music Conservatory of Westchester led by Music Therapist Donald Stevens on keyboards (left) sang the National Anthem at the NY Liberty 20th Anniversary Celebration, at Madison Square Garden, on Sunday.



Carol Blazejowski (left) the original Senior Vice President and General Manager of the NY Liberty when the franchise started in 1997, is joined by the inaugural President of the WNBA Val Ackerman (right), during pregame festivities at MSG, on Sunday.



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