Battling for White Plains Rec Softball Championships

For more on the White Plains Rec Softball Championships see page 14.

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 continued on page 2

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 Retriever 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 Goldens are scheduled to land at Kennedy Airport, on their way to joining New York families continued on page 4

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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, 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 Retriever 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 Goldens 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.
A brief history. The need for organized childcare in Greenburgh, was clearly demonstrated when the 1960 census indicated that 55 percent of the women licensed for infant care in New York State. UCDCC to become the first center 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 Hulikower 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, 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.
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.

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 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 $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.

Down State Rep Calls for Help to Stop Gun Violence

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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 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 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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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 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.
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 contradiction to the honest, visionary, courageous and civic-minded stances taken by your colleagues: Milagros Lecuona, Nadine Hunt-Robinson and Dennis Krolan.

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 Basker, 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 to support the Society’s critical research initiatives and to provide hundreds of comprehensive support services and educational programs for people living with MS, their family and friends. For more information, visit www.MSmny.org.


**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 (Irene) 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 Shetlon 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 Drexl, 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 (Miller) 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.  


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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**Police Blotter**

**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.

** 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 to 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 canvased 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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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 as my appetite dictated. Our youthful rage and need for expression was kept in check as my appetite dictated.

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 untucked 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 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?

Then suddenly, we found our flashpoint. Upon hearing the news, in true radical form, I changed into a pressed button down shirt tucked it in and headed back into school. 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.

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.

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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.

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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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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 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. This article is printed by permission of Statepoint.net.
No Wonder I’m Healthy and Happy, My Home is Clean

By Bill Primavera

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 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 when 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 Nemchoff, associate professor of psychology at Arizona State University, spring-cleaning may have been in existence for ages.

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

A current 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 mental gymnastics going on in my 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? Bill Primavera is a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate and Founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc., the longest running public relations agency in Westchester (www.PrimaveraPR.com). His real estate site is www.PrimaveraRealEstate.com, and his blog is www.TheHomeGuru.com. To engage the services of The Home Guru and his team to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.

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 on the importance of water in our lives and the mesmerizing ebb and flow of the tide?

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 that the vast body of water and the smaller bodies of water exist 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 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 is a rich play in the vast body of water. 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 you. Examples: a cucumber is 95 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.

Where, 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.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick’s credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.
Plenty to Eat – and Take Home – at Fall Crafts at Lyndhurst

By Jerry Einbinder

Some 300 artists and artisans will display handcrafted wares on the grounds of Lyndhurst in Tarrytown during the weekends 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 Skirica (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.

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.

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, 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 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.

Piko’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. Barrel-aged balsamic vinegar.


Really Good Fruit Spreads. Jams and jellies including apricot, pineapple mango, strawberry, peach, blueberry, tart cherry, rhubarb/strawberry and pear/ginger.

Sweet Muse. Fudge brownies.

Sunctuous 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 Concessionnaires

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.

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 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 still walkers. Other activities include the making of Shubimi 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 Kendal. 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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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.

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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
TILL 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. Philippsburg 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 trees make the best animal home or which plant makes its own heat to help melt through the late winter ice. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenbush 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.greenbushnaturecenter.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.reyplayland.org.

Sunday, Sept. 6

“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, 1080 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 hosting 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, 325 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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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.
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 a WNBA-best record of 20-8. The Liberty is the only WNBA team that she has brought her much consideration for best game, every game and tutored rookie Wright, the point guard, leads the team in WNBA MVP this season. Wright, the Brooklyn native joined the team on 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.

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 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.

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.
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