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## Greenburgh Youth Learn About Law Enforcement



Thirty boys and girls graduated from the Greenburgh Police Summer Youth Camp this year. The program, made possible by the Town of Greenburgh and the Lanza Foundation, is modeled after a police academy, where youngsters are placed in settings similar to those experienced by police recruits. The six-week course consists of physical training and classroom instruction in law and other related topics. Guest lecturers from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, District Attorney's Office, the United States Secret Service and other agencies represented within the Westchester County Criminal Justice System presented an overview of their agency's operation.

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## Borgia Denounced for Comparing Astorino to a Nazi in E-mail

By Martin Wilbur

Supporters of County Executive Rob Astorino and a large group of religious and community leaders across Westchester have demanded Board of Legislators Majority Leader Catherine Borgia issue an apology after she compared Astorino to a Nazi.

Last week, after the New York Post reported that it had obtained a copy of a Aug. 16 e-mail from Borgia which made the reference in response to Astorino's veto of the Immigrant Protection Act, several Republicans and a cross-section of the community gathered outside the County Building in White Plains last Wednesday to denounce the Ossining Democrat.

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## First Positive West Nile Virus Case in County This Year

County officials learned last Friday of the first human case of West Nile Virus this year in Westchester, which was confirmed in a 63-year-old Briarcliff Manor resident who had been hospitalized and is now recovering at home.

The Westchester County Department of Health found signs of mosquito breeding activity around the resident's home and removed them.

"This first case of West Nile Virus should serve as a reminder to residents to take precautions against mosquito bites by removing standing water from their property after it rains and using repellents when they spend time outdoors, especially from dusk to dawn, when mosquitoes are most active," said Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler.

The Health Department prepared for the mosquito season by educating the public through news releases and Keep Healthy and Bug Off messages distributed through flyers, social media and the county's website, by giving fathead minnows to residents with ponds to reduce the mosquito population and by evaluating and treating all catch basins on county and municipal roads with larvicide. Throughout the season, the department also traps and tests mosquitoes to track the presence of mosquito-borne viruses in the county. West Nile Virus was identified in two local mosquito batches starting July 18.

West Nile Virus infection most often causes a mild or moderate flu-like illness,

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## Sparse Turnout for County's First Shared Services Hearing

By Anna Young

The first of three public hearings inviting Westchester residents to share suggestions about what should be included in the county's shared services plan was held last Thursday evening in Yorktown but just two town supervisors attended.

Over the last few months, County Executive Rob Astorino and department heads have been working together to create a plan to reduce taxes. All counties throughout the state are expected to comply with Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Shared Services Initiative that was implemented earlier this year.

The initiative forces each county to submit a plan to the state by Sept. 15.

Following the submission of the draft

shared services plan to the Board of Legislators on Aug. 1, the first of three hearings was held at Yorktown Town Hall, where only Somers Supervisor Rick Morrissey and Pound Ridge Supervisor Richard Lyman showed up.

Representative from Westchester's cities, towns and villages were encouraged to attend the forum but it was not mandatory, according to Robert Altery, Astorino's deputy chief of staff.

"This is a process we're going through at the direction of the governor of New York and his premise was that at the local level we need to work better at sharing services to keep property taxes low, and my critique of that action was basically that he's missing the fact that

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Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill) said he was “appalled” by Borgia’s reference, which has no place in political discourse.

“The healing that everyone behind me, and you will hear from many of them, they’re all here to condemn that e-mail, to condemn that reference to Nazism,” Testa said. “We’re here in Westchester to prevent that type of talk. The abject bigotry and hatred that has been expressed in other areas of the country is not being done here. We’re here to heal our communities, not to divide. Just because you oppose legislation, name calling, and Nazi in particular, is just appalling.”

The Post reported on Aug. 21 that Borgia’s e-mail was sent out the same day Astorino had vetoed the Immigrant Protection Act, which would prevent the county from using its resources for immigration enforcement.

“It’s the classic ‘Big Lie’ technique,” Borgia’s e-mail stated. “All clever Nazis use it.”

Most county Republicans have argued the legislation would create a sanctuary county for undocumented immigrants. It is not believed there are enough votes to override the veto.

Several religious leaders joined Testa and legislators Gordon Burrows (R-Yonkers) and Sheila Marcotte (R-Tuckahoe) to blast Borgia. One clergy



Board of Legislators Majority Leader Catherine Borgia found herself in hot water last week after a personal e-mail of hers was leaked that equated County Executive Rob Astorino to a Nazi following his veto of the Immigrant Protection Act.

member, Bishop Nathan Edwards, the former president of the United Black Clergy, also urged the Board of Legislators to censure Borgia.

Edwards said Astorino has spent the past eight years bridging racial divides in the county and found the Nazi comparison disturbing.

“It’s not about Democrats, it’s not about Republicans, it’s not about elections, it’s about moral decency,” Edwards said. “Therefore, I stand with our county

executive and to say he is a moral and decent man.”

Lester Millman, past president of the Westchester Jewish Council, said calling anyone a Nazi trivializes the horrors perpetrated in Nazi Germany in the 1930s and ‘40s. He said the comment was reprehensible, particularly since Westchester has been home to many Holocaust survivors and their descendants.

Also condemning the comment were the leaders of the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center in White Plains. A joint statement from Valerie O’Keeffe and Millie Jasper, the center’s chair and executive director, respectively, said they do not condone the use of the word Nazi except when referring to the Nazi party and its ideology.

“Let us unite in our goal to teach the lessons learned from the Holocaust and that includes using proper and respectful language when entering a debate,” their statement read in part. “We must demand this of ourselves, and of our elected officials so that we can be proud of the footsteps we leave for our children to follow.”

Last week, Borgia’s office issued a statement attempting to clarify her comments, saying she regretted using the language, but stood by her criticism of Astorino for his mischaracterization of

the immigrant community.

“Name calling has no place amongst public officials – I regret using provocative language in a personal e-mail about the rhetoric used by the County Executive surrounding his veto of the Immigrant Protection Act,” Borgia’s statement read. “This bill would make all Westchester residents safer by promoting trust among the immigrant community and our public safety officers. Mr. Astorino’s rhetoric is a classic misinformation technique used to distract from the real issues.”

Democrats were mostly quiet in their response with the exception of Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers).

“County Legislator and Majority Leader Catherine Borgia’s use of the word ‘Nazi’ was wrong and inexcusable,” Kaplowitz said. “She has appropriately apologized to the County Executive and to the people of Westchester. We as public officials need to hold ourselves to the highest moral standards. Although we may disagree on issues, we must do so in a respectful fashion.”

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# Westchester Sports Hall of Fame Announces New Inductees

An Emmy award-winning sports broadcaster and two professional sports draftees are among the new members of the Westchester Sports Hall of Fame, which honors outstanding men and women in the field of professional and amateur sports.

The 2017 Hall of Fame inductees are Frank McLaughlin, Rick O'Keeffe, Jimmy Roberts, Paul Natale and Rich Leaf.

McLaughlin was the longtime athletic director at Fordham University, his alma mater, where he was also a star basketball player and a New York Knicks draftee. He was also head coach at Harvard, and coached with Digger Phelps at Fordham and Notre Dame. He began his career in the early 1970s and continues today as Fordham's Vice President of Student Affairs for Athletic Alumni Relations and External Affairs.

O'Keeffe had a 27-7 record with a 0.40 ERA, five no-hitters and a perfect game for Yorktown High School, where he also batted .438. The Milwaukee Brewers drafted him fifth in the nation straight out of high school in 1975. He played 209 games in the minor leagues (53-51) over a span of nine years.

Roberts, a White Plains High School graduate, is best known for his work as a sportscaster with NBC and ABC. He has covered the World Series, the Super Bowl, the NBA finals, the Olympics, and the

Masters golf tournament. He has won 13 Emmy awards. His career began in 1975 and he continues to be active to this day.

Natale coached baseball and football at Hendrick Hudson High School beginning in 1971. His career at Hendrick Hudson spanned 35 years. He had more than 500 wins in baseball. Now he volunteers as an adaptive physical education coach with challenged veterans at the Montrose Department of Veterans Affairs hospital, and is involved with "Play for Freedom," working with PTSD veterans.

Leaf, a Scarsdale High School graduate, is known as "The Voice of the County Center." He has been the announcer for the Section 1 boys and girls basketball tournaments for 36 years. He is also the announcer for Iona College men's and women's basketball, Scarsdale and Mamaroneck basketball, and numerous tournaments. In addition, he has been officiating soccer since 1981 and is the current president of the Westchester-Putnam Approved Soccer Officials Association.

The athletes, coaches, journalists and other notables recognized by the Hall of Fame have set an example for our community, especially for the young people who look up to them," Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino said when announcing the inductees. "This is our way to recognize the enormous

contributions they have made to sports and the future."

The Hall of Fame honors outstanding professional and amateur sportsmen and sportswomen, living or deceased, who have gained prominence in their fields and who have made substantial contributions to sports in Westchester County. Since its establishment, the organization has inducted more than 200 individuals.

The 50th anniversary induction dinner will be held on Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Westchester County Center in White Plains; reception at 5:30 p.m., ceremony at 7 p.m. To attend, contact Kevin Cook

kdc2@westchestergov.com.

In addition, all past inductees are invited for the golden anniversary celebration, and are requested to contact Cook, as should anyone with current contact information for previous inductees.

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but can be more serious particularly for people 60 and older and those with health complications. No residents were diagnosed with West Nile Virus last year, but from 2010 to 2015, two to four residents were diagnosed each year. Each resident recovered.

To reduce the chances for mosquitoes to breed and bite, follow these tips.

Avoid the outdoors in the late afternoon and early evening when mosquitoes are active and feeding, and use insect repellents when outdoors during these times. Be sure to follow the instructions

on the label.

Adults can apply insect repellents with up to 30 percent DEET on infants over two months of age by applying the product to their own hands and then rubbing their hands on their children. Products containing DEET are not recommended for use on children under two months of age.

Wear protective clothing, such as long pants, long-sleeved shirts and socks, when outdoors, especially in areas where mosquitoes are active and feeding.

Check around your property for tin

cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or similar water-holding containers that should be discarded or turned over to prevent collecting water.

Check and remove standing water from children's toys and playhouses left outside. Remove discarded tires.

Drill holes in the bottoms of all recycling containers that are left outdoors.

Turn over plastic wading pools, buckets and wheelbarrows when not in use.

Change the water in birdbaths at least twice weekly.

Keep storm drains and gutters clear of

leaves and debris.

Even with the swimming season over, continue to chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor spas and hot tubs until properly winterized or drained for the season. Also, if not chlorinated, drain any water that collects on their covers.

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the lion's share of property taxes paid by our residents is school taxes and that where are the schools in the process?" Morrissey said. "I think municipalities that aren't working with school districts should be and we're looking into that as well."

He said he looks forward to reading the final document that pulls together all the suggestions.

The Board of Legislators is expected to approve a final plan by the deadline. The county will then submit the plan to the state Division of Budget and present it to the public by Oct. 15. If the state rejects the county's plan, Westchester officials would have to repeat the process next year.

Following Monday's second hearing at Eastchester Town Hall on Monday, the final forum is scheduled for next Tuesday, Sept. 5 at the County Center at 7 p.m.

For more information or to view the draft shared services plan, visit <https://goo.gl/yjDjPE>.





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# New Family Musical Delivers a Friend-Strong Punch

“The Friend Strong Musical, It’s Easy!” debuts on Sept. 16 for a 10-show run through Oct. 8 at the Irvington Town Hall Theater, Irvington. This new family musical produced by See The Wish/Onstage is about the power of friendship, what to do about bullying, and how, in every moment, the choices we make can change the future and the lives of others.

Targeted especially for kids in grades 4-8, the show takes place in one day in the life of 6th grade classmates at Goodwin Middle School where bullies make life miserable, bystanders stay quiet and victims are many.

A frequent victim, 6th grader Jed Travis only wants to know if his life will get better. With help from a futuristic cell phone app, a wise custodian shows Jed and one unwitting bully how what they say and do changes the course of their futures and the lives of others... is it too late to change the heartbreaking fate of another bullied classmate?

The show’s workshop debut in 2015 earned Outstanding New Musical and Outstanding Ensemble nominations from the National Youth Arts Awards. Director January Akselrad, composer and co-playwright with Jennifer Jo



JENNIFER YOUNG PHOTO

“The entire youth cast of It’s Easy.”

Young, returns to direct this first professional run featuring 19 memorable musical numbers and an ensemble cast of 28 boys and girls and 17 adults.

The anti-bullying “speak up, reach out and be a friend” message of the

musical inspired the development of the national Be-A-Friend Project, a collaborator in this new production. Since 2015, the Be-A-Friend Project has delivered over 3,500 letters of peer support to severely bullied youths across

the country to help them stay strong.

“It’s Easy!” Tickets are on sale now at the Irvington Town Hall Theater online box office: [www.irvingtontheater.com](http://www.irvingtontheater.com). For more information, visit [www.seethewish.com](http://www.seethewish.com).

## Support Connection Gears Up for Oct. 1 Support-A-Walk

By Anna Young

For more than two decades, Support Connection has remained a place to turn for women who have been diagnosed with breast or ovarian cancer.

Last Friday morning, sponsors, volunteers and organizers affiliated with the nonprofit organization came together at NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt to kick off the drive toward the 2017 Support-A-Walk fundraiser that will be held on Oct. 1 at FDR Park in Yorktown.

The annual walkathon, which attracts thousands from the community and the tristate area, brings attention to the needs of people living with breast and ovarian cancer while raising funds to pay for free support services the Support Connection provides.

Women who have been diagnosed and their families can receive counseling and join support groups and education and wellness programs.

“This is an organization that’s critical, there’s just so much to offer,” said Katherine Quinn, Support Connection’s executive director. “What I love most is that all of my peer counselors have all had cancer, so we’ve been there and we care.”

Peer counselor Andrea Karl said her first phone call after she learned she had



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Organizers of this year’s Support-A-Walk at FDR Park in Yorktown gathered last Friday at NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital to begin drumming up support for this year’s event.

breast cancer in 2003 was to Support Connection. She said she joined the organization, which was founded in 1996, to help others cope with the same fears, questions and concerns that she had.

“When you’re diagnosed you’re so scared and so vulnerable, and to be able

to now be on the other side and tell people that you understand that gut feeling of fear is an incredible opportunity,” Karl said. “Every person I talk to is an inspiration to me because they feel like they’re not. They feel like their bodies failed them, they feel like they’ve failed their family and to be

able to listen to somebody and get them to realize how strong they are is a necessity to anyone who is diagnosed.”

Karl added that while Support Connection is a local organization, she receives calls from people nationally and internationally.

Quinn credited NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital for its cancer center and programs that have helped patients feel comfortable and more at ease.

Event sponsors also feel an importance to support an organization that helps so many people. Michelle Berman, a lawyer with the Sloan & Feller law firm in Mahopac, a major sponsor, said the Oct. 1 walk would be the ninth time she will be participating.

“I always liked the community aspect and I continue to go back and support them every year,” Berman said. “As a woman, it’s very important to support other women.”

To make a donation or learn more about Support-A-Walk, call 914-962-6402, visit [www.supportconnection.org](http://www.supportconnection.org) or e-mail [walk@supportconnection.org](mailto:walk@supportconnection.org).

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## Time to Eliminate the Self-Promotion of Signage for County Elected Officials

As a candidate for Westchester County executive, I've been identifying the many things I intend to do if elected. Walking into Playland – near where I live – I saw the entrance sign for the park with the name of the county executive prominently displayed on a sign. I've seen a backlit ad display at the baggage claim at the county airport with his photo for arriving passengers. And his name on a big

electronic billboard at the County Center. Enough.

In my first week on the job if elected, I will sign an executive order prohibiting the name and likeness of any county elected official on any informational or directional signage for any county park or facility, except for the office where the official is based. Then, I will ask the Board of Legislators to consider a bill

accomplishing the same end, which will supersede and make permanent the executive order. If the board passes that bill, I will sign it into law, ending the use of county tax dollars to promote the image of elected officials – especially the County Executive.

We have many serious, difficult issues ahead of us. But the most immediate one is to open up the processes of government

so that citizens and legislators and the executive can work together to address our problems, from a framework of mutual respect. It's time to end the self-promotion element of politics and get down to the real work of governing.

–*State Sen. George Latimer*  
Candidate for  
Westchester County executive

## Borgia Has Lost Touch With Her Constituents

Westchester County Legislator Catherine Borgia calling County Executive Rob Astorino a “Nazi” is a new low for her. It's also wrong on so many levels.

First, Rob Astorino is a good, decent and honorable man. Only a hyper-partisan would call Rob such a vile name but sadly, that's who Catherine Borgia is.

Second, we get enough of the toxic political discourse nationally, unfortunately. For Ms. Borgia to infuse such hatred and ugliness into Westchester's politics is shameful. We deserve better.

And lastly, and perhaps most

importantly, the trivialization of the word “Nazi” is an affront to the large Jewish population who live in Westchester. Nazism was an evil ideology that exterminated millions of Jews during World War II. People know what the word “Nazi” connotes – wicked evil. To assign such a label to a political opponent over a policy dispute, as Catherine Borgia did, is ignorant, reckless and disrespectful.

Ms. Borgia has received bipartisan condemnation. Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers), Chairman of the Board of Legislators, called Ms. Borgia's hateful remarks “wrong and inexcusable.”

Yet, Ms. Borgia still refuses to fully apologize. Such stubbornness underscores the arrogance of someone who has lost touch with the good folks she was elected to represent – someone more focused on hyper-politics and not helping people.

It's unfortunate that this whole sordid episode had to occur but it highlights a key reason why I decided to run for county legislature against Catherine Borgia. Her temperament and hyper-partisan focus is a poor fit for the middle-class families and seniors of Ossining, Briarcliff, Croton, Cortlandt and Peekskill.

I know because I have lived here all my

life, served this community for 26 years as a county police officer and 38 years as a volunteer firefighter. The hard-working people here want safe communities, good jobs and lower property taxes and they want their elected representatives to focus on those interests, not on the divisive, self-serving politics that Catherine Borgia is obsessed with.

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## If I Spend \$4B of State Money, Can I Name a Bridge After My Father?

By Gus Venditto

“Why are they changing the name of the Tappan Zee Bridge?”

Pete, who is from Croatia, asked this question and even though he has succeeded in learning enough about New York laws to open his own barber shop in White Plains, he still has some things to learn about New York politics.

“Well, they're not really changing it,” I said. “No one will call it by the new name.”

But as the words came out of my mouth, I started to wonder. Is it possible that people will start to call the bridge by its

new official name, the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Tappan Zee Bridge?

After all, the full name of the old Tappan Zee Bridge is really the Gov. Malcolm Wilson Tappan Zee Bridge. And even though the road signs display the official name, I've never heard anyone use the name.

I didn't like it when they renamed the Queensboro Bridge. I wanted to believe that no one would ever call it the Ed Koch Bridge. And the same goes for the Triboro Bridge. Robert F. Kennedy was a good man, but I don't think I'll ever call it the

RFK Bridge. Yet the radio traffic reports do. And the next generation probably will.

That doesn't mean it's the right thing to do.

When politicians name public spaces after one of their own, they're stealing a piece of history for themselves. A lot of public effort goes into building a bridge. Workers have died in its construction. Gov. Andrew Cuomo has said the name change wasn't his idea but he didn't stop it.

We're living in an era when ego is playing a big part in government. Public service was supposed to be a way to help others.

It's becoming a way to gain celebrity.

The naming of the bridge after the governor's father is a form of back slapping and deal making that furthers the public's distrust of elected officials. I don't really have any strong opinions about Mario Cuomo but now I resent him, just a little.

The Tappan Zee is our bridge. It wasn't Mario Cuomo's bridge. And it is certainly not his son's bridge.

Mount Kisco resident Gus Venditto writes about healthcare and technology.

## Correction

In the August 22 to 28, 2017 issue of The White Plains Examiner the article on page 6, “White Plains Hospital and Scarsdale Medical Group Solidify Partnership,” had an incorrect photo

caption. The caption should read: (L-R) Susan Fox, President & CEO, White Plains Hospital and Dr. Kenneth Croen, Managing Partner, Scarsdale Medical Group, finalize the partnership between their two organizations.

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## Obituaries

### Lorraine Reid

Lorraine Y. Reid, a White Plains resident, died Aug. 23. She was born June 26, 1941 in Harlem to the late Wilmont and Evelyn Nichols.

On Aug. 17, 1968 she married Uriel Reid in the Bronx.

Lorraine was a nurse. She worked at various hospitals and at the Westchester Medical Center. She was a member of the Grace Church Choir, the Westchester Oratorio Society, her book group and also practiced Tai Chi.

She is survived by her husband Uriel and her three children; Courtney Reid-Eaton and her spouse Ken Eaton, of Durham, NC, Matthew Reid and his spouse Aleksey Vodyanitskiy of White Plains and Lauren Reid of White Plains. Also surviving are her grandchildren; Hunter Nichols Reid-Eaton and spouse Kenetta and Iona Pearl Reid-Eaton. She is predeceased by her brother Kenneth Nichols.

She was devoted to her family and friends, she valued maintaining connections to those she loved and cared for.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Grace Church, White Plains, Music Ministry.

### Julio Chinch

Julio Ernesto Chinch, age 89, passed away peacefully on Aug. 19. He resided in White Plains.

Julio was born on April 19, 1928, in the state of Ancash in Peru, to Jacinta Castillo Sánchez, who raised him as a single mother. He graduated from Colegio Nacional de Nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe. He married Lidia Laguna, on April 24, 1960. He worked as an Electrical Technician at Singer Co. while also displaying his beautiful glass blowing artwork. He loved reading newspapers and playing crossword puzzles. In 2000, Julio moved to the U.S. and worked at The Journal News and later received his U.S. Citizenship. In his later years, he enjoyed traveling with his cousin to many different countries throughout the Caribbean, Central and South America.

Julio Ernesto was always a sweet and gentle man, who never complained about anything. His kindness and grace showed in every moment of his life, even through his last breath.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lidia; his children: Ernesto, Sonia, Nancy, Wilfredo, Roxana and Lourdes; sisters, Delia and Leopolda "Leo"; sister-in-law, Flora; grandchildren: Natalie, Bryant, Ivanoskic, Michelle, Nampier, Jackeline "Jackie," Dubraska, Melanie, Abraham, Gadiel, and Valentina; and many close friends.



### Betty Bernstein (Lubar) Levin

Betty Bernstein (Lubar) Levin passed away peacefully on Aug. 19 at the age of 95. She was born Betty Ida Bernstein on April 27, 1922, to Harry and Florence Bernstein, and raised in Mt. Vernon. Betty was predeceased by her sisters Helen and Joyce.

Betty was a bright student in high school, becoming salutatorian of her graduating class. From there she went on to Pembroke College (now Brown University) in Providence, RI where she majored in English Literature and minored in Music. She married fellow student Bernard Lubar in Austin, TX, where he was stationed with the Air Force for part of WWII. After the war, they settled in White Plains, where they raised their three daughters.



During this time, she was politically and socially active, spiritedly challenging the status quo and being very involved with the League of Women Voters – particularly during the McCarthy Era – and at the same time throwing creatively themed parties for her kids, and memorable dinner parties for adult friends.

Betty also found time to work for 12 years as an adult guidance counselor in a Manpower Development Training Program, to run a catering business with a partner, and to study handwriting analysis at the New School for Social Research in NYC. She became a skilled handwriting analyst, who once solved a forgery case.

After she and Bernie divorced, Betty lived in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico for 16 years. There she enjoyed Mexican life, studied writing, and discovered a passion for collage making. She made many new friends, among them Murray Levin, a widower from Evanston, IL, whom she married in 1978.

Betty and Murray moved to Albuquerque in 1991 and separated a few years later. Betty continued to live there until 2006, when loss of sight due to macular degeneration prompted her to move to Sonoma County, CA, to be near her daughter Cindy. She was greatly helped in coping with her blindness by the Earle Baum Center, a unique non-profit

that serves the blind, and met new friends there. Invaluable also were the Braille and Talking Book Library, and Jewish Family and Children's Services, through whom she met her best friend of her last years, Henry Lasky, a volunteer who visited her weekly for 6 years – often with his dog Sophie – until he himself was near the end of his life.

She is survived by her daughters Judith Lubar Roth of Redmond, WA, Deborah Lubar (Marianne Lust) of Lincoln, VT, and Cindy Lubar Bishop (Neil Bishop) of Santa Rosa, CA.

A celebration of her life will be held in several months. If desired, donations in her memory may be made to the Earle Baum Center or Jewish Family and Children's Services.

### Syd Silverman, Longtime Publisher of Variety Dies

Syd Silverman, longtime publisher and owner of Variety and Daily Variety, who shepherded the entertainment trade papers into the modern era, died of a sudden illness Sunday, Aug. 27, in Boca Raton, Florida. He was 85.

In his three-plus decades at the helm of Variety Inc., he steered the trade publications founded in 1905 by his grandfather Sime Silverman to prosperity, through the revolutions in cable and pay-TV, independent film pre-sales, financial interest/syndication rules for TV programs, satellite TV, home video and digital media.

After graduating with a B.A. in Political Science from Princeton University in 1954, followed by ROTC service as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, he began work in 1957 as publisher and owner of Variety Inc. and its two showbiz trade papers, the weekly Variety based in New York and its daily counterpart in Hollywood. He was known as a fair boss with a keen eye for good reporters with deep industry knowledge, who refused to bend to demands of pushy advertisers seeking to influence coverage, and allowed Variety journalists to put their personal stamp on stories, which readers found both trustworthy and enlightening.

Silverman maintained Variety's unique flavor of unusual language (often referred to as "slanguage" or "Variety-ese") that played to Hollywood's insular nature. Phrases such as "boffo" for hefty movie ticket sales, "ozoner" for drive-in theater and "baloney" for puffery maintained code words for readers that date to the 1920s. Under his leadership, Variety maintained its decades-long reputation as "the bible of

show business."

He engineered the sale of the trade publications to Cahners Publishing, a subsidiary of Reed International of the U.K., in 1987. Variety Inc. is now owned by Penske Media Corp.

Though his business was publishing, his passion was automobile racing. A lifelong enthusiast, his life after the Variety sale focused on collector cars and historic auto racing. He was twice an owner/investor in the Sportscar Vintage Racing Assn., one of the largest historic racing groups in the U.S., and focused his publishing acumen and considerable resources to develop Vintage Motorsport into the leading magazine in the hobby. He was a noted collector and driver of historic racing cars, especially Lister sports racers



and other British marques from the 1950s including Allard, Austin-Healey, Jaguar, AC, Sunbeam, and MG.

Syd Silverman was the only child of Sidne Silverman, the second publisher of Variety, and Marie Saxon Silverman. He grew up in Harrison. His mother was a vaudevillian, musical comedy star, accomplished dancer and starred in two Hollywood movies of her era, including "The Broadway Hooper" for Columbia Pictures. By the time he was 18, both of his parents had died, leaving him as the sole heir to the publications.

He is predeceased by his first wife Jan McNally Silverman of Birmingham, AL, who died in 1997. Jan and Syd were longtime members of the Westchester Country Club, Harrison. In addition, they were known for their community involvement and Syd served as president of the Old Oak Ridge Neighborhood Association.

He is survived by his second wife, Dr. Joan Hoffman of Boca Raton, FL; four children, Marie Silverman Marich of White Plains; Michael Silverman of Scottsdale, AZ; Mark Silverman of New Canaan, CT; and Matthew Silverman of High Falls, NY; and eight grandchildren.

Visitation at McMahan Lyon & Hartnett Funeral Home, White Plains to be announced. Visit <http://www.mcmahanfuneralhome.com/> for more information.

# How Not to Get Snookered With Home Improvements

I've written many times about various established contractors and their work in this column who rely on the quality of their work and good reputations to stay in business.

But I've learned the hard way to take advantage of the protections we have as consumers to make sure that we don't get duped when seeking out contractors for home improvement.

I'm embarrassed to share this story, but very early in my experience as a homeowner, I was totally taken by a dishonest contractor. It happened to me when I first moved to Westchester. I was short of cash but one renovation job just had to be done, specifically the reconstruction of the mudroom that served as the main entrance to our antique home. It was literally falling off the house.

Another young couple from the city with whom we were friends had moved to Westchester just before us and had used a contractor they recommended highly for the job. They even escorted him to our house to meet us. He seemed like the most amiable kind of guy so we agreed on a deal. He asked for a \$500 check in advance to "cover the cost of materials." I wrote the check without thinking. In those days, \$500 was a lot of money for me. Long story short, the contractor didn't show on the appointed day, and when I called the number he gave me, I found that it had been disconnected.

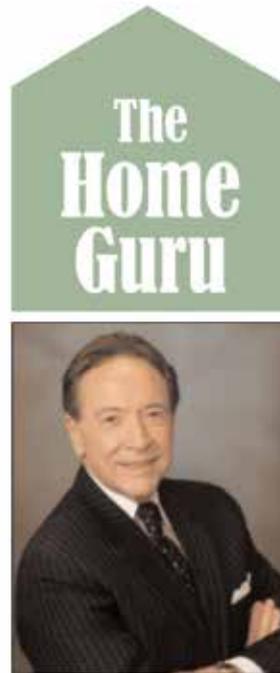
Yes, I had been taken and was miserable about it. And, as human nature would have it, I even felt resentful toward my friends who recommended him.

However, of all the suppliers I've used since, I haven't had a single bad experience with any of them, most certainly because I learned after that first experience how to choose them.

There are times when contractors haven't been dishonest, but there were other reasons that they wouldn't have been the best choice. For instance, I have interviewed contractors who would only commit to an hourly rate without estimating how many hours a job would take. Beware this open-ended technique for padding a project's cost.

At the same time, be wary of bids that seem too good to be true. They probably are. Be realistic in your own mind about what a job should cost to have it done well.

Overall, most contractors are hardworking and knowledgeable pros who want to do a good job. But protect yourself



By Bill Primavera

from the possibility of disappointment by checking these additional points.

\*Never give cash in advance for materials before any service is provided.

\*Ask for referrals from people who have had similar jobs done satisfactorily by a contractor, and ask if you can see the job that was done.

\*Ask for at least three proposals and bids, and review them carefully.

\*Make sure that you have a written contract with all the details, including the materials to be used.

\*Check to see that contractors are licensed

by the county in which you live. If something goes wrong or if there is a misunderstanding, you have some recourse. Also, ask if there have been any serious complaints against the contractor you want to use.

\*Ask if they are insured.

\*Remember that this is also a personal relationship you're entering. If the contractor is qualified but seems surly

(it happens), move on to someone with whom you'll enjoy interacting.

There was a time when the credo for selecting contractors was simply "buyer beware." But for some years, those of us who live in Westchester or Putnam have had an excellent cushion against fraud. Both counties have established consumer protection programs, which require contractors to be licensed. Also, the counties serve as arbiters for complaints.

For complete information in Westchester, call 914-995-2164 or visit [consumer.westchestergov.com](http://consumer.westchestergov.com). The county cracks down on unlicensed contractors, enforcing a law that allows the county police to seize the assets of renegade contractors.

For information in Putnam, call 845-808-1617 or visit <http://www.putnamcountyny.com/consumer-affairs/home-improvement-board>.

If there are home improvements in your future that will be contracted out, you'll be well-served following the guidelines listed above.

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## When Amazon Decides to Flex its Virtual and Real Muscle Power (Again)



By Nick Antonaccio

Every day, the incessant influence of the Internet rears its head in any number of ways. Just when I think its mesmerizing, all-consuming effect on my life is under control, another aspect invades my psyche and my mindset, drawing me further, once again, from my traditional lifestyle.

Of course, this growing rapture has been compounded and fostered by ubiquitous smartphones. No longer tethered to a desktop or laptop computer, the smartphone has given me the mobility and in-the-moment capability to be omnipresent in all worldly matters. And to think that a mere 10 years ago, the iPhone and its ilk didn't exist. My, what a short, strange trip it's been.

We're living through what just may be the most profound revolution in the history of mankind. Not just an industrial revolution, but a social and economic revolution. The impact of artificial intelligence, the marvels of economic thought and innovations and the upheaval of how we interface with each other socially and politically, are having a profound effect on how we conduct our lives and the growing influence of a handful of Internet-based businesses.

A clear example surfaced this week.

The permanent decline of brick and mortar retail stores at the hands of Internet sales sites seems inevitable. However, the survival of national and regional supermarket chains seems assured. After all, we all need to shop for fresh food and other essential goods. Stores deliver their products much more efficiently and conveniently than any Internet interloper.

It seems not. The behemoth behind the surge in Internet sales has once again disrupted an age-old market. Amazon, the game changer, the monopolistic-like ruler over the American retail industry, has struck again.

The purchase of Whole Foods by Amazon, for \$13.7 billion, was completed on Monday.

Amazon announced they were immediately lowering prices at Whole Foods stores on "organic bananas, organic eggs, responsibly-farmed salmon" and a multitude of other products.

Based on the proven strategy of Amazon to woo consumers to shop their website, and the indefatigable ability of Whole Foods to cater to its food and wine customer base through its network of 460 stores, I can readily speculate that wine,

ordered online and delivered to your door, is in the offing.

Here's the real game-changer: Amazon has been diligently building customer loyalty via its Amazon Prime membership service. For a fixed \$99 annual cost, purchases on Amazon.com are shipped free in two days. In certain markets, Prime customers receive ordered items the same day; select items are delivered in two hours – all at no charge. With this convenience incentive, customers are ordering goods at a record pace. Amazon

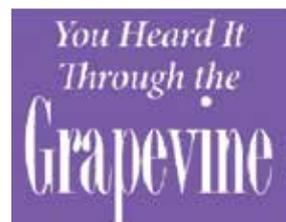
Prime members will soon receive customer rewards when shopping at Whole Foods, a very clever means to tighten Amazon's grip on the American consumer. What does this portend for local retailers and wine shops? Only time will tell.

And no longer must we rely solely on Alexa, Amazon's virtual personal assistant. Amazon has ventured into the realm of the living, breathing personal assistant. It offers free two-hour delivery service of beer and wine in several cities. I expect Whole Foods to follow suit in the future.

What's next?

"Alexa, I'd like to order a nice red, with fruity aromas and taste."

"Sure, Nick, Whole Foods just announced a sale on ripe organic peaches.



How many pounds would you like?"

"Alexa, I don't want fruit. I want an inexpensive libation I can enjoy with friends over dinner tonight."

"I understand, Nick. Look no further. Whole Foods can deliver a pre-packaged strawberry/raspberry/nectarine smoothie to your home in two hours. You can serve it in those crystal glasses you purchased online last year from Williams Sonoma."

"Forget it. I'll go shopping at Whole Foods myself."

"Whatever you wish, Nick. By the way, your current GPS coordinates indicate you're at work. Shall I have an Uber pick you up in the next five minutes?"

Next week: My further thoughts on the future of our neighborhood wine shops in the face of the Amazon juggernaut.

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# Happenings



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## Tuesday, Aug. 29

**Stories & Stuff:** "Beautiful Butterflies." Preschool storytime, including a craft activity, for ages 4 and 5 without adult. Literacy connections are made where stories are centered around a theme and children listen and interact with corresponding rhymes, songs and/or finger plays. A final craft project ties in with the topic fostering a sense that stories are imaginative, yet lasting; 4:30 p.m. White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

## Wednesday, Aug. 30

**Farmer's Market.** The White Plains Downtown Farmer's Market is open for the season, Wednesdays, on Court Street between Martine Avenue and Main Street, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through November 22.

**Lunchtime Meditation At The Library.** A weekly Meditation program at the library. No registration or equipment necessary. Starts promptly at 12:15 p.m. Brief beginning instruction will be followed by silent meditation. An

experienced guest teacher will attend the first Wednesday of each month. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains. For information call 914-422-1496 or email [cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:cdeschamps@whiteplainsny.gov).

**"Going Into Kindergarten."** A special storytime for children entering Kindergarten this fall, includes a craft activity. Children will attend without their grown-up, if possible; 3 p.m. White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**Land Steward Volunteer Day.** Do field work natural resource specialist Steven DiFalco and the Rockefeller State Park Preserve's stewardship team. Dig and cut invasive vines and shrubs, and plant and care for native wildflowers. Meet at the Welcome Center courtyard and bring gardening gloves and sturdy sneakers or outdoor working shoes. Be prepared to work outside. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 8 a.m. Info: Contact Julia at 914-631-1470 ext. 107.

**Trove @ The Movies:** "Pete's Dragon" the recently released reimagining of Disney's cherished family film now in live action with exciting animation. "Pete's Dragon" is the adventure of an orphaned boy named Pete and his best friend Elliott, who just so happens to be a dragon. Rated PG (action, peril, and some language), 90 mins; 7 p.m. White Plains Public Library,

100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

## Thursday, Aug. 31

**Noon Day Concert on the Plaza.** A White Plains concert series held on Thursdays from Noon to 2 p.m. at Renaissance Plaza located at Main Street and Mamaroneck Avenue. The event is sponsored by People's United Bank and New York-Presbyterian Westchester Division. This week features the music of Jigsaw – all the hits.

**Virtual Reality Camp For Teens.** For three sessions, teenagers will learn all about Virtual Reality and how to create their own worlds. Using the Oculus Rift headset, participants can test out environments of their own creation using various digital tools. They will learn about coding and 3D design. Equipment is provided and registration is not necessary; 3 p.m., White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

**City Center Summer Concert.** A weekly series in the Court Yard at City Center, White Plains; 6:30 p.m. Thursdays. This week, Erena Terakubo Quartet – A phenomenal 24-year-old sax player with a #1 CD on Japan's jazz charts already to her credit.

**"Mulholland Drive."** Blonde Betty Elms (Naomi Watts) has just arrived in Hollywood to become a movie star when she meets an enigmatic brunette with

amnesia (Laura Harring). Meanwhile, as the two set off to solve the second woman's identity, filmmaker Adam Keshner (Justin Theroux) runs into ominous trouble while casting his latest project. David Lynch's seductive and scary vision of the Los Angeles dream factory is one of the true masterpieces of the new millennium – a Hollyweird tale of love, jealousy and revenge. Presented in a new, 2K digital transfer approved by Lynch. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 9 p.m. Members: \$8. Non-members: \$13. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

## Friday, Sept. 1

**Play Days at Jay.** Pack a picnic and spend the afternoon at John Jay Homestead. Explore the six discovery centers and help volunteers collect eggs from the chicken coop. Education staff will lead a short hands-on activity. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 12 to 2 p.m. Free. Fridays through Oct. 27. Info: 914-232-8119 or visit [www.johnjayhomestead.org](http://www.johnjayhomestead.org).

**Evening Howl for Pups of All Ages.** Enjoy visiting the wolves during their favorite hour – dusk. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why September is a magical time for packs in North America. Guests will take a short sunset hike to howl with ambassador wolves  
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## Tuesdays at Dorry's Returns in September

**Sept. 5:** Ken Jenkins. Westchester County Legislator - Running to be the Democratic Candidate for County Executive. Ken Jenkins joins the group one week before the primary election that will determine whether he or George Latimer will be the Democratic candidate facing Rob Astorino in November. Hear Ken speak about what he feels makes him a strong contender. And be sure to vote on September 12.

**September 12:** Rev. Doris Dalton. Dr. King's Beloved Community. Sixty years ago, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was beginning to articulate his vision for a beloved community. "Love builds up and unites," he said in 1957; "hate tears down and destroys. The aftermath of the 'fight with fire' method...is bitterness and chaos, the aftermath of the love method is reconciliation and creation of the beloved community...Yes, love—which means

understanding, creative, redemptive goodwill, even for one's enemies—is the solution to the race problem." In 2017 we must consider what this vision means for us. How do we grapple with the notion of beloved community and whether such a vision is possible for us today?

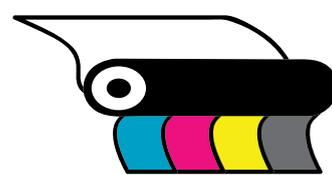
Tuesdays Dorry's gathers "conversation partners" weekly for informal table talk. There is no charge. Just order your food from Tracy and Gina, prepared by

Chef Jeff, and enjoy the discussion and company. Join us. No reservations are needed. Tuesdays@Dorry's is coordinated by Dorry's friends at Memorial United Methodist Church and Congregation Kol Ami, and brings participants from a cross-section of our communities.

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## Sunday, Sept. 3

**Feeding Fun.** Learn about the kind of care that goes into feeding the center's animals, both in the Live Animal Museum and outdoor barn in this hands-on program. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 p.m. Members: Free. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

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## EXAMINER SPORTS

# Riemann's Outlast MOB for Game 1 Win in Men's A Playoff Finals

By Albert Coqueran

Riemann's Auto Body struck first in the best two-out-of-three games Playoff Championship Series, in the Men's A Division of White Plains Recreation Softball. The number 2 seed Riemann's beat the number 1 seed Mansion on Broadway, 12-8, in Game 1, at Carl J. Delfino Park, on Thursday, Aug. 24.

Behind steady pitching by Anton Blejec, Riemann's advanced to the Finals by eliminating the number 3 seed Reptar, 23-8, in the Semifinals, in a Mercy Rule, five-inning finish. (If one team is leading by at least 12 runs in the fifth inning, after the other team bats, the Mercy Rule is applied.)

MOB made easy work of the number 4 seed Bennett Funeral Home, 17-5, also prompting umpires to enforce the Mercy Rule in the 6th inning of their Semifinals contest. "Defense was excellent, everybody stepped-up and hitting wins the game, we just have to keep hitting," said MOB centerfielder Jay Zaccaria, who had two great catches in the game.

However, despite a two-run homerun by Manager Joe Pasqualini in the second inning and a five-run fourth inning, Mansion could not solve the delivery of Blejec, who held MOB scoreless in the last two innings of Game 1 of the Finals. The



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO  
Riemann's Auto Body pitcher Anton Blejec kept Reptar and Mansion on Broadway offenses off stride in the Semifinals and Game 1 of the Finals, in the White Plains Recreation Men's A Division Softball Playoffs, on Thursday, Aug. 24, at Delfino Park.

score remained 12-8, through the last two innings of the game as MOB pitcher Mike Zambonardi found his groove as well.

Riemann's Kevin Murray kept the Auto Body team on pace offensively. Murray had a double with two RBI in the first inning and a solo homerun in the third inning of the Semifinal game. "Winning Game 1 (of the Finals) is big. We just have to keep hitting to be able to close it out on Thursday," stated Murray.

The Men's A Division Playoff Championship will wrap-up with two games scheduled at Delfino Park, on Thursday, Aug. 31. Game 2 will commence at 7p.m. and Game 3, (if necessary) will start immediately after Game 2.

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# "Trill" Means More Thrills for Stepinac Football in 2017

By Albert Coqueran

Stepinac High School star running back Atrilleon "Trill" Williams is fully recovered from his Anterior Crucial Ligament (ACL) surgery, which sidelined him most of the football season last year.

Stepinac also lost defensive secondary expert Devonte Myles due to injury last season but still managed to achieve a 9-3 record, while making it to the CHSFL AAA Championship game. However, the Crusaders fell short of their goal of a Title by losing to Cardinal Hayes High School in the AAA Championship.

Williams is surely one of the best players in the CHSFL and with his return to the starting lineup, the Crusaders will certainly return to Championship form this season. "I feel fantastic! My team and I have a lot of energy right now and we are just trying to get to the Championship, that is our goal," commented Williams.

This season, Stepinac also returns senior quarterback Michael Nicosia, who broke the Crusaders all-time single season passing record last season. Nicosia's weapons on offense have only become more potent with Tyler Winston becoming a full-time wide receiver, instead of utilizing some of his talents as a back-up quarterback.

Winston will be complemented on the other side of the offense by the explosive



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS  
The Stepinac Football Team will open their 2017 season against St. Peter's High School, in Staten Island, on Saturday, Sept. 9. The Crusaders will be led by Team Captains [l-r] Shawn Harris, Deuce Prince, Joey Cappiello, Justin Hairston, Eric Darcy and Atrilleon Williams.

young wide receiver junior Shawn Harris, who maneuvered through opponents' defenses as a sophomore last year. "Shawn shows a ridicules burst of speed, he has that extra second gear that you do not see with a lot of players," relayed Head Coach Mike O'Donnell.

The Crusaders also fortified their offensive line this season by bringing in

junior right tackle Jonathan Mucciolo, a transfer from Mahopac High School. Senior Deuce Prince will anchor the offensive line as the returning center with senior Ryan Cohowicz as guard, who O'Donnell describes as "the strongest player on the team."

Prince's brother, junior James Prince will position at left tackle with junior

Shadi Rabadi, the leading candidate to play right guard and sophomore Ajani Cornelius will see playing time as a guard as well.

Stepinac has a very gifted defense this season lead by senior linebacker Justin Hairston, who will be moved from safety to the linebacker position this year. "I just want to do as much as I can for the team, whatever they need me to do to give us the best possible chance to win," said Hairston.

Junior Kevin Gray, who joined the varsity mid-season last year, will play Middle Linebacker with seniors Jamal Dallas and Eric Darcy, as the outside linebackers. Super athlete, "Trill" Williams will play at one corner and Dominic Nicolo at the other corner, with seniors Isaiah Walker at D-Back and Joey Cappiello as the safety.

Junior Douglas Simmons, the brother of Stepinac football legend Donnie Simmons, who played football and graduated from Syracuse University, will come into his own this year as defensive end. Simmons will be complemented on the other D-end by senior Matthew Mitrakos.

The keys to a successful season for the Crusaders are, of course, staying healthy and the production of Nicosia in the quarterback position "Mike had a great

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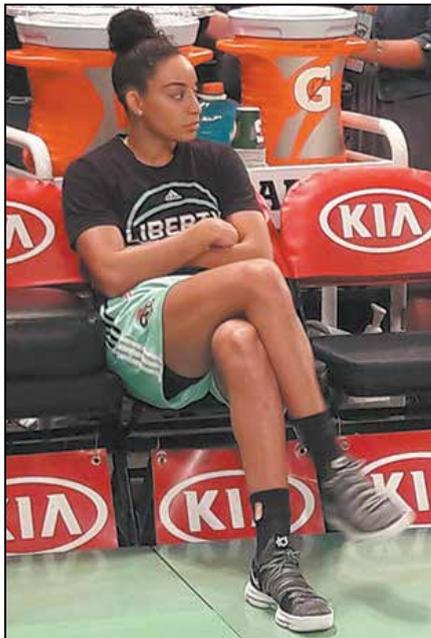
## EXAMINER SPORTS

# Liberty Win Eighth Straight - Clinch Fourth Seed and Bye in Playoffs

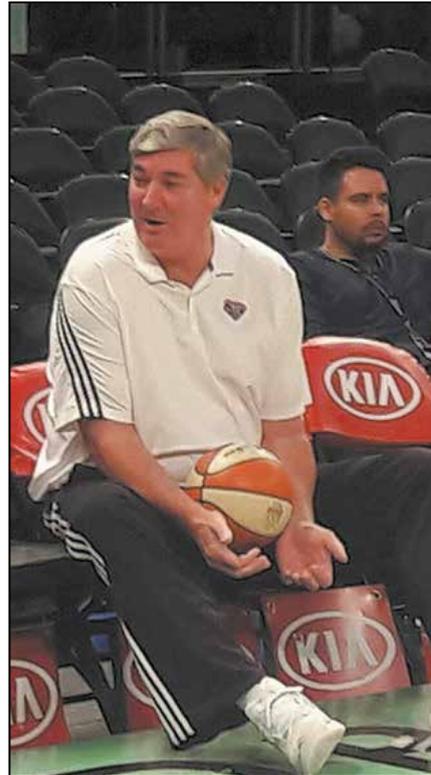
By Albert Coqueran

NY Liberty Head Coach Bill Laimbeer made some instrumental changes to his starting lineup, which proved to be a winning formula. During the off season, the Liberty traded Carolyn Swords to the Seattle Storm in a three-team trade that brought Kia Vaughn and Bria Hartley from the Washington Mystics to the Liberty.

Vaughn, while sharing time at center with Kia Stokes, has proved to be an inside presence for the Liberty, playing tough defense, while averaging 4.7 rebounds and 5.5 points per game. Vaughn and Stokes are a potent one-two punch on defense for the Liberty, leaving forward Tina Charles to do what Charles does best: score, rebound and assist.



NY Liberty point guard Bria Hartley watches intensely during pregame shoot around before she played her former team the Washington Mystics, on Friday. Hartley's insertion into the Liberty starting lineup on July 16 sparked a 12-3 record including an eight-game winning streak.



NY Liberty Head Coach Bill Laimbeer seems relaxed and ready to go during shoot around before the Liberty played the Washington Mystics. The Liberty beat the Mystics on Friday and then the Chicago Sky on Sunday, to clinch the fourth seed in the WNBA Playoffs.

Nonetheless, it was the insertion of speedy point guard Hartley into the starting line-up that turned a mediocre Liberty season, into a very possible Championship season.

"It became clear that we were struggling offensive-wise to score. We were in the high 60's, low 70's (in points) and that is not going to get it done in this league. We needed to get easier baskets and that meant push the pace," said Laimbeer.

The Liberty moved Epiphany Prince to the shooting guard position and Hartley into the point guard slot, while

designating guard Sugar Rogers, to a sixth woman position, coming off the bench. And it worked!

The Liberty immediately won back-to-back games, while scoring 85 points against the Mystics, on July 16 and 96 points versus Connecticut Sun, on July 19.

In fact, the Liberty record is 12-3, since the revised starting lineup was implemented, while winning their last eight straight games.

The Liberty beat the Washington Mystics, 74-84, at Madison Square Garden, on Friday. The significance of this game was that it was a "Tiebreaker Game," with Playoff implications. The two-teams had split the season series with one win apiece and this was their final meeting in the regular season.

If there was any doubt just how essential this win was for the Liberty, the end of the first half put things in perspective. The Mystics started to gain momentum with a, 40-37 lead with one minute remaining in the half.

Charles seemed to feel the game slipping away. The Liberty All-Star willed her way into the middle to score four quick points. Prince dropped in two free throws and the Liberty went to the locker room ahead 43-41.

The Liberty owned the fourth quarter, outscoring the Mystics 13-6, with four of the Mystics points coming with a minute left in the quarter. "Yes, this was a very special game, especially playing against



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Seven-year old, Madelyn Becerra (left) and her mother, Kristin Becerra attended their first ever NY Liberty game, at Madison Square Garden, on Friday. The Becerra's are from Pleasantville. Madelyn's father and Kristin's husband, Tony Becerra, is the Head Football Coach at Pleasantville High School.

D.C. and trying to clinch that fourth spot," stated Charles, who won her fifth WNBA Player of the Week Award, on August 21.

On Sunday, the Liberty won their eighth consecutive game by beating the Chicago Sky, 92-62, at MSG. The win clinched the fourth seed for the Liberty, which gives them a bye in the first round of the WNBA Playoffs.

The Liberty record is 20 -12, with only two games remaining in the regular season. The Ladies of Liberty are only a half game behind the Connecticut Sun for the third playoff spot. "We are feeling good. We do not want this to end. We all have great friendships on this team and hopefully we can take it all the way," said Charles.

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season for us last year. He should go down as having another great season. It is nice to have a commodity like him come back for another season," acknowledged O'Donnell, who is beginning his 30th year at the helm this year.

O'Donnell is the Athletic Director as well as Head Football Coach at Stepinac. He also sits on the Board of Governors of the CHSFL, as Vice President of the Executive Committee. O'Donnell was obviously saddened by the death of Mount Saint Michael Academy freshman Dominick Bess, who died after collapsing during football training camp this preseason.

"Obviously, as a person who has been affiliated with the Catholic High School League for a long time - I have good friends at Mount Saint Michael - I was heartbroken for them. I just do not know



Crusaders senior quarterback Mike Nicosia (left) throws during Training Camp at Stepinac High School under the watchful eye of Offensive Coordinator Phil Treglia. Last season, Nicosia broke Stepinac's single season passing record. This upcoming season his production is a key to a successful season for the Crusaders.

how I would have coped knowing a child under your care died," emotionally expressed O'Donnell.

"The day it happened we cancelled all the outdoor practices for lower level teams and the varsity waited until 5:30 p.m. to come back outside. I waited until after practice to address the team regarding the passing of Dominick Bess and we said a prayer for him, his family and Mount Saint Michael," stated O'Donnell.

Stepinac will open its 2017 campaign at St. Peter's High School, Staten Island, on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 1:30 p.m. The Crusaders Home Opener will be Friday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. against CHSFL nemesis, the Friars of St. Anthony's High School. The Joseph R. Riverso Memorial Game will pit rival Iona Prep against the Crusaders, in an evening classic at 7 p.m. at Stepinac High School.

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