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Members of the White Plains High School Softball Team Honored

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WPHS Softball sophomore catcher Zoey Kovach (left) received an All-Section Honorable Mention and All-League distinction this season, while hitting .356 with 27 hits, 14 RBIs and 16 runs scored. Third baseman junior Sarah DiSanto (center) was voted All-Section and All-League for the second consecutive year. DiSanto batted .519 this season with 41 hits, including 13 doubles, two homeruns with 32 RBIs and 24 runs scored. First baseman Ava Rainone (right), who was injured last season, also selected All-Section and All-League with statistics: .494 batting average, 40 hits, 15 doubles, 28 RBIs and 30 runs scored. **For more about the WPHS Softball team awards see page 17.**

Suspect Sought in Bus Driver Assault

Westchester County police are seeking the public's help in identifying a woman who assaulted a Bee-Line bus driver last Wednesday night outside the Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla.

The incident occurred at 10:30 p.m. when the female passenger demanded that the driver allow her to get off the bus directly in front of the hospital entrance. The driver told the passenger that she could not stop until a nearby bus stop was reached.

The passenger made verbal threats toward the driver, which were



An image of the suspect in the attack on a Bee-Line bus driver last Wednesday night that was released by Westchester County police.

overheard by other passengers. When the bus stopped at Hospital Oval East and Emergency Drive to discharge

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White Plains Council Schedules July 1 Hearing on Motor Vehicle Dept. Move

By Neal Rentz

The White Plains Common Council voted unanimously on June 3 to schedule two public hearings for its July 1 meeting.

The Council set a public hearing on a proposal from 3 Barker Ave. LLC for a Governmental Use Permit that would allow the moving of the Department of Motor Vehicles facility from the White Plains Mall, which is slated to close in the near future, to 3 Barker Ave.

Mayor Tom Roach said residents have expressed concerns about where the Department of Motor Vehicles would be relocated with the closure of the mall. The proposal is for the department to move elsewhere in the same neighborhood, he said.

Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona

said, "This project is ideal" because not only is the department staying in the city, it will move to a new spot in the same neighborhood.

Councilman John Kirkpatrick said he was concerned that the new location for the department would not have adequate parking and if circulation within the Barker Avenue office building would be harmed. "I just wish it was not in an office building," Kirkpatrick said, adding he was not prejudging the project.

"It is in an office building but" the DMV is aware of potential circulation problems within the building and would have specific points of access just for persons going to the department, Roach said. Parking on Barker Avenue would be much less expensive than the cost of parking

at the mall, he said.

Senior Rent Program

The Council also scheduled a July 1 public hearing on a proposal to amend the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption program to increase income eligibility from the current \$30,000 to \$50,000 and to establish a Local Disability Rent Increase Exemption program to have their rents frozen as well.

Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson said three years ago she asked the Roach administration to seek to increase the income eligibility from \$19,000 to the current \$30,000. The eligibility level now needs to be increased to \$50,000, she said. Her mother-in-law moved in with her family for the last few years, Hunt-Robinson said. Her mother-in-law

was a retired US Postal Service worker and had modest financial means, Hunt-Robinson said. If her mother-in-law lived in rent-regulated housing in the city on her own she would not have been eligible to participate in the Rent Increase Exemption and have her rent frozen because she made too much money to participate, Hunt-Robinson noted.

Hunt-Robinson said the increase in the income eligibility was needed because she did not want retired residents "to have to choose between their medicine, their food and rent."

"As a city, we are judged by how we treat the least of us," Hunt-Robinson said.

The public hearings have been scheduled to begin on July 1 at 7:30 p.m. at White Plains City Hall.



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Four Seek Three Ballot Lines in White Plains Democratic Common Council Primary

By Neal Rentz

Three Common Council candidates endorsed by the White Plains Democratic City Committee are being challenged by one candidate who did not receive the party's nod in the June 25 primary.

Kat Brezler will face off against the endorsed candidates, incumbent Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson, who was first elected to the Council in 2014, as well as Victoria Presser and Jennifer Puja.

The four candidates, listed in alphabetical order, answered a series of questions last week.

Kat Brezler

Brezler, who has been endorsed by the Working Families Party for the November general election ballot, explained why she is running for the Common Council.

"I'm a public school teacher and I live here with my parents who are retired. They're on a fixed income, and we're not millionaires," Brezler said. "But we see developers coming into our city, building luxury real estate rentals with not enough affordable housing and we're concerned about how that will change the culture and diversity of our community. I'm reminded of the old adage, think globally, but act locally."

Brezler said if elected her top three priorities would be to expand the city's mandate to 10 percent for low income housing and 10 percent for affordable housing through guarantees in their payment in lieu of taxes agreements;



Kat Brezler



Nadine Hunt-Robinson



Victoria Presser



Jennifer Puja

creating an annual pass for residents and allowing zones to vote for overnight parking and developing a compost program for food scraps and building a community garden for Battle Hill.

Brezler said the city needs to do a racial and environmental impact study before approving new zoning changes. "Our diversity is what separates us from other communities and it is why people call White Plains their home," Brezler said. "I take issue with the presumption that commercial and residential development is solely in the hands of the developers. White Plains is one of the most beautiful communities in the Hudson Valley. We know it, that's why we live here. If developers want to come here they ought to pay their fair share. That means providing favorable commercial rent to our mom and pop retailers who have been here for generations."

The city is too dependent on parking ticket revenues, Brezler said. "We should not be balancing our budget with parking enforcement. Instead of the county's IDA giving tax exemptions for luxury real estate developers, mortgage and sales tax, that money should go into an escrow account for our schools and capital needs."

The city's Comprehensive Plan should be updated, Brezler said. "We need a 21st Century plan for our downtown development that will match the diverse needs of this community," she said. "We need to increase our walkability and green

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Diversity in Education Forum Celebrates Local Leaders

Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers (TSTT) gathered last month with education, government and business leaders from the greater Hudson Valley for Celebrating the Vision: 2019 Recognition Brunch and Education Forum. Over 250 attended the annual TSTT Forum and Recognition event that featured an Education Forum led by NY State Senator Shelley B. Mayer, Chair of Committee on Education; a presentation of the 1st Annual Lois Bronz Award by NY State Senate Majority Leader and President Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and



a recognition of TSTT teachers by Allan Houston, NY Knicks Assistant General Manager and TSTT Honorary Chair, Male Teacher of Color Initiative. TSTT 2019 Education Honorees included Frank Williams, Jr., President, Association of NY State Youth Bureaus; Christian A. Templeman, Morgan Stanley, the United Federation of Teachers, and TSTT Perkins Scholars for their contributions to promoting diversity in education.

TSTT has been at the forefront in helping to close the teacher diversity gap in America's schools for over 24 years. Dr. Perkins founded TSTT as an innovative career development model to identify solutions to help young people develop the skills they need to compete in a diverse global workplace.

Pictured: Center is the Lois Bronz Scholarship award winner Justice Mickens with NYS Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins (left) and members of the award committee.

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passengers, the woman approached the driver and sprayed her in the face with an unknown noxious substance. The driver experienced a burning sensation in her eyes and had difficulty breathing.

A search of the hospital and surrounding areas was conducted by patrol officers but the suspect could not be located.

"The Westchester County police are asking for the public's help in identifying the person responsible for this attack," Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason said. "The safety of transit personnel and riders is a top priority and we investigate these types of incidents vigorously."

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space footprint. The future is not in big box retailers, but is in service oriented business models."

As for other issues, Brezler said, "I think White Plains should be leading on environmental and zoning regulations. We should ban the use of roundup, Styrofoam, and plastic bags. And we should protect our small businesses by disincentivizing commercial vacancies."

Brezler, 37, is a public school teacher in the Bronx. Brezler said she is a community organizer, an active member of the Hudson Valley Stonewall Democrats, the League of Women Voters, the Hispanic Democrats of Westchester, a labor organizer, a leader in Vote for Animal Rights and "a staunch fighter for voting rights for all White Plains residents."

Nadine Hunt-Robinson

Hunt-Robinson was first elected to the Common Council in a special election in 2014 and was elected to her first full term in 2015. "I ran in 2014 to ensure that White Plains continues to be prosperous and that the doors of access and opportunity remain open to all," she said. "I have made inroads in protecting vulnerable populations and there is more work to be done in this regard. In addition, a vibrant downtown is a key part of our city's economy and I want to continue my work to improve it."

If reelected, Hunt-Robinson said her three top legislative priorities would be

to "increase our revenue sources in order to further protect our residents from large real estate tax increases; continue to improve our stock of safe, affordable, quality housing and help small businesses thrive in our city."

Hunt-Robinson explained why White Plains was the fastest growing city in New York State, according to the US Census Bureau, "We have supported smart growth that ensures that our city has room for people at all the stages of their lives," she said. "In addition, we have drawn several new companies to our downtown from other areas as White Plains has become the premier destination to live, work and play."

"As a council member I have encouraged developers to build experiential retail that is family friendly (for example, trampoline parks, children's museum, virtual sports, children's theme restaurants, etc.)" Hunt-Robinson said.

Hunt-Robinson said the Common Council has controlled spending to stay within the state-mandated tax cap. "As all the new buildings come online downtown, this should improve our tax base. We have also had several employers move to White Plains in recent years, and the continuing of this trend is also important to our tax base," Hunt-Robinson said. She added that the city should seek new revenue sources, such as permits for filming, which was recently started.

The city's Comprehensive Plan, which was last revised in 2006, should again be updated, Hunt-Robinson, who will be on the November ballot as a candidate of the Working Families Party, said.

"I sponsored legislation to strengthen the protection of senior citizens and disabled residents for rent increases," Hunt-Robinson said. "In addition, our city continues to be on the frontline of inclusion and diversity by expanding our affordable housing program and revitalizing the White Plains Housing Authority properties."

Hunt-Robinson, 50, is an attorney with over 20 years of legal, business and environmental experience.

Some examples of Hunt-Robinson's community involvement include serving as chair of the White Plains Recreational Advisory Committee, past chair of the Mayor's Youth Board; president of the Women's Ministry, First Community Baptist Church; Silver Life Member of the NAACP - White Plains/Greenburgh Chapter and a member of the Women's Club of White Plains.

Victoria Presser

Presser is making her first run for public office. She was elected as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1972 representing the 20th Congressional District in Manhattan, pledged to George McGovern, and served alongside

Bella Abzug.

"I wish to serve on the Common Council because I fell in love with White Plains when I moved to Battle Hill 38 years ago and I'd like to have the opportunity to help keep White Plains strong and diverse and vibrant and to bring the voice of Battle Hill to the civic conversation," Presser said.

If elected, Presser said her three priorities would be to expand affordable housing, have intelligent growth in the downtown area and further sustainability efforts.

"I believe that overall the city is handling the review of development proposals appropriately," Presser said. "I like plans I'm seeing for mixed development of residential and commercial projects in the downtown area."

"I believe city finances are being handled prudently, as evidenced by our Aa Moody's rating," Presser said. "White Plains is much better off than many neighboring localities. Our low property taxes are the envy of our neighbors, and are due in significant part to the strong corporate presence in our city." Presser said she wanted to make certain that city services are well supported, "but I'd like to have the opportunity to study the budget in toto first."

Presser says she supports updating the city's Comprehensive Plan.

"There are some issues of importance to my Battle Hill neighbors, such as rooming

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houses whose tenants are living in unsafe conditions," Presser said. "White Plains recently enacted a law to address this situation -- it requires these landlords to register with the city, submit floor plans, and be subject to city inspection. I think this is a great start and we can help the city enforce it. Battle Hill residents are also concerned about public transportation and pedestrian access to downtown White Plains and traffic safety at some of our intersections."

Presser, 69, is the public information officer for the Scarsdale School District. "I have had a career in non-profit, government and healthcare public relations for over 40 years," she said.

An example of Presser's community involvement includes serving as president of Bet Am Shalom Synagogue, and was president when the synagogue suffered a fire that nearly destroyed it in 2003. "I helped guide its survival and rebuilding," she said. Presser was a founding board member of the Friends of White Plains Youth Bureau starting in 2011, assisting in its 501c3 incorporation, the formation of its governance structure and fundraising efforts.

Jennifer Puja

Though this is her first run for political office, Puja said, "I have been involved in the local political sphere for the past decade as the executive director for the Westchester/Putnam Central

Labor Body."

"When I decided to run it was a big decision," Puja, 33, said. "Once I garnered support from my family, local organizations and friends in the White Plains community, it was an opportunity not to be missed."

If elected, Puja said her priorities would be to create opportunities for families, seniors and youth, seek responsible development and work on sustainability issues.

"Responsible development is important for all involved," Puja said. "Having a voice and a part in the decision making process is key."

"As a taxpayer, I understand the burden of taxes. I also understand where taxes go," Puja said. "We are fortunate to have the strong services our city does. Maintaining fiscal responsibility is paramount."

"Prioritizing a budget is key for a municipality, for a household or for any organization," Puja said, adding she would support the updating of the Comprehensive Plan if the city officials feel it is needed.

Some examples of Puja's community involvement include serving as a member of the Post Road PTA, the Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson and as a Westchester County Board of Legislators Labor Sub Committee Member.

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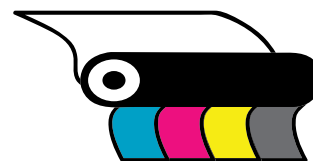


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Latimer Announces Plan to Monitor Airport Noise Across County

By Lindsay Emery

Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced earlier this month that an independent analysis will be conducted by Harris, Miller, Miller & Hanson (HMMH) regarding aircraft noise and flight patterns at Westchester County Airport.

Latimer was joined by County Legislator Michael B. Kaplowitz (D-Somers), county Director of Operations Joan McDonald and Kuduk as they unveiled a portable noise device that was installed at Chappaqua resident Jeff Kuduk's house.

Ironically, several flights passed overhead while Latimer's press conference was underway. Kuduk explained that he started to notice the flights one night when the windows were open. After searching on the Facebook page Chappaqua Moms, he found there were other residents who felt the same way about the noise from the planes.

In August 2017, a Facebook group called A Peaceful Sky was created to address this issue. The group is now almost 500 strong.

"My office has been deluged with noise complaints from very reasonable people who are simply trying to spend the day in commerce or in their home going about their daily business," said Kaplowitz, who noted that over the last couple of years this issue has become increasingly intolerable for many in New Castle and surrounding communities.

McDonald said that the portable noise monitoring device has been installed at Kuduk's house for nine months. The data that are collected will be analyzed and compared with the historical data from the permanent noise monitoring system in the county, she said.



LINDSAY EMERY PHOTO

County Executive George Latimer with, from left to right, Joan McDonald, director of operations for Westchester, County Legislator Michael Kaplowitz and Chappaqua resident Jeff Kuduk last week announcing the placement of an airport noise monitor at Kuduk's Chappaqua home.

Kaplowitz explained how the portable noise monitor is testing the approach path for runway 16, which goes directly over New Castle and Pleasantville. This runway has increased in usage over the last couple of years and is used particularly in warmer weather because of the way the planes land into the prevailing winds, he said.

HMMH will collect data, prepare a base map and process the information while suggesting the changes that may be necessary, Latimer said.

Previously, the county was unable to respond to individual homeowners or clusters of communities to get a true

analysis of the noise because of the antiquated permanent noise monitoring system, which is 20 years old, McDonald said. The consultant is going to take a look at systems around the country so that Westchester can get the most accurate data possible, she said.

Latimer explained that there has also been a change in flight patterns within the last few years. Therefore, the fixed locations of the permanent noise monitors were no longer tracking the new patterns.

"We're looking forward to looking at the historical data and working with our consultant, analyzing what information

we get from these portable monitors," McDonald said.

Latimer said the monitors are being paid for by funds generated at the airport through a variety of fees and operational revenues.

McDonald said the portable monitors should stay in place between six and 12 months so up to a year's worth of data can be analyzed. She said that the data will be used during the county's conversations with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) about solutions to the noise complaints.

Even though the portable monitors are at residences, McDonald said small businesses or other organizations can request one.

The upcoming meeting with the FAA is scheduled to be in Chappaqua because it has seen the greatest concentration of flight path noise complaints in New Castle.

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Local High School Seniors with Hearing Loss Receive College Scholarships

The Westchester Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) held its annual Blair & Anita Mazin College Scholarship Award ceremony June 9 at the Greenburgh Public Library. Approximately 100 people attended as \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to four Westchester, Putnam and Rockland County high school seniors with hearing loss who are pursuing a college education this coming fall.

HLAA scholarships were awarded to: Alnord Deski of New York School for the Deaf (White Plains) to attend Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT); Hailey Hernandez of Carmel High School (Carmel) to attend Western Connecticut State University; Jessica Nin of Albertus Magnus High School (Bardonia) to attend New York University; and Danielle Ramirez of White Plains High School (White Plains) to attend Stonybrook University.

Started in 2008, the scholarship award program is named after Blair and Anita

Mazin, a successful deaf couple from Douglaston, NY who were members of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (the predecessor organization of HLAA), who were tragically killed from an accidental case of carbon monoxide poisoning in their home. Unfortunately, they had their hearing aids and cochlear implants off to sleep and could not hear the carbon monoxide alarm going off. The scholarship program was funded in their memory. To date, 39 scholarships have been awarded to deserving students or adults entering colleges, universities, or vocational training programs, and are funded from the proceeds of the annual Westchester/Rockland Walk4Hearing®.

The Westchester Chapter of HLAA was founded in February 1983 by Miriam Koryn and Rosalyn Fein. It is one of more than one hundred chapters throughout the United States that provide education, communication, accessibility and social activities to help those with a hearing loss cope in



the hearing world. The Westchester Chapter holds monthly meetings, social gatherings, distributes a newsletter, and maintains a comprehensive website, www.hlaawestchester.org.

Pictured: 2019 Blair & Anita Mazin Scholarship Winners (from left) Alnord Deski, Hailey Hernandez, Danielle Ramirez and Jessica Nin, together with members of the Mazin family.

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Lombardi Was About More Than Winning, He Practiced Tolerance

By John Vorperian

June is LGBTQ Pride month and this year is the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, which sparked the Gay Liberation Movement.

In a way, professional sports can act as a cultural mirror. That endeavor's figurative reflection allows sociologists and sports historians to study and comment on whether our society may be progressing with tolerance.

It's fitting to look back at 1969, and in particular, view the status of pro football in our nation's capital. The National Football League was celebrating its 50th season. The last time D.C. football fans saw their club win the NFL championship was 1942. From 1955, with its last winning season, mediocrity and losing ruled Washington. Their fans were praying for a football miracle. Their prayers were answered as the franchise landed legendary Green Bay Packer coach Vince Lombardi.

Ten years before, Lombardi arrived in Green Bay, an NFL doormat. A longtime losing squad, Lombardi in his very first season coached Green Bay to a winning record.

From 1959 to 1967, the Packers were perennial winners, capturing five NFL championships. Lombardi radically altered the team's culture. The Jesuit-trained Lombardi made clear that bigotry had no place on his team. In his climb up the coaching ladder, Lombardi, as an Italian-American, had encountered intolerance. He told his charges if he ever heard a biased comment from anyone they were gone.

Winning football required getting the best players regardless of race, color, creed or sexual orientation. The Fordham alum ignored the unwritten and arbitrary quota on black players. In 1960, when the league's Board of Directors questioned him, Lombardi told its 45 members to run

the business end while he ran the football operations.

Lombardi let it be known that businesses in Green Bay and those on the road would have to serve all Packers or get none. Oneida Golf & Country Club employed Oneida Tribe members as caddies but would release them in the summer and hand out the jobs to local teenagers. Lombardi publicly berated the club for this discriminatory practice and insisted Native Americans be used year-round.

"If they're good enough for spring and fall, they're good enough for summer," he said.

In 1965, when a black player told Lombardi of his pending nuptials to a white woman, the coach responded "You know what, I don't care who you marry, as long as you keep the Green Bay Packers team clean, your nose clean and play good football." In an unsuccessful attempt to halt the marriage, NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle met with Lombardi, but the Pope of Green Bay rebuffed Rozelle's request.

Washington coaxed Lombardi out of retirement and gave him total authority on all decisions regarding personnel and football operations along with a 5 percent ownership share. He also came to a team that had three gay players – running backs, Ray McDonald and David Kopay and tight end Jerry Smith.

The 6-foot-4, 248-pound McDonald was Washington's 1967 first-round pick, a selection made by owner Edward Bennett Williams. The back's first two seasons were subpar. Lombardi wanted McDonald to improve and make the squad. In a coaches' meeting, Lombardi told his aides to work with McDonald and work him hard. He also made it known, "if I hear one of you people make reference to his manhood, you'll be out of here before your ass hits

the ground."

The player who had a turnaround season in Lombardi's clubhouse was Smith. Lombardi repeatedly told him he was being judged by his on-field performance. Smith had been in the NFL for four years and with Lombardi's approach was named an All-Pro in 1969.

Similar to Lombardi's first year in Green Bay, Washington posted a 7-5-2 record. There was no next season for Lombardi, succumbing to colon cancer in 1970.

In 1975, after his NFL career, Kopay became one of the first gay athletes to publicly announce his sexual orientation. Smith never openly declared. In 1986, he passed away due to complications from AIDS.

Why did an old-fashioned football coach like Lombardi have such an open mind and promote tolerance? Lombardi's brother Harold was gay. Lombardi viewed gays as a group that deserved respect like blacks, Native Americans and Italians – in fact like all of us.

Lombardi's daughter, Susan, told journalist Ian O'Connor for ESPNNewYork.com, "My father was way ahead of his time. He was discriminated against as a dark-skinned Italian-American when he was younger, when he felt he was passed up for coaching jobs that he deserved. He felt the pain of discrimination and so he raised his family to accept everybody, no matter what color they were or whatever their sexual orientation was."

Indeed, Vince Lombardi was ahead of his time. Here's hoping this 1960s football icon's philosophy and practice becomes even more prevalent in 2019.

Sports historian John Vorperian was a contributing writer to "The 1966 Green Bay Packers" from McFarland Press. He also hosts "Beyond the Game," seen at www.wpcommunitymedia.org.

Burke Award Dinner Raises Nearly \$150,000 for New Rehabilitation Gym

More and more patients are coming to White Plains, to Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, after experiencing a life-changing neurological condition like stroke, traumatic brain injury or spinal cord injury. In light of this shift in patient population, Burke is renovating 5,200 square feet of space within the hospital and creating a state-of-the-art gym that will help these patients reach their maximum level of independence.

The annual dinner is Burke's largest fundraiser, raising more than \$500,000 overall for the hospital this year. The award is the highest bestowed by Burke's Board of Trustees. It is given to individuals or groups who contributed to the field of rehabilitation through personal achievements, research development or by establishing programs and initiatives that improve quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

This year's Burke Award honorees were:



Tom and Bonnie Grace (pictured). The Graces have lived their lives devoted to their central guideposts of faith, family and each other. When Bonnie suffered a

stroke that left her unable to walk, or even speak, Tom insisted on only the very best for her recovery. Tom, along with their four children and families, brought tireless energy and passion to her recovery. Their experience has made them champions of Burke. Today, Bonnie is back home in Rye playing ping pong, building her strength with boxing classes, and giving back as the family always has over a lifetime of philanthropy.

Cuddy & Feder LLP, A Westchester-based law firm, and Mary Beth Walsh, MD, who was Executive Medical

Director and CEO of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital for 22 years, were also award recipients.

Sleepy Hollow HS Senior Receives 7th Annual Alyce N. Coqueran Memorial Scholarship

By Albert Coqueran

The Seventh Annual Alyce N. Coqueran Memorial Scholarship was awarded to high school senior Hannah Lustyik at the 2019 Sleepy Hollow High School Awards Ceremony on June 10. The \$700 scholarship donated by The Coqueran Family will assist Lustyik with her expenses as she attends SUNY Genesee Community College, in Batavia, NY, in September.

The Alyce N. Coqueran Memorial Scholarship is in memory of the late Alyce Coqueran, a lifelong Tarrytown resident, who was influential in the betterment of her community. She was also a staunch advocate for every child regardless of their family's income or circumstances to have the opportunity to further their education.



MARTHA RICHMAN PHOTO

The Seventh Annual Alyce N. Coqueran Memorial Scholarship was presented to senior Hannah Lustyik (center) at the 2019 Sleepy Hollow High School Academic Awards Ceremony, on Monday, June 10. The scholarship in remembrance of the late Alyce Coqueran, a lifelong Tarrytown resident, was presented by her son Albert Coqueran (left) and Sleepy Hollow High School Principal Dr. Tracy Smith.

Coqueran was one of the original Founders and Board Members of the Community Opportunity Center of the Tarrytowns and served on the Board of the COC for 41 years.

She also served for 27 years on the Board of Commissioners of the Tarrytown Municipal Housing Authority, while having a major impact concerning the quality of life for the residents of Franklin Courts and Franklin Towers. She also tutored at the Abbott House and was the Site Manager for the Tarrytown Nutrition Program for Seniors for the Town of Greenburgh for 15 years.

With six out of seven of Alyce Coqueran's children and one of her five grandchildren graduating from Sleepy Hollow High

School, there was no more fitting a place to assist a student attempting to further their education than at SHHS.

The Alyce N. Coqueran Memorial Scholarship was one of approximately 90 Scholarships and Awards presented to students during the Sleepy Hollow High School Academic Awards Program hosted by Sleepy Hollow Principal Dr. Tracy Smith, Assistant Principal Anthony Baxter and organized under the supervision of Guidance Counselor Patricia Bonitatibus.

Alyce Coqueran's son Albert Coqueran is a Sports Writer and Photographer for *The White Plains Examiner*.

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White Plains Youth Bureau Celebrates Fathers and Grandfathers



The White Plains Youth Bureau celebrated its 7th Annual Father & Grandfather of the Year Awards Breakfast, June 8 at Eastview Middle School. The program honored White Plains fathers who are role models to their children and family. Donnie Simmons, Program Chairman served as MC of the event. Attending was White Plains Mayor Tom Roach, Youth Bureau Director, Frank Williams, Jr. and Jim Isenberg, former Executive Director of the North American Family Institute. The Speaker for the program was Joseph Kenner, Vice President of Greystone Bakery, Yonkers. The Breakfast honored seven fathers and one grandfather: Patrick Baumann, Raul Guzman-Martinez, Oswaldo Perez, Luke Psaras, Matt Brown, Hal Lieber, Alberto Leon, and Anatolio Ndong Mba (grandpa).

White Plains Youth Bureau and NYPA Hold STEAM Awards

The White Plains Youth Bureau in collaboration with the New York Power Authority, Inc., (NYPA) held its 4th Annual STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Awards Recognition Program in the Jaguar Room at New York Power Authority Headquarters, in White Plains. The program celebrated the contribution of White Plains School District Educators as outstanding teachers and for setting a standard of excellence inspiring youth to achieve high academic success. White Plains School District honorees include Jody Kennedy, Eastview School; Raquel Reale, Highlands Middle School and Jessica Jordan, White Plains High School.

The program also honored Dr. Julia Anderson-Lee. Dr. Lee holds a Ph.D. in Math from Iowa State University. Dr. Lee is a native of White Plains and a former White Plains Youth Bureau participant and a graduate of White Plains High School. Dr. Lee is currently an engineer at the Boeing Company.

Youth honorees include: Ashley Brown, Leadership Award; Marina Rosenthal and Jessica Osorio for Community Service Award and Angela Mathews for Creative.

White Plains Mayor Tom Roach congratulated NYPA for its investment in White Plains youth by providing opportunities, pathways, workshops and leadership to encourage youth to pursue

their dreams.

Frank Williams, Jr. Director of the White Plains Youth Bureau said NYPA is a great friend to our kids. Last year NYPA held a Women in STEM Conference for more than 60 White Plains youth. It is essential and critical that we prepare young people for careers in STEM at the earliest stages of their life.

The speaker for the Recognition Ceremony was Maribel-Cruz Brown, Manager of Key Accounts, Municipal and Cooperative Electric Systems.



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White Plains Library Program Introduces Eastview Middle School Students to “The Edge”

By Neal Rentz

It is typical for students graduating and moving to a new school within a district to get a look at their new place of learning prior to moving in at the start of the next school year in September.

For the past few years a similar program has been held at the White Plains Public Library.

Beginning on June 13, for five days, groups of about 125 sixth-grade Eastview students per school day spent their day at the library as part of the annual program.

Joshua Carlson, the library’s manager of youth services, said last week the days included several programs for students. Some of the projects included constructing geometric shapes with foam noodles, engineering projects, digital app projects, coding projects and a scavenger hunt to introduce students to the library’s services, Carlson said. The students also visited The Edge, the teen section of the library.

“These are all current sixth graders going into the seventh grade,” Carlson said. “Up until now they’ve been using The Trove, our children’s library which is through grade six. At the end of grade six they graduate into The Edge.” The Edge is for students in grades seven through 12.

“This is a good way to get them to come to the building, be reacquainted with the library if they haven’t been here for a while



Eastview Middle School students participated in several programs at the White Plains Library last week including coding, which is shown above.

and also to see what they are now going to be able to have access to going into The Edge. It’s a different space,” Carlson said.

As part of the program, the sixth graders received The Edge library cards. “It’s sort of a little moving up ceremony at the library,” Carlson said.

“We’re having a blast,” Carlson said. “There’s a lot going on.”

One of the programs offered to youths at The Edge is The Extraordinaire’s that

teaches both design thinking skills and empathy, Carlson said. “It’s all about end user focus as opposed to what you personally think is good,” he said. “They’ll be given a person or a character and they have to design something to meet that person’s needs.”

The program for the middle school students was made possible by a grant from the Allstate Foundation, Carlson noted.

Eastview Middle School sixth grade math teacher Tina Bernstein explained the library program for the sixth grade students has been so successful because it is “promoting local activities, getting kids into the library, knowing that a library’s more than just a place to take books out. It’s a place to congregate. It’s a place to participate in activities. We know the library does activities over the summer so we’d like to promote that for the students.”

A focus of the program is collaborative work, Bernstein said. “The teamwork here has been fantastic,” she said. “They really feed off of each other and provide each other with help to figure out what they need to accomplish.”

Two of the middle school students said they were enjoying the program. “I absolutely loved it,” she said. “I spent a lot of time with my friends and my teachers. It was amazing.” She said she regularly comes to the library to do research for school. “I think that the library is a very important part of someone’s life because there’s everything that you need – books, computers, people who are there to help you.”

Another student said, “I think it’s really fun. You learn a lot of things from here. And I feel like if people learn a lot they will come here more. When people come here they just think automatically about books, but it’s really more than that.”

Crossword by Myles Mellor

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16. Where to enjoy “The good life” in

Yorktown, ____

Cafe

18. Gold pocket watch, maybe

19. Goes with Spumanti

20. Workplace safety org.

24. Tailor

28. A stuffed tortilla that over indulged or new Mt. Kisco Bar

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Down

1. Siddhartha Gautama

2. Throws into confusion

3. Naturally powered illumination

4. Common orange

5. “Good job!”

6. Pregnancy test, familiarly

7. Insurer for military personnel

8. Prescribed

9. Former French coin

15. Highest degree

17. Dangerous situation

21. Solid

22. Composer Berlioz

23. Kindle

25. Long stories

26. 1920s car

27. “Yeah, right!”

28. Skier’s aid

29. Forked letter

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LE VINO WINE MERCHANTS, WHITE PLAINS

By Neal Rentz

Since 2005, White Plains resident Stuart Levine has been providing a variety of fine wine options in his downtown White Plains store.

Le Vino Wine Merchants specializes in both foreign and domestic wines.

Formerly known as Vino 100, Le Vino is the first business Levine has owned. "We decided years ago that we wanted to have a family business," Levine, whose wife is Janine, said last week. "One thing we noticed was that downtown [White Plains] was lacking a fine wine shop. There were little liquor stores but there weren't a lot of wine shops that actually specialized in wine."

"We sell liquor as well, but our focus is wine," Levine said. "We're about 80 to 85 percent wine."

Le Vino offers wines from around the world. "We have a lot of Italian wine because we have a large Italian population here and it's very popular. I love Italian wines," Levine said. "It's such a broad range of whites, reds, light bodied, full bodied. They kind of cover the gamut. They have more grapes in Italy than in any other country and they make a ton of wine."

"France is also well-known," Levine said. "Many of the great varietals came from France originally and they have the



White Plains resident Stuart Levine is the owner of Le Vino Wine Merchants, which is located on Mamaroneck Avenue in the city.

most famous wines. But Italian wines to me just have a lot more character in what they offer."

Some of the countries whose wines are also sold at Le Vino include Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, Spain, and Chile. The store also offers domestic wines from such locales as New York State, Oregon, Washington State and California, Levine noted.

"We have a small area of liquor," Levine said. "What we tried to do is make sure that the liquor we have is a little more distinct. So we have a lot of small production items, a lot of local made items, things made in New York, a lot of whiskeys, bourbons." Some of the foreign made liquors sold at Le Vino include Irish Whiskeys and Scotch from Scotland, he said. Other liquor offerings include

tequilas, rums and vodkas, he said.

Levine is a Certified Specialist of Wine, which he earned by taking a course from the Society of Wine Educators that lasted several months with an exam at the end of the program. "It's pretty tough," he said. "They teach everything."

"When you're done with that course you know more about wine than you thought you'd ever know," Levine said. "I think it's very good for retailers to always further their education. And you have to like what you do. I love what I do."

Le Vino Wine Merchants is located at 171 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. For more information call 914-949-8466, visit levinowine.com or send an e-mail to info@levinowine.com.



Obituaries

Donna Scimia

Donna Marie Scimia passed away after a brief illness on June 8, surrounded by family. Donna was a resident of Pleasantville.

She was born in White Plains on June 29, 1956. Beloved daughter of Carmine G. (deceased) and mother, Josephine M. (DeMarco) Scimia, she is the sibling of Valerie Scimia, Lorraine Scimia, Anthony (Meredith) Scimia and Joanne (Frank, Jr.) Ferri and a loving aunt to nieces Abigail and Madeline Ferri.

Donna was an independent woman who made the world a better place. After graduating SUNY Oneonta, Donna worked for the Westchester County District Attorney's office assisting domestic violence victims. She later received her MSW from Columbia University School of Social Work and obtained a LCSW designation.

Donna spent many years working as a Corporate Employee Assistance Program Specialist. In that capacity, she spent many months in downtown Manhattan counseling those traumatized by the 9/11 World Trade Center attack. In 2006, she founded Scimia Consulting Group, Inc.

through which she trained and counseled thousands on managing conflict in the workplace and developing better personal relationships. Donna had a unique ability to connect with those she trained. She always shared a piece of herself with those she worked with and encouraged many.

In 2010, Donna hosted a talk show on Pleasantville Community Television titled "Taming the Cubicle Jungle: Workplace Discussions That Make A Difference". Her shows were popular and had thousands of additional views online. They can still be accessed on the PCTV website.

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Dawn Foley

Dawn Michelle Foley, a resident of Valrico FL and formerly White Plains, died June 6, at the age of 50.

She was born March 9, 1969 in Yonkers to James L. and Marilyn (Fedorczak) Foley.

Dawn was educated in White Plains and graduated White Plains Senior High School with honors, class of 1987. She then went on to graduate from Westchester

Community College and worked with a Lawyer and Accounting firm as an office manager during her college years. She loved to travel and did so for business and pleasure while she was healthy and working. She wanted to see the world. She enjoyed swimming, roller blading, fishing, music, dancing and her pets. She had a great sense of humor.

Dawn loved life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. She befriended everyone and never had a harsh word for anyone. She loved being Irish and the Firefighter pipe band that her father was a member of. She was a cheerleader with her mom for her brother Rob's hockey teams. She was also an avid NY Ranger Hockey fan and traveled to see all open practices here in Westchester and nearby games.

Dawn loved all things music; Rock & Roll, Disco, Country and Western, Honky Tonk, Oldies and classic Willie Nelson, Andre Bocelli, Celine Dion, Elvis and Eamon's voice were among her favorites. Dancing was a favorite also, to Mr. "T's" dance band at Vista Pines in Stuart, FL where her parents have a condo.

She loved spending summers in Amagansett, NY at the beach, swimming and fishing were always fun until she

became an insulin dependent diabetic at age 22. The sun lowered her blood sugars way too much. It was time to change, so she changed gears and took up photography; afterglow sunsets, seagulls, boats, ocean scenes that would stand up to the best post-cards out there.

Dawn's many friends and relatives were aware of her many health problems due to her diabetes and always watched over her. She called them the "Special Angel Squad". She had a great sense of humor.

Dawn is survived by her life partner, Eamon Doyle and his daughter Emily of Valrico, FL, her parents, James and Marilyn Foley of White Plains, her brother Robert Foley and his son Sean of Cortlandt Manor, her ex sister-in-law Jennifer Foley of Yorktown, and her many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, far too many to list.

"May she rest in peace now, forever in our thoughts and prayers."

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Tennessee.



Some Invaders Strangle Our Landscape, Others Eat it Up

Ah, the ways of nature and how we roll with them on our properties can be challenging indeed.

Recently, I read an article online warning of nine plants we should never have on our properties because of their invasive nature, literally taking over the landscape. I was reminded that of the nine deadly sinners, I harbored three of them on my last property.

In order of viciousness in bullying their way into the landscape, they were: wisteria, bamboo and trumpet vine.

Wisteria was on the property when I arrived. Bamboo and trumpet vine, I invited in, the first because I thought it was beautiful and the latter to quickly cover an aging stockade fence.

On the same day, I read about how a different kind of predator, white-tailed deer, was removing everything from what is known as the underbrush of our woods and forests, threatening their survival.

On my property, deer relished my hosta, phlox and climbing geranium, as well as the leaves from the lower reaches of my weeping cherry, leaving naked branches. Even though I sprayed everything the deer like to eat with Bobbex repellent, whose smell is so foul that it repels me as well, I sometimes failed to spray every 30 days during growing season. I would sometimes wake up one morning to find

that my plantings had been eaten.

Too bad that these two phenomena, plant and animal, don't somehow cancel each other out, but that's just the way the balance of nature is tampered with.

Half of my 1.5-acre property was wooded and, when Irene and Sandy took down a swath of sugar maples, cherry and ash, almost a quarter-acre was laid bare. But nature, regenerative as it is, gave me a new, dense thicket of samplings there.

There was one problem: they were all locusts. Deer gobble up maple saplings but eschew those of the locust because they are very thorny. I was aware that, if I want to have my woods repopulated with maple and cherry, I'd have to buy them from a nursery at a stage where they've already grown beyond a deer's eager reach.

To deal with the deer problem, I fenced in my entire property, excluding the driveway, which was then the property's only entry point. To deal with the invasive



By Bill Primavera

plants, I had another plan – containment.

When I first moved to that property, I fell in love with draping garlands of wisteria hanging more than 60 feet in the air, hanging from one tree to the other. It was gorgeous. But an arborist warned that all the host trees would soon be dead – and some already were – if I didn't cut the strangling vines off at their core.

Taking his advice, I was actually depressed viewing those hanging, dead vines with all the blossoms gone. I wonder what would have been the harm if the host trees died. I suspect the strength of the thick wisteria vines could have held the trees' carcasses up on their own.

From that point, I continued to allow wisteria to grow on my property, but I pruned the vines before they climbed into the trees. It was the same with my trumpet vines. When I planted the aggressive trumpet vines, I contained them by placing the roots within a large bucket so they didn't take over the

property.

Some years ago, when I was visiting friends in Orange County, Calif., I was taken by the beauty of the bamboo that shielded their pool from their neighbor's property and I made a mental note of wanting to have some of my own.

But I had already heard the stories of how it can invade a property to the point of destroying basement walls and pushing up driveway blacktop. Nevertheless, I chose to plant some on the perimeters of my property, having been assured by my landscaper that it was not the most aggressive variety. But that caution doesn't matter in some communities.

In Malverne, L.I., the town council passed a law making the planting of any bamboo variety a crime punishable by a \$350 a week fine until it is removed or 15 days in jail.

Imagine, while you might find the beauty of an invasive plant arresting, you can be arrested for planting it.

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The Spheres of Influence That Impact Our Perception of Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

We all enjoy exploring our interests in wine, hopefully expanding our knowledge and awareness in the process. Whether it's settling in to our newest "favorite wine" or seeking out new producers or grapes, our ever-changing journey along the "vineyard trail" is marked with adventure and triumphs.

Wine has many spheres of influence along the way. Each glass of wine that we enjoy is the end-product of numerous components that come together in a unique manner to satisfy our ethereal sense of pleasure.

These components are pure magic. At times they are purely visceral; at other times, highly subliminal. It depends on our willingness to be seduced and the skill of the magician at hand.

'It depends on our willingness to be seduced and the skill of the magician at hand.'

The spheres of influence that impact our visceral perception of wine are wide-ranging. They include the esoteric factors that winemakers consider in producing your glass of wine, from the terroir selected to the fermentation and aging processes utilized, each affects the body and balance of the wine; the aroma and flavor components of your glass of wine; and the subjective art of pairing wine with food.

The highly subliminal spheres of influence that impact our enjoyment of wine are numerous. They include the opinion expressed by a wine critic that shows up in the press or on a wine shelf talker; the decision of an importer and/or distributor to purchase – and promote – one particular wine and not another; the lottery that takes place when retail wine shops must decide which wines to display on their shelves; and the pervasiveness of social media with its influence on the public's wine preferences.

As we experience each sip of wine from a glass, a parade of influencers permeates our senses.

The first sip is visceral. It carries the signature of the winemaker, who crafted his or her wine to please your palate. As the wine arouses your taste buds, it

relates its heritage. The influence of the indigenous soil, climate and sun combine to create a distinct and unique perception of the wine.

The second sip is less visceral, leaning toward the subliminal. It may whisper of the long journey and the many hands the wine passed through to arrive at this pivotal moment in its life. The winemaker, whose wine-stained hands crushed the grapes, aged the fermented juice and bottled it; the importer, who most likely traveled many miles to the winery to sample the wine; and the marketing agent, who crafted the compelling verbiage to tempt you.

The third sip is highly subliminal. It speaks volumes of the point-of-sale factors that may have influenced your decision to fork over the cash for the wine. It may have been the "cute" animal on the label, the compelling, ethereal description of the wine offered by the wine shop salesperson or the seductive "special sale" sticker that lured you to the wine in the first place.

By the fourth sip your palate (and your brain) is begging you to hit the pause button. But before you kill too many brain cells, you refresh your impressions of the wine and tweet them to your followers. Alas, this may have been a mistake. You

have amassed a merry band of wine compatriots and all too soon you are barraged with comments by those who wish to share their opinion of the wine, those who feel compelled to recommend similar wines and those who want you to sign up for their wine blog.

You wisely put down your smartphone and savor the final drops from the bottle. You realize that each bottle of wine is a living, breathing organism, with a storied history and a unique personality. You look forward to immersing yourself in a new lifestory when you open the next bottle.

As The Lovin' Spoonful sang: "Do you believe in magic?"

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ed by the undersigned Assessor, and that a certified copy will be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on or about the 1st day of July, 2019 where the same will remain open to public inspection. The final assessment roll is also available for inspection online via a link from our town website at www.putnamvalley.com. **SHERYL LUONGO, Assessor Dated: June 3, 2019**

Town of Putnam Valley Town Board Meeting June 19, 2019 6 PM 1. Pledge of Allegiance 2. Departmental Reports 3. Supervisor's Comments 4. Proclamations for Putnam County Youth Award Recipients: Ryan Marsh and Luke Zadrima 5. Legislative Reports 6. School Reports 7. Board action on the petition presented by residents of Floradan Estates concerning the removal of the ban on new Improvement Districts. **Districts:** 8. Authorize Supervisor to sign a contract with Northeast Aquatic Research. 9. Appoint Claire Cassidy as Beach Monitor for Hilltop Estates. 10. Appoint Greg Scibior as a Lake Peekskill Beach Monitor. **Parks & Recreation:** 11. Personnel changes. 12. Refunds **Building Department:** 13. Daily Fee Report 14. Budget Transfers 15. Public Comment 16. Audit of bills

Notice is hereby given to interested parties that a Public Hearing will be held by the **Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday June 27, 2019 at 6:30 at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake**

Road for the purpose of considering the following petitions and requests together with all other matters that may properly come before the Board at this time. **AGENDA Held Over 1. Steger, Kurt, 330 Lake Drive, 83.66-1-2; LP Request lot coverage and side yard setback variance for detached workshop. 2. Cassar, Barbara, 39 Chippewa Road, 51.73-1-10; R-3 Request a side, rear lakefront and lot coverage variance for proposed deck. New Application 3. Perez, Octavio, 55 Ridgecrest Road- 83.56-1-5,6 & 7; R-1& LP Request for side and front yard setback variance for the construction of a single family residence. 4. Barger Pond Park District, 49 Roberts Drive,-74.17-1-67 & 68; R-1 Request variance for installation of dock under Town Code 165-27 D (1) & (2). 5. Brown, Andrew, 21 Cove Road, 41.9-1-23;R-3 Request side and rear lake variance for new deck, 6. Coren, Lana, 182 West Shore Drive, 62.10-1-32; R-3 Request side yard setback variance for generator and propane tank. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN**

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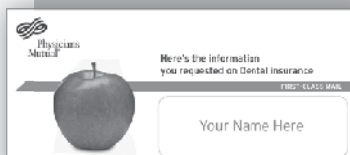
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Tigers 2019 All-Section and All-League Softball and Baseball Players Honored *Ted O'Donnell League "Coach of the Year"*

By Albert Coqueran

On June 5, at the Section 1 Awards Dinner held at the Westchester Manor, in Hasting-on-the Hudson, four members of the 2019 League 1 D Champion White Plains High School Softball Team were honored with All-Section Awards and two members received All-Section Honorable Mention distinction, as well as eight players selected All-League. Besides the Lady Tigers players pictured: sophomore centerfielder Amanda LeMark and freshman rightfielder Kiersten Hardy were also selected All-League this season.

More importantly, the entire 2019 Varsity Softball Team made the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athletic Team with a weighted team average of 101.54, while participating in a combined 33 Advanced Placement and Honors Classes.

No wonder, WPHS Head Softball Coach Ted O'Donnell, who led the Lady Tigers to the Section 1 Finals for the first time since 2007, was awarded League 1-D "Coach of the Year."

Also, Tigers Baseball ace pitcher Anthony Burgio was selected as All-Section and League 1-D "Pitcher of the Year" as well as Conference 1 AA "Pitcher of the Year."



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

WPHS Varsity Head Softball Coach Ted O'Donnell (front) was selected 2019 Conference 1 League 1-D "Coach of the Year." O'Donnell is flanked by members of his coaching staff, including Assistant Coach Michael "Skip" Stevens and Volunteer Assistant Coach Chris Rowan and their League 1 D Championship Softball Team.



WPHS freshman second baseman Alexa Galligani selected All-Section, All-League and League 1-D Co-Player of the Year in 2019. In 23 games this season, Galligani batted .606 with a .696 OBP, with 43 hits, including 17 doubles, three triples, three homeruns and 20 walks with 23 RBIs. Galligani as a freshman has proven to be one of the best contact hitters in Section 1.



Ella Utschig, the WPHS freshman Varsity Softball pitcher was selected All-Section, All-League and League 1-D "Pitcher of the Year" this season. Utschig in 23 games this season compiled a record of 16-3 with nine shutouts to her credit. The freshman righty struck-out 187 batters, while maintaining an 1.42 ERA throughout the season. At the plate Utschig batted .346 with 27 hits, including five doubles and two homeruns with 22 RBIs.



Lady Tigers freshman shortstop Natasha Mendez also received All-Section Honorable Mention and All-League honors this season. Mendez batted .360 in 21 games with 27 hits, 26 RBIs and 17 runs scored.



WPHS Baseball ace pitcher Anthony Burgio was selected All-Section, All-League and League "Pitcher of the Year" as well as, Conference 1 Class AA "Pitcher of the Year" and Section 1 AA Runner-up Pitcher of the Year. Burgio will be pitching locally next season for the Mavericks of Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry.

EXAMINER SPORTS

Stepinac's Paul Thomas Inducted into CHSAA Hall of Fame

On May 29, Paul Thomas, a 1980 graduate of Stepinac High School and the present Director of Advancement at Stepinac was inducted into the Catholic High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame Class of 2019.

Thomas (pictured center) was inducted during a ceremony in Brooklyn and presented the distinction by Raymond Nash (left), President of the CHSAA Diocese of Brooklyn and Kevin Pigott, the President of the CHSAA Archdiocese of New York.

Thomas was a standout athlete for the Crusaders, while running cross-country, undertaking the rugged sport of rugby and playing basketball for fellow CHSAA Hall of Famer, Coach Gene Doris.

After graduating from Manhattan College in 1984, Thomas spent the next 19 years as a teacher and coach at Mount St.

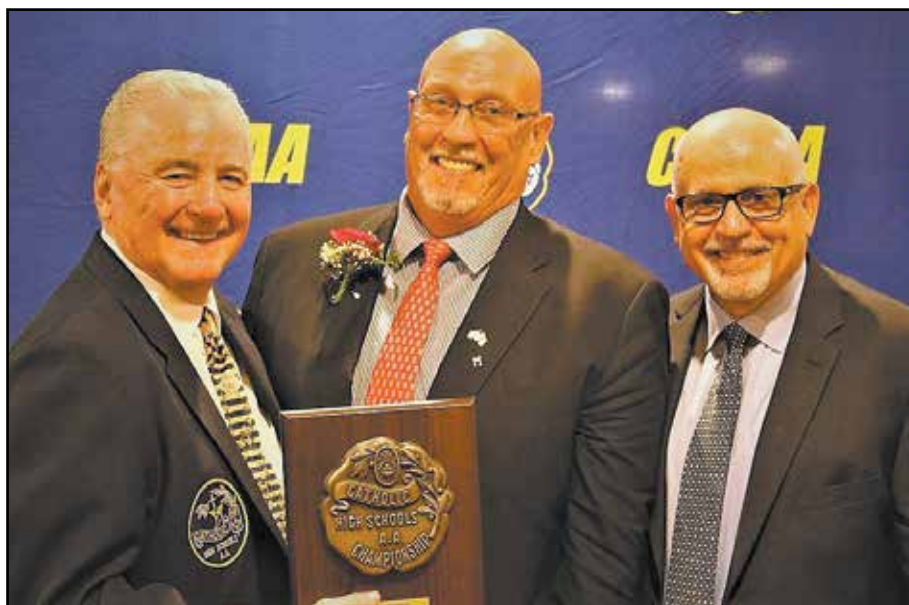


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—Albert Coqueran

Michael Academy. Three of the freshman Mountaineer teams led by Thomas won the CHSAA "A" Championship.

During his tenure at Mount St. Michael, Thomas transitioned to the Administration Department as their Director of Development. He also became the Publisher and Editor of the CHSAA Basketball Playoff Journal, a job he has maintained for the past 19 years.

In 2004 Thomas returned to Stepinac High School to help lead the school's advancement program. Thomas is also the Co-Founder of the Catholic School League of Westchester (CSLW), an elementary school league for boys and girls ages four through eight years old. Thomas also serves on the Board of Governors of the Catholic High School Football League.

NY Liberty Tina Charles All-Time Leading Scorer - Nurse an Impact Player

By Albert Coqueran

First, let's clarify some logistics concerning the NY Liberty sale to Joe Tsai and his family. The purchase of the Liberty by Tsai was approved by the WNBA and NBA Board of Governors, on January 23, 2019. Tsai is also a minority owner of the Brooklyn Nets, while acquiring 49% of the Brooklyn franchise.

However, at present the Liberty, although owned by Brooklyn Nets owner Tsai, remains an independent WNBA team whose home court next season has yet to be determined. Therefore, it is not certain at this time whether the Ladies of Liberty will make their home in Brooklyn or possibly on Long Island at the G-League affiliate of the Nets, the Long Island Nets home court of the Nassau Coliseum or



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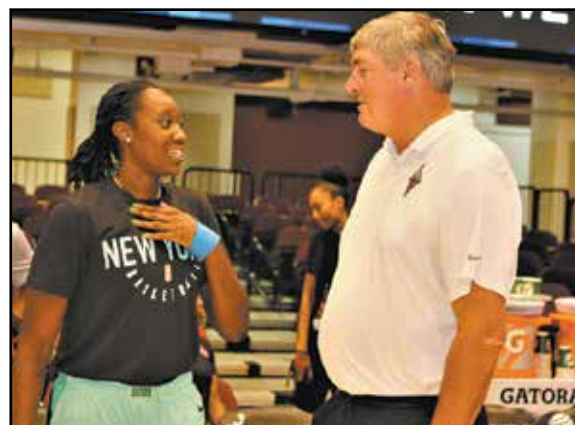
Yolanda F. Johnson from Tarrytown, a renowned Soprano in the New York area sang a rendition of the National Anthem that prompted an enthusiastic standing ovation before the Liberty played the Las Vegas Aces, at the Westchester County Center, on Sunday, June 9.

possibly at a venue totally unrelated to the aforementioned sites.

This is a wait and see situation, as the Liberty continue to play their home games this season at the Westchester County Center, in White Plains. Hopefully, an official announcement will be coming soon regarding where the Liberty, an original team of the WNBA, with 23 years of women's basketball history will call their home next season.

The Liberty presently has a record of 3-5 this season, after starting the season 0-4. The Ladies of Liberty regrouped and appeared to be a completely different team when they won their first game this season, 88-78, over the visiting Las Vegas Aces at the County Center, on Sunday, June 9.

Possibly, it was playing against their



Liberty All-Time Leading Scorer Tina Charles (left) enjoys a moment with her former Liberty Head Coach Bill Laimbeer before the Liberty played the Las Vegas Aces. "Tina is one of the most consistent players in this league, year in and year out," acknowledged Laimbeer, who now is the Head Coach of the Aces.

former Head Coach Bill Laimbeer and his Assistant Coach Vickie Johnson, a Liberty legend, who now lead the Aces that ignited a spark within the Ladies of Liberty or maybe it was just them refusing to lose five straight games to start the 2019 season.

Either way, after a buzzer beating loss to the Indiana Fever in the Liberty Home Opener on May 24, which led to a four-game losing streak, the Liberty bounced back to win two straight games at the County Center. Besides the Aces win on June 9, they beat All-Star center Sylvia Fowles and the Minnesota Lynx, 75-69, on Wednesday, June 12.

Guard Kia Nurse, the first round, 10th overall pick of the Liberty in the 2018 WNBA Draft has been exiting fans at the County Center, while streaking up and down the court to score a season-high 26 points against the Lynx.

In eight games this season, Nurse is averaging 31 minutes per game on the

court, while scoring at a rate of 15.4 points per game (ppg.) adding 2.4 assists, and shooting 41.2% from the field and 87.5% from the free throw line. Not bad for a second year player in the WNBA.

With Nurse's former UConn teammate center Kiah Stokes, still committed to overseas duties, Amanda Zauhi B has picked up the slack in a quality manner, while averaging 11.7 ppg. and 7.5 rebounds in 27.4 minutes per game while hitting 50.7% of her shots from the field.

Nonetheless, it is no secret which player leads and steadies the NY Liberty on the court. Liberty center Tina Charles is such a consistent player that she is already averaging this season 17.9 points per game and 8.5 rebounds per game, which is close to her career averages of 18.2 ppg. and 9.7 rpg. in nine seasons.

On Tuesday, June 4, in a 78-73 loss to the Los Angeles Sparks, on "School Day" at the Westchester County Center, Charles scored 21 points and surpassed Liberty legend Vickie Johnson, as the Liberty All-Time Leading Scorer with 3249 points.

"This milestone means a lot to me, especially considering what this organization means to me. This team was the first game I ever attended as a child in 1997, so it gave me a dream to inspire to be a pro but I do not think my career will be complete without a WNBA Championship," said Charles, a Queens native who graduated from Christ the King High School.



Liberty center Tina Charles (right) jumps ball against Las Vegas Aces center Liz Cambage to start the game at the Westchester County Center, on June 9. Charles scored 21 points, as the Liberty won their first game this season, 88-78, over the Aces.

..... EXAMINER SPORTS

White Plains Girl Delivers in Pitch Hit & Run Contest

Una O'Donnell, a 12-year-old seventh grader at Scarsdale Middle School, won first-place on Saturday at the team championship portion of the Pitch Hit & Run contest, Major League Baseball's annual youth skills competition for kids ages 7 to 14.

The White Plains resident and avid Mets fan already won a local competition in May and then a sectional contest earlier this month to advance to Saturday's special event at Citi Field. The top three scores in each division age group out of all 30 MLB team champions will advance to the national finals. Those results will be announced live on the MLB Network on June 24.

National finalists will receive an all-expense paid trip to MLB All-Star Week; the finalists will compete on-field prior to shagging fly balls during the Home Run Derby.

As part of Saturday's festivities, before the Mets-Cardinals game at Citi Field, O'Donnell met Jeff McNeil, an infielder for the Mets.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN O'DONNELL
Softball star Una O'Donnell won first-place on Saturday in the MLB team championship round of the Pitch Hit & Run contest.

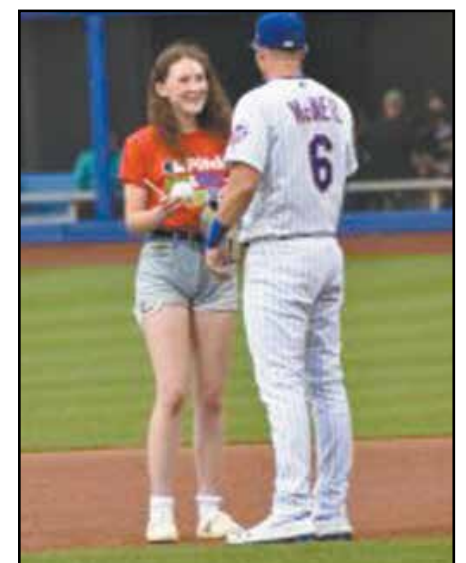


PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHLEEN MCGREAL
O'Donnell with Met infielder Jeff McNeil prior to Saturday's game.

"When they called my name I was both shocked and excited," O'Donnell said of winning first-place. "I was so happy to get this far. I've been a Mets fan ever since I

was born. I've been working hard and want to thank all my coaches."

In addition to playing softball for the Scarsdale Middle School team and in the White Plains Little League, O'Donnell also stars for the Westchester Heat, a tournament travel team affiliated with the A-Game Sports facility in New Rochelle.

Eric Hosmer is one of several current

and former Major League players who succeeded in the contest as kids. The San Diego Padre first baseman was the first Hit Pitch & Run National Finalist to make it to the Major Leagues, having competed in 1998 in the finals hosted in Denver, Co. Participants in Hit Pitch & Run compete in either the baseball division or softball division.

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