

Wolf Tales

*The Newsletter of
Gorton's Class of '65*



'The strength of the wolf is in the pack'

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Gorton Celebrates A Breakthrough Year

Grad Rate 97%; Highest In Decades

I am pleased to announce that this academic school year, through tremendous support from administrators, faculty, students and parents, we have achieved greatness!

Our students were awarded more than \$14 million dollars in scholarships and, for the first time in many decades, Gorton posted a graduation rate that exceeded 97%. The dedication, determination and hunger for success is what helps our students to grow into respectful and responsible adults.



Principal Thoughts

by their commitment to excellence.

We had many successes and some challenges, yet despite it all, we continued the work that had to be done to ensure the safety and educational needs of our students. Working together we continue



The thrill of graduation for GHS seniors.

to achieve so much.

This year, through the Alumni Association, we broke ground and dedicated the Never Forget Garden to honor the men and women of Gorton who served in the military. Additionally, we installed a beautiful stone plaque marking the 100th anniversary of The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We are the only high school in the nation to honor veterans in such a manner. This achievement speaks volumes to the dedication, love and support of our Alumni Association.

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BILL NOTHDURFT

—1947-2022—



After Gorton, He Led a Novel Life

Bill Nothdurft, a 1965 Gorton graduate and successful novelist, died June 18 of cancer at his home on Vashon Island, WA., two months after his 75th birthday.

A skinny kid with glasses who grew up in Glenwood Gardens, he attended PS 25. While at Gorton, a foot-long growth spurt further complicated his health issues.

"To some he may have seemed the original 97-pound weakling," said his friend Don Parry, "but he turned out to be one tough customer, waging a long, hard-fought battle against a vicious enemy. Rest in Peace, old friend."

Bill also dealt with a troubled home life as well as dyslexia. In an interview with *Wolf Tales*, he said, "Everyone is my family is 'normally' dyslexic...they can't spell three letter words and writing is torture. My version is different: It is almost impossible for me to remember anything I have read or heard." Only by taking copious notes was he able to remember subject matters.

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THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT—It was a busy but happy time for Phyllis Yatchie Benjamin and her husband, Ken. Center, they attend their granddaughter Gabrielle Benjamin Solomon's graduation from Yeshiva University. At left, their daughter, Rachel Cohen and son-in-law Craig, pose with their son and daughter, Alex and Sydney, before their senior and junior proms. On the right, Alex holds his dog, Ziggy, for a high school graduation picture.



HIGH SCHOOL PROM—Yvonne Sullivan Price's granddaughter, Aiyla Cruz, and Ryan Rhodes pose before attending the Central High School senior prom in Pennington, NJ.



ICING ON THE CAKE—Grandchildren Eleanore and Patrick Tolar join Frank McGlinchey to celebrate his wife Carolynn's birthday.



STAR-SPANGLED STYLE—Ursula Belle Healy, her granddaughter, Ava Belle, and friends Catherine and Lauren Perchard celebrate Memorial Day. The friends' father was a helicopter pilot and West Point cadet deployed to Iraq and their grandfather was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam.



45TH ANNIVERSARY--Priscilla and Kevin Henry celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary. "I am a very fortunate man," Kevin said. "She is not only a great wife but she is also a great mother and grandmother."



Gorton's graduation at Westchester Community College.



Dr. Edwin Quezada greets Gorton students and family members.

GRADS (from Page One)

As the Academy of Medical Professions High School, and through diligence and dedication from our staff and students, we initiated a pilot EMT program this school year. We have received new equipment such as exam tables, hospital beds, practice management software, phlebotomy arms and EKG machines, all of which helped train the students and prepare them for work in the medical field.

In addition, our students and staff have begun interning in hospitals and doctors' offices as well as participating and promoting community health awareness events such as Relay for Life.

All the initiatives that we implemented this school year has been developed to improve instruction, literacy, hands-on skills learning and work-based readiness. These efforts enable our high school students to gain skills valued in college and the workforce.

The expectations at Gorton High School have never wavered. Our 2022 senior class has led our building with pride, respect, and determination. Success isn't always about greatness, it's about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success and greatness will come!

Lastly, I would like to thank the Gorton High School Alumni Association for its kindness, cooperation and unwavering support. We have triumphed over barriers that we often thought we would never get past.

We have been amazed by the flexibility, tenacity and creativity that our students have shown. They are resilient, we are resilient and we will continue to persevere.

Thanks for your support and best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy summer!

Will Shagurra is the principal at Gorton High School. He grew up in the Lake Avenue and North End neighborhoods.

Shagurra Reassigned To Riverside

Gorton Principal Will Shagurra has been reassigned to Riverside High School beginning in August, according to an announcement posted by School Superintendent Dr. Edwin M. Quezada on both schools' websites.

Shagurra will replace Dr. Don Solimene, who accepted the position of Arlington High School in Dutchess County, where Solimene's wife and her family attended schools.

"Because of the work Principal Shagurra accomplished at Gorton," Quezada said in a prepared statement, "I have asked him to assume the responsibilities as Principal of Riverside High School beginning this August. [I] thank Principal Shagurra for his outstanding leadership at Gorton, which has laid the foundation for excellence."

"During his successful tenure as principal at Gorton High School," Quezada continued, "he acquired considerable expertise in developing and expanding a P-Tech program, Career and Technical Education program certification and College and Career Readiness."

According to Quezada, Assistant Principal Jamie Morales will be appointed Gorton's principal following Board of Education approval on July 20.

Quezada said, "During his tenure as Gorton's assistant principal, he has fostered a collaborative learning community for student success with students, families, faculty and staff."

"I am confident that Mr. Morales will provide strong leadership and a seamless transition to continue the vibrant instructional programs enabling all students and staff to achieve their full potential."

Taking Care Of Business With Pleasure

Dear Alumni and Friends of Gorton:

I hope you are enjoying the arrival of warmer weather, and are in good health and spirits. June has been a busy month for the Association and me.

First, I visited Gorton personally to review the condition of the Never Forget Garden; meet with Dr. Mike Wszolek, a teacher who manages the Academy for Medical Professions program; and to follow up on the posthumous award of a diploma for C49 Anthony Clemens, a medic who died in action in Korea in 1951.

The Garden experienced some heat stress and a number of plants will be replaced. Simultaneously, we will complete the out-



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door lighting, install our bronze plaque on the granite marker, as well as install a second granite bench on the east side of the garden. All in all...we are in good shape.

The meeting with Dr. Mike Wszolek was outstanding. The Association has two board members, Toni DeNicola C64 and Diane Krusko C73, on the Academy's Advisory Board. In addition, the Association helped sponsor the Academy's CTE (Career Technical Education) Awards dinner. It was a roaring success (see Page xx).

Anthony Clemens' degree will be awarded posthumously at the graduation of the Gorton 2022 class. The Association is working to find surviving members of his family.

Class of 1967 Reunion

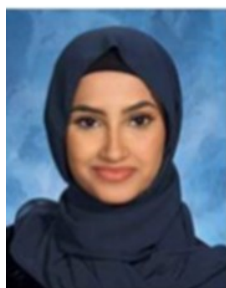
The second purpose of the trip was to attend the 55th Reunion of the Class of 1967 held at the Marriott Tarrytown. What a great class they are! Very close knit, communicative and true carriers of the Gorton spirit.

I knew many of them and their siblings from earlier Gorton classes and many even remembered me from my days at Gorton. Several even highlighted my bowling exploits on Saturday mornings at Homefield Bowl, including the day my thumb got stuck in the ball and launched it into the ceiling of the lane. It's amazing how some things follow you forever, no matter how hard you try to forget!

Our New Board Members

Finally, the third and most rewarding part of the trip, was to meet with and announce the election of two new board members of the Alumni Association, C2013 Andrea Cordero and C1994 Dan DeMatteo. I couldn't be more excited about either of the outstanding

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Elham E. Al Shareqi Valedictorian

Weighted grade point average of 100.12

Advanced Placement (AP) and College Link (CL) Courses

CL College Reasoning, CL Writing & Research, CL Anatomy/Physiology I, CL College Algebra & Trigonometry, CL Medical Terminology, American Government & Issues, Introduction to Health Information Management, Advanced Health Information, Introduction to Sociology.

School Activities

P-Tech student.

Awards, Honors and Scholarships

Star Student in English, Star Student in College Algebra & Trigonometry, Superintendent's Honor Society Club 90, High Honor Roll and Principal's List 2018-2022.

Community Service and Work

Quran student teacher at local Mosque, during Ramadan held fundraisers to donate to different charities, participated in orientation for Cohort two students, contributed to preparations of school events, Auntie Anne's crewmember.

Hobbies and Interesting Facts

Traveling, cooking, writing, journaling, painting and reading; emigrated to the U.S. nine years ago, taught herself English, fluent in English and Arabic, currently engaged in Clinical Rotations at St. John's Hospital, will graduate with 27 college credits toward her Health Information Technology Associate's degree from Westchester Community College.

Aspirations

Plans to major in Health & Medicine/Human Resources/Nursing

Accepted

Columbia University, Harvard University, New York University, Pace University, Yale University



Kwadwo Osarfo-Akoto Salutatorian

Weighted grade point average of 98.96

Advanced Placement (AP) and College Link (CL) Courses

AP World History, AP English Literature Composition, AP Psychology, CL Statistics, CL College Reasoning, CL Writing & Research.

School Activities

My Brother's Keeper, YPIE Scholar, YPIE Debate Team, Creator Club, Baseball Team

Awards, Honors and Scholarships

University of Massachusetts Amherst Chancellor Award, Yonkers Historical Society American History Recognition Award, YPIE Debate Team Winner of three debates, 5th place in junior ranking, Black History Celebration Honoree, Seal of Civic Readiness, Superintendent's Honor Society Club 90, High Honor Roll and Principal's List 2018-2022.

Community Service and Work

Church of Pentecost USA volunteer assistant technology manager and advisor, Camp Ray's counselor in training.

Hobbies and Interesting Facts

Baseball, debating, building and fixing computers, coding, typing, cycling, solving Rubik's cube, jigsaw puzzles, red-black belt in Taekwondo, started a free computer repair service at his church, interest in Japanese culture and the stock market.

Aspirations

Plans to major in Computer Science/Engineering

Attending

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Gorton's CTE Celebrates Milestone

Gorton's Career and Technical Education (CTE) made history this year when its fledgling program was awarded the NYS Department Certification in Medical Assisting.

CTE enables students to gain vocational skills and real-world knowledge needed for jobs in technologically advanced sectors. Only two other Yonkers schools, Roosevelt and Saunders, have NYS CTE-approved programs. Thirty Gorton seniors participated in the program.

To mark the occasion, the school hosted its inaugural Academy of Medical Professions CTE Awards Dinner at the Westchester Manor in Hastings-on-Hudson.

In prepared remarks, Principal Will Shagurra noted that its CTE program has been revised and completely changed over the past five years. "Under the guidance of Assistant Principal Jamie Morales, Department Chair Dr. Michael Wszolek and Dawn Myers, EMT and anatomy teacher, our program has become New York State certified. Gorton students can leave with Certification in Medical Assisting."

Shagurra also noted that Gorton continues to build an EMT program as well as a business/marketing pathway. "Our goal is to have three certified programs within the next two years," Shagurra said. "This would mean that students who come to Gorton would have multiple options to be able to receive a CTE certification before they graduate."

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of scholarships and awards.

Scholarships:

Gorton High School CTE Faculty

Scholarship: Bretzaida Joven

This scholarship is funded by the faculty of

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Janeth Ahedo-Barragan
College: Lehman
Major: Nursing



Jasmin Ahedo-Barragan
College: Lehman
Major: Nursing



Sahiry Arbaje-Ceballos
College: Lehman
Major: Nursing



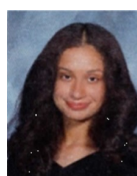
Ariana Arellano Martinez
College: Pace Univ.
Major: Criminal Justice



Kaylee Torres
College: WCC
Major: Nursing



Melissa Vega
College: Iona College
Major: Criminal Justice



Salma Odeh
College: SUNY New Paltz
Major: Secondary Education



Leah Miah Quinones
College: John Jay
Major: Forensic Science



Ashley Contreras
College: Mercy
Major: Psychology



Elsy Djatschenko
College: SUNY Cortland
Major: Biology



Jaylene Leilani Gonzalez
College: Iona College
Major: Nursing/Biology



Andrew Guzman
College: SUNY Binghamton
Major: Biology



Jorden McNair
College: Lehman
Major: Biology



Samantha Meregildo-Fereras
College: Mercy
Major: Undeclared



Jagroop Singh
College: Lehman
Major: Nursing



Ishba Tajriyan
College: CUNY Baruch
Major: Financial Mathematics



Melani Balbuena
College: WCC
Major: Nursing



Amanda Benoit Taveras
College: Hunter
Major: Biological Sciences or Psychology



Mya Renee Brown
College: WCC
Major: Undecided



Diana Campos Leyva
College: Fordham
Major: Biology



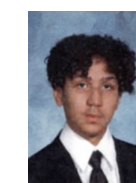
Ginellys Reyes
College: Undecided
Major: Pre-Med



Aracelis A. Rivera
College: Mercy
Major: Nursing



Aleena Manuel
College: Nova Southeastern University
Major: Biology



Christopher Marquez
College: WCC
Major: Undecided



Nate Guzman
College: Lehman
Major: Nursing



Janet Herrera
College: College of Mount Saint Vincent
Major: Nursing



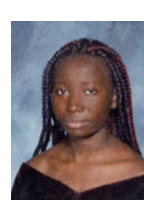
Jeanette Lemus
College: Trade School
Major: Medical Assistant



Dayanara Lopez
College: WCC
Major: Undecided



Bretzaida Anahi Joven
College: Lehman
Major: Nursing

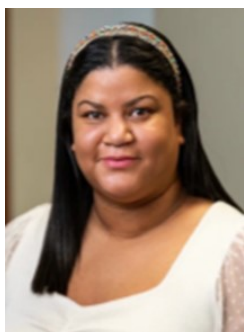


Helen Japh Lantam
College: SUNY Binghamton
Major: Nursing

ALUMS (from Page 4)

candidates.

Andrea Cordero was born and raised in Yonkers. She was captain of the girls' varsity basketball team, graduated valedictorian from Gorton in 2013 and attended the University of Connecticut where she received a B.S. in Biology. She continued her education at Quinnipiac University and received an MBA in Healthcare Management.



Throughout her college experience, Andrea gained a vast amount of knowledge on the college application process and college life experience that she wanted to share with the minority community. She

created ASC College Consulting, fully funded and run by Andrea. She has dedicated her time and resources to the minority community in order to provide students the opportunity to succeed and reach their full potential.

Andrea is a healthcare professional by trade and actively works in clinical re-

search. She is employed at Alto Neuroscience as lead clinical research associate.

She is known for her strong leadership and exceptional communication skills. In both professional and casual settings, Andrea conveys a level of confidence that allows her to collaborate with individuals at any level in any setting.

Dan DeMatteo is a 1994 graduate of Gorton and a member of the renowned DeMatteo sports family. His father is the legendary Don DeMatteo, head football coach at Gorton for 25 years before his death in 1999.

After graduation, Dan earned his B.S. in Physical Education at SUNY Cortland and a Master in Education from the University of New England. Dan holds multiple certifications in various education, health and social disciplines.

Dan has been a teacher in the Yonkers Public School system since September 2000 and is physical education teacher and head football coach at Gorton. Needless to say, he has followed in his father's footsteps quite well and kept the family's winning tradition alive. Most importantly, Dan is devoted to Gorton, its students and the betterment of the community.

Dan has numerous outside interests but they all revolve around making kids be best at what they do. Most notably, he is a board member of Destination College, a charity that works with athletes from three Westchester high schools (Gorton being one) to best prepare for college life. Athletes learn the value of becoming student-athletes and receive direction on the value of hard work and studies to win scholarships, financial aid and college admission. This charity work will be a tremendous plus to the Alumni Association.



Both of these candidates are devoted to Gorton, are current on student needs and issues, familiar with charity operations and have positive histories of giving back to the community. Please join your Alumni Board in congratulating and welcoming Andrea Cordero and Dan DeMatteo to the Gorton Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Bill Tolany is the president of the Charles E. Gorton High School Alumni Association and a member of the Class of 1964.

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the CTE program. It is awarded to the student who exemplifies the spirit of the CTE program. This student demonstrated both academic knowledge and exemplary hands-on skills that are necessary in the medical field. This student is ready to work in the medical field while furthering his/her education and continuing to excel in their career path.

Erica M. Wszolek Woman in Medicine Future Leader Award: Janeth and Jasmin Ahedo

This scholarship is for a female student who exemplifies the traits of leadership and has the motivation to excel in all that she undertakes. It is an award to celebrate women who challenge, motivate, and inspire, while recognizing the cultural and

structural barriers to women who lead.

Medical Awards:

Public Service Award: Melani Balbuena

This award is presented to the student who has volunteered his/her time performing community service for events related to healthcare such as blood drives, health fairs and vaccination clinics.

Spirit of Medicine Award: Helen Lantam

This award is presented to the student who demonstrates empathy, compassion, integrity and leadership in healthcare.

Health Education Award: Amanda Benoit

This award is presented to the student who has taken an interest in promoting public health. She/he has shown an interest in the care and well-being of others and selflessly gives her/his time for the benefit of others.

Shining Star Award: Sahiry Arbaje

This award is presented to the student who has excelled in all CTE classes as well as her/his core classes. This student has not only excelled academically but is also well rounded in her/his participation in extra-curricular activities.

Members of the CTE Advisory Board include: the Gorton Alumni Association; Sun River Health; National Association of Hispanic Nurses; White Plains Hospital; Yonkers Ave Dental; St. John's Riverside Hospital; Jacobi Hospital; Crystal Run Healthcare; New York Presbyterian Lawrence; St. Joseph's Hospital; Westchester Community College; Westchester Educational Opportunity Center; Westchester School of Medical and Dental Assisting; College of Westchester; Iona Liberty Partners; Park Ave Family Practice; and the New York Blood Center.

Tuers De Force



EDITOR'S NOTE: *Steve is recovering from oral surgery and is taking some time off. Here's what he was up to before having three molars removed.*



HOW ABOUT THAT?—As an invitee to the Class of 1967's 55th reunion, Steve ran into Sylvia Lawson. "Sylvia and her brother Paul grew up with me on Woodward Avenue," Steve writes. "I lived at 233 and they lived at 254." Sylvia taught fifth grade at PS 25 for 30 years before retiring. "I haven't seen Paul, who's now 80, in more than 60 years," Steve added, "but I've contacted him and we will be having lunch soon. As Mel Allen would say, 'How about that!'"



DRIVE FOR SHOW—Playing a round at the Moshula Golf Course in the Bronx with his niece's boyfriend was a sheer delight. "Having the first tee time of the day at 7 a.m. meant we had the pristine 9-hole golf course to ourselves," Steve writes. "The course gave us the 'Limo Cart,' which let my niece watch us play."



PRE-K GRAD—Iyla Gonzalez, Kevin Henry's granddaughter, wears her colors before graduating from Pre-K. "We're very proud of her," Kevin quipped. "She's the first in the family to graduate from Pre-K. I was thrown out for stealing candy."



GREEN AND WHITE—Joan Lawless Kennedy's oldest grandson displays his diploma from Walker Governor's School in Richmond, VA. He'll be attending the University of Virginia this fall like his parents before him.



TO KINDERGARTEN AND BEYOND—Prairie Sky Citron poses with her grandparents, Yvonne (Sullivan) and Greg Price outside her Pre-K school in Connecticut. Below, Yvonne hugs her granddaughter Aiyla Cruz, who graduated from Central High School in Pennington, NJ. Aiyla will be attending Salve Regina University in Rhode Island this fall, a stone's throw away from her big sister, Felicity, who'll be a sophomore this year at the University of Rhode Island.



BILL (from Page One)

While at Gorton, two teachers saw his creative talent. His 8th-grade teacher, Margaret D'Ascoli, praised his report on Longfellow's *Evangeline* to the point of embarrassment. "I wanted to crawl under a rock and die," he said. The other was his 11th- and 12th-grade English teacher, Robert Foley.

"Mr. Foley seemed to have seen something in me and he just kept pressing me to work harder. He'd correct other students' papers but in mine, he'd just add cryptic comments for me to resolve on my own. I suspect he also taught me to be an analytic thinker."

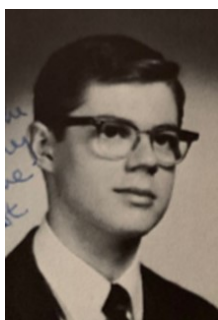
"Will always credited me, fondly remembering the many 'Hehs!' I placed on his essays," Foley said. "He had the final 'Heh!' but was always too gracious to remind me of that. He will be sorely missed by his colleagues, fellow writers, fans, friends and, in my case, an old English teacher. I will miss his wit, intelligence and warmth."

Bill's wit and character were on full display when classmates would gather on the corner of Warburton and Glenwood to swap gossip, quips and good-hearted insults called "chop fights." The king of chops got to sit on the mailbox and gloat until brought down to earth by a better barb.

That wit, or "snarkiness" as friend Lori Rowe would call it, was still evident when Janet Guyon Hanford visited him a couple of years back. "Bill was an unforgettable character," Janet said. "Seeing him in action with his cronies at their morning coffee-klatches on

Vashon Island was a treat. His sarcasm, along with theirs, made for very interesting breakfast chatter."

His friendship, and writings, stood the test of time. "The connection, the adoration for each other, never wavered," Lori said. "He was at once exasperating and marvelous. He was brave, he was strong, he was loving... and all those other attributes we knew and hated. He presented a magnificent face to the world and that was in itself a magnificent thing."



Born April 4, 1947, to Hazel (Kaufman) and William Nothdurft, Bill graduated from Albany State cum laude in 1970. While there, he founded *The Word*, a literary magazine. He later earned a Master of Journalism from Penn State, although he never took up that trade.

"We were members of a mutual disappointment society," Alex Poletsky said. "I wished I could have been a novelist; he wished he could have been a newspaper journalist. The world's a better place that neither of our wishes came true."

Instead, Bill worked as a writer and analyst in environmental planning and management. He eventually landed a senior political appointment in the Carter administration.

After a decade of authoring white papers for public-policy think tanks, he ghosted *Common Sense Government* with Vice President Al Gore and *Between Hope and History* with President Clinton in the 1990s.

When he moved to Washington State, Bill was contacted by a Seattle-based book publisher to do a first-person book by Mt. Everest mountaineers (*Ghosts of Everest*). After several other projects, he began writing fiction novels under the pen name of Will North. His first effort, *The Long Walk Home*, was completed in 90 days. His last novel was *Murder on the Commons*, the fourth of his Davies & West mystery series set in England.

Married three times, Bill is survived by a son Eric, grandson Baker and nieces Erica and Andrea. His was predeceased by his sister, Nancy (GHS 1969).

Beneath the Prose Lived His Poetry

Bill, the familiar, became Will, the noted writer of novels and mysteries.

He was also writer of a book on reinventing public schools, on the lost dinosaurs of Egypt, on the ghosts of Mt. Everest, one on driving and walking through the countryside of Great Britain and Scotland with his second wife, Gwen, and as a ghostwriter for a president.

But for me, it was his poetry that shone brightest. He'd been writing poems all his adult life. He would send them to me for an opinion he knew he would receive unvarnished. I spent decades pleading with him to pursue getting them published, to no avail. He followed a different literary path and found success.

In a final gesture I know he will appreciate, foregoing our lifetime of silly competition and "gotcha" moments, I proudly submit one of many poems by our Bill.

—Yvonne Sullivan Price

ANASAZI RUINS

And so, intruder, what do you find
in the sum of signs we left behind:

The outlined hands on ochre cliffs
the tiny shapes of babies' feet,
and pressed in white on blood-red clay
an ancient band of fingerprints;

A point, a flint, a flake of chert,
a brace of prayer sticks worn and bleached,
a painted shard of pot atop
a wind-cut plinth of ashen earth;

A door, a step, a hearth, a home
protected on a soaring ledge
a basket rim of willow wands,
and these, pecked out in flaking stone:

A row of corn, a moon, a deer,
a snake, a bear, a mountain goat,
a reclining man who plays a flute,
a cryptic bird-head shaman seer;

What can you know from this meager stock,
from centuries of memory, locked in rock?

Selected writings

Common Sense Government by Al Gore (1995)

Between Hope and History by Bill Clinton (1996)

Ghosts of Everest: The Search for Mallory & Irvine (1999)

The Lost Dinosaurs of Egypt (2002)

The Long Walk Home (2007)

Water, Stone, Heart (2009)

Seasons' End (2013)

Harm None (2014)

Too Clever By Half (2015)

Trevega House (2017)

Murder on the Commons (2020)



County Louth (Baltry) Golf Course, 12th hole—one of the most perfect I've seen and also the course where I tore the muscle in my right arm.



St. Patrick's Links, 12th hole.

The Greatest Golf Story Barely Told

"Everyone's got a plan until they get punched in the mouth."

—Jack Reacher

After a year of planning, my Ireland travel itinerary was more than 100 pages in length. Six weeks, 22 world-class seaside links golf courses, numerous castles, cliffs, breweries and distilleries would surely be an epic Irish journey.



By Sam O'Fried

After two delightful days in Dublin, Gale and I happily pushed our golf-bag carrying trolleys up the rumpled fairways of County Louth Golf Club, aka Baltry. The sun was shining a wee bit, 55 degrees, not much rain

fell and the wind blew at a zephyrous 30 mph. The course was beautiful, exquisite at times, as it rambled amongst the sea-side dunes. Then came the punch.

My right forearm swelled up like an alien had moved in. I braced it and strapped it down, proving I was "The King of Denial." Six fantastic courses later, every stroke more painful than the last, my arm turned purple. I saw a doc, who called a TKO.



Torn muscle. No more golf for at least six weeks.

Throwing my masterful itinerary out the window, everything had to be redone. We still had a wonderful trip (not counting having to drive 1,700 nerve-wracked miles on the wrong side of the road), doing all sorts of touristy stuff. But we were supposed to be feasting on Ireland's best golf



IRISH SPRING—Sam playing The Old Links, Ballyliffin, in 45 degrees, 40 mph wind and rain. Above, Cruit ("Critch") Island Golf Club, 6th hole, "The best par 3 in Ireland."

courses and we got fish and chips. Time to start planning the return trip?

With his quest to play 500 rounds of golf at 500 different golf courses on hold, Sam and Gale's photo essay continues on the next page.



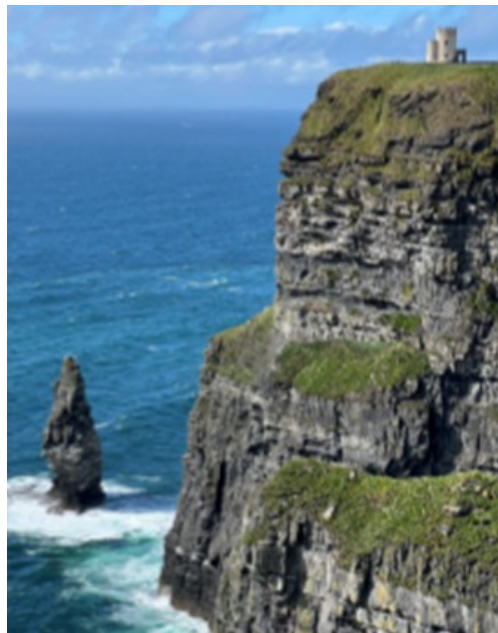
Tourist stuff.



The Singing Pub, Rosapenna.



Streets of Kinsale.



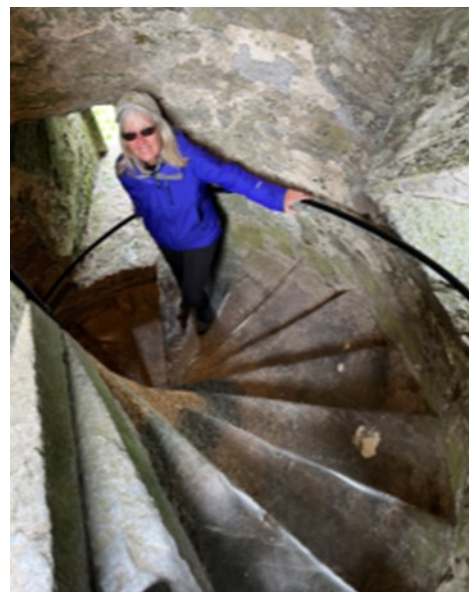
Cliffs of Moher, aka The Cliffs of Insanity from *The Princess Bride*.



The Long Library, Trinity College, Dublin.



Blarney Castle.



Gale ascending steps to Blarney Castle battlements.



Gold at the end of the rainbow, Gale and Sam pulling a pint at The Guinness Factory.



Sam getting ready to (almost) kiss the Blarney Stone.



'Waiter, there's a brother in my margarita.'



Editor's Note

To Marilyn: I'm Glad You Didn't Kill Me

My sister, Marilyn, turned 80 on June 6. Two years older than D-Day, she was the 1959 class salutatorian at Gorton, having skipped a grade in elementary school.

Like any kid brother, I tagged along with her. She went to PS 16, I followed. She went to Gorton, I followed. She went to Syracuse, I followed. I wonder if she ever thought, "If I throw a stick, will he go away?"

The same schools often meant the same teachers, even at Syracuse. I had a particularly difficult poli sci class with a professor who gave out "A's" like they were state secrets. Marilyn had gotten one and I was determined to follow. I was running a "B" but got a final grade of "A."

I asked Prof. Julian Friedman, how that was possible. Sitting in front of a 3-foot poster of Mao, he said, "You had an 'A' all

The Spirit of '59 Lives On

After a two-year hiatus in response to the pandemic, the Class of 1959 regulars renewed their bi-annual luncheons at Lombardo's in

Dobbs Ferry.

Florence Ampagoomian Ditko, right, took the photos of the long-anticipated reuniones.



L-R: Bill Schuck, Carol Gartner Barrett, Loretta and Pete Carey, Steve Ditko, Carl Schmidt.



Elaine Quimby Donald and Carole Woodruff Healy.



L-R: Peter Morley, James Guadiana and Bob Kirk.



L-R: Valerie Croce Park, Paula Strusinski Golio, Mary Pasqualoni and Lois Begley Licovich.

along. If I told you, you would have goofed off. You're not like your sister."

"Wait," I thought, "he remembers my sister? And who tipped him off?" It had to be my sister.

Marilyn was the first offspring of an immigrant family to go to college, ride in a non-military airplane and fly to Hawaii where she went for her masters in international relations. There, she met her Hawaiian-born husband and became a Navy wife with two children. She was based in Honolulu, Newport, San Diego, Flensburg, Germany, and Orlando.

She taught ESL to Filipino sailors who were pigeon-holed into kitchen jobs because they lacked English skills. She got divorced, became a widow, and retired

from teaching ESL to community college students in Florida. She's also a grandmother and still my big sister.

But way back when in Yonkers, she was the one who played catch with me because my dad was too busy. She was the one who lined up play dates with her classmates so I could have a big brother teach me how to hold a bat. Her bookshelves were filled with treasures that I was "too young" to read. Her LPs included Broadway musicals and scratchy LPs of Seeger, Baez, Odetta and the Newport Folk Festival.

Did I mention that she wanted to kill me?

Mom was out. Maybe it was a date or a church function. Marilyn was in charge. I

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hatched my plot. Between the kitchen and dining room was a narrow pantry. On its shelf was a cookie jar filled with home-made Toll House cookies. In that dimly lit passageway, I took roost waiting for her to grab a snack.

I don't know how long I waited, but just as she lifted the lid, I pounced with a blood-curdling scream.

I fled. Marilyn, armed with a 900-pound cookie jar top, took off in hot pursuit. Her bare foot caught the jamb, breaking her pinkie toe. I barricaded myself in the bedroom. I was about to tear up bed-sheets to make my escape out the window when mom arrived to a scene of tears and cookie crumbs.

Mom never went out again.

When Marilyn graduated from 'Cuse, I promised to take her out to dinner in New York City. It was Tad's Steakhouse in Times Square when Time Squares was THE Times Square, not an extension of Walt Disney Enterprises.

Tad's was home of the \$1.89 three-course meal with a baked potato the size of a fist, the world's most garlicky roasted garlic bread and a T-bone cooked to order—but not necessarily yours.

This time around, I figured I owed her better.

For her 80th, we flew Marilyn up first-class to celebrate her 80 years. We hadn't seen each other for too many years. We had a Carvel ice cream cake for her birthday because she never had one for her own birthday.

We went out for al fresco dining. We got rear-ended in our brand new car. We Zoomed with my grandchildren. We did it all.

It was great. It's good to have a big sister, especially one like Marilyn.

Alex Poletsky (C65) is a retired journalist and managing editor of Wolf Tales.

Graveyard Shift Hits NBA Pay Dirt

Matt Ryan, the grandson of a former Gorton principal, made it to the NBA finals wearing the Green & White, but only in spirit.

Picked up by the Celtics after trade deadlines passed, he was ineligible to play during the playoffs but worked out with the team, a somewhat fitting ending to a path filled with twists and turns.

With everything on hold due to the pandemic, Ryan's options out of college were limited—workouts with a dozen NBA teams were canceled, and so was the Summer League, normally a showcase for journeyman players. Overseas Basketball was out of the question.

Rather than land a desk job, Matt decided to work the graveyard shift—literally—doing landscape work at St. Joseph's Cemetery, near his uncle's monument business, Roger Abbate & Sons Inc., off of Truman Avenue.

"Three colleges (Notre Dame, Vanderbilt and Chattanooga) in five years. Sit out a year and a half. Maybe get a ring in the



next year? It's just insane," Ryan said. "I was fully prepared to be on the other side of the world right now, playing in God-knows-what league. I don't know. The way the dominoes have fallen this year, like, there's a God."

His mom, Laurie Abbate Ryan, is the daughter of Roger Abbate Sr., a 1956 Gorton grad who went on to be school's assistant principal from 1973-1980 and principal (1980-1986.)

"From where I was a year ago to now, is the most incredible thing to me," Ryan said. "No matter how it ends, I'm always going to remember this year as pretty much the best year of my life."

Wolf 'Pup' Leads Terps to LAX Title

There was a little bit of wolf in the Maryland Terrapin's NCAA Lacrosse championship team—Brett Makar.

Makar is the son of Keith Makar, who played for Gorton's football championships in 1982-1983. Like his dad, he also played high school football but at Yorktown and was a member of the school's state championship run in 2017.

"From what I hear, he is an even better person than he is a player," said Gorton's Dan DeMatteo.



A 6-1, 205-pound senior majoring in communications, he was named to first-team 2022 Inside Lacrosse All-American, Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year and All-Big Ten First Team.

The No. 1 Terps set an NCAA record for most wins in a season, completing a perfect 18-0 year by defeating 7th-ranked Cornell, 9-7, in the championship. Maryland became the first undefeated NCAA men's lacrosse champion since 2006 when Virginia finished a 17-0 campaign. It was the school's fourth lacrosse title.

Priceless Memories



Teen Spirit: Angst for the Memories

By now, most of us have learned that we don't talk about Bruno, no, no, no! Something we DO talk about, that every generation talks about, is teenagers.

We have not always been kind to this group. We have largely forgotten our own teen angst, the unique difficulties those seven years can bring. We tend to look back on our pasts through rose-colored glasses.

Things were different, times were safer, parents were better, life was sweeter, which often translates into WE were better, better than the teens of today, better than the parents of today. I can agree that times WERE safer then and there's the rub.

A recent event I attended was followed a few days later by an unrelated and suddenly relevant conversation. A person began talking about how kids today aren't being brought up properly, that they are spoiled, have too many things, aren't responsible, are coddled, have no work ethic. Essentially, parents were failing, had failed. Not like in our day.

Some of us have teenage grandchildren and spend a significant amount of time with them and with their friends. Some of us may have other opportunities to be with teenagers, maybe through volunteering, perhaps in our neighborhoods, places of worship, family or friends' homes, or perhaps at special events or rallies.



Yvonne stands with her daughter, Taryn Cintron, at a rally in Newtown, CT.

My own interactions and experiences with this group have been enjoyable and enlightening.

I am in awe of the way, with significant help from their parents, teachers and others, who are struggling on so many fronts themselves, these teens are continuing to try and navigate through what could be the most challenging time in memory for all of us.

Most kids spent their final school years distance learning, being taught from home, deprived of the opportunities of a normal classroom education.

More importantly, they lost the vital teacher and peer interactions needed to learn important social skills and behaviors.

They missed significant milestones, like moving up day for the youngest and prom night and high school graduation ceremonies for those older. These are all normal, significant rites of passage and celebratory occasions. We usually recall them fondly, in our later years. They are important memories we took for granted.

The parents I know who have teenagers, including my own two daughters, deserve medals. They face unimaginable daily issues. Our lunacy of "duck and cover" for a nuclear attack in the '50s has been replaced by legitimate, necessary lockdown

practices in every school in case gunfire erupts.

That's just one example of the very scary, daily reality today's parents and children face that our parents and we as parents, never did. There are many others.

At the recent event I attended to mark the 10th anniversary of Sandy Hook, many teens were present. Six spoke. They were more eloquent, passionate and impressive than any of the adults who also addressed the crowd.

We don't talk about Bruno. But we can and should talk, with pride and support, about Greta Thunberg, an environmental activist; Malala Yousafzei, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate; Jamie Margolin, a climate justice activist; and David Hogg, a gun control activist and 15-year-old poet Mariam Azeez, who survived school massacres in Parkland, FL. and Newtown, CT.

We should also talk about the amazing teens in our own families and lives, who in their quieter ways, live each day bravely and well.

They are each and all the heroes and the hope.

Yvonne Sullivan Price was queen of the '65 senior prom and is a retired school administrator.



With his daughter-in-law in Kenya to save the elephants, Malcolm Brown stepped in to help his son, Andrew, take care of his three oldest grandchildren for 2 ½ weeks.

"After this experience," Malcolm wrote, "I will never underestimate the hard work of a mom."

We hear you, Malcolm. Just try babysitting an elephant, which is what his daughter-in-law, Caitlan, was doing.

Along with her cousins, she is taking over the administration of her aunt's philanthropy, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in Nairobi. The trust operates an orphan elephant rescue and wildlife rehabilitation program in Kenya.

Caitlan's aunt, Carolyn Costin, is an expert on eating disorders and owned several California treatment clinics.



Caitlan in Kenya with her 'baby.'

Elen's Gift To Gorton: Ars Gratia Artis

My husband and I were always "book people." When we moved to an old farm house in the country, we had room for a small library in which our personal books could live with room for more.

Both David and I had art in our background and ended up collecting a fair quantity of diverse art books. David recently passed away and I am working on the inevitable future downsize and wanted the books to go somewhere that they could be handled and used for information and inspiration.

Of course, I thought "classroom." I inquired through our liaison to Gorton whether the school would be interested in having them for the art room and was thrilled to hear that they would like them.

The books include painting, drawing and other discipline instruction books, photo books of major international museums and books with high-quality photo reproductions of many of the impressionists.

There are also photo records of other eras of western art and books of the art



of other cultures: African, Pre-Columbian, Japanese, and on and on. At any rate, I hope the kids enjoy them and find the broad exposure useful in their lives.

I was involved with secondary art education in my youth and am all too aware of the struggle that the arts face in the public school system. But I am also aware, at my age, that all of the arts are the things we remember as great joys and enhancements of a life well-lived.

Gray Wolf Pup Joins the Wild Life

Goodbye Westchester suburbs, hello New Mexico wildlife.

Only nine days after her birth at the Wolf Conservation Center in South Salem, NY, a gray wolf pup nicknamed Crumbo was on her way to her foster mom in the wilds of New Mexico.

Crumbo was one of three pups born to Trumpet and her mate, Lighthawk. Weighing less than one pound at birth, the Mexican gray wolf was successfully placed in the den of the Iron Creek wild

wolf pack, where the breeding female had recently given birth to her own litter.

Cross-fostering is a coordinated event where captive-born pups are introduced into a similar-aged wild litter.

Crumbo is the second Mexican gray wolf pup to leave the WCC to join a wild family. Crumbo was named in honor of Kim Crumbo, a retired National Park Service ranger who was a huge proponent of rewilding and spent years advocating for Mexican gray wolf recovery.

Class of 1967 Holds Its 55th Anniversary

By Donald Pitches, C67

The Class of 1967's 55th reunion held June 10-12 at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown was a testament of time and perseverance.

Spearheaded by Donald Pitches, Lynn Cody Gorey, Pat Campbell Kent and Jim Sprance, the reunion committee began planning for the reunion in 2019. The major obstacle was the pandemic and its subsequent variants. With Marriott's assistance, dates were selected and COVID concerns addressed.

Putting safety first, the committee asked attendees to be vaccinated and boosted or test negative 24-48 hours before attending Friday or Saturday events.

Fifty-five classmates registered by early May. However, the resurgence of COVID altered several plans; On reunion weekend, we welcomed 47 eager participants from Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Virginia and Texas.

The attendees' enthusiasm led to the success of the weekend activities and two joyous evenings of sharing life's updates, reminiscing about high school life and sharing many good laughs about former antics. The entire weekend gave former classmates time to reconnect and to reestablish long-term (and even new) friendships.

The festivities kicked off with an informal welcome reception in Cooper's Mill Restaurant at the Marriott. The next day, after breakfast, many classmates took off for a tour of Untermyer Gardens led by our own Bob Frey. For lunch, Marianne Vocasek Doerr arranged for folks to meet at the Washington Irving Boat Club, an outdoor venue in the shadow of the new Tappan

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Reunion Committee leaders Marianne Vocasek Doerr, Donald Pitches and Lynn Cody Gorey.



Frank and Betty Spano with George Baillie and Neal Janov.



Ed and Eleanor Higgins Kuhns with Connie McCue.



Kathy Malkin Falber, Karen Smith Butler and Sylvia Lawson Muckelvaney.



Barbara Rubin Rand, Pat Campbell Kent, Irene Capp Kerr, and Len Rand (C65).



Guest of Honor Coach John Volpe surrounded by fans Dennis Tracey, Jim DeLucci, Bill Flower and George Zoller.



Bill Ziemer, Bob Frey and Chuck Hansen.



Blanche Laff Lourie, Lynn Cody Gorey, Marianne Vocasek Doerr, Kathy Malkin Falber and Mickey Sprance (Jim's wife).



Lunch at the Washington Boat Club by the Tappan Zee.



Parry's Ponderings

My Letter to the Editor

I'm sorry I'm late with this month's "Pondering" but I was reading a very interesting book about anti-gravity and I just couldn't seem to put it down.

Before J-Lo, There was Alpo

Our very own Alex Poletsky was ALPO long before Jennifer Lopez was J-Lo. I always knew he was a man ahead of his time.

\$3 Gas to Go

I got gas for \$3 the other day...at Taco Bell.

Don Parry (C65) was awarded Westchester's Safest Teenage Driver Award and is a Vietnam War veteran.

**DONE WITH
MANUFACTURING
WAGONS, HE SET UP
AN ELEVATOR SHOP
IN YONKERS IN 1853 &
BUSINESS JUST WENT
UP FROM THERE**

QUESTION: 'Who is Otis, my man?'



Artist Vicky Bagwell with Sola and Olumide.



L-R: I'Statta, Bibi and Themba the Boatman.

Vandals Mar Statues of Philipse Slaves

The night before the unveiling of five statues along the Hudson River in Yonkers honoring enslaved Africans, vandals defaced two sculptures.

"It's a lesson that once public art is in place, anything can happen to it," artist Vinnie Bagwell said.

"This is the fun thing about being Black. You never can tell when you're dealing with racism or if you're dealing with a generic brand vandal," she quipped.

The city removed the marker drawn on the base of one of the statues, but the statue of a little girl was scratched and discolored on her face. It will be repaired later.

The Enslaved Africans Rain Garden depicts five life-size bronze sculptures of enslaved Africans who lived and worked at Philipse Manor Hall. They were among the first to be freed by law 64 years before the Emancipation Proclamation.

The sculptures, titled "Themba the Boatman," "I'Statta," "Bibi," "Sola" and "Olumide," are on display in the half-acre rain garden along the Hudson River.

"Public art sends a message about the values and priorities of a community. In the spirit of transformative justice for acts against the humanity of black people, I am grateful for those who supported this collective effort, Bagwell said.

The project was funded by Yonkers; Westchester County, the state of New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; the state's Council on the Arts; the National Endowment for the Arts, ArtsWestchester; Con Edison; and Entergy.



DJ Jim Sprance powered the dance.

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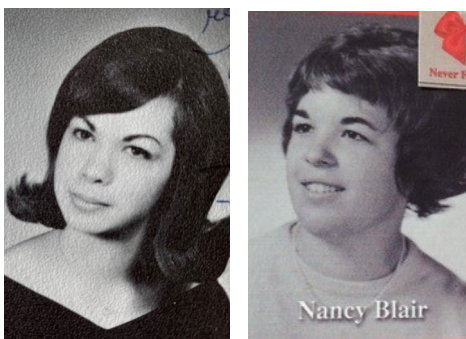
Zee Bridge (aka Gov. Mario Cuomo Bridge) in Tarrytown.

The evening concluded with a reception and dinner banquet at the Marriott. The dinner began with a moment of silence in memory of departed classmates, a welcoming prayer and recognition of all the veterans in attendance. This was followed by the introduction of special guests Coach John Volpe, Steve Tuers C65 and Gorton Alumni Association President Bill Tolany C64. Bill gave a

brief report on the activities of the Association and its hope for the future.

Music for the evening was provided by our DJ, Jim Sprance (Lt. Col. USAF, Ret.), and a special cake was provided by George Bailie.

Discussions have already begun for another reunion as soon as 2024! Perhaps the next one will be more modest in scope or held regionally for lunch or dinner. The more adventuresome suggested a cruise or special destination gathering—New Orleans, Disney World, anyone?



Barbara Blodgett Lutkenhaus and her high school look-a-like, Nancy.



Ask Janet

Seeing Double Or a Case of Doppelgänger?

Dear Janet,

We heard that everyone has a doppelgänger. What's that?

Castor and Pollux

Dear Castor and Pollux,

They say that everyone has a doppelgänger, a biologically unrelated look-alike, or double, somewhere out there among the 8 billion earthlings. According to a BBC article, *You Are Surprisingly Likely To Have A Living Doppelgänger*, research done in 2015 shows your chances of having an exact look-alike were slim to none.

That sounds contradictory, doesn't it? It is and it isn't.

The study was done by Teghan Lucas who wanted to test the possibility of mistaking an innocent person for a killer. With the help of colleagues, she analyzed nearly 4,000 photographs, measuring the distances between key features such as the eyes and ears, then calculated the probability that two peoples' faces would match. She

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Under the spreading oak tree, the City of Yonkers bloomed.

A Tree Grows in Yonkers

Frank Walton, the founder of the Yonkers Historical Society, speculated that North Yonkers was once a vast oak forest.

In that forest, before the Dutch and English arrived, stood the Odell oak.

Estimated to be between 700 and 1,000 years old, it was immense. Its roots were miles long; its circumference was 23 feet at the base; and its canopy stretched 158 feet.

In the early 1980s, despite efforts to preserve its grandeur, it was cut down. Rot caused by disease made it a threat to the surrounding area. All that is left is a stump on Odell Terrace, formerly a golf course, and now an industrial park off North Broadway in northwest Yonkers.

The Odell Oak was considered to be the last of the great oaks that peppered the wilderness abundant with turkeys, an area that later became Yonkers.

The Odells are an old and well-known Westchester family. Ancestors include a governor, military men, newspaper publisher, a member of Black Beard's crew, preachers, tavern keepers and John D. Rockefeller's favorite teacher. One might have even lent his name to that majestic oak—James Odell.

James lived in the Yonkers of 1775. He was an iron monger in the fledgling American Navy. He helped forge the great chain that was laid across the Hudson



Did You Know?



River near the site of today's Bear Mountain Bridge, to safeguard West Point from the British attack.

Joan Lawless Kennedy (C65) is a member of the Yonkers Historical Society.



Bonnie Jo Cheron, Equestrian, Class of 64

Bonnie Jo Cheron Spinogatti, C64, died May 24 after a 15-month battle with cancer. She was 77.

Born and raised in Yonkers, she graduated from Western Kentucky State University and was an active member of Alpha Delta Pi. She taught physical education, health and early childhood development at New Milford High School for over 30 years.

In addition to being an award-winning coach of gymnastics and track and field, she ran a pre-school program for the New Milford community. Bonnie Jo also served as President of the Kent Lions and was an

avid equestrian, cyclist, skier and hiker. She raised and trained many equine companions, including the award-winning Teddy and Spencer.

Bonnie Jo is survived by her daughters, Kacy and Nickole; grandchildren, Samantha and Alexander; sister-in-law, Helen; nephews, Danny, David and Dean; and nieces Teresa and Diane.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated for Bonnie Jo at 10 a.m. on July 1 at Annunciation Church, 470 Westchester Ave., Tuckahoe, NY. A memorial mass will be held July 2 at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Kent, CT.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to Ann's Place, 80 Saw Mill Road, Danbury, CT 06810 (<https://www.annsplace.org/donate>)

Charles Tuly, 75, Ex-Math Teacher

Charles Tuly, teacher of computer science and math at Gorton from 1988-2002, died on May 28. He was 75.

Born in New York City on Feb. 17, 1947, he received his BS in Education at SUNY Buffalo in 1969 and his masters of science at Yeshiva University in 1971.

"He was an inspiration for me for math and science," said Howard Dinowitz. "He was one of the nicest warmest people to know and an off the charts Mets fan...and an over-the-top billiards player."

James Joyce, 77, Ex-Lincoln Coach

James Michael Joyce Sr., 77, a teacher, coach and athletic director at Lincoln High for more than 30 years, died June 4.



He led Lincoln to championships in boys' basketball, girls' softball and track and field. He served as president of the Section 1 Basketball Coaches Association and was honored with the association's Frank DeMaio Memorial Sportsmanship Award and Distinguished Service Award.

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concluded that if you analyzed all possible features and measurement combinations, you might eventually find a perfect match, but the probability is extremely slim, like "one-in-a-lot-of-illions."

"The results can be explained by the famed infinite monkey problem: sit a monkey in front of a typewriter for long enough and eventually it will surely write *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare* by randomly hitting, biting and jumping up and down on the keys on the board."

Is someone your doppelgänger or not your doppelgänger? That is the question.

"It depends whether we mean 'look-alike to a human' or 'look-alike to facial recognition software'," says David Aldous, a statistician at U.C. Berkeley.

"If you think someone looks like someone else, you're probably right, but put the

two faces side by side and you'll see how different they actually are," he wrote.

It was a very technical and complicated article. What I concluded is that you probably don't have an exact double, but more likely someone who looks a lot like you. All bets are off if you have a very unique face. If you want to find a true double of yourself, look in the mirror!

So why did I choose this topic? You can posthumously thank Barbara Blodgett Lutkenhaus, along with the Ontario County Historical Museum, which had an exhibit on the 1960s that included a yearbook page from a local high school.

I did a double-take on the face of Nancy Blair. Could it be? Barbara in Canandaigua, NY? Barbara's doppelgänger?

I'm sure we've all seen doubles of ourselves or others. How many times have you said or heard someone say, "They could pass for twins."? The next time that happens, nonchalantly throw out, "Oh,

they could pass for doppelgängers." It's funny that Castor and Pollux asked me this question in June, the month of Gemini the twins. Or is it? They're the zodiac twins in Greek and Roman mythology, known as the Dioscuri.

There are a variety of myths about them, with reference to the death of the mortal, Castor and the demi-god, Pollux, wanting to be reunited with his brother.

"The most famous of their adventures was the search for the Golden Fleece on the ship Argo with Jason and the Argonauts. When Castor died, Pollux missed him so much that he asked Zeus to split his own immortality with his brother, turning them into the constellation Gemini, which means twins."

Bottom line? If someone says you're one of a kind, believe them. You probably are.

Janet Guyon Hanford (C65) is a former cheerleader and was voted Most Versatile by her '65 senior class.