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SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2006

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Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame

Welcome to the 33rd annual induction ceremony of the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame. Special thanks go out for the efforts of Bob Veltidi and each of the members of the selection committee for coming up with such a stellar group of nominees for this year's induction class.

The Class of 2006 continues the tradition of excellence that has epitomized the Rockland County Hall of Fame. Included among this year's headliners are: Jeff Van Wie, who set State and National track records as a runner for Suffern and received All American track honors at Notre Dame; John Scanlan, a four time County wrestling champion at Pearl River who went on to earn a National Jr. College championship; Jim Pollard, a talented three sport athlete for Spring Valley who captained the Springfield College football and track teams; Jon Hess, an outstanding lacrosse player at Nyack who excelled at Princeton University as a three time All American who led his team to three National championships; Tony Harlin, a six time Rockland County champion and State champion in the shot put while at Nanuet who went on to receive six IC4A (Eastern) titles at Manhattan College and a fifth place finish in the Olympic Trials in 1984; and John Van Wyck III, a four-sport athlete at Nyack who went on to play professional baseball in the Philadelphia Athletics organization, is being recognized in the old timers category.

The Hall of Fame is always seeking high-quality candidates to consider for induction. We applaud the continuing efforts of local high school halls of fame to honor their past stars and to assist us in obtaining the resumes of top candidates from the respective schools.

We also wish to thank those people who keep our organization a vital force in the community: Kathy Dapolito, vice-chair; Ethel Doller, secretary; Pete Castellano, treasurer and co-ticket chairman with the assistance of Steve Dugandzic; Dan White, master of ceremonies; Bob Veltidi, screening committee chair and program editor; Gibby Sweet, dinner arrangements; and Bruce Schweizer of Quality Graphics.

Regards,

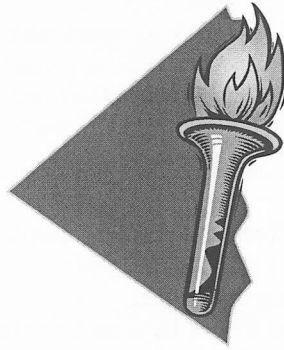
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John Scanlan	Helen D'Agostino	PR Athletic Dept
Jeff Van Wie	Ralph Coleman	
John Van Wyck	Homer Lydecker	Nyack American Legion Post 310

*The Hall of Famers social hour
(6 p.m. to 7 p.m.) is being sponsored by
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Dinner Program

Call to Order and WelcomeChairman Peter Scheibner
Pledge of AllegianceGregory Conace
Master of CeremoniesDan White

Committees

DinnerGibby Sweet
Program Book.....Peter Scheibner
Screening/EditorBob Veltidi
TicketsPete Castellano
Steve Dugandzic

2006 Inductees

Tony Harlin
Jon Hess
Jim Pollard
John Scanlan
Jeff Van Wie
John Van Wyck

ENSHRINEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame was established to honor outstanding sportsmen and sportswomen, living and deceased, who have gained prominence while residing or competing in, or have brought recognition to, Rockland County. To be considered for nomination to the Hall of Fame, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- A. Attain prominence in sports as an athlete, coach, manager, official, owner, writer, broadcaster or supporter.
- B. Reside or have resided in Rockland County, competed here at the time of their prominence, or brought fame to Rockland County as a result of their accomplishments.
- C. Be a person of integrity and good character.
- D. Candidates cannot be considered until 10 years after their high school class graduation, except in special cases.

Our committee encourages the public to send athletic resumes/nominations of prospective candidates to Screening Committee chairman Bob Veltidi, 400 Jersey Avenue, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925. Nominees are reviewed by this committee and, if accepted, voted upon for enshrinement by the committee as a whole.

The Hall of Fame Committee holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of the month from October to May. Anyone wishing to join the organization should write to Chairman Pete Scheibner: 1 Captain McGovern Drive, Stony Point, N.Y. 10980, or e-mail him at scheibnp@msn.com.

Each inductee in the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame receives a commemorative trophy and is further honored with an individual plaque, which is given to the inductee's high school for public display.

The Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame is more than awards and trophies and dinners, however. It is really about people – Rockland County people who have had an impact in the world of sports. A total of 178 such individuals have been honored since the Hall's inception in 1974.

The Hall of Fame has evolved from those early beginnings to become a recognized presence in Rockland County athletics. In addition to its annual dinner, where it honors new inductees, the Hall makes sizable donations to worthwhile local organizations and charities. Included among these donations have been cash gifts to:

- ARC • Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse • Salvation Army
- Haverstraw Little League Save the Fields Fund • American Cancer Society
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Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Nominee: _____
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Current Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date Submitted: _____

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H.S. and Year of Graduation: _____

College and Year of Graduation: _____

On a separate typewritten page, list all of the significant accomplishments of the nominee, both as a Rockland County resident and otherwise. Please be as specific as possible. Include varsity sports played in high school and college, dates, letters earned, honors won, records set, post-collegiate achievements, etc.

** Please submit a clear black-and-white or color photo of the nominee.*

Nominating Person:

Last name: _____ First: _____

Address: _____

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Please Submit to:

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1974

Chuck Aleno*
Henry "Peck" Artopee*
Dr. Daniel "Danny" Fortmann*
Joseph "JoJo" Mackey
Howard "Howie" Pierson

1975

Roger Brown
Joe D'Auria
Bill Drescher*
Billy Hogan*
Donald "Pop" Sherwood*

1976

Howard Parker Talman*
John Koster*
Jim Ridlon
Pete D'Auria*
Gloria Callan Jones

1977

Augusta Bradley Chapman*
Nick Gamboli*
Ed Greene*
Harry Jackson*
Paul Toscano
Richard "Gus" Shankey*

1978

Jim Brown
Harold "Hale" DeChellin*
Jim Faulk*
Ira Shuttleworth*
Jim Schnaars
Nick Mottola*

1979

Bob Bacheller*
Frank Cosentino*
Harry "Dee" Dembnicki
Jerry Hollahan*
Bob Grossman*
E.J. Maurer*
Bruno Ablondi*

1980

Dr. Jeffrey Munson
Art Orlando*
Brit Paterson*
Nick Ryder
Horace Tyrus
Emil Willis*
Mickey Wittman

1981

Art Hopper*
Frank Horan
Howard Johnson
Lester Lepori*
Walter Ostrom
Victor Shankey*
Bill Yuda*

1982

Frank DePatto*
Tony Gamboli, Jr.
Bill Perry*
George Jakowenko
Ed McGrath

1983

Warren Austin*
Jim Brechbiel
Frank Dawson
Jeanette Paddock
Walter Sickles*

1984

Jim Ashcroft
Marvin Branche*
Ralph Cordisco
Bryan Hassett
Bob Tierney*

1985

Wil Arietta*
Joseph "Josh" Bolack*
Gene Erickson
Tony Gemma*
Joe St. Lawrence*

1986

Joe Alleva
John Jemison
Harold Lederman
Bob Mathias*
Sylvester "Molly" McGee*

1987

Fred Hahn*
Charles Holbrook
Chuck Scarpulla
Jim Stamos
Bob Strack

1988

Ron Becraft
Darryl Brown
Tom Canty
Pat D'Auria*
James "Sham" Feeney*

1989

Ralph Consiglio*
Patty Dillon Solliday
Vincent "Dugan" Kovalsky
Frank Nelson*
Bob Wolff

1990

Denise McGuire
Guy Guccione
Abe Schuster
Robert "Red" Schassler*
Don Clancy*

* Denotes Deceased

Rockland County Hall of Fame Past Recipients

(Continued)

1991

Steve Drummond*
Lew Brundage
Johnny Burns*
Pete Haubner
Ethel Doller
Dominic Gamboli

1992

Murray Olderman
Jerome Bonomolo
Joseph "Biscuit" Picarello
Dale Lydecker
John Mercurio

1993

Jim Kane
Kathy Miller Dapolito
Jay Bohnel
Mike Deane
Don Driscoll

1994

Hubert Nealy
Martin "Hawk" Jacobs
Joe Goldsmith
Tom Collins
Ron Tellefsen*

1995

Ron Edwards
Walter "Red" Levy
Max Talaska*
Joe Klopchin*
Joe McDowell*
Paul Urban*

1996

Harry Babcock*
Gerald Kapusinsky
John Orlando
Al Simonds
George Garrecht
Marty Springstead

1997

Mike Hagon
Hank Kapusinsky
Tom Mounkhal
Dennis Pozsar
Steve Wanamaker

1998

Kevin Kane
Lou Kliewe
Rocco Marano
Howie McNiff
Blaise Winter

1999

Jim Cann
Joe Casarella
Ervan Levine*
Gibby Sweet
Dick Yerg

2000

Rich Conklin
Kevin Houston
Dawn Royster
Sarah Will
Alex Zilko*

2001

George Dalzell
Gerald D'Auria*
Seth Joyner
Tod Giles
Debbie Grant
Bill White

2002

Ken Harniman*
Derrick Lassic
Norinne Powers
Kris Snider
Dick Teetsel
Walt Weiss

2003

Genny Mulderig Allard
Jeff Bryant
Peter Hackett*
David Hirsch
Bill Kurisko
†† Joe Grasso
† Charles "Jumbo" Strack*

2004

Jim Gallo
Dave Hanson
Joan Neuendorf
Nancy Rosenfeld Lewis
Ed Rubbert
Frank Samoylo

2005

Jane Ronner-Beckley
Mike Carroll
Tom Doherty
Jamie Kempton
Lee Klepper
†† Leon Pesner
Rudolph Rejholec

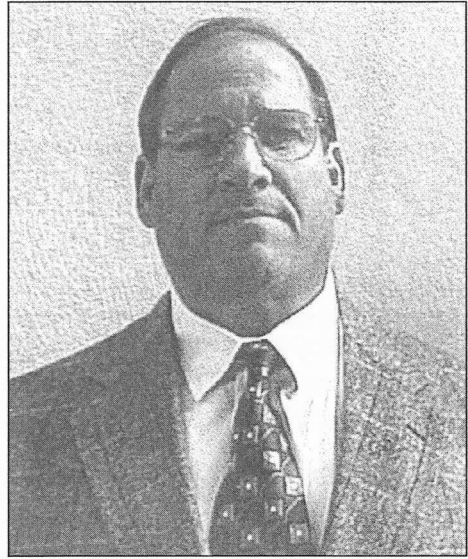
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†† Joe Holland Lifetime Achievement Award

TONY HARLIN

Did Tony Harlin put his heart and soul into shot-putting? That's like asking if Paul Bunyan knew how to handle an ax. Harlin sliced a mean swath through his field en route to the greatest shot-putting career any Rocklander has ever produced. The pinnacle of his career came in 1984, when he finished fifth in the U.S. Olympic Trials and missed a berth in the Olympic Games by just two places. It remains the highest finish in Olympic-sports competition of any Nanuet High School alumnus.



The 6 foot 21/2-inch man-mountain, who weighed anywhere from 240 to 300 pounds during his competitive career, burned with a fiery passion that manifested itself in statements like: "shot putting is one thing I can always do, and I'll do it till I die." Or, back in 1984 when he was aiming for the shot at the Olympics in Los Angeles: "If I don't make the Olympics, I'll find a meet that day. If there are no meets around, I'll go out and throw in the woods." Or, after he had suffered a broken breastbone and damaged chest cartilage when a 500-pound barbell fell on his chest while weightlifting: "I guess I'm like an English bulldog. I'm stubborn. I always have to try that one more time." That's classic Tony Harlin. Give him that heavy steel ball-12 pounds for high school, 16 pounds for college and open-and watch him unleash a few more of his trademark, high-arching heaves.

During a career that spanned two decades, Harlin barreled through the high school, college and open ranks like the Incredible Hulk on a rampage. It all began innocently enough, when he was cut from the basketball team his freshman year at Nanuet. As Harlin remembers it, Ed Denton, who was an industrial arts teacher at the school as well as the weights coach for the track team, asked him to forget basketball and give the shot put a try. Harlin's response: "Shot put? What the hell is that?" After some good-natured coaxing, Harlin accepted Denton's offer-and was eternally grateful for it. "He told us we'd have a lot fun, and we did," Harlin says. "I couldn't wait to see what he would do the next day" to keep things interesting.

Harlin combined natural strength, speed and flexibility to make an indelible imprint on high school shot-putting. His scholastic accomplishments include the following:

- As a senior at Nanuet, he was the 1976 New York State indoor (winter) track champion, and came within a quarter-inch of the spring track state title, finishing runner-up despite competing with a partially separated shoulder.
- He's the Rockland County scholastic record holder at 66 feet 1/2 inch, which ranks him fourth on the all-time New York State list in that event. His best indoor track mark of 62 feet 41/4 inches ranks eighth all-time in New York State.

- He's a six-time Rockland County champion and four-time Section 9 Class B titleholder.
- He placed third in the Golden West Invitational national scholastic meet in California, then the premier high school meet in the country.
- He finished third in the U.S. Junior National championships.
- He won shot-put titles at the prestigious Penn Relays, New York Relays, Iona Relays and Hartford Invitational.
- Harlin was no slouch in the discus, either. He broke a 25-year-old Rockland County record in 1975, with a throw of 166 feet 11 inches. That mark still ranks sixth on the all-time Rockland County list. As a senior he won Rockland County and Section 9 Class B titles in this event.

After graduating from Nanuet, Harlin enrolled at the University of New Mexico, where he spent one year and set the school's freshman shot-put record. But his collegiate career really took off when he transferred to Manhattan College, where he won six IC4A (Eastern) titles and captured several other major invitationals.

After college, Harlin continued to train and overcame a series of injuries and other setbacks to become one of the better throwers in the country. He won the Metropolitan Athletics Congress championship eight times, besting the top throwers in the New York metro area. Seven times he walked away with the gold medal at the Empire State Games, and Olympic-style competition for New York state residents. He's still the Games' record-holder in the shot put. In addition, Harlin holds the Rockland County record for the 16-pound shot, at 68 feet 7 inches. In his last major competition, he finished 11th in the 1992 U.S. Olympics Trials.

These days, Harlin, who's 48, lives in Pearl River, and works as a laser technician at Chromalloy in Orangeburg. His job involves drilling and welding to recondition jet engine parts. Tony has two children: James, 21, a junior at Ramapo College in Mahwah, N.J.; and Amanda, 15, a freshman at Northern Highlands High School in New Jersey.



Nanuet Golden Knights

JON HESS

Jon Hess, undoubtedly the finest lacrosse player to come from Rockland County, achieved his notoriety at Princeton University during the springs of 1995-98.

While at Nyack High School from 1991-1994, he earned All-County honors 3 times, as Nyack always finished behind perennial league champions Yorktown. When he graduated from high school, he had established the Rockland County record for most total points with 314.

Then it was off to Princeton, where he started every game from his freshman year in 1995 (team record 11-4) until the end of his senior year in 1998. In the next 3 years, Hess led Princeton to 3 national titles, with the Tigers losing only 2 games in those 3 years.



As a sophomore, Jon earned his first college All-American honors, being named to the second team.

The following season, Hess advanced to first team All-American and was selected as the MVP of The NCAA's Final 4 Tourney. Naturally he was also chosen as Ivy League Player of the Year, as he led Princeton in total points with 74.

In 1998, Jon was once again named as first team All-American. He finished his career at Princeton in second place in total points with 215 points and assisted on 133 goals. His two fellow attack men Jesse Hubbard and Chris Massey (also All-Americans) wrapped up their careers in third and fourth place in scoring, as the recipients of Hess' deft passing skills.

Jon went on to a short major league professional lacrosse career, playing 3 seasons with The New Jersey Pride, where he won the league's sportsmen's award, as he led the league in assists and finished fourth in total points.

While in high school, Jon participated in the Empire State (N.Y.) games during the summers of 1992 and 1993. His team won the gold medal in 1992 and the bronze medal in 1993.

Hess now works as an equities trader for Merrill-Lynch in New York City.



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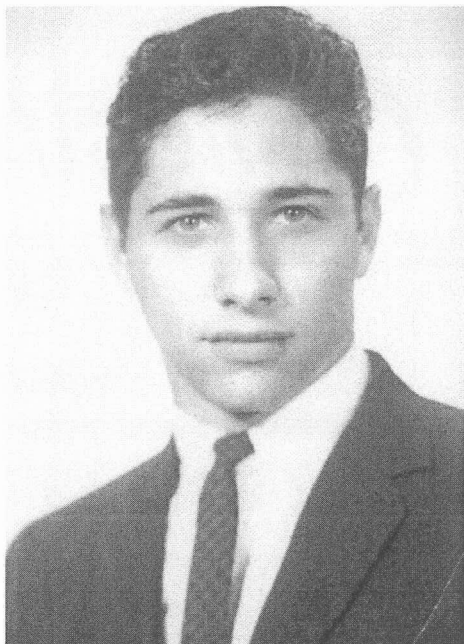
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**ESPECIALLY TO ALL-TIME GREATS
TONY HARLIN, NANUET, SHOT PUT
JEFF VAN WIE, SUFFERN, 800 METERS
AND JIM POLLARD, SPRING VALLEY, JUMPS**

ROCKLAND TRACK & FIELD HALL OF FAME

JAMES POLLARD

"Frank Merriwell-The All American Boy in the Button-down Collar", that's how Jim was described by the Alumni Director of his alma mater, Springfield College. Jim played a different sport every season, and excelled at all of them. This 1963 graduate of Spring Valley High School lettered in football, basketball and track every year, and was the captain of each of these three sports in his senior year. As a freshman Jim won the Rockland County and Section 9 triple jump championship. He added the county long jump championship to his resume in his junior year in high school. In his senior year Jim was a member of the Section 9 championship 880 relay team, and individually he won the Section 9 long jump championship. As an All County football player Jim was a true triple threat, from the quarterback position or at halfback. He could run the ball with power, was always a threat to pass, and was an outstanding punter. In the summer when school was not in session, Jim kept in shape and satisfied his need to compete by playing baseball for the Spring Valley Kiwanis in the American Legion Baseball League.



At Springfield College Jim was a key member of the 1966 undefeated football team. He averaged 49 yards a punt and was ranked in the top twenty in the nation in his sophomore year. Jim lettered three years in football while at Springfield. Jim also was a member of the winter and spring track teams during his college career. He lettered four years in winter track and three years in spring track. In his senior year, Jim was voted captain of the spring track team.

Jim began his teaching career at Ramapo High School in 1968, the first year that the school was opened. He coached for fifteen years at Ramapo, working with the football and basketball teams and serving as the head coach for cross country, winter and spring, boys and girls track teams. Jim retired from coaching on the high school level but still volunteered his time and expertise to co-direct the now defunct Box James Memorial Track Meet. Jim also spent time volunteering in community athletics such as Hal Block Soccer, T-Ball, and the RBA basketball league.

Jim has retired from teaching and has embarked on a new career as a carpenter. He still lives in Spring Valley with his wife Rhonda. They have three children; Joy, Scott, and Stephanie. His hobbies include woodworking and fishing.



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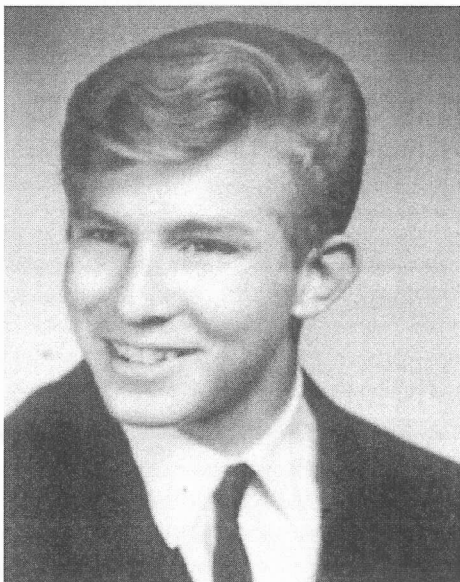


**THE PEARL RIVER WRESTLING TEAM
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JOHN SCANLAN

John Scanlan can thank Julie D'Agostino for introducing him to wrestling, a sport that Scanlan parlayed into state-caliber greatness at Pearl River in the late 1960s and later a national junior college crown.

As a sixth grader at the William Street School, Scanlan had to stay after and was spotted by D'Agostino, the late wrestling coach and esteemed Pirate mentor, who promptly "pulled me into the [wrestling] room" and thereby launched a blue-ribbon athletic career. "Dag was beyond a coach for me," says Scanlan, whose father died in a car accident when John was 7. "He filled the void of my missing dad." Scanlan and his four siblings were raised by their mom, Irene Volz



As a seventh and eighth grader, Scanlan would take the bus trips to scrimmages with the high school team and gain some experience against more seasoned opponents. "They threw me to the wolves" is how Scanlan puts it. Looks like the strategy worked. Scanlan learned rapidly and won the County eighth-grade title at 89 pounds, coached at that level by Hayes Yorks.

Standing just 5-foot-3 at the outset of his high school career, Scanlan reached the elite level as a ninth grader, winning the Rockland County and Section 9 championships, earning Most Outstanding Wrestler honors in the county tournament, and placing fourth in the New York State meet at 106 pounds.

Over the next three years, 1967-69, Scanlan continued his long-playing record of success. He was Rockland County and Section 9 champion all four years, a two-time Most Outstanding Wrestler in the Section tournament, and added fourth- and second-place State meet finishes his junior and senior years at 123 pounds. Outside of his six losses over four years in the State tournament, Scanlan tasted defeat only twice otherwise — in a Christmas tournament in Passaic County his freshman year, and in a dual meet his sophomore year to Ed Kojakei of Bergenfield, a three-time New Jersey state champ.

"John was a special one," says Tom Canty, Scanlan's varsity coach as a freshman and sophomore. "He was a very tough kid. And he was fun to watch, even warming up. It was like watching a drag racer revving up the car engine and getting ready to take off. Ten or 15 minutes before he'd be pacing around, shaking out. By the time the match came, he was really ready to go. The good ones make it look easy."

Led by Scanlan and a talented supporting cast, Pearl River won the Rockland County championship all four years he wrestled for the Pirates, with D'Agostino replacing Canty as head coach from

Scanlan's junior year forward. Pearl River won the first three titles outright and shared the '69 crown with Suffern. The 1967 team also claimed the Section 9 title. (Scanlan was inducted into the inaugural Pearl River High School Hall of Fame 10 years ago.)

After graduating from Pearl River, Scanlan — by then a 5-foot-6 dynamo — took his marquee wrestling act to Orange County Community College and promptly became a smash hit on the national level. At Orange County CC, he merely went undefeated in 30 matches his freshman year and captured the National Junior College Athletic Association championship at 126 pounds, pinning Dave Turner of Northern Oklahoma in 3:10 in the finals to earn Most Outstanding Wrestler honors for the entire tournament.

For all intents and purposes, that was the end of Scanlan's wrestling career. He did come back his sophomore year and started the season with a tournament title and MVP performance in Philadelphia. But soon thereafter he sustained a knee injury, grew weary of the constant pressure to maintain weight at 123 to 128 pounds (which he had held for three years), and decided to leave his shoes on the mat for good.

Scanlan opted to enter the hospitality business after working as a bartender in college. He approached his professional career with the same zest he demonstrated as a grappler. "The high energy I had in wrestling, I still have today," says Scanlan, who is 55. He is currently president and CEO of Hidden Valley Resorts, a 2,000-acre ski and recreation resort in the western Pennsylvania town of Somerset. He also owns a real estate development company called Alchemy.

Scanlan and his wife of 20 years, Karen, have four children: Shannon, 30 (from John's first marriage); Sean, 13; Alexandria, 12; and a 2-year-old adopted from China named Veronica, whose birth name is Ziyen. Scanlan also has a granddaughter, 7-year-old Kaylee.



**Congratulations
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Inductee**

JOHN SCANLAN

from sparring partner

Lou Conway

JEFF VAN WIE

Suffern middle-distance ace Jeff Van Wie remains one of Rockland County's most accomplished performers on the national stage. A lean-at-the-tape champion at the 1983 Golden West Invitational in Sacramento, California, Jeff blazed to a 1:48.56 in the 800 meter run to set a New York state record that still stands today. That mark was No. 2 all-time for Eastern high schoolers and No. 9 in the nation at that time. Still at his peak, Jeff defeated a top field of runners in Elmhurst, Illinois, one week later to win the Keebler International 800, and then the following weekend missed first place by a mere .01 at the U.S. Junior Nationals.

In today's Rockland county record book, Van Wie remains on top in the 800 meters (1:48.56), 1,000 yards (2:13.9), and 1,000 meters (2:27.75).

He's also the anchor on two 3,200 meter relays, 7:59.1 indoors and 7:47.9 outdoors, that still hold up as county records. Jeff's state meet highlights include a 3,200 meter relay gold medal during his senior year, following a runner-up effort in the 600 meters earlier in the day, and a second place medal in the 1600 meters during the 1982 outdoor state meet. His trophy case also includes Loucks Games gold from his two victories in the 800 meter run and the 1,600 meter run.

Jeff's high school career encompassed more than medals and stellar times. At the 1983 Rockland county outdoor meet, he left it all on the track with an iron-man triple victory that may never be seen again: a 1,500 in 4:00.5, an 800 in 1:54.2, and a 400 in 49.7 in a span of about 40 minutes. And, in high school, he broke the 1:52 barrier in the 800 a dozen times, another legendary accomplishment. Aside from the Golden West victory, which he cherishes as his most meaningful accomplishment, Jeff says a few races early in his career "helped me establish some confidence and dig deeper." He cited his 1,000 yard triumph in the 1981 indoor Rockland County meet over Pearl River's Andy Kohlbrenner, the state indoor 1,600 champ, and Suffern's 3,200 meter relay victory at the state meet his senior year.

During his years at Notre Dame, Jeff earned All-American honors with the 3,200 meter relay team that placed third at the 1986 Division I indoor championships; he ran a split of 1:49.7 on that relay team. He ran a 3:48 1,500 meters at the Willie Williams classic in Arizona and the following week ran a 1:49.29 800 meters at the Dogwood Relays in Knoxville, Tennessee. He also clocked a 1:49.39 to defeat Mike Boit, an Olympic bronze medalist, at the Drake Relays. His name is still on the record books as a member of the Fighting Irish indoor and outdoor 3,200 meter relay teams.

Jeff, now 41, resides in Atlanta, Georgia with his wife Torri, and two daughters, Anna, 3 1/2 and Audrey, two. He is a longtime employee of the consulting firm now known as Accenture, and was promoted to partner in 2000 after 13 years with the firm. Van Wie sells and manages large-scale computer-system installations around the country.





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JOHN VAN WYCK

Considered by many to be the best all-around athlete to graduate from Nyack High School, John R. VanWyck III excelled in whatever sport in which he participated. At 6'2" and carrying 210 pounds on his well-proportioned physique, he was an imposing triple threat from the fullback position in the single wing formation. He averaged over 50 yards a kick as a punter in his junior year and was selected by The Journal-News as the MVP for that season (1943), as Nyack finished in a tie with Pearl River for the county title. In 1944, John was the leading scorer in Rockland County football, and was named to the All-County team for the second consecutive year.



His junior year (he acquired the nickname Zombie over the summer) he led Nyack to a second place finish (2 one point losses to Haverstraw), ending the basketball season as the 8th leading scorer in Rockland. In 1945 he was 3rd in scoring behind Haverstraw's Rocco Morano (member of Rockland's Hall of Fame). It was also his second consecutive year being selected for All-County.

Baseball was perhaps John's best sport, where he excelled as a hard-throwing pitcher and powerful clean-up hitter. He led Nyack in 1944 to its first title since 1936. His senior year (1945) Zombie pitched a no-hitter with 14 strikeouts over Congers High School (which became Clarkstown in the 1950's). Two weeks later John bested Haverstraw's Paul Urban (member of Rockland's Hall of Fame) and fanned 13 Red Raiders.

Whenever there was a track meet being held on the same day as baseball and he was not pitching, Zombie would throw the shot and discus (allowable in those days to participate in 2 sports in the same season). He entered the Rockland County meet in 1945 and placed first in the shot put and discus, falling 6" short of breaking the discus record. These feats gave him All-County honors in his fourth sport.

During the winter of his senior year, Zombie led his team to the championship of the Nyack YMCA Community Bowling League with an average just under 200.

After serving in the U.S. Navy during 1945-6, John attended Muhlenberg College for a semester. Connie Mack, the owner and venerable manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, personally signed him to a baseball contract in 1947 as a primary pitcher and assigned him to Lincoln, Nebraska (a AAA classification). In spring training, he met and competed with fellow pitchers such as Dick Fowler, Carl Scheib and Bob Savage, all of whom made it to the A's in The American League.

John also played in the outfield and it was there that he injured his shoulder and back. In 1948 he tried to come back with the local Nyack Rockies, but his fastball was no longer explosive and he was used primarily as a hitter.

In the winter of 1947-8, John joined the Detroit Clowns, a well-known semi-pro touring basketball team (a la The Harlem Wizards).

In the 1950's, he turned his attention to golf, where he became a proficient scratch player (72 with 0 handicap) for several decades. He recorded his best score of 61 at the Blue Hill course in Orangetown.

John could also hold his own as a doubles player in tennis in the 1970's and 80's, as well as being an excellent diver and swimmer.

Jim Brown (Nyack's Hall of Famer from the 1950's) said, "As a fifth grader I learned from John how to kick a ball over 50 yards later in my high school career. All of us kids looked up to John."

John VanWyck died in April 1990 — a shy, modest, multi-talented athlete — admired by friends and foes alike for his athletic abilities and clean sportsmanship.



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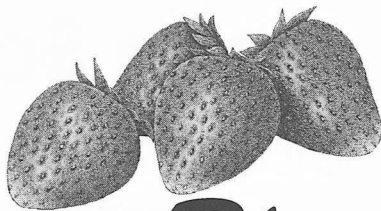


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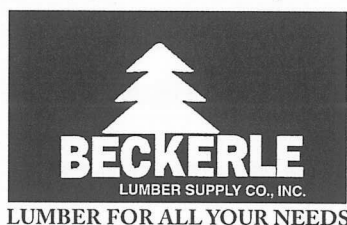
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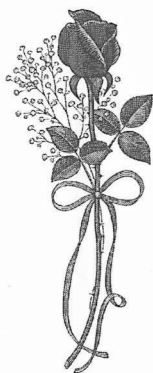
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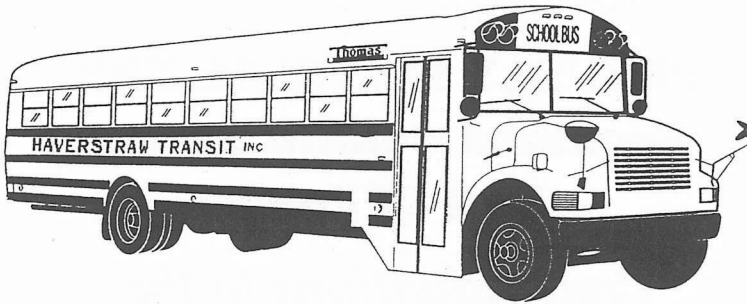
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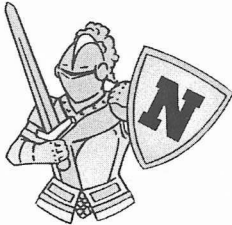
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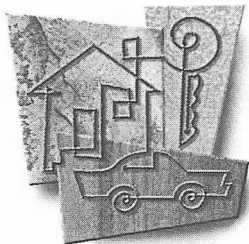
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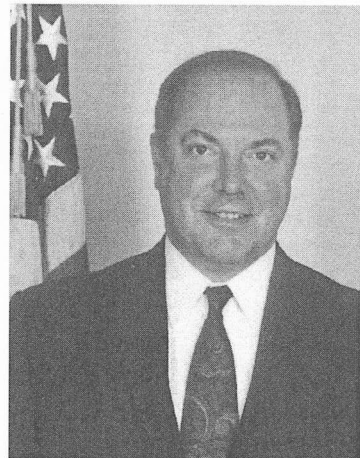
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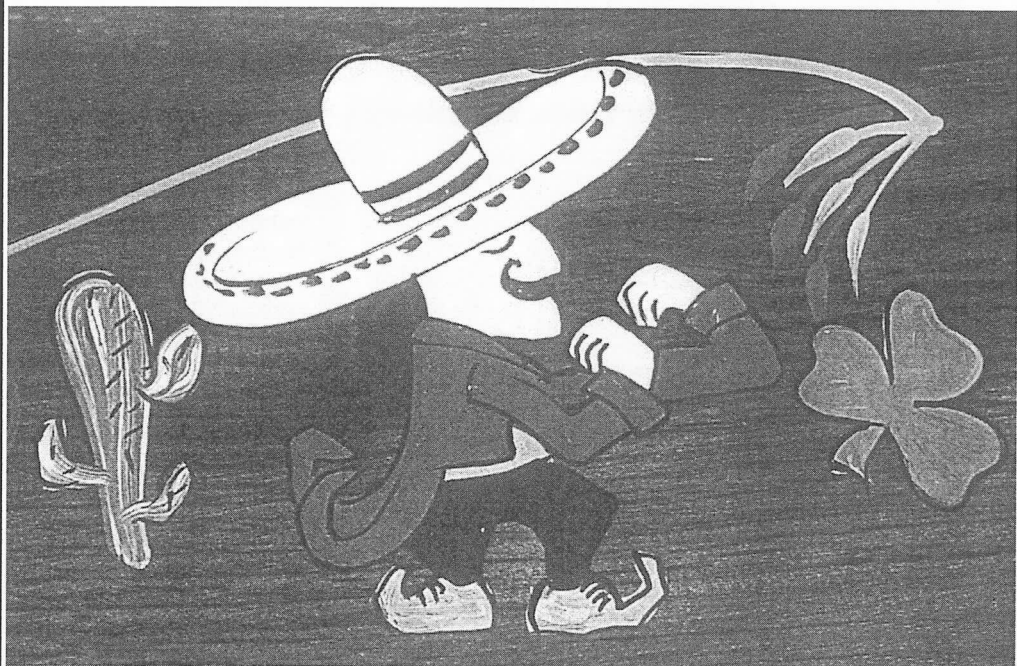


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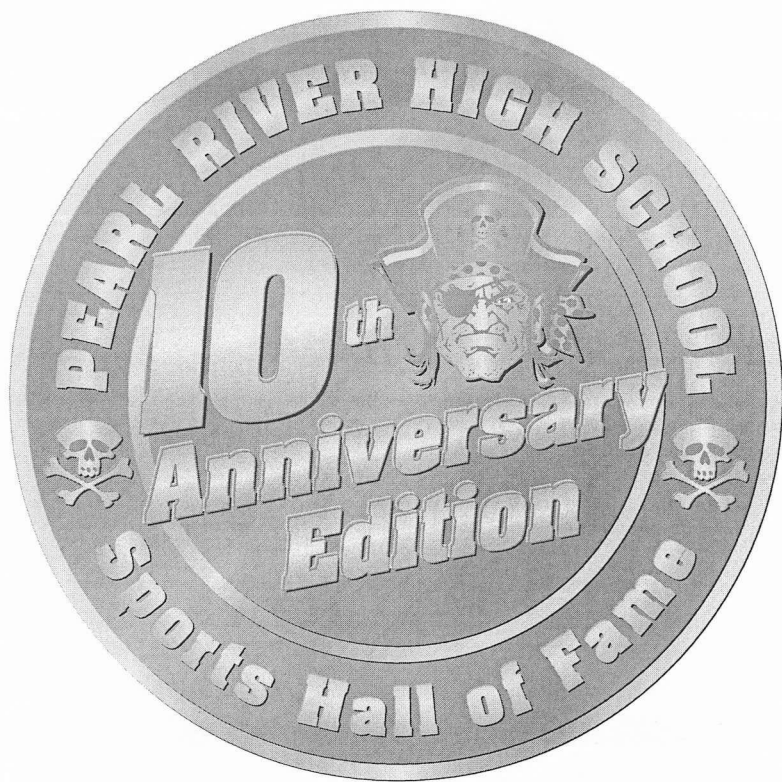
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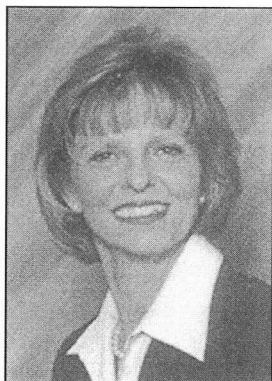
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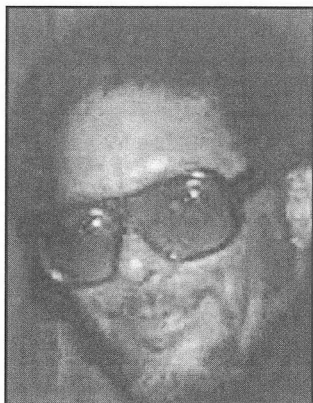
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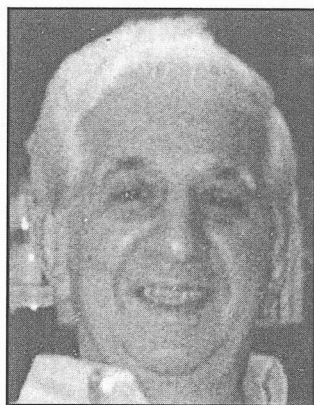
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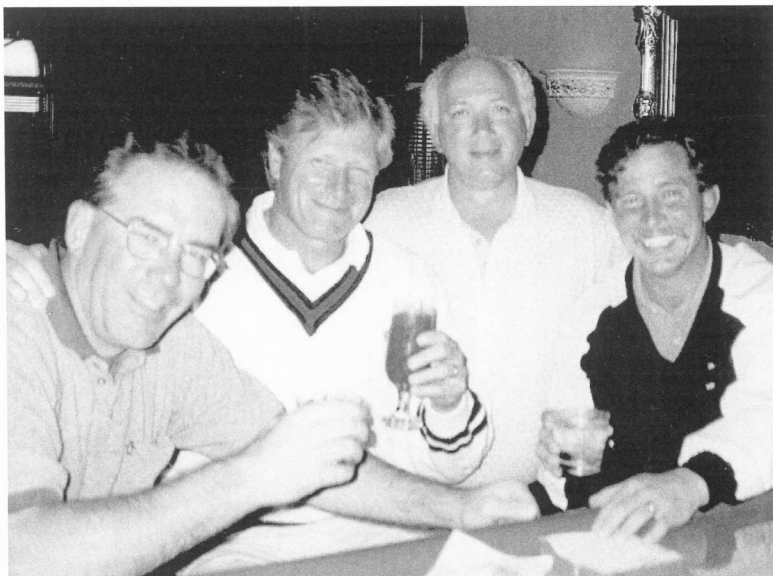
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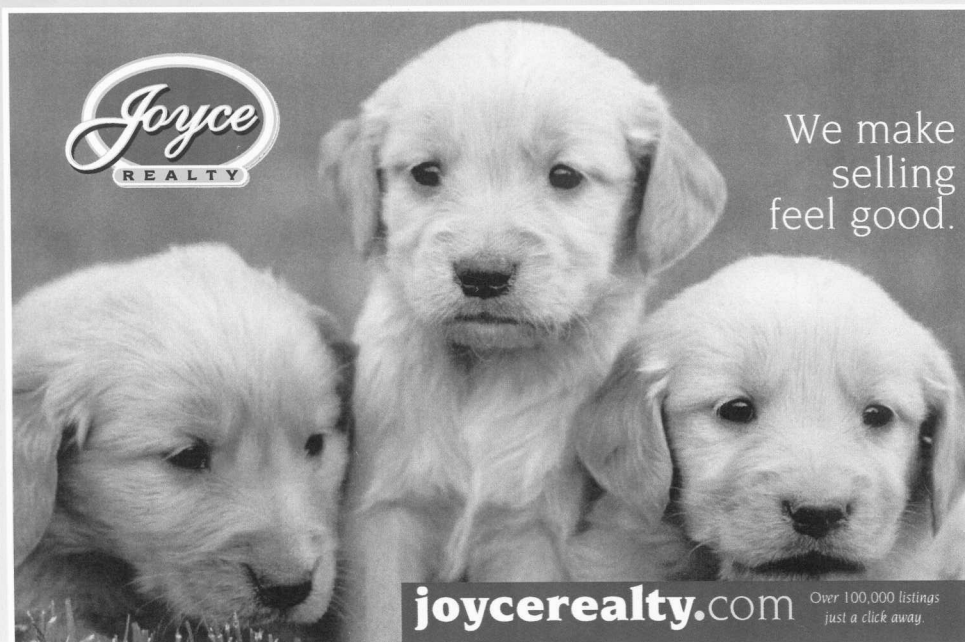
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