



## Crusader Fun Run Raises Funds for School and Charity



At the recent Stepinac High School Crusader Annual 5K Family Fun Run, supporters ran in a festive race at the school's athletic field to help raise funds for Stepinac's sports program and the American Cancer Society. Organized by the Stepinac Lady Crusaders, more than \$14,000 was raised— \$1,500 of which was donated to the non-profit. One-mile race winners were Stepinac student Timmy Cleary of White Plains who captured first place in the male category at 4:41 while Maeve Briton of White Plains took the top female spot at 5:44. The 5K first place runners were Stepinac student Drew DePietro of Pleasantville at 17:30 and Margaret Byrne of Yonkers at 25:11. A total of 121 registered runners from the school and surrounding community participated.

## Planning Board Considers NYPA Landscaping and Post Road 7-11

By Pat Casey

The October meeting of the White Plains Planning Board saw the latest revision to the New York Power Authority (NYPA) site plan at 123 Main St., with repairs and renovation to the parking garage including the addition of 120 parking spaces, from 736 to 856, and enhancements to the building's landscaping.

The project had been reviewed at an earlier meeting of the White Plains Common Council when Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona took NYPA to task on eliminating open space to accommodate the garage, requesting other forms of green space or green technology be given to the city in exchange.

The loss of open space is on the Hamilton Avenue side of the NYPA building, where a pedestrian walkway with benches and plantings has been eliminated and landscaping will, according to the plan, meet the sidewalk.

The design calls for vertical column

trees, wide leaf trees for shade, evergreens and climbing ivy along the garage facades with built up planters and lighting cans along the sidewalks on all sides of the building.

A glass canopy from the building to the parking lot will provide rain cover and night lighting for NYPA employees and visitors.

The south facing plaza at Williams Street, Main Street and MLK Boulevard will maintain the green open space that exists with a redesign to enhance the artistic elements of the plaza. Several jumping fish sculptures with decorative grasses will appear like a stream meandering through the darker green grass and a solar-powered "tree" will provide night lighting.

The \$14 million project has allocated about \$1 million for enhanced landscaping.

The Planning Board agreed to tell the

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## Excitement, Fear Grows About Chance for Constitutional Convention

By Martin Wilbur

It's taken nearly all year for citizens to take notice, but with time dwindling until Election Day an increasing number of voters have realized that a critically important proposition which comes up just once every 20 years is on the ballot.

On Nov. 7, New York State residents will decide whether they want to schedule a Constitutional Convention to potentially make sweeping changes to the state constitution.

Depending on who you speak with, opinions range from ridding Albany of much of its corruption and dysfunction to

irreparably damaging life in New York if a convention is convened.

Morgan Pehme, communications director for NY People's Convention, a Manhattan-based group advocating for a convention, said there is good reason why disparate groups that hardly agree on anything - Planned Parenthood and Right-to-Lifers, the Working Families Party and the NRA - are advocating for a Yes vote.

The major political parties and special interests wield disproportionate influence in Albany and dictate what key public policies and issues are raised, he said.

"What is the common thread? They are the groups that have the power in Albany and they are very content keeping things the way they are," Pehme said. "But in our view, New York is one of the most corrupt and dysfunctional state governments, and the status quo is hurting New Yorkers. We have tried through the regular legislative channels (to have) such a resistance and to make a difference and Albany has simply thumbed its nose."

Many others, though, are actively working to defeat the proposition. Bruce Campbell, a board member with the Lower Hudson Valley Progressive Action

Network (LHVPAN), the Westchester-Putnam chapter of the state group, said too many hard-fought gains could be lost in a single convention. That could include dismantling the pension system, sabotaging environmental protections to ensure clean drinking water and many others.

"If you have a convention it opens it up to changing everything, including things that are in the constitution that protect a lot of working families that would be under attack at a convention," he said.

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Screen shot of rendering of the NYPA south entry plaza with landscape enhancements.

Common Council, which is lead agency on the site plan decision, that it approves the project.

Another project reviewed by the Board is the proposed 7-11 for 26 E. Post Road, a former gas station.

Remediation of a spill on the site has been completed and closed by the DEC with another area undergoing further testing, but which is outside of the scope of



Example of a solar tree.

the 7-11 site plan.

The retail building at the corner of Brookfield St. and E. Post Road faces the

White Plains Hospital and was considered by several Board members as a good addition to the vicinity.

The Zoning Board of Appeals had already given a parking variance for reduced parking, considering that the retail space is small, customers have a quick turn around time within the store and that many customers of the 7-11 will be pedestrians coming from the hospital. Hours of operation are 24/7.

There was some discussion on traffic, especially unloading of product deliveries.

Reports from Public Safety and the Traffic Department are expected before the next meeting in November.

The Planning Board is the lead agency on the project site plan approval.

## County LDC Approves Financing for SUNY-Purchase Housing

The Westchester Local Development Corporation (LDC) has approved \$36.4 million in low-cost financing for Purchase College-SUNY to construct a new residence hall on its campus.

The money will be used build a four-story, 80,000-square-foot residence hall, consisting of 300 beds in a suite-style configuration with student common areas and resident advisor accommodations. The building, which will be designed and constructed to meet LEED Silver or better standards, will be located on a four-acre

parcel of land near the college's other residence halls and educational facilities.

Purchase College-SUNY said the new residence hall is necessary to meet the growing demand for housing on the campus, noting that occupancy of the existing student housing is typically 98% full during the fall semester. Purchase College currently has approximately 2,200 beds. Construction is expected to start in spring 2018 with occupancy in fall 2019. The project will create approximately 350 construction jobs.

The action taken by the LDC at its Oct. 19 meeting grants tax-free status to the bonds that will be issued for construction, which provides thousands in savings to the college from lower interest costs. The financing carries no cost or obligation to the LDC or the county.

"Purchase College-SUNY is very excited about moving ahead with the new dorm," said college spokesperson Betsy Aldredge in a media statement. "As the demographics have shifted from a primarily commuter campus to a campus

where the majority of students reside on campus, it has been an ongoing challenge to provide housing for all who wish to live here."

"This new 300-bed dorm, which will consist of junior suites, will allow us to move students from triples to doubles, therefore improving their residence experience. At the same time, the new dorm will give us flexibility to convert spaces now used as living quarters into academic spaces, and to renovate some of our older housing stock," she continued.

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"I think a lot of the people who want changes in the constitution want a kind of panacea, they see it as an easy thing."

Campbell said while much good came out of the 1894 and 1938 conventions, it was a different world that didn't have so-called "dark money" trying to heavily influence elections.

Stripping away pensions is one of the scare tactics the opposition has used, Pehme argued. He said people already in a pension system are guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, although it is theoretically possible for future workers to miss out on

that benefit.

The state is up to Tier VI in the pension system, which is far less robust than the original state pensions, Pehme said.

Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville), who is against a convention, said special interests with deep pockets would likely tilt the delegate balance by being able to put up their candidates and push them through.

He said extremists could take over and could make revisions.

"The dreams of reform are likely to be shattered by the nightmare of the

election results," said Abinanti, who will be speaking about the proposition at the Mount Pleasant Democratic Committee meeting on Nov. 2 at Tesoro d'Italia restaurant in Pleasantville. "In simple terms, because who gets elected as delegates will determine what the convention will do, and in big money times, it's going to be big money delegates."

He advocates individual constitutional amendments passed by the legislature and proposed by voters. There have been more than 200 of those passed in the past 100 years, and another, Assemblyman David

Buchwald's pension forfeiture bill, is up for a vote this year.

But Alan Rothstein, the interim executive director of the good government group Citizens Union, said those against the convention are the ones pouring in the money. In fact, Pehme estimates that the No camp could outraise the Yes side by as much as 10-to-1.

Rothstein said while there have been many propositions over the years, no major changes such as campaign finance reform, early voting or overhauling the state's court system ever gets accomplished legislatively.

"For major structural reforms, this hasn't happened," Rothstein said of individual amendments passed by the legislature to put up to the voters. "They amend the constitution frequently, but not in a major way, not in regard with how the government works."

### How Does a Constitutional Convention Work?

If the Nov. 7 proposition passes, there will be elections in each of the state's 63 senatorial districts next November to determine the three delegates who will represent each district.

Any citizen can run to become a delegate from their district as long as they gather 1,000 signatures from members of their party if they are a Republican or Democrat. Independents would need 3,000 signatures or signatures equaling at least 5 percent of the voters in the last gubernatorial election in their district.

Another 15 at-large statewide delegates would bring the total to 204.

A convention would convene on Apr. 2, 2019, and likely last up to six months, although there really isn't a time limit. However, a convention would have to be completed in time to get whatever questions are on the ballot for the 2019 general election.

Delegates would be paid at the same rate as a state legislator – a \$79,500 salary – for the duration of the convention, he said.

Cost estimates from anti-convention groups are pegged the expense at as much as \$300 million while pro-convention advocates argue it wouldn't exceed \$100 million.

–Martin Wilbur





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# Astorino Dogs Latimer Over Unpaid Taxes on Rye Home

By Neal Rentz and Martin Wilbur

Republican Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino continued to hammer state Sen. George Latimer last Wednesday over his refusal to pay property taxes on a home in Rye.

Astorino, who is running for a third term against the Rye Democrat next month, said that since 2012, Latimer has missed multiple tax payments on the house at 60 Roosevelt Ave. totaling \$48,742. The taxes are due on the home that Latimer and his wife obtained following the death of his mother-in-law.

“There are four tax liens on the Latimer property and he simply refuses to pay,” said Astorino, who has repeatedly lambasted the veteran lawmaker for raising taxes at every level of government that he has served during his 30-year legislative career but has failed to pay his own.

Astorino said the unpaid taxes rise to close to \$51,000 because the Latimers have taken the senior citizen STAR exemption. The STAR exemption may have been “technically legal,” but not ethical and Latimer should return the \$2,100 they obtained from the exemption, Astorino said.

“A subsequent check of records showed no legal dispute over the house, none whatsoever,” he said. “George has since been forced to admit this.”

Astorino said the Latimers took full ownership of the home in 2012, adding

they have paid a portion of the property taxes but not all.

A check of the City of Rye record showed that since 2012 there have been 10 tax bills missed, mostly for Rye schools and Westchester County, totaling \$46,009. There is one unpaid city tax bill from earlier this year for \$1,929.01.

Last week Latimer struck back at Astorino, denying that he owns the house and charging that the county executive wants to talk about anything except his record.

Latimer said there was a transaction between his wife and mother-in-law before the latter’s passing, which is being contested by another member of his wife’s family.

“What Rob has done, and I think it’s a flat-out lie, is try to attack that as if I control it or own it and I don’t,” Latimer said. “Right now he doesn’t want to defend his record.”

He said all tax obligations and other outstanding bills on the house will be satisfied when the matter has been resolved.

The Roosevelt Avenue property showed up on his ethics report because he was forced to list all property that is owned by him and his spouse and what they co-own, according to Latimer. He also denied saying that it was part of a probate.

“It is a dispute between lawyers representing another member of her

family who is contesting the transaction by which she got the house,” Latimer said. “It has not gone to court. Other than that, it’s a personal matter of my wife’s family.”

Latimer stressed that the house that he and his wife, Robin, live in on Wainwright Street in Rye all the taxes are paid on time and are up to date. City of Rye records corroborate that comment.

During an Oct. 18 press conference, Astorino also blasted Latimer for being hypocritical and for not voting on the state budget this year because he was on vacation.

“God help anyone with financial issues running against George Latimer. He had

no problem excoriating his 2014 state Senate opponent for missing mortgage payments,” Astorino said.

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# Westchester Pediatric Physical Therapy, Scarsdale

## By Pat Casey

Dr. Dana R. Smith, referred to by her patients as Dr. Dana, recently opened Westchester Pediatric Physical Therapy (home of Sensory Jim & Friends) in a new state of the art location in Scarsdale.

Dr. Dana's practice is unique among pediatric physical therapy professionals because she specializes in neuromotor and sensory integration, postural control and Autism Spectrum Disorder, combining physical therapy and sensory integration to provide treatments aimed at improving a child's quality of life across all settings. She has personally treated well over 800 children in her career.

Dr. Dana began her clinical training as a physical therapist dealing with patients of all ages experiencing trauma, strokes, spinal cord injuries and other injuries involving the nervous system and the brain.

It was a young boy with Leukemia awaiting a bone marrow transplant that turned her attention to the needs of children and pediatrics.

"He was isolated," Dr. Dana remembered. "I began to spend time working with him. It made a difference in his experience and recuperation, so I considered working with kids. I began to take on cases treating children with developmental disorders."

While working to earn credentials in New York State, Dr. Dana was introduced to Sensory Integration and pioneering work done by Dr. Jean Ayres, to determine how a child's sensory experience might not be properly acknowledged by the brain, causing an abnormal response.

For example, a child might respond to the sound of a ringing doorbell or the phone with a response of fear because her neurological system is not integrating the information properly and the brain has perceived the sound worthy of a "fight or flight" response, which would not be appropriate in the situation, Dr. Dana said.

Some children overreact when touched because the sensation has set off an abnormal neurological response.

Using a combination of physical and occupational therapy, Dr. Dana works with her young patients so they feel less traumatized. "It is difficult to know why they react the way they do when we do not know what they are feeling," she explained.

Many of Dr. Dana's patients are diagnosed in the Autism spectrum, but the triggers in each child are different, she says. Educating parents on how to identify the triggers if they suspect their

child has a problem is key in determining how a child's sensory processing might be affected.

Most people are familiar with the five senses of touch, taste, smell, hearing and vision, but there are three other senses that can affect a child's neurological response. These include the balance of the inner ear, senses of the major organs such as the stomach and receptors in the muscles and joints that all provide feedback on where the body is functioning.

Once a pattern has been identified, it often can be worked through with behavioral therapies.

Dr. Dana identifies when sensory impairments disturb a child's natural gross motor development and works directly with the child and family to come to a solution that enables the child to live a healthy and happy life. Dr. Dana also recognizes the immense stress that the parents and family members are under, in addition to the challenges that the children themselves face.

Dr. Dana receives referrals from pediatricians and sometimes school professionals who have identified the red flags and are able to encourage early intervention. When a family takes the first



Dr. Dana R. Smith recently opened Westchester Pediatric Physical Therapy (home of Sensory Jim & Friends) in Scarsdale.

step by making an appointment, Dr. Dana conducts a comprehensive assessment, which can take from one and half to two hours depending on the age of the patient. She goes over the findings with the family and discusses a course of therapy. Some children work through the therapy in a matter of weeks or months, and others are in a program for years.

"It all depends on the specific situation," Dr. Dana explains. If she feels a child needs another form of treatment, she will refer out to other specialists.

Families can find out more about Dr. Dana's practice by visiting [westchesterpediatricpt.com](http://westchesterpediatricpt.com).

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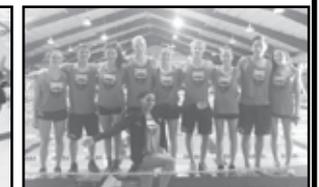
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### Simme Cynkin Klebanow

Simme Cynkin Klebanow, a New Rochelle resident, passed away Oct. 20 at the age of 91. She was born February 28, 1926 in Jerusalem, Israel to the late Naftali and Chana Cynkin.

She married Norman Klebanow on May 4, 1981. He predeceased her.

Simme was a Professor of Occupational therapy at Columbia University in NYC, where she was also an author of textbooks for the University as well.

She is survived by her children, Susan Plath of Hartsdale, Mickey Klebanow of Arizona and Kenneth Klebanow of Maryland. Also surviving are her grandchildren: Mai Plath, David Plath, Scott Plath, Didi Laufer, Michael Klebanow, Laura Klebanow and Nathan

Klebanow and her great grandchildren Aislyn Plath, Tara Plath, Kelli Plath, Lucky Plath, Spirit Plath, Jack Klebanow, Jason Klebanow, Kate Kelly and Olivia Laufer along with her cousins Karen and Rodney Cohen, Doreen and Lionel Wolpert.

"Mom, Grandma, Simme - all of our lives were enhanced by your love, warmth, grace, wisdom and sense of humor. You were a classy, highly intelligent lady. We will so miss you, but you will always be in our hearts."

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Hero Inc. PO Box 58 H Scarsdale, NY 10583 or the Lois Bronze Center, 30 Manhattan Ave White Plains, NY 10607.



### Lawrence A. Haggerty

Lawrence (Larry) A. Haggerty died suddenly on Oct. 16 at his home in City Island.

Larry was born on June 13, 1972 in White Plains, where he spent his childhood years. At the age of 20, he joined the US Marine Corp where he met lifelong friends or brothers as he referred to them. Larry was extremely bright and successfully pursued a career in social work - holding two Masters Degrees in his field. Most recently Larry was managing a mental health program in the Bronx. Larry was also an adjunct Professor at the College of New Rochelle, Co-op City Campus.

He was an avid fisherman and loved to fish off the piers of City Island.

Larry loved his family, his quick wit and sense of humor were infectious. He always told each of us how much he loved us and we loved him right back. Losing someone so special is and will be a struggle for the Haggerty family.

Larry is survived by his mother, Catherine Haggerty, his brother, David Haggerty, his sister Amanda MacConnell and her husband Brian MacConnell and their two children, Kayla and Aidan, his Aunt Carol Haggerty, his daughter Ashley Wilk, his uncles and aunts Richard and Karen Haggerty and Daniel and Diana Haggerty and his long-time partner, Kathy Spruill and her son Erich along with numerous cousins and a multitude of friends.



## Westchester to Protect County's Oldest Working Farm

Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino Friday announced \$400,000 in funding to preserve the 172-acre Stuart's Fruit Farm in Somers.

The county's contribution is the final financial piece of a broader \$2.94 million effort to preserve the privately owned and operated working farm and educational

resource, which is located within the Croton Reservoir watershed.

Under the terms of the bipartisan proposal that Astorino is sending to the Board of Legislators, Westchester's contribution would be added to those of: the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM)

- \$1.84 million, the Town of Somers - \$300,000, the Westchester Land Trust - \$50,000, Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Inc. - \$353,175, Somers Land Trust-\$3,000.

Stuart's Farm, the oldest working farm in Westchester County that dates back to 1828, is a part of Westchester's 300-year agricultural heritage and the 7,400 acres of working farmland in Westchester. The money will be used to purchase a conservation easement from the Stuarts that will prohibit any future development that is inconsistent with agricultural use. Westchester Land Trust is leading the project, and will hold the conservation easement, along with the county and town. The state grant was awarded through a competitive process that assessed the importance of the land and the viability of the farm and business operation. The Stuart family will continue to own and operate the farm, which attracts more than 25,000 people per year from the region.

Bob Stuart noted that his children, in-laws and grandchildren all worked year-round on the farm, where they grow apples, peaches and vegetables during the growing season, while also running a bakery and selling Christmas trees

in the winter.

"This is a simple family farm and I love what I do," said Stuart, owner of the farm. "This is an island of the past. There aren't many family farms left, so it's important that we hang on to them because once a farm is gone, it doesn't get replaced, and future generations won't know what life on a farm is like."

Lori Ensinger, president of the Westchester Land Trust, called the farm an iconic part of Westchester's history.

"We are deeply grateful to be working with Westchester County, and all our partners to forever preserve this iconic part of Westchester's agricultural legacy," Ensinger said.

There is bipartisan support from members of the Board of Legislators. The county portion of the easement would be financed with county bonds and requires 12 votes from the 17-member board.

"This investment balances the need to preserve open space with pressure for land development in Westchester County," said Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D/Somers). "Stuart's Farm and other agricultural operations are important for the Northern Westchester economy and environment. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this investment."

The proposal has already been approved by the Westchester County Planning Board, which noted that the easement would "nurture the economic climate, preserve and protect the county's natural resources and environment, and define and protect community character."

Enginger said the Land Trust expects to be able to close the acquisition within several months, pending final administrative approvals from New York State.

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## Town of Greenburgh Offering Reflectors to Pedestrians

If you are walking around Greenburgh in the evening try not to wear dark clothing at night. Many drivers can't see people who are wearing dark outfits. A few years ago a young man was killed in a hit and run accident while walking in the middle of the night.

Earlier this year Phelps Hospital donated reflectors that we have been distributing at Town Hall. The police have been distributing the reflectors when they see pedestrians walking late at night. In recent weeks (since it's been getting darker earlier) we have given out lots

of free reflectors at Town Hall. And, on Saturday - during our Spooktober our festival at Hartsbrook Park - we gave free reflectors to many of the 1,800 attendees. You should also wear bright clothing when walking at night.

The reflectors can be picked up for free at the lobby of Town Hall. These reflectors can save lives.

Your safety is of great importance to all of us.

*-Paul Feiner,  
Greenburgh Town Supervisor*

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## The Teddy Bear House, a Tudor, is Up for Sale

Every house has a story, some more exciting than others, but there's always some kind of story, even with new construction if you consider what has gone into its planning and construction.

In my career as a realtor, I've had the pleasure to represent some houses with extraordinary stories, including my own, the Ebenezer White House, circa 1734, in Yorktown Heights, which I recently sold. Now, my real estate partner Michael Pierce and I have just listed the Michtom House, built in 1926 (aka The Teddy Bear House), in Cortlandt Manor.

And why, you might ask, is it called The Teddy Bear House? Because it was built as the country refuge for the family of Morris Michtom, the toymaker who developed and manufactured the original teddy bear in the early 20th century, inspired by President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt. With the success of the teddy bear, Michtom went on to establish the Ideal Novelty and Toy Co.

A perfect example of the Tudor period, the four-bedroom, 2,000-square-foot Michtom house sits on an acre on Briar Lane, a sleepy, tree-canopied road that harks back to a time when the area was primarily for leisure time activity for the well-to-do from the city.

Its owners, Diane and Bob Frissora, have lived in this sturdy structure with its stucco outer walls and slate roof since

1971 and are emotional about placing it on the market, especially Diane.

"It's where we raised our family," she said.

Bob Frissora, a builder, looks at the prospect of a sale more practically, saying "How could you build a house like this today? What would it cost using these materials?"

A special prospect of this particular property is that it has an adjacent one-acre buildable lot that is zoned two-family, which is rare for upper Westchester.

"This lot can be incorporated into the deal for the house – or not," Bob said, "so it could be a family compound or purchased along with the house as an investment opportunity."

There aren't many true Tudors in upper Westchester like the Michtom home. The style flourished in America from 1890 to 1940, and the area at that time was mostly small homes and summer cottages, rather than grander structures like this one.



By Bill Primavera



The Michtom Tudor House, aka "The Teddy Bear House" in Cortlandt Manor, is now up for sale.

In more urban settings, the style referred to as Tudor was based on a mix of late Medieval and early Renaissance styles. European-trained architects, influenced by Old World styles, brought

the eclectic, asymmetrical Tudor style to America toward the end of the 19th century. Built for wealthy homeowners, Tudor houses were of solid masonry with elaborate decorative stone and brickwork. They were sometimes called "Stockbroker Tudor" because their financially successful owners had frequently made their wealth in the booming 1920s stock market.

These homes featured such elements as steeply pitched roofs, decorative half timbering and embellished doorways.

"Basically, this is a lower Westchester kind of home in upper Westchester – at an upper Westchester price," Bob Frissora said. "How can you beat that?"

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# In the Land of the Rich, There's Opportunity for the Persevering



By Nick Antonaccio

In my two most recent columns, we've explored the rarified air of the high-end wine auctions for rare wines. Typically the domain of the one percenters, it might seem that these auctions are the playgrounds and/or the battlefields of the rich. Auction houses carefully curate their offerings; the average price of a bid lot typically tops \$3,000.

It would seem these stratospheric prices exclude anyone seeking to purchase and enjoy wines beyond those available in their local wine shop. For some wine consumers, who have developed a fine palate and wish to enjoy finer wines, the concept of attending an auction is intimidating and beyond their credit card limits.

Fear not, all ye who live vicariously through the checkbooks of those you silently envy.

Cast aside your trepidation. Step into the world of wines otherwise hidden from view in the catalogs and sales sites of auction houses. Expand your palates and your appreciation of older wines. Delve into the world of fine wines – at prices not much more than a mortgage payment or a student loan installment obligation.

So, if you can rationalize a splurge or two, follow me down the path of the new

age of bidding on wines not found in the brick and mortar world – the digital world of electronic auction bidding.

Just as the Internet has democratized most goods formerly entrenched in shoe leather sales, so too with wine.

Yearning to avail yourself of an older bottle of Bordeaux or Burgundy? Ever wondered what the taste and aromas might be of your favorite California Cabernet Sauvignon after a few years of aging?

Look no further. Your furtive quest may be satiated through digital technology. The Internet has advanced the ability of procuring wines from the comfort of your home, office, coffee shop or anywhere you can find a Wi-Fi connection.

Here's how.

Open an account with an electronic auction house. Several brick and mortar houses have established collector-friendly sites. Simply create an electronic account and you're ready to delve into the world of wine auctions.

One of the earliest virtual auction houses is Winebid.com. Many of its offerings are small lots, even single bottles; some may be won for under \$50.

Most of the high-end houses offer Internet bidding, which tend to be of lesser cost. A favorite among bargain

seekers is Heritage Auctions.

A few hints:

1. Decide which regions or vintages you're interested in beforehand. Auction houses offer online catalogs you should browse before the auction begins. You'll avoid the stress of the fast-paced atmosphere of more aggressive bidders.

2. You don't have to bid in the live online auctions. Perfectly acceptable are pre-auction bids that set the maximum you wish to bid on select lots. Let the auction house manage the bidding for you.

3. Price-check retail prices of wines you plan to bid on at the website wine-searcher.com. It's a fine reality check of reasonable market prices.

4. Don't be overly concerned with vintage ratings. My maxim: there are excellent wines from poor vintages and mediocre wines from great vintages. Many fine wines are hiding right in front of us in full view, obscured by a critic's blanket assessment of a vintage.

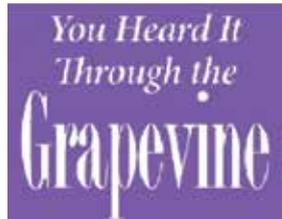
5. Perhaps the greatest bargains (relatively speaking) are wines that are noted as having torn, stained or faded labels. They may not be trophy wines, but they will afford you the opportunity to taste a rare wine at a reasonable cost.

6. Remember that online auction

sites are in the business of generating profits for themselves. Be sure to factor in the mandatory buyer's premium and, oftentimes, shipping charges. These may add an additional 20 to 25 percent surcharge to your purchase price. Your \$300 to \$400 purchase may ultimately cost you up to \$500.

Are online auctions the panacea for forlorn wine consumers, envious of high-end investors? You decide. As for me, a brief encounter with an aged nectar of the gods is a sublime experience, even if infrequent.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at [nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com](mailto:nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com) or on Twitter @sharingwine.





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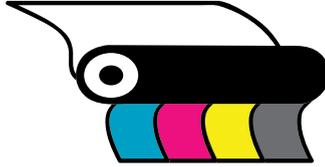
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## Tuesday, Oct. 24

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

**Tuesdays at Dorry's.** Join us as we have a conversation with Susan Ross, a lifelong resident of Westchester, and publisher of Westchester Senior Voice, a print and digital magazine that connects boomers and seniors to local experts and the resources that serve this demographic. Susan has been in media/publishing her entire career and is part of the boomer generation. She looks forward to sharing the circumstances that drove her to launch WSV and hopes to learn more from attendees about their own experiences in navigating "successful" aging. No reservations are needed. Tuesdays @ Dorry's is coordinated by Dorry's friends at Memorial United Methodist Church and Congregation Kol Ami, and brings participants from a cross-section of our communities. Weekly Table Talk 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering starts at 5:15 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains; 914-682-0005.

## Wednesday, Oct. 25

**Farmer's Market.** The White Plains Downtown Farmer's Market is open for the season, Wednesdays, temporarily moved to the Court Street parking lot (located on Court Street between Quarropas Street and East Post Road) while improvements are made to Court Street between Main and Martine, its customary home; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Nov. 22.

**Free Noon Concert.** Downtown Music at Grace presents Enigma Trio – Soprano Tammy Hensrud is joined by cellist Ben Capps and pianist Svetlana Gorokhovich for this program, which includes music of Berlioz, Tchaikovsky, and Leonard Bernstein. A Downtown Music debut. 12:10 p.m. Free, 30-minute concert. The concert will be held in Grace Church at Main St. and Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains and is made possible, in part, with the generous support of Linda and

Robert Heath. Additional funding has been provided by Pitney Bowes.

**Lunchtime Meditation At The Library.** A weekly Meditation program at the library. No registration or equipment necessary. Starts promptly at 12:15 p.m. Brief beginning instruction will be followed by silent meditation. An experienced guest teacher will attend the first Wednesday of each month. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains. For information call 914-422-1496

**White Plains Candidates Forum:** The League of Women Voters of White Plains will hold a forum for candidates running for Mayor and Common Council from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at White Plains High School Auditorium. The Forum is cosponsored by the Woman's Club of White Plains and the White Plains/Greenburgh NAACP. In accordance with League policy and in order to ensure that a wide range of issues are addressed by the candidates, questions will be submitted in writing in one of two ways: by email in advance of the meeting (by Noon on October 25) to [bethkava@gmail.com](mailto:bethkava@gmail.com) or at the Forum. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. Cards will be available for audience members to submit questions. Please include your name and address on submissions, and indicate whether your question is the mayoral candidates or candidates for the common council. Questions will not be taken from the floor. Information about candidate positions on issues for the White Plains races as well as other local and county races as well as the three ballot propositions can be found at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

## Thursday, Oct. 26

**MSP's Annual Fall Luncheon.** My Sister's Place Annual Fall Luncheon. The theme is Human Trafficking: A Decade of Westchester Stories. Since 2007, My Sister's Place has served as the designated regional human trafficking services provider for our area, assisting over 400 survivors of human trafficking and their family members, and reaching over 3,000 first responders and community members through trainings on how to identify and assist survivors. The event will include food, drinks, a silent auction and a panel of experts, including a survivor of human trafficking, who will shed light on this important issue that is occurring right here in Westchester County. Community Partner awards will be presented to Jackson Lewis P.C. and Allison Stangeby, Vice President of Community & Corporate Relations for the New York Football Giants; 11:30 a.m. at Brae Burn Country Club, 39 Brae Burn Drive, Purchase.

**"The Crucible." Salem, 1692.** A group of young women accuse their fellow

townspeople of witchcraft, and innocent men and women must choose to confess or hang. What happens when a government is disposed to believe in lies? Purchase College's student repertory company whose talent are the next generation to put a fresh spin on Arthur Miller's mid-century masterwork. SUNY Purchase's PepsiCo Theatre, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Also Oct. 27 and 28. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org).

**Henry Schwarzschild Memorial Lecture:** Jonathan Lippman, former Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals, will discuss mass incarceration during the 19th annual Henry Schwarzschild Memorial Lecture at Manhattanville College at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. As Chief Judge of the State of New York from 2009-2015 Lippman championed efforts to provide equal access to justice. He strengthened the state's indigent criminal defense system, addressed the systemic causes of wrongful convictions, created Human Trafficking Courts across New York State, and led initiatives to reform New York's juvenile justice, bail and pre-trial justice systems. Lippman currently serves as the Chair of the Independent Commission on New York City Criminal Justice and Incarceration Reform, a 27-person blue ribbon commission, formed to examine the future of the Rikers Island jail facilities in the context of systemic criminal justice reform; Reid Castle at Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase.

## Friday, Oct. 27

**Ghost the Musical.** White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. Runs through Oct. 29. Friday and Saturdays 8 p.m. Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets [wppac.com](http://wppac.com).

**Halloween Spook-tacular.** A live DJ, face painters, games, entertainment, a bounce castle and more. Children are encouraged to come in costume. For children grades K-5. North White Plains Community Center, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3325 or visit [www.northcastleny.com](http://www.northcastleny.com).

## Saturday, Oct. 28

**"The Rocky Horror Picture Show."** Come experience this 1975 cult classic where sweethearts Bra (Barry Bostwick) and Janet (Susan Sarandon), stuck with a flat tire during a storm, discover the eerie mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter (Tim Curry), a transvestite scientist. As their innocence is lost, Brad and Janet meet a houseful of wild characters, including a rocking biker (Meat Loaf) and creepy butler (Richard O'Brien). Children under 17 not permitted without an adult. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown

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## Sunday, Oct. 29

**Frightfully Fun Festival Halloween Event.** Calling all White Plains ghosts, witches, princesses, Jedi knights, Hogwarts students, and super heroes. Come on down to Court Street (between Main St & Martine Ave) in costume from Noon to 4 p.m. Enjoy this bewitching holiday in a safe, fun, and festive atmosphere with music, crafts, magic, pumpkin picking, hay maze, refreshments and plenty of treats for all. This year's event will feature a Masquerade Parade in the downtown for all to participate in or enjoy as a spectator. Prizes awarded for many costume categories. The afternoon promises to be fun for families, preschoolers and elementary age children. Most of the activities are free but there is a nominal charge for some venues.

**Reframing Westchester's Housing Crisis.** Alexander Roberts, executive director of Community Housing Innovations (CHI) and founder of the Westchester Workforce Housing Coalition, will lead this discussion. Roberts has spoken out against the zoning policies that have made the New York metro area the second most segregated in the U.S. and driven young adults from Westchester. Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains. 11:45 a.m. Free. Info: 914-946-1660 or visit [www.cucwp.org](http://www.cucwp.org).

**John Lodge of The Moody Blues in Concert.** Bass guitarist, vocalist and songwriter for the iconic rock band The Moody Blues and author of hits such as "Ride My Seesaw," "I'm Just a Singer (In A Rock and Roll Band)" and "Isn't Life Strange?" Lodge has been performing and recording with the group for more than five decades. This year marks the 50th anniversary of The Moody Blues' album "Days of Future Passed" and to celebrate, John and The Moody Blues embarked on a very special tour that included a complete performance of this iconic and groundbreaking album. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 7 p.m. \$57.20, \$68.65 and \$85.50. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit [www.paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://www.paramounthudsonvalley.com).



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## EXAMINER SPORTS

# Why the Brooklyn Nets Could Win the Atlantic Division in 2017-2018



By Jeff Ahn

Yes, you read the title correctly! I am referring to the same Nets that finished last season with the NBA's worst record of 20 wins and 62 losses. Before you dismiss this article as some Nostradamus-like

prophecy from some super delusional Nets fan, here are some logical reasons why this prophecy can come to fruition. To win the Atlantic division, the Nets will likely need to win 50 or more games (Note: The Celtics won this division during the prior season with a record of 53-29 and the Raptors were just behind with a record of 51-31). So, how could a team possibly improve by 30+ wins in just one season? Here are some thoughts to noodle on...

•The GM, Sean Marks set expectations low at the start of last season indicating the franchise was measuring success by development and not by Wins-Losses, and they weren't kidding. The Nets put no pressure to rush key players back from injury (ala Jeremy Lin's hamstring injuries last season or star rookie, Caris LeVert's delayed start). This was genius, as it took all the pressure off the team to actually get wins, and allowed the team to show-case Brook Lopez's hidden talent of launching the three ball from deep (which ultimately landed us D'angelo Russell for this upcoming season) and also allowed youngsters like Spencer Dinwiddie, Sean Kilpatrick, Quincy Acy and Joe Harris to get real minutes to develop.

•The Nets were not good without Lin last season, and he is now out for the season with a ruptured knee from the opening night game. In fact, the Nets had a stretch last season without Lin where they only won only one game and lost 25 from late December through the end of February! The Nets made a decision to not sign a more polished interim point-guard and instead opted to let guys like Sean Kilpatrick, Isaiah Whitehead and Spencer Dinwiddie learn on-the-job. This year, the Nets are much better suited to handle the loss of Lin with D'angelo Russell being the focal point of the Nets offense. Other overlooked factors are that Spencer Dinwiddie emerged last season as a point guard and should be able to fill the back-up point guard position well, and Sean Kilpatrick, who filled in last year at point guard is really more of a natural scorer at the shooting guard position and should also benefit from being able to play off the ball because of Russell and Dinwiddie's development from last season. Lastly, less Lin, will likely also mean more LeVert, who is a 6'-7" guard that has the ability run the point at times and remind you a bit of Penny Hardaway with his ability to explode to the hoop. LeVert was very lean in his rookie season, and he significantly

bulked up this off-season and is in position to get noticed around the league.

•Head coach, Kenny Atkinson's motion offense actually works! The Nets led the NBA last season in pace, which means they had most possessions per game at 104.9 (just ahead of the Golden State Warriors and Houston Rockets, both at 103.6). The difference was, both the Warriors and Rockets finished #1 and #2 in scoring due to higher efficiency (and better players), but the Nets played a similar style with a lot of run-and-gun, passes, and long range shots! The Nets finished 11th in the league in total points, which wasn't bad considering their point guard situation last season.

•To enhance this motion offense, the Nets added more players that can drill the three-ball, with the main additions being D'angelo Russell and Allen Crabbe. Allen Crabbe, who wasn't able to get starter minutes because he was behind Damian Lillard and C. J. McCollum in Portland should break out this season, as he had the second best 3-point field goal percentage last season at 44%. He has enough range to hit very deep three-balls and will be strongly encouraged to shoot in this motion offense.

•The Nets depth – Because of the fast pace offense the Nets run, and the flurry of injuries from last season, expect the Nets to run a deeper than most team where close to 12 members will get quality minutes and stay sharp throughout the season. This is essentially critical in today's NBA where there are so many back-to-back games (Nets have 14 back to back games in their schedule this season) that result in a poor product on the second night of back to back. The Nets will also be better suited to punish opponents that run a smaller rotation on the second night of their back-to-back.

•The Nets added length – We talked about the offense, but the bigger problem last season was their porous defense, including opening night when the Nets scored 131 points, but gave up 140 points! When you lead the league in pace, you should expect to give up a lot of points, but the opening night loss excluded any minutes from their rookie big-man Jarrett Allen. Allen is one of the more intriguing parts of this upcoming season, and his a modern 19 year-old 7-footer (and still growing) that can run the floor and block shots with his insane wing-span of 7'-6". If the Nets want to go long, they can as

most of their roster is compiled of players who are 6'-5" to 6'-8." Even the Nets back-up point guard, Spencer Dinwiddie is 6'-6" and can create length issues for the opposing teams quick point guards.

•Still seems unlikely that this squad can out-win the star studded Celtics team, the perennial Eastern conference contenders in the Raptors, or the 76ers who are loaded with three different recent #1 draft picks in Joel Embiid, Ben Simmons and Markel Fultz. While all three of these teams have potential to win the division, consider the following for each.

•Celtics – Made a big play to clear cap space for Gordon Hayward this off-season only to see him suffer an unfortunate injury on opening night. So, the Celtics are basically a brand new team led by Kyrie Irving (expect a transition period with any new team) and they are relying on two young players (although

talented) with limited NBA experience in Jaylen Brown and rookie Jayson Tatum to fill the void. Obviously they have a great coach in Brad Stevens and have some remaining members of last year's squad with Al Horford and Marcus Smart, but this is not a deep team. The loss of three starters in Isaiah Thomas, Jae Crowder, and Avery Bradley as well as a key big man off the bench in Kelly Olynyck leaves a lot of chemistry questions for this upcoming season. Additional fun fact is that Kyrie Irving won only 21, 24, and 33 games before LeBron joined the Cavs.

•Raptors – They should be solid once again, but Kyle Lowry is a year older at the point guard position, and they lost an effective back-up point guard in Cory Joseph to free agency and a veteran presence in DeMarre Carroll (who is now a Brooklyn Net). Expect the Raptors to be tough, but not better than last season.

•76ers – Joel Embiid will have a minutes restriction, and there will be some heavy reliance on their star rookies. It's hard to predict the chemistry between Fultz and Simmons, but it looks like they are having Fultz come off the bench to allow for Simmons to handle the rock more. I think the addition of J. J. Reddick was a good one, and the 76ers may finally be dangerous. But they are no guarantee to mesh and have a lot of question marks, not to mention injury volatility.

•Knicks – Phil Jackson left a few mines as a departing gift for the Knicks with the

Carmelo situation and with this year's draft pick, Frank Ntilikina. The Knicks also have a few long term contracts with Joakim Noah and Enes Kanter that will limit their cap flexibility in subsequent years, not to mention larger than necessary deals with Tim Hardaway Jr. and Ron Baker. The Knicks have some decent pieces, but are where the Nets were a few years ago.

•Are there other similar success stories? The two that come to mind are as follows:

•The 2013-2014 Atlanta Hawks team that won 60 games, while Kenny Atkinson was an assistant coach (and Demarre Carroll was a key player). The year before, they only won 38 games. Development was a key component, with one of the major players being Kyle Korver to space the floor in a motion offense. Note: Korver led the NBA in 3-point shooting percentage three out of five years while with the Hawks in that motion offense. Don't be surprised if somebody like Joe Harris has a significant rise in his long range shooting percentage or if Allen Crabbe explodes this year and tops his previous year's mark of 44% as these players will get plenty of open looks this season.

•The 2012-2013 Golden State Warriors team won 47 games with a healthy Stephen Curry. In the prior year, the team won only 23 games as Curry was plagued with an ankle injury that allowed him to play 26 games. Similar to the loss of Lin, the record did not reflect the team's capabilities in the prior season. Following this up, the 2015-16 Warriors team took small to a whole new level with 67 wins under Steve Kerr, which runs a similar motion offense with five position-less players that can all handle the rock, and launch the three-ball. Their best unit had heights of 6'-3", 6'-6", 6'-7", 6'-7" and 6'-8" for Curry, Iguodala, Thompson, Green and Harrison Barnes. This is not dissimilar from the most athletic five the Nets can offer at 6'-5", 6'-6", 6'-7", 6'-7" and 6'-8" in Russell, Crabbe, Levert, Hollis-Jefferson and Carroll.

•The Nets are also fortunate to have a very soft schedule to start the season, which would allow for further player development early on and can build confidence with this young unit, especially with the injury to Lin. The Nets looked terrific in the pre-season, going 3-1, and it wouldn't surprise me if they start the season winning at least seven of their first ten games (against the likes of the Magic, Knicks, Hawks, etc.).

For the record, the Vegas odds for the Nets to win the Atlantic division were 250-1 last week, and have now shifted to 200-1 (pre-Lin injury), so if you think this article is just absolute madness, you are still in the overwhelming majority. But, if you are a betting man, the "1" is an intriguing number. Let the NBA games begin!

### Guest Column

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## EXAMINER SPORTS

# No Turkey Bowl, Tigers Winless for the First Time and Redneck Nachos

By Albert Coqueran

Friday, Oct. 20, was a tough day covering sports as a White Plains resident and sports journalist. The NY Yankees got trounced in Game 6 of the American League Championship Series, 7-1. Also, the White Plains High School Football Team went winless (0-8) for the first time in the school's history, while losing to Horace Greely High School, 28-26, in the Section 1 non-playoff postseason format.

The difference between the Yankees loss and the Tigers defeat on Friday is that the Yankees would get another opportunity to rectify their failure in an ensuing ALCS Game 7, on Saturday, while the Tigers would not have another game this year.

The Yankees eventually squandered their opportunity by losing to the Houston Astros, 4-0, eliminating the "Bronx Bombers" from World Series competition this year.

However, the young Tigers will not get an opportunity to go out as winners, as they do not have another game scheduled this season. The traditional Turkey Bowl, which was scheduled for Thanksgiving Day, against city rival Stepinac High School has been canceled, which would have been the Tigers final game this season.

The adage, "they did not win the game; we lost it" was never more applicable than when applied to the result of the White Plains versus Quakers game, in Chappaqua, on Friday night.

With 4:52 left in the fourth quarter Tigers QB Marcus Andre found tight-end Anthony Russo in the end zone with a 27-yard touchdown pass to make the score 26-14, for the Tigers. One minute and 40 seconds later, Quakers QB Ryan Flanagan threw a 24-yard TD Pass to wide receiver Danny Meringolo. Then with the Tigers winning, 26-21, the Quakers tried an onside kick on the ensuing kick-off.

Unexplainably, even with Tigers Head Coach Mike Lindberg, screaming from the sidelines before the kick. "Just fall on the ball, just fall on it!" The Tigers special team proceeded to try and catch the ball, which resulted in a turnover on the White Plains 46 yard-line.

But as the Quakers found hope to secure a victory, Tigers sophomore Caleb Gillen made a great play, intercepting Flanagan on the Tigers 15-yard line with 1:17 left in the game. However, instead of taking a knee (game over), he opted to run and lateral the ball, which resulted in a fumble recovered by Greeley.

Then the Quakers quick-snapped the Tigers with 42 seconds left on the clock and wide receiver Jacob Rose got behind the secondary to receive the winning touchdown pass from Flanagan, 28-26.

As the Tigers proceeded to give a victory to the Quakers, White Plains Athletic Director Matthew Cameron, who is a fixture at all of the Tigers football games,



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

White Plains High School's tight-end Anthony Russo (left) makes a spectacular catch in the end zone to put the Tigers ahead of the Quakers, 24-14, with 4:52 left in the game. But Horace Greeley responded to add two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter to beat the Tigers, 28-26.

spoke with the White Plains Examiner regarding the cancellation of the coveted Turkey Bowl.

Cameron released an official statement on October 17, which read: "After a great deal of careful deliberation, this year's Thanksgiving Day football game must be cancelled. With the rejection of our appeal to Section I to allow our football players who participate in a Thanksgiving game to try out for, practice and participate in winter sports prior to the game and in concert with our very real concern that our players, having ended their season in October, cannot reasonably stay in condition to play a game at the end of November, it is necessary for us to change the calendar and cancel the game. We regret the circumstances that have caused us to make this decision. However, we know that the health, safety and wellbeing of our students must always be our first priority. Additionally, we must also make decisions that afford our student athletes the greatest opportunity for success, on all of our teams."

First, let's clear up a rumor that has been circling around that the White Plains Public Schools Board voted on this issue; that is unequivocally not true. "No, the Board did not vote on it. It was not a resolution," firmly stated Cameron. "In September, I sent a recommendation to the Superintendent (of the White Plains Schools District) based on the ruling that we got from Section 1."

Cameron had been working with Section 1, The Athletic Council, all three Conferences and the Executive Committee to change the language in the Section 1 Constitution. In Section 1, athletes cannot play more than one sport

in the same season. Cameron submitted an appeal to the rule in January, which was denied.

"The 34 players we have on the football team cannot touch a Winter Sport (e.g. basketball, wrestling, hockey and swimming) until a week after Thanksgiving. Also in the Commissioner's regulations it recommends that students take a week off after a strenuous sport," explained Cameron.

But here is where the rule gets confusing and seems to crossover from its original intention and the priority for the rule implementation, which is for the overall safety of the student/athletes. If your team in Section 1 athletics is involved in the Playoffs, Regional or NYS postseason competition those players can carry over practices for that Winter Sports season.

Therefore, Cameron emphasizes referring to the Turkey Bowl. "This is not a Playoff game, or State or Regional contest, it is just an extra game during the season. Last year our hockey players (who played football) missed four games. It is not fair to the winter coaches or winter players because they have to have a second tryout against players who have been in the sport already for four or five weeks. Furthermore, it is hard on the winter coaches, who save roster spots for the football players, who may become injured or decide not to play winter sports."

Also there has been talk around the city that the traditional Turkey Bowl rivalry has been canceled permanently considering future years. This also is not true. However, the possibility does exist, if no change is made to the Section 1 Constitution in the future. "As long as the Constitution is what it is, it is not in



On Friday, White Plains High School Athletic Director Matt Cameron checks his messages at halftime of the Tigers versus Horace Greeley football game in Chappaqua. Cameron felt he had to cancel this year's Turkey Bowl citing difficulty with a rule in the Section 1 Constitution, which states, no player can participate in a winter sport until the fall sport he or she is playing has concluded.

the best interest of our student/athletes to participate in that game, so until some of those other things change with the Section 1 Constitution, I do not anticipate us (White Plains High School) playing in the Turkey Bowl," said Cameron.

"Redneck Nachos"

Another issue, which arose during the White Plains High School versus Horace Greeley football game, on Friday night, in Chappaqua, was that the Horace Greeley Public Address Announcer kept repeating during the game, over and over again,

"Do not forget to get your Redneck Nachos from the concession stand! Get your Redneck Nachos!"

The definition of "Redneck" in the Random House Webster's College Dictionary cites: "(often disparaging,) n-1. an uneducated white farm laborer, esp. from the South. 2. a bigot or reactionary, esp. from rural working class. - adj. 3. Also, rednecked - narrow, prejudiced or reactionary." There are also definitions to be found in the English Learner- Miriam Webster Dictionary, English by Oxford Dictionary and Wikipedia offers insightful meaning and usage of the word.

Nevertheless, in Chappaqua, on Friday, Oct. 20, with a visiting team of predominately Afro-American football players; however you want to interpret the word, its usage was more than inappropriate and insensitive.

As a 67 year-old Afro-American Sports Journalist, I was extremely uncomfortable hearing the announcement over and over again during the game. Therefore, I can

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EXAMINER SPORTS

# Katie Smith Becomes Seventh Head Coach of the NY Liberty

Katie Smith one of the most prolific scorers in WNBA history was named the seventh Head Coach for the New York Liberty, as announced by Team President Isiah Thomas, on Oct. 16.

Smith will succeed her longtime mentor Bill Laimbeer, who served as Liberty Head Coach for five seasons amassing a 92-78 record with three straight WNBA Playoffs appearances.

Laimbeer departed the Liberty to assume the positions as President and Head Coach of the relocated San Antonio Stars to Las Vegas, Nevada. MGM Resorts International will own and operate the WNBA Las Vegas franchise and the team will play their home games at the Mandalay Bay Events Center.

Smith played 15 seasons in the WNBA and retired in 2013. She held the All-Time record for three-pointers until this year



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

Katie Smith (left) one of the All-Time prolific scorers in WNBA history was promoted from NY Liberty Associate Head Coach to Head Coach, on Oct. 16 after the departure of Bill Laimbeer (right), who has been hired as the President and General Manager of the newly relocated San Antonio Stars to Las Vegas, Nevada.

when Phoenix Mercury's Diana Taurasi surpassed the mark.

Smith spent the past four seasons as an Assistant Coach with the Liberty, under Laimbeer, before being promoted to Associate Head Coach during the 2016 offseason.

Smith was a seven-time WNBA All-Star, who won two Championships with the Detroit Shock, while playing for Laimbeer.

"I am really, really excited about the opportunity. I am also excited to be staying with the Liberty and continue to work with the ladies that I have history with and the organization with Isiah Thomas and James Dolan," said Smith.

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only imagine how the Afro-American players on either team felt. During the game an Afro-American coach for White Plains turned to me on the sidelines and stated angrily. "Did you hear that, you should put that in the newspaper?" I did not respond to him but the thought had already crossed my mind.

These are high school student/athletes,

who are being supervised by adults. Please, in these disturbed times we are experiencing in America, let's not let it filter to our children's extra curricular activities.

And this has absolutely no reflection on the Horace Greeley football players, who impressed me on and off the field. After the game, one Quaker player ran from his

sideline to the Tigers sideline and with the Tigers players sobbing regarding the loss, he offered a sportsmanship handshake to Tigers running back Eizah Gordon, who was injured and being assisted to the bus.

Gordon had just played his heart out, while carrying the ball seven times for 154 yards and stifled the Quakers' receivers at cornerback on defense. The Greeley

player stated to Gordon, who wears number seven. "Hey Number 7, I just want to shake your hand, you have got wheels, and I respect your game!" Adults let the children play. Let the children have fun together while participating in good-hearted competitive sports in a wholesome environment. Leave your socially bias innuendoes at home.

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