



WP Council Reinforces Policy for Open Space, Renewable Energy in New Projects

By Pat Casey

A public hearing on an application submitted by Southern Land Company LLC, for the redevelopment of 250 Mamaroneck Ave., formerly the YMCA, to construct an eight-story multi-family rental project with retail, took up the lion's share of the October meeting of the White Plains Common Council.

The mixed-use building proposal with 177 apartments, approximately 1,800 sq.-ft. of retail at ground-level and 268 parking spaces in a garage under the building would replace the "falling down" structure currently housing the YMCA.

During a presentation, the developer indicated it had been back and forth with city boards for about a year and

had already received approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals for variances to the front and rear yards to accommodate the irregular shape of the site, including a reduction in the front-yard set-back to allow construction of the new building to align with other buildings on the streetscape along Mamaroneck Avenue, and a widening of the pedestrian sidewalk in front of the building.

Ben Crenshaw, Sr. VP Design for Southern Land Company, explained that the 300-foot-long building would include step-backs and terraces to break up the design. While the streetscape design seeks to encourage pedestrian walkability, there is no public open space planned for the project.

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Crusaders Peter Thompson - Nominee for "Heart of a Giant" Award



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Stepinac defensive end/wide receiver senior Peter Thompson (left) was nominated by his Head Coach Mike O'Donnell for the 2019 USA Football "Heart of a Giant" Award. The USA Football "Heart of a Giant" Award is presented by the NY Giants and the Hospital for Special Surgery.

Man Wearing Hat with Swastika Asked to Leave Popular White Plains Restaurant

By Pat Casey

After several reports of anti-Semitic graphics and messages being left on public property during the days around the Jewish high holy day of Yom Kippur, a man wearing a swastika drawn onto a white kippah on top of a baseball cap, with earplugs in his ears, boldly walked into the City Limits Diner in White Plains during the Friday lunch rush, sat down and ordered a meal.

He was later asked to leave the restaurant by White Plains police.

A message posted to Facebook over the weekend by Nick Livanos, the restaurant owner, indicated that the serving staff did not initially see the offensive

symbol, but when they did, the owners were immediately notified and the police were called.

A tweet by the Livanos family on that same day said, "We responded to the situation by calling the police. We followed instructions to await their arrival so as to avoid a confrontation and for everyone's safety. When the police arrived, the individual was escorted from the restaurant per our instructions."

Some customers, disturbed by the incident left the restaurant and were later quoted by News12, saying the offender was probably within his First Amendment rights, "but to be that blatant and display that kind of hate in a public place had to be called out."



Image of a man eating at City Limits Diner Friday during the lunch rush that was circulated on Twitter.

"Unfortunately as offensive as his display was, he did not threaten anyone and just sat down to eat," White Plains Public Safety Commissioner David Chong told the Examiner on Saturday. "The other customers were upset and the owner didn't want to serve him. We checked his credentials and ran his name through all the intelligence systems. He had no priors and since the property was his own, as offensive as it was, it did not meet the level of a crime. He claimed that it was his constitutional right to free speech and expression and he is correct. After we escorted him out, we forwarded his information to the State Terrorism center," Chong said.

Postings on the City Limits Facebook page about the incident indicate a broad range of opinions about how such situations should be handled and illustrate some confusion in the general public about First Amendment rights.

The Examiner communicated with a civil libertarian lawyer by email on Sunday, asking what is appropriate pushback in such a situation and where is the legal line drawn?

The legal response is that the First Amendment applies only to acts by government. The City Limits diner is not a government entity and the owners are entirely free to ask another to leave their privately owned business (as they

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also would in their home), “because the first person does not care for the second person’s expression of opinion. The issue is not of law, but of good manners, on both sides. There is a limit to good manners, and ignoring a swastika passes that limit for quite a few people. A person who is asked to leave a home or place of business by the owner or person lawfully in control of those premises and who does not go becomes a trespasser and violates the law.”

Further, in defining the First Amendment the American Library Association states: “The First Amendment to the United States Constitution protects speech no matter how

offensive its content. To be clear, the First Amendment does not protect behavior that crosses the line into targeted harassment or threats, or that creates a pervasively hostile environment. But merely offensive or bigoted speech does not rise to that level, and determining when conduct crosses that line is a legal question that requires examination on a case-by-case basis.”

By calling the local police and waiting for them to escort the offending individual from the premises, the City Limits staff and owners avoided a confrontation, and as they said on their Facebook page, “there is no way to fully prepare for a specific

situation like this; the matter was handled as cautiously and swiftly as was practical at the time.”

Millie Jasper, Executive Director of the White Plains-based Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center, said in an interview Sunday that, “when someone wears a swastika, they are putting it out there for everyone to see they are identifying with Nazi ideology.”

Jasper said that while the man said nothing, spoke to no one in the restaurant other than to order food, his intent was clear.

Having borne witness to several acts of anti-Semitism over recent weeks, including

at area high schools, Jasper said, “At the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center, we want to engage in conversation about the evolution of hate and where these ideas and statements about ourselves come from,” indicating that minds can be changed with education.

In March the Center will hold an annual meeting at Iona College with over 600 high school students from 45 schools in Westchester County to address this issue. “You would be surprised how many high school students are on the fence,” Jasper said. “There is a lot of peer pressure out there.”

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Having been through several meetings with other city agencies, the developer seemed surprised when members of the Common Council asked for more design details, especially with regard to the rear of the building and how it would impact the residences on Greenridge, the lack of public open space along Mamaroneck Avenue, traffic and parking concerns, and what green elements, especially renewable energy options, would be included in the plan.

Mayor Tom Roach said he would like to see geothermal heating and cooling in more development proposals and that with the Con Edison moratorium on new gas heating installations there were good state incentives in place. However, this developer had already negotiated with Con Edison and would be providing gas heat. The mayor’s concerns did



Architect’s rendering of proposed mixed-use project fronting Mamaroneck Avenue at site of former White Plains YMCA.

encourage the new owners to say they would look more deeply into solar panels on the roof and other green options.

“We are taking away the YMCA, which has been very valuable to the community and bringing in a for-profit project without open space,” said Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona. “What is this project bringing to the common good?”

Cindy Delfino, CEO of the YMCA, explained that the organization had hit hard times and competition from for-profit health clubs and gyms in the city that charged low fees. “It would take \$26 million to bring the building up to code,” Delfino said. “That’s not going to happen.”

Delfino explained that the “Y” serves 66 zip codes and the greatest need in the community is for childcare. “We have five

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Congresswoman Lowey Won't Seek Reelection in 2020 after 32 Years

By Martin Wilbur

Congresswoman Nita Lowey will not run for re-election next year, ending her 32-year congressional career representing parts of Westchester and Rockland counties.

Lowey, 82, a Harrison Democrat who represents New York's 17th congressional district, made the surprise announcement last Thursday morning.

"After serving in the United States Congress for 31 years, I have decided not to seek re-election next year," Lowey said in a prepared statement. "It is my deep honor and privilege to serve my community and my country, and I will always be grateful to the people who have entrusted me to represent them."

When the Democrats took control of the House following the 2018 mid-term elections, Lowey rose to become chair of the powerful Appropriations Committee.

Westchester Democratic Chairman Reginald Lafayette said he was surprised by her decision



Rep. Nita Lowey made the surprise announcement last week that she is retiring from Congress at the end of her term next year.

but she probably felt that she had accomplished everything she set out to do.

"I think she left a good legacy," he said. "She's a hard-working member of Congress and a champion for the district."

There was plenty of praise and some surprise from Democratic

leaders. County Executive George Latimer said Lowey will be missed.

"Westchester County owes a heartfelt thank you to U.S. Congresswoman Nita Lowey for her years of dedication to this county, and love of the people who live here," Latimer said. "She is one of our own, a proud Westchester resident who has fiercely advocated to make her district everyone's top priority. Her impact will be felt for generations and her energy, quick wit and warm smile has become a fixture in Westchester. Her presence as our representative in Congress will be sorely missed."

Looking ahead, Lafayette and William Serratore, executive director of the Westchester County Democrats, expected plenty of interest in the seat in the November 2020 election from both sides of the aisle.

"Whenever there's an open seat, whether it's for the Congress or the Senate down to local council races, it's always attracts a lot of attention," Lafayette said.

Serratore said before last week he hadn't heard any discussion

about Lowey's plans to retire. However, he knew of three or four Democrats who were seriously thinking about lining up for next year's primary. Thus far, Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains), who jumped into the race on Sunday (see related story) and Mondaire Jones, a Rockland County attorney, have officially declared their candidacies.

Having at least one opponent in a Democratic primary likely was not a factor in Lowey's decision, Serratore said.

"She's had primary challengers previously," he said. "The fact there's going to be primary challengers wasn't particularly problematic. I just think after 31 years and having achieved all that she has and sitting at the head of Appropriations, she might have just said 'You know, my work here is done.'"

Over the past couple of years there has been repeated speculation that one potential Democratic candidate could be former first daughter Chelsea Clinton once Lowey retired. Those rumors have

been particularly strong after her parents bought a second house in Chappaqua.

Lafayette said he has had no discussions regarding a Chelsea Clinton candidacy with her, her family or any surrogates on her behalf.

Jones, 32, had declared his candidacy on July 8 to force Lowey into a primary, said his campaign spokesperson Monica Klein.

Klein, who said Jones raised \$218,348 in the third quarter, would be the first openly gay black member of Congress if he is elected. Also, he's familiar with the entire district, she said.

"He's lived here his whole life, so he is not someone who's coming in from the outside," Klein said.

Jones, who vowed to bring "bold progressive leadership" to the district and Washington, lauded Lowey on her career.

"As a trailblazer for women and minorities such as myself, Congresswoman Lowey set an example and has made it easier for people like me to run for office," he said.

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of the city's Universal Pre-K classes," she explained. She further noted that Southern Land had worked with the agency to enable them to continue programs by giving them \$1 million to stay afloat. Part of that financial help includes a build-out at St. John's for childcare,

but the financial help ultimately comes out of the sale price of the building.

Working with the Housing Action Council they were also able to permanently relocate 125 of the 143 residents living in the building.

Lisa Martin, a Greenburgh resident and

YMCA member, said the membership had first heard about the financial difficulties in April 2018 and that \$26 million worth of repairs do not happen overnight. Martin suggested the YMCA management had not done adequate upkeep and fundraising.

The public hearing was closed, but not before the Council made it clear that it was consistent with policy considerations, especially renewable energy sources and open space, and that members would rather see the open space than money going into an "in lieu of" fund.

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Buchwald Announces Run for Congress to Succeed Lowey

By Martin Wilbur

Assemblyman David Buchwald officially became the second Democrat to announce his candidacy for the 17th Congressional District on Sunday, ready to pursue the seat Rep. Nita Lowey will be retiring from at the end of next year.

Buchwald, 40, in his fourth term representing the 93rd Assembly District, acknowledged in his announcement video that it will be a battle to win the party's nomination and the seat, but that he is prepared for the challenge.

"This won't be an easy election but

I've never shied away from a fight," said Buchwald, a White Plains resident who previously served as a councilman. "I ran against an incumbent Republican assemblyman and I won."

Buchwald defeated former assemblyman Robert Castelli in 2012.

He joins Rockland County's Mondaire Jones as the two officially announced Democrats who have entered the race. Jones, 32, a lawyer who would become the first openly black gay member of Congress if he is elected, joined the fray in July.

Buchwald, billing himself as "a proud progressive," said his push for stronger

ethics and environmental laws in Albany, co-sponsoring the Reproductive Health Act and defending a woman's right to choose bolsters his credentials. He also championed the fight to strip state officials of their pensions if they were convicted of a crime in connection with their post. A state constitutional amendment was approved by voters that put that initiative into effect.

The assemblyman also wrote the law to allow Congress to obtain a person's New York State tax returns, a measure that President Donald Trump is suing to overturn.

"These are challenging times," said Buchwald. "We can never replace Nita



Assemblyman David Buchwald became the second Democrat to officially enter the race for the 17th Congressional District on Sunday.

Lowey, but we can send someone to Washington with her integrity, progressive spirit and true-blue Democratic values to take on Donald Trump and make Washington work again."

On Friday, Westchester's Democratic Chairman Reginald Lafayette said Buchwald and Jones are the only two Democrats he has had conversations with about running for the seat, although it is likely others may announce their candidacy in both major parties.

He characterized the likelihood of a widely reported candidacy by Chelsea Clinton as very premature at this point.

"I haven't heard from Chelsea Clinton or anyone on her behalf or her family members," Lafayette said. "I will tell you, on my word, I have not spoken to anyone (about her). The only time I hear her name mentioned is from the press."

There has been recurring speculation that the former first daughter would run for the seat when Lowey, who has represented the area for the last 31 years, was ready to retire. Bill and Hillary Clinton had bought the house next to their Old House Lane residence in Chappaqua about three years ago, fueling much of the talk.

At this point, there have been no Republicans who have officially declared their candidacies for the race.

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Interfaith Prayer Vigil Gathers More than 350 at Garden of Remembrance Memorial

By Pat Casey

More than 350 people came to stand together in solidarity on Oct. 10 in White Plains at an interfaith prayer vigil called the day before when it was discovered that the outer gates to The Garden of Remembrance Memorial located on Martine Avenue next to the Westchester County office building in White Plains had been vandalized.

Remarks were delivered by Westchester County Executive George Latimer, Rabbi Daniel Gropper, President of the Westchester Board of Rabbis and Rabbi at

Community Synagogue of Rye, and Rev. Susan Copley, Rector of Christ/San Marcos Episcopal Church in Tarrytown, as well as a representative from Governor Andrew Cuomo's office.

"We will not be deterred by this heinous anti-Semitic act. Education outweighs ignorance, good people and good deeds outweigh the bad," said Millie Jasper, Executive Director of the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center, in a prepared statement.

The Holocaust memorial was built in 1992 by the Holocaust & Human Rights

Education Center and is a County Park facility on County Land.

While most of the local Jewish community was gathered in prayer on their highest of holy days, Yom Kippur, County Executive George Latimer held a press meeting to address the desecration. He described the anti-Semitic stickers and posters as, "Very clear, very graphic and very insulting. It was meant to shock, it wasn't something subtle. A purposeful act of hatred."

Latimer would not describe the exact content of the message or the graphic, but did say the material could be found and

printed from the Internet.

"For this to be the site of an act of hatred is particularly heinous, and for it to happen on the day which is the most solemn day on the Jewish calendar is really a statement being made by the person who did this," Latimer continued.

County Police in cooperation with the White Plains Police Department are actively investigating and reviewing video of the area. There are numerous cameras around the government building.



The Garden of Remembrance, located on Martine Avenue in White Plains.



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More than 350 people gathered at The Garden of Remembrance Memorial in White Plains for an interfaith prayer vigil the day after the memorial was discovered vandalized.



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White Plains Mayor Tom Roach, NYS Assemblyman David Buchwald, and County Legislator Nancy Barr at the prayer vigil.

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Senator Gillibrand Discusses Senior Issues in White Plains

By Neal Rentz

Health care and taxes dominated the discussion last week as US Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand hosted a town hall focused on seniors' issues at the Little Theater in the Westchester County Center in White Plains on Oct. 10.

"Town halls are one of the most important things I can do as a senator because it is a way I can directly hear from my constituents," Gillibrand said last week.

One of the top concerns expressed by state residents has been the federal tax law that was changed last year to limit the federal deduction to \$10,000 for state and local taxes, Gillibrand said. The change in the SALT deduction last year has resulted in families losing their homes, she said.

Another important concern expressed by residents, particularly among seniors, has been medical expenses, Gillibrand said. "Unfortunately, drug companies keep price gouging."

Gillibrand said her legislation, "The Stop Price Gouging Act," would allow the federal government to sue pharmaceutical companies when they raise

their costs without a reason. If "Medicare for All" was approved the federal government would negotiate with the drug companies to lower prices, she said. "If the pharmaceutical companies will not agree to lower their prices, the National Institutes of Health could create some prescription drugs and sell them to the public."

Though Gillibrand received a generally positive reception at last week's event from residents, White Plains resident Victoria Nicalov expressed strong concerns about Medicare for All. If more people received Medicare "it will go broke a lot faster," she said, adding services for seniors will have to be cut. "Medicare is supposed to be for the seniors," she said, adding there should be alternatives sought to cut health care costs such as setting cooperatives where doctors would provide services for a patient for one price such as \$50 for the month. Do not take away private health insurance, she said.

"I believe that health care is a right and not a privilege," Gillibrand replied. "I believe that Medicare works because it is the lowest cost and it is not for profit."

Under her Medicare for All, non-seniors would buy into the federal program. To buy in, a worker would



US Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand hosted a town hall focused on seniors' issues at the Little Theater in the Westchester County Center in White Plains on Oct. 10.

pay about four or five percent of their income and that would be matched by their employers and would be paid for throughout a working lifetime. "Everyone buys in. It's not mandatory, it's a choice. Doing so would create competition

with the private sector and would put more money into Medicare, Gillibrand said.

Gillibrand said she wanted seniors and those with disabilities to "age in place" and continue to live in their communities. She is working on legislation that would expand Social Security by increasing the size of Social Security disability benefit payments to about \$1,500 per month and also provide the benefit to the caregivers. "Those full-time family members who have given up their careers, given up their salaries because they must take care of a loved one full time, I believe they should also be eligible," Gillibrand said.

Gillibrand said the cost of living, including medication, transportation and food, is too high for many seniors on fixed incomes in Westchester. She is working to reduce drug prices and work on ways to provide more access to local transportation and seeking to make sure "you're not taken advantage of," Gillibrand told the seniors.

Hearings have been held by the Senate Aging Committee on "how often our seniors are targeted by fraudulent criminals who are trying to take away money," she said. One

of the schemes is when swindlers claim the IRS is seeking unpaid taxes to frighten seniors. Gillibrand noted that her aunt was scammed out of \$5,000 as the result of a tax scheme. Another scheme is frauds posing as grandchildren to extort money.

A woman named Sarah, who did not provide her last name, said she went to Washington in March to discuss legislation regarding Alzheimer's disease. Sarah said her father passed away earlier this year. She wanted Gillibrand to support legislation to provide assistance for those with early onset Alzheimer's and their caregivers. "I'm begging you to please sign," she said while crying. "I'm begging for your assistance."

Gillibrand said, "it sounds like I bill I could support." Gillibrand also said she wanted to help seniors with Alzheimer's to stay in their homes. She is supporting legislation that would allow Medicaid money to be used for home care for those with Alzheimer's as an alternative to institutionalized care. "My grandmother, when she was quite ill, wanted to stay home," Gillibrand said, adding the salaries of home health care workers needed to be significantly increased from the minimum wage.



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Richard Conetta

Richard Allen Conetta, 77, of White Plains passed away on Oct. 11.

He was born on Dec. 20, 1941 in Stamford, Connecticut to Maria and Angelo Conetta. Richard was the hotel Manager at the Roger



Smith Hotel in White Plains, and worked in the hospitality industry throughout his career.

Richard is survived by his son Gregory Conetta and daughter in law Judit of Kinnelon, NJ, and daughter Christa Conetta of White Plains; two sisters, Patricia Adiletta and Lucia Winter, both from Stamford, CT; and three grandchildren, Laura Conetta, Sam Conetta, and Gavin Townsend.

He is pre-deceased by his parents. His immense love for his grandchildren will be cherished and remembered forever.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that

donations be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. lls.org.

Thomas Hayes

Thomas Hayes, 89, died peacefully on Oct. 10, at his home in White Plains.

Thomas is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Mary Hayes, of White Plains; his children and their spouses who all reside in Westchester. Nancy Manganiello (Chris), Kelly Doherty (Jim), and Thomas Hayes



(Linda). He is also survived by his loving grandchildren and their spouses Chris Doherty (Elizabeth), Rory Doherty, Shannon Clark (Terrell), Thomas Hayes (Krystal), Kelsey Delaney (Stefan). Thomas was also fortunate to be survived by many great grandchildren.

Thomas Hayes was born on Sept. 21, 1930 in NYC, to parents Thomas and Viola. His

sister, Dorothy Fox (Earl) predeceased him in 1971.

He graduated from DeVeaux Military School in Niagara Falls in 1948. He joined the US Military and served proudly in the US Army. He was stationed in Germany during the Korean War. Thomas later graduated from Pace University and worked for Mobil Oil until he retired in 1981. Thomas was a social, active man who was deeply involved in sports for the majority of his life. He was a little league coach in White Plains for hundreds of boys and girls. Thomas was also an avid NY Giants and NY Mets fan.

His family and friends will always remember him as a kindhearted, generous man with a great sense of humor.

Maryfaith Fortunate

Maryfaith Fortunate, a long time resident of White Plains, traversed into everlasting life on Oct. 9, and in just the way she would have wanted – with her children at her side, reminding her of the peace and love that lie ahead.

Maryfaith was 76 years young and youthful in every way, from her sense of humor to her sense of hope to her sense of self. She had a fierce spirit, a sharp wit, and a loving hand.

Life wasn't easy for Maryfaith, but she seemed to prefer it that way, and maybe that's because she knew that with any struggle comes a certain and unmistakable beauty, perhaps even a kinship with what it means to really and truly live.

She entered the world under risky



conditions – an emergency delivery by her grandmother in a hallway of the Fieldston Garden Apartments in Riverdale during a March 1943 snowstorm. She survived that, and with it came the gift of her beautiful and distinctive name.

She worked hard as a young adult to help support her large family and to negotiate shifting environments, including double-digit moves to various homes and towns in Westchester, and even a longer trek to the Pittsburgh area for a few years. But that only strengthened her resolve and made her more adaptable to life's changing conditions. When the need arose, she stepped up and took on a career as a ticket agent for TWA, United and American Airlines' to help support her parents and siblings. And yet that allowed her to travel, which she loved to do, likely for the new experiences it offered her pioneer spirit, including a

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Perennial Mom and Pop Shop Happy to be Staying in White Plains

Chillemi Shoe Repair will be moving end of November/early December from the former White Plains Mall to 95 Church Street in White Plains, next to Berkeley College. We would like to thank Mayor Tom Roach for all his help and support in helping us find a place in White Plains. We would also like

to thank Alan Zaretsky who is the landlord for 95 Church Street and David Richman, President of Rakow Realty. Without them we would not be staying in White Plains. We are sincerely grateful.

— Chillemi Shoe Repair, White Plains

Chelsea Clinton for Congress Would Be an Affront to Working People

Major newspapers reported recently that the Westchester Democratic leadership would like to run Chelsea Clinton for Congress in the 17th Congressional District now that the incumbent, Congresswoman Nita Lowey, is retiring. This is a giant slap in the face to the residents of the district and working people everywhere.

Chelsea Clinton does not live in the district. She and her family live in a \$10 million apartment in Manhattan. Her parents own a home in the district in Chappaqua, which they purchased when Hillary Clinton decided to move to New York so she could run for the Senate years ago.

The fact that the party leadership thinks it is okay to run an out-of-district candidate is absurd on its face. Are there no qualified candidates in the entire district, which contains hundreds of thousands of people?

In a time of populist rage, on the right and left, the party could not make a more tone-deaf decision than to run a legacy politician that would never be considered a serious contender if her name was not Clinton.

I'm sure Chelsea Clinton is an intelligent and fine human being. So are countless others. But she gets to be taken seriously

and is already being dubbed the obvious frontrunner because her parents are high-profile politicians, she is rich and she is highly connected.

The district would be far better served by someone who has not had the world handed to them on a silver platter. Any teacher, nurse, plumber or cashier would better represent the district. Citizens are not served well by the children of the elites who have never had to work or worry about paying their bills a day in their life. All of her credentials, excellent education at prestigious universities, positions on the boards of fancy organizations and book publications are all the result of her family connections.

The political optics could not be worse. The Democratic Party is already seen by many as the party of coastal elites, out of touch with the struggles of working people. As historian Thomas Frank so astutely wrote in his book "Listen Liberal," the party has abandoned unions and working people, choosing to embrace the professional class of highly educated workers. In fact, his book outlined the numerous ways in which the Democratic Party actually conspired in the demise of unions by supporting free trade deals that

NYS Legislature Should Establish Minimum Penalties for Acts of Hate

On the eve of Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year, anti-Semitic materials and graffiti were found in the Garden of Remembrance in White Plains, near the Westchester County Office Building. The police are searching for the individual(s) involved.

The question I have is: what will happen to the individual if he/she is caught? If it's a first offense will the punishment be insignificant? Will the defendant be sent to jail? Should the defendant, if found guilty, be required to reimburse the local governments for the costs associated with the detective work, police investigations? Should the NYS Legislature amend the state law and require a significant punishment that would deter other acts of hate, and require Judges to impose a minimum penalty?

This incident is not isolated. In recent weeks there have been other incidents of Anti-Semitism. Swastikas were found at Scarsdale High School (and also in Pleasantville High School). Over the years other municipalities in Westchester have also seen this kind of hate crime.

Two years ago I received three separate emails with numerous Anti-Semitic slurs. The final sentence bore the threat "You better run and hide you stupid f__ing Jew. We are coming for you and your family."

The emails were signed by "Anti Zionist."

Although the emails did not have the defendant's real name on it, the Greenburgh Police were able to make an arrest after three weeks of searching. The individual pleaded not guilty and a trial was held in White Plains Court in September 2019.

Although I was pleased that the White Plains Judge found the defendant guilty, I was surprised that the sentence was so light: 72 hours of community service, an order of protection for me and my wife and daughter and one year conditional discharge.

Prior to the arrest the Greenburgh Police provided my family with 24-hour round the clock police protection, a very expensive police presence that the defendant did not have to reimburse the town for.

If defendants, once caught, get only a slap on the wrist, there will be no disincentive not to commit the crime. I think there should be tougher penalties to discourage crimes of hate.

I urge the NYS Legislature, civic, and religious leaders to come up with minimum punishments for hate crimes. This should not be restricted to anti-Semitism but should include all acts of hate.

—Paul Feiner,
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

Ask the Candidates in the White Plains Common Council Race a Question

Ask the candidates in the White Plains Common Council race a question at the League of Women Voters of White Plains Candidates Forum. Questions must be submitted in writing.

You may do so by email in advance of the Forum no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15 to lwvwp.candidateforums@gmail.com with the subject line "Question for Candidates" or in-person at the Forum. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Cards will be available for audience members to submit questions.

You must include your name, and home address along with your question. Your address will not be made public. Questions will not be taken from the floor.

The Forum will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Church Street School, 295 Church St., White Plains. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

ravaged America's manufacturing sector.

No family is more linked to that decision than the Clintons. Bill Clinton was the president who pushed through NAFTA; Hillary Clinton championed free trade throughout her years in the Senate and as secretary of state. This was a huge part of the reason that Donald Trump was able to flip reliably blue states in the Rust Belt to defeat her in 2016.

—Ron Widelec, Rye Brook

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move to Chicago in her early 20s, a city she loved. Later on, that career helped put food on the table when Lou, the love of her life, was making his mark on the world of church music and while they were building a family.

After having children, Maryfaith conceived and established what was believed at the time to be the first Montessori school for homeless children in the country, fighting the good fight at City Hall and toiling over grant applications to shield those most vulnerable from the crossfire of politics and red tape. It gave the children a safe haven from a homeless hotel, a healthy meal to nourish their bodies, and a head start to their education, all in an effort to break the chain of poverty to which they were tethered, an existence she knew they didn't ask for, nor deserve. She went on to leverage that experience as Director of Grace Church Daycare and the Montessori Center at Burke for many years. She was also part of the early days at the Sharing Community and Grayston Family Inn in Yonkers, and SHORE of White Plains, among other social service and volunteer work, and she had a passion for serving the underserved. Some of this work was recognized officially when the County Executive declared June 28, 1989 to be Maryfaith Fortunate Day in Westchester County.

Maryfaith had a certain light inside her that attracted people to her, especially babies, with whom she shared a special bond. When you were with Maryfaith, you knew you were in the company of someone

special. She was a "cheerful giver," and she made others want to be better. She was an open book, gave unconditionally, and forgave powerfully. She was infinitely beautiful. And she was loved purely by so many. She will be deeply missed, but she will live on in our hearts and minds and souls forever.

Maryfaith is survived by two brothers, Fr. Robert Phelps (OFM Cap.) of Beacon, NY and Michael Phelps of San Diego, CA, as well as her five children and their spouses and significant others: Bob, Diane and Amado, Terry and Jen, Tony and Jaime, and Carrie and Don, and eight grandchildren: Marco, Frankie, Kayla, Jason, Ashleigh, Sean, Ryan and Jack, and one great-grandchild, Annabella, as well as an extended group of cousins, in-laws, and their extended families who loved her.

Josephine Cermele

Josephine Cermele, 71, of White Plains, passed away on Oct. 7, after a battle with cancer. Josephine was born on March 11, 1948 to the late Elia and Maria Digeronimo



DiIorio in Sant'Elia a Pianisi, Italia. Josephine's love for family and friends was evident in her way of life. Josephine took great pride in caring for her family and enjoying the company of her many friends and relatives. Josephine was predeceased by her first-born daughter, Maria Cermele in 1969 and her step-brother Leonardo in Italia.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 52 years, Matteo Cermele of White Plains. Also survived by her loving children and spouses, who all reside in Westchester. Joseph Matthew (Paulette) Cermele, Matthew Lee (Theresa) Cermele, Ann Marie (Americo) DiGiacomo, Mark (Valerie) Cermele, Diane (William) Segel, and 11 cherished grandchildren Matteo, Robert and Joseph Cermele; Matthew, Anthony and Gianna Cermele; Adriana, Alivia and Alana DiGiacomo; and William and Charles Segel. Josephine is also survived by her step-sisters Maria (Gianluigi) Petruccelli and Giovanna (Donato) Colia, step-brother Raffaele (Marilina) DiIorio and step-sister in law Lucia (Persichetti), in Italia.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Josephine's name to Maria Fareri Children's Hospital would be appreciated. <https://www.mariafarerichildren.org/ways-to-give1>.

Kenneth Valdo Sr.

Kenneth P. Valdo Sr., of Valhalla, passed away Oct. 6. He was 80.

Kenneth was born April 4, 1939 in New York City. He served in the United States Army in the 82nd Airborne Division.

On Aug. 7, 1965 Kenneth married his wife Linda Valdo in White Plains.

Kenneth loved spending time with his



family above all. His last wish was to have everyone together for a BBQ. He was a master carpenter for 60 years, who built his home from the ground up, and enjoyed building cabinetry. When he wasn't working, Kenneth enjoyed bowling, puzzles, solitaire, chess, and gardening. He was thoughtful and always put others above him. Kenneth was a true people person with a unique sense of humor.

Besides his wife Linda, Kenneth is survived by three children Emilio Valdo, Patricia Selkirk, and Kenneth Valdo Jr.; six grandchildren Joseph Chillelli, Celeste Chillelli, Nicholas Chillelli, Steven Chillelli, Daniel Valdo, and Jordan Valdo, and a great grandson Benton Valdo.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Lung Cancer Research Foundation. www.cancerresearchfoundation.com.





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The Importance of Maintaining a Home Library in the Digital Age

In an age when the wealth of human knowledge and culture can be accessed through a tile-sized tablet, many people would assume that we no longer have any need for a library in the home.

This does not necessarily indicate a decline in literacy. In fact, the members of Generation Y are the most avid purchasers of books. Not only should we not judge a book by its cover, we also shouldn't assume it will be printed on paper.

And yet, the printed book still holds its appeal as an artifact, a memento or an artistic creation, and those who own these objects will want them displayed safely and attractively. (If their physical presence inspires children to read more, so much the better.)

If you have seen collections of books in other people's homes, you may have noticed how they seem to reveal something about the personality of the collector. In fact, you may want to take a look at your own collection and see if it is conveying a message that meets your approval. Consider the following distinctive home library types and see if you recognize yourself in any of them.

A space lined with shelves, which are in turn crammed with books, maybe two deep, horizontally stacked and tucked in every which way, suggests an academic type who reads widely and deeply. If these books are old editions, or in different languages, we may imagine the reader is a tenured professor in an arcane subject. If the books are stacked, popular paperbacks covering every surface, we may expect their owner to be a zealous fiction fan.

A large collection of books on a single subject naturally reveals the occupant's interest, be it mysteries, gardening or history. It's a great first step to getting to know a person better. Be conscious of revealing too much of your own interests; however, my own collection of motivational and self-help books from my earlier stages of personal and professional development would give visitors quite the cross-section of my own preoccupations.

The books themselves may be the items of interest. My wife Margaret's Aunt Pearl subscribed to a book club that reissued a classic work every month with exquisite artistic production values. These books were left to us and hold a place of honor in the custom-built shelves of our living room. Serious bibliophiles may also seek out important first editions, signed copies of books or vintage books of other historical interest.

Sometimes books are collected not in their own right, but simply as visual design elements. Many second-hand bookshops will advertise their books-by-the-yard rate to interior decorators, who will make their selection based on the size and color of the spines.



The next level of books as decoration is when the titles are chosen based on how much they may impress guests rather than as a reflection of the homeowner's interests. You may recall a famous scene in "The Great Gatsby" where a visitor to Gatsby's library comments knowingly on the scope and quality of the volumes it contains, but also points out that the pages of all the books are uncut; a sign in that age that a book had not yet been read.

To show off your books, first glean them to make sure that the titles you have left are pleasing and useful to you. You may want to group them by category, and then select a different part of your home for each one. (Cookbooks in the kitchen is a popular example.)

Store the books either upright or flat, not at an angle or spine-up, and keep them away from bright sunlight and moisture. If you are keeping more than a few books on each shelf, be certain that the shelf is built for the weight. A load that is excessively heavy can bend the shelf or even make it collapse. The latter happened once at my in-laws' home and we were all lucky no one was in the room when it occurred.

A glance online will show you endless varieties of arranging your books, from a ceiling-to-floor wall of shelves with a rolling ladder to access the highest level, to bookshelves built into the structure of a staircase, to bookshelves used as sliding wall dividers.

While I am all for saving the trees, I am also very fond of the layer of interest and inspiration that a shelf full of books gives to a home.

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A Drive Up the Taconic Yields a Cornucopia of Flavors



By Morris Gut

Just returned from a wonderful fall foray into the Hudson Valley/Berkshires, up and down the picturesque Taconic highway. Here are some of the places we managed to visit, eat, and view the spectacular scenery. Would like to share some

of our experiences with you...

Taste NY Food Store on the Taconic, La Grange

Driving north on the Taconic towards La Grange, we saw signs for a Taste NY Food Store along the highway. We pulled in and took a look around. Apparently, this initiative was started by Gov. Andrew Cuomo in 2013 to highlight the artisanal foods and beverages crafted and grown in New York State. There are stores now scattered around the state. It



Fresh oatmeal pancakes with blueberries, Inn at Silver Maple Farm.

was nicely laid out for easy viewing. There were: jams, cheeses, beers and ciders, produce, New York State plums, butchered meats, take away foods and sandwiches, drinks and coffee. We took a cup with us to the car. Check it out: www.taste.ny.gov/.

Inn at Silver Maple Farm, East Chatham

We booked several nights at the lovely



The Inn at Silver Maple Farm, East Chatham.

Inn at Silver Maple Farm Bed & Breakfast along Rt. 295 in East Chatham. Driving up the long tree-lined picket fenced driveway towards the main house, the grounds yielded apple trees and berry bushes and colorful seasonal artifacts. A big red barn stood in the background. One step inside and we were enchanted with the country-style décor. A bright, airy reception area strewn with couches and tufted seating, dining tables and library, high barnwood ceilings and lighting. Owner/Innkeeper Jodie Paris has done a meticulous job of decorating this 20-year-old manse, and it is warm and inviting. Jodie herself was a personable host, full of local knowledge to share with us weary travelers, and she also had a good hand in the kitchen when it came to breakfast. The delights ranged from fresh, ripe fruit salad, good bread and muffins for toasting, baked eggs in a ramekin one morning, fresh oatmeal pancakes with blueberries the next, and an enhanced Sunday morning buffet on our final day that included choice of fresh, delicious quiches. Good pastry and coffee, too. The Inn at Silver Maple Farm, 1871 State Route 295, East Chatham, turned out to be a good place to work from during our visit. Phone: 1-518-781-3600. www.silvermaplefarm.com.

Le Perche Bakery & Bar, Hudson

This eclectic French-themed bistro was recommended by family who had recently made a visit to Hudson, New York, and it turned out to be one of our favorites. We liked it so much, we stopped here twice during our stay in the area. We had our first over-the-top lunch here and were charmed by the country-style décor, vintage fireplace and long wooden bar lounge area with bakery display counter. The oversized croissants inside were very appealing, but our lunch palate took us elsewhere. For starters, a bowl of their fresh made herbed Gougeres, French cheese puffs. So tasty! A bowl of fresh Mushroom Soup was a delightful earthy taste of the season. For our main, we shared a big Vietnamese-style Banh Mi stuffed with greens, dressing, ham and house pate. It screamed with flavor! A couple of Peekskill Brewery IPAs helped wash it all down. And for dessert: a fresh made Paris Brest pastry filled with decadent cream. Oh, my! Le Perche is located at 230 Warren Street, Hudson. Phone: 1-518-822-1850. www.leperchehudson.com.

Chatham Brewing Co., Chatham

On our first evening we decided to take in a few brews at nearby Chatham Brewing Co. on Main Street in Chatham. It is a rustic space, working brewery machinery and gear behind windows, a bar, TVs and table seating surround the dining area. There is seasonal outdoor seating, too. The staff at this decade-old brewery were friendly and accommodating, helping us with any questions we had, offering tastings and local lore. While Hudson, New York, about 40 minutes away, has certainly come about as a cosmopolitan city, Chatham for now has maintained its country roots. Sitting at the bar at Chatham Brewing was a very pleasant experience. We shared an order of Beer Battered Fish & Chips along with

New York State Organic Ketchup as a condiment. A very distinctive flavor that went well with the fries. Their Oktoberfest brew and Hyperbole DIPA helped wash it all down. We spied the house Burgers landing at tables and they looked hefty. Maybe next time. Chatham Brewing Co. is located at 59 Main Street, Chatham. Phone: 1-518-697-0202.

The Spotty Dog Books & Ale, Hudson

After an awesome tour at Olana, the Frederic Church estate, we went into town. During our pleasurable walk down Warren Street, the main strip in Hudson, we stepped into The Spotty Dog Books & Ale, a bookshop opened in the old C.H. Evans Firehouse building in 2005. It was bustling. Not only does this shop offer books, there is also a bar for locally crafted beers on tap, wines, assorted café drinks, and bar snacks, too. It was a good place to take a break and the barkeep was quite friendly, helping us select such fine brews as Fiddlehead IPA out of Vermont, and Crossroads IPA out of NY State. Friendly



Kinderhook Farm Pork Chop at Swoon, Hudson.

chatter at the bar and reasonably priced. The Spotty Dog is located at 440 Warren Street, Hudson. Phone: 1-518-671-6006. www.thespottedog.com.

Talbott & Arding Cheese and Provisions, Hudson

Step into this charming storefront gourmet shop and you are greeted with a waft of sensory sensations. The bouquet of fresh-made artisanal foods, cheeses and provisions can be overwhelming. We were tempted to try every morsel in the display case. A must stop for food voyeurs! Talbott & Arding, 323 Warren Street, Hudson. Phone: 1-518-828-3558. www.talbottandarding.com.

Fish and Game, Hudson

Opened in 2013 by Zak Pelaccio and Jori Jayne Emde, this 'nose-to-tail', farm-to-table restaurant housed in a handsomely renovated blacksmith shop, received a



Pan-seared salmon at Swoon, Hudson.

great deal of press. The two culinarians had left their successful NYC restaurants: Fatty Crab and Fatty Cue, to re-settle in the Hudson Valley, melding their city sensibility with Hudson's emerging country ethos. We were unsure were we would finally end up for dinner, so we stopped into the tavern room at its 5:30 opening time to consider the possibilities in town. Two fine glasses of wine helped soothe us as we surveyed the room. It was lovely indeed, from the inviting dining room with fireplace, the warm tavern room and bar where we were, to the well-appointed open kitchen that we could see at work from our vantage point. They were offering two menus that night, a prix fixe option for \$75 per person (loaded with supplements), and an a la carte tavern menu. We were going to order off the menu at the bar, but after further consideration felt it was not appealing to us. There were \$30 dishes on the bar menu. So, we passed, but promised ourselves to return for the prix fixe sometime in the future. Fish & Game, 13 S. 3rd. Street, Hudson. Phone: 1-518-822-1500. www.fishandgamehudson.com.

Swoon Kitchen Bar, Hudson

This Hudson hotspot had been highly recommended. It is a beautiful artsy space with bar and bustling dining room. We decided at the last minute to take in dinner here and were lucky to get a table as we did not have reservations. Swoon was opened by chefs Jeffrey Gimmel and his wife Nina Bachinsky Gimmel back in 2004, after both had worked such pedigree spots at Michael's and Union Square Café in Manhattan. Hudson was just starting to emerge at the time, the couple recalled. At full gear, the whole space gives off an exciting 'brasserie atmosphere'. The couple also own Le Perche in town, which we also enjoyed. Off the locally sourced menu, we started by sharing their Corn Salad, a very tasty combination of herbed vegetables. The breadbasket was so very good. The Pan-Roasted Salmon of the day sat on a bed of local mushrooms, Japanese turnips, English peas and fennel reduction. A large, delicious portion of fish and delish. The hearty Kinderhook Farm

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A Drive Up the Taconic Yields a Cornucopia of Flavors

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Pub Burger on Pretzel Bun at The People's Pub, Chatham.



The Lion's Den Bar, Stockbridge.

Pork Chop came with red bliss potatoes, red kale, rhubarb and a mustarda glaze. It was prepared beautifully and full flavored. Our bottle of Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2017 was a wonderful compliment to the mains. My compliments to Chefs Jeffrey and Nina Bachinsky Gimmel for a dining experience well done. By the time we left, the place was hopping. www.swoonkitchenbar.com.

Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge, Mass.

We drove into the Berkshires for the day

and the hills and dales were just bursting with beauty. After a wonderful tour of The Mount/Edith Wharton Home in Lenox we decided on lunch at historic Red Lion's Den, a rustic eatery down a few stairs and off in a corner of the Red Lion Inn in stately Stockbridge. Looked like the place had not changed in many years, and we took seats at the vintage bar. The pub menu was just what we were looking for. We shared a bowl of New England Clam Chowder and a good Roast Beef Sandwich with horseradish

cream and caramelized onion. Did the trick nicely along with a glass of Malbec and pint of Schilling Oktoberfest. Took a walk around after. The 250-year-old Inn was as busy as ever on this October day. Now off to the Norman Rockwell Museum nearby. Red Lion Inn is located at 30 Main Street, Stockbridge. Phone: 1-413-298-5545. www.redlioninn.com.


The People's Pub, Chatham

There was a Harvest Festival going on when we got to Chatham late afternoon

Saturday. Locals and visitors meandering up and down vintage Main Street doing the shops, picking from the food trucks and stalls, having a good old time. The town was busy. We quickly popped into Bimi's Cheese Shop (www.bimischeese.com) and could have done some snacks there, but the bustle and line were a bit long. Their grilled cheese offerings were tempting. Instead, we walked into The People's Pub across the street and took seats at the bar, perusing the long space as we sipped our Fiddlehead brew out of Vermont, and Woodstock Mellow IPA. The décor is an extraordinary eclectic mix of 'this & that', and it all seems to blend together nicely. A picture window looks out onto Main, while there is seating stretching to the rear where there is an open kitchen with a uniformed crew showing off their talents. We shared two mains: a Pub Burger, melted Vermont cheddar, red onion marmalade, shredded lettuce on a soft toasted pretzel bun; and a Beer Battered Fish Sandwich, served on toasted brioche bun, with shredded lettuce, sliced tomato, and Cajun remoulade. Both were very satisfying. The hand-cut fries filled in the gaps. www.thepeoplespub.com.

The Hudson Valley region has so much to offer. Can't wait to return!

Morris Gut is a restaurant marketing consultant and former restaurant trade magazine editor. He has been tracking and writing about the food and dining scene in greater Westchester for 30 years. He may be reached at: 914-235-6591. E-mail: gutreactions@optonline.net.



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Happenings

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Coffee with Grandpas United. All grandfathers are invited to attend the White Plains Youth Bureau’s Coffee with Grandpas United gathering at the White Plains Library, 8:30 to 10 a.m. The topic of conversation is “Engaging Our Community with an Eye Toward the Future,” with guest speaker, Dr. Joseph Ricca, Superintendent of Schools.

SBA Workshop. Ten steps to starting a business. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Finding and Funding the Right College. “How to Find and Fund the Right College” is a workshop for high school students and their parents. It is designed to help them navigate the complexities of the college admissions process. The presenter will cover all admissions aspects that make a college the “right fit” for a student. After this workshop students will have the necessary tools to apply for college with confidence.

Refreshments will be served. 4 to 5:30 p.m. at White Plains Library.

Tuesdays@Dorry’s. Israelis and Palestinians have long been paying attention to American attitudes about and support for Israel. Ariel Tamir will examine the implications of both groups’ perceptions in an historical context. He will also comment on potential future effects from these perceptions in light of recent events in Israel. Weekly table talkers meet to discuss community issues and hear a presentation. Food ordering begins at 5:15 p.m. Presentation 6 to 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Dorry’s Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

Westchester 250 Roundtable. The public is invited for a presentation and roundtable discussion on how best for Westchester to commemorate the 250th anniversary of United States Independence of 1776. Visit the group’s web site at rw250.org. 7 to 8:45 p.m. at White Plains Library.

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Farmers’ Market. Downtown Farmers’ Market on Court Street in White Plains. Hours of operation each Wednesday

are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tech Wednesday For Adults. What is Hacking? 12 p.m. Tech Wednesday is a series of classes focusing on different advanced digital technologies each week. The topic on this particular date is the world of hacking. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about “white hat” and “black hat” hacking and everything in between. Beginners and professionals alike are encouraged to attend. White Plains Library.

Noonday Concert. English Songs à la Française - Canadian baritone Tyler Duncan and Erika Switzer collaborate on a program of English songs by French Composers in a 30-minute Downtown Music debut concert. 12:10 p.m. The concert will be held in Grace Church, 33 Church St., White Plains. There is no admission fee, donation suggested. This concert is made possible, in part, by a gift in memory of Adrienne Reilly.

Lunchtime Meditation. A weekly meditation program. Brief beginning instruction will be followed by meditation. No experience or special equipment needed. A guest instructor will lead the program the first Wednesday of each month; 12:15 to 1 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Which Craft? Wednesday. Sew fabric bookmarks by hand or using a sewing machine; beginners encouraged. For students in grades 6 and up on a first-come, first-served basis. 4 to 5 p.m. White Plains Library.

Reading Buddies. Practice reading with a teen Reading Buddy. Reading Buddies will be available to read one-on-one with children in grades 2 to 5 Wednesday evenings for 15 minute sessions, 4:30 p.m. Sign-up will start 30 minutes before the program time. White Plains Library.

Movie – Addams Family. Meet the zany, spooky Addams Family. Watch the two classic 90s films on October 16 and 23, and go see the new animated film in theaters starting October 11. In The Addams Family, a stranger shows up on the Addams’ doorstep, claiming to be a long-lost uncle. However, he is really a ringer in cahoots with a lawyer; and the two are trying to dupe the ghoulish family out of their fortune. PG-13, 99min., 6 to 8:30 p.m., White Plains Library.

Candidates Forum: League of Women Voters of White Plains Common Council Candidates Forum. 7 to 9 p.m. Church Street School, 295 Church St., White Plains.

Thursday, Oct. 17

Westchester Goes Global. A small business exporter seminar presented by Westchester County. Among the topics to be discussed include how to find foreign buyers; protecting against the risk of nonpayment; how to extend credit terms to foreign buyers; and how to access vital working capital. Panelists will include Joan Kanlian, U.S. Commercial Service, U.S.

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Department of Commerce; Eduard Ekel, Office of International Trade, U.S. Small Business Administration and Richard Foy, regional director, Export-Import Bank of the United States. Little Theater at Westchester County Center, 198 Central Ave., White Plains. 8 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info: 914-995-2936. Registration: Visit <http://bit.ly/2kAz5zl>.

Trove Time. Trove Time is an early literacy playtime for ages 2-4 with a caregiver. Children and their caregiver will play together, hear stories, and learn about enriching a child’s life and increasing their early literacy skills. 10:30 a.m. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis beginning 30 minutes prior to the program. White Plains Library.

Digital Gaming. T(h)ech Thursday is a weekly meetup for teenagers who wish to learn more about various aspects of digital technology. From coding to 3D printing, there are many opportunities to learn and have fun. The particular topic of this week’s session is music making. 4:30 p.m. at White Plains Library 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

STEM Buddies. Children in grades 1-4 can sign up at the Compass Desk in the Trove to work on STEM activities in small groups for 30 minutes with teen volunteers or college students. Sign-up will start at 4 p.m.. STEM = Science Technology Engineering Math. White Plains Library.

Stories & Stuff. Preschool storytime, including a craft activity, for ages 4, 5, and 6 without adult. Literacy connections are made at “Stories & Stuff” where stories are centered around a theme and children listen and interact with corresponding rhymes, songs and/or finger plays. A final craft project ties in with the topic fostering a sense that stories are imaginative, yet lasting, and continue to enrich our creative thoughts and play. 4:30 p.m. White Plains Library.

Elton John and Tim Rice’s “Aida.” An epic tale of love, loyalty and betrayal, with an exhilarating Tony and Grammy Award-winning score by Elton John and Tim Rice. An enslaved Nubian princess, Aida, finds her heart entangled with Radames, an Egyptian soldier who is betrothed to the Pharaoh’s daughter, Amneris. As their forbidden love blossoms, Aida is forced to weigh her heart against the responsibility that she faces as the leader of her people. Aida and Radames’ love for one another becomes a shining example of true devotion that ultimately transcends the vast cultural differences between their warring nations, heralding a time of unprecedented peace and prosperity. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 2 pm. \$37 to \$59. Also Oct. 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 20, 23 and 27 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or www.wppac.com.

Friday, Oct. 18

All-Day Tag Sale. Clothing, Jewelry, Bric-a-brac, Household goods, Toys. 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m., White Plains Presbyterian Church, 39 N. Broadway, White Plains. Parking available in rear - off Barker Ave.

Dungeons and Dragons For Teens. Join a band of adventurers on a Dungeons and Dragons campaign. Attend every session, or drop in when you can; no registration required. For grades 7-12. Beginners encouraged. 4 p.m., White Plains Library.

The Sleepy Hollow Experience. This outdoor immersive theater event will now be seen for the first time in the tristate area, staged at the estate of Washington Irving, just in time for the bicentennial of his publication of “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.” The production features live professional musicians and singers, who will perform the scenes in various locations around the estate and engage with audience members. Theater-goers will be guided by storytellers from scene to scene, meeting Ichabod Crane and Katrina Van Tassel, imbibing and snacking during the famous party scene at the Van Tassel’, and, in a thrilling climax, encountering the Headless Horseman himself. Washington Irving’s Sunnyside, 3 W. Sunnyside Lane, Tarrytown. 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$45 for adults and \$25 for children. Historic Hudson Valley members receive a 10 percent discount. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Nov. 3. Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

Jazz Night! Members of the Hoff-Barthelson Music School’s jazz faculty take the stage to kick-off the 2019-20 Faculty Concert Series. An evening of improvisations and jazz standards, listeners will be treated to performances by Ed Palermo, saxophone; Rolf Sturm, jazz guitar; Jamie Reynolds, piano; and Glenn Rhian, percussion. Then mix and mingle with them at a post-concert reception and learn about opportunities to join the school’s jazz ensembles for kids, youth and adults at all levels, study privately and learn jazz theory. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Seniors (60 and up): \$15. Students: Free. Info and tickets: 914-723-1169 or e-mail hb@hbms.org. Tickets are also available at the door.

Saturday, Oct. 19

Farmers’ Market. Downtown Farmers’ Market on Court Street in White Plains.

The National Dance Company of Siberia. The dance company will perform a newly choreographed folkdance program titled “Russian Souvenirs.” Direct from Krasnoyarsk, Russia, this remarkable troupe offers a breathtaking kaleidoscope of thrilling folkdance choreography, athleticism, stunning costumes and energetic music. A family treat for all ages. Westchester Community College’s Academic Arts Theatre, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. \$28. Seniors and students: \$26. Children (under 13): \$18. Info and tickets: 914-785-6262 or visit www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts. Tickets will also be available beginning 30 minutes before showtime.

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LEGALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an order entered by the Supreme Court, Westchester County, on the 17th day of September, 2019, bearing Index Number 2386/19, a copy of which may be examined at the office of the clerk, located at 110 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, new York grants me the right to assume the name of Talia Rose Forman-Wright. The city and state of my present address are Yorktown Heights, NY the month and year of my birth are May, 2008; the place of my birth is Mt. Kisco, NY; my present name is Talia Rose Roth.

Notice is hereby given to interested parties that a **Public Hearing will be held by the Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday October 24, 2019 at 6:30 at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road** for the purpose of considering the following petitions and requests together with all other matters that may properly come before the Board at this time. **AGENDA New Application 1. Fiorio, Robert, 66 Lee Avenue, 62.18-1-33; R-3 Request lot coverage variance, front and side yard setback variances for generator, propane tanks and carport. A**

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variance under Section 165-27 I (3) for fence height. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN**

Notice is hereby given that the **TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY** has received a wetlands application from the following applicant: **WT 20/19 Harris Fields 15 Locust Glen Road TM# 73.-1-44 WT21/19 Thim Oung 160 Barger Street TM# 74.17-1-51**

Town of Putnam Valley Town Board Meeting October 16, 2019 6 PM. 1. Pledge of allegiance. 2. Departmental Reports. 3. Supervisor's Comments 4. Legislative Report 5. School Report 6. Set public hearing for final budget on November 6th at 5 PM. 7. Adopt Lake Oscawana Septic Pumpout law revision. 8. Resolution to accept the Town's 2020 Tentative Budget as presented at the Work Session on October 2, 2019 9. Request for Release of Demolition Bond for Stacey Soloviev. 10. Authorize Supervisor to sign computer lease. 11. Authorize Supervisor to sign a server

migration contract with KVS. **Districts 12.** Town Board to waive any building permit fees for Glenmar Garden roof repair of pump house. **Parks & Recreation 13.** Personnel changes **14.** Refunds **Building Department 15.** Daily fee report for September. **16.** Budget Transfers **17.** Public Comment **18.** Audit of monthly bills.

Please be advised that the next meeting of the **Planning Board** will be held at **Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday October 21, 2019** for the purpose of considering the following applications: Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm **AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING** The following public hearings have been scheduled for **October 21, 2019 at 6:00PM** (or as soon thereafter as agenda conditions permit) at the Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, 10579. All interested parties are invited to attend and will be heard. A copy of the application materials and plans may be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Planning Board Clerk, Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall. 1. **Putnam Valley Fire Station- Oscawana Lake Road (TM#72.20-1-7.12&7.11/File2019-0199)** The subject property consist of +/-

10.3 acres of land and is located on Oscawana Lake Road and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing soil remediation of contaminated fill that was placed on the Fire Department and the Ambulance Corps. Properties. The remedial design project includes re-grading the unstable slopes and construction of a clean soil cover over the top of the contaminated fill. **SKETCH 2. Putnam Valley Fire Station- Oscawana Lake Road (TM#72.20-1-7/File2019-0196)** The property consist of +/- 10.3 acres of land and is located on Oscawana Lake Road and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a Fire Station building +/-30,000 sq.ft. in size, with well and septic system, 127 parking spaces, stormwater management facilities and related site improvements. 3. **Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corp. (TM# 72.20-1-7.11/File2019-0204)** The applicant is proposing an amended site plan for improvements to allow shared access and parking with proposed fire station on adjacent property. The Planning Board will consider adopting a resolution declaring intent for lead agency for the Fire House and Ambulance Corp. project. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 4. Approve Minutes of October 7, 2019**

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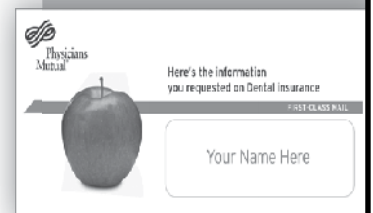
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How to Avoid an Intimidating Restaurant Wine Selection Experience



By Nick Antonaccio

How many times have you walked into a restaurant, have just sat down, absorbing the ambience of the room, engrossed in small talk with your dinnermates, when the waiter breaks the pleasant atmosphere by thrusting the dreaded wine list in front of you?

How do you react? With the confident bravado of a seasoned diner or a very visible look of intimidation?

Selecting wines from a restaurant wine list can be an awkward experience for many of us. Whether it is scribbled haphazardly on the back of a menu (hidden below the beer list and above the house cocktail specialties), or worse, presented in a bound leather binder that could easily be mistaken for a volume of illuminati stolen from the Vatican Museum, wine lists require a thorough review and evaluation. All in the span of time it takes for the latest muscle car to speed from 0 to 60 mph.

Fear not. The solution is usually right at hand – the wine attendant. It may be someone whose sole responsibility is managing the wine cellar and providing guidance to a restaurant's guests or it may simply be the waiter/waitress who has been given a quick overview of the wine list an hour before you arrived.

Trudge onward. You know you are paying

a significant premium (two to three times the retail price) for the wines offered, so why not get your money's worth – with free advice. Most restaurants are eager to provide guidance, advice and gentle arm-twisting to enhance your dining experience. A stress-free diner is a repeat customer. Of course, there are those wine attendants who are belligerent or arrogant, but those restaurants are quickly added to your "never again" list. So, take the plunge. Ask for advice! Ordering wine can be just as enjoyable as drinking it.

Here are a few tips on mastering the art of wine selection:

1. Do your homework. Many restaurants offer their menus and wine lists online. A few minutes of review at home before your culinary excursion will familiarize you with the wine list.

2. Many excellent wines are made available only to the restaurant trade. Invariably you will find unknown wines that will provide a pleasant surprise. How to evaluate these wines? Just ask for advice. If you are in a French restaurant, chances are there will be several gems on the list from regions or producers that will never make an appearance in your local wine shop.

Likewise, for other ethnic-based restaurants. My rule of thumb: If I see a

familiar wine on a wine list, I skip right past it to one I've never heard of and ask the server/steward for insights and recommendations. I rarely have been disappointed.

3. A corollary to the above rule of thumb: Look past the traditional grape varietals like Chardonnay or Pinot Noir, especially those from the Central Coast of California (bulk produced and industrial grade). Instead look to lesser-known varietals from lesser-known wine regions (Spanish reds or German whites). They tend to be less expensive and will open your eyes to a new world of wine enjoyment.

4. When asking for advice, provide your wine attendant with a price range. Be coy in front of your date or your fellow diners; just point to any wine in your price range: "I'd like your advice on a wine in this price range." Servers want to please you. The more input you provide the better the end result.

5. Invariably there is a bargain on the wine list. It may be a wine that wasn't selling well at its higher retail price and the owner has lowered the price. Great wine, reduced price. Another pointer: Great wines from poor vintages are abundant, which makes for great bargains. Again, just ask your server/steward for the hidden gems on the wine list.

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Armed with these pointers, you will be able to focus on a pleasurable dining experience – great food, great wine, great memories.

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Fast Start Propels White Plains' Tigers Past Ossining for a 42-0 Win

By Rob DiAntonio

Ossining went for an onside kick and recovered to start the game, but from that point forward an unfazed White Plains football squad was in complete control.

The Tigers cruised to a 42-0 win over host Ossining last Friday night to improve to 5-1.

"Even though they recovered the onside kick, we kind of felt that once our defense went out there and stopped them, that all the momentum would come right back," White Plains coach Mike Lindberg said. "If [Ossining] would have scored on that first drive, then maybe it would have been a little different. But we were able to hold them and there was no panic."

White Plains' offense scored on two of their first three plays. Ben Finkel hit



Caleb Gillen finds some running room.



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS

White Plains quarterback Ben Finkel locks in on a receiver while Chris McGuire blocks for him.

Josiah Harris on a swing pass for a 50-yard touchdown to open the scoring. The senior quarterback then threw a dart over the middle to Caleb Gillen on a 45-yard touchdown to make it 14-0 with 6:22 left in the first quarter.

"We script our first couple of plays, so the kids all know exactly what to expect," Lindberg said. "We do a pretty good job preparing for teams and we kind of know how they're going to line up. Our kids know exactly what to expect and what they're going to get, so it puts them in a good situation. They have a lot of confidence that these plays are going to work."

On fourth down, Harris scored on a 3-yard sweep to extend the lead to 21-0 with 7:36 left in the second quarter.

Christian Young, who had six carries for 100 yards, closed out the first half scoring



Christian Young runs around the right edge.



Caleb Gillen, right, is congratulated after his touchdown reception.

with a rushing touchdown to send White Plains into the break leading 28-0.

Finkel was 5 of 11 on pass attempts for 156 yards. He threw for two touchdowns and had a rushing touchdown. Harris had three catches for 73 yards. Brandon Artis added one rushing touchdown for the Tigers.

White Plains held Ossining to just 137 total yards.

"We were getting a lot of hats to the ball," Lindberg said. "We're so athletic that we can just get a lot of kids around the ball. We've become a much better tackling team."

White Plains closes out the regular season against Port Chester on Friday, Oct. 17. The game will be at SUNY Purchase at 7 p.m.

"It's important to win this game because if we do we'll win the league championship," Lindberg noted. "That's the goal right now."

EXAMINER SPORTS

Stepinac Defeats Christ the King, Thompson Nominated for “Heart of a Giant” Award

By Albert Coqueran

The Stepinac football team improved their record to 5-1 by dismantling Christ the King High School, 45-7, at Old Boys High School, in Brooklyn, on Sunday. The Crusaders ruined a perfect season for Christ the King (5-1), who came into the game with an undefeated 5-0 record.

The Crusaders lead by a score of 7-0 at the end of the first quarter and increased their lead to 24-7, before the halftime intermission. The Crusaders continued their dominance over the Royals in the second half, while scoring 21 unanswered points for the 45-7 win.

Stepinac quarterback Joey Carino completed 10 of 16 passes for 226 yards and four touchdowns. Crusaders wide receiver Quentin McCauley caught two of Carino's TD passes, while running backs Kyle Benjamin and Kevin McKenna shared the other two TD receptions.

McKenna also rushed for a touchdown as did running back Jayden Jenkins.

On Sunday, as the Crusaders increased their stature this season in the CHSFL AAA, one of their senior players was vying for a special recognition. Stepinac defensive end/wide receiver Peter Thompson was nominated by Head Coach Mike O'Donnell for the USA Football “Heart of a Giant” Award presented by the NY Giants and Hospital for Special Surgery.

Thompson is one of the 60 nominees selected by USA Football from the pool of nominations submitted by Tri-State area coaches to be considered for the “Heart of the Giant” Award.

The “Heart of a Giant” Award recognizes Tri-State area high school football players who demonstrate exceptional work ethic and passion for the game. The merits of each candidate nominated for the “Heart of a Giant” Award include commitment to your football program, leadership characteristics,



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Stepinac quarterback Joey Carino completed 10 of 16 passes for 226 yards and four touchdowns as Stepinac trounced undefeated Christ the King, 45-7, at Old Boys High School, in Brooklyn, on Sunday.

teamwork and the will to succeed on the field and in the classroom as well as within their respective community. Also, the dedication to persevere when faced with obstacles and adversity.

One candidate each week for six weeks who receives the most votes becomes a

Finalist for the “Heart of a Giant” Award, with four more additional Finalists chosen while considering their work ethic and character. This will equal 10 Finalists competing for the distinction of “Heart of a Giant.”

The top vote getter each week receives a \$1000 equipment grant for their high school

football program. The Grand Prize winner of the “Heart of a Giant” Award, will receive an additional \$9000 grant and will be honored on the field during a NY Giants home game in December.

Thompson certainly encompasses the attributes to qualify as a “Heart of a Giant.”

Thompson transferred from Palisades Preparatory School in his home city of Yonkers to Stepinac under the guidance of his guardian and grandmother Marian Sandra Mitchell. This despite the fact the he has to take two buses and a train each morning to arrive at Stepinac.

“When I first told my grandmother about Stepinac she wanted me to change my school. She said I would get a better education and the coaches would help me with whatever I needed,” said Thompson.

Thompson was raised by his grandmother and suffered a devastating loss when she passed away during preseason football camp this year. He presently lives with his uncle Shinron Thompson in Yonkers but still plays football for the Stepinac Crusaders.

“It was a hard thing to deal with in my life because my grandmother was the one who took care of me my whole 17 years of life,” stated Thompson, while revealing how he dealt with adversity on the “Heart of a Giant” website.

“After her passing, I was really hurt and down and didn’t know what I wanted to do anymore. But one day, I had to realize that my grandmother told me I was her favorite football player and that thought and remembering the tone of her voice really opened up my eyes,” expressed Thompson.

“The student/athletes are the reason why we do this and all our coaches do a great job, especially in situations like Peter’s. He needs everybody right now and the entire Stepinac community is behind him,” said O'Donnell.

NY Giants offensive tackle Nate Solder is the Ambassador of the “Heart of a Giant” Award. Solder played through and defeated testicular cancer on his way to winning a Super Bowl with the New England Patriots in 2014.

The following season Nate and his wife, Lexi, discovered that their three-month-old son Hudson had a rare form of cancer. “I learned a lot about life over the past seven years and I also learned a lot about winning – mostly, that it is not everything,” stated Solder.

For Thompson merely participating on the gridiron at Stepinac is inspiring and comforting for him after the loss of his grandmother. “Football really makes me feel like my grandmother is still here, because I know she is watching me from the heaven skies at all times while I’m on the field.” Thompson surely made his late grandmother proud while snatching two interceptions against the Royals on Sunday.

Supporters can vote once each day for Thompson on the USA Football “Heart of a Giant” website at usafootball.com/hoagvote.



Stepinac gained 391 total yards with 20 first downs and four touchdowns to defeat unbeaten league rival Christ the King, 45-7, on Sunday. One of the major reasons for the Crusaders offensive efficiency is their offensive line led by (l-r front) Ajani Cornelius, Amari Broady and Michael Tartaglia with (l-r back) Chris Peller, David Keith, Matt Dilullo and Mychal Riccio.

For an Enjoyable Theater Experience, 'An American in Paris' Fits the Bill

By Evelyn J. Mocbeichel

Fantastic entertainment continues at the Westchester Broadway Theatre (WBT) with the recently opened "An American in Paris," one of the most lavish productions to grace the Elmsford theater's stage. It runs through Nov. 24 and is the perfect venue to invite family and friends.

The story is about a young American soldier, a beautiful French girl and an indomitable European city, each yearning for a new beginning in the aftermath of war. Hoping to start a new life, World War II veteran Jerry Mulligan chooses newly liberated Paris as the place to make a name for himself as a painter. But Jerry's life becomes complicated when he meets Lise, a young Parisian shop girl with her own secret and realizes he is not her only suitor.

"An American in Paris" written in 1928, rapidly became one of George Gershwin's most famous compositions. The 1951 MGM film starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron was inspired by Gershwin's score and became one of the studio's most acclaimed and famous movie musicals, winning six Academy Awards.

The stage musical was inspired by the film and features a score which includes the Gershwin songs "I Got Rhythm," "S Wonderful," "But Not for Me," "Stairway to Paradise," "They Can't Take That Away" as



JOHN VECCHIOLLA PHOTO

The ensemble performs "The Paris Ballet" during "An American in Paris," a stage version of the musical, which runs now through Nov. 24 at Westchester Broadway Theatre in Elmsford.

well as the title song.

The WBT production stars Brandon Haagenon as Mulligan, Deanna Doyle as Lise Dassin, Erika Amato as Madame Baurel, Tommaso Antico as Adam Hochberg, Lauren Sprague as Milo Davenport and Jonathan Young as Henri Baurel. Supporting cast members include Danielle Behrens, Rachel Beiswenger, Joseph Cullinane, Jamie

Foord, Tim Fuchs, Rachael Britton Hart, Leeds Hill, Katy Kauffman, Ian Knauer, Ryan Lambert, Garrett Marks, Leisa Mather, Georgina Moore, Collin Sanderson, Rebecca Shulla, Joey Simon, Charity Van Tassel, Kate Wesler, and Kent Zimmerman.

The production was directed and choreographed by Richard Stafford, with Joseph Cullinane as associate

choreographer. Musical direction is by Ryan Wise, set design by Steve Loftus, lighting design by Andrew Gmoser and sound design by Mark Zuckerman. The costume designer is Keith Nielsen, with wig and hair design by Gerard Kelly and the production stage manager is Victor Lukas. Lisa Tiso is the associate producer.

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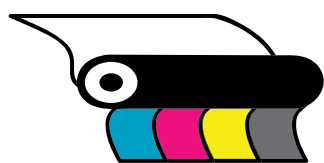
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White Plains Tigers Beat Ossining, Improve to 5-1



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The Tigers cruised to a 42-0 win over host Ossining last Friday night to improve to 5-1. Pictured: Josiah Harris of the Tigers heads for the end zone for a first-quarter touchdown at Ossining.