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WP First in State to Use All-Electric Garbage Truck

By Neal Rentz

The City of White Plains made history last week when it became the first municipality in the state to purchase an all-electric powered garbage truck.

At the Sept. 3 Common Council meeting, Councilman Justin Brasch said, "I always like to point out to everybody when the city is doing a great job of protecting the environment and saving money. We are going to be the first city in New York State to have an all-electric garbage truck.'

The state will be giving \$185,000 toward the purchase of the truck.

"This is a continuation of the city's efforts with regard to environmental sustainability," Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson said. The garbage truck

will be the city government's 10th electric vehicle, she noted.

Mayor Tom Roach said the electric vehicle is expected to be provided to the city by the end of 2020.

Retired Firefighters' Health insurance

During the Citizens to be Heard portion of last week's meeting the discussion of potentially changing the city's policy of requiring retired firefighters to contribute a portion of their health insurance premiums continued.

Ed Lobermann, a retired White Plains deputy fire chief who is a trustee of the White Plains Retired Uniformed Fire Fighters Association told the Common continued on page 2



JazzFest White Plains Returns Sept. 11

The good vibes will be flowing throughout downtown White Plains as JazzFest presents over 20 free and affordable concerts from Sept. 11-15. See page 3 for information about performances and schedule.

New York Assembly Members Call for Fully Funding Universal Pre-K Statewide

By Pat Casey

On Sept. 5, Westchester and Rockland delegations held "Back to School" press events in Yonkers, White Plains, and New City to emphasize the benefits of Pre-K, and to call on Gov. Andrew Cuomo to make Pre-K funding a priority in communities outside of New York City, which currently receives the lion's share.

The events included tours of local Pre-K facilities, including the Eastview campus of White Plains Middle School, which contains a dedicated Pre-K center.

A recent statewide survey conducted by the New York State Council of School Superintendents found that more than half of the superintendents surveyed believed insufficient state funding was the single largest barrier to implementing full-time early childhood programs in their districts. The survey also found that 13 percent of



The Eastview Middle School campus in White Plains contains a dedicated Pre-K center.

superintendents surveyed did not have a full-day Pre-K program, but would establish one if adequate state funding was available. Another 40 percent of superintendents surveyed said that they would expand their existing half-day Pre-K programs if provided sufficient state funding.

"Pre-K teaches kids, at a very young age, the basics of social skills and how to learn - tools that they will need in school and for the rest of their lives," said Assemblyman Tom Abinanti (D-Greenburgh). "All kids in New York State, not just those in New York City, deserve the benefits of universal Pre-K.'

"Every dollar invested in high quality pre-kindergarten programs nearly \$9 in economic and other benefits," said Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains), whose district contains the Eastview Campus of White

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Council he was representing more than 100 retired firefighters. The issue was in litigation for more than eight years but the organization withdrew the suit "in anticipation of your discussing this issue with us. I want to thank you for the meetings and discussions we've had with you during the past year addressing this issue," he said.

"My concentration this past year was to present to you in a factual manner, the justification for our position that our benefit should be fully restored as you have restored the paid in full health insurance premium in retirement for the active firefighters," Lobermann said. "We are simply asking that you treat us older retired firefighters similarly. As a result of those meetings I believe that the majority of the Council is sympathetic to our position but is concerned as to the cost factor to the city."

Lobermann said during the discussions Council members have asked him to submit plans that would not be costly to the city. Chief of Staff John Callahan provided him with data so he could provide those proposals to the city, Lobermann said. He has proposals he wants to provide to the city and discuss them with Council members.

Roach asked Lobermann to call his office to set up a meeting.

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Plains Middle School. "New York State is investing \$300 million in New York City Pre-K programs, but a woefully inadequate \$40 million for the rest of the state. It is time to invest in all of our children's futures."

"Study after study have found that the benefits from an investment in Pre-K far exceed the costs, and that the positive gains on lifetime earnings, academic achievement, and the social impact of more diverse classrooms are substantial for both low-income and middle-income children when Pre-K is universal," said Assemblymember Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale) who is a member of the Assembly Education Committee. "School superintendents across the state have made it clear they are willing to create new Pre-K programs or expand their existing halfday Pre-K programs, but simply lack the funding. The time has come for the state to deliver on the promise of truly universal Pre-K by providing adequate state funding for all of New York's children."

A letter signed by 43 members of the Assembly representing districts outside



New York City was sent to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, calling upon him to fully fund Universal Full-day Pre-K for the entire state in his 2020-2021 Executive Budget.

The letter requested that Universal Full-day Pre-K be funded for the entire state in the 2020-21 Executive Budget. "As you know, New York City has a very robust and successful program. School districts in the rest of the state deserve the same. New York City is allocated \$300 million under the "Statewide Universal Full-day Pre-K program," the letter stated.

"While districts outside of New York

City enroll more than half of the public school students in the state, these districts are only allocated \$40 million in funding, which is awarded through a competitive grant process. Many districts outside of New York City want to participate in this program, but are unable to do so due to the lack of funding. In the first round of grant applications in 2015, thirty districts applied and did not receive funding, many of which were highly rated and eligible. There were also several districts that never even applied due to the lack of available funding," the letter concluded.

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JazzFest White Plains to Feature Over 20 Concerts Over Five Days

By Pat Casey

The good vibes will be flowing throughout downtown White Plains as JazzFest presents over 20 free and affordable concerts from September 11-15. Headlining this year's celebration of music and culture are rising stars and jazz legends including Pete Malinverni, Joel Ross's "Good Vibes" featuring Melissa Aldana, and the Emmet Cohen Quartet featuring two of jazz's greatest players, George Coleman and Jimmy Cobb.

Wednesday, Sept. 11

The festival begins on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at noon with a free half-hour concert at Downtown Music at Grace Church, 33 Church St. with the Nanny Assis Trio.

Bahia native Nanny Assis is a singer, drummer, percussionist and songwriter. He is a master of Brazilian Jazz, Afro-Brazilian music and other popular and folkloric sounds from his homeland.

At 12:30 p.m. another free concert will entertain out of the band shell at the Court Street Farmer's Market with Kristina Koller.

As a vocalist, arranger and composer, Kristina Koller pushes "vocal jazz" in a new direction. Her music melds different genres with uplifting traditional jazz standards.

The Wednesday afternoon concerts continue with Downtown White Plains Jazz Stroll 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. featuring free concerts at participating venues.

Mediterraneo White Plains, 189 Main St., 5:30 p.m. Albert Rivera Quartet. Saxophonist Albert Rivera has toured North America and







Emmet Cohen Quartet, Joel Ross, Melissa Aldana and Pete Malinverni to Headline JazzFest White Plains Concerts Sept. 11-15.

played at venues such as the River Room in Harlem and Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola at Lincoln Center. In 2009, he was the recipient of the ASCAP Young Jazz Composer Award.

Morton's The Steakhouse, 5 Mamaroneck Ave., 6:30 p.m. Pablo Mayor's Folklore Urbano NYC Trio. Pablo Mayor is one of the leading contemporary voices of Colombian music. His trio combines the native rhythms of Colombia with Jazz, Salsa, and Cuban Charanga. The Folklore Urbano NYC Trio has been heard throughout the USA, including renowned venues across the NYC area, as well as Canada and Colombia.

The Ritz-Carlton, Westchester, 3 Renaissance Square, 7:30 p.m. The Brian Carter Quartet. Jazz drummer Brian Carter has affiliations with many musicians, including Bob Baldwin, Gil Parris, Bernie Williams, Eddie Henderson, Wali Ali, Nico Morelli and the late Didier Lockwood.

Sunset Restaurant Bar, 49 Mamaroneck Ave., 8:30 p.m. Gilberto Colon Jr. & Ensalada De Pulpo. Gilberto "Pulpo" Colón Jr. is a pianist, composer, arranger, producer and band leader, best known for his role as Musical Director for salsa superstar Héctor Lavoe. Colón has worked and recorded with Latin music's most popular artists including Pete 'El Conde' Rodríguez, Francisco 'Kako' Bastar, Louie Ramirez, and many more.

Thursday, Sept. 12

Kicking off the ArtsWestchester performances on Thursday, Sept. 12, is Pete Malinverni's Jazz-Chester, featuring Ralph Lalama, Wayne Tucker, Mikey Migliore and Aaron Seeber.

Malinverni is Head of Jazz Studies at the Conservatory of Music at Purchase College. He has been a fixture on the New York City jazz scene since moving there in the early 1980s, and has recorded and performed with a host of masters, including Joe Lovano, Vernel Fournier, Charles Davis, Mel Lewis, Dennis Irwin, Jon Faddis, Karrin Allyson,

Steve Wilson and many others.

The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$25. A Jazz Jam will immediately follow at 10 p.m. Entry is only \$10 and audience members are invited to sign up to join the jam.

Free concerts on Thursday include: Jazz at Noon with Eunha So Quartet at White Plains Public Library Plaza, 100 Martine Ave.

Pianist and composer Eunha So plays across genres, from classical to jazz. She has trained under several prominent artists, including Eric Gunnison, Art Lande, and Pete Malinverni. She is a graduate of SUNY Purchase's graduate program in Jazz Studies.

At 6:30 p.m. Keyon Harrold will play at the Outdoor Plaza at 5 City Place.

Keyon Harrold, who was raised in Ferguson, Missouri, was schooled in the straight-ahead jazz tradition. The trumpeter

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has been featured on more than one hundred jazz, R&B, hip-hop, gospel and blues albums, in addition to Miles Ahead, the Grammy Award-winning movie about Miles Davis. Harrold has recorded or performed with Gregory Porter, Prince, Jay-Z, Beyoncé, Mary J. Blige and many others. Rain location: City Center, 3rd floor lobby.

Friday, Sept. 13

Friday night's ArtsWestchester performance on Sept. 13 will feature two sets, 7:30 and 9 p.m., with Chicago native and rising star Joel Ross.

Twice selected as a Thelonious Monk Institute National All-Star, Ross has performed with established artists such as Herbie Hancock, Louis Hayes and Christian McBride, as well as with cutting-edge contemporaries like Gerald Clayton, Jon Batiste and more. He's also performed at the Brubeck, Monterey, Seattle and Chicago Jazz Festivals, and recently completed a two-year fellowship with the Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet in California. The 7:30 p.m. performance will feature his 'Good Vibes' band in a quintet formation.

Ross will be joined for a 9 p.m. performance by Chilean saxophonist and composer Melissa Aldana.

In 2013, Aldana became both the first

female instrumentalist and the first South American to win the Thelonious Monk Competition. She is also a recipient of the Martin E. Segal Award from Lincoln Center and a double recipient of the Altazor Award, Chile's prestigious national arts prize.

Tickets are \$20 for the 7:30 p.m. performance or \$35 for both performances.

Friday free concerts include: Jazz at Noon with The Marcio Garcia Trio at White Plains Public Library Plaza, 100 Martine Ave.

Dominican pianist, composer and educator Marcio Garcia has performed at the Stanford Jazz Institute, the 2016 Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival, Five Points Jazz



Pete Malinverni, a fixture on the New York City jazz scene, is Head of Jazz Studies at the Conservatory of Music at Purchase College.



Chilean saxophonist and composer Melissa Aldana.

Festival, Carnegie Hall, Blue Note NYC, Birdland and Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola.

At 5 p.m. Kotoko Brass will play at White Plains Plaza, 1 N. Broadway.

Kotoko Brass melds the traditional drum rhythms of Ghana, the sturdy bass and keyboards of the Caribbean, and the joyous horns of New Orleans to forge a new sound of its own. The band has shared the stage with Femi Kuti, the California Honeydrops, Vieux Farka Toure, Innov Gnawa, Take 6, the Boston Pops and more.

Saturday, Sept. 14

On Saturday, Sept. 14, JazzFest heads to the White Plains Performing Arts Center for a highlight performance of the Emmet Cohen Quartet featuring George Coleman and Jimmy Cobb. Showtime is 8 p.m. and tickets range from \$29 to \$44.

Recognized as a prodigy who began playing at the age of three, multifaceted American jazz pianist and composer Emmet Cohen has emerged as one of his generation's pivotal figures in music. Cohen is the recent winner of the American Pianists Association's prestigious 2019 Cole Porter Fellowship. George Coleman, among





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many accomplishments, was recognized as a National Endowment of the Arts "Jazz Master." He has played in Max Roach's band, was a member of the Miles Davis quintet with Herbie Hancock, Ron Carter and Tony Williams, and played on Hancock's landmark Blue Note recording, Maiden Voyage. Jimmy Cobb made his name in support of Dinah Washington, Cannonball Adderley, Miles Davis, Wes Montgomery and Sarah Vaughan, and on hundreds of studio sessions. As the drummer on Davis' legendary album Kind of Blue, Cobb may be the most frequently heard drummer in jazz history.

Saturday's free afternoon events begin at 2 p.m. and include the Galleria Youth Showcase at

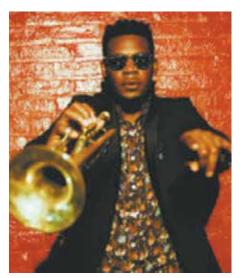
Galleria White Plains, 100 Main

St. Drop by the Galleria and enjoy Westchester's top young jazz musicians. Groups include the Sleepy Hollow Jazz Combo with Austin Day, The Hoff-Barthelson Jazz Ensemble with Ed Palermo and the Tim Veeder Quartet with students from the White Plains High School.

Hands-On Jazz for Families with teachers from The Music Conservatory of Westchester will be held at the White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Sunday, Sept. 15

The celebration will culminate with the White Plains Jazz & Food Festival from 12 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15. Music and entry are free, with food and beverage vendors taking over Mamaroneck Avenue in front of the ArtsWestchester building.

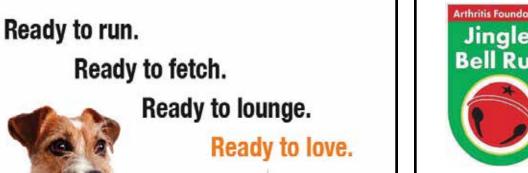


Kenyon Harrold will play at 6:30 p.m. at the Outdoor Plaza at 5 City Place.

Five bands will grace the stage throughout the day, ending with the New Orleans sounds of two-time Grammy-nominated trumpeter Alphonso Horne and The Gotham Kings.

Lagond Music All-Stars, 12 to 12:45 p.m.; Art Bennett and The Organic Ensemble, 1 to 1:50 p.m.; Mwenso & The Shakes, 2:10 to 3 p.m.; Camille Thurman with the Darrell Green Trio, 3:20 to 4:10 p.m.; and Alphonso Horne and The Gotham Kings, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For the full 5-day JazzFest White Plains concert schedule or to purchase tickets, visit: artsw.org/jazzfest.





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Free Singing Lessons with Golden Apple Chorus Offered to Westchester Women

For all women who love to sing, the Golden Apple Chorus is offering free singing lessons on Tuesday evenings in October. If you love to sing in the car, in church, in the shower, the Chorus invites you to turn that love of singing into a fun and exciting hobby.

The program is called "Ready, Set, SING!", and is taught by chorus director Dr. Anastasio Rossi, former Director of Music for the Mount Pleasant school system, and assistant director of the Westchester Chordsmen. No experience is necessary, and attendees do not need to read music.

The lessons will be held on Tuesdays, Oct. 1 through Nov. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Holy Rosary Church/School, 170 Bradhurst

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Both beginners and experienced singers are welcome. There is no charge, and advanced registration is recommended.

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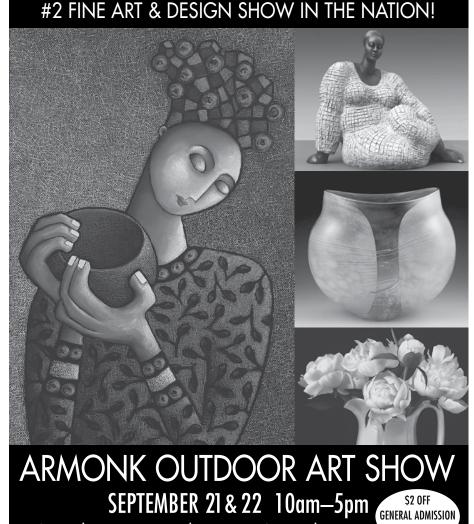
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The Golden Apple Chorus is a women's barbershop chorus, and a chapter of Sweet Adelines International. The chorus is celebrating its 50th anniversary of entertaining audiences in Westchester and the surrounding counties.



Golden Apple Chorus is offering free singing lessons on Tuesday evenings in October.





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Artwork by Mental Health Community Showcased in White Plains

By Neal Rentz

New Rochelle resident Ricardo Santos said last week that there are public misconceptions about mental illness.

"Mental illness is not a sin. Mental illness is not a crime," Santos said.

Santos has two of his abstract paintings on display in "Visions 2019: 'Art Defined?" which is being held through Sept. 12 at ArtsWestchester in White Plains. The exhibition is a partnership between ArtsWestchester, Westchester County and the Rockland County Psychiatric Center.

Santos said painting allows him to "release my depression and anxiety."

This year is the third year that Santos' works have been displayed at the exhibit.

The annual exhibition lets the public know that "we are capable of going to the next level," Santos said.

Valhalla resident Jessy Mendez, the program manager at ArtsWestchester, said the Visions exhibit has been held for over 30 years. ArtsWestchester has had a partnership with the Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health on the exhibit and other projects including artist-in-residence programs at local mental health facilities in which professional teaching artists work with the population of the facilities, she said.

To have their work included in the annual exhibit a person receiving mental health services in Westchester needed to contact the appropriate person in the agency where they are receiving assistance, Mendez said.

"There's definitely a lot of visual



NEAL RENTZ PHOTOS

Some of the artwork created by the mental health community that is being exhibited through Sept. 12 at ArtsWestchester in White Plains in the "Visions 2019: 'Art Defined?" program.

artworks," including watercolors, acrylics, oil paintings, three dimensional pieces, jewelry and clothing being presented in this year's exhibition, Mendez said. "We try to keep it very open. Whatever avenue someone chooses to express themselves creatively we like to support it," she said.

Mendez said having their works on display is gratifying to the artists. "Anyone who gets the opportunity to showcase their work in a professional setting as we have here is a really a great self-esteem booster. It helps provide them with the assurance that they're on the right path," she said.

White Plains resident Anthony Dickstein had his mechanical art displayed at the exhibit. Mechanical art uses "everything that has to do with moving parts," Dickstein said.

Dickstein said he wanted to be part of the exhibition because he wanted to display his artwork. "My teacher expects a lot of me," he said.

"It is very exciting" to have my work presented to the public, Dickstein said. "I get enjoyment just from people seeing different pieces, seeing my art and just being able to see this beautiful building in



White Plains resident Anthony Dickstein is having his mechanical art displayed as part of "Visions 2019: 'Art Defined?"

general," he said.

The exhibit lets the public understand that "regardless of what someone's diagnosis is they are more than that. They have hopes and dreams like everyone else and we'd like to be able to provide that showcase to the community," Mendez said. "That is the reason that it is so popular."

ArtsWestchester is located at 31 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains. For more information about the exhibit call 914-428-4220 or visit https://artswestchester.org/.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

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Cure a NFL History Glitch - Honor "The Four"

By John Vorperian

The National Football League is celebrating its 100th season. The sport circuit will provide plentiful and numerous rankings, statistics, and tales of its 100 greatest games, plays, teams and stars. This vast spectacular thrilling historical content will be carried via multiple media platforms delighting any and all viewers.

Stadium pre-game and half-time events will hype pro football success at the century mark. Yet, amidst all these festivities will the NFL go a step further and purify a dismal era by showcasing four courageous heroes?

The NFL should set aside one week in their seventeen week 2019 regular season schedule to highlight and honor four American heroes Kenny Washington, Woody Strode, Marion Motley, and Bill Willis.

One year before Jackie Robinson broke Baseball's color line these four men reintegrated the National Football League.

At its inception the NFL was a racially integrated sport. However, from 1933 to 1945, no players of color could be found on any NFL team roster.

In 1932, a vocal, arrogant, business mogul with an acting background, bought a NFL franchise. He moved the club from Boston to the Nation's Capital. He renamed the team from the Braves to the Redskins.

The brash tycoon did something never done before at his first owners' meeting. The presumptuous big shot commandeered the forum and lectured his fellow owners.

"I realize you men know your football inside and out. I know football from the spectator's point of view.... It's boring. That's why I want to change the rules. I want to give the public the kind of show they want."

With those words, George Preston Marshall set the NFL on course to become the Nation's Passion. Rules were changed to enable more passing and thus more scoring. Half-time shows with big-time marching bands, pretty cheerleaders and team fight songs electrified fans.

Marshall encouraged women to become

football fans. He convinced his fellow NFL owners to follow his lead in growing the female football fan base with declarations like "...what appeals to women will carry along the men." New revenue designs pontificated by Marshall were adopted by the clubs.

Marshall, for his Washington team, created a regional radio network throughout the South. At the time, no other NFL franchise was located below the Mason-Dixon Line. Unlike the other owners, Marshall was quick to embrace and use a new nascent mediumtelevision.

But there was one poison pill the NFL swallowed whole in accepting and following Marshall. George Preston Marshall was an avowed, committed segregationist. Marshall made it clear no blacks would ever play for his Washington team.

"We will start signing Negroes when the Harlem Globetrotters start signing whites." Marshall's policy pronouncement and conduct leeched over to other teams. They too effectively adhered to this personnel scheme.

Marshall's social plan for pro football began to unglue on March 21, 1946. The Los Angeles Rams yielded to pressure by black community groups and Los Angeles Tribune Sports Editor William Claire Harding and signed once UCLA star Kenny Washington. Washington was 28 year old and had sustained five knee operations.

Afterwards, L.A. immediately made his fellow UCLA colleague 32-year-old Woody Strode a Ram. Interestingly, Jackie Robinson was a college football teammate with both men.

In 1939, Washington was the first Bruin to lead the nation in scoring. He played well in the 1940 College All-Stars v. Green Bay Packers game. Still because of the NFL's gentlemen's agreement no team hired him while he was in his prime.

Strode was an impact college gridiron player. At UCLA, in track, he set a number of world-class decathlon records. The 1940 grid season found him not in the NFL, but with the semi-pro Hollywood Bears.

When WWII commenced, Strode stopped

playing football and joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served his tour of duty in the Pacific theater.

Additionally in 1946, the NFL had a new competitor for fans, the All-American Football Conference. One AAFC club, the Cleveland Browns headed by Coach Paul Brown simply wanted football success. Brown just hired the best talented athletes.

The AAFC lasted only four seasons. The Browns were crowned AAFC champions every year.

In its inaugural year, the Browns had Marion Motley, a running back and linebacker, and Ohio State standout Bill Willis, a defensive tackle.

After his Nevada University football career, Motley joined the U.S. Navy before WWII's end. Paul Brown coached Motley for a military service team. Motley was initially rejected by Cleveland. Brown told him the team had enough fullbacks. But once one fullback became injured, Brown signed Motley.

Motley succeeded to rack up yardage numbers that made him one of the AAFC's all-time top four runners.

Willis, confounded opponents with his uncanny quick ability to take down ball carriers. Cleveland fans saw many a play where Willis would be tackling the runner just as he was being handed the ball by the quarterback.

Despite the cheers, all four men had to endure on the so-called playing field outrageous conduct by their opponents. Never would a referee throw a penalty flag as the four had to tolerate racial taunts, being stepped on, kicked, sideline chalk thrown in their face and late hits.

It's highly fitting that on today's turf the NFL take a moment and publically salute and thank the endeavors of Washington, Strode, Motley, and Willis.

John Vorperian, a White Plains resident, is a sports historian, hosts Beyond the Game seen at www.wpcommunitymedia. com. Vorperian is a contributing writer to an upcoming book by McFarland Press about the 1951 Los Angeles Rams.

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Jamil Fields Sentenced to 20 Years in State Prison for Attempted Murder on I-95

Defendant Jamil Fields, 58, of the Bronx was sentenced to 20 years in state prison for attempted murder and other charges after being found guilty of shooting another man on I-95 in Harrison in 2017.

Westchester County Court Judge Anne Minihan presided over the jury trial in July and sentencing.

Specifically, he was sentenced to Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, a class B violent felony–20 years in state prison; Assault in the First Degree, a class B violent felony–20 years in state prison; Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a class C felony–12 years in state prison. He was also sentenced to five years post-release supervision on each count. All sentences are to run concurrently.

On July 18, 2017, at approximately 5:45

p.m., New York State Police and other emergency personnel responded to the area north of Exit 18B on Interstate 95 northbound in the Town of Harrison. There they found a man on the side of the interstate being cared for by civilians. The victim had sustained multiple gunshot wounds, including to his head, torso and left arm.

New York State Police investigators found the victim had been shot while in a U-Haul van just before exiting that vehicle as it traveled northbound on I-95. Further investigation led police to Jamil Fields of the Bronx who had rented the U-Haul van in which the victim was shot.

On July 22, 2017, investigators located Fields who was still in possession of that van. Fields was arrested.





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White Plains City Judge, Honorable Liz Shollenberger, Dies at Age 63

White Plains City Judge Elizabeth (Liz) Shollenberger died Sept. 5 at the age of 63.

According to a message circulated by her husband Tim James, she had been in a series of hospitals since June, primarily for respiratory problems, and succumbed to an infection that struck on Labor Day, which she was unable to fight off.

Liz grew up in two small towns in Ohio -Alliance, a steel town, and Circleville, a rural community in the northernmost county of Appalachia, where she attended junior high and high school. But she wanted to make an impact in the wider world, and worked methodically to get there. A teacher gave her a long reading list of books one should know for college . . . and Liz read all of them. She became the co-valedictorian of her high-school class. When she learned that the subjects tested on the math branch of the SAT would include trigonometry, which was not taught in her school, she asked her math teacher to help her learn it. When it turned out that her math teacher did not know trigonometry, Liz got a book and taught it to herself. She ended up with a 1500 on the SAT and became the only student from her school in memory to go to Princeton - where she met, her husband Tim James.

At Princeton, Liz earned a grade-point average of 3.9 on her way to Yale Law School.

After working at three highly regarded private law firms in Manhattan during her first years out of law school and teaching for two years at NYU Law School, Liz spent the bulk of her legal career as a Legal Services attorney, representing indigent clients, first in the Bronx, where she became the head of the Housing Unit, and later, of their Senior Unit, and then in Queens, where she headed

the public-benefits unit.

In Housing Court, Liz loved being the equalizer, altering the imbalance of power that normally exists between low-income tenants (usually unrepresented) and the attorneys for landlords. Armed with her "Housing Court Spanish" (as she called it), a quickly acquired expertise in the substantive

and procedural aspects of housing law, and a cheerful but steely willingness to go to trial in any case where she felt the landlord was not being reasonable, Liz became a force in Bronx Housing Court. She knew a lot of ways to win a case, or at least make the adversary settle on terms her client could live with.

Liz got involved in Democratic politics in Greenwich Village in 1981.

In 1983, at age 27, she became the first President of the Village Reform Democratic Club, which she helped

to found. In 1986, the small-town-Ohio girl was elected in a primary as Female Democratic District Leader for Greenwich Village, representing a district that encompassed about three-quarters of an Assembly District. She held that position for nine years, winning two more primaries and then winning two more terms without opposition. While she was District Leader, she played a significant role in the initial

election to Congress of Jerry Nadler, who now chairs the House Judiciary Committee.

In the mid-1990s, Liz decided that she wanted to be a judge. In 1996, she ran for Civil Court in a district that encompassed most of the Village and other parts of Lower Manhattan. She lost the primary by 24 votes out of approximately 7,300 – the closest

primary in New York City that year.

She moved to White Plains with her husband in 1999 and immediately got involved with the White Plains Democratic Party. In 2003, she was elected Chair of the White Plains Democratic City Committee, succeeding Bradley, Adam elected to had been the Assembly the year before. She served as Chair of the City Committee for over 13 years, until her appointment by the White Plains Common Council at the end of 2016 to be a City

Knowing Liz through the Democratic City Committee and also supportive of her appointment to the White Plains City Court, Mayor Tom Roach said: "Liz was one of the smartest people I have ever met and she applied that intelligence and her hard won Ivy League education to benefit people in need, whether fighting for individual clients as an attorney or advocating for policies to protect the most vulnerable among us. She was a kind and

Court Judge.

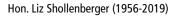
humble person who made the world a better place and she will be greatly missed."

Unhappily, as a result of both her health issues and the response to those health issues by the State's Chief Administrative Judge, Liz did not have the opportunity to make much of a mark on the bench – which was a source of great frustration and sadness for her over the past two years. During her periods of enforced idleness, she worked on a book she had long planned to write about her time in Legal Services and the clients she served, did a lot of reading, and took an increased interest in cooking.

Liz had been under nearly constant assault from her own body, for mostly mysterious reasons, for more than 15 years, but never let her persistent health issues affect her cheerful personality or stop her for long from doing the things that she loved.

A memorial service will be held for Liz at a future date to be announced





Visionary Developer and Business Leader Robert F. Weinberg Dies at 90

Robert F. Weinberg, a visionary commercial and residential developer who over six decades transformed the landscape and economy of Westchester County as cofounder of the Robert Martin Company, died of natural causes at his home in Manhattan on Sept. 3. He was 90.

Working side-by-side with his lifetime business partner, the late Martin S. Berger, Weinberg and the Robert Martin Company were at the forefront of innovation and change in the real estate industry. Most notably, the company pioneered the development of more than six million square feet of office and industrial parks across Westchester and Fairfield counties, as well as over 3,000 apartments, condominiums and single-family homes throughout Westchester.

Weinberg's astute business sense consistently kept the company on the cutting edge of real estate trends. This enabled the firm to play a leading role in a wide array of major projects, including the creation of expansive suburban office and industrial parks, hotels, retail centers, as well as thousands of housing units. The company was particularly active in the cities of White Plains and Yonkers; the towns of Greenburgh and Mount Pleasant; and the villages of Tarrytown, Elmsford and Port

Chester.

Combining their first names, Weinberg and Berger, who died in 2011, founded the Robert Martin Company in 1957. They began

by modestly building five single-family homes in Ardsley. They quickly expanded, building larger single-family home developments in Hartsdale, Yorktown, White Plains, and other communities.

In the late 1960s, they took a step that was to change the course of their business and in real ways, even the trajectory of economic development in Westchester. Acquiring a large tract of land on Route 9A in Greenburgh, Weinberg and Berger decided to build an office-warehouse park,

the first of its kind in Westchester County.

The overwhelming success of the Cross Westchester Executive Park led to a series of transformative mixed-use office and commercial projects that the

company developed, including the South Westchester Executive Park in Yonkers; the Mid Westchester Executive Park in Hawthorne; and the Stamford Executive

Park in Stamford, CT.

The company was the first major developer to invest in the Urban Renewal of downtown White Plains. Its work included there development of 16 unique projects, culminating in the development of a full city block opposite the White Plains train station known as Westchester Financial Center. Located at 50 Main Street, the project included two office towers, an apartment tower, and a common parking garage.

The company also led the way in the redevelopment of downtown Port Chester and constructed over 1,000

apartments in Elmsford and Greenburgh.

Today, the company's diverse portfolio includes over six million square feet of multifamily, office, retail and industrial properties as well as over 200 acres of developable land

in Westchester, Connecticut and Florida.

Earlier this year, the company, led today by Tim Jones and Greg Berger, completed the acquisition of a 3.1 million square-foot office/flex portfolio, consisting mostly of properties originally developed by Robert Martin. The \$487.5 million purchase from Mack-Cali Realty Corporation was the largest commercial real estate transaction in Westchester County history.

Weinberg was born in Manhattan on Sept. 20, 1928, to his mother Ray Greenbaum and father Alexander Weinberg. He grew up in New York City, although he and his parents spent time in Elmsford when he was recovering from scarlet fever as a young boy.

Weinberg earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from New York University, a Masters of Science Degree in Building Engineering & Construction from M.I.T. and a law degree from Brooklyn Law School.

A true visionary, Weinberg was particularly fond of a group he formed and chaired for more than 40 years, the Outreach Committee on Orderly Growth in Westchester. The group, which grew to include more than 40 members, meets for



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Obituaries

Peter Gisondi Sr.

Peter Gisondi Sr., a Harrison resident, died peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family Sept. 2, at the age of 90.

He was born Aug. 21, 1929 in White Plains to the late Antonio and Grazia Gisondi.

Peter served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1953.

On Feb. 14, 1954 he married his beautiful wife Frances and they spent the last 65 years together.

With a van and a couple of brushes he started Peter Gisondi & Co Inc. in White Plains, a thriving business since 1952.

In 1959, Peter began acquiring real estate and built an extensive portfolio. Through his dedication and hard work, he was able to serve many philanthropically. Peter enjoyed life to the fullest, golf, tennis, wine, traveling and friends but mostly he enjoyed his extensive family.

He is survived by his wife Frances; his children Anthony (Eleanor) Gisondi of Valhalla, Grace (Gregory) Robertson of Boynton Beach, FL, Peter (Lisa) Gisondi Jr. and John (Maria) Gisondi of Harrison and a sister Isabel Garzia; as well as many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and great grandchildren.

Predeceasing him is a daughter Lisa

Gisondi Chiappetta; his sisters, Mary Libertella, Julie Delfino and Ann Sputo; and his brothers Mauro Gisondi and Anthony Gisondi; and his grandson William Robertson.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to White Plains Hospital or the Alzheimer's Association, 2900 Westchester Ave Suite 306, Purchase, NY 10577.

Teodulo Malpartida

Teodulo Malpartida, 98, of White Plains, passed away on Sept. 1.

He was born on Sept. 12, 1920 in Huariaca, Peru to Eusebla (Vergara) and Lorenzo Malpartida.

Teodulo has eight children (Josefina, Flor, Ruben, Abelardo, Abel, Grisela, Guillerm, and Fernando), 15 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Sister Virginia Rahilly

Sr. Virginia Rahilly, RDC, (formerly known as Sister Mary Adrian) a Sister of the Divine Compassion, died peacefully on Aug. 28.

Sr. Ginny was born in New York in 1936, the daughter of Joseph and Regina (Ecay) Rahilly.

She attended Resurrection Elementary

and High School in Rye. Sister received her BA from Good Counsel College, and an MA from Manhattan College. Sister also received an MS from the College of St. Rose in Albany and an LPN from Elizabeth Seton College.

Sister spent many years in education at St. Frances de Chantal Elementary School and Preston High School. She was also an Assistant professor at Monroe College. Sister used her talents in working with the mentally and physically challenged throughout the area preparing them for the sacraments. After receiving her LPN certification Sister worked at St. Agnes Hospital.

Sister Laura Donovan, President of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion said, "Sr. Ginny was a blessing to this community. Her life of generous and compassionate presence and service will remain in our hearts and memory."

Sister Virginia is survived by her Sisters of the Divine Compassion, her sister, Jeanne Bolitho, her cousin, Msgr. Paul Rahilly and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her sister Mary Jane St. John and her brother Joseph Rahilly.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, 52 North Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603.

Linda Valentina Reiter

Linda Valentina Reiter (Scalici), 35, of Valhalla, passed away on Aug. 23.

She was born in White Plains on Feb. 14, 1984 to Emanuela and Bartolomeo Scalici. Linda graduated from Bucknell University with a Bachelor of science degree in mathematics in 2006.

Linda and her husband, Benjamin, were married in White Plains on July 19, 2008.

In 2013, after working for seven years as an analyst, she left her job to begin her new career as a loving, full-time mother.

Linda is survived by her husband Ben; her son Ryan; parents Bartolomeo and Emanuela Scalici; sisters Caterina Scalici and Patricia Scalici-Kruger; and brother-inlaw Lucas Kruger.

Linda was active in the Valhalla PTA as a photographer/historian, and was uniquely filled with God's spirit to serve, encourage, and love the people around her and around the world.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607. www.samaritanspurse.org.

Student Charged with Making Terrorist Threat to Croton High

By Rick Pezzullo

A 17-year-old student at Croton Harmon High School was charged Thursday with making a terrorist threat to the school, a day after the new school year began.

Westchester County District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr. and Village of Croton Police Chief Russel Harper announced the arrest and arraignment of the unidentified student related to a threat of violence.

Croton Village Police made the arrest after a tip was received Wednesday by the Croton-Harmon School District through its "Anonymous Alerts" reporting portal.

The defendant was arraigned Thursday night in Village of Croton Court before Associate Village Justice Joseph Green and charged with Making a Terroristic Threat, a class D felony. The defendant's name was not being disclosed because of age. It was also not revealed if the student was male or female.

Croton-Harmon School District reported the anonymous threat, received Wednesday afternoon, to the Village of Croton Police. A joint Investigation was conducted by the Croton Police and the District Attorney's Office Investigations Division. The CrotonHarmon School District is cooperating with police and the District Attorney's Office in the ongoing investigation, according to Scarpino.

"The safety and security of all students and school staffs in Westchester County are paramount to all of us," Scarpino said. "We will continue to be vigilant as we are every day where the safety of our children is concerned."

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lunch seven times a year with Weinberg personally setting the agenda for "off-the-record" discussions of a wide range of issues pertinent to Westchester's future including transportation, housing, planning and zoning.

In addition to operating Robert Martin, he was also deeply involved in business, civic and philanthropic positions throughout the community. These included serving as a Director of the Mack-Cali Real Estate Investment Trust; Chairman of the Westchester Public Issues Institute: Director of the Westchester County Association; President of the Builders Institute of Westchester & Putnam Counties; Director of the publicly-traded Sequa Corporation; Commissioner of the Westchester County Utility Agency; Member of the Westchester County Advisory Committee on Housing Policy; Chairman of the UJA/Federation, Westchester Real Estate & Builder's Division; Trustee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York; and Chairman of the Associated YM-YWHA's of Greater New York; Director of the City & Suburban Financial Corporation; Board Member of SUNY Purchase; Member of the Design Task Force for the TZB/Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, and Co-founder of City and Suburban Savings Bank, among other involvements.

He maintained homes in White Plains, Manhattan and Palm Beach, FL. He was a long-time member of the Metropolis Country Club in Greenburgh and served on its Board of Directors, and also was a member of the Beach Point Club in Mamaroneck, the Harmonie Club and the Doubles Club in Manhattan, and the Palm Beach Country Club in Florida.

Mr. Weinberg was predeceased by his parents, his wife of 53 years, Marilyn, in 2012, and his daughter, Eileen W. Toulouse, in 2016. He is survived by his grandchildren Stacy Lynn Reilly and her husband Sam, and Scott Alexander Hesse and his wife Whitney, and his great grandchildren Jake Ethan Reilly, Cameron Michael Reilly and William Robert Hesse.

The family suggest, in lieu of flowers, that memorials be made in his memory to the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center in Yonkers, or the Ranachqua Foundation, which supports Boy Scouts activities and college scholarships, in Bronx.







About That Most Practical Room - the Kitchen Pantry

As a realtor, I always look for special features a home might offer in attracting a buyer and I'm sure to include them in the listing's descriptive remarks.

As I opened the door to my kitchen pantry to grab a quick snack, I was reminded how a food pantry can enhance a kitchen and a home overall. The thought occurred to me that I've lived in homes and apartments that didn't feature a pantry and I wondered what my wife and I ever did without one.

As a kid, I distinctly remember how happy my mother was when she and my dad were able to purchase an older home that featured a butler's pantry, which we hadn't had before. To me, it sounded like something that only a fancy home would have.

A pantry might be as small as a shelf in a cupboard or as large as a walk-in closet. It is where we keep the foods and supplies used most often. This also is where small appliances will most likely be used such as the toaster, kettle, mixer, juicer and coffee machine. In my case, I also squeeze in a dry mop standing to one side and a small canister vacuum cleaner on the floor under the bottom shelf.

Being naturally curious about the origin of things, I also wondered how the pantry came about. The history of kitchen storage is an interesting reflection of what was going on through the ages socially, economically and, today, architecturally.

The word pantry comes from the French word "paneterie," derived from "pain," the French word for bread. In medieval times, food and supplies were stored in a number of specific rooms. Meats were kept in a larder, alcohol stored in a buttery and bread was stored in the pantry.

In Europe, traditionally, the butler's pantry was used to store silver, serving pieces and other kitchenrelated items. Because of its value, silver was kept under lock and key with the butler actually sleeping in the pantry to guard against thievery.

America, In pantries evolved from early American "butteries," built in a cold north corner of a home, into a variety of pantries in selfsufficient farmsteads. A cold pantry was the place to keep foods that did not necessarily need to be kept refrigerated. Breads, pie, cheesecakes, pastries, eggs and butter were common foods kept in a cold pantry. Vegetables could be brought up from the root

cellar and stored in the cold pantry until ready to use.

Before World War II, America's smaller homes did not have closets, cabinets or pantries for food and kitchen storage. To fill the need for kitchen storage, in the early 1900s, the Hoosier Cabinet, made by the Hoosier Manufacturing Company in Indiana, was created to be an all-in-one pantry for the new American home. Most Hoosier Cabinets were about six feet high, four feet wide and two feet deep, making it ideal for





By Bill Primavera

small kitchens. The cabinet was typically sold with builtin storage bins and containers for everyday items such as flour, sugar, coffee, tea and household spices.

Hoosier Cabinets today are found mostly on eBay, but for those that don't have a pantry, there are tall pantry-type cabinets that go from the floor to near the ceiling. These cabinets can store numerous items, particularly if they are equipped with pull-out can racks, shelving on the back of the doors and built-in bins.

Whether a home features an elaborate pantry room or just designated shelves in kitchen cabinetry, there are now so many storage gadgets and devices that can make available space go much further. Lazy Susans help with access to items

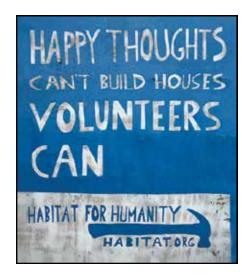
that would normally be stored in the back of a shelf. Pull-out shelves accomplish the same goal. Bins can help keep loose items together and organized.

Because some things stored in pantries can be quite small, a pantry can be enhanced with a few smaller containers or drawers for loose items. Also, there can be mini shelves or racks for spices that can be added to the back of the pantry door. Of course, pantries are good places to store bulkier items, like paper towels and plastic storage containers.

In today's homes, a butler's pantry can serve as an "in between room" located between the kitchen and formal dining room. Typically, you will also find countertop space to be used as staging areas for serving meals, as well as storage for tableware, serving pieces, table linens, candles, wine and other dining room articles. More elaborate versions may include refrigerators, sinks or even dishwashers.

If the kitchen is regarded as the heart of the house, then certainly the pantry is its blood supply.

Bill Primavera is a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate. To engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call him directly at 914-522-2076. He'll be happy to show you homes featuring pantries.





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Suggestions for Those Contemplating Pairing Wine With Sushi

You Heard It

Through the

Grapevine



By Nick Antonaccio

The ever-growing popularity of sushi can be a challenge for wine lovers. Each sushi offering has its own unique characteristics, which pairs differently with alcoholic beverages.

Matching wine with sushi is becoming more common with the proliferation of sushi bars and restaurants. It seems to me that in a number of neighborhoods in New York City, there are as many sushi establishments as there are pizzerias or Asian-themed take-

Add to this the growing number of traditional (non-sushi) restaurants that now offer sushi as a separate section of their menu and the number of food halls springing up all over the New York metropolitan area and it's clear that sushi as a cuisine is now mainstream.

The traditional beverage match-ups still hold up well, but, true to the goal of this column, let's explore alternatives that you might not otherwise consider.

First, the traditional match-ups, beer and Rieslings. I must admit that a glass of Sapporo or other Japanese imported beers seem to be the perfect foil to nearly all types of sushi. The frothy, slightly bitter taste of these beers offsets the oiliness of fish, the

tanginess of pickled ginger, the saltiness of soy and the heat of wasabi.

Riesling, on the other hand, has a balance of sweetness and acidity that matches well with the fatty flavor of fish and the saltiness of soy. Keeping these complementary combinations in mind, let's consider alternatives.

First, and foremost in my mind, is sparkling wine. It is perfect for cutting the oiliness of certain raw fish and complementing the salt and fire of a number of dishes. The bubbles

seem to wash away the aftertastes, clear the palate and set it up for the next bite. The steely, yeasty notes contrast with the textures and flavors of sushi. In today's market there is a proliferation of fine sparklers under \$25.

Specific types of sushi have distinct tastes and

characteristics that pair better with specific wines. For example, let's examine the two major categories of tuna.

First, maguro, the bluefin variety, which in appearance (red) and texture is very similar to raw beef. As with beef, a pinot noir's versatile combination of soft texture, low tannin, zest and complex flavors is a nice match. The medium-bodied fruit components complement but don't compete

with the oiliness of the fish while the subtle structure and flavor profile tame the wasabi and pickled ginger. Oregon pinot noirs offer a nice cross between French Burgundies and those from the northern California coast.

The second category of tuna is ahi, the yellowfin variety, which is white and milder in flavor than the maguro. It calls for a lighter style of wine. A perfect match is a well-balanced chardonnay. The natural fruit and minerality of the chardonnay complement the oil in the tuna and the crispness offsets

the zest of the wasabi. Try a Chablis version from Burgundy.

What works with the most popular types of handrolls such as salmon, eel, octopus, crab and/or avocado, cucumber or seaweed? Try a Beaujolais or a New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. The earthy, fruity

characteristics of Beaujolais pair well with the mildness of handrolls. In particular, a Moulin-a-Vent from Burgundy is light and crisp and brings out the subtleties in most hand or maki rolls.

Conversely, a crisp Sauvignon Blanc with a hint of melon or lemon grass will also pair well; the minerality offsets the oiliness of the milder fish and the slight fruitiness or grassiness brings out the subtle flavors in the rolls.

If you are a sushi purist, you likely enjoy one type of sushi at a sitting. You can easily pair a specific wine with your meal. If you are like me, the most enjoyable aspect of ordering sushi is mixing and matching. This makes wine pairing a bit more challenging, but, in my opinion, sparkling wine bridges these profiles best.

In the end, it's all about experimenting and departing from the norm. I'm sure you're up for the challenge.

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Tuesday, Sept. 10

Toddler Tuesday. Toddler Tuesday is an early literacy story and playtime for ages 2-4 with a caregiver. Children and their caregiver will hear stories, play together, and increase their early literacy skills. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis beginning 30 minutes prior to the program. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave.

Talkie Tuesdays. Come and watch a classic movie each week. For teens. 4 to 6 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

Tuesday's@Dorry's. Frank Williams, Executive Director, White Plains Youth Bureau will discuss the range and scope of afterschool programs the Youth Bureau offers throughout the school. year. Afterschool services are provided at the five elementary schools and the two middle schools in the White Plains School District. Additionally, Frank will discuss specialized after school programs targeted for at-risk youth. Weekly table talkers meet up at Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, for informational conversation and socializing. Food ordering begins at 5:15 p.m. Weekly presentation 6 to 7 p.m.

"Shtisel: Behind the Scenes of the Unorthodox Orthodox Drama." Fans of the international sensation "Shtisel" are invited to join cast members of the hit drama including Doval'e Glickman, Neta Riskin and Ayelet Zurer along with writer and cocreator Ori Elon. They will host an insider's panel discussion that will include showing clips from the Israeli series. "Shtisel," which airs on Netflix, is a sensitive, loving portrayal of a multigenerational family living in Jerusalem that lifts the veil on family life in the Orthodox community, long hidden by its insularity. Westchester Reform Temple, 255 Mamaroneck Rd., Scarsdale. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$50. Info and tickets: Visit www.ujafedny.org/shtisel-westchester.

Wednesday, Sept. 11

September 11 Tribute. In White Plains six American flags will fly from City Hall as homage to the residents of White Plains who gave their lives. A Remembrance Ceremony will be held at 8 a.m. at Liberty Park on Lake Street, the permanent memorial site for these residents. The ceremony will include a flag rising, wreath laying, prayer, reflections and reminiscences of this historic day in history. On Thursday, Sept. 12 the White Plains Personnel Department and the American Red Cross will provide residents an opportunity to roll up their sleeves and give blood. The Blood Drive will be held at City Hall, 255 Main Street in White Plains, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Donating just one pint of blood can save up to three lives and is a wonderful way to give back. Pre-registration is available at www.redcrossblood.org Sponsor code WPCITYHALL.

County 9/11 Memorial Ceremony.

Westchester County will honor and remember the Westchester residents who were killed on Sept. 11, 2001, with a memorial ceremony at The Rising located at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla. For anyone wanting to attend, an RSVP is encouraged by e-mailing Communications@ WestchesterGov.com.

Farmers' Market. Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains, Hours of operation each Wednesday are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Census 2020. Census staff will be tabling in the lobby to promote jobs available for the 2020 Census. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. White Plains Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains.

JazzFest. White Plains JazzFest kicks off with a free concert at Grace Church at noon. Jazz concerts will run through Sunday, Sept. 15. See related story on page 3 of this issue.

Lunchtime Meditation. A weekly program. Brief beginning meditation 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. Coloring Book Club. For students in grades 6 to 8 on a firstcome, first-served basis. 4 to 5 p.m. White Plains Library.

Taconic Opera's 22nd Anniversary Gala: Opera Goes to Sea. Taconic Opera, now in its 22nd season and past recipient of the Arts Organization of the Year Award in Westchester County, will hold its annual fundraiser gala. Guests will dine on sumptuous cuisine and honor important supporters of the arts while being treated to a variety of arias, duets and ensembles from opera's collection of songs related to the sea and those who sail them. Several of the company's most favored singers will take you on a journey on the high seas and the high Cs, an evening that the listener won't forget for a long time. All proceeds support Taconic Opera's exciting 2019-20 season. C.V. Rich Mansion, 305 Ridgeway, White Plains. 7 p.m. \$150, \$200 and \$250. Discounts available for groups of two or more and tables of eight. Info and tickets: 855-866-7372 or visit www. taconicopera.org.

Art Series: Up in Smoke, Notre Dame Cathedral, Part I. A brief introduction to the history, art and architecture that is Notre Dame Cathedral, Discussion will focus on the fire that devastated this world cultural site as well the plans for rebuilding. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www. northcastlelibrary.org.

Thursday, Sept. 12

T(h)ech Thursday Teens: for Participants of this particular class will learn about the world of artificial intelligence and what it is all about. 4 to 5 p.m. White Plains Library.

"The Lowdown **Thyroid** on Slowdown." Dr. Stacie Kahan and Dr. Kay Lovig, two endocrine experts, will discuss common symptoms relating to thyroid disorders and how to take the first step toward diagnosis and treatment. Part of White Plains Hospital's Well Aware interactive lecture and dinner series. White Plains Center for Cancer Cure, 2 Longview Ave., White Plains. 6 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: E-mail Aisling Feighery.

"Downton Abbey." A special preview screening based on the television series followed the lives of the Crawley family and the servants who worked for them at the turn of the 20th century in an Edwardian English country house. Over its six seasons, the series garnered three Golden Globe Awards, 15 Primetime Emmy Awards and 69 Emmy nominations, making it the most nominated non-U.S. television show in the history of the Emmys, and earning a special BAFTA award and a Guinness World Record for the highest critically rated TV show. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.

"No Small Matter." Designed to kickstart the public conversation about early childhood care and education, this is the first feature documentary to tackle this topic. This multifaceted project unveils how the United States raises its youngest citizens, exploring why making the most of this time of their lives is so crucial, and most importantly, what can be done to change the perception of when learning begins. Through poignant, inspiring stories and surprising humor, the film lays out the overwhelming evidence for the importance of the first five years, revealing how our failure to act has resulted in an everyday crisis for American families and a slow-motion catastrophe for the country. Followed by a Q&A with leaders in childhood development. Presented in partnership with the Ossining Children's Center. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:10 p.m. Members: \$12. Non-members: \$17. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Friday, Sept. 13

Opening Reception for "Duende." This exhibition features work by contemporary artists Susan English and Elizabeth Gourlay. Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 1947 Palmer Ave., Larchmont. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Nov. 2. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and by appointment. Info: 914-834-8077 or visit www.kbfa.com.

Clearwater Walkabout Chorus. Founded by Pete Seeger, this choral group promotes his vision of fostering social. environmental and historical awareness

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Westchester Photographic Society. Members compete in digital competitions of color and "open mind." Critiqued by a professional judge. Must be at least 18 years old to attend. Westchester Community College's Technology Building, Room 107, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-827-5333 or visit www.wpsphoto.

Saturday, Sept. 14

The Examiner is happy to help spread the word about your community event.

Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event to pcasey@theexaminernews.com. For a full listing of the upcoming week's events, visit www.theexaminernews.com and click on Happenings.

> Farmers' Market. Downtown Farmers' Market on Court Street in White Plains. Saturday opening day with music and special events. Hours of operation each Saturday are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

> Bugging Out. Learn about Earth's forgotten heroes - bugs. In this program, meet some interesting insects and hear about the important jobs they do for our ecosystems such as pollination and decomposition. Explore local wildlife on a bug hunt and complete a craft that will help make the community an oasis for these cool creatures. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Sunday, Sept. 15

Jazz & Food Festival. 12 to 5:30 p.m. Music and entry are free, with food and beverage vendors taking over Mamaroneck Avenue in front of the ArtsWestchester building in White Plains. Five bands will grace the stage throughout the day, ending with the New Orleans sounds of two-time Grammy-nominated trumpeter Alphonso Horne and The Gotham Kings. See page 3 of this issue for more information.

Camerata's 36th Anniversary Concert.

The troupe will pay tribute to Mozart's best with works from 1770 to 1775. Enjoy this musical celebration commemorating 36 years of Camerata. Westchester Community College's Classroom Building, Room 200, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 3 p.m. \$24. Seniors: \$22. Students: \$16. This show and the Feb. 2 show: \$42. Info and tickets: 914-606-6262 or visit www.sunywcc.edu.

It's De-Lovely: A Tribute to Cole Porter. New Rochelle Opera will present this full musical theater concert. The concert will feature selections by Cole Porter to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the everpopular musical, "Anything Goes." Includes artists Roseanne Ackerley (soprano), Anna Tonna (mezzo-soprano), Zachary Sebek (tenor) and Wayne Hu (baritone), with accompaniment by Georgianna Pappas, and narration by company co-founder and artistic director Camille Coppola. Iona College's Christopher Murphy Auditorium, 715 North Ave., New Rochelle, 3 p.m. \$28. Seniors: \$25. Non-Iona students: \$15. Iona students

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and staff: Free. Info and tickets: 800-838-3006 ext. 1 or visit www.nropera.org.

Sunset Yoga in the Park. Meet some of the instructors from Tovami Yoga and fellow yogis. Bring your own mat or towel. All levels welcome. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 4 to 5:15 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.thewpf.org/events.

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drop at the annual Saxon Woods Garage Sale. Mark your calendar for Saturday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Saxon Woods Pool in White Plains.

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Go on a treasure hunt and shop 'til you accessories, jewelry, furniture, toys, books and sporting goods. You may even discover something you never knew you needed, so be sure to visit all the sellers.

> Admission and parking for shoppers are free. The rain date is Sunday, Sept. 22.

> Saxon Woods Pool is at 1800 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains.

City of White Plains 7th Annual Day of Wellness

The White Plains Youth Bureau, in cooperation with the Coalition for Living Wellness, will celebrate its 7th annual Day of Wellness on Saturday, Sept. 14 with a free Family Fun Festival from 12 to 4 p.m. in Tibbits Park between Main Street and Lake Street in White Plains.

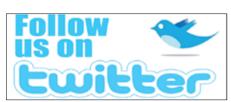
The Festival will feature musical performances, health and wellness vendors with inter-active booths, free health, vision, dental screenings, games, food, and more. There will be many kid friendly and free activities - from button making to "Art in the Park" to a bouncy house.

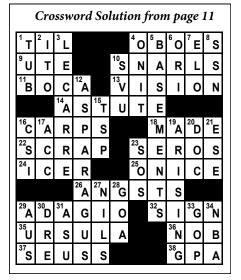
In addition to vendor booths, the Festival

will feature inter-active fitness demos and yoga. The 7th Annual Living Wellness magazine will also be available at the Festival. Stop by the Festival information booth and pick up a free copy.

The Wellness Week and Family Fun Festival is brought to the community with the support of White Plains Hospital, Stop and Shop, Westchester Medical Center, New York Presbyterian Hospital, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, and New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS).

For more information visit the Wellness Week website at www.wpwellnessweek.com.







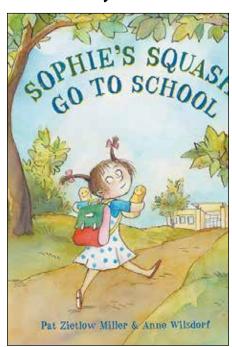


Back-to-School Story Featured on White Plains StoryWalk

time for a new story on the Bryant-Mamaroneck Park StoryWalk. This month's selection is "Sophie's Squash Go to School" by Pat Zietlow Miller. This charming story is the perfect antidote to the back-to-school jitters. Sophie goes to school for the first time and has no interest in making friends that aren't squash. Here's a gently humorous read-aloud that proves that making friends, just like growing squash, takes time.

The StoryWalk, a partnership between the City of White Plains Recreation and Parks Department and the White Plains Public Library, combines a children's story with a popular walking route at the Bryant-Mamaroneck Park, located on the corner of Bryant and Mamaroneck Avenues. The park entrance is on the Mamaroneck Avenue side. Parking is available in the City of White Plains Mamaroneck Avenue parking lot (lower level).

This month's StoryWalk will run through Friday Sept. 27.





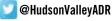
Janet's son Brian had been bullied in elementary school for over two years. Although in separate classes, a classmate would often attack Brian at recess. Janet even considered filing a police report when her son came home with a bruised face. She wanted to take protective measures to make sure Brian wasn't bullied at his new middle school.

Then a work colleague suggested that Janet contact us for help. A bullying specialist told Janet about the Dignity for All Students Act and set up a meeting with the principal of Brian's new middle school to devise a preventive safety plan for her son.

"Talking with the bullying specialist was so helpful" said Janet. "She understood the seriousness of the situation, gave me information about options I hadn't considered, and now Brian enjoys going to school."

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Town of Putnam Valley Work Session September 11, 2019 5 P.M. 1. Pledge of Allegiance 2. Set public hearing for bubbler law 3. Set public hearing for extension of septic pump-out area in the Lake Oscawana District 4. Authorize supervisor to sign broker service agreement with Spain Agency. 5. Resolved, that Fred Finger has completed the requirements of a Basic Code Enforcement Training Program and is now qualified as a Code Enforcement Official.

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Examiner Sports

White Plains Rolls Past Yonkers Force in Season Opener

By Rob DiAntonio

White Plains football coach Mike Lindberg called the Tigers' loss to the Yonkers Force last year their toughest setback of the season.

Fast forward to the 2019 season opener and White Plains got a chance at redemption. The Tigers made the most of it.

White Plains jumped out to a 22-0 halftime lead and cruised to a 34-7 win over the visiting Force last Friday night.

"It was huge for us because it was probably the worst game we played last year," Lindberg said. "Just to get our momentum and confidence going and say, 'Hey, wait a second. This (Yonkers) was a playoff team last year and now we're giving it to them pretty good.""

Senior running back Christian Young recorded a breakout performance with 178 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries. His breakthrough, however, was no surprise to Lindberg.



Ben Finkel, who threw four touchdown passes, drops back to pass.



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS

Christian Young breaks into the open field on the first play from scrimmage on his way to a 41-yard run.

"I was very impressed with him," Lindberg said. "It was one of those things where it was a secret our team knew, that nobody else knew yet just because we've seen him in practice and how explosive he's



Saheed Baize makes a tackle

been all preseason. We all kind of expected it and I think everybody else finally got to see it."

On the first play from scrimmage, Young jetted up the middle, then sprinted toward the sideline for a 41-yard gain to get the Tigers in business. The scamper set up a 5-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Ben Finkel to Caleb Gillen. The extra point was blocked.

"We're very fast and we're very explosive," Lindberg said when asked if he thought Young's run on the first play set the tone for the game. "Just to show the kids how right off the bat we can be so explosive, everybody's mindset changes a little bit."

Yonkers drove down into Tiger territory early in the second quarter, but got a big fourth-down stop when Daniel Ramirez broke up a pass in the end zone.

White Plains, which had 266 total yards of offense in the first half alone, then received an explosive 56-yard touchdown run by Young. A two-point conversion pass from Finkel to Eli Pierre gave the Tigers a 14-0 lead with 10:21 left until halftime.

Finkel found Chris McGuire on a 7-yard touchdown route late in the first half to send the Tigers into halftime with a 22-0 lead. Tim DuBois caught the two-point conversion pass from Finkel.

Finkel was 10 of 18 passing for 126 yards and threw four touchdown passes to three different receivers. He found Josiah Harris for touchdown passes twice in the second half.

Harris had seven catches for 104 yards. He also had six carries for 55 yards. On defense, Lindberg was very impressed with his performance, where he made four tackles for losses.

"Josiah Harris was amazing," Lindberg said. "Every time they tried to spill the ball to the outside, he just ran them down. He was just a force. I actually think that their game plan, at one point, was just to try to run to the other side because he was doing such a great job."

Overall, Lindberg was proud of the defensive effort, holding the Force to just one touchdown.

"We talked about that with Yonkers Force, it's about focus and taking your keys," he said. "I was super proud that they were able to do that. We played really disciplined on defense"



Brandin Williams of the Tigers returns the opening kickoff.

White Plains welcomes the Yonkers Brave in Week 2 for a 6 p.m. home game on Friday, Sept. 13.

"The key for us will be to play fast, stay healthy and they're a triple-option team so it's going to be another defensive game," Lindberg said. "Everyone needs to do their job and focus on their keys. Triple-option is assignment football so we need to be strong with our assignments. If we do that, we'll be just fine on defense."



Quarterback Ben Finkel hands off to Josiah Harris.

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Stepinac Football Opens 2019 Season in the Rumble on the Raritan

By Albert Coqueran

On Saturday, Stepinac Football began to defend its 2018 NYS CHSAA and CHSFL AAA Championships in the Rumble on the Raritan, at Rutgers University, in Piscataway, New Jersey.

Stepinac fared well in the Northeast High School Football Rivalry Series by beating Lincoln High School, 34-14, at SHI Stadium, at Rutgers. Lincoln from Brooklyn competes in the Section 12 PSAL City League with public high school elite football teams such as Boys and Girls, Tottenville and championship favorite this season Erasmus Hall.

It is the first time the Crusaders played on the big stage at SHI Stadium, the home of the Big Ten Conference Rutgers Scarlet Knights. In the first half it seemed the Crusaders might have had some jitters



Stepinac senior wide receiver Myles Walker struts over the goal line after catching a 30-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Joey Carino in the first quarter in the Rumble on the Raritan at Rutgers University.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

The Stepinac Football Team takes the field at SHI Stadium at Rutgers University to open their 2019 campaign against Lincoln High School in the Rumble on the Raritan. The Crusaders defeated Lincoln, 34-14, in the Northeast High School Football Rivalry Series on Saturday.

while opening their 2019 campaign on the big stage at Rutgers.

The Crusaders could only manage one score in the first half when quarterback Joey Carino hit wide receiver Myles Walker with a 30-yard TD strike in the first quarter. Another touchdown on the ground by two-way player Kevin McKenna was called back due to a holding penalty on the Crusaders.

The Crusaders offense stalled in the first half amid the rush of the Railsplitters defensive line. Carino scampered from defenders without time to pass, which made it evident that improvement is a necessity concerning the offensive line of the Crusaders.

No longer forming the Stepinac offensive line are graduates Chris Fawx, who presently plays for Temple University, James Prince now playing for his father Ron Prince, the newly hired Head Coach of Howard University, Jonathan Mucciolo who joined the Sacred Heart Pioneers or Shadi Rabadi and Ajani Cornelius. The offensive line last season was a major factor in the Crusaders NYS and CHSFL Championships.

Stepinac departed SHI field at halftime losing 8-7, after Lincoln quarterback Jahzair Hubbard found running back Israel Abonikundu in the slot with a 31-yard touchdown pass. Abonikundu also ran for the two-point conversion.

Nonetheless, whatever was said in the Crusaders halftime meeting by Head Coach Mike O'Donnell and Offensive Coordinator Joe Venice, the effect was that the Stepinac offense came out for the third quarter like a new team

"We just told them to keep doing what they were supposed to be doing and we made a few adjustments," commented O'Donnell. "We were having some trouble upfront; they were putting a lot of pressure on us. However, our defense did a great job holding them to eight points in the first half," evaluated O'Donnell.

As Stepinac's defense stood strong, the Crusaders scored 20 unanswered points in the third quarter to take the lead 28-7. Carino was still scrambling but found time to hit wide receiver Quentin McCauley with a 28-yard touchdown pass at 8:30 of the third quarter.

Two minutes later, probably the biggest play of the game occurred when McKenna a linebacker blocked a punt and the Crusaders recovered on the 27-yard line of the Railsplitters.

Carino snuck the ball over the goal line after Mekhi Green ran to the one-yard line and suddenly the Crusaders were in the lead 20-8. Stepinac added one more score before the third frame ended. Carino hit McCauley again, this time for an explosive 52-yard pass-and- run play to put the Crusaders in the lead, 27-8.

The Rumble at the Raritan turned into the coming out party for senior wide receivers Walker and McCauley. Walker had five receptions for 159 yards and two touchdowns. Walker also caught a TD pass from sophomore backup QB James McCauley, (Quentin's younger brother), in the fourth quarter. Quentin McCauley finished the game with three receptions for 105 yards and two touchdowns.

Carino completed 12-of-20 passes for 275 yards and three touchdowns. The senior also ran for a TD. "Our team was down a little at halftime but once we got going everything started connecting and we started scoring some points," said Carino. "When Coach O'D told us we were going to play such a great team as Lincoln at Rutgers, we wanted to take everything in and take full advantage of the opportunity," stated Carino.

Next up for the Crusaders is longtime nemesis Chaminade High School. The CHSFL AAA challenge will be held at Chaminade, in Mineola, NY, on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 1:30 p.m.



Crusaders wide receiver speedster Quentin McCauley could not be caught after catching a pass from QB Joey Carino for a 52-yard pass-and-run touchdown in the third quarter in the Rumble on the Raritan.



Stepinac senior linebacker Kevin McKenna sacks Railsplitters quarterback Sean Shaw in the first quarter. McKenna had a big game in the Rumble on the Raritan, including a block punt in the third quarter, which was probably the play of the game.

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No Playoffs for NY Liberty as 2019 Season Comes to an End

By Albert Coqueran

The NY Liberty concluded their 2019 season by defeating the Atlanta Dream, 71-63, in Atlanta, on Sunday. Nonetheless, the season finale victory, which ended a six-game losing streak, will not do much to improve a disappointing season for the Ladies of Liberty.

The Liberty finished the season with a dismal 10-24 record, which put them in 11th place out of 12 teams in the WNBA. Noting that the initial eight teams regardless of Conference advance to the WNBA Playoffs; there will be no postseason for the Ladies of Liberty in 2019.

The Liberty concluded their second and possibly final season at the Westchester County Center with an 86-81 loss to the Indiana Fever in front of 2301 fans. The Liberty were winning through three quarters, 74-65, but were outscored by the Fever, 21-7,



One of the mysteries surrounding the Liberty is whether Head Coach Katie Smith will return for the 2020 season. Smith is a retired legendary WNBA player over 15 seasons and Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee. But she has not fared well in the coaching ranks, while recording a 17-51 record with the Liberty the past two seasons.



White Plains' Abigail Roman placed eighth in the Division 1 race at the Big Red Invitational last Saturday morning. She clocked a time of 20:42.9.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

The NY Liberty departed the Westchester County Center their home court for the past two years after losing to the Indiana Fever in their final home game of the 2019 season. It is still a mystery where new team owner Joe Tsai, who is presently the sole owner of the Brooklyn Nets, will make a home for the Ladies of Liberty in 2020

in the final period.

The Liberty recorded a bleak 4-13 record at home this season in what could be their final season at the Westchester County Center. Please make note that I reported, "possibly their last season at the County Center."

Besides their disappointing season this year, where the Liberty's home court will be in 2020, remains one of the mysteries surrounding the franchise. The team was purchased by Joseph Tsai, who is presently the sole owner of the Brooklyn Nets and Barclays Center. Tsai purchased former owner Mikhail Prokhorov's 51% interest in the Nets and ownership of the Barclays Center in August. Upon approval by the NBA

Board Governors, Tsai will become the NBA Governor of Nets and Chairman of the Board of the Barclays Center.

Tsai purchased the Liberty on Jan. 23, 2019 and they have been playing as an independent entity in the WNBA this season. Where Tsai's recent purchase of the Barclays Center conglomerate leaves the NY Liberty is a question yet to be answered.

The Liberty played one regular season and one preseason home game at the Barclays Center this season. However, their remaining 15 homes games were played at the Westchester County Center.

Was it a deterrent for the Liberty not being aware where their home court would be next

season as they struggled through a 10-24 record this year? That is another mystery. But considering the talent on their roster, one would have to believe that unknown factor affected the team negatively.

"Not at all honestly," commented Head Coach Katie Smith regarding if the conversation arose often within Liberty camp regarding their home court situation next season. "We are just focused on trying to finish the season strong. Obviously, we aware about what they are doing on the other end but it does not even remotely pop in our heads," concluded Smith, after the Liberty's final home game this season and "possibly" final game at the Westchester County Center.

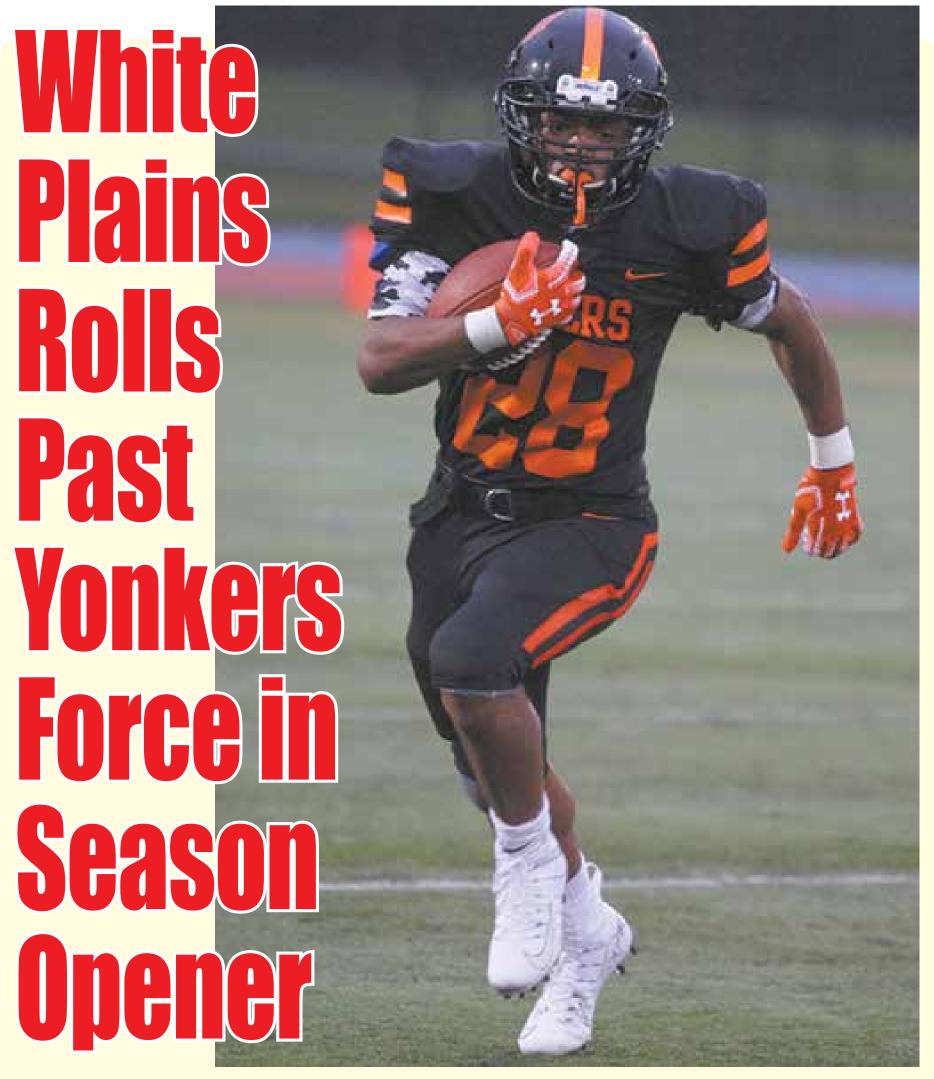


Ginsberg
Leads
Tigers at
Big Red

(Left Photo:) White Plains' Sophie Ginsberg, right, races New Rochelle's Kaitlyn Casas to the finish line. Ginsberg passed Casas and placed third in D1 in 19:46.7. She was fourth overall among the three divisions



Sebastian Quinn was the top boys finisher for White Plains at Big Red. He placed 21st in a time of 17:50.2.



ROB DIANTONIO PHOTO

At the 2019 season opener White Plains got a chance at redemption, and the Tigers made the most of it. White Plains jumped out to a 22-0 halftime lead and cruised to a 34-7 win over the visiting Yonkers Force last Friday night. Pictured, Christian Young rushed for 178 yards on 14 carries and one touchdown. For more on the White Plains season opener see page 17.