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New York City Marathon Features Elevated Fan Experience

The 2023 TCS New York City Marathon will be the most technologically advanced marathon in the world as a new series of activations are being rolled out to elevate the fan and spectator experience for what is already the world’s biggest and boldest marathon.

“Through the TCS New York City Marathon Mobile App enhancements, Mastercard Earpiece Radios, and other activations along the course and at the Expo, we can now bring running fans closer to the action.”

The 2023 TCS New York City Marathon is already New York’s biggest block party, and New York Road Runners has seen unprecedented demand and attention for the race this year,” said Rob Simmelkjaer, CEO of New York Road Runners (NYRR). “We are thrilled to be launching new activations that will elevate the fan and spectator experience further – whether it be for those following the marathon for the first time or those who have been part of our running community for decades.

“The TCS New York City Marathon powered by Tata Consultancy Services, now available for download, will allow spectators to track the progress of an unlimited number of participants. This year, an increased number of timing mats will make the tracking technology even more accurate. Cameras will be placed at five strategic locations along the route – at the start, on Fourth Avenue in Brooklyn, First Avenue in Manhattan, mile 20 in the Bronx, and the finish line – so app users can watch runners from wherever they are.

The mobile app’s uninterrupted professional athlete race livestream will be taken to the next level this year as a true second screen experience with exclusive live commentary available from Olympians Des Linden and Galen Rupp and Paralympian Amanda McGrory. In addition, graphics with TCS Stats will highlight the pace of the lead packs, weather, and interesting historical facts.

For the first time, the mobile app will also include a sustainability survey, allowing runners and fans to measure their environmental impact during race weekend and educating them to make greener choices.

Nearly three million people have downloaded the TCS New York City Marathon Mobile App over the 10 years that it has been created by TCS, with runners being tracked 1,940,777 times last year.

“The TCS New York City Marathon course traverses vibrant, diverse neighborhoods filled with millions of roaring fans – it’s where the world comes to celebrate running,” said Suresh Muthuswami, Chairman of North America, TCS. “This year, technology enhancements will elevate the experience for everyone – whether they are conquering 26.2 miles of New York City streets, celebrating on the sidewalks, or tracking runners on the award-winning app.”
PONDER THIS! Youngblood and Saxophone Electrify the Senior Circuit

By Hazel Rosetta Smith

I am always happy to receive notice of a special event presented with the senior population in mind. On October 25, 2023, I attended a dynamic show featuring saxophonist Lonnie Youngblood, at the Denny Farrell Riverbank State Park.

I was captivated by the vigor and enthusiastic support of a multitude of Youngblood followers. The senior circuit was on the move, and I mean that literally. They showed up and showed out in number, ready and willing to step on a good foot via cane or walker to the soulful sounds guaranteed to come from Youngblood and his sensational saxophone.

Lonnie Youngblood does not need any background singers or gyrating dancers onstage to get his musical genius across to any audience. He is a full package of good clean entertainment for any mature attendee who remembers when artists came to the stage to make every person feel they were singing a song just for them with a chance for real eye contact. That’s the Youngblood mojo.

You can always find millennials jumping up and down waving their arms at concerts of their favorite pop stars. This is not the case with the seniors who relish what Youngblood brings. His groove makes them move at their own pace to dance with style and grace. This is why they follow Lonnie because he knows what works and it is electrifying and rejuvenating.

Youngblood presented two lengthy sets, with a short break between them. In the interim, a conglomerate of line dancing held court. This style of repeated group stepping is not only fun-filled and energizing but also good for the memory as each line dance has its own individual choreography.

However, anticipation was on Youngblood’s return. And he came back strong on purpose with even more contact with his audience. While singing the popular song, “New York, New York,” Lonnie came offstage, linked arms, and led a circle of leg kicks to finish it off.

The concert could not conclude without the song that has become the highlight of Youngblood’s popularity. He sang “I Won’t Complain” with deep emotion. As always, his rendition was so moving that the audience couldn’t help but sing along to the song’s grand finale.

It was a true senior treat to get this free performance by Lonnie Youngblood in Harlem, but then again, he is affectionately known as the Prince of Harlem, a title well-earned. Let’s hope for his return. The Denny Farrell Riverbank State Park has a Senior Socials Schedule; call 212-694-3634 or check with a senior center.

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Photos courtesy HSTM
Borough President Gibson And Sponsors Host Tour De Bronx 2023

On Sunday, October 22, 2023, Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson, in partnership with The Bronx Tourism Council; Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of New York, Inc.; Montefiore Einstein; J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.; The Bronx Community Foundation; Transportation Alternatives; and other event sponsors, greeted over 4,000 cyclists participating in this year’s 29th Annual Tour de Bronx.

Recognized each year as the largest free cycling event in New York State, a total of three routes were featured to accommodate both new and experienced cyclists. Those on the 40-mile route who departed at 11:00 a.m. enjoyed a special tribute to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Hip Hop with a stop at 1520 Sedgwick Avenue.

All three routes ended at the New York Botanical Garden located at 2900 Southern Boulevard for a festival and concert that featured multi-platinum music producer Antwan “Amadeus” Thompson, and acclaimed radio personality, DJ Spynfo, owner of Sankofa Haus in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx.

“What better way to experience the richness in culture, diversity, and heritage found in our neighborhoods, historic districts, and iconic corridors than through cycling across our beloved borough,” said Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson. “With an emphasis on encouraging alternative modes of transportation and fitness, Tour de Bronx has each year been successful in attracting both new and skilled cyclists to explore our parks, cultural institutions, waterways, and everything else that makes our borough a great place to live, work, and visit.”

“This year’s Tour de Bronx had over 4,000 registered riders which proved once more how our community appreciates taking in the beauty of the Bronx, while making health a fun priority,” said Sulma Arzu-Brown, Executive Director of the Bronx Tourism Council. “We incorporated city parks and our very own Roberto Clemente State Park that contributes to the greenery of our borough.”

“Pepsi Bottling Company of New York is a proud sponsor of Tour De Bronx 2023’” said Anil Thomas, Bronx Area Sales Manager for the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of New York, Inc. “Pepsi NY has been a long-standing supporter of NYC. We are rooted in the Bronx and are committed to establishing a culture of health and wellness for our employees, families, and surrounding communities.”

“For close to two decades, we have proudly been the main sponsor of the annual Tour de Bronx,” said Marcos Crespo, SVP, Community Affairs. As an institution committed to health and wellness beyond the walls of hospitals and healthcare facilities, we are grateful for the opportunity to promote this annual event and engage in riding our bikes throughout the 61 neighborhoods that make up this beautiful borough.”

“We’re glad to partner with Borough President Gibson on this year’s Tour de Bronx and celebrate cycling in the borough,” said Shawn Garcia, Senior Organizer for Equity & Partnerships at Transportation Alternatives.

Sponsors of Tour de Bronx 2023 are JPMorgan Chase & Co, Bronx Community Foundation, New York Botanical Garden, Liberty Coca-Cola, Ponce Bank, BronxCare, Metropolis Health, Jacobi Medical Center, The Bronx Terminal Market, Verizon, Tronex Healthcare, and ZeewTR.

Special thanks go to others, including Bronx Community College, College of Mt. Saint Vincent, Mercy University, Lehman College, Hostos Community College, and media sponsors, PIX 11, Bronxnet Television, Schneps Media, and News 12, The Bronx.

For more information on Tour de Bronx 2023 or places to visit while in the borough, please go to ilovethebronx.com.
Community Op-Ed: New York City is Back – With More Jobs Than Ever

By Mayor Eric Adams

Less than two years ago, I was sworn in as the 110th mayor of New York City. Our city was still reeling from the devastation of a global pandemic. Commercial neighborhoods and office buildings were deserted. Headlines questioned the future of New York City.

But I knew then what every New Yorker has always known: this city would be back.

And right now, that comeback is official: We have regained the nearly one million private sector jobs that were lost during COVID-19, and New York City has more total jobs than EVER before in our city's history, totaling 4,709,400 million jobs. Not just private sector jobs. Total jobs.

We are also delivering billions into the pockets of working people across the city, but when it comes to lifting up working people, we are going to go even further.

Too many people have been left out of this recovery. Black unemployment is too high. Our wealth gap is too wide. Equity remains a serious issue in communities of color across the board.

We must build a fairer, more inclusive economy. And we are going to start with a “Working People’s Tour” of the five boroughs — one that highlights the New Yorkers powering our recovery, introduces new economic solutions, and allows us to hear directly from those who are still lacking access to good jobs.

New York City has a history of coming back stronger no matter how tough things get. Going forward, we are going to make sure that every New Yorker can share in our city’s legendary opportunity and prosperity as well.
Home Buying in Harlem
Be Prepared to Buy Now

I received an alarming call from a prospective home buyer this week. She was working with a program that provided her with a loan officer, a real estate broker, a real estate attorney, and a home inspector. All these professionals were employed by one company. This is called a “One-Stop Home Buying Center.” I thought these businesses no longer existed, but I was wrong. They still exist and will try to steal your money!

It is never a good idea for your home buying team to come from one source. You do not want anyone to choose the members of your team. You must do the research, interview, and select the members of your team. In this instance, her team used her lack of knowledge to work against her.

She signed a contract without proper legal counsel and lost most of her down payment. She called me seeking assistance to recoup her money. I told her she could report them, but since she had signed the contract, there was little that could be done.

This person’s experience demonstrates the importance of attending the home buyer education workshop seminar series offered at HCCI. Even if you are not eligible for the grant, the program could help you from making a costly mistake and losing your money. You should attend an approved housing counseling workshop at the beginning of the process.

The home buying workshop will give you insights on navigating through the dangerous and tricky waters of negotiating a purchase price, determining the right type for your specific needs, and selecting a team of professionals. You will learn about industry terminology, mortgage products, and available grant programs. You will acquire the confidence needed to complete the process and to successfully become a homeowner.

Here are some things you need to know:

1. Do not make an offer on a home until you have a pre-approval letter from an authorized lender. Know how much you can afford to spend on a monthly mortgage payment. Understand the various types of mortgage products and determine which one is most suitable for you. If you make an offer before getting pre-approved, your deposit will be in jeopardy.

2. Sign nothing until your attorney has reviewed the sales contract. Sit down with your attorney and go over the contract with him/her until you completely understand all its legal ramifications. Once you have signed the contract, it is a legally binding document. It can be very difficult and/or costly to get out of the agreement.

3. Get referrals from your housing counselor or people you trust who have just recently completed the home buying process. Do not under any circumstances do what is called “a one-stop shop,” where the entire team is pre-selected.

If you are interested in attending a HCCI workshop or have questions regarding the home buying process, contact Rev. Dr. Charles Butler at (212) 281 4887 ext. 231 or email cbutler@hcci.org.

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The MTA encourages vendors who have not done business with us to register for our bidders list using MY MTA Portal for vendors at www.mymta.info. Registered vendors can search for procurement opportunities across all MTA agencies and receive invitations to bid or propose on the types of goods and services they can provide. Certified minority and women-owned businesses (M/WBE), service-disabled veteran-owned businesses (SDVOB), and disadvantaged businesses (DBE), are strongly encouraged to compete for MTA opportunities. Visit our website at https://new.mta.info/doing-business-with-us for detailed information and guidelines.
Nov 8 Amateur Night at Apollo

Nov 2 10:00pm
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laughter at the Apollo
Comedy Club, hosted
by Jay Comedian and
featuring up and coming
comics Rashad Bashir,
Mario Hodge, and Lyssa
Laird. Tickets $30

Nov 3 10:00pm
Apollo Music Café
featuring Susan Carol.
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musician Susan Carol
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cals and casual candor
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Nov 4 10:00pm
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featuring Joshua
Banbury
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Banbury make his Apollo
Music Café debut, one
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Nov 8
Apollo Night
Every Wednesday
7:30pm

Nov 10-11 8:00pm
Steve Miller at Jazz
at Lincoln Center’s
Rose Theater.
Renowned blues rock
guitarist, multi-platinum
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more, to commemorate
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Nov 11 Jazz at Lincoln

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R&B & Hip-Hop
@ E. 125th St. & 5th Ave.
Saluting the Music of
James Brown & Mary J Blige

STAGE 3
“THE SOUNDS
OF HARLEM”
Live Performances
ON THE MAIN STAGE
@ W. 121st St. & 5th Ave.
Mount Morris Park West
Harlem Music Festival
Salutes
World-Renowned Jazz Legend
Ella Fitzgerald & “Duke” Ellington

STAGE 4
Latin & Caribbean
@ W. 117th St. & 5th Ave.
Saluting the Music of
Joe Cuba & Bob Marley

Contact Ms. Sutton for Information: (212) 862-7200 | info@harlemdiscover.com
The 125th Street BID Presents the 2023 Harlem Holiday Lights Celebration!

Marking 30 years of making Harlem shine, the 125th Street Business Improvement District (BID) will kick off the neighborhood’s beloved annual tradition as a free event open to the public on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 (with a rain date on November 21) starting at 125th Street and Broadway. This event is New York City’s only parade of lights to kick off the holiday season and welcome everyone of all ages.

In partnership with Manhattan Community Boards 9 and 10, Mount Morris Park Community Improvement Association, Apollo Theater, Columbia University, Settepani Restaurant, and the NYPD, this year’s Harlem Holiday Lights Celebration is focused on “Celebrating Our Youth!”

This year, the Harlem Holiday Lights Parade will also feature two special Grand Marshals, including Stephanie Pacheco, NYS Youth Poet Laureate and member of the 2022 NYC Youth Slam Team, and Dr. Lena Green, DSW, LCSW, CLC, Executive Director of HOPE Center Harlem, a community-based mental health clinic in Harlem. Dr. Green received the Joseph R. Biden Presidential Service and Lifetime Achievement Award in September 2023, the National Association of Social Workers, New York City Chapter’s (NASW-NYC) Social Work I.M.P.A.C.T. Award in 2019.

The parade will also include local businesses and community members, welcoming New Yorkers and visitors from all over the globe to experience the vibrancy, culture, and the best of Harlem.

Join us for an illuminated evening that will feature a variety of street activations along the parade route and outdoor activities from entertainment on the streets, giveaways from businesses, a block party, and so much more.

As part of the evening, guests can join the “Shine On Harlem Challenge” and experience the dazzling light and sound display along 125th Street, from November 14, 2023 through March 2024, using the popular Vibemap to explore interactive musical trees and support local businesses.

Thanks to the generous funding from the NYC Department of Small Business Services, Foxworth Realty, United House of Prayer, First Corinthian Baptist Church, HOPE Center Harlem, WICR 90.3, M.A.C. stores, Marcus Meets Malcolm, Home to Harlem, Mount Morris Ascension Baptist Church, and so many others.

To be a part of this incredible event, email bid125thst@aol.com. For more information, visit HarlemBID.com and follow us on Instagram and X at 125thStreetBid, as well as Facebook at 125thBID.

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Broadway Inspirational Voices, “HOPE In HARMONY AWARD”

honors artists who Support and Strengthen Communities in Need

By Maria Grazia Cavenaghi

Broadway Inspirational Voices - BIV “HOPE In HARMONY AWARD Ceremony & Fundraiser” was held at Sony Hall on October 9, 2023. The Renowned Choir & National Nonprofit of Broadway Artists, whose Mission is to Support and Strengthen Communities in Need through Arts, Education, and Outreach Programming, hosted the fundraiser.

Angela Grovey, the dynamic Executive Director of BIV, and her passionate team made “The Hope In Harmony” a memorable, uplifting event enriched by fabulous entertainment, elegance, and inspiration.

Attendees experienced a captivating award ceremony recognizing the exceptional work BIV continues to do with its Arts & Education Programming and the remarkable impact BIV honorees have made on communities near and far. Genuine love was in the air, making everyone feel like they were attending a beautiful and warm family reunion.

With Broadway’s finest coming together, the stage was lit by performances that resonated with the soul and uplifted the spirit.

The event was followed by a cocktail party, allowing guests to mingle with choir members, Broadway luminaries, and other distinguished attendees who share a passion for the arts and its power to bring about positive change, improved education, and meaningful achievements for all deserving communities.

The evening’s guest host was the inspiring three-time Tony Award and Grammy nominee Joshua Henry, who filled the room with talent, laughter, and passion.

Some of Broadway’s finest talents were present, like the one and only Andre De Shields, and some gave amazing performances, including such notables as Brian Stokes Mitchell, Norm Lewis, Adrienne Warren, J Harrison Ghee, Jared Alexander, John Manzari, Naomi Funaki, Emile Kouatchou, Shoshana Bean, and Shayna Steel.

BIV also presented their 2023 Inspiration Awards to the talented United States Artist Fellowship Recipient and tap dancer/choreographer Ayodele Casel; the multi-Grammy/ Emmy/ Tony Award-winning composer and lyricist Marc Shaiman; and six-time Tony Award-winning actress and singer Audra McDonald.

The nominees gave meaningful and inspirational acceptance speeches. Particularly moving was McDonald’s message, which praised BIV’s Arts & Education Programming and the Choir & National Nonprofit of Broadway Artists for their fundamental work to uplift and support their communities. She was so emotional that she could hardly speak and brought the audience to a standing ovation.

This unforgettable evening united talent, passion, and compassion, generating positive actions and change.

Follow BIV on Facebook: @BroadwayInspirationalVoices Twitter: @BIVoices Instagram: @BIVoices with hashtags #HopeInHarmony #BIVFundraiser #HopeInspireTransform

Angela Grovey (BIV Executive Director) & Allen René Louis (BIV Artistic Director) Adrienne Warren (Tony Award-winner)

Audra McDonald (six-time Tony Award-winning actress and singer)

Joshua Henry (Three-time Tony Award and Grammy and host of Hope in Harmony)

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Urbanology: The Honorable Percy E. Sutton Harlem Mile

By W.A. Rogers

The annual New York Marathon will take place Sunday, November 5, 2023, and for many of the runners, the Harlem Mile, a distance roughly between 138th Street and 5th Avenue and 110th Street and Fifth Avenue, is one of the hardest parts of the race.

Runners hit what is known as the wall at this time. The wall is when the body reaches the point of breaking down, and the psychological motivation to stop or give up seems to be the greatest.

A few years ago, The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce and The New York Road Runners (who are GHCC members) developed an initiative called the Harlem Mile. Four locations along the race route from 138th Street and 5th Avenue to 116th Street and 5th Avenue have four musical stages providing international sounds of Harlem.

The Harlem Mile was named after the Honorable Percy E. Sutton, who helped create the New York Marathon when he was the Borough President of Manhattan. The first five borough Marathon took place in 1970.

Over the years, not only has the entertainment along the Harlem Mile become a motivating high point for the many non-professional marathon runners, but it is also an excellent place for family and friends to come together to watch the race and hear great music.

Live Gospel and Spiritual music will be the theme for the 135th Street stage on 5th Avenue, and it salutes Hezekiah Walker and Yolanda Adams. R&B and Hip Hop is the theme for the 125th Street stage on 5th Avenue, paying homage to James Brown and Mary J. Blige.

The main stage on the route is at 121st Street, and Mount Morris Park West will feature live entertainment. This stage will feature a special tribute to greats Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington. The 116th stage will focus on Latin and Caribbean music, spotlighting music by Joe Cuba and Bob Marley.

During the end of the race, many of the runners stop and dance and become energized to continue the race. For thousands of runners who come from all parts of the world, this is their first introduction to Harlem.

The New York Marathon is New York’s largest tourist event, where thousands of runners and their families and friends invade New York for one week. Harlem Marathon Week is another initiative developed by GHCC in partnership with the Harlem Tourism Board and many other civic and private sector organizations.

This is a wonderful opportunity for many who are visiting New York for the race to come Uptown. Starting Monday, October 30, through November 5, there will be several activities in Harlem. Please visit www.harlemdiscover.com or call 212 862-7200 for additional information.

If you have a friend or family member running in this year’s New York Marathon, or if you would just like a close-up look at the race and want to hear great music, I suggest you come out to one of the locations of the Harlem Mile on Sunday, November 5.
GAMES

ACROSS
1. Dylan lyric, “There was music in the ____ at night and revolution in the air”
2. On a deck?
3. So-so
4. a.k.a. tent caterpillar or lappet moth
5. Maurice of “Where the Wild Things Are”
6. Eugene O’Neill’s creation
7. He had
8. Popular 70s genre
9. Witnesses
10. Hawaiian tuber
11. Similar
12. Kind of bourbon
13. Measured in kilowatt-hours, on electric bill
14. Ring of flowers
15. TV’s “____ Blinders”
16. Make believe
17. Public promotions
18. Appropriate for Halloween
19. *F unit of capacitance named in whose honor?
20. Out of whack
21. *Marine biologist and “Silent Spring” author
22. Cleopatra’s killer, according to legend
23. L.A. baller
24. Not on a rolling stone?
25. Value added reseller
26. Crosswise, on deck
27. Build temporarily (2 words)
28. New Zealand fruit
29. *W unit of power named in whose honor?
30. Option at a hot dog stand, adj.
31. Type of rich soil
32. Most populous country
33. Burn with water
34. *Synonymous with unit of frequency and a car rental company
35. One’s final notice
36. Muscle quality
37. Without, in French
38. Floor plank
39. To and ____
40. Toy construction set brand
41. Turning token taker
42. Muse of love poetry
43. Jewish month
44. Jab on field of play
45. The ___ makers of “Pitch Perfect”
46. A ride up ski hill
47. Short for Milton
48. *A unit of electric current named in whose honor?
49. #53 Across, sing.
50. Home to Zion National Park
51. Vacuum cleaner, in U.K.
52. Wood-shaping tool
53. Morays, pl.
54. Like kale or spinach
55. One little piggy
56. Swelling of human organs
57. Golfers destination
58. Desires
59. Ancient Semitic deity
60. Lump of stuff
61. Black tropical cuckoos
62. Guitar forerunner
63. Is it really more?
64. *Carl Benz invented the first practical modern one in the 1880s
65. Retirement plan, acr.
66. Types of rich soil

DOWN
1. Take into custody
2. Hawaiian tuber
3. *V unit of electric potential named in whose honor?
4. Not a full size bus
5. **Maurice of “Where the Wild Things Are”
6. Eugene O’Neill’s creation
7. He had
8. Popular 70's genre
9. Witnesses
10. Hawaiian tuber
11. Similar
12. Kind of bourbon
13. Measured in kilowatt-hours, on electric bill
14. Ring of flowers
15. TV’s “____ Blinders”
16. Make believe
17. Public promotions
18. Appropriate for Halloween
19. *F unit of capacitance named in whose honor?
20. Out of whack
21. *Marine biologist and “Silent Spring” author
22. Cleopatra’s killer, according to legend
23. L.A. baller
24. Not on a rolling stone?
25. Value added reseller
26. Crosswise, on deck
27. Build temporarily (2 words)
28. New Zealand fruit
29. *W unit of power named in whose honor?
30. Option at a hot dog stand, adj.
31. Type of rich soil
32. Most populous country
33. Burn with water
34. *Synonymous with unit of frequency and a car rental company
35. One’s final notice
36. Muscle quality
37. Without, in French
38. Floor plank
39. To and ____
40. Toy construction set brand
41. Turning token taker
42. Muse of love poetry
43. Jewish month
44. Jab on field of play
45. The ___ makers of “Pitch Perfect”
46. A ride up ski hill
47. Short for Milton
48. *A unit of electric current named in whose honor?
49. #53 Across, sing.
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ACROSS
1. Dylan lyric, “There was music in the ____ at night and revolution in the air”
2. On a deck?
3. So-so
4. a.k.a. tent caterpillar or lappet moth
5. Maurice of “Where the Wild Things Are”
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“The Vice President’s Black Wife: The Untold Life of Julia Chinn” by Amrita Chakrabarti Myers

REVIEW by Terri Schlichenmeyer, Harlem News contributor

“The Vice President’s Black Wife” by Amrita Chakrabarti Myers, is set in the 18th century, when America was merely a teenager. “Kentucky was the frontier,” says Myers, with great stands of trees between “vast swath[s] of rich, fertile land.” Robert Johnson was a surveyor in that area, and he liked what he saw. He and his wife arranged to buy several thousand acres of the best farmland around.

This made Johnson a wealthy man and, by extension, his oldest son would never want for a thing. And so when young Richard, born in 1780, was all grown up but still unmarried, his parents gave him a plantation and a hundred slaves to run it.

One of them was Julia Chinn.

Fourteen years old, Julia was pretty, smart, and capable; in fact, Richard’s mother chose her to run his house while he was away in Washington, particularly because of her intelligence and her management abilities.

It didn’t take long for Richard to notice Julia or for him to bed her, then wed her.

Myers hints that spite made Richard do it or that he was flaunting social mores. It surely wasn’t illegal to sexually assault one’s female slaves; in Kentucky, it wasn’t illegal to marry someone of another race, either. Was there affection in the marriage, or, as Myers suggests, was it a business transaction, with Julia trading her freedom for their daughters’ future?

We may never know. Richard didn’t sell Julia, and he never freed her, though his girls received manumission. But after he served as Vice President of the U.S. and his death at a ripe old age, his brothers conspired to erase the family he loved...

Sometimes uneven, sometimes repetitive, but at the same time, so very interesting, “The Vice President’s Black Wife” proves that there are many things about history left to learn.

Starting with Julia’s mother, author Amrita Chakrabarti Myers begins in a commonplace place – the lives of enslaved women and children – but she departs from the norm by telling tales with a large dash of feminism. In many ways, as she shows, women, both white and enslaved, often had much more power than history books would like us to believe, and that, surprisingly, extended to Julia Chinn. It’s truly eye-opening.

Still, this book is chilling in the what-ifs – perhaps even more so because Julia was well aware of them, and so are readers. These possibilities will leave you shaken by the twist in the story at the end of the book, which will send you racing back to re-read the preface. Or you might just re-read it all because “The Vice President’s Black Wife” is that kind of book, indeed.

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