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HARRISON — Harrison High School scored its highest ranking ever in this year's challenge index — No. 1 in Westchester County. Since 1998, Newsweek and now the Washington Post have ranked high schools on how effectively they prepare students for college by offering them a challenge. Harrison High School also was ranked fourth in the state and 71st in the nation. The Challenge Index is based on the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or Advanced

International Certificate of Education tests taken by all students at the school in 2009-10 divided by the school's number of graduates. "We are proud of our high school's standing in the Washington Post Challenge Index. It demonstrates our commitment to challenge and to provide opportunity to all of our students, and most importantly to prepare them to face the rigor of college," said Superintendent Louis Wool.

Food Bank offers food stamp help

MILLWOOD — The Food Bank for Westchester is reminding residents that they can get food stamp assistance with food prices rising. Assistance is offered to English- and Spanish-speaking applicants for free. Contact Marilyn Rivera with the Food Bank for Westchester at 914-923-1100 or marilyn.rivera@foodbankforwestchester.org for eligibility requirements.

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designation in order to lower insurance costs and improve preparedness, Sen. Charles Schumer said. The designation would require a 24-hour warning and emergency center and other planning for hazardous weather. There are 26 StormReady areas in the state now, including New York City and Orange County. Schumer called the designation "critical to residents' security during unexpected natural emergencies, as well as to their wallets."

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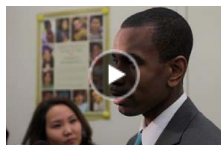
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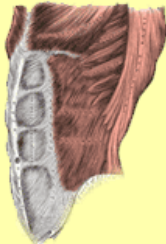
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