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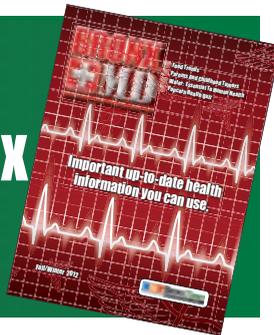
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## City Island businesses are back

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

It takes more than a little 'ol hurricane to put City Island out of business.

That's the word from the City Island Chamber of Commerce, which is proclaiming its shops and restaurants very much in business for the holiday season.

The chamber has fielded numerous phone calls over the past few weeks from concerned shoppers

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Photo by Patricia Robayo

## BRONX CHAMBER SUPPORTS COMMUNITY

Gabrielle Rodriguez, events coordinator for The Bronx Chamber of Commerce, stands with a collection of new toys ready to be doled out to needy children impacted by Superstorm Sandy. Gabrielle was one of dozens in attendance at the annual Holiday Coat and Toy Drive, sponsored by The Bronx Chamber of Commerce, on Dec. 7 at the Split Rock Golf Course. See more photos on page 37.

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# CB 11 VOTE FEVER

## Three vying for vacant chair seat

BY DAVID CRUZ

It'll be down to the finish line next week for a new leader of Community Board 11, covering a major stretch of the east Bronx.

Three members are vying to fill the seat of longtime chair Dom Castore, who died last month after a lengthy illness.

The board, covering Morris Park, Pelham Parkway, Van Nest, Eastchester and Allerton, has been without an official chair for the past two years.

After a somewhat chaotic nominating session at the Nov. 29 general meeting, the nominees are Al D'Angelo, Joe McManus and Tony Vitaliano, with members due to take a final vote at the Dec. 20 general board meeting.

Whoever wins will have to work with a board whose members often talk out of turn, bicker over procedure or simply filibuster over various local issues.

"We have to go in as one," said

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# Toys For Tots drive at Anthony's Flower Farm

BY DAVID CRUZ

All Bob Jean wants is to put a smile on a kid's face this Christmas.

The owner of Anthony's Flower Farm at 3240 East Tremont Ave., is putting his philanthropic skills to work once again by setting up a toys for tots drive with help from several Bronx organizations.

The Throggs Neck merchant will donate a slew of toys to children at the New York Institute for Special Education on Pelham Parkway on Dec. 18 and to kids at Community School District 12 at 1434 Longfellow Ave. on Dec. 20.

Jean said he especially needs toys geared towards stimulating a child's learning ability.

"Any learning material, we'll wrap up and send to the schools," said Jean.

Donated stuffed animals, for instance, will be sent to the New York Institute for Special Education with the goal of improving a visually impaired child's four remaining senses. He's asking the general public to donate a toy they feel can achieve that goal.

## Merchants help

Around the Bronx, merchants have pitched in to serve as toy drop-off locations. Anthony's Flower Farm, Fine Fare at 3580 E. Tremont Ave., Orthopedist Dr. Albert Graziosa's office at 3611 E. Tremont Ave. and Metro Optics at 25 Westchester Square have large drop-off bins.

The law office of Stephen Kaufman at 2916 Bruckner Blvd. is another drop-off center, with Kaufman and wife Gerry more than willing to help. Jean

said he is also working on getting sports chain Modells to donate toys.

## Giving back

For Jean, extending a helping hand has always been a no-brainer. "Why wouldn't someone want to help?" asked Jean, who grew up poor before making it as a Bronx florist.

"I didn't have anything when I was a kid," said Jean. "I see how people are struggling, and I have what I have, and it's a chance to give back. I have to see that's a driving force - it's a driving force to bring smiles to kids faces.

Last week, he and co-chairs Lilyanna Pekic and Alexia Acevedo toured the CSD 12 school bordering Foxhurst/Claremont, catering to autistic children. He knew he wanted to help.

"When you see them,



Photo by Lenny Vigliotti

Bob Jean (left) is a big guy with a big heart. He's launched his annual toy drive with help from several Bronx groups. He stands next to his large toy drop-off bin with employees Santos and Cathy.

you know why," noted Jean.

His annual toy drive has mushroomed, thanks to several local organizations, among them the nonprofit Son's of Italy, which for-

wards money donations to The Smile's Foundation.

Jean said that last year, his group collected 2,000 toys for Montefiore Hospital, Jacobi Hospital, These Our

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## Pass the Pepperoni

By Camille Sperrazza  
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# around town

by David Cruz

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#### Birth

Jose and Andrea Andino of Morris Park are the proud parents of **Andrew Pierce Andino**, born October 31. Andrew came in at



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DAVID RYAN

a healthy 7.5 pounds. Congrats mom and dad.

**Kyla Morgan Picard** came into the world on November 8 to parents Maura and Alex Picard of Locust Point on November 8. *Good luck Picards!*

#### Birthday

*A big happy birthday to **Frank Mazzilli** who turned 100 on December 6. Born 1912, Frank has 3 children, 9 grandchildren. 15 great*

*grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. Kudos to Frank the centenarian.*

*Happy 2nd birthday to David Ryan! Your smile brings us joy every day. We love you!! Love, mama, grandma, nana & pop, auntie and Kenny, grandpa, uncle Anthony, Aunt Ceil.*

**Michelle Londyn Cristofaro** turned 1 on November 17! Her mother, **Michelle Dolgow** of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, and her dad, send her lots of love and kisses.

A happy blessed 103rd birthday to **Filomena Deglomini** on December 27. She's the mother of Edward and mother-in-law to Blandina Deglomini. *We want to thank the Lord for giving mom a long life.*



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# American Legion posts honor fallen veterans

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Veterans from three local American Legion posts came together last week to remember that day that lives "in infamy."

Members of the Throggs Neck Memorial Post #1456, Theodore Korony Post #253, and Silver Beach Post #1371 were on hand to lay a wreath at the war memorial in Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park in Throggs Neck on the 71st anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack on Fri-

day, Dec. 7.

Among them were World War II veteran John Byrne of Silver Beach, who served in the 748th Tank Battalion in General George Patton's Third Army. He was reticent about his service, but did offer up something he took from the war.

"It impressed upon me the need to be a better American," said Byrne, adding that he is glad to be alive.

Byrne was drafted in 1943 when he was 18 years

old, and went overseas with in two months, he said.

The Bronx event marked a local remembrance of that "Day in Infamy" at the U.S. Navy base in Hawaii where 2,402 Americans were killed and 1,282 wounded during a sneak attack by Japanese on December 7, 1941, bringing the United States into World War II.

"The primary reason that we are out here today is to honor our brothers and sisters who died in that attack,

and who are sitting at the bottom of Pearl Harbor, here 71 years later," said Ritchie Ardisson, a Navy vet who played taps at the ceremony. "They are still sleeping in the bottom of those ships."

Pat Devine, past commander of the Korony post, read a statement from the American Legion before the wreath was placed over the stone memorial, lauding the men and women who perished in the attack.

He reminded those pres-



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Saluting the flag at the wreath placement during the playing of taps are veterans (l-r) George Achambult, Pat Devine, John Byrne, Charles McDougall, and Ritchie Ardisson.

ent that it was our duty to "help young Americans understand the terrific price we paid for lack of vigilance."

Devine also likened the Pearl Harbor attack to September 11th, a comparison many others have made because of the unexpected nature of the attacks.

"We should remember

not take for granted our liberties because of the sneak attack that happened in 1941, but also for the one on September 11, 2001," said Devine. "We had our guard down and it can happen again. We have got to have vigilance, keep alert, and not take anything for granted."

## Waterbury-LaSalle tree lighting

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Deck the halls - and Schneider Sampson Square Park too.

The Waterbury-LaSalle Community Association will once again host its annual tree lighting, and meeting with Santa Claus for children, at Schneider Sampson Square on Sunday, Dec. 16.

Last year, over 100 children and adults gathered to sip hot chocolate, light the park's tree, and have the kiddies enjoy a visit from Santa Claus who arrived on an antique horse-drawn sleigh to give out toys and take pictures. This year promises to be just as magical when the celebration begins at 4:45 p.m., said WLCA board member Mary Jane Musano.

"It is something that we look forward to every year," said Musano, who added that planning begins in August.

"It seems like this event is not just for the kids. We have members who come without kids, and it is kind of like a Christmas gathering for our organization and the community."

This year, children from the Primavera Italian Language Program, which the WLCA sponsors, will

sing Christmas carols in Italian, said Musano.

In previous years, the organization has coordinated with the First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck opposite the park, so that parishioners coming out of services step right into the celebration, she said, stressing the deep community roots of the celebration.

As in previous years, Chateau Stables, located in Manhattan and owned by local resident Gloria McGill, will be providing the horse-drawn sleigh.

"Gloria is wonderful," said Musano. "She does this and never asked for a penny."

As they have for years, International Caterers of Distinction at 3243 Ampere Ave. is donating hot chocolate and other refreshments.

And the WLCA's own Andrew Chirico will wire a car for sound and play holiday songs, said Musano, as he has also done for years.

"Waterbury LaSalle Community Association couldn't afford this if so much was not donated," said Musano.

Santa Claus will be played, as in past years, by veterans advocate Anthony Ferrara, said Musano.

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## Support of FreshDirect

Dear editor,

Bronx residents are tired of hearing about the dismal unemployment statistics in the borough and want to know what is being done to create jobs here.

Encouraging New York City businesses to invest in the Bronx is a good place to start.

At the South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation (SoBRO), we work daily to improve the quality of life in our community.

Our four-pronged approach focuses on youth and adult education, real estate development and renewing the local economy.

One way to accomplish that goal is to stimulate commercial growth. In addition to offering entrepreneurial training and resources to start-up Bronx businesses, we also help those who want to move their companies to the Bronx cut through government red tape and promote job opportunities to residents of the borough.

For those of us fighting to bring these new economic opportunities to the area, the online grocer FreshDirect's plans to open an expansive operations center in our borough is welcome news. Since the company's announcement this year that it would relocate to and expand operations in the South Bronx, FreshDirect has said repeatedly that it wants to be an active member of the community. The company's recent announcement that it would hire 200 new employees by the end of the year, with a focus on recruiting Bronx residents, is one example of its ongoing efforts to follow through on that promise.

Over the coming decade, the company plans to create up to 1,000 new jobs – at least one-third designated for Bronx residents. These jobs will play a central role in helping curb unemployment.

In May, the company expanded service to every zip code in the Bronx, part of its goal of providing better access to quality, nutritious foods in an area of the city often described as a "food desert."

In September, FreshDirect launched a novel pilot program that would allow some food stamp recipients to buy groceries over the Internet for the first time.

And FreshDirect's goal of switching to a 100% green transportation fleet isn't just good for the environment – it will also stimulate local economic growth for other businesses.

For example, the company already purchased 10 electric delivery trucks from Smith Electric Vehicles, which will also be making the South Bronx its new home.

Last week, SoBRO hosted its annual gala to highlight the strides we have made as a community over the last year to build a better Bronx. Our partnership with FreshDirect was just one of the advancements we celebrated at the gala.

We cannot expect businesses to come to the Bronx if we do not play our part. Our support of FreshDirect provides a valuable case study for working with businesses looking to expand in – and help economically stimulate – our treasured borough, that will revitalize the South Bronx's economy and create needed jobs along the way.

**Phillip Morrow**  
President and CEO of the South Bronx  
Overall Economic Development Corp.

## Sandy Relief

Dear editor,

Governor Cuomo, Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, Mayor Bloomberg and Council Speaker Quinn have all joined the chorus that Washington will need to send us \$42 billion as a result of damages created by Hurricane Sandy.

Three weeks ago, Governor Cuomo's request was for \$31 billion. Two weeks ago, it jumped to \$42 billion. Similarly, three weeks ago Bloomberg's request was for \$9 billion. Two weeks ago, it went to \$15 billion. What will Cuomo, Bloomberg, Schumer, Gillibrand and company ask for next week?

The devil is in the details to justify these numbers. What about the recent scandal concerning the NYC Housing Preservation and Development (*sic - It is the NYC Housing Authority*) sitting on \$1 billion in unspent federal dollars already available.

How many other municipal and state agencies have how many additional billions in unspent federal dollars which could potentially be reprogrammed to help? All conveniently ignore that our national debt now exceeds \$16.19 trillion dollars. This averages \$52,135 per citizen. Our legal debt limit of \$16.39 trillion with less than \$200 billion balance remaining will run out by the end of December based upon the current rate of spending. Remember that local, town, city, county and state debt combined adds up to another two trillion dollars!

Senators Schumer and Gillibrand fail to identify how Uncle Sam will come up with these funds. There will clearly be the need to offset this assistance with cuts in other programs. The National Flood Insurance Program, FEMA and Army Corps of Engineers will all need billions in supplemental appropriations.

It is time for President Barack Obama, Democratic Senate majority leader Harry Reid, Republican Senate minority leader Mitch McConnell, Republican House Speaker John Boehner and Democratic House minority leader Nancy Pelosi (*sic -Pelosi*) to come together on a bipartisan basis to make these difficult decisions.

We need to resume "pay as you go" rather than kick the can down the road for future gen-

erations to pay the tab. With a \$3.7 trillion dollar budget, how hard can it be to find \$42 billion in savings? Allow me to offer some easy solutions which can pay for our assistance:

•Implement "pay as you go" budgeting, means testing for all government assistance and sunset provisions for agencies and programs that have completed their missions. End pork-barrel member item spending, stop paying farmers to not grow crops and abolish corporate welfare subsidies via tax deductions.

•Close down obsolete military bases abroad. Reduce United Nations and foreign aid to those who offer no support when needed. Did anyone notice any United Nations resolution offering us solidarity in our time of need? How many of our so-called international allies have stepped up to the plate to offer us assistance for a change? End the wasteful war in Afghanistan.

•The IRS should accelerate the collection of several hundred billion in uncollected back taxes owed by deadbeat individuals and corporations along with suspending billions in future tax refunds to those who fail to pay long overdue taxes or student loans.

•Stop spending billions of dollars on the war on drugs. This includes paying foreign nations not to grow crops or destroying drugs at their source. Legalize the consumption and sale of marijuana, along with a sales tax on all transactions.

Any combination of the above could easily raise \$42 billion and more.

Larry Penner

## Letter policy

Dear editor,

It seems there has been a gradual change at BTR since John Collazzi retired in which kind of letters get printed and which ones don't.

Letters that cover topics deemed too controversial or too critical are rejected while more letters from Great Neck resident Larry Penner and praises for Obama from Mohammed and Wilbekin get printed.

With the new publisher, are the times a changin' at Bronx Times Reporter? If so, it would be helpful for all if its new editorial policy for its letters department is imparted to the readers.

Ken Reynolds

## The way we vote

Dear editor,

Well the Republican Party just lost me as a member.

Believe me, if I would have won the Power Ball I would have switch political party's in a instant and even joined the "TEA BAGGERS" to boot.

I can understand why racists and billionaires vote the way they do. But why good white men without a pot to pee in vote Republican is beyond me.

It's the same question I have about the Civil War: Why did poor Southern white boys fight for rich plantation slave owners?

Dante Barozzi

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**40th PCT.**

**SAT, NOV. 17th, 4:40 a.m.** – 175 Alexander Ave. Police officers working in the South Bronx arrested a person who was in possession of a gun. The weapon was vouchered as evidence.

**SAT, DEC. 18th, 9:45 p.m.** – Southern Blvd. and East 149 St. Police are looking into a report that five Hispanic males at gun point committed a robbery. Officials at the crime scene requested assistance of additional police officers.

**SUN, DEC. 19th, 3:30 p.m.** – 557 Melrose Ave. Authorities reported that a Hispanic male robbed a South Bronx branch of Capital One Bank. The man, believed to be in his twenties, passed a note to one of the tellers. The man left the bank with about one-thousand dollars besides a dye-pack. No injuries were reported.

**MON, DEC. 20th, 2:30 p.m.** – 370 East 149 St. Police officers responded to the Immigrant Saving's Bank located in the Hub area. An unknown black male passed a note to a teller, but the teller failed to give the man any money. The would-be thief fled empty handed.

**MON, DEC. 20th, 7:40 p.m.** – 595 Trinity Ave. A suspect was arrested as police looked into a double stabbing. A 23 year old Hispanic male was suffering from a wound to the thigh while a 21 year old Hispanic male was suffering from a wound to the torso area. Both victims were transported to Lincoln Medical Center. Investigators arrested a 47 year old Hispanic male at the crime scene.

**MON, DEC. 20th, 10:00 p.m.** – 432 East 142 St. Two more guns were removed from South Bronx streets. This time police arrested a 34 year old Hispanic male who had control of a 9-mm pistol in addition to a 40-caliber weapon. Both guns were vouchered as evidence.

**WED, DEC. 22nd, 11:15 a.m.** – Westchester Ave and East 152 St. Authorities are looking into an incident where shots were apparently fired at police officers. Officials at the scene requested assistance from an aviation unit in addition a K-9 unit besides units from the Emergency Service Squad. Several persons were taken to the station house for questioning.

**41st PCT.**

**TUES, DEC. 21st, 3:00 p.m.** – 1036 Intervale Ave. Another person was arrested who failed to have the proper license to own a gun in NYC. The 45-caliber handgun was taken away from the culprit and vouchered as evidence for the pending trail.

**THURS, DEC. 23rd, 5:30 a.m.** – 1025 East 163 St. Authorities were alerted to a robbery of a restaurant. Police officers investigating the reported crime were informed that the culprit robbed the food establishment of five-hundred dollars at knife-point. No injuries were reported.

**THURS, DEC. 23rd, 8:15 a.m.** – 640 Barretto St. An investigation was launched after the body of a teenage girl was discovered in the lobby of a Hunts Point building. The body of the 15 year old Destiny San-

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chez was discovered inside the two story dwelling where she had been visiting relatives. A suspect was taken in for questioning by detectives. The autopsy indicated that the teen had been smothered and choked. Bleach had also been poured on her fully-clothed body.

**42nd PCT.**

**TUES, DEC. 21ST, 4:10 p.m.** – 1463 Southern Blvd. Police investigators are looking for the person near Jennings St. who passed a note to a teller at the Citibank branch before fleeing. The thief left empty handed from the bank. Police officers searched the area looking for a Hispanic male, but came up empty handed.

**WED, DEC. 22ND, 3:00 a.m.** – Fulton Ave. and East 169 St. A search was conducted for four males posing as police officers. The unknown male armed with a knife and a gun committed a robbery. The victim was tied up, but escaped serious injury. Taken was a box of bananas beside six-hundred dollars in cash.

**43rd PCT.**

**SAT, NOV. 17th, 10:30 a.m.** – 1113 Ward Ave. Investigators from the Special Victim's Squad are looking into a reported rape. A suspect was arrested after a 23 year old Hispanic woman informed authorities that she had been sexually attacked.

**SAT, NOV. 17th, 3:25 p.m.** – Bruckner Blvd. and Bronx River Ave. Police are looking into a report of a shooting. A male victim was shot by a person in a vehicle. Officials were not sure of the sex of the culprit who fired the shot during the primary stage of the inquiry. The vehicle, described possibly as a Silver colored Acura fled from the scene.

**SAT, DEC. 18th, 7:40 p.m.** – Unionport Rd. and Westchester Ave. Additional police officers were requested to assist at the scene of a triple-shooting in the Parkchester community. Authorities indicated that a 26 year old Hispanic female was suffering from a wound to the chest area, while a 33 year old Hispanic male had been struck in the arm. The third victim, a 54 year old Hispanic man had a grazed wound to the head area of the body. All three victims were taken to Jacobi Medical Center where it was determined that they had been struck by pellets. A search is underway for the culprit.

**SUN, DEC. 19th, 5:05 a.m.** – 1167 Stratford Ave. Police investigators looking into a shooting were able to determine that the bullet wound to a 25 year old male was apparently self-inflicted. The bullet injured the left foot.

**MON, DEC. 20th, 7:00 a.m.** – 1025 Morrison Ave. Police officers

looking into a thief of an electronic device arrested a teacher. The culprit was charged with stealing a phone from a co-worker.

**THURS, DEC. 23rd, 7:00 p.m.** – 1669 Randall Ave. Police officers arrested a suspect who was in possession of a semi-automatic shotgun. Authorities vouchered the 12-gauge weapon marking it as evidence for the pending trail.

**44th PCT.**

**SAT, NOV. 17th, 12:30 a.m.** – Grand Concourse and East 167 St. An investigation was launched by detectives looking into a reported shooting. A search was conducted for five Hispanic males. The injured Hispanic male victim was transported to Lincoln Medical Center suffering from a bullet wound to the left hand.

**SUN, DEC. 19th, 4:00 p.m.** – 76 East 161 St. A search was conducted for the male culprit, possibly Hispanic, who attempted to rob a Chase Manhattan Bank. The would-be thief passed a note to a teller but fled the facility empty handed.

**TUES, DEC. 21st, 3:20 a.m.** – 1051 College Ave. Authorities are looking for the person who attacked a black female. The female victim was stabbed in the neck. She was taken to Lincoln Medical Center and provided with assistance for the wound.

**TUES, DEC. 21st, 11:20 p.m.** – 275 East 163 St. Police investigators are looking into a reported robbery. Apparently five males armed with a gun removed three hundred dollars from a commercial business. Local detectives are assisting with the inquiry.

**THURS, DEC. 23rd, 5:30 p.m.** – 248 East 174 St. A search is underway after authorities learned that an armed robbery had occurred. Two Hispanic males at gunpoint robbed the establishment by taking money from five different cash registers.

**45th PCT.**

**THURS, DEC. 23rd, 10:20 p.m.** – 2770 Dewey Ave. Police are looking for the person who shot a male victim. The victim was suffering from a wound to the facial area.

**46th PCT.**

**SAT, NOV. 17th, 12:35 a.m.** – 2405 Marion Ave. Police officers were called to the scene of a shooting. A black male had been shot in the abdomen area. The crew of an emergency service ambulance indicated that the victim had expired. A search of the area was conducted by police officers for evidence.

**SAT, NOV. 17th, 7:35 p.m.** – 294 East Burnside Ave. A suspect

was arrested by police officers looking into an armed robbery near Ryer Ave. Four culprits entered a beauty salon announcing the robbery. One of the culprits has been described as a female. Responding officers made an arrest.

**SAT, DEC. 18th, 6:15 a.m.** – Creston Ave. and East 188 St. One person was arrested as police officers took a loaded 9-mm pistol away from its owner. The weapon was vouchered as evidence.

**TUES, DEC. 21st, 2:45 p.m.** – 248 East Fordham Rd. Police responding to a reported bank alarm found an alleged thief still inside the facility. The man apparently passed a note to a teller at the Bank of America. Unknown to the male culprit, the alarm was tripped. Police arrested the man before he was able to leave the bank.

**TUES, DEC. 21ST, 4:15 p.m.** – Townsend Ave. and East 175 St. Police officers took a 25 year old Hispanic male into custody. The man was in possession of a 9-mm pistol when arrested. The weapon was vouchered as evidence.

**47th PCT.**

**SAT, DEC. 18th, 5:15 a.m.** – 2859 Barker Ave. A several state amber alert was issued for two missing children. The two children had been removed from their mother's home before their father set her apartment on fire, blazing a trail of crime behind him. Authorities indicated that the 29 year old black male not only removed the two children, a 5 year old boy and a two year old girl, set fire to the family home, but also fired a shot at the children's mother, and car-jacked a vehicle at gunpoint at Magenta St and Bronx Blvd. Police issued an amber alert in the metropolitan area for the two children whom were found nine hours later in a vehicle in Harlem at Park Ave. and East 128 St. unharmed. The suspect, Fitz Edwards, 29, ended up turning himself into police officers at the 47th Pct. later in the day.

**SUN, DEC. 19th, 10:20 a.m.** – Boston Rd. and Ropes Ave. Police officials have detectives looking into a strong arm robbery. A woman was making a deposit when she was robbed by an armed culprit. Taken during the robbery was eleven thousand dollars.

**TUES, DEC. 21ST, 6:00 a.m.** – East 233 St. and Baychester Ave. Police investigators launched an inquiry after learning about a robbery. An unknown black male robbed a neighborhood store at gun point. The thief fled with eighty-dollars.

**WED, DEC. 22ND, 3:30 a.m.** – 631 East 220 St. Police officers removed another weapon off of local streets. This time a 9-mm pistol was vouchered as evidence.

**48th PCT.**

**SUN, DEC. 19th, 9:20 a.m.** – 1100 East 177 St. Emergency first responders were called to the West Farms area after a suspicious package was discovered. A person called 9-1-1 reporting that a cardboard box was tied to a lamp post. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad responded to determine that the box was filled with garbage.

**TUES, DEC. 21ST, 4:00 p.m.** – Police investigators are looking into an incident where a teenager reportedly was raped. Authorities indicated that a 15 year old black girl was taken to Jacobi Medical Center for specialized care.

**49th PCT.**

**SAT, NOV. 17th, 5:45 a.m.** – 1172 East Gun Hill Rd. An investigation was started as officials learned of a shooting. The victim, a male, had been shot in the left hip. Another person was seen running away out of a back door. Police recovered a gun at the crime scene.

**TUES, DEC. 21ST, 6:20 p.m.** – 1500 Waters Pl. A police officer who was at Bronx State Hospital required medical assistance. The officer received a facial injury from an emotionally disturbed person.

**50th PCT.**

**TUES, DEC. 21ST, 6:45 p.m.** – 240 West 238 St. Authorities are looking into a stabbing. A 25 year old Hispanic male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital after being stab in the torso area. The victim was reported to be stable condition.

**WED, DEC. 22ND, 7:10 p.m.** – Mosholu Ave. and Broadway. Emergency personnel were dispatched to the scene of a serious accident on Thanksgiving evening. Officials reported the several vehicles were involved with eight persons being injured

**52nd PCT.**

**SAT, NOV. 17th, 4:00 a.m.** – 3136 Webster Ave. Police officers were alerted to an armed robbery near East 205 St. arrested two of the suspects. Officials were informed that three armed culprits were involved in the robbery. Two arrests were made in addition to two guns being recovered.

**SAT, DEC. 18th, 5:00 a.m.** – 2 West Kingsbridge Rd. Additional police officers were needed to assist with a search after two males were stabbed. Both victims were transported to an area hospital and reported to be in stable condition. Local sleuths are conducting the inquiry.

**Transit**

**WED, DEC. 22ND, 6:50 a.m.** – Broadway and West 231 St. First responders were called to the Marble Hill IRT # 1 line train station after a person was struck by a moving train. Investigators are waiting the results of the Medical Examiner's report to see if there is an additional criminality connected to the death. The victim, 26 year old Eric Martinez, might have been struck by a previ-

ous train. Train traffic was halted so emergency service personnel and investigators could work in a safe environment. Afterwards trains were rerouted around the station. Police officers from Transit District # 3 are working with detectives from the 50th Pct. Squad.

**Housing**

**SAT, NOV. 17th, 4:40 a.m.** – 360 East 137 St. Housing PSA # 7 police officers arrested a suspect in addition to recovering a weapon. Investigators learned that a bullet had been fired through a window and wall of a city housing development. No injuries were reported by officials.

**WED, DEC. 22ND, 1:20 p.m.** – 1609 East 174 St. Police officers from PSA # 8 were alerted to a shooting. The male victim was transported to a nearby hospital suffering from a leg wound. Detectives from the 43rd Pct. are handling the inquiry.

**Fire Log**

**SAT, DEC. 18th, 5:35 a.m.** – 2859 Barker Ave. Firefighters were responding to a reported structure fire. Unknown to them, the location was just the scene of a kidnapping (see the 47th Pct.). Upon arrival the firemen found a fire on the 5th floor of the 5 story dwelling. Engine crews stretched a hose line while ladder crew started to conduct searches. A domestic dispute ended with a male setting the home of his former girlfriend ablaze before taking his two children with him at gun point. Battling the fire were the crews from Engines 62, 90, 79, and 38 along with Ladders 32, 41, and 37. Squad 61 and Rescue 3 were sent to the scene to assist with extinguishing and rescue operations.

**MON, DEC. 20th, 9:10 a.m.** – 286 Huntington Ave. Officials indicated that a fire damaged a three story dwelling near Miles Ave. in the Throggs Neck section. The blaze was contained to the basement area. Battalion 20 upon arrival indicated that addition units might be needed. Within five minutes the chief stated that a full first alarm assignment was at work containing and extinguishing the fire. Shortly thereafter the fire was brought under control.

**MON, DEC. 20th, 9:00 p.m.** – 3616 Henry Hudson Pkwy. A call reported a fire in a multi-story apartment building in the Riverdale section. Smoke-eaters found the fire on the 5th floor of the 7 story high dwelling. Engine 52 and Ladder 52 crews quickly went to work being backed up by Engine 81 and Ladder 46. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the kitchen area of the home. Additional units responding to assist were returned to previous activities.

**THURS, DEC. 23RD, 3:56 p.m.** – 1040 Prospect Ave. Firefighters battled a one alarm blaze in a two-story dwelling. The smoke-eaters found a fire on the second floor of the building. A hose line was quickly deployed. Within minutes the fire was extinguished, all searches were completed and the incident was placed under control.

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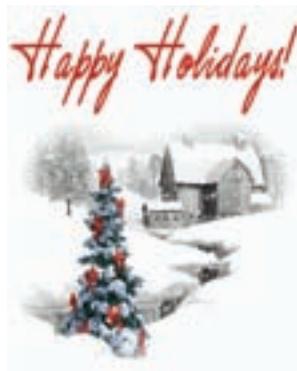


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# Aliano's celebrates 50 years

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Fifty years ago, two young Italian immigrants had a dream. Alfonso Vairo and Sebastiano LaVergetta left Italy, moving into Pelham Bay to pursue their dreams of opening a full service beauty salon. And in December of 1962, their dream came true.

"As young partners we combined our names- Al from Alfonso and iano from Sebastiano - brains and talent - to create Aliano's Beauty Salon on Westchester Avenue," Vairo said. "It was an instant success as it continues to be 50 years later."

To celebrate the salon's 50th anniversary, Vairo said the staff threw a small get together at the salon with family friends and a few loyal customers.

Vairo became the salon's sole owner in 1983 after his partner opened another salon in New Jersey. He kept the name of the salon and continued the business.

Now after a half century run, Vairo has decided to semi-retire and pass owner-

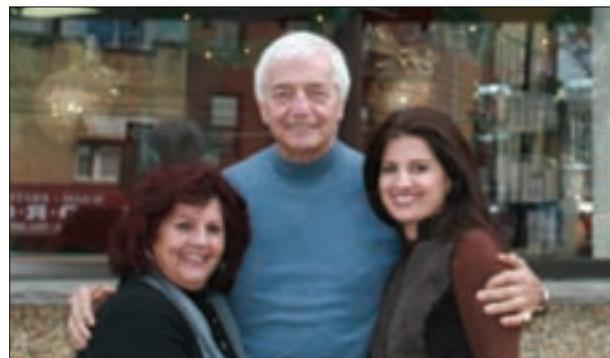


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New owners Lucia and Eliana Malmo (l-r) outside Aliano's beauty salon on Westchester Avenue with retired owner Alfonso Vairo (c).

ship of the business to his friend and long time employee Lucia Malmo and her daughter Eliana Malmo.

"Both women are highly qualified in their field," he said. "We do waxing, pedicures, facials, make-up and massages, all performed in private rooms on the lower level of the salon."

Staff at Aliano's said they wish Vairo a healthy retirement and give thanks to him for making their years of employment at the salon unforgettable.

Vairo said he also wanted to thank his staff for all of the years and hard work they have put in at Aliano's.

"I want to thank Dorina, who has been there from Day One; Tina, a former employee and friend; Raffaella; Donna and last, but not least, Maryann, who has performed many services over the years," Vairo said. "I also want to thank the recent crew Cheddy, Marelli, Clara and Sylvia. We are all wishing Lucia and Eliana much luck and continuing success."

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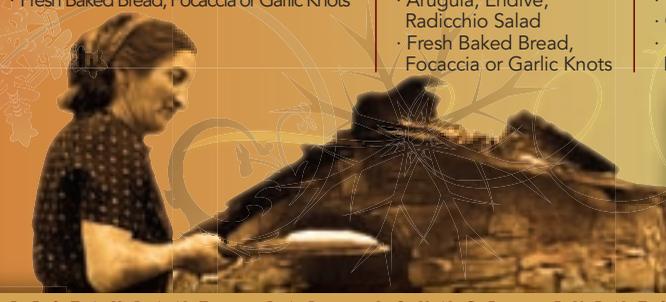
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# Giordano's Big G celebrates Feast of the Seven Fishes

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Christmas is about tradition — the nostalgic memories that pass from one generation to the next.

For the Italian community in Morris Park, that tradition is the feast of the seven fishes, which takes place on Christmas Eve.

For Carl Giordano, owner of Giordano's Big G, a meat and fish wholesale warehouse and market, that means a seasonal increase in business — a verry big increase.

"I would say this is one of the busiest times of the year," Giordano said. "Although the Italians are probably the ones most likely to stick with the seven fish tradition, I think everyone gets into the spirit of the holiday and fish dinner."

Located in the heart of the Morris Park community at the corner of Sacket and Paulding avenues, Giordano's

Big G, has been a business in the community for 35 years.

It sees a big increase in fish sales every year as Christmas approaches and local families start preparation for the traditional Feast of the Seven Fishes.

The feast, also known as The Vigil or La Vigilia is a celebration in anticipation of the birth of Jesus.

Although it is unclear why the feast celebrates seven varieties of fish, some believe it may be a reflection of the seven sacraments and seven deadly sins.

Giordano said some of the most popular fish he sells during the holiday season are king crab legs, shrimp, calamari, tilapia, filet of sole, and baccala.

"Baccala is very popular with the Italians," he said. "That's a salted cod."

Despite a slight increase in the price Giordano

has had to pay for his fish this year, he said he will not be increasing his prices for the holiday season.

"I am actually going to be decreasing some of the more expensive items, and leaving everything else pretty much the same," Giordano said.

"I figure if I can keep my prices the same, and give the customer the lower price, why shouldn't I? Its because of my loyal customers for 35-plus years that I have been so successful."

Giordano said he is running a new special this year.

"If a customer buys four 4 oz. Canadian lobster tails, they will get one free." Giordano's Big G celebrated its 30th anniversary in business in 2007, effectively starting after Giordano chose to leave working at a supermarket and go into the wholesale food business,



Photo by Kirsten Sanchez

Giordano's Big G staff stock up on fish for the upcoming Christmas holiday.

(Above, l-r) Sam Duran, Nelson Reyes, Louie Reyes, owner Carl Giordano, and Marco.

which was originally located in Throggs Neck. He gradually expanded into the retail market and today carries all types of meats and seafood,

including large platters.

The family owned business is located at 1554 Paulding Avenue.

For more information,

contact Big G at (718) 892-7798 or visit the store's web-site at giordanos-big-g.com.

## Surfin' Sleigh-fari



BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Yes, you really can be "walking in a winter wonderland" — and dancing in it, too.

The Grand Ballroom of the Surf Club, with its elegant fireplaces and magnificent fish tanks, is all decked out for the holidays, ready to host its annual "Winter Wonderland" extravaganza. Small business owners are invited to bring their employees and partake in festivities with other

local businesses. The fun takes place Friday, Dec. 14, from 7 pm to midnight. Tickets are \$65 per person. Guests will enjoy a buffet cocktail hour, sit-down dinner, music, and open bar, with tax and tip included. Come in to purchase tickets.

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# Thompson strong on White Plains Road BID

BY DAVID CRUZ

The White Plains Road Business Improvement is strong, so says its new executive director.

"We're definitely in the upswing," bolstered Joe Thompson, a retired police detective and lifelong Pelham Parkway resident.

Thompson, who officially took over running the BID in July, released its annual report to board members on Nov. 14, with some positive results - including an uptick in advertising revenue to higher exposure during Fiscal Year 2011.

He credited last year's accomplishments to his predecessor, the late Larry Prospect, a longtime local merchant and BID leader.

"We want to enhance the things Larry's done," Thompson said.

One of those continuing policies is the BID's shared

advertising program, where property owners divide TV ad costs with the near 20-year-old group.

The BID's annual net assets have jumped from \$1,793 in 2011 to \$4,309 in 2012.

There has also been a number of new stores on White Plains Road - The Children's Place, a 7-11 grocery store and Brow's Precise - adding to the 88 businesses along the bustling commercial strip, a mix of mom and pops and big chains.

The new businesses are certainly a good sign of Pelham Parkway's resurgence, said Thompson.

He noted the neighborhood's decline over a decade ago when high-end stores closed down.

The lowpoint came in 1995 with crazed would-be robber Michael Vernon ran-

domly killing five people inside Little Chester's Shoes.

"It spurred some of the old-timers and established families to leave," said Thompson.

Eventually, new immigrants revived the family-friendly nabe, drawing in new retailers.

The BID benefits from convenient mass transit, with bus and train services available for shoppers. Out-of-towners rely on Westchester County's Bee-Line Bus Service that runs along Bronx Park East.

But while the BID's finances hold steady, the report focused on a rise in litter, dirty sidewalks, canopies and graffiti tags.

With the BID's low six-figure budget limiting him, Thompson said "I'm trying to get someone to give us the dollars to clean the canopies. "I'd like to see all the



Business is booming at the White Plains Business Improvement District, with several new stores popping up in the Pelham Parkway corridor.

Photo by David Cruz

## Con Ed supports Bronx Children's Museum

The Bronx Children's Museum announced that Con Edison has provided a \$15,000 grant to support the River-on-the-Go environmental education program and exhibit for children.

"River-on-the-Go, now in its second year, inspires and teaches children to connect with nature, learn about the natural resources of the Bronx and to become stewards of the environment," museum Executive Director Carla Precht said.

"Thanks to Con Edison, we will be able to bring our exhibit to children throughout the Bronx, even north of the Cross Bronx Expressway."

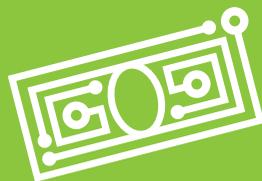
The River-on-the-Go exhibit, located in the mobile museum bus, is an interactive diorama of the Bronx River. Children enter the bus in small groups with their parents, caregivers, or teachers and are guided by museum educators through a variety of experiences. They sit on the foot bridge

(the center walkway), close their eyes, and listen to sounds. Guides then ask them to find the flora and fauna they can see. Stuffed animals are mounted throughout the bus - under logs, in beaver dens, and in nests.

This is the second River-on-the-Go visit to Bronx-Works, which is also the site for the Bronx Children's Museum's Trout in A Classroom program, now in its third year.

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# Mass of Remembrance at Our Lady of Solace

BY DIANA BOSCHEN

In the midst of the holiday season, it was a poignant remembrance of loved ones no longer here.

The holiday tradition of A Light Of Remembrance Mass held for many years by a Morris Park funeral home was taken over this year by the new owner, with a bit of change.

About 150 congregants attended the mass on Saturday, Dec. 1 at Our Lady of Solace Church to honor the memories of deceased family and friends.

It was the first event sponsored by the Joseph A. Lucchese Funeral Home.

For the last 18 years, Robert Ruggiero, the previous owner of the 135-year-old funeral business bearing the family name, had hosted the event.

The popular tradition

included an outdoor candle-light memorial service with a Christmas Tree lightings under a gigantic tent in the parking lot of the funeral home on Morris Park Avenue.

New owner Joe Lucchese continued the treasured community tradition, but with his own innovation: a memorial mass at Our Lady of Solace across the street from the funeral home, followed by a small reception in a main salon at the funeral home.

"Over the course of our first year, we've handled funerals for stillborn babies, as well as for people well over 100 years old," said Lucchese.

The mass was open to all denominations, who had one thing in common, he said: "They had lost someone close to them."

"And this is the most difficult time of year, regardless of the age or religion of the person who died," he noted. "So I'm hoping that the mass helps make it a little easier for people to celebrate the holidays."

The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Anthony Badillo, the administrator of Our Lady of Solace-St Dominic parish, assisted by Fr. Gnanapragasam Anthonypillai, the parochial vicar.

It included several specially selected musical/vocal accompaniments, beginning with the poignant entrance processional, "All I ask of You" (... is to remember me, as loving you).

Young Adriana and Alexandra Lucchese read scriptural passages from Isaiah and Revelations.

During the "Light of



Photo by Patricio Robayo

Attendees held red candles, a symbol of their passing loved one.

Remembrance" ceremony, the names of 175 departed loved ones, were read by Joseph Lucchese and Sr. Kathleen Donohue, OSU, as members of the congrega-

tion approached the altar in procession. Each carried a candle and lit it from the flame of the Paschal Candle before returning to their seat.

Fr. Badillo reminded everyone that the Paschal Candle is symbolic of the new life when people transition from this earthly one.



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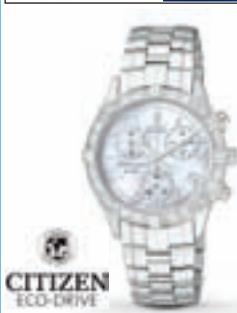
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# BOROBEAT



by Bob  
"KAPPY"  
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Herewith our holiday Naughty and Nice list, earning candy canes or coal:

## NAUGHTY

Boy, this is an easy one this year:

• Soon-to-be ex-Assembly-woman **Naomi Rivera**.

Snooki already took her lumps of coal this year, first with a big scandal over putting her boy-toys on public payrolls, with one saying he had no qualifications to run a non-profit she pumped tons of funding into, while her current lad supposedly held a full-time job in Brooklyn while paid as a staffer. Investigations are now underway.

Then she - at least some supporters maybe - launched a rather nasty campaign against primary challenger **Mark Gjonaj**, but lost big time when he not only outspent her, but outfoxed her by having a lawyer to go to bat for tenants facing a major rent hike at Tracey Towers, her supposed "voting stronghold" that delivered mega-votes for Mark.

• **Pedro Espada**. What can we say, after all these years of enjoying so much ink from the Wascally Wabbit's hijinks, both as a state senate shakedown artist and sticky-fingered head of Soundview Healthcare. The Wabbit finally lost his Teflon coating in federal court, heading off to the pokey in January.

• Ex-Councilman **Larry Seabrook**. Bagel Larry as he was being called after turning a \$7 bagel sandwich and Snapple into a \$177 expense account, could wind up a cellmate with the Wabbit after also heading off to *Chez Fed*, convicted of pumping \$1.5 mil in city funding into do-nothing non-profits run by his mistress, family and pals.

## NAUGHTY - AND NICE?

Oh that Jeff Klein! Depending on where you stand, Senator Jeff pulled off the political coup of the decade, forming a coalition government between GOP leader Dean Skelos' crew and Jeff's Independent Democratic Conference, adding former Dem

Majority Leader Malcolm Smith as a fifth - and minority group - member.

He basically snatched victory and Senate leadership away from Senate Dems, who could end up with a 33-30 ELECTED majority, depending on final vote counts in two close upstate races.

The Democratic naysayers are grumbling the coup deprives voters of their duly elected Dem majority - and freezes out black and Latino legislators.

But Jeff argues they mucked it up anyway when they held last held power (ever so briefly), and still remain a fractured and fractious body unable to pass any real legislation.

Big question now is whether Skelos and Klein can sell raising the minimum wage, changing a marijuana-possession law that's led to numerous stop-and-frisk arrests and other hot-button issues to conservative Republicans who have to face the voters come election time.

## NICE:

• All those folks who volunteer their time and energy on local civic groups, precinct councils, community boards and other organizations that work to better their local community. You know who you are!

• Borough President **Ruben Diaz Jr.** already scratched one holiday present from his Santa's list - running for city Public Advocate. But we'll give him a candy cane for plugging away as the borough's number one booster, despite some grueling poverty and the highest jobless rate in the state.

And we'll see what the city Economic Development Corp. leaves under this tree to finally fill the long vacant Kingsbridge Armory....

• Councilman **Jimmy Vacca**. While Ruben may have been the Grinch, stealing a potential run for boro prez from the Energizer Bunny of the east Bronx, Jimmy keeps on going, setting the gold standard for others in public office.

## JIMMY'S LOSS

And speaking of Vacca, with Ruben now likely to stick around for another two four-year terms as borough president, that puts the kibosh on any plans Jimmy had to run for BP next year.

While he can join a crowded field eyeing the council Speaker's job next year, Jimmy will still be term-limited out of office after his next term, leaving him with four years in legislative limbo.

If Ruben HAD run for Public Advocate, Jimmy was seriously weighing a run for BP.

He could still be eying one eight years from now, but like ex-BP Adolfo Carrion, being out of the public eye for a couple of years can make it a helluva lot tougher to climb back on the bandwagon.

One Bronx Dem Party insider suggested - *we think* tongue-in-cheek - that Jimmy might trade jobs with local Assemblyman Mike Benedetto.

If that unlikely event ever DOES occur, remember you read

it here first....

## MAKING THE ROUNDS

We'd almost forgot the Bronx has a new congressman, until **Charlie Rangel** showed up last Friday at the NYC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce annual banquet at Maestro's.

Also joining a platoon of electeds showing their props, former Board of Ed president/city Comptroller/mayoral hopeful **Bill Thompson**, who's recently been seriously cranking up making the rounds.

## BRONX BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 11 - Rosita Dolores Alverio (actress Rita Moreno).  
Dec. 14 - Assemblyman Jose Rivera.

## COFFEE TAWK

Bronx Dem Party Boss **Carl Heastie** meeting with GOP County Boss **Jay Savino** at the Pelham Diner.

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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

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# Montefiore nurses featured in "The American Nurse"

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

A dozen nurses from Montefiore Medical Center have a place of honor in a new book about nurses and their dedication.

"The American Nurse" features 75 profiles of nurse from across the U.S., including Montefiore's.

"I had a personal experience with a nurse that was really profound for me," said Carolyn Jones, a New York City photojournalist and author. "She gave me chemo and I thought this would be an amazing way to thank her. I care a lot about health care in this country, and nurses are extraordinary people."

She and her team chose the Bronx because it is one of the hungriest places in the U.S.

"The Bronx is the place where there is more hunger than any other place in the U.S.," she said. "It's where my education began. Every notion about what I was going to do and who I

would be meeting flew out the window. It taught me about nurses, what they think and feel."

Maureen Eisele, a Montefiore nurse for 30 years, said she was honored to be in the book.

"What we do every day is we make a difference in people's lives, and it's an honor to do that - and I get paid to do that," Eisele said.

"I think part of the reason the book is important is because even though we all do different things, we all share a common denominator," said Eisele, who works in pediatric dialysis with children with kidney disease.

Bronx native Brenden Hunt has been a nurse at Montefiore for 15 years grew up learning first hand what it means to take care of someone, as his mom developed multiple sclerosis.

"I didn't start out to become a nurse," Hunt said. "Being a male I just didn't consider it. I had

some friends in the field and they said it was great. I am grateful to those friends because it has been an excellent career for me. I also think I became a nurse because of my mom. Growing up and helping to take care of her I learned a lot about the body and how it works, it interested me."

Jones said one of the stronger impressions she will take away from the project is experiencing end-of-life care.

"Before this assignment, I never spent much time thinking about it," Jones said. "In this country we don't talk about death. We don't see people die and we don't talk about it with any ease at all. We come into this world with an enormous fan fare and leave it kind of sad and alone. Every nurse is dealing with death and end of life issues, it is just part of their day. They have such a great understanding about what it means. It certainly has changed the way I want

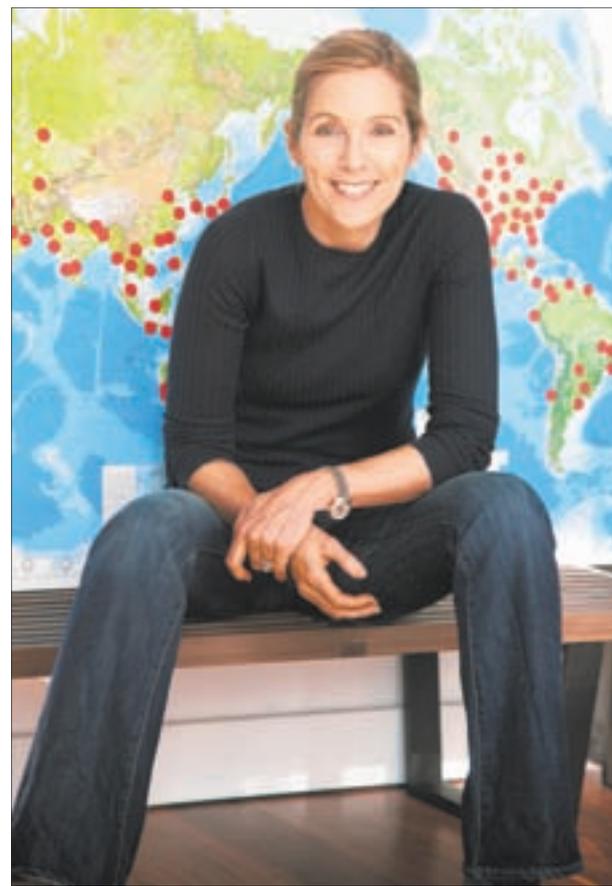
to leave this world."

Jones said what she hopes to accomplish by publishing this book is informing the public of the important work that nurses do, which sometimes goes unnoticed.

"I hope that we as a public understand the value of listening to nurses," Jones said. "That we can raise their voice to a level where people can hear them and let them help us fix the health care system.

"I just want us to listen to them. They can help us change things. I also want to make people want to be nurses. I met women who decided they wanted to be nurses when they were 50 years old. It's an enormous reward and I hope people are inspired by the book and choose to take that path."

*The American Nurse, published by Welcome Books. For more information, go to [american-nurseproject.com](http://american-nurseproject.com).*



'American Nurse' photojournalist Carolyn Jones.

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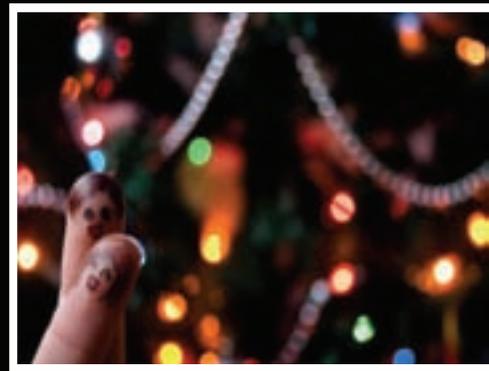
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By Camille Sperrazza

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# Bronx **beat**

## BCA presents The Art of Losing

Presented by the Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Writers Center, In Progress: The Art of Losing, a free, hands-on workshop, is scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2012, 6:30-8:30pm at the future home of the Bronx Council on the Arts (2700 E Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461, in the Westchester Square section of the Bronx.) Admission is free and all are welcome. Reserve your seat at <http://bronxwriters12172012.eventbrite.com/>.

In Progress is a series of free monthly events for writers and readers at the future headquarters of the Bronx Council on the Arts in Westchester Square.

This two-hour workshop begins at 6:30 with a half-hour of Speed Writing. Meet other writers

and respond to short writing prompts. From 7:00-8:30pm The Art of Losing: Everyone experiences loss and the holidays are a time when these feelings surface. In this workshop, we will work on reading and writing essays about loss, personal and otherwise. Poets, memoirists and fiction writers are welcome. This is a hands-on workshop. Be prepared to participate! All are welcome! Bring a notebook, a pen and your creative energy. Maria Romano, Director of the Bronx Writers Center, writer and teacher, leads this workshop.

Maria Romano is the Director of the Bronx Writers Center. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Yale University and a Masters in Fine Arts in Creative Writing from the New

School. She is a creative writing teacher at Fordham University's Science and Technology Entry Program for middle and high school students and a volunteer at the nationally recognized non-profit, Girls Write Now. She has also worked as an Academic Director for Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions and as a Sales and Production Manager at Avon Books (now part of Harper Collins.) A Bronx-bred, award-winning writer of short stories, essays, she is currently working on a novel.

The Bronx Writers Center's 2012-2013 workshop series, In Progress, is posted on BCA's website at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org). For additional information call 718-931-9500 x21.

## 4th annual Battle of the Boroughs

Greene Space recently announced its 4th annual Battle of the Boroughs and is currently accepting submissions.

While the group typically asks for submissions in the form of a recording, this year, they are piloting live auditions on Sunday, December 16 from 11 am to 6 pm.

Auditions will be held at The Bronx Museum at 1040 Grand Concourse, with the space generously donated by the museum.

Beginning in February, and continuing on the First Friday of every month through July, contestants from a select borough will perform in front of a live studio audience, bringing their best for a spot in the Battle's semi-final round.

Five winners will be selected by the live studio audience, online and mobile audiences watching via live webcast.

The following Monday, voting will move on to a two

week-long online/mobile-only round, where votes will be accepted at [www.thegreenspace.org](http://www.thegreenspace.org) or by texting an artist's code to '69866.'

Borough winners will be posted on The Greene Space's official website, Facebook and Twitter.

From there, one act from each borough will compete in the Ultimate Battle, where the Ultimate Winner will be selected by the in-studio audience and a luminary panel of judges.

## Fordham Road Literacy Program

Councilman Joel Rivera and the Fordham Road Business Improvement District launched the Fordham Road Literacy Program at the Sparkling the Heart of Fordham Holiday Lighting Event on Friday, Dec. 7 in Muller Park at East Fordham Road and Creston Avenue.

With funding for the Literacy Project provided by

Rivera, 4000 books will be distributed at several activities and special events hosted by the Fordham Road BID.

The BID will partner up with local youth organizations and learning centers for additional special events and activities.

"It begins with a book. Children engaged in fun, age appropriate books encour-

age them to increase not only their reading levels but also their vocabulary and grammar," said Rivera. "With the help of the Literacy Project more children in our communities will be able to submerge themselves in new adventures, fantasies, and expand their imagination by simply opening a book."



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The Bronx Red Hat Roses look red hot, posing with first responders from Engine Company 89. The Roses, led by Queen Ann Marie Correale met with first responders during their Christmas party at Spoto's Restaurant at 4005 E. Tremont Ave. on December 4th. Members purchased 25 Christmas presents to be donated to the first responders' toy drive. This is the Bronx Red Hat Roses third year donating gifts and they promise to keep doing it for "years to come."

## KLEIN HOSTS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

A surprise visit from Santa Claus brought smiles to the faces of children and their families at Senator Jeff Klein's annual Christmas tree lighting at Williamsbridge Road and Esplande Avenue on Thursday, December 6. Klein helped ring in the holiday spirit by lighting the public tree, that will be on display until January.

(Below) Santa Claus surprises children of the community with gifts.



Photo by Aracelis Batista



Photo by Patricio Robayo

## RENAISSANCE GALA BENEFIT FOR JMC

Doctors, nurses, and staff of Jacobi Medical Center and North Central Bronx Hospital danced and mingled the night away at the annual Renaissance Gala held at the Villa Barone Manor on Thursday, December 6. The dinner honors nominated staff with lifetime achievement awards. Guests were treated to a posh meal, musical entertainment, artistry and a silent auction.

Pictured are William Walsh, Executive Director of Jacobi and NCBH; Stephen Factor, MD; Robert Rampino; Ulrich Schubart, MD; Hilary Gooden-Richards; Carmen Velasquez; Rosanne Barile, High Boothe; John Patrick Dibbini; Joanne Grimes; and Anthony Mockler.



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## EDGEWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTALLATION DINNER

Edgewater Park volunteer Fire Department held its officer installation dinner at Patricia's on E. Tremont Avenue on Friday, December 7. Volunteer firefighters with the department were awarded promotions.

## MG MILLER OPENS PELHAM BAY JEWELRY STORE

He's still in the neighborhood. Mike 'MG' Miller, once a staple at LJI Jewelers for 17 years, went out on his own, opening the brand new MG Miller Jewelers at 3025 Middletown Road. Miller, a Bronx native, decided to stick around in the Bronx, serving neighbors who lovingly refer to him as "The Watch Guy."

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## HOLIDAY FLEA MARKET HELD AT PRESTON

Preston High School held a flea market on Saturday, Dec. 8. The Catholic girls high school hosted the event so those in the community who needed to finish their Christmas and holiday shopping could do so. The flea market featured home made baked goods, nail polishing, and holiday items galore.

(right) Michelle Cruz shows off some of the holiday novelty items for sale.

(Below) Displaying homemade baked goods for sale are (l-r) Theresa Rossini, Danielle Reyes, Ali Reyes and Kimmy Lucadamo.

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## PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL HOST TURKEY GIVEAWAY



Photo courtesy of Walter Pofeldt

Joe Silvestri from Silvestri Carpets at 2810 Coddington Avenue donated 25 turkeys to Preston Center of Compassion on Wednesday, Nov. 21. Silvestri is pictured on the far right, next to Sister Patricia Warner, director of Preston Center. Also pictured are students from Preston High School and the Throggs Neck community who are part of Preston Center's Big Sister Little Sister program. Families received the turkeys in time for Thanksgiving.

## WESTCHESTER SQUARE LIBRARY DRESSES UP WINDOW



Photo courtesy of WSZIO

Deck the window! The Westchester Square Zerega Improvement Organization once again provided holiday-themed decorations at a window display outside of the Westchester Square Branch of the New York Public Library. The display, visible outside of the branch, included ornaments and children's books.

WSZIO co-founder Sandi Lusk stands in front of this year's display (insert).

## BEATLES TRIBUTE AT NICKY'S BEER GARDEN



Photo by Laura Stone

The Fab Four made a stop at Nicky's Beer Garden at 3392. Paul McCartney (Jim Miller), Ringo Starr (AJ Defeo), George Harrison (Chris Colon), John Lennon (Jon Farris) all played some great classic from the Beatles era from the 1960s and 70s. They made a stop at the bar on Dec. 7, a day before the anniversary of John Lennon's death.

# Bronx Chamber celebrates holiday season



'Tis' the season to give and that's what Bronxites are doing. They came far and wide to Split Rock Golf Course in Pelham Bay to donate dolls, action figures and more at the annual Holiday Coat & Toy Drive. Sponsored by The Bronx Chamber of Commerce, the venue benefitted those impacted by Superstorm Sandy by spreading a little holiday cheer and warm coats. The chamber collected toys on behalf of Santa Comes to Town and the Police Athletic League in Queens, who plan to give toys to needy kids from Rockaway, Queens on Dec. 15. Folks dropped by the chamber event, members mingled and the drive was an overall success.

(background)Transformers toys, Barbie dolls and Play-doh sets are just some of the fun toys donated to the drive.

(Top Left) Bronx Chamber staffers Gabrielle Rodriguez and Michelle Dolgow Cristofaro stand next to a bundle of new toys ready to be sent to needy kids.

(Left middle) To Infinity and Beyond! Michelle Dolgow Cristofaro (l) of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce shows off a Toy Story playset and Barbie doll with guests Sandra and Clarence Lildharrie.

(Left bottom) Bronx Chamber of Commerce President Lenny Caro (c) is in the holiday spirit, clad in a red tie to mark the festive occasion. He's joined by Bronx Chamber of Commerce chair Joe Kelleher Chairman (l) and Lou Grosso, president of Kingston Block.

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# Calvary receives donations from family

On Sunday, December 2, Calvary Hospital celebrated a significant milestone with long-time supporter, the Knights of Columbus Mary Queen of Peace Council 4521. Following a Mass in memory of Alfonso J. Corcillo, who passed away in August 2012 at Calvary, the Hospital accepted a check for \$140,000 from Alice Bieder and Marion Corcillo in memory of their late hus-

bands, Robert and Al, respectively.

Mr. Bieder and Mr. Corcillo were founding members of Mary Queen of Peace, one of 26 neighborhood councils in the Bronx and Manhattan that comprise the New York Chapter Knights of Columbus.

Over the years, as a result of their extraordinary commitment to the hospital's mission, Calvary has

received a number of major gifts. These gifts have ensured that the hospital's extensive range of palliative care services and programs continue to be available

to patients and family members who need them most.

"For more than three decades, the New York Chapter Knights of Columbus has supported Calvary by making us the principal ben-



(L-r) Alice Bieder, widow of Robert F. Bieder, founding member, Mary Queen of Peace Council; ♂ Frank A. Calamari, President and CEO, Calvary; and Marion Corcillo, widow of Alfonso J. Corcillo, founding member, Mary Queen of Peace Council.

## St. Barnabas doctor reaches dream

When Dr. Rebecca Aleck finishes speaking before a group, there very often isn't a dry eye in the house.

The second year Internal Medicine resident at St. Barnabas Hospital talks about achieving one's dreams, despite the obstacles. And she speaks from personal experience.

A sickly child, she was so inspired by a doctor who cared for her at the age of seven, that she decided she would become one. For a bright child, growing up in the Midwest, it was a worthwhile ambition. Only life got in the way – over and over again.

Rebecca's parents split up when she was a teenager and she went to live with her mother. Things didn't work out and she ended up in foster care at the age of 16. When she was 18 and had aged out of foster care, she was unceremoniously booted out of the system to live on her own without any money or support. She was homeless for a time, living on the streets. It wasn't long before she had two children, born two years apart. When her youngest child was just two weeks old, she took the kids and left their father, a man who was physically abusive to her.

"Money was always a problem," she said, "but I never forgot my dream to be a doctor. I'd be lying on the bedroom floor crying at times, but I'd get off the floor and go back to studying even if it meant finding time at 3 in the morning."

She held various sec-

retarial and bookkeeping jobs, and proved to be a fast learner in everything she did. Eventually reconnecting with her own father, she moved to Bentonville, Arkansas, where he now lived. She worked her way up the management ladder at Walmart's headquarters, but never took her eye off the ball. She returned to school, graduating from community college in 2005 and the University of Arkansas in 2007 as a pre-med student. At times, it was tough and go. She depended on scholarships, having received a Pell Grant, but faced the reality of running out of money and dropping out of school. But she managed to dodge that bullet – getting a scholarship at the last minute – and making ends meet by selling wedding cakes out of her home (a skill she had picked up from her mother as a young child).

She eventually chose a medical school in a small town in northeast Missouri for one reason – "It was a good place to be a single mother in medical school. It was also boring there and there was nothing else to do except study."

In 2011, at the age of 41, she graduated from medical school and chose to do her residency in the Bronx where "you see everything and get the kind of medical training I couldn't get back home." Since arriving at St. Barnabas Hospital, she's made it a point to speak before various groups who could benefit from the message she offers. Last May,

she spoke at a fundraising luncheon at the Saving Grace Foundation before children who had aged out of the foster care system, as well as the organization's donors. She burns to speak before other groups, whether they consist of children or single mothers who can see for themselves that an indomitable spirit can overcome almost anything.

"I think the best thing to come out of all this hard work is to see the pride in my children's eyes when they tell people about what they have seen me do, and they also know if they want to achieve a dream, it just takes hard work and diligence," Dr. Aleck said. "They too can achieve anything they want."

Not so long ago, she got a call from her daughter, who is now 22 and a college student, from the mall she works at in Arkansas. Her daughter told her she had someone who wanted to talk to her. It was a young woman Rebecca had taught organic chemistry to back home and had expressed similar ambitions. The two also shared something else: both women had suffered at the hands of physically abusive men.

"The girl had seen my daughter's name tag and asked if we were related. When she found out I was her mother, she asked my daughter if she could talk to me," said Dr. Aleck. "When she got on the phone, she told me that she had just been accepted at medical school."

eficiary of their year-round fundraising efforts," said Frank A. Calamari, President and CEO, Calvary.

"There is no way that we would have been able to help as many people at this sacred time of their lives, if it had not been for the generosity and vision of men like

Bob and Al. We are deeply grateful for their vigilance and deep love of our mission."

Mr. Corcillo and Mr. Bieder were long-time residents of -- and dedicated community leaders -- in the Bronx. Their commitment and financial stewardship

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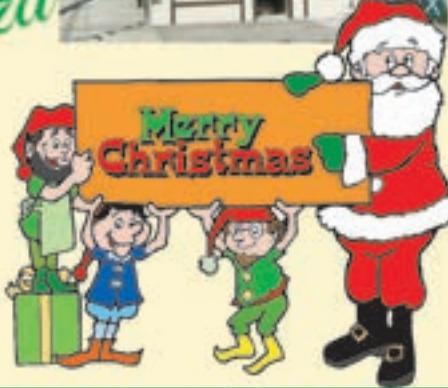
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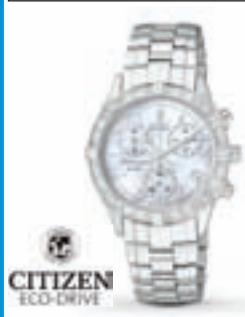
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# Bronx schools

## Scanlan holds College Fair

On Friday, November 16, the Monsignor Scanlan Guidance Department hosted the very first College Fair for its sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Eighteen colleges from all around came together to recruit and inform Scanlan students about college and all that comes with the college experience.

The students enjoyed meeting representatives from such colleges as Iona College, Syracuse Universi-

ty, Manhattanville College, and St. John's University.

"It was a great opportunity to see other options I can choose from that can lead me to a better future," explained junior, Elizabeth Martinez.

The First Annual Monsignor Scanlan College Fair was a success with much room to grow in the future. The college recruiters found the experience extremely productive and timely. College representatives were

able to see a large number of students in an efficient manner. A unique feature of this fair was its inclusion of underclassmen. The guidance department integrated the college process throughout students four years at Msgr. Scanlan, so adding an in-house college fair was a natural progression.

The guidance department and students at Msgr. Scanlan High School are already discussing next year's College Fair.

## MCU scholarships available

The Municipal Credit Union, which sponsors the award-winning Bronx School for Law, Government & Justice's debate team, is now accepting applications for its 2013 scholarships.

The credit union will award \$66,000 in scholarship grants in 2013: eight memorial scholarship grants of \$5,000 each and 13 grants of \$2,000 each.

The scholarships are offered to college-bound graduating high school seniors.

They are open to an MCU member, or a child or a grandchild of a member in good standing.

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Students applying for the scholarships who are also MCU members will also automatically be entered for a \$500 statewide Public Relations and Marketing Council Scholarship.

"MCU is deeply committed both to giving back to our community and to investing in our young people and their educa-

tion. Our scholarship program is one way we are achieving these objectives and also recognizing and rewarding outstanding academic efforts of the youth of our community," said MCU President and CEO Kam Wong.

"We hope our scholarships will enable these students to achieve their goals and succeed in their future endeavors."

Applications are available on MCU's website, [www.nymcu.org](http://www.nymcu.org) and also at any MCU branch.

The deadline for completed applications to be submitted is Jan. 17, 2013.

MCU will hold a special awards reception in the spring of 2013 to recognize the eight \$5,000 scholarship winners.

The scholarships are part of MCU's long-standing, larger corporate commitment to youth education and financial literacy across New York City.

As part of this commitment, MCU awards scholarships and valedictorian/salutatorian recognition awards to graduating high school seniors and also sponsors the award-winning Bronx School for Law, Government & Justice's debate team.

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Children at Monroe College's Christmas celebration meet Mr. and Mrs. Clause.

## Monroe College Holiday Party

More than 1,000 people attended Monroe College's annual Holiday Party for the college community on Sunday, December 2.

The celebration included many of the children's favorite characters, face painting, fun tattoos, sweets, a clown, gifts for every child, and of course Santa Claus.

Staffed by dozens of

volunteers from the Monroe staff and faculty, the party has become an annual tradition at the college.

"It is truly a treat to see the faces of the children light up as they make their way through King Hall, which our staff decorated as a Winter Wonderland from the front doors all the way through the corridors and

into the gym" said Monroe President Stephen Jerome. "Holiday time is a time for sharing and what better way than to bring the Monroe family together? This kind of event is what makes Monroe College unique and while it does take some commitment, the smiles on the children and their parents make it all worth it."

## Giving thanks the Scanlan way

This year, the different clubs at Scanlan not only followed the tradition of raffling off Thanksgiving Baskets to the students and faculty as a way of saying "thank you" for all of their support throughout the school year, they have also decided to take this tradition to another level.

Through the kindness, generosity, and caring hearts of the Scanlan family, the clubs collected a total of eighteen Thanksgiving Baskets for many needy people in and around our community. So many individuals worked so hard to

make this happen in such a brief amount of time. Baskets were created for people in local nursing homes such as Throgs Neck Extended Care Facility and Providence Rest, local church communities, and even to a husband and wife who will soon be parents of a baby girl. They lost everything at their home in Staten Island due the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy.

Scanlanites truly came together in realizing that caring, generosity, and goodwill should extend outside our front doors. On Monday, November 19 all of the bas-

kets were on display during our beautiful Thanksgiving Liturgy and were distributed later that afternoon to the different individuals by the school's Student Council board members: Lisbeth Parra-president, Abigail Sintim-vice-president, Tiffany Henry-secretary, Kiana Hill-treasurer, Jessica Castillo-historian, and Mark Colon-senior advisor. All students involved had the opportunity to see that dedication to charity is truly a blessing. It is hoped that Scanlanites will carry on with this beautiful tradition in years to come.



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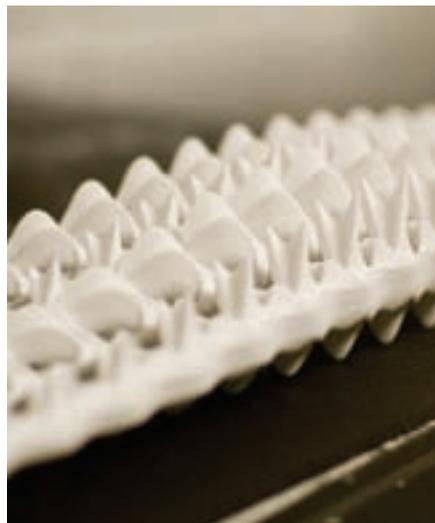
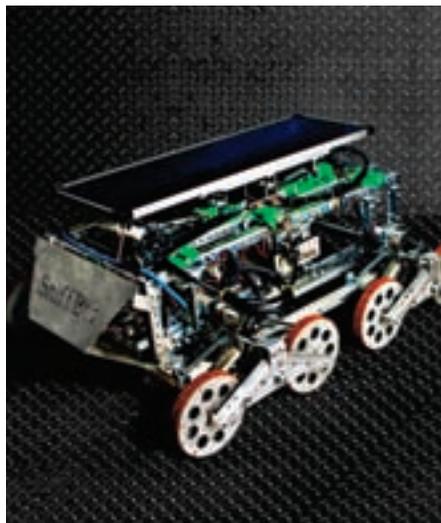
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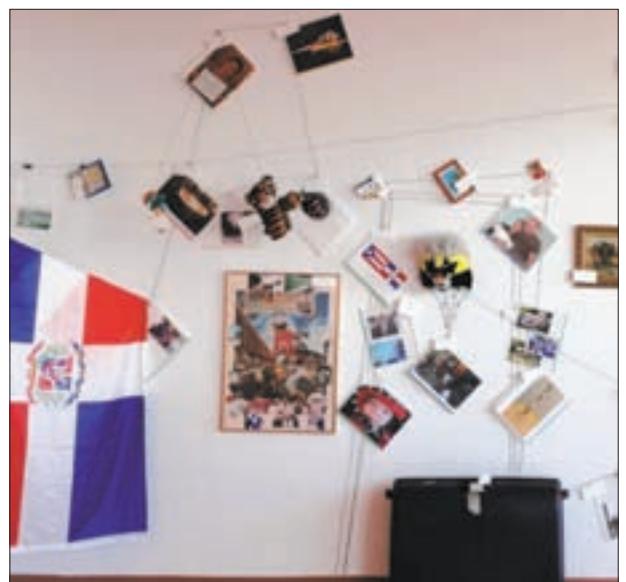
## Holiday celebration of HOME at Casita Maria

On December 15, 2012, from 12:00 to 5:00pm, the members of the South Bronx community met at the Casita Maria Gallery to celebrate the concept of HOME through music, visual arts and food. Welcome HOME: Closing Reception and Holiday Celebration is the culminating celebration of HOME, an exhibition that opened on October 6 as part of the South Bronx Culture Trail, a 2-year initiative, produced by Casita Maria Center for Arts & Education and Dancing in the Streets, celebrating the rich cultural history of the South Bronx. Welcome HOME is free and open to everyone.

The closing reception of HOME invites the public to celebrate the final product of the exhibition, which features over 100 objects brought by members of the Casita Maria community that answer the question "What does home mean to you?" The exhibition also includes community art projects by Sonia Louise Davis, Housing is a Human Right, James Rojas, Floating Lab's Mobile Museum Project and Jasmine Murrell. Welcome HOME, will present live performances by Bobby Sanabria and La Bruja and a screening of the video West Side Story Upside Down, Sideways, Backwards and Out of Fo-

cus by artist ADAL. There will be free hors d'oeuvres and refreshments for the public. "HOME can be anywhere and take any shape or form: as a person, a location, within an object or perhaps just a place in one's heart. It can represent shelter, refuge and strength or longing, loss and separation. There is though, one universal meaning of home: it is something that can only be defined by individual perception. For this reason, Casita Maria has invited its community to collaborate with us to create HOME together", explained Christine Licata, curator of the HOME exhibition.

Welcome HOME: Closing Reception and Holiday Celebration is supported by The Rockefeller Foundation's NYC Cultural Innovation Fund, with additional support from Bloomberg Philanthropies, Con Edison, the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, The New York Community Trust, The New York Yankees, and Residency Unlimited. Casita Maria is located at 928 Simpson Street, Bronx, NY. For more information please call Aisha Jordan at (718)589-2230 x6193 or send an e-mail to [ajordan@casitamaria.org](mailto:ajordan@casitamaria.org).



Jasmine Murrell Home Installation.

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# Upcoming Wave Hill events

FRI, DECEMBER 21; SAT., DECEMBER 22 MEDITATION AT WAVE HILL: A HOLIDAY RESPITE: During this busy holiday season, take a moment to release stress, breathe and reconnect with your inner self. Whether sitting on the floor or a chair, learn simple meditation techniques, training your mind to be more focused and aware. Each session includes instruction in simple techniques like watching the breath, mantra repetition, and awareness-training followed by 20 minutes of meditation. Led by Yoga for Bliss director Neem Dewji and instructor and long-

time meditator Lea Tenneriello. \$15 Member/\$23 Non-member. All levels welcomed. Registration recommended, online at [www.wavehill.org](http://www.wavehill.org), by calling 718.549.3200 x305 or on-site at the Perkins Visitor Center. Drop-ins will be accommodated as space permits. This series concludes December 22. GLYNDOR HOUSE, 10 to 11:15 a.m.

SAT, DECEMBER 22; SUN., DECEMBER 23 FAMILY ART PROJECT—GLITTERY GIFT BASKETS: Make a basket from unusual materials for a lovely, seasonal container or work of art. We'll show you how to transform and

recycle an ordinary carton into something fantastic using sparkles, gems and more. Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon. ECOLOGY BUILDING, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUN, DECEMBER 23 GARDEN AND CONSERVATORY HIGHLIGHTS WALK: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights. Free with admission to the grounds. MEET AT PERKINS VISITOR CENTER, 2PM

Wave Hill is located at 675 West 252nd Street. For further information call (718) 549-3200 ext. 232.

ITEM: Just Nuts Party Band has been chosen as the touring band for Billboard charting singer and songwriter Ron Rogers; more about this news in 2013.

ITEM: Singer/songwriter Jack Serra Lima just did his third annual Christmas show at the famous Starving Artist Gallery in City Island.

ITEM: Caught some of Tony T's Jazz Quartet over at the Atrium restaurant at Doral Arrowood.

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## rock on the bronx

by Fish Altieri

ITEM: I've released my first eBook called "BandLand". It's a fictional music-melodrama novella about two local rock bands in a small town. One band is good, the other is evil. The group's battle each other to see which band is the best in the land while vying for the creative and romantic attentions of a gorgeous female piano prodigy. The eBook is exclusive to Amazon for only 99 cents. Go Amazon and Search BandLand. It's written under my pen name Joseph Anthony Junior.

OVERHEARD IN A BRONX BAR: "I can't believe it's almost New Year's Eve again."

ITEM: Great New Year's Eve parties will be had all over The Bronx and beyond. Some of the 2013 celebrations this column knows of already include: "900 Park" located at 900 Morris Park Avenue, Nicky's Beer Garden at 3392 East Tremont Avenue and The Surf Club located at 280 Davenport Avenue New Rochelle NY.

ITEM: Singer/songwriter Rich Deans at The Scott Place Café Sunday Music Showcase and buffet on Sunday December 16th. Rich will be doing two sets between 3pm and 6pm. Rock on. Rock out.

## Bronx Symphony Orchestra concert

This coming Saturday at 2:30pm, the Bronx Symphony Orchestra and the Bronx Library Center present "Music for the Holidays", a concert featuring the orchestral sounds of the season.

On the program are ex-

cerpts from Handel's "Messiah", Bach's Suite No. 2 for Flute and Strings, Corelli's Christmas Concerto, as well as traditional holiday favorites.

In addition, there will be three jazz arrangements of holiday songs, written

for saxophone and strings! Admission is free.

The Bronx Library Center is located on 310 East Kingsbridge Road, just off of Fordham Road, and is accessible by the Bx 12 Bus. For more information, call (718) 579-4244.

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 \*7:30-6PM = \$220(mem) / \$240(non)

\*\$30 late fee charged added when you register on or after Saturday, December 22nd. A recent medical form must be on file for your child to attend in accordance to DOH standards.

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## BRONX YMCA

### New Americans Welcome Center

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- Raffles



**WHEN & WHERE:**

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# Operation Kathy's Kids

Bronx-Manhattan North Association of Realtors (BMAR) and the Bronx and Staten Island YMCAs are working together to bring joy during the holiday season to families living in the Bronx and Staten Island affected by Super Storm Sandy.

Each year, members and friends attending BMAR's Holiday Party donate new unwrapped toys for underprivileged children. According to Richard Guarino, 2013 BMAR President, ERG Property Advisors, "Donating Christmas and Chanukah gifts are a good way of making the spirit of the holiday season memorable to children less fortunate than our own, especially this year."

For this Holiday Season Kathy Zamechansky, 2013 BMAR President-Elect, KZA Realty Group, Inc. stated "There is no place like home" and suggested that all toys collected or bought

should go to the families in the Bronx and Staten Island. Her suggestion led to the launching of "Operation Kathy's Kids."

BMAR's Holiday Party on December 5, 2012 was a smash and hundreds of toys were dropped off by the guests attending the biggest Holiday Party in town. Many of the guests also donated money to be used to purchase additional toys. Ray Negron, author of Yankee Miracle stated "I came to hit a grand slam for Operation Kathy's Kids." Ray signed many copies of his book and a portion of each sale will go to Operation Kathy's Kids.

Newly elected Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda also attended and stated "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. How can you not be moved by what is being done here tonight?" The Assemblyman committed to donating toys and coats to Operation Kathy's Kids.

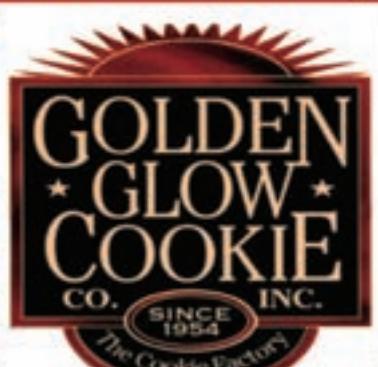
Operation Kathy's Kids will continue to accept donations of new unwrapped toys until December 20th. Five drop-off locations have been established and will be accepting donations Monday to Friday from 9 am until 4:30 pm. The locations are located at: Bronx Manhattan North Association of Realtors (BMAR), 1867 Williamsbridge Road; and the Bronx YMCA, 2 Castle Hill Avenue.

If you are a family living in the Bronx or Staten Island and would like to receive a gift from Operation Kathy's Kids, contact your nearest drop-off location with a detailed letter stating your need and for whom the gift/s is/are for. All letters will be read, sorted and the sender will be notified when and where to go to pick-up their Christmas toy/s - gift/s. Of the letters received, 60 households will be picked to receive a home delivery of gifts on December 25.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: CASTLE ENTERPRISES OF THE BRONX, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/16/2012. Office location: Bronx County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him to C/O CASTLE ENTERPRISES OF THE BRONX, LLC, 1252 Stratford Avenue, Bronx, New York 10472. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: (Healthy Happy Children Medical Services), LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on (10/23/12). Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, (Healthy Happy Children Medical Services, P O Box 8201, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663). Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of LLC. Name of LLC: CJ DELLATORE TEXTILE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State 11/13/12. County of office location: Bronx County. Sec. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against corporation may be served. Sec. of State shall mail a copy of any such process to: Levi Lubarsky & Feigenbaum LLP, Attn: Terrence M. Bennett, 233 Broadway - Suite 2208, NY, NY 10279. Purpose(s): Any lawful purposes.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF BRONX  
Index No 12510/11  
VERONICA ABRAHAM,  
Plaintiff,  
against  
ALBERN GORDON,  
Defendant

Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of Trial. The basis of venue is the residence of plaintiff: 1020 East 230th Street, Bronx, NY 10466

SUMMONS WITH  
NOTICE  
ACTION FOR DIVORCE

To the above-named Defendant:  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the state, or within thirty (30) days after the completion of service where service is made in any other manner. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: Bronx, NY  
November 29, 2012  
Lorna A. McGregor  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Law Offices of Lorna A. McGregor  
769A East 236th Street  
Bronx, NY 10466  
718-324-2982

NOTICE: The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties, on the following grounds: DRL §170(7) - Irretrievable Breakdown in Relationship for at least Six months.

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Notice is hereby given that a license, serial #1267534 for beer, wine and liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in a catering establishment under the alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 135 Westchester Square, Bronx, NY 10461 for on-premises consumption; Julesruby Lounge Rental Inc.

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"Notice is hereby given that License Serial Number 1267341 for a Restaurant Wine License has been applied for by J & V Donuts Corp. to sell beer and wine at retail in a coffee shop/café under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 1786 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, NY for on-premises consumption.

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on October 9, 2012, bearing Index Number NC-000409-12/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Valerie (Last) Albello. My present name is (First) Valania (Last) Albello AKA Valerie Albello. My present address is 1965 Vyse Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460. My place of birth is Bronx, New York. My date of birth is August 13, 1989.

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on November 13, 2012, bearing Index Number NC-000474-12/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on December 7, 2012, bearing Index Number NC-000496-12/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Taylor (Middle) Chris (Last) Owens. My present name is (First) Taylor (Middle) Chris (Last) Graves AKA Taylor C. Graves AKA Taylor Graves (infant). My present address is 2014 Morris Avenue, Apt 3B, Bronx, NY 10453. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is November 07, 2003.

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on Dec. 6, 2012, bearing Index Number NC-000515-12/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Hunter (Middle) Joel (Last) Hyatt. My present name is (First) Hunter (Middle) Joel (Last) Hyatt Samuel (infant). My present address is 4307 Richardson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10466. My place of birth is Bronxville, Westchester, NY. My date of birth is September 08, 2011.

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 11/27/12, bearing Index Number NC-000495-12/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Bodhnarine (Middle) Persaud (Last) Bansi. My present name is (First) Bodhnarine (Last) Persaud AKA Ryan Persaud Bansi AKA Bodhnarine P. Bansi AKA Bodhnarine Bansi AKA Ryan P. Bansi. My present address is 101-41 118th Street, South Richmond Hill, NY 11419. My place of birth is Georgetown, Demerara, Guyana. My date of birth is July 17, 1974.

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 11/26/12, bearing Index Number NC-000498-12/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Philiba (Last) Sanogo. My present name is (First) Laye (Middle) Philiba (Last) Sanogo (infant). My present address is 814 Faile Street, Apt 2, Bronx, NY 10474. My place of birth is Manhattan, NY. My date of birth is November 07, 2011.

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ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
Attorneys for Secured  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit owners of the Parkchester South Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - REGGIE PEDRAZA, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated October 26, 2012, I will sell at public auction on January 14, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester South Condominium known as apartment 4C, in the building known as E-7 a/k/a 63, and by street address 1555 Odell Street, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 3795, in Block 3943 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0130 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium.

The amount due under the Judgment is \$12,194.04, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Citimortgage, Inc., in the original principal sum of \$140,000.00 with interest. Index No. 380207/10.

ALBERTO TORRES, ESQ., Referee  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY.  
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, Plif. vs. VALERIE B. ROMAN F/K/A VALERIE B. ROMAN-RIVERA A/K/A VALERIE ROMAN RIVERA, et al, Defts. Index #07-380786. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Feb. 10, 2009, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Jan. 7, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 738 East 242nd St., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 5114, Lot 62. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$314,699.66 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. CHRISTOPHER J. MARENGO, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Plif., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. File No. 26156 - #82048

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF  
BRONX

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AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE  
HOLDERS OF THE CSMC MORTGAGE-  
BACKED PASS - THROUGH  
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1

, Plaintiff,  
Against  
CARLOS NIETO, JR.; et al.  
, Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 10/26/2010, I, the undersigned

Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 1/7/2013 at 2:00 pm premises known as 735 Taylor Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473.

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of BRONX, City and State of New York. Block 3,598 Lot 56

Approximate amount of lien \$421,612.49 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 381747/08

David Peter Lesch, Esq., Referee.  
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES  
Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road ,  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Dated: 11/8/2012 File Number: 18564  
MNH

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF  
BRONX, EN RESOURCES LLC, Plaintiff, vs.  
SAN JOSE REALTY, LLC, ET AL.,  
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 24, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on January 14, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 614-616 East 180th Street, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3069 and Lot 80. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381824/08.

Mitchell First, Esq., Referee  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX  
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM, on behalf of the unit owners of the Parkchester North Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - WILLIAM BRACEY, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated October 10, 2012, I will sell at public auction on January 14, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester North Condominium known as apartment 5G, in the building known as N-6 a/k/a 106, and by street address 1507 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 2491, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0214 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$14,191.11, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Washington Mutual Bank, FA, in the original principal sum of \$81,000.00 with interest. Index No. 38028710. ALBERTO TORRES, ESQ., Referee OY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff  
828 South Broadway, Suite 100  
Tarrytown, NY 10591. (914) 591-7722

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 381652-10 Borough: Bronx Block: 5644 Lot: 375 NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs, vs. ANTONIO BARBUTO; FEDERICO BARBUTO; LUIS MARTINEZ, if living, or if he be dead, his wife, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through SAUL MARTINEZ, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective wives, or widows of his, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to Plaintiffs; The heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through THOMAS DAMINO, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective wives, or widows of his, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to Plaintiffs; DEBRA WAGNER; FRANK ROSA; The heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-

interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through JOHN ROSA, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective wives, or widows of his, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to Plaintiffs; DENNIS ROSA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE; NEW YORK CITY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORPORATION; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; PARK AUTO SALES, INC.; BRONX SUPREME COURT; 815 WESTCHESTER AVENUE LLC; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AND/OR MIDLAND FUNDING LLC D/B/A IN NEW YORK AS MIDLAND FUNDING OF DELAWARE LLC A/P/O CITIBANK; COMMISSIONER OF JURORS; PARAGON WAY INC. ASSIGNEE IN INTEREST TO NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS SERVICES, INC. SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO AT&T WIRELESS SERVICES INC.; METRO PORTFOLIOS, INC.; ERIN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC; NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; DERRICK OVERTON; JOSE M. SOTO and "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #100," the names of the last 100 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the lien premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the lien premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein. Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiffs' attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this supplemental summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Bronx County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises.

Dated: August 28, 2012 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing supplemental summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable Stanley Green, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated November 8, 2012, and filed with supporting papers in the Bronx County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as King Avenue, Bronx, New York and being a parcel of land designated as Block 5644 and Lot 375. The relief sought is the sale of the subject property at public auction in satisfaction of the tax lien. In case of

your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$99,723.06, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the property. Anthony J. Iacchetta Phillips Lytle LLP Office and Post Office Address 1400 First Federal Plaza Rochester, New York 14614  
Tel. No. (585) 238-2000

## LEGAL NOTICE

State of New York  
Supreme Court: County of Bronx  
Aurora Loan Services, LLC  
601 Fifth Avenue  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361  
Plaintiff, vs  
SUMMONS  
Original Filed With The Clerk on 2/13/08  
Index No.: 380265/08  
Mortgaged Premises: 2960 Marion Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458  
SBL# Block: 3285 Lot: 9  
Wayne Burke, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Nominee for Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, People of the State of New York, JOHN DOE (Said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises.)  
Defendant(s)

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
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You Are In Danger Of Losing Your Home  
If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

You must respond by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the plaintiff (mortgage company) and filing the answer with the court.

Bronx County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises foreclosed herein.  
DATED: February 11, 2008  
Steven J. Baum, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
220 Northpointe Parkway Suite G  
Amherst, NY 14228  
Tel.: 716-204-2400  
Help For Homeowners In Foreclosure

New York Sate law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Mortgage foreclosure

is a complex process. Some people may approach you about "saving" your home. You should be extremely careful about any such promises. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. There are government agencies, legal aid entities and other options in foreclosure. There are government agencies, legal aid entities and other non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about foreclosure while you are working with your lender during this process. To located an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BANKNYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us. The State does not guarantee the advice of these agencies.

## LEGAL NOTICE

SURROGATE'S COURT-BRONX COUNTY

CITATION  
File No. 2008-2369  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: Kimberly Brown whose whereabouts are unknown and after due diligence cannot be ascertained, if she be living and if she be dead, to her heirs at law, distributees, executors, administrators, creditors, lienors, her husband or successors in interest and to the unknown heirs at law and next of kin of Ernestyne C. Mann, deceased, if they be living, and if they be dead, to their Executors, Administrators, Creditors, and Lienors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest.

A petition having been duly filed by Loretta Y. Jones, who is domiciled at 156-20 Riverside Drive West, Apt. #3E, New York, New York 10032.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York, 10451 on Jan. 14, 2013 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the Estate of Ernestyne C. Mann lately domiciled at 2731 Kingsbridge Terrace, Bronx, New York 10463, Block: 3256 and Lot: 115; admitting to Probate a Will dated July 31, 2004, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Ernestyne C. Mann, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and why Loretta Y. Jones, who is nominated in said will or instrument to be the executor and who may claim executor's commissions and legal fees, if appointed, should not be issued letters thereon, and directing that LETTERS TESTAMENTARY issue to LORETTA Y. JONES.

Dated, Attested and Sealed,  
Nov. 27, 2012  
Hon. Lee L. Holzman  
Surrogate, Bronx County  
Michael P. Hausler  
Chief Clerk

This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner's attorney.

Attorney: Herbert Moreira-Brown, Esq.  
Tel. No. 917-328-3213  
Address: 4200 Hutchinson River Parkway East, Bronx, New York 10475.

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, Plaintiff against PARKVIEW AVENUE ESTATES, LLC, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated September 25, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 14th day of January, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, as map #1087 and as and by Lot #765 and 766 in Block 18, which said lots when taken together are more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Tremont Road as laid down on said map and the westerly side of Gainsborg Avenue as laid down on said map; being a plot 100 feet by 50 feet by 100 feet by 50 feet. Block: 4177 Lot: 28. Said premises known as 1701 PARKVIEW AVENUE, BRONX., NY. Approximate amount of lien \$ 59,868.50 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380487/10.

ROBERT I. GARDNER, ESQ., Referee.  
Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102,  
156 W 56 Street, NY 10019

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN,

Plaintiffs against JACQUELINE MCLEAN; JAMES A. ALEXANDER, et al Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on August 20, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 14th day of January, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of The Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 4944 and Lot 83 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map. Said premises known as DYRE AVENUE, BRONX, NY. Approximate amount of lien \$ 8,006.10 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380784/10.

WARREN L. COHEN, ESQ., Referee.  
Phillips Lytle LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs  
1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY 14614

## LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO LAW, that the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs will hold a Public Hearing on 12/19/2012 at 2:00 p.m. at 66 John Street, 11th floor, on a petition from Cakor Restaurant, Inc. to establish, maintain, and operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe at 632 East 186th Street in the Borough of Bronx for a term of two years.

BY LYNN GERBINO

Our thanks go to Captain James McGeown, the commanding officer of the 45th Precinct, and Captain Shawn Mason, the executive officer and Chrys Napolitano for being our guest speakers at our meeting. We learned much about safely getting through the holidays from the NYPD and much ado about mulching from Chrys...Thanks to you all!! I wanted to pass along a warning from the NYPD. It seems that a few Honda Civics in our area are without their tires as thieves are targeting those automobiles. Be careful as you can and Captain McGeown recommends that you put tire locks on your car!!

If you can send in your dues for next year, we would really appreciate it. Please send a \$10 check to: Throggs Neck Homeowners Association, PO Box 25, Throggs Neck Station, Bronx, New York 10465. Thanks...it will save us stamp money...

Some community news came in from Marianne Anderson, Administrator, Pelham Bay Park: "Orchard Beach reopened on December 5. We appreciate your patience over the past few weeks. Thanks to everyone for their support in our clean-up efforts. As many of

you know, the facility was hit hard by Hurricane Sandy. We had more than 60 large mature trees uprooted and toppled, and lots of hanging tree limbs to contend with. The beach and promenade needed to be cleaned and cleared of debris. The parking lot has been serving as a storm response site for government agencies, and as a collection site for large woody debris from throughout the borough. Although work will continue as tree debris is hauled off-site, we are able to set aside an area for public parking."

Effective December 17, Social Security field offices in New York City will close to the public 30 minutes early each day. For example, a field office that is usually open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. will close daily at 3 p.m. In addition, beginning January 2, 2013, offices will close to the public at noon every Wednesday.

While agency employees will continue to work their regular hours, this shorter public window will allow them to complete face-to-face interviews and process claims work without incurring the cost of overtime. The significantly reduced funding provided by Congress under the con-

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tinuing resolution for the first six months of the fiscal year makes it impossible for the agency to provide the overtime needed to handle service to the public as it has done in the past.

Most Social Security services do not require a visit to a local office. Many services, including applying for retirement, disability or Medicare benefits, signing up for direct deposit, replacing a Medicare card, obtaining a proof of income letter or informing us of a change of address or telephone number are conveniently available at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or by dialing our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778. Many of our online services also are available in Spanish at [www.seguro-social.gov](http://www.seguro-social.gov).

Community Board Notice: Until further notice, there will NOT be a Food Stamp rep at the Board Office on the 1st Thursday of each month, until all the

special NYC relief efforts due to Hurricane Sandy, are finished.

If anyone needs any help regarding Food Stamps, please go to St Frances de Chantal Church. They have a Rapid Recovery Center in the basement, and have HRA reps dealing with Food Stamps and other issues.

From Councilman Vacca: Starting Thursday, November 29, there will be an immigration lawyer at his office, at 3040 E. Tremont Avenue Room 104, offering free legal assistance to constituents seeking immigration information. This program is a partnership between the New York City Council and CUNY Citizenship Now. After that, the lawyer will be here the last Thursday of every month from 10 AM until 5 PM, through next June. Interested constituents must make an appointment. Constituents who are seeking advice on any other immigration issue can walk in on that day for a consultation when the lawyer has time. For more information, you can contact Vicki at his office at (718) 931-1721.

Holiday Shopping Tips: As the holiday season gets in to full swing there are some who will look to take advantage of the season. Before venturing out to the

stores please read our tips to help ensure your holiday shopping experience is a fun and safe one!

If visiting multiple stores, store your bags in the trunk of your car. If you must store them in the passenger compartment, make every effort to keep them out of sight.

Be aware of loiterers near your vehicle. If you have any question, return to the store and ask to be escorted

Park your vehicle in a well-lit area that is well traveled by fellow-shoppers.

Consider using a credit card and not a debit card when you shop online. Federal law limits your liability to \$50 if your credit card is used fraudulently.

Just carry the amount of cash you expect to use when out shopping, thieves are on the look-out for people holding large amounts of money.

Unfortunately, Holidays are also high season for Scam Artists, especially Confidence Artists. A confidence trick is an attempt to defraud a person or group after first gaining their confidence by exploiting characteristics of the human psyche. Consumers are typically in a generous mood, and often distracted.

Be weary of strangers approaching you asking for something that may ordinarily raise suspicions. A favorite holiday scam involves someone approaching you in a parking lot with a gas can looking to "borrow" some money for gas. Security is better equipped to handle stranded motorists.

Cut up product boxes in to small pieces that fit in to trash or recycling bins. There is no need to advertise all the cool gifts that are now in your home to everyone that passes.

Also, if you could please write your email address on a piece of paper when you send in your dues we would most appreciate it. This will give us another way to communicate with you in a timely fashion when something important arises in the community or, as in the case of Superstorm Sandy, we had to cancel the meeting.

Our next meeting will be held In March 2013. The executive board of Throggs Neck Homeowners wishes all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy Hanukkah and may your New Year bring health and happiness to you always. You can reach us at 718-823-0327 or you can email me at [Lynnmg@aol.com](mailto:Lynnmg@aol.com).

BY MARCIA PAVLICA

Maybe our area of the Bronx should have been named Pucky Huddle, so that we were not stigmatized by our name, so that we might be recognized for our resilience and for our spirit, our "esprit de corps". When a group of youth from three different communities recently went "wilding" along our streets, rather than considering the activity as a youthful display to be corrected, the term "wilding" was replaced by the name of the area on whose streets the craziness took place. Hopefully, the name will not stick as a negative attachment.

So, the kids were Pucky Huddling. But trashing their reputation with such craziness is unfortunately often the norm, and the name survives and continues the event. I have had the pleasure of watch-

ing and working with some of our youth and have proudly seen them graduate, some, as even officers from military academies and all standing tall as upstanding citizens. Some of our families are "as old as dirt", but there is a sense of pride and respect. Those I worked with understood the word "community", homes with involved families who dedicated themselves to improving, not ghetto-izing their home turf.

There are those residents who still hide behind the curtains and don't want to know the who's and the what's on the next block. If it is not in front of their nose, they don't worry or get involved.

A recent arrival to our Pucky Huddle community thanks me and all those who worked together since our founding in 1973 to see improvements come to our neck of Throggs Neck. It

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takes six years or more of dedicated efforts to see come capital improvements come to fruition. In the case of SEX10045/our current and the last capital sewer project for our area, it has taken 25 years longer than when it was scheduled to have been built (1990). A project on the drawing board right now is not one traffic study, but the impact of 6 constructions in the Community Board 10 area, leaning on and over each other. We can no longer be concerned about the project on our immediate roads, but the broader overlayment the projects will cause. We've worked hard to develop a good and re-

spectful relationship with the other communities - that is, with our neighbors, for as one community goes, so goes Country Club and Pucky Huddle! We are a united group who realize the loss of a viable shopping/commercial area will greatly affect us all.

A shopping mall may be a welcome addition, but not at the loss of the foundation of our commercial strip. Being part of a united group is something to be proud of. Nobody answers to anybody, but respects the founding purpose. There is no pecking order, no drill sergeant.

Hopefully every individual feels the commitment to work together.

Our current capital project has occupied a good number of standing-on-the-street-corner-hours. We greet the construction crew after all this time as friends.

Most recently, an event brought tears and a heartfelt thank-you hug. One of our bed-ridden elders had fallen from her bed. The crew in the street had a special relationship with this block and its residents. The driver of the front loader sprang from his "tinker toy", bounded the steps and lifted the resident back into her bed. "She was like my Mom", as he brushed away the thanks of the family members.

Recently, we started a 50/50 raffle held at the close of our monthly meetings, with 50% of the Kitty going to the winning member and 50% going to the chosen local organization or local program.

Our diligent and hard working Catherine P. and her group have long packed and mailed packages of needs and treats to those in the military service who originate from our commu-

nities.

That was the first winner of our 50/50. The recent storm victims were the recipient of the second 50/50 monies. As long as there is a recipient chosen by our members as a deserving group from the community, the 50/50 raffle will continue, honoring those who give of themselves for their community.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Villa Maria Academy, 3335 Country Club Road (the one story building on the left as you enter the campus). All members and residents are most welcome. We hope you will share the evening with neighbors and fiends.

And as always, "Your Home extends beyond your property line. Take pride in your community!" With best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!

BY TONY SALIMBENE

Hi again, reminder, our 3rd Sunday meeting will, as always, be at American Turners NY, the Turner Club on Clearance Ave., starting 10:30 for coffee and buns, 11am sharp and brief meeting and then we adjourn for our Annual Post Christmas Party. Members can bring a spouse or guest. Maybe a potential new mem-

ber?

The American Legion Department (state) of NY Mid-Winter Conference is at the end of January. Please think about it now so room reservations can be planned. It's an important view of our organization, new to some of us, and an especially impressing one when a few hundred vets recite The Pledge of Allegiance

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together!

Thanks to all our members who donate or assist with various holiday projects for veterans and others

in our community. The Korony Post name is out there and well known as Veterans Still Serving America, a premier community organization. Don't forget the Annual Joe Mazzariello Christmas Toy Drive.

If anyone knows of a member or veteran in need, please contact us immediately via our Yahoo! Korony253 group or call a post

officer.

Back to organizations, I noticed a review of agencies and many well know established ones give less than 5% of monies collected to the actual cause! The American Legion (VFW, DAV and VVA) staff do not draw salaries, watch over other costs and thereby proudly provide 95 to 100% to their cause. It's the old fashioned

way, as it should be.

Until Next Time: The commander and staff wish all of you a Merry Christmas and healthy New Year. Remember our troops. Remember our vets and families and if you re inclined to pray, consider praying for Peace - according to news reports I read, we need all the prayers we can get!

BY AL BELFIORE

Greetings everyone---- As I write this article today, we are in the midst of the Christmas holiday shopping season. I hope we all manage to keep our sanity until Christmas. Our Board meetings are now twice a month due to the damage to our building from Hurricane Sandy. There are many issues that must be dealt with. First, we could REALLY use a trailer at the civic proper-

ty for the foreseeable future. One of the original intentions of the building is that, not only, is it a place for our monthly meetings, but also, in times of trouble (i.e. catastrophic storms) it could be a place where local residents can come in for warmth, conversation or just some hot coffee, in case electricity or water is affected. Technically, winter did not even start yet and we now have no such emergency place. We

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have reached out to FEMA, but, understandably, we are not first in line for this. So, I'm reaching out to the community to see if anyone can help us out! My email is abelfi361@aol.com.

Secondly, Board members Chrys Napolitano and Nick Virella (Sealtite Construction) are meeting with DCAS this week to break through the flooring to inspect for damage to the main beams. This is the first step among many in getting our building back. I must say the response from the community has been great. We have plenty of volunteers to help us with the heavy lifting, when that time comes.

On a personal note, people that know me, know that I am NOT a big a fan of Government bureaucracy and I do criticize it when the need arises, as is my right as an American citizen. That being said, I do have to give a big shout out to our city's 311 response to a problem outside my house. I all started when water was coming up from a sinkhole in the street. A crew came, dug it up and filled it in without

fixing the problem. I waited a few days to see if anyone was returning and then I called 311 about 4:00 in the PM on Wednesday. Another crew from O'Grady Water and Sewer Co. were there at 8:00 the following morning. They dug four huge perpendicular holes, found the leak, plugged it up, filled the holes and were done and packed up by 4 p.m. - an astonishing feat! Thanks for reading! Merry Christmas

BY ANITA VALENTI

Woke up Sunday morning and heard the weather man announce that Monday, December 10th the weather in the Bronx would reach 65 degrees. My mom always used to say a smile and nice weather are always welcome/

For centuries, we have been blessed with a beautiful planet that Mother Nature has provided us with warm sunshine and rain for our food to grow. Adam and Eve were also created and after that peace on earth became unfamiliar. War after war became the norm.

Many great inventions were created but were overshadowed by mans thirst to make devastating weapons of mass destruction to conquer neighboring countries. Was there ever a time when the entire world was at peace?

Today, the radio, television, and newspapers are all in unison, predicting the end of the world on December 21, 2012. Shame on all of them for frightening our children and convincing them that they have no future. Don't know how true this is, but heard that there are older people committing suicide.

For hundred of years

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and in my generation we have been warned that on a particular date, the world would end. It was frightening to read and hear on the radio.. Thankfully, it never happened and it will not happen this time either.

On December 25, 2012, all the children all over the world, will wake up and run to their Christmas tree and

happily open all their presents that Santa Claus left for them. The countries around the world will be celebrating Christmas and ring in the New Year, 2013.

However, we are overwhelmed with real problems. Not allowing drilling for oil has brought our economy to its knees. Oil to heat our homes over \$4.00 a gallon and gasoline to drive our cars at \$3.89 a gallon. Very fishy and disgraceful. The taxpayers want drilling to begin now so our economy can bounce back again and jobs will again be plentiful

We do not meet in Janu-

ary or February so we invite one and all to our December 19, meeting. Our guest speakers are John Cerini, The Bronx Tax Man. and John Doyle. Since tax time will be here sooner than we think, come prepared to ask John any questions about taxes..

John Doyle was always a dependable person. We want to thank John and wish him Good Luck at his new job at Jacobi Hospital. He worked hard for the betterment of all our communities. So one and all come to our meeting to wish John lots of good luck, good health, love, peace, joy, success and always lots of

laughter.

Thank you Senator Klein and Assemblyman Benedetto for your continued efforts and legislation to bring a halt to unscrupulous doctors prescribing large quantities of pain killing pills, causing young people in the prime of their lives to become addicted. A pox on these greedy monsters

Dues of \$10 can be paid at our Wednesday, December 19 meeting which include the Bronx Times Reporter mailed to your home. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Resolving America's skyrocketing debt is more than just a fiscal crisis. Numerous elected officials, both Democrat and Republican, have expressed concern that a failure to agree on a start to addressing this dilemma will result, due to the "sequestration" agreement, in massive tax hikes on almost all Americans and a dramatic lack of resources for our military.

Although fiscally responsible Congressional members have put forth a number of opening concepts, the White House has not responded with significant compromise proposals of its own. A growing number of observers are beginning

to believe that the policy of across the board tax increases and a reduction in finances for our armed forces is exactly in line with the path long supported by the current White House.

The parameters of the crisis are extraordinary: The federal debt is currently \$16,337,536,311,431.61. In 2012 alone, Washington ran a \$1.1 trillion deficit, the 4th year in a row with an over \$1 trillion deficit.

In fiscal year 2011, the federal government took in \$2.3 trillion, but spent \$3.6 trillion, more than was spent during a typical World War II year, according to the Heritage Foundation. The Tax Policy Center notes

that the looming fiscal cliff threatens to boost taxes over \$500 billion on 90% of all Americans.

The White House has pushed for increased taxes on earners over \$250,000, but that figure would not produce anywhere near enough revenue to place even a modest dent in the deficit; clearly, under the President's logic, taxes on the middle class would be dramatically raised as well.

But the big push to increase taxes is essentially a waste of time. In fact, as the web site "The Third Way" notes, it's a myth "that taxes on the wealthy can come close to solving our long-term budget problem...Even

if each major Democratic proposal to raise taxes on the wealthy becomes law, the national debt will double as a share of the economy by 2035, and the annual deficit in 2040 will exceed \$4 trillion, in inflation-adjusted dollars." Even a 50% tax rate wouldn't work.

The Third Way study notes that the only way taxes could begin to address the deficit is if, in addition to "soaking the rich," huge tax hikes are imposed on the middle class, increasing all tax rates on ordinary income by an additional 5 percentage points, 10 points on capital gains taxes, hiking the cap on the social security payroll tax to \$170,000,

increasing the payroll tax rate for Medicare by 1%, and even imposing a 10% national value added tax. Even those extraordinary increases only contain deficits through 2022. The study notes that:

"Relying on taxes alone to hold long-term deficits at 3% GDP would require phasing in a 60% tax increase on the median-income family, raising its annual tax burden by \$6,200 in 2012 dollars."

These dramatic increases don't even take into account the tremendous burden on the federal budget that will be imposed by Obamacare. Indeed, all the proposed tax hikes would raise only about \$170 billion

in extra revenue—barely a fraction of what is needed to address what is added to the deficit each year, let alone reduce the standing deficit already accumulated.

Clearly, the only viable solution is for Washington to rein in spending. But our politicians are so used to buying the votes of pressure groups with give-away programs that this a bitter pill for them to swallow. However, if our nation is to survive, it is medicine that must be forced down their throats. Contact COMACTA at nycommunityaction@gmail.com; tune into our sponsored radio broadcasts, and visit our website at comactainc.com.

## food for thought

BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

I write this while my home is filled with wonderful smells that are making my husband and our dog crazy hungry. The day before, a large sirloin steak that never made it to the grille this summer was thawed out, cut into cubes and marinated in red wine overnight so that I could make a Boeuf Bourguignonne, AKA French Beef Stew (thanks to Joy of Cooking and some delicious homemade red wine from friends). The perfect environment to happily write about food...although I'll do whatever I have to take my mind off of what is cooking on our stove, because this stew will really taste best tomorrow night.

Based on my involvement with the Locust Point CSA and my encouragement to all to eat local, seasonal food, I think most people would assume I force a life of austerity on my husband, ruled by the tyranny of the farm share, existing on kale and celeriac. That is simply not so. While we do avoid processed foods, I do not believe in eating "low fat" or "low carb". I have always maintained that I would be a great vegetarian if it wasn't for that not eating meat thing. A life without bacon is not worth living, as far as I'm concerned. It's just that as in all of life, there must be balance. With the bacon

comes the salad.

In my last article, I touched upon the fact that grass fed meat tastes better than what is found at the typical grocery store. I also mentioned the fact that it is more expensive, "but we just eat less meat". I don't want to sound cavalier, I understand that there are many people on fixed incomes or on food stamps that can't afford to spend more on food.

I will devote future columns on this issue, I promise. What I am talking about is not that we spend more money, I advocate making better choices.

Ten years ago, I would have to say we ate the typical American diet. When we first started changing our eating habits, I read a lot of books, watched a lot of documentaries and went to a number of lectures to learn more about the organic, local food movement. I didn't even know that was what I was interested in - I just wanted to buy a peach that wasn't mealy and tasteless. I wanted to buy a piece of pork and have it be moist and delicious when I served it for dinner. Faced with the higher prices of these items, we started evaluating our finances and allocated more money on food and less on non-essentials.

A bit more time spent on meal planning, stocking up on pantry items

and cooking meals at home helps us stay within our existing budget. We stopped buying bottled water, soda, iced tea and processed foods such as tater tots and flavored non dairy coffee creamers. Oh yes, and we stopped smoking cigarettes.

But even I had a hard time convincing myself that there was a reason to spend \$4.99 on a dozen organic eggs instead of the \$1.99 sale brand. Then one night, my husband made a frittata with peas and grated cheese, a simple meal that he'd prepared for us many times before.

Except this night, it was so delicious I had two pieces and could not get over how flavorful it was. It wasn't until I was cleaning up after dinner and put away the egg carton that I noticed the "organic" label and put two and two together: eggs taste better when the chickens have access to pasture, when they are housed in coops that give them plenty of space to live happy chicken lives.

It is a hard sell, trying to convince people to spend more money on food. The fact of the matter is that

compared to over 25 other industrialized countries the United States spends the least percentage of household income on groceries. Countries like France, Italy and Spain spend between 16 to 17 percent,

China and England about 10 percent and the US? 6.7%.

Let's consider the hidden costs behind these savings: 33% of Americans are overweight, 33% are obese. One hundred years ago, the leading causes of death were infectious diseases.

Over the next 50 years, infectious diseases were conquered with better sanitary conditions and advancements in science and medicine only to be replaced by chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes and kidney disease. I would imagine that if we added in our health care costs, the percentages would be quite different.

The reason I bring this up in a discussion on the merits of grass fed meat is because when we changed the diet of our meat and dairy animals so that we could make them more affordable (and profitable), we made a huge change in our diets as well.

With the exception of the last 50 years, humans have been eating basically the same diet for almost 15,000 years, since we started practicing agriculture.

Not always a perfect system, many of the infectious diseases that have plagued mankind since then have been the result of our close proximity to domesticated animals (plague comes to mind).

But we have been eating food raised the same way and this includes animals raised on pasture or grass.

Omega-3 is an essential fatty acid and is something you see advertised lately as a food supplement or a marketable feature of eggs, for example. Omega-6 is another essential fatty acid. It turns out that the ratio of Omega-3's to Omega-6's in our diet is incredibly important to our ability to combat these chronic diseases. Omega-3's are anti-inflammatory and Omega-6's are inflammatory. Omega-3's are produced in plant's leaves and Omega-6's are produced in plant's seeds.

For most of our history, we ate the meat of animals who ate the leaves (pastured animals ate grass and wild fish ate algae) and we ate the corn and the grain that are the seeds, maintaining a ratio of about one to one. Nowadays our meat is raised on corn and we live on processed food derived from corn, soybeans and wheat resulting in a ratio of Omega-6 to Omega-3 of more than ten to one.

We thought heart disease was caused by eating red meat and animal fats, but it turns out that what our meat and dairy animals ate was more important. This change in our diet could very well account for the chronic diseases that plague us today. For example, a high amount of Omega-6 contributes to heart disease because it makes blood more prone to clot, while Omega-3 helps blood flow. Diabetes, learning and behavioral problems in children and depression in adults are also linked to this imbalance.

So when I say that eggs from happy chickens taste better, I'm not joking. Their joy at living their happy chicken lives (or happy pig lives or happy cow lives) is passed on to us. When you eat animals raised in CAFO's that live horrible, stressed, unhealthy and unhappy lives, well, not to get too spiritual about this, but that has to be added to the hidden costs of food.

Beyond that, changing what you eat has to be your own choice. Convincing people? I'm not sure I can do that, but I hope I can inspire you to think more about what you eat. If you have any questions or would like more info about this or future topics, email me at cnapolitano@netzero.net.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Our Post Christmas Party went very well with some 22 kids enjoying Santa, chips and dips, pizza, coloring and games. Thanks to my Boosters who did a bang up job putting up the tree, decorating and overseeing everything.

This is the season for partying both at home and at the office. I caution you all about drinking and driving. In the words of Dean Martin, "Don't drink and drive, don't even putt". It's no shame to give up your keys. Leave your macho hormones in the trunk.

Monday, December 17, Commander George Brins and I along with Chip Hiney, owner of Paddy's By the Bay and originator of the Drunken Volley Ball Tournament are going to Calvary Hospital

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Samuel Young  
Legion Post 620

to give them a check of some \$4000.00 raised at the Tournament.

Trivia Time!!

Christmas Seals first went on sale December 9, 1907.

Germany and Italy declared war on the US December 11, 1941. The Nerve!

The first motel in the US opened in San Luis Obispo on December 12, 1925. (that's in California.)

The Tappan Zee Bridge opened December 15, 1955.

Keep the troops in your prayers, take a Vet to lunch and God Bless.

## New Year's Eve Bash at Schuyler Hill

Schuyler Hill Civic Association will hold a New Year's Eve Bash on Monday, December 31, starting at 8:30 p.m., at 3087 Mitchell Place off Pennyfield Avenue. Music will be provided

by DJ Bobby Flowers.

Party menu includes Hors d'oeuvres, hot and cold buffet, hats, noisemakers, toast at midnight, coffee and dessert table. Wall the ball drop on TV. BYOB.

Donation is \$50 per person. Reservations are required. Seating is limited. Payment is due on or before December 25 (make check out to Schuyler Hill Civic Association) to: Schuyler

Hill Association, Inc., c/o Bob Kurz, 3079 Fearn Plac Bronx, NY 10465. No tickets sold at the door.

For further information call (646) 302-1744.

## Benedetto advises on tax compensation

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto advises residents of the 82nd Assembly District that they can receive partial compensation through a tax deduction for any uninsured property, lost or damaged, as a result of Hurricane Sandy. The loss can include personal items such as jewelry, furs and an-

tiques.

According to local accounting firm Burns, Rodriguez and Associates, to claim the casualty-loss deduction, you must first prove the loss occurred and establish the value of the property. You cannot claim the loss unless you prove its worth.

You must also pass two

general limitations on the amount of your loss. First, you may not deduct the first \$100 of any loss. Second, you are able to deduct personal property and theft losses only when the total amount of the loss in the tax year exceeds 10% of your adjusted gross income.

Assemblyman Benedet-

to said, "This option provides my constituents an opportunity to salvage thousands of dollars for their uninsured Hurricane Sandy losses. I urge all who qualify to take advantage of this very beneficial tax benefit.

Call Richard Rodriguez at (718)829-3900 for further details.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX NYCTL 2004-A TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2004-A Trust, Plaintiff against INES DIANA MONTI, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated July 24, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 7th day of January, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 4192 and Lot 52 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map. Said premises known as 2865 BUHRE AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$ 16,367.46 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 15191/06.

HARRY FORMAN, ESQ., Referee.  
Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102, 156 W 56 Street, NY 10019

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 2009-A TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2009-A Trust, Plaintiff against MAX LEYVA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated August 8, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 14th day of January, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 2292 Lot 24 on the Bronx County land and tax map as it presently exists. Said premises known as 422 EAST 148TH STREET, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$ 80,242.04 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380622/10.

DENISE MIRANDA, ESQ., Referee.  
Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff. Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102, 156 W 56 Street, NY 10019

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP. 2005-OPT1 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-OPT1, Plaintiff against CLINTON FORBES; DAN FORBES; LENNY FORBES; SUZAN FORBES, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 14, 2010.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 7th day of January, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 637 East 234th Street, Bronx, N.Y. 10466-2701.

Tax account number: SBL #: 2-12-12  
Approximate amount of lien \$ 343,838.72

plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index No. 15852-07. Peter Rosato, Esq., Referee.

Fein Such & Crane, LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
747 Chestnut Ridge Road  
Suite 200  
Chestnut Ridge, N.Y. 10977

"If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney."

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File No. 2012-829/A CITATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: Panos Harismiadis; Verizon; Park Avenue Medical Assoc, PC; Consolidated Edison; Bio Scrip Pharmacy; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of MARY PETROMELIS, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on January 23, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., why the Court should not grant the following relief: that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of MARY PETROMELIS, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 160 Pilot Street, Apt 422; Bronx, New York 10464, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$6,101.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$3,050.50 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$3,050.50 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as Counsel to the Public Administrator be allowed; that the Administrator be allowed her statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that the possible claims of Verizon, Park Avenue Medical Assoc, PC, Consolidated Edison and Bio Scrip Pharmacy all be disallowed in their entirety for a failure to substantiate; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the unknown distributees of the decedent; that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted.

Dated, Attested and Sealed, November 27, 2012. (L. S.) HON. LEE L. HOLZMAN, Surrogate, Bronx County, Michael Hausler, Chief Clerk. This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney at law appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925 9100 (Manhattan) & 1-718- 992-1428 (Bronx) Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

Dated, Attested and Sealed, December 5, 2012  
HON. Lee L. Holzman  
Surrogate of BRONX County  
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Michael P. Hausler  
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court  
SEYFARTH SHAW LLP  
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SURROGATE'S COURT, BRONX COUNTY

CITATION  
The People of the State of New York  
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File No. 37P - 2001

To: HOWARD S. KRANT; ROBERT A. PERRO; JOHN RUTIGILIANO; MEMORIAL SLOAN-KETTERING CANCER CENTER; THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY; FRED HUTCHINSON CANCER RESEARCH CENTER; AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, INC.; AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION; CHILDREN'S LEUKEMIA RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, INC.; ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS ASSOCIATION; MOUNT SINAI MEDICAL CENTER; BRONX COUNTY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR; ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; MAX ENGEL, REGINA ENGEL (a/k/a RAY ENGEL), ABRAHAM ENGEL, GIZELLA ENGEL and SAUL ENGEL, if living and if deceased to his or her heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown, and if he or she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his or her executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained; and

The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of NELLIE G. FISHMAN, if living, or if deceased to their respective heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown, and if deceased subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained.

A Petition having been duly filed by CANCER CARE, INC., having its principal place of business at 275 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10001,

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at the Bronx County Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, NY 10451 on January 30, 2013, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the Estate of NELLIE G. FISHMAN, lately domiciled at 3065 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10468, admitting to probate a Will dated September 15, 1994 and a Codicil dated November 21, 1995, copies of which are attached, as the Will of NELLIE G. FISHMAN deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to CANCER CARE, INC.

Dated, Attested and Sealed: December 5, 2012

HON. Lee L. Holzman  
Surrogate of BRONX County  
[SEAL]  
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 302778-11 Borough: Bronx Block: 5519 Lot: 1 NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs,

vs. The Heirs-At-Law, Next Of Kin, Distributees, Executors, Administrators, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Successors-In-

Interest And Generally All Persons Having Or Claiming Under, By Or Through PASQUALE CASATELLI, DECEASED, By Purchase, Inheritance, Lien Or Otherwise Of Any Right, Title Or Interest In And To The Premises Described In The Complaint Herein, And All Creditors Thereof, And The

Respective Wives, Or Widows Of His, If Any, All Of Whose Names And Addresses Are Unknown To Plaintiffs; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

BOARD and "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #100," Defendants.

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FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF THE BRONX Summons Docket Number B-11733-11 In the Matter of the Guardianship of the Person and Custody of NYAHZA AMOUR DORSHELL JACKSON A/K/A NYAHZA THOMAS Pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social Services Law of the State of New York

and/or Article 6 of the Family Court Act TO: COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES

"JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" MARY VICTORIA THOMAS TUCKER ANDREW TERRANCE JACKSON & ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO BE THE FATHER OF THE ABOVE-NAMED CHILD OR WHO MAY, PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, ENTITLED TO SERVICE OR NOTICE TO AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, WHOSE PRESENT IDENTITY IS KNOWN Said "John Doe" and "Jane Doe" being fictitious names for the present foster parents of the child, said foster parents having a right to appear herein pursuant to Section 383(3) of the Social Services Law. SEND GREETING: A Verified Petition for the child has been filed in this Court, alleging that the above-named child in the care of McMAHON SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, a program of GOOD SHEPHERD SERVICES, the Petitioner, is permanently neglected and/or abandoned child, as defined by Article 6, Part 1 of the Family Court Act and/or Section 384-b of the Social Services Law. Copy of the Petition attached to this Summons. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Family Court at 900 SHERIDAN AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10451 Part 47 before the Referee Annette Guarino, on the 30th day of January, 2013 at 2:00 pm of that day to show cause why the court should not enter an Order depriving you of all the rights of custody and guardianship of the above-named child and awarding custody and guardianship of this child to the Petitioner and the Commissioner of Social Services as a permanently neglected child as provided by law. UPON YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR ALL OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IN THE CHILD ABOVE-MENTIONED MAY BE TERMINATED AND THE COURT WILL HEAR AND DETERMINE THE PETITION AS PROVIDED BY LAW. YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE CHILD, WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE, IN THE TRANSFER OR COMMITMENT OF THE CHILD'S CARE, CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OR IN THE CHILD'S ADOPTION IN THIS OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDING IN WHICH SUCH CARE, CUSTODY OR GUARDIANSHIP OR ADOPTION MAY BE AT ISSUE. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, THAT YOU ARE ENTITLED TO BE REPRESENTED BY A LAWYER, AND IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR A LAWYER, THE COURT WILL APPOINT YOU ONE TO REPRESENT YOU, FREE OF ANY CHARGE TO YOU. NOTICE IS GIVEN TO ANY PARTY CLAIMING STATUS AS A FATHER OF THE CHILD BORN OUT-OF-WEDLOCK PURSUANT TO SECTION 384-C OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND/OR SECTION 111-A OF THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW TO BE HEARD AS TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD. Dated: December 5, 2012 BRONX, NEW YORK By Order of the Court CLERK, FAMILY COURT BRONX COUNTY

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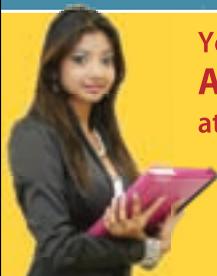
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## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

Week 13  
Jets (5-7)-  
Cardinals (4-8)

Don't get too excited with the W or the appearance of McElroy. Arizona is just as big a joke as the Jets and there's always a lot of noise for a sub-QB. Sanchez was 10/21 with 3 INTs while he was in there. McElroy was 5/7 for only 29yds. The Jets had less than 300 total yds with 104 of them coming from Shonn Greene

**Redskins (6-6) 17-  
Giants (7-5) 16**

The Giants needed a W in this game but the 'Skins played as though it was more important to them. They rushed for 207yds (72 on 5 carries by Griffin). The Giants had 9 penalties- some were head-scratchers but most were very costly. The D had no sacks but did cause 2 fumbles.

### A Leopard And Its Spots

New Raiders GM Reggie McKenzie and Coach Dennis Allen said they were going to move away from the old Raiders image as renegades, while speaking about "Christian Values." But then they signed LB Rolando McClain who was arrested and convicted (the charges were dropped when the victim said he wouldn't cooperate) for beating up his friend, firing a gun next to his head and threatening his life.

Allen wasn't worried, though, because the incident happened before he became coach

### A Second Look

Tom "The Boz" Boswell (DC

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# Fordham loses fifth straight

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Even with Fordham in the midst of a five-game losing streak there is hope on the horizon with the expected return of Chris Gaston.

The Rams star forward has missed six games after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery in early November. Fordham coach Tom Pecora expects Gaston to be back when his team takes on Princeton at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Barclays Center.

"His motor is going to be even better because he's had a month off," Pecora said of Gaston. "The minutes that the young guys are getting are going to make them better players."

The 6-foot-7 Gaston, the team's lone senior, was an All-Atlantic 10 first team selection last season and a preseason member last year. He was averaging 11.3 points and 8.7 rebounds in the three games to played in this year.

His return comes at the right time. The Rams (1-7) have endured three tight losses their last four games, including a 58-47 defeat at the hands of St. John's (7-3) on Dec. 8 at Madison Square Garden. Fordham led 27-24 at the half and trailed just 45-41 with 6:33 to go in the second half.

The Johnnies freshmen duo of Chris Obekpa and JaKar Sampson dominated the games final minutes. Fordham shot just 14 percent shooting in the second half.

"There weren't a lot of made jump shots tonight," Pecora



Courtesy of Fordham Athletic Communications

Fordham coach Tom Pecora hopes to get star forward Chris Gaston back Saturday.

said.

Obekpa collected 11 of St. John's school record 15 blocks and Sampson added 16 points and 10 rebounds. He made two shots to help the Red Storm extend the lead to 49-41 with 5:33 remaining in the game.

"During that run I thought [Sampson] made a couple of key foul line jumpers," Pecora said. "I thought that really gave them great separation."

Sophomore Ryan Canty continues to be a bright spot in Gaston's absence. The 6-foot-9 forward scored 15 points and 16 rebounds against the Red Storm. Pecora has been pleased with his play, but was unhappy with how he interacted with the officials during the game.

Pecora said he will decide whether Canty will play against Princeton despite him averaging a double-double over the last four

games.

Gaston's return will allow the Rams to see what kind of effect his absence had on the rest of the team. Pecora is hoping for the best from a team that plays at home just once in its first 11 games.

"We have to turn this into a positive," Pecora said. I believe we are going to be a better team late in the year because of this injury."

# Newkirk's free throws earns Hayes redemption win

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Shavar Newkirk refused to let missed free become a reoccurring nightmare for he and his Cardinal Hayes team.

"I wanted to make sure they're never going to haunt me again," he said.

The junior guard quickly pointed out that he missed five over the course of a heart breaking one-point loss to Christ the King

at home on Tuesday in a game the Cardinal lead all the way to the final seconds. Newkirk heard his father yelling, "free throws win games" from the stands and used it as motivation.

"All week I just kept practicing my free throws so if I get in that situation again I would ice the game," he said.

Practice made perfect as Newkirk, who scored 17 points,

went 4-for-4 at the free throw line in the final 20 seconds to ensure Hayes walked away with a hard-fought 74-70 victory against host Bishop Loughlin in CHSAA Class AA boys basketball Friday night. The Cardinals nearly saw a 16-point second quarter lead slip away, but coach Joe Lods knew Newkirk was going to come through.

"He's a strange kid, nothing ever rattles him," Lods said. "He's

strange. He's the kind of kid like walking down the street lightning goes off, 10 kids flinch and he keeps walking."

The Christ the King loss benefitted the Cardinals, Lods said. He wasn't in full panic mode as missed free throws opened the door for Loughlin (1-0) to pull within two twice in the final 20 seconds. Instead he got to see Newkirk rebuff

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# New season of “The Challenge” to feature Fordham Prep

The new season of MSG Varsity's high school quiz show, “The Challenge”, will feature a first round match-up between Fordham Preparatory School and Bronx High School for Law & Community Service on Tuesday, December 25, at 6:30 p.m. on Cablevision's Optimum, Channel 14.

Fordham Preparatory School will compete against 15 other schools from the Bronx during the Regional Rounds as they look to qualify for the Tri-State Championship Playoffs.

Back for his fourth season as host of “The Challenge” is Jared Cotter, host of “MSG Varsity's Talent Show” and a popular semi-finalist from American Idol. Cotter

will serve as moderator, testing competing teams on their knowledge of history, arts and literature, current events, math, and science in front of a live studio audience.

The Fordham Preparatory School team is represented by: Colin Okasaki, Rohan Mishra (Captain), David Joannides, Joseph Paolicelli, (Alternates) Nicholas Groszewski and Christian Roodal. The academic advisors are Patricia Morris and Paul Homer.

“The Challenge” includes 192 high schools from the entire tri-state area — Long Island (with Nassau and Suffolk as two distinct regions), the Bronx, Brooklyn, Westchester/Lower Hudson Valley, New Jersey



The Fordham Prep team on the set of MSG Varsity's high school quiz show, “The Challenge”

and Connecticut. Long Island will be represented by 32 high schools from Nassau County and 32 high schools from Suffolk County. A new match-up can be seen every Sunday through Friday at 6:30 pm, on MSG Varsity,

Cablevision's Optimum Channel 14.

Participating schools advance through a series of elimination rounds, with one school in each region being crowned regional champion and winning \$2,500 for their

school. The winning teams from each region go on to “The Challenge” Championship where they square off in a Tri-State Showdown. The school awarded the title of Tri-State Champion will receive \$10,000 in prize

money and each student participating in the final “Challenge” Championship game will receive \$500.

For more information on “The Challenge,” please log onto [www.msg-varsity.com](http://www.msg-varsity.com).

## SCA Varsity Cheerleaders open competition season landing first place



St. Catharine Academy Varsity Cheerleaders

St. Catharine Academy Varsity cheerleaders opened the cheer competition season sharply landing first place finishes at the Burlington Township Cheer Fest, the New Rochelle Cheer Competition, and the Westchester County 64th Cheerleading Invitational, Small Varsity Division. Along with first place honors, the Stars won Best Stunt Sequence at Burlington and were crowned

Grand Champions at New Rochelle.

Currently ranked 6th in the nation in the medium varsity division, SCA will compete to defend its national ranking at the Universal Cheerleading Association's (UCA) qualifying regionals on December 8th at Hofstra University. SCA is entering the competition as the only nationally ranked cheerleading team in the Bronx.

“We have put together our most difficult program yet,” said varsity coach Nicole Pennacchia Sallustio. “We are very proud of their accomplishments. This team is always striving to improve on their last competition. With this level of dedication, skill and teamwork, I am optimistic that we will continue to bring home a top national ranking for SCA.”

## Newkirk's free throws earns Hayes win

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each charge.

“I had to redeem myself,” Newkirk said.

Hayes got out real quick, scoring the game's first six points. It then used a 17-2 run over the first and second quarters to grab a 31-15 lead with 4:56 left before half time. The Cardinals (1-1) displayed a balanced attack with five players in double figures.

Mustafa Jones had 15

points and Chris Robinson added 12. Tyler Wilson and Ramel Coleman each chipped in 11 points. It is a similar trend to last year's team that reached the CHSAA Intersectional semifinals.

“We don't have to have any star, like I'm the good looking guy, I'm the star,” Lods joked. “The players did their part. It's going to be a nice ride back from to the Bronx from Clermont Ave.”

It nearly wasn't. Lough-

lin rallied being 29 points from star Khadeen Carrington. A 2-3 zone slowed Hayes down and helped forced turnovers as Newkirk said the crowd made it hard to hear the plays called.

Loughlin went on a frantic fourth-quarter run that Newkirk ensured it never came to fruition.

“We kept our composure,” Newkirk said. “They put it in my hands to it the free throws and that's what I did.”

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## Youthful Spellman still in search of its identity



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Spellman's Maria Backman (l.) looks to shoot as St. Francis Prep's Veronica Ganzi plays defense.

### BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Cardinal Spellman coach Jane Morris made one thing perfectly clear after her team's second straight loss to open the season.

"The problem with his team is it's not last year's team," she said.

It wasn't meant in disrespect to the current talent on the Pilots girls basketball team. This group is made up mostly of small guards, a far cry from a squad that started three 6-footers including Onia Webb, now at Northeastern University.

The team isn't rebounding as well as Morris would like. When its outside shots aren't falling they have struggled to score outside of star junior wing Maria Backman because of the lack of second chance points. The paint isn't quite as clogged on defense.

"I don't have a presence in the middle at all," Morris said. "It's a big, big adjustment."

The 6-foot-2 Backman, who has 10 Division I scholarship offers from schools St. John's, Pittsburgh, Memphis, North Carolina State and Hofstra, scored 31 points in a season-opening loss to Mary Louis.

She had 16 points during a 59-53 non-league defeat to host St. Francis Prep Wednesday. Backman connected on her first four 3-pointers be-

fore foul trouble and tough Terriers defense held her to just one second-half point. Her team did bounce back with a win over St. Joseph Hill.

"The defense started recognizing I hit a couple of shots from the perimeter," Backman said.

Spellman, which also lost bruising forward Nicole Awooner-Renner, has a number of key returnees. Point guard Joye Tirado and fellow senior Princess Cruz are both back with Teresa Tartone and Danielle Gibson.

Morris did find a bright spot in the play of her young bench, including sophomore Nijah Morgan and Jade Vega, during a fourth quarter comeback. Spellman cut a 15-point third quarter deficit to 57-51 with 1:20 left in the game.

"I said from day one that we were going to be deep," Morris said. "I was just expecting a better performance from my starting lineup and then some support from the bench."

A poor shot and two turnovers followed, halting any chance Spellman had of a comeback. It's all part of early growing pains for team trying to find its identity.

"It's seems like we just have to execute," Backman said. "We just couldn't pull it out."

# Pipe Dreams: Judges and Juries

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Post) suggested I take a second look at the way NHLPA Exec has been handling himself and he wrote, "Fehr means exactly what he says; previous posturing is set aside when phrases appear like "about as good" as it'll get. Also, his membership isn't just backing him; it really is their deal. It took baseball owners 20 years to grasp that Fehr isn't a puppeteer. He educates, he shapes, but he doesn't decide. The players do. That's what empowered the MLBPA and made it so tough. Fehr will reduce demands rather than negotiate without full support. That's core. It's not changing. MLB demonized Fehr personally. Despite seeing dozens of players constantly involved in every bargaining session, they refused to accept that mere "ballplayers" actually understood the issues — sometimes better than they did. Owners, often fighting among themselves, didn't grasp that

players formed a negotiation information tree, reporting back to all players. For decades, many owners hoped that Fehr, like Marvin Miller before him, somehow had the players mesmerized, hypnotized. If they could just snap their fingers the right way, players would awake to their benevolence.

NHL owners need to understand Fehr's first two rules. First, the players are saturated with info and totally trust its source — other players, not Fehr. Second, a Fehr union will always bring a weaker deal for stronger backing. Finally, after going 0 for 8 in work stoppages, canceling the 1994 World Series and losing three collusion cases in the 1980s at a cost of \$280 million, baseball figured it out. The '94 strike left both sides, and the game, bloody. MLB finally quit framing the union as an ideological foe and began to work with it in grudging, respectful, adversarial semi-harmony. Things got better. That labor peace has lasted 17 years with no end in

sight.

Now, it's hockey's turn. The most troubling development to me is that hockey's leaders now sound like MLB owners a generation ago. It's like a time warp. Two weeks ago, stories appeared intimating that players weren't getting a straight story from Fehr, that he had his own agenda and owners' concepts were not getting to the membership in a pure form. That is the one tactic that always backfired when baseball owners used it. It did again. Fehr pointed out that "19 players" were at the negotiating table when the proposal, that he supposedly misrepresented, was discussed. Within days an NHL player had called Betman a "cancer," another called him "an idiot." Hiring Don Fehr, the Sun Tzu of jock labor, to face NHL owners in a lockout is like getting the Godfather to help you fix a parking ticket.

### Another Rivalry

The Nets' personality is morphing into a "WHAT'S-IT-TO-YA!"

presence.

The recent Nets-Celtics game, played in Boston, was won by the Nets, 95-83, featured a quick ended dust-up between Rondo and Humphries. The scrum didn't last long but its memories will

### Judges and Juries

The electors for MLB-HOF induction aren't fans or players. They are baseball writers with many years of experience. But the divergence of opinions is amazing-so I'm going to jump in here and throw my feelings out there.

To begin with Clemens, Sosa, Bonds, and Palmiero don't belong in the general population of inductees. The writers aren't that influenced by all the hype that hits the news before election time. Why else would McGwire receive 19.5% and Palmiero receive 12.6% of the vote.

I think Mike Piazza's election to the Hall will be close. He posted a .308 BA, had 427 HRs and 1335 RBIs in 16 ML seasons as a catcher. His OPS was 915

## Zodiacs advance to AAU

### BY WINSOTO DINKINS

The Zodiacs send their pray to everyone who was effected by Hurricane Sandy. It's been over a month and some people throughout New York still don't have a place to stay.

Zodiacs were blessed once again; we had 26 children advance to the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) Cross Country National Championship in Rock Hill SC. In order to advance to the national competition, the athletes had to compete in a competitive regional meet in Long Island. Out of the 26 athletes that advance, 10 made the trip to Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC for the national championship on December 1, 2012.

All the children performed great, running outstanding times and most surpass their previ-

ous personal best time. Making the trip and earning a national medal were: Aaliyah Perez, Giovanna Tolbert, Ralph Escobar, Jordan Samuels, Darius Gordon, Jacqueline Kendall, Jordan Ingram, Joseph Webster-Rutledge, Adrian Swift-Henry and Pearl Webster-Rutledge. While all are national rank, Darius and Giovanna made the top 25 list in the country (AAU), Giovanna (24th place) ran her personal best time of 11:39 in the Sub-midget girls 3000 meter (1.8 mile) race. Darius (14th place), also ran his personal best time of 14:24 in Sub-Youth Boys 4000 meter (2.5 mile) race. This was a great accomplishment; to be in the top 25 in the country is a hard task. Great job, we are proud of all of you.

On Sunday, December 16th, Zodiacs will be



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traveling to New Jersey, City to compete in our 1st in-door track meet. This will be a great turn-up for the Women Colgate Games.

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# Three vying for Community Board 11 vacant chair's seat

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nominee and first board chair Vitaliano, who has served as acting chair since 2010 when Castore's illness left him unavailable for meetings. "If we go as one we have strength...you get mission accomplished that way."

Vitaliano is a retired decorated NYPD lieutenant who spent 40 years on the job, capping his career running Bronx homicide and robbery commands.

McManus, another longtime member, said he intends to streamline meetings, ending their ongoing disorder. He said he also will impose an eight-year term limit on himself if elected chair.

A member Enterprise Association Steamfitters Local 638 for over 40 years, he currently is its Bronx political representative.

McManus is also a Democratic state committeeman for the 80th Assembly District who actively campaigned for local Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera, who lost in the September primary to Mark

Gjonaj.

Under City Charter rules, McManus' political position won't bar him from chairing the board.

But D'Angelo, longtime president of the Morris Park Community Association and a principal for a Catholic school in New Rochelle, said he's concerned McManus' political position could turn the board into a political body with Democratic leanings.

"I don't know if somebody who holds public office should be chairman of the community board," said D'Angelo, who attended Gjonaj fundraisers during the campaign. "Their allegiance will be to the party leader, not constituents."

D'Angelo has been with MPCA for decades, addressing neighborhood concerns to CB11. He's also a member of the Community Advisory Council under Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Under board procedures for the Dec. 20 vote, each of the candidates will speak for three minutes, highlighting



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TONY VITALIANO



JOE MCMANUS

their strengths, followed by a question-and-answer segment, with nominees given one-minute response times to member questions.

The executive board initially barred any questions to candidates at the Dec. 20, but the majority of the board rejected that move at the Nov. 29 meeting.

Board chairpersons, an unpaid position, work as liaisons between board members and the district manager, who executes any motions the board passes.

They are also the eyes and ears of the neighborhood for quality of life issues.

But it's often a chairperson's approach that sets the

tone for the board.

"You can't push people around that are volunteers," said D'Angelo, "because they'll tell you where to go."

All candidates agree they want to see an end to the chaos that has often marked meetings at the 48-member board.

Under board rules, can-

didates for chair must win at least 50% of the vote from those present at the meeting. If no candidate wins at least that percentage, the two candidates with the most votes will square off in a runoff election.

According to a community board's by-laws, each member's vote is public.

## City Island businesses are back

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and restaurant patrons wondering if the island is open for businesses after Superstorm Sandy, said Paul Klein, the chamber vice-president.

"Things are almost back to normal, and City Island is a great place to come for your holiday needs," said Klein.

The retail stores and the vast bulk of the restaurants are open for business and ready to serve the public.

"City Island was a mandatory evacuation zone, and the boat yards got hit and one restaurant did burn," said Klein. "But the bulk of the restaurants are up and running, the stores and galleries are running."

There will be sales on a new shipments of toys and on jewelry at Klein's own cooperative gallery, Kaleidoscope at 280 City Island Avenue, as well as a \$19.95 five-course dinner special at Lobster House at 691 Bridge Street, said Klein.

The Lobster House is probably extending the "soup-to-nuts" special into January,

said owner Joe Mandarino. He added that the special was being offered to restore a sense of normalcy after the storm.

The restaurant lost its large rooftop lobster, toppled during Sandy.

Klein added that recent Christmas Tree and Menorah lightings in Hawkins Park served as a kick-off to what retailers hope will be a bright holiday season.

Both Kaleidoscope and Focal Point Gallery at 321 City Island Avenue recently premiered some new artists too, he added.

But chamber members have noticed a decline in business since the storm, said Klein.

"The storm was publicized and people are now associating City Island with the Rockaways and Staten Island," he said. "I just wanted to get the word out that we are alive and well."

One of the reasons that City Island may have fared better was that storm surge did not occur right at the

high tide. City Island is located between Eastchester Bay and a narrowing of Long Island Sound.

Many docks at boatyards and elsewhere around the island were damaged during the storm.

Tony's Pier Restaurant burned down, as firefighters worked valiantly and successfully in preventing the fire from spreading. A sign on the restaurant recently indicated that it will reopen by the summer of 2013.

One house caught fire during the storm, the local paper, The City Island Current, first reported. Another house on Pilot Street caught fire when out-of-state work crews were restoring power and there was an electric power surge.

But the damage to City Island, when compared with other shoreline communities, was minimal, said Klein, and businesses are pretty much back to running normally.

"We are just waiting for customers," said Klein. "We are here to serve you."

## Hayes and Our Saviour schools reaccredited by Middle States

Two Bronx high schools – Cardinal Hayes High School in Baychester and Our Saviour Lutheran School in Morris Park – have been reaccredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools.

The reaccreditation signifies that the schools have met the Middle States Association Standards for a quality school, recognized worldwide as an indicator of educational quality, trustworthiness, and commitment to ongoing school improvement, officials said.

"The schools have earned and deserves recognition for successfully completing the rigorous and rewarding Middle States reaccreditation process which signifies a level of educational quality that goes beyond the accountability requirements of state and

federal inspection, reporting and monitoring," said MSA-CESS president Henry Cram, Jr., who announced the reaccreditation.

To achieve MSA-CESS accreditation, each school completed a comprehensive self-evaluation and hosted a volunteer evaluation team of independently-appointed educators, which conducted its own assessment and evaluation.

This months-long process was governed by a steering committee and involved the entire school community, including faculty, parents and students.

For the seven-year-term of the accreditation, the school communities will engage in a commission-directed series of reports and/or site visits to maintain the rigor of the accreditation process, officials said.

Cram offered his congratulations to the school

communities, adding "Middle States accreditation goes beyond recognition for prior achievements, but ensures a commitment to future accomplishments and continuous improvement designed to ensure every child receives a quality education."

Celebrating its 125th Anniversary in 2012, the Middle States Association accredits more than 3,500 public, private, parochial schools and school districts, including traditional and online programs, early-age education schools and supplementary education programs serving students preK-12, as well as colleges and universities.

The Middle States region includes Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and in more than 85 countries around the globe.

BY DR. WILLIAM WOLFSON  
When Does A Child  
Need A Dentist?

In fact, the infant Oral Healthcare is a very important thing, even more than you probably realized. Each month, your baby reaches new milestones in their growth, including oral growth. But experts are increasingly concerned about the treatment in infants' oral health.

In most cases, your child will begin to grow teeth at any time between four and nine months. You probably know when your baby starts teething, when saliva is more copious than ever before. In addition, when the baby hand, or anything moveable and small enough is more often put in the mouth. A teething baby will chew just about anything.

The first baby teeth that appear are the two bottom front teeth followed quickly by the upper front. Use a damp cloth or 2X2 gauze to clean the gums and teeth twice a day until your child about a year. There are several brands of toothbrushes that are available for infants, all with a very soft texture brush. Choose a baby toothbrush that has a small head, but a handle large enough to fit in your hand. As for tooth paste, select one with no fluoride in it because babies will often swallow the paste, and fluoride is not to be ingested. You can switch to fluoride paste when your child learns to spit. There are many flavored infant pastes that are ok if swallowed.

By the time your baby is one year old, it is time to schedule regular checkups with the dentist. Teeth will be counted and gifts given, but no x-rays will be taken and no treatment performed until the child is older. Again, even by taking the child to the office you are cre-

# Dental Diary

ating a habit and introducing another fun activity. If you have a lot of fear, it is a good idea to have someone else (aunt, sibling, friend) take the child. of course if you are a real fraidy-cat, never take the child when you are having treatment! Parental fear is highly contagious!

By age 1, you can brush baby teeth gently on the two surfaces, inside and out, twice a day. Do not forget to brush the tongue to ward off bacteria that can cause bad breath even in babies. Immediately replace a baby toothbrush after brush was beginning to look untidy.

Good habits formed early on by giving proper attention to oral health, will create a lifetime of oral health. Children are often fussy and lazy about tooth brushing. As a parent, you certainly should not give in to the situation. Make it a family affair, with parent and child doing it together at least twice a day. It's good for both of you! Remember, if left unchecked, the accumulation of plaque, even on baby teeth, will cause health problems in the mouth.

Finally, there is one more vitally important item you should consider, namely, baby bottles. Baby bottles, even with milk or formula, contain loads of sugar (Lactose.) Fruit juices are even worse, as they contain both sugar (fructose) and acids (citric acid.) A child put to bed with a bottle containing anything other than water is a cavity waiting to happen! There is even a name for the rampant decay this causes, "Nursing bottle syndrome." This is far more common

than most people think because many parent's don't realize the hazard caused by sleeping with a bottle in the crib. We have seen toddlers with rampant decay requiring crowns and root canals because of a simple, avoidable and all too common parental mistake. Maintain your baby's teeth now, and save in the long run, when your children are grown. Its a win-win situation.

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## Stay trim during holidays

BY DR. ERNEST PATTI  
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Here are some tips during the holiday season:

- Eat a small protein sandwich prior to parties; turkey is great with some low-fat cheese and honey mustard.
- Drink plenty of water. Usually we arrive at parties hungry and dehydrated, which

results in us devouring everything in sight.

- Arrive a little late so you don't have time to eat. Avoid fried and breaded items.
- Mix seltzer with a splash of juice and fruit slices for your holiday drink.
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### NEW '13 Chevy **Malibu** LS

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wind/locks/seat/mirr, A/C, XMRadio/CD, On-  
Star with turn-by-turn Navi, Bluetooth, cruise,  
tilt, body moldings, 16" alloy wheels, MSRP  
\$23,425. Incl. rebate\$



### NEW '13 Chevy **Equinox** LS

Stk#13092, 5dr, 4cyl, auto, power steer/  
ABS/wind/locks/mirr/dr. seat, A/C, AM/FM  
Stereo/CD/XMRadio, OnStar with turn-by-  
turn Navigation, FWD, Bluetooth, cruise, tilt  
wheel, MSRP \$24,655. Incl. rebate\$



### NEW '13 Chevy **Camaro** 2LS

Stk# 13100, 2dr, 6cyl, automatic, power steer/  
ABS/windows/locks/mirrors/A/C, AM/FM/CD/XM  
Radio, OnStar with turn-by-turn Navigation, tilt,  
cruise, rem keyless entry, alloys, MSRP \$25,585.  
Incl. rebate\$

### PLAN 1

24 Mos Lease.†  
**\$89**  
Per Month

24 Mos Lease.†  
**\$119**  
Per Month

39 Mos Lease.†  
**\$159**  
Per Month

39 Mos Lease.†  
**\$199**  
Per Month

### PLAN 2

24 Mos Lease.†  
**\$129**  
Per Month

24 Mos Lease.†  
**\$159**  
Per Month

39 Mos Lease.†  
**\$189**  
Per Month

39 Mos Lease.†  
**\$219**  
Per Month

### PLAN 3

24 Mos Lease.†  
**\$169**  
Per Month

24 Mos Lease.†  
**\$199**  
Per Month

39 Mos Lease.†  
**\$209**  
Per Month

39 Mos Lease.†  
**\$249**  
Per Month

### PURCHASE OPTION

YOU OWN IT FOR  
**\$13,123**\*

YOU OWN IT FOR  
**\$15,929**\*

YOU OWN IT FOR  
**\$14,793**\*

YOU OWN IT FOR  
**\$15,863**\*

Plan 1 requires \$2012 Down, Plan 2 requires \$999 Down and Plan 3 requires \$0 Down.

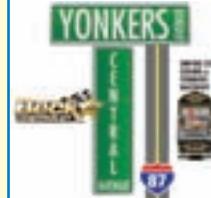


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Prices incl. all costs to be paid by the customer except for licensing/reg+\$650 bank fee/Camaro, \$295 bank fee/Equinox & Cruze, \$595 bank fee /Malibu +1st payment+tax. Malibu requires a \$350 termination fee. All prices include all rebates to dealer-\$1000 Conquest must qualify, see dealer for comp. dtls. Total Payments/Purchase Option: Camaro=(1)\$7761 (2)\$8541, (3)\$9711; Residual-\$15,863. Malibu=(1)\$2856, (2)\$3816, (3)\$4776; Residual -\$15,929. Cruze=(1)\$2136, (2)\$3096, (3)\$4056; Residual-\$13,123. Equinox=(1)\$6201 (2)\$7371, (3)\$8151; Residual-\$14,793. Leases are based on 10K mi/yr lease@25c thereafter, and are closed ended w/purchase opt. incl. Lessee resp for maint. & excess wear/tear. OnStar with turn-by-turn navi: based on a no charge 6 mos. subscription from GM. †Subj to primary lender approval and required qualifications & terms - credit severity may alter rates, terms, down payment. See dealer for comp. details. Not resp. for typos/equip errors & vehicles sold prior to pub. date. Pics for illus. purp only. Offers exp. 12/18/12. DMV#2600376