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Questions on Monte's standing ER

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

An emergency room without a full service hospital offering critical surgery is raising questions about plans for the takeover of Westchester Square Medical Center.

Under its plan to purchase WSMC assets, the state Department of Health granted Montefiore Medical Center a five-year operating license for the state's first "freestanding emergency depart-

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Photo by Walter Pofelt

BEHOLD AN IRISH PRINCESS?

Rhiannon Hiney had a front row seat to the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Throggs Neck. Thousands lined E. Tremont Avenue on Sunday, March 10 as groups and pipers marched along the main thoroughfare.

A full recap can be found on page 3, with colorful photo spread on pages 30-31.

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LEHMAN HIGH SAVED

Must meet improvements to remain open

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Now it has to prove itself.

After a last minute save from closure, Lehman High School now has a long shopping list of improvements needed to keep it from sliding back to a phase-out closure list.

It was saved on Thursday, March 7 by Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott, who visited the school to break the news to Lehman principal Rose LoBianco.

As LoBianco has stated, among the tasks now facing the Lehman administration:

- Raising the school's graduation rate, making it closer to the city average
- Increasing students' credit accumulation
- Further implementation of strate-

gies to improve "climate" and "culture" at Lehman

- Putting "the whole child" at the forefront of planning

A celebration

After hearing from the chancellor, LoBianco informed the entire high school community through the public address system, which created a "celebratory tone throughout the building," said Lehman coordinator of student activities James Rodriguez.

"The news from Chancellor Walcott is a certification that all of our hard work and collective efforts have been recognized by the Department of Education," said LoBianco. "We can now move forward as we continue to improve in our ability to educate the young

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Boro turns out for St. Pat's Parade

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It's luck o' the Irish, with sunny skies and fair weather for parade goers

BY DAVID CRUZ

Throggs Neck transformed into an emerald city once again as thousands celebrated the 15th annual Bronx St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Amid a sea of green and under sunny skies that melted away a snowstorm, the sound of whining bagpipes and cheers for marchers echoed along E. Tremont Avenue on Sunday, March 10.

Leading scores of marching groups were the three grand marshals: Rosemary Lombard, Joe McManus and honored clergyman Father Stephen Norton of St. Benedict's Church.

"God bless the Irish, God bless the Bronx," declared Fr. Stephen, wearing a red, white and green sash, declared as he stood with McManus and Lombard at a breakfast inside St. Benedict's prior to the parade.

Lombard and McManus,

proud Irish folks, were especially humbled to be this year's grand marshals.

McManus, a union leader and lifelong Bronxite, called it his greatest honor. "It's like raining shamrocks," he told the church crowd while son Mike recorded his remarks, cheering along.

Lombard, a retired Bronx teacher of Irish descent, hopes the parade can keep the story of Irish immigrants alive.

"If you don't try to keep it going," said Lombard, "it will fade away."

The breakfast wrapped up with Congressman Joe Crowley serenading the crowd with his rendition of "Danny Boy," hushing a crowd eager to show off some Irish pride.

The Parade

It was a day for families and friends to line the parade route, with face-painted shamrocks on young and old and other Irish-themed deco-



The Gaelic sounds of the Irish homeland echo throughout the Bronx St. Patrick's Day Parade. More photos on pages 30 and 31
Photo by Walter Pofeldt

rations for on-lookers lining the mile-long parade, which lasted 90 minutes.

Fifteen families marched on behalf of loved ones who died last year. The departed were memorialized with commemorative banners and given the title of honorary grand marshals by the

Throggs Neck Parade Committee.

The family of Peter Christopher Junta Jr. not only marched with a banner, but they also were decked in green t-shirts honoring the 19-year-old, dead from a heart attack.

"He always put others

needs before his own," said Junta Jr.'s father Peter.

Maureen Burke of City Island sipped on a drink while watching the parade from Brewski's bar.

"It's more than having a beer," said Burke, a post office manager. "It's recognition of all the hard work our

ancestors brought to make this happen."

Burke paused for a moment, choking back tears as she thought about her grandmother, nicknamed Mammy, who immigrated from Ireland in the early 1900s to become a lifelong butcher in Manhattan.

The Bars

Revelers soon moved the St. Patrick's day party to the local saloons, bar hopping to Brewski's, Throggs Neck Clipper, The Wicked Wolf and others.

Rob D'Alessandro inched his way to the counter to order two Angry Orchard drinks.

"I can't get too out of hand, I have work tomorrow," he said, admitting he has no Irish blood, though he was quick to point out St. Patrick was not from Ireland.

"St. Patrick was Italian," he noted, "so you gotta represent."



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around town

by David Cruz

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Birth

Emily Hill is the proud grandmother to newborn **Zari Solaine Hill**, born Valentine's Day 2013. Zari came into the world weighing a healthy 7pounds, 3 ounces.

Grandparents Miguel Latorre and Myrna Byrd welcomed **Stefania Yvette Latorre** on February, 13. Congratulations.

Birthday

Happy birthday Lisa Ann Ioppolo from Robert James Tribuzio. Lisa, beginnings can be confusing and endings can be quite sad, but all that happened in between is priceless. You don't know what you've been missing until you give it a chance. I hope your birth-



LISA ANN IOPPOLO

day is a special one and you enjoy it to its highest level, my Italian princess. I will always love you Lisa, you're one of a kind and a class act, Bobby and Lisa forever. God bless us all, amen.

Presidential Scholar

Congratulations to Melissa DeLuca, graduating senior at Lehman High School, one of 3,000 candidates in the 2013 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors.

AARP Driver Safety Program

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto will be sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety course on Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This course is a closed class with AARP. Registration for this class begins on Monday, March 18 at 9:30

a.m. No reservations will be accepted prior to that date and time. To reserve a seat, call (718) 892-2235.

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course will receive a reduction of approximately 10 percent from the base rate of automobile and motorcycle liability premiums each year for three years.

The course will be held at Fort Schuyler House, 3077 Cross Bronx Expressway.

Passover Seder at Temple Hatikva

The community Passover Seder sponsored by Temple Hatikva will be held on Sunday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m. There will be a reading of the special Temple Hatikva Hagaddah, along with a full, Kosher Passover meal.

The cost for the entire Seder is only \$25 per person, and reservations must be made no later than March 15.

Reservations are now being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your

seat(s), send a payment to: Temple Hatikva, 1526 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, New York 10461. Seating is strictly limited and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Last year, Temple Hatikva was sold out prior to the Seder! Don't get disappointed this year – make your Passover Seder reservations now!

Temple Hatikva will have its Friday evening Shabbat Service on March 15 at 7:30 p.m. The theme of the Oneg Shabbat follow-

ing the Service will be "A Taste Of Passover". All those attending will have the opportunity to munch on wonderful Passover desserts – putting you in the mood for the upcoming holiday.

Of course, this is a free event, so bring your friends, neighbors and families.

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Pelham Pkway parking nightmare

Locals worry both-sides parking on service road will be safety hazard

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

A bad situation may have just gotten worse for residents along Pelham Parkway South.

While locals await a judge's decision on their suit to rip up an unwanted new mallside sidewalk that narrows their service road down to 26 feet, the city Department of Transportation will soon again allow parking on both sides of the road.

Locals have complained the narrowed service road creates a dangerous situation for firetrucks and other emergency vehicles trying to navigate through. Tower ladders, they charge, have no room to extend their stabilizers to keep them from tipping while trying to reach hi-rise floors, while firefighters can't reach their equipment when compartment doors become wedged in from cars parked on both

sides of the narrowed street.

A DOT spokesman said the agency will install 'No Standing Anytime' signage at intersections, known as daylighting, to allow fire rigs to make turns on to the service road.

And with buses returning to the main parkway road after almost a year during parkway reconstruction, "No Parking" signs will be removed along the service road from Williamsbridge Road to Wilson Avenue within the next week or two.

"The road is not getting any wider and the fire trucks are not getting any narrower," said Dr. David Stevens, a local dentist with an office along the service road who has been leading the charge on the lawsuit against the city.

Stevens said there has already been an issue with ambulances getting stuck

while traveling along the narrowed service road while cars try to parallel park.

"We don't know yet if parking on both sides will cause a problem," said John Fratta, assistant district manager of Community Board 11, which has also been active in the issue.

Craig Chin, spokesperson for the city Department of Design and Construction, said construction is substantially complete along the service road.

"Guardrail installation needs to be completed at some locations," he said, "and street light work and tree planting will take place this spring."

He declined to discuss the emergency vehicle issue when parking on both sides of the street resumes, but an FDNY spokesman said it will not cause a problem for fire trucks.

"With the daylighting

rules still in place and the current parking restrictions in place, we are still able to navigate those streets," he said. "There are a lot of narrow streets all over the city that have parking on both sides of the street that we can navigate through."

But William Madonna, an attorney who is representing a number of local groups and individuals suing the city, disagreed, saying extra cars in addition to the new five-foot sidewalk will obviously narrow the street - "It's quite apparent that if the roadway is even more narrow, then the response time of all of the emergency services will be further delayed, jeopardizing everyone involved."

"I will be surprised if any emergency vehicle will be able to navigate this heavily populated area," he said. "This is clearly the purpose of the lawsuit."



FDNY ambulances get stuck along Pelham Parkway south service road waiting for a car to parallel park. Photo courtesy of David Stevens



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CASHING IN

In any Bronx political race, the contest usually - that's usually - belongs to the candidate who has the backing of the Bronx Democratic Party organization.

That said, it was dueling fundraisers last week in the race for the City Council seat in the 15th C.D. in the central Bronx, with **Richie Torres**, who's backed by Councilman **Jimmy Vacca**, on Thursday, March 7, and **Alberto Alvarez**, backed by term-limited Councilman **Joel Rivera**, and **Yudelka Tapia** the next night.

The importance of the timing, other than filling the campaign kitty, is that the deadline for filings with the city Campaign Finance Board for six-to-one matching funds is/was Friday, March 15.

All candidates for city office are required to file disclosure statements detailing their campaigns' financial activity from January 12, 2013 through March 11, 2013.

With Richie and Alberto looking at the moment like the

potential lead candidates, there's still a long ways to go in this race - including gathering nominating petitions - before County decides which one it wants to back, with the manpower resources the party can bring to bear - or maybe just stay neutral to keep all concerned political backers happy. And in this case, with two electeds backing competing candidates, this could be a tricky decision for Party Boss **Carl Heastie**.

One small sidenote: The party went all out to back incumbent Assemblywoman **Naomi Rivera** in the last election, despite her rather shaky performance record and a bit of play-for-pay scandal of having two boyfriends on payrolls.

It even joined her at the hip with Boro Prez **Ruben Diaz Jr.** in door-to-door campaigning, but to no avail, with challenger **Mark Gjonaj** outspending and out maneuvering Snooki to clobber her at the polls.

SP?

And speaking of candidates running in the 15th C.D., a

note to **Joel R. Rivera** - NO, the other **Joel Rivera**, a seemingly perennial candidate: Please fix your spelling of "canidate" in the headline on your website at Joelrivera2013.com/.

SLIPPAGE

Negative news for former Bronx Boro Prez **Adolfo Carrion**, who's reported to have just lost the backing of Brooklyn GOP County leader **Craig Eaton** to make it on to the Republican ballot line in the September mayoral primary.

AC needed the support of three county leaders to get on the line, but it looks like his only supporter at the moment is Bronx GOP leader **Jay Savino** - for now....

Eaton said he's joining two other county leaders to support mega-billionaire **John Catsimatis** for the GOP ballot line.

Adolfo, who dropped his longtime Democratic Party registration, is a lone wolf at the moment, though he'll still be on the Independence Party line, making him look more of a Hispanic vote

drainer than a viable candidate.

CHARLIE UPDATE

Ever since **Charlie Rangel** found a quarter of his territory redistricted to take in a western chunk of the Bronx, we've been wondering when he'd open a district office or assign a staffer to it.

Well, at least he been making some moves, updating his website, which now states his Harlem district also includes Kingsbridge, Norwood, Bedford Park, Fordham, and University Heights, with some profile info about the nabes.

He also met Friday night, March 8, with several dozen local electeds and party regulars over at Bronx Democratic County headquarters on Eastchester Road, as well as making a "Chat with Charlie" appearance on Monday, March 11 at the Bronx Library Center free tax filing event put on by the Food Bank for New York City.

SWINGING OVER

Meghan Lynch, longtime chief of staff for Soundview Councilwoman **Annabel Palma**, swing-

ing over as chief of staff to West Bronx Senator **Gustavo Rivera**.

His former chief of staff, **Conchita Cruz**, moving to Washington as deputy COS to Colorado Rep. **Jared Polis**.

"My four years with Annabel were amazing," sayeth Lynch, "but this was an opportunity to work on the state level and expand my network."

Lynch, by the way, holds a master's degree in public health, a plus for Gustavo, the ranking Dem on the Senate health committee.

And no replacement reported yet for Annabel's office.

BRONX GOIL

The late **Elaine Kaufman** (229th St. and Carpenter Ave., Evander Childs High School), had a thing for writers, letting them run a bar tab and stuffing them with her famed saloon's signature Pasta Bolognese when they were between checks. The tradition continued Thursday, March 7 when the Table 4 Writers Foundation held its first annual awards gala at the NY Athletic Club, bestowing \$2,000 grants on

five promising winners of a writing competition, as well as honoring **Gay Talese** and other noted regulars at Elaine's regular table, where she could keep one eye on the door and the other on the cash register.

Comedian **Robert Klein** (Decatur Avenue, DeWitt Clinton HS and PS 94) had the audience rolling in the aisles.

WHOOOPS!

We mixed up our cast of characters in an item last week about BOEDC's No. 2 guy, **Frank Randazzo**, taking over as Bronx Public Administrator. We fixed it on the web, but for print readers, **Michael Lippman**, facing trial for allegedly charging excessive fees to handle estates was LEGAL COUNSEL, and NOT a former public administrator. *Mea culpa*.

BRONX BIRTHDAYS

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March 13 - Bronx Republican Party leader **Jay Savino**
March 19 - Assemblywoman **Vanessa Gibson**

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40th PCT.

TUES, FEB. 26th, 5:30 a.m. – 830 Eagle Ave. Police officials were on the move as reports were being received indicating that body parts were appearing on South Bronx streets. Officials indicated that they recovered body parts at four different locations, all within walking distance from a crime scene. It started when a person spotted a body part sticking out of one of the bags and summoned police. The culprit, a 23 year old male, with a history of mental problems and criminal activity, apparently killed his mother and then proceeded to use a specially purchased saw to chop up the 52 year old woman's body into numerous small pieces. Police also arrested a 26 year old male who assisted in chopping up the woman's body and disposing of it in plastic bags at the various locations. It's reported that security cameras in the area captured images of the male trying to dispose of the bags along the streets. Officials indicated that the murder scene had been scrubbed clean with bleach.

FRI, MARCH 1st, 6:20 a.m. – East 142 St. and Morris Ave. A multiple vehicle accident sent three persons to Lincoln Medical Center. Officials indicated that the accident involved two vehicles and a school bus. At the time of the impact there was only one five-year old child on board the bus. All of the victims were reported to be in stable condition.

FRI, MARCH 1st, 12:3 p.m. – 321 East 150 St. Police officers were summoned to Lincoln Medical Center on East 149 St. after the victim of a stabbing appeared at the medical facility. A 32 year old Hispanic male arrived at the hospital after being transported by an unknown Latino male. Medical authorities indicated that the male victim was suffering from a stab wound to the chest area.

SAT, MARCH 2nd, 10:55 a.m. – 606 Melrose Ave. Two more persons were sent to court pending a possible jail term after being found in possession of a semi-automatic pistol. The 45-caliber pistol and its ammunition were removed from the two culprits after they failed to produce the proper license to own a handgun in NYC. The pair can be facing a three year jail term.

SAT, MARCH 2nd, 12:50 p.m. – East 144 St. and Willis Ave. Two police officers were transported to Jacobi Medical Center after being injured in a vehicle accident. The officers were treated for back and neck injuries. Both were reported to be in stable condition.

41st PCT.

MON, FEB. 25th, 9:35 p.m. – 677 Beck St. Authorities are looking into the death of a person whom inhale a chemical in a gas form. The victim apparently died after inhaling helium.

FRI, MARCH 1st, 7:15 a.m. – 639 Southern Blvd. Police in-



POLICE BLOTTER

vestigators launched an inquiry into a shooting. A black male had been shot once in the left leg officials reported. The injured man was transported to Lincoln Medical Center for treatment.

42nd PCT.

TUES, FEB. 26th, 9:15 p.m. – Cross Bronx Expwy and Boone Ave. A female was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital. The crime victim was suffering from a stab wound to the neck. Local sleuths are handling the inquiry.

WED, FEB. 27th, 5:05 p.m. – Jefferson Pl. and Clinton Ave. Police officers arrested a 22 year old Hispanic male. The young man was found in possession of a 9-mm semi-automatic pistol. The handgun was vouched as evidence for the pending court hearing.

43rd PCT.

SAT, FEB. 23rd, 2:20 p.m. – Investigators from the Special Victim's Squad are looking to talk with a black male believed to be in his twenties. Authorities were informed that the unknown culprit sexually assaulted to Hispanic girls, ages 10 and 13 years old.

SAT, FEB. 23rd, 9:55 p.m. – 1524 Leland Ave. Police officers were able to remove another gun from the hands of a person who failed to obtain the proper license for it. Arrested was a 30 year old Hispanic man who saw his 38-caliber revolver being vouched as evidence.

TUES, FEB. 26th, 12:05 p.m. – 1580 Westchester Ave. Authorities are looking for a Hispanic male who attempted to rob a bank. The unknown male culprit passed a note to a teller stating that he was armed with a gun. The teller refused to give the man any money and the culprit fled empty handed.

SAT, MARCH 2nd, 10:30 a.m. – 1965 Lafayette Ave. Authorities are looking into the death of a three month old infant. The unresponsive baby girl was found lying in her crib by her 15 year old sister in their home located near White Plains Rd. The infant's mother performed CPR on her young daughter, and a paramedic crew rushed the baby to Jacobi Medical Center who it was determined that the infant had passed. Authorities are waiting for the results of the Medical Examiner's autopsy which should determine the cause of death.

44th PCT.

SAT, FEB. 23rd, 8:35 p.m. – Teller Ave. and East 163 St. Another teenager was arrested after be-

ing found in possession of a gun. Police officers arrested a 17 year old Hispanic male after he was found with a 357-caliber handgun. The weapon was vouched as evidence.

FRI, MARCH 1st, 11:40 a.m. – 1220 Gerard Ave. Emergency personnel responded to a school after students were affected by a chemical discharge. Expects determined that a pepper spray had been set off inside the educational building.

FRI, MARCH 1st, 2:10 p.m. – 930 Sheridan Ave. Police were requested to assist with an eviction. City Marshals were requesting assistance since a 66 year old woman refused to open her door for them. Police officers were able to talk with the woman and the door was opened without any additional problems.

FRI, MARCH 1st, 10:25 p.m. – 201 East Mount Eden Ave. Two police officers required medical attention after being struck by debris that was thrown from a building at the police. The officers had been dispatched to the scene of a dispute near Morris Ave. As the officers were making an arrest, an unknown person threw a glass vase off the roof at them. The police officers released after receiving medical attention.

45th PCT.

SAT, MARCH 2nd, 3:30 a.m. – East Tremont Ave. and Randall Ave. A search was conducted in the Throggs Neck area for five males. The group is wanted for attacking and robbing a smaller group of three males. Taken during the robbery was a cell-phone. The victims were taken afterwards to Einstein Hospital and provided with medical care for minor injuries.

46th PCT.

SAT, FEB. 23rd, 4:05 p.m. – 61 East Tremont Ave. A Hispanic male required medical assistance after being shot. The injured 24 year old Latino man was suffering from a bullet wound to the right thigh officials indicated. Local detectives are conducting the inquiry.

SUN, FEB. 24th, 1:50 p.m. – 2323 Walton Ave. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad had to remove a lock from an apartment door before authorities were able to gain control of a middle aged man. The 36 year old Hispanic man suffering with mental health issues decided to lock himself inside his home. The specially trained officers removed the lock and upon gaining entry to the home they were able to gain

control of the man without any additional problems. The Latino man was taken to North Central Bronx Hospital and provided with assistance.

SUN, FEB. 24th, 11:40 p.m. – 2274 Jerome Ave. Investigators from the local detective squad are looking into an incident where a man had been attacked. A Hispanic male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital suffering from a trauma to the head.

MON, FEB. 25th, 5:40 a.m. – Jerome Ave. and 176 St. A search was conducted for three males. The trio had impersonated police officers as they committed a robbery. The culprits grabbed their victim on the stairway at the first floor. The victim received an abrasion to the left side of the face in addition to a lump on the head.

SAT, MARCH 2nd, 5:30 a.m. – Field Pl. and Grand Concourse. An older Hispanic man was transported to an area hospital after being struck by a vehicle. The motorist fled the accident scene after striking the 62 year old victim. The victim was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital and reported to be in critical condition. Police officers from Highway 1's Accident Investigation Squad were summoned to the accident scene to help gather additional evidence. Officials are looking for a light colored sedan.

SAT, MARCH 2nd, 7:35 a.m. – Jerome Ave. and East 174 St. Three persons were trapped in the cab of a truck. The sanitation truck struck one of the steel pillars that support the over-head IRT # 4 lines that runs along Jerome Ave. Once freed by first responders the three workers were transported to St. Barnabas Hospital.

SAT, MARCH 2nd, 1:30 p.m. – 1500 Popham Ave. A search was conducted for six unknown culprits who invaded a West Bronx home. The team of culprits consisted of a Hispanic female with five Hispanic males. At gun point they entered an apartment occupied by three persons. The thieves fled with seven thousand dollars officials indicated.

47th PCT.

WED, FEB. 27th, 11:45 a.m. – 4180 White Plains Rd. Additional police officers were redeployed into the Wakefield area after an armed robbery occurred. A black male displaying a gun robbed the neighborhood KFC outlet. The thief fled with two hundred dollars officials indicated. Detectives are looking for the culprit.

SAT, MARCH 2nd, 12:05 a.m. – 3501 Boston Rd. Police searched for an armed black male.

The unknown culprit entered the area 7-11 and at gun point robbed the store of five-hundred dollars from the cash register. The male culprit fled before police could arrive.

48th PCT.

SAT, FEB. 23rd, 11:45 a.m. – East Tremont Ave. and Southern Blvd. A police officer was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital after being injured in a vehicle accident. The injured officer was operating a three-wheel scooter when the police vehicle was struck by another vehicle. The incident is under review.

SAT, FEB. 23rd, 3:15 p.m. – Authorities are looking to question a male in conjunction with a report that a young girl had been raped. Police investigators were informed that a 13 year old girl was the reported victim. Specially trained investigators will handle the inquiry.

SAT, FEB. 23rd, 9:55 p.m. – Police were alerted that a young girl had been sexually assaulted. The young victim was provided with medical attention at a local hospital as police started a search for the culprit.

SUN, FEB. 24th, 3:25 p.m. – 1932 Crotona Parkway. Emergency personnel were alerted that a woman was threatening to jump from a building's roof. Several Emergency Service Squad units were dispatched to the scene including an airbag truck as specially trained police officials from the Hostage Negotiations Team attempted to get the woman into a conversation. Police officers were able to gain control of the woman taking her away from her hazardous perch. Once in custody the woman was provided with medical care at St. Barnabas Hospital.

49th PCT.

THURS, FEB. 28th, 3:00 p.m. – 2220 Wallace Ave. An inquiry got underway as authorities learned that two females had been stabbed. The two victims, a mother and daughter, were transported to Jacobi Medical Center where they were treated and reported to be stable condition. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

50th PCT.

FRI, MARCH 1st, 4:45 a.m. – 5535 Broadway. Police investigators are looking into an incident where a male was shot near Kimberly Pl. Officials indicated that they are looking for a grey colored vehicle. The victim was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital suffering from a bullet wound in the buttocks area as additional police officers were dispatched into the area. The male victim was reported to be in stable condition.

52nd PCT.

SAT, FEB. 23rd, 12:00 p.m. – 20 East 190 St. An inquiry was started when police officials learned of the death of a person. Authorities are looking into the passing of a 66 year old Hispanic

woman. The Medical Examiner's office will determine if there was any criminality connected to the woman's passing.

WED, FEB. 27th, 1:00 p.m. – 75 West 205 St. Three students were arrested as specially trained sleuths looked into a report of sexual abuse at the Bronx High School of Science. A freshman explained to members of the Bronx Special Victim's Squad how the three members of the school's track team sexually abused him. The arrest caused school officials to suspend all track activities for the remainder of the season as the inquiry is ongoing.

FIRE LOG

SUN, FEB. 24th, 12:00 p.m. – 2884 East 194 St. Fire investigators are looking into a blaze that damaged the basement area of a private residential building in the Pelham Bay section. Officials reported that there were no serious injuries, but Red Cross workers did assist a person who required relocation help. Within minutes after they arrival firefighters had the blaze contained and extinguished in less than 15 minutes.

TUES, FEB. 26th, 1:00 a.m. – 2405 Grand Ave. A fire was reported in a building just south of West Fordham Rd. The blaze was in a 4th floor apartment within the 5 story high apartment house. Battalion 19 reported that the blaze was spreading and the chief requested the services of a fifth engine company in addition to a forth ladder company. At 1:13 a.m. the incident commander reported that all primary searches in the fire apartment were completed, the fire was being extinguished by a hose line and was shortly placed under control.

TUES, FEB. 26th, 6:25 a.m. – 2276 Jerome Ave. Train traffic was halted on the Jerome Ave IRT # 4 line because of a raging fire at East 183 St. during the early morning rush hour. The fire damaged a commercial structure housing several neighborhood businesses under the busy train station. North bound trains were stopped at the East 161 St. station where riders are permitted to switch to the nearby IND 'D' Train. Battalion 19 reported that the fire was in a one story structure housing several different stores. Within minutes the engine crews were pouring water onto the flames that were traveling in the cockloft. Smoke was found in three different stores. Battalion # 19 requested an additional engine company and ladder company to respond. In less than 45 minutes the fire was declared under control. Train traffic was permitted to resume on the IRT # 4 transporting thousands of riders to and from Manhattan.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A windy tale

Dear editor,

As I am sure that you have received plenty of letters regarding Hurricane Sandy and her wrath, I have here a humorous anecdote to lighten up those sour Sandy moods.

As any individual can tell, even several months after that big ol' bad bag of wind we call Sandy hit, people are still feeling the effects.

As a Throggs Neck native, I found myself driving up and down East Tremont Ave. assessing the damage done. And I was happy to find that Sandy was kind to a majority of the places on East Tremont, minus a few trees and streetlights.

As I headed to the 7-11 on Tremont, I noticed that the store next to it, which appeared to be an oddly unique dual DVD/cell phone store, had its awning damaged.

Where one stood a map of the United States as well as the store's name, now stood, or rather not stood, a big empty cut-out of the USA.

Sandy literally took America, which I also interpreted as a metaphor.

A couple of days ago there was a new and improved awning, big, bright and blue, with a new detail: a DVD of 'Gone With The Wind.'

John Rodolico

Twomey's return

Dear editor,

At the Country Club Civic Association meeting in February which your "Kappy" attended, and at which you were our guest speaker, we asked that the column of 20 years "Do Your Remember" by Bill Twomey of Locust Point, be re-run. We never imagined that it would return so quickly.

We are proud to have this long respected column, and its local respected historian once more a part of "OUR" paper.

For the newcomers to our community, enjoy in knowing and respect our past of this, our Bronx.

Marcia Anne Pavlica

Assemblyman's thanks

Dear editor,

In your March 1-7 paper, an article was posted about my weekend in Albany for the Black & Puerto Rican Legislator's Conference weekend: "Gjonaj supports student trip."

I want to personally recognize and thank those who made it possible.

It took a lot of time and organization to put this trip together and I cannot let another moment go by without acknowledging Patricia Williams, a long time community activist, and Youth Leaders on the Move.

We all share the same dedication and drive that I possess when it comes to inspiring the youth of our future. With their talents and dedication the weekend proved to

be a tremendous success.

To the principals and parents of Harry S. Truman H.S., Collegiate Institute for Math and Science, and Pelham Preparatory Academy: thank you for providing us with such a wonderful group of students. They are truly our future leaders.

And an additional thank you to the chaperones and members of Youth Leaders on the Move who also accompanied us.

It is a wonderful memory that still lingers in my mind and I anticipate continuing the tradition along with Youth Leaders on the Move in the coming years.

Thank you all, again.

Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj

Auto Theft Prevention

Dear editor,

The Bronx is experiencing a spike in Auto Thefts due to victims leaving their car running while they run into a store.

The following is a crime prevention tip I hope you can publish in your paper.

In the United States a vehicle is stolen an average of every 21 minutes.

Car thefts can occur anytime, so be alert and aware and follow these simple rules:

- Never leave your car running unattended, even to dash into a store. This occurs frequently in winter months as drivers leave the engine running to keep the car warm. All it takes is a split second and your vehicle is gone.

- Never leave keys in the car, the ignition or in hide-a-key boxes.

Sgt. Eileen McGlynn

NYPD Crime Prevention Section

Keane Park benches

Dear editor,

I think that I have at least a partial solution to the removal of the park benches at the Lawrence F. Keane park near downtown Pelham Bay.

It goes like this: extend the park slightly over the safety zone at the south end of the park and then take measurements of the south end of this park to build a small Park Ranger house at the south end of the park

even over the safty zone.

Dont worry, an additional parking space would be placed under the el on the west side of the park, and of course, both Community Board 10 as well as Senator Klein's office would work to get the Park Ranger who would oversee things at Lawrence F. Keane Park.

Also,extra cameras would be placed on the roof of Chase Bank directly across the street.

Only, the people who do wrongdoings in the park like drug selling and fighting, for example, will be recorded by these new cameras.

Second: at about 9 p.m. or so, the Park Ranger will come out perhaps accompanied by somebody from the Lawrence F. Keane Meeting House on Buhre Avenue and take down those flags over the monument at the park.

This action would signal that the park is now closed.

At the same time. the Park Ranger would unbolt the park benches and place them inside the Park Ranger house until next morning.

The Bronx Times Reporter reported that the park benches were removed by the Parks Department but did not give a time frame when they will return.

Hopefully, they will be back along with my suggestion in place by Memorial Day.

Joseph P. Wall

Bill Twomey's column

Dear editor:

I cannot leaf through the BRONX TIMES REPORTER without searching for Bill Twomey's column.

You're informed me, and all your readers, that Mr. Twomey, or Bill as I prefer to call him, has retired, but I continue to disbelieve it. If "seeing is believing," does it then follow that "not seeing is not believing?"

Bill's columns, whether they were about about my former neck-of-the woods, namely Throggs Neck (when it was spelled with two "g's"), or any other corner of the Bronx, caught and held my interest.

I still have half a dozen fat folders in my files preserving his former columns, as well as half a dozen of his books, which I dip into from time-to-time, but there's still nothing like a new column, which was always fresh and different and full of new information. "How did he do it?" I sometimes wondered, week after week.

Any chance you can persuade him to make an occasional reappearance? I'm sure I'm not the only one who feels like this. Even if all he does is tell us how much he misses us. Hopefully as much as we miss him.

John Robben

Editor's note: Good news, John. Bill's columns are back, as we are recycling the best of his work. See page 38.

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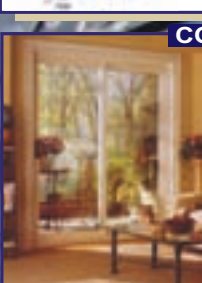
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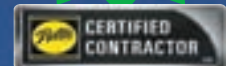
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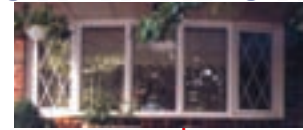


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T.J. Maxx for Fordham Plaza

Department store to open March 26

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Bronx Fashionistas, get ready. T.J. Maxx is coming to Fordham Plaza.

The 30,503 square foot designer department store will hold its grand opening from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 24.

The chain is one of the nation's largest discount retailers, with about 1,000 stores in operation, and offers fashion and accessories for the family and the home, jewelry, and beauty and pet accessories.

"I think they'll be a great addition to the area," said Daniel Bernstein deputy director of the Fordham Road Business Improvement District. "I know that Fordham Plaza hasn't had a big retail component and I think that store in particular will add that element."

The new location at Fordham Plaza will be

open from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays.

As part of the grand opening, reusable shopping bags will be given to the first 1,000 customers.

"We are pleased to expand our store base to Bronx, delivering value and an exciting selection of fashion to serve the needs of customers," said Richard Sherr, president of T.J. Maxx. "With thousands of new items from top designers and brands arriving in each store every week from around the world, shoppers will discover a completely new store full of amazing values every time they visit."

The grand opening comes just as the city Department of Design and Construction has started on its reconstruction project of the plaza at 4750 Third Avenue and sur-

rounding streets.

Construction will be done in several phases and includes a redesign of the plaza's transit hub, road and sewer repairs, tree planting, landscaping and more.

The affected areas are bordered by E. Fordham road to the north, E. 188th St. to the south, Third Ave. to the east and Webster Ave. to the west.

The goal of the project is to improve traffic flow in the busy transportation hub and is expected to be complete by Spring 2014.

The BID's Bernstein said he thinks the new store "will make a big impact when all of the construction and everything is complete."

"It's a big transportation hub, so a lot of people will be attracted to the retail," said Bernstein, "and it will become more of an appealing destination."



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Scrap night hearing to save GPO

Concourse community board blasts postal officials for ignoring plea

BY DAVID CRUZ

Maybe the letter got lost in the mail.

When a daytime hearing over possible sale of the Bronx General Post Office produced a barebones public turnout, Community Board 4 asked for an evening hearing with the Postal Service instead.

But officials at the cash-strapped agency have apparently snubbed CB4's request, said district manager Jose Rodriguez.

"We're disheartened by the fact they neglected to reach out to us," said Rodriguez, who sent a letter to postal officials two weeks after the Feb. 5 hearing.

Neighbors had a month to voice concerns about the sale of the landmark post office, mailing letters to officials handling the deal.

But that option wasn't well publicized since neighbors didn't attend the 10 a.m. hearing, when most folks were at work.

"That's not having proper respect for the community," charged Rodriguez, noting the agency should have had a better public relations strategy. "Folks are more receptive to having that kind of conversation than the route they took."

Responding to the board's written request for an evening hearing, a USPS spokeswoman insisted "a response to the board was sent and received."

"Maybe it got lost in the mail," responded Rodriguez, with a laugh.

The lack of transparency between postal officials and the community has several folks speculating a buyer could already



CB4 officials demanded an evening meeting with postal officials to discuss future of Bronx GPO, but requests were apparently ignored.

Photo by David Cruz

be waiting in the wings.

At the February hearing, postal officials cried poverty in their decision to find a buyer for the prominent post office at E. 149th Street and Grand

Concourse in Melrose. Built in the 1930s, the building is listed on the National Register for Historic Sites.

The lobby houses Walt Whitman-inspired mur-

als painted by Ben Shahn and Bernarda Bryson in the 1930s, priceless works that have worried preservationists over whether they will remain intact. Only the landmark-pro-

tected exterior must remain intact.

At one point the massive building served as the borough's mail distribution center, until the operation moved to Manhattan.

These days only 10% of the building is utilized for day-to-day use, said postal officials.

They promised to talk with any new landlord over leasing the lobby to keep its retail front open, but NYU Professor Stephen Hurtik, who's followed the agency's national selling trend, doesn't buy it.

"That's usually a temporary move," said Hurtik, arguing the new landlord typically rents out space to the agency for about a year "to keep the public happy and to give the new owner time to get his ducks in order."

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Pelham Bay mom needs help

Bone marrow drive set for Palm Sunday at St. Benedict's

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A Pelham Bay mother of two young children is fighting for her life - and looking for a lifeline from some Good Samaritans.

Denise Kula, 38, is in need of a bone marrow transplant.

To help, a bone marrow drive is being held at St. Benedict's Church on Palm Sunday, March 24 at St. Benedict's Church on Bruckner Blvd. at Logan Avenue.

The drive will run from from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the church's Father Albert Hall.

Kula, the mother of a seven-year-old boy named Kyle and a nine-year-old daughter named Delilah, is suffering from leukemia, said her father, Sal Cordovano.

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She is looking for a bone marrow (stem cell) donor match for a transplant to save her life, he said.

The drive at St. Benedict's is being organized by Delete Blood Cancer (DKMS), the Knights of Columbus and volunteers from St. Benedict's, and comes on the heels of very successful drive held in Carmel, N.Y., where her father lives. It drew out 160 people, he said.

"People did turn out up in Carmel, and we are hoping to have the same turn out in the Bronx at St. Benedict's Church," said Cordovano. "Two different areas are not going to get the same people, that's for sure."

Collecting a bone

marrow sample to see if there is a match in the national computerized system is a simple mouth swab, her father said.

"They take two cotton tips and they place it in the mouth, doing one side of the mouth and then another side of the mouth," he said.

Staff or volunteers from DKMS at the drive will inform those interested in giving a sample about their eligibility.

"They can save a life," said Cordovano. "The bone marrow drive is for Denise Kula, but matches can be found for someone else. Most of the people who have leukemia are young people waiting for a match. So if it doesn't save Denise, other people could use it."

One of the three local organizers, Bailey Provetto, said the drive is being held on Palm Sunday because church attendance is usually high that day.

"It is crucial that she get this bone marrow," said Provetto. "Even though they had one in Carmel, there are a lot of people who know her in the Bronx."

She added: "It could help Denise and it could help someone else. It is going to help someone. We are keeping our fingers crossed that hopefully we will find a match."

In addition to Provetto, also working on making the blood drive at St. Benedict's a success are Jessica Welsh-Walker and Liz Grepert.



Denise Kula, a mother of two, needs a bone marrow transplant to save her life. She is seen here with her daughter Delilah. courtesy of Denise Kula

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Longtime Allerton shop a glass act

Thirty-five year business relocates in nabe

BY DAVID CRUZ

This Elvis is a glass act. The sign at the new Allerton Glass Co. says it all: sheets of glass available in all shapes and sizes.

But take a look inside and you'll meet a bonafide Elvis Presley impersonator.

His name's Duane Spearman, a Morris Park neighbor nicknamed Elvis by many of his customers.

His ringtone is set to Presley's classic song "Hound Dog."

And though he moonlights as the King of Rock and Roll, performing at private parties, he first identifies himself as the owner of the thriving glass shop, recently settling in at 2901 White Plains Road, several blocks up from the original location at 2514 White Plains Rd.

The small business, always in the Allerton area, was forced out by a land-



Joseph Pagano and Duane "Elvis" Spearman remind you they're still in the neighborhood.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

lord who refused to renew a lease. Luckily, he and partner Joseph Pagano found one still in the Allerton nabe.

But the latest move raised some eyebrows from locals who thought the busi-

ness had shut down after 34 years in business.

"We owe it to the people of this neighborhood to know that there's still a glass store here," said Spearman, remembering stumped customers finding the old store

at a new location.

"We didn't know you moved," was a common expression Spearman kept hearing during the first several weeks of the move.

He shares the mom and pop venture with lifelong

friend Pagano, a glass wizard who's been friends with Spearman since they were fifteen.

"He was working at Allerton Glass, I was working at a glass shop on Boston Road," said Pagano.

"We ended up buying it together."

The duo specialize in crafting a myriad of glass-inspired accessories for the home, with a major client list that includes Burger Kings and the new Yankee Stadium.

"There's a lot more work to be done because there's a lot more glass than the old one," said Pagano.

The new digs, basic and utilitarian, function as a sort of glass lab, where Spearman can fix a window while a customer waits.

"If there's nothing on the table," said Spearman. "We do it while you wait."

The store is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Their shop number is 718-798-7230.

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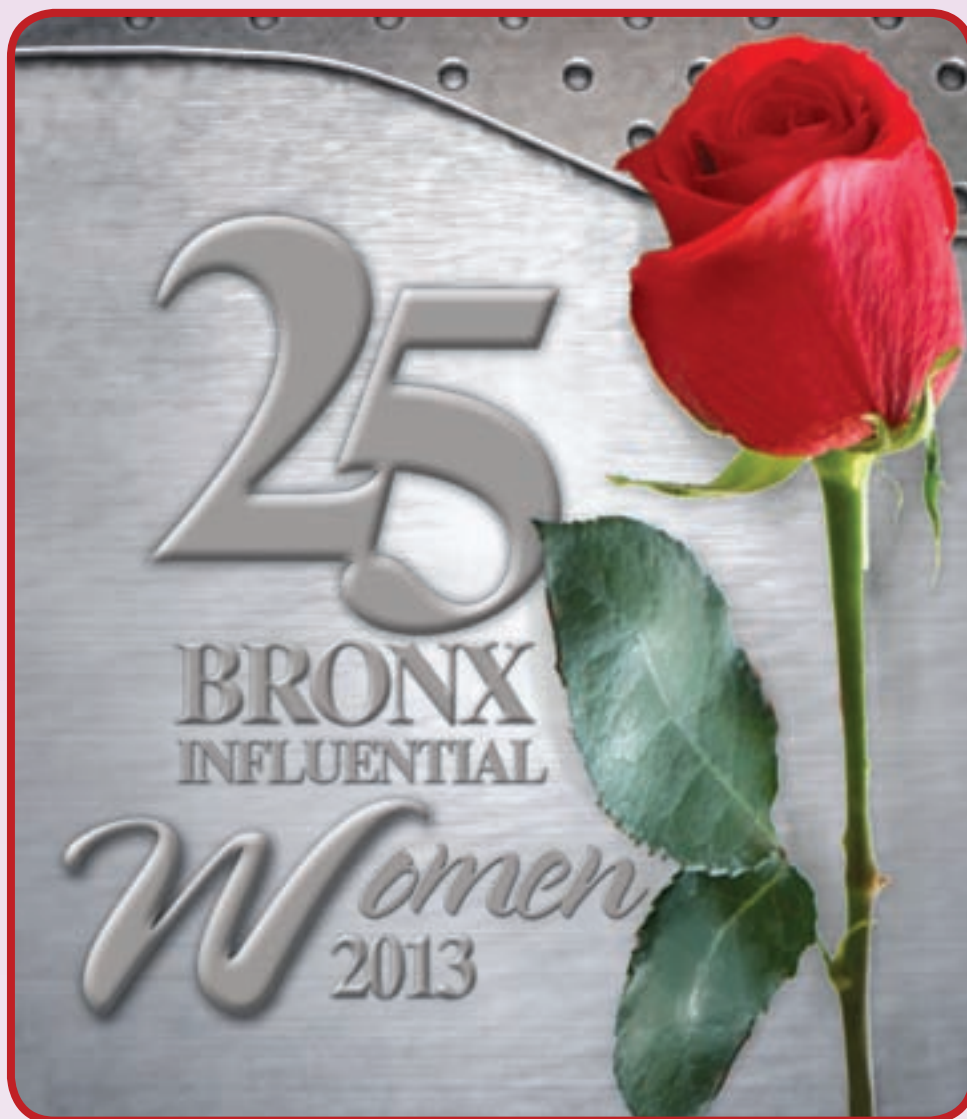
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Hunts Point getting greener

City adding 1.5 acres to Barretto park

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Hunts Point locals will have some more space for recreational activities, thanks to New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

DEP commissioner Carter Strickland recently announced plans to convert a 1.2 acre piece of property there into parkland.

The land, adjacent to Barretto Point Park, served as a storage space for construction equipment and as temporary offices while the Hunts Point Wastewater Treatment Plant underwent renovations.

An environmental remediation of the property will be done before it is turned over to the city Department of Parks and Recreation.

The process will take up to six months and will be funded through the New York State Clean Air/

Clean Water Bond Act of 1996, part of an agreement the city reached with Mothers on the Move, a Hunts Point community organization.

Under the city's supervision, a contractor will add 18 inches of clean fill and six inches of topsoil over the entire lot, as well as plant grass and shrubs before the land is turned over the parks department.

DEP recently completed a \$280 million upgrade to the Hunts Point plant's electrical substation, generators, aeration, and sludge pumping systems that has reduced nitrogen discharges from the plant into the East River and Long Island Sound. The department also installed four underground litter control devices at a cost of \$26 million along the Bronx River.

Along with improving

the ecological health of the Upper East River, officials said this investment will ensure that the plant remains in a state of good repair for decades to come.

"Our recently completed upgrades to the Hunts Point Plant, along with the new litter control devices along the Bronx River, will help improve the ecological health and cleanliness of the Upper East River," said DEP Commissioner Strickland. "As we continue to look for opportunities to expand fishing, boating, and other recreational uses of our waterways, this newly converted land will provide residents with an important open space and an additional access point to the East River."

Wanda Salaman, executive director of Mothers on the Move said she is looking forward to the new recreational space.

"Now that the New

York Organic Fertilizer Company's Hunts Point plant is closed and our community is odor free, we're excited to work with the city to add recreational space to our beautiful waterfront in Hunts Point," she said.

Local Councilwoman Maria del Carmen Arroyo said the local community "has been anxiously awaiting the conversion of the 1.2 acre parcel into recreational space."

She called the remediation of the site "an important first step and a great victory for the community."

"I am deeply committed to securing capital funding to further the Barretto Point Park development and look forward to engaging the community in the scoping and design of the new open space," she continued. "Congratulations to all."

Jay-Z coming to Yankee Stadium this summer

The Yankees have announced that tickets for JAY Z and Justin Timberlake's "Legends Of The Summer Stadium Tour" on July 19 at Yankee Stadium will go on sale to the general public on Tuesday, March 12 at 10 a.m., online at www.livenation.com, via charge-by-phone at (800) 745-3000 and via TTY at (800) -4327.

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The current Yankee Stadium has hosted some of the biggest names in music, while taking its place as

one of the most important venues on the worldwide concert circuit. Last year, Madonna sold out Yankee Stadium on September 6 and 8, during her MDNA world tour, and Roger Waters, co-founder and principal songwriter of Pink Floyd, brought his production of The Wall to the Stadium on July 6 and 7. Two years ago, legendary Beatle Paul McCartney performed a pair of sold-out shows at Yankee Stadium on July 15 and 16, 2011, and Metallica capped off a full day of heavy metal on September 14, 2011.

JAY Z co-headlined the first full-scale concerts at the current Yankee Stadium, sharing the bill with Eminem on September 13 and 14, 2010, for two sold-out shows. The Brooklyn-born rapper also performed at Yankee Stadium on October 29, 2009, singing his hit "Empire State of Mind" with Alicia Keys prior to the



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Three year wait for NYCHA repairs

Senator Klein intervenes on behalf of Throggs Neck Housing tenant

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Andrea Ragland waited three years for new cabinets and other needed work on her New York City Housing Authority apartment.

But it finally took a state elected official to get something done.

The Throggs Neck Houses tenant said she took off countless days of work and called in numerous work orders to the Housing Authority, only to have her requests ignored.

Ragland, 31, a mother and full time nurse at a New Rochelle rehabilitation center, said she waited years for NYCHA to perform a number of different repairs to her apartment, including broken kitchen cabinets, holes in her walls and mold growing in her bathroom.

"May will be three years I have lived here," Ragland said. "From the first time I walked through the house, I told the housing assistant I was with I was going to need new cabinets, and she said it was not a problem. Almost three years later, I finally got some."

Ragland said NYCHA sent people to look at all of the repairs that needed to be done, but they never actually did any work.

"I had holes in my wall and in my bathroom ceiling," Ragland said. "I had to bomb my house because of all the insects that were coming in. Every time I put in a work order request, someone would come out to look at the problem and then tell me to put in another request. It was so frustrating, and I was losing



Andrea Ragland's kitchen cabinets in her Throggs Neck Houses apartment remained in disrepair for three years, until an elected official stepped in to help.



Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's office

days off of work waiting for people who sometimes never showed up."

After being fed up with the lack of action from NYCHA, Ragland called Senator Jeff Klein's office for help.

Klein's office contacted the NYCHA superintendent of Ragland's building, Chris Harris,

who manages a dozen NYCHA buildings. But according to Klein's office, Harris told them Ragland's need for repairs were "unfounded."

After the senator's office sent pictures of the broken cabinets and holes in the apartment walls, Ragland scheduled a work order for January

16 — but nobody showed up.

When repair workers finally did show up six days later, they said repair work could not be done on the cabinets unless the holes in the wall were fixed first, but that could not be done until May.

Klein then reached

out to Mike Cadise, the assistant superintendent for NYCHA, who had all of Ragland's repairs completed within two weeks.

"I am very, very thankful to Senator Klein's office," Ragland said. "It took him two weeks to get done what I was trying to get done for years."

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Bronx neighbors

PROFILE

BY DAVID CRUZ

Marlon Molina saw need in the Bronx for a child to learn how to read, a homeless man looking to be fed or a park that needs to be swept, but few volunteers to help.

In response, Molina helped create the Bronx Volunteer Coalition, a network of 16 nonprofits rallying to bump up the number of volunteers.

Molina, a founding member, has been on a campaign tour for BVC at the borough community board meetings.

"You just got to step out your door and go do it," declared Molina, a member of Community Board 3 in Morrisania.

The banker is also a seasoned community organizer for the Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition, setting up tenant organizations or rooting out quality-of-life elements.

He helped push out prostitution at a hot sheets motel near the Sheridan Expressway using the Mount Hope Organization and neighbors to pressure cops to use the nuisance abatement law.

He saw the power of volunteerism working as a trainer for Safe Horizons, leading volunteer notary publics to sign off on paperwork needed to assist 9/11 victims.

It was a breeze finding helpers in the early months following the tragedy, but eventually the wave of volunteers dwindled.

"Sometimes we couldn't carry out the volunteer sessions to come in and notarize the documents," recalled Molina.

Hurricane Sandy also inspired "spontaneous volunteers," which ultimately died off. But Molina hopes the BVC can maintain those numbers, because, as he sees it, "there's always a need."

The BVC has teamed



Marlon Molina

with Big Brothers Big Sisters to teach member groups such as South Bronx United, TriLatino and Literacy Incorporated the three R's of volunteerism – recruit, retain and reward.

And Molina looks to make it easier for would-be volunteers to find their niche group by organizing Bronx Volunteer Week, a springtime event he dubs a "call to action."

The Bronx Museum of the Arts will showcase a weeklong exhibit on volunteerism in May, with BVC's member groups manning tables to recruit volunteers.

Bronx Volunteer Week will coincide with Bronx Week, whose focus this year will be on volunteerism.

Anyone looking to join a volunteer-based group can register at bxvc.org.

"We're gonna tell all Bronxites if you been thinking about volunteering," said Molina, "this is the time for you to do it."

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Calvary Hospital honors "a star"

Awardee offers "healing touch" to patients

Calvary Hospital recently honored Bronx resident, Daisy Sall, CCT-II with the "Catch a Star" Award.

The Hospital encourages patients, family members, visitors and employees to nominate members of the nursing staff (nurses, cancer care technicians, and administrative staff) who demonstrate the hospital's core values of Caring, Compassion, Commitment, Non-Abandonment, and Dignity through their work.

Honorees are also expected to go above and beyond to make a difference, and exemplify a "healing touch" presence with patients and family members.

Award recipients are chosen by their nurse administrators, peers, physicians, patients and families.

Daisy Sall, has worked as a nurse's aide since joining Calvary in 2003 and graduated as a Cancer Care Technician, CCT in 2006.

Her nomination forms from colleagues and family members included comments such as:

- "Daisy provides exceptional service going above and beyond her duties."

- "Daisy was very compassionate to my mother-in-law and my entire family."

- "She is an exceptional person, caring and very attentive to my aunt's needs."

- "Daisy listened to me when I had no one else."

Daisy was born in New York City where she graduated from Jane Adams Vocational High School. Some of her hobbies are reading, watching movies, and listening to music. Daisy and her family reside in the



Calvary awards the Catch a Star Award to Daisy Sall, CCT-II, pictured (left to right): Fran Nunziata, Assistant Director of Human Resources; Marilyn Crockett, RN, Patient Service Manager; Daisy Sall, CCT-II (Honoree); Marlene Humphreys, RN, Director of Staff Development; and Sally Umbro, Vice President, Patient Care Services

Bronx.

Established more than 50 years ago, Calvary Hospital's rigorous six-month training program for Cancer Care Technicians has

produced hundreds of outstanding health care professionals with the necessary skills to help people with advanced cancer

achieve the best possible quality of life.

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Our CCT program has become a national model of appropriate, cost-effective, and competent palliative care, and has helped us achieve our reputation as a "National Leader in Palliative Care."

Korony Post Support the Troops Bingo Apr. 29

Theodore Korony American Legion Post #253 is holding its annual Support the Troops bingo fundraiser at the Samuel Young Post #620's Hall on Ericson Place in Pelham Bay on Friday, April 29.

The event is held in honor of fallen local hero Chris Engeldrum and the proceeds are

used to send care packages to troops stationed overseas.

Tickets sell out quickly for the event, which runs from 7 pm to 9 pm, and need to be purchased in advance.

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Bronx beat

Bronx Borough President is urging concerned individuals from the Bronx and across the City to register for his upcoming Health & Wellness Summit, to be held at Fordham University's Rose Hill Campus on Saturday, April 6, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"We see this event as a major first step towards a comprehensive health and wellness agenda for not just the Bronx but the entire City, and I urge everyone with an interest in these important topics to sign up for a day of thought-provoking discussion on the health of our City," said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. Individuals may register to attend the summit at Borough President Diaz's website. Up to 30 breakout sessions will be held as part of the summit, and can be registered for at the website, as well. Spanish language breakouts and translators will also be available.

The summit's keynote address will be given by Dr. Max Gomez, award-winning health correspondent for CBS.

One of TV's most respected medical journalists, Dr. Max Gomez has produced award-winning health and science segments for network stations in New York and Philadelphia. Dr. Max has reported for Dateline, Today Show and 48 Hours. Over almost three decades, he's earned nine Emmy Awards, three NY State Broadcaster's Association awards and UPI's "Best Documentary" award.

In addition to NYC's 'Excellence in Time of Crisis' for his September 11 coverage, Dr. Max has been singled out nationally for special award recognition by the Leukemia Society and The National Marfan Foundation. He was also named the American Health Foundation's "Man of the Year." A noted moderator and speaker, Dr. Max is the regular moderator for Memorial Sloan-Kettering's Cancer Smart public education series. He was also the moderator for a three day, international conference on adult stem cells hosted by and held at the Vatican.

Dr. Max also trains physicians nationally in public speaking and

presentation, speaking to groups as diverse as the National Cancer Institute and the College of American Pathologists.

Historic preservation consultant Hansel Hernandez will present a free lecture "Grand Concourse: Boulevard of Dreams" at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 16 sponsored by the Bronx County Historical Society. His talk with focus on the history of the borough's famous roadway, and its present historic buildings, monuments, and architectural heritage.

The public lecture will be held at The Bronx Archives Building located at 3313 Bainbridge Avenue. For directions, please call (718) 881-8900

The Bronx County Historical Society, founded in 1955, is a private, non-profit educational and cultural institution chartered by the New York State Board of Regents. The Society is dedicated to the collection, preservation, documentation and interpretation of the history and heritage of The Bronx and its people from its earliest historical references in the 17th century to the present.



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BRONX-BASED POETS RECITE POETRY AT CASITA MARIA



Frank Lopez of the Peace Poets performs a solo from “Barrio Libre” at Casita Maria.
Photo by Patricio Robayo



Peace Poets Frank Lopez, Enmanuel Candelario, Frantz Jerome, Luke Nephew, and Abraham Velazquez took audiences on a lyrical journey during their music and spoken word show Barrio Libre at the Casita Maria Center for Arts and Education in Hunts Point. The show was part of the Center’s 2013 Spring Season series of performances by Bronx-based artists. From (l-r), Peace Poets Frank Lopez, Abraham Velazquez, Luke Nephew, Frantz Jerome and Enmanuel Candelario perform a scene from their show “Barrio Libre”.
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MARCH 2013
SHOW AT FOCAL
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Ron Turner’s Focal Point Gallery at 321 City Island Avenue held an opening on Friday March 1 featuring new artwork by Turner and eight other local artists. New photography and paintings were displayed featuring an eclectic mix of themes. There was a wine and cheese reception.

(Top) Proprietor Ron Turner (l) and exhibitor Joseph Moscatto (r) enjoy the opening.

(Right) Turner with one of his new works of art that includes an iconic American image of John Wayne.



Photo by Walter Pofeldt





Throggs Neck Saint Patrick's Day Parade

(Left page Top) Manhattan College's Pipers Band move uniformly on East Tremont Avenue, one of many participating bands rocking the St. Patrick's Day Parade.
Photo by Patricio Robayo

(Left page far left) Melissa Pollack gets into the St. Patrick's Day spirit, wearing a leprechaun's hat just like her dog Winston.
Photo by Patricio Robayo

(Left page Middle top) Statue of Liberties Sal Cataldo, Leslie Baez, Jose Torres and Chris Jackson of Liberty Tax Services in TN are just one of many groups marching along the parade. Photo by Patricio

(Left page Middle Bottom) The Emerald Society Pipe Band's Tommy Hayes leads his fellow pipers down E. Tremont Ave.
Photo by Walter Pofeldt

(Left page right top) Cara Seriven tickles the bagpipe, marching with her fellow pipers.
Photo by Walter Pofeldt

(Left page right bottom) Mary Doughty is among the thousands attending the annual parade, clad in St. Patrick's day gear for the festive day. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

(Right page top) With an Ireland flag in one hand, Sen. Jeff Klein waves to the crowd with the other. He's joined by mayoral candidate Joe Lhota, Community Board 10 Chairman John Marano, Congressman Joe Crowley, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., City Comptroller John Liu, and Assemblyman Mike Benedetto
Photo courtesy of Sen. Jeff Klein's Office.

(Right page bottom left) Say hello to your grand marshals (l-r) Rosemary Lombard, Joseph McManus and honorary clergyman Father Stephen Norton. They stand with Schuyler Hill Funeral Home owner Jim McQuade (second from left), working as this year's lead sponsor.
Photo by Laura Stone

(Right page bottom right) The Fife and Drum Corps. band hugs along the parade route, featuring this hip colonial.
Photo by Walter Pofeldt

Right page far right) Pat Schmitt makes everyone known she's into St. Patty's day. Just look at that green hat!
Photo by Walter Pofeldt



COUNCILMAN CABRERA SPONSORS FREE TAX PREP



Councilman Fernando Cabrera sponsored free tax preparation for qualified people on Saturday, March 2, at the Bronx Works Senior Center on E. 181st St. and Walton Ave. The service was provided in conjunction with New York City Food Bank.

(Above) Eunice Chica (seated) helps Jose Reyes file his taxes as (standing l-r) are Fredrick Gonzalesburgos, Councilman Cabrera, and Yashalyn Lacayo.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



VACCA SPONSORS FREE MAMMOGRAM VAN

Councilman Jimmy Vacca co-sponsored a mammogram van visit on Wednesday, March 6 in his district. The van, which is a partnership with the American Italian Cancer Foundation, has visited the district every winter for the last six years to offer free mammograms to women of the Bronx over the age of 40.

Pictured from (l-r) is Councilman Jimmy Vacca; breast cancer survivor Isabella Israfil; volunteer from Self-help for Women with Breast or Ovarian Cancer Diane Delgado; Donna Racor and Ozeng Rodriguez.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Jimmy Vacca's office

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION BY HIBERNIANS



The Chippewa Democratic Club near Westchester Square held its annual St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday, March 1. As part of the celebration that evening, the Ancient Order of Hibernians Bronx Division 3 presented the Michael Warren Scholarship, given every year to a local youth. The \$500 scholarship was given to Michael Purse, most valuable player of the St. Raymond Gaelic Football Club. At the check presentation for the scholarship were division 3 members (l-r) Danny Donovan, Dennis Gallagher, Kitty O'Hara, division 3 leader Bob Nolan and Purse, Pat Warren, event coordinator Dave Kilkenny, Joseph Wall, Roger Fahey and Michael Murphy.

Photo by Aracelis Diamantis



ART EXHIBIT OF SOLES SHOES

Shoes have a story to tell. Just ask artist Andre Trenier unveiling his piece on featuring this pair of rundown soles he took from a Bronx neighborhood. At BronxAtSpace, Trenier and others showed off their pieces featuring shoes hung from wires, part of an exhibition dubbed "Bronx Soles" at 305 E. 140 Street in Mott Haven on March 3.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

VNS Westchester expands to Bronx

Two major trends – the aging of America and New York State's drive to make healthcare services more cost efficient – have created an unprecedented demand for quality home healthcare services in counties north of New York City. To fill this unmet need, VNS Westchester (VNSW), the largest non-profit, community-based Medicare-certified home healthcare provider in Westchester and Putnam counties, has expanded its visiting nurse and other home healthcare services to include residents of the Bronx, Dutchess and Rockland counties, bringing to five the number of counties it now serves.

"The Bronx, Dutchess and Rockland counties have growing populations of people in need of home health services – people who are elderly, chronically ill, or at risk for health problems – and not enough home healthcare resources to meet that need," explains VNSW President & CEO Lou Nemnom. "Our agency has a long and successful track record in providing home care services that can make a profound difference in the health and well-being of individuals in these areas."

New York State certified VNSW to serve additional counties based on the agency's excellent history of service and community outreach, commitment to reduce hospitalizations by providing specialty disease prevention programs, and its pioneering use of TeleHealth remote patient monitoring. VNSW's established relationships with multiple managed long-term care programs, and its willingness to work with the State to manage the most complex cases, were additional factors in the certification process.

Although home health-

care is an optimal way to deliver coordinated healthcare to the elderly and patients with complex conditions, there is a shortage of certified home health agencies in New York State because of a nearly 20-year moratorium on certifying new agencies. As a result, in 2011, New York State issued a Request for Applications to home health agencies to increase the supply.

Mr. Nemnom notes that many agencies applied, but only a limited number were chosen. "In the first round, the state received applications from 137 agencies and certified only 14 agencies," he explains. "The state selected us because VNS Westchester strengthens communities. We allow patients to stay at home, we relieve the anxiety of caregivers, we serve as a partner with local healthcare institutions, and we close the gaps in transitions of care that make Medicaid and Medicare budgets balloon. We also promote community health by offering public programs in smoking cessation, low-vision, teen pregnancy prevention and chronic disease management. We become part of the fabric in every community we serve."

Service Rollout

VNSW began serving patients in several Bronx communities in December 2012, and plans to be operating throughout the borough by the end of 2013. In January, VNSW started serving the southernmost areas of Dutchess County, primarily those south of Poughkeepsie, and recently began seeing patients in Rockland. By year's end the agency expects to serve an additional 500 patients in the Bronx, Dutchess and Rockland, with exponential growth expected in subsequent years. In 2012, VNSW served more than 9,000 pa-

tients in Westchester and Putnam.

To support its expansion, the agency has increased its clinical staff by 10 percent since last fall, according to Susan L. Hagemann, director of human resources. "We're continuing to recruit more professional, paraprofessional and support staff to increase our bench strength in all five counties," Ms. Hagemann states. Currently, VNSW and its affiliate home health aide agency Westchester Cares at Home together employ more than 500 people.

New Agency Name

In conjunction with its expansion, the agency, formerly known as Visiting Nurse Services in Westchester & Putnam, has changed its name to VNS Westchester. The shift, Mr. Nemnom explains, reflects the agency's 112-year legacy of service and name recognition in Westchester. "We've kept the two most important parts of our name – VNS and Westchester," he says. "Westchester has been part of our name since 1980, and it is how people know us. Our reputation for quality care has spread beyond the county. When people hear VNS Westchester, they know they are receiving the best possible healthcare at home."

Mr. Nemnom says that VNSW is prepared to meet the burgeoning need for home healthcare in the agency's five counties of service. "With the aging of America and increase in chronic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, and hypertension, there will be greater demand for health services," he explains. "We can provide the high-quality, cost-effective care patients require, and we can do it at home, where patients want to be. It's a win-win situation all around."



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Operation Kathy's Kids bring toys to Sandy victims

Bronx-North Manhattan Realtors pitch in

The devastating destruction of Hurricane Sandy may have claimed countless homes and lives; but as far as Kathy Zamechansky was concerned, it was not going to take away the spirit of the holiday season.

Each year, the Bronx-Manhattan North Association of Realtors (BMAR), the Bronx YMCA and three YMCA's in Staten Island run an annual toy drive during BMAR's

holiday party. All toys collected are given to families in need.

However this year, Zamechansky, founder and broker of KZA Realty Group, Inc. and the 2013 BMAR president-elect, suggested that BMAR work with the Bronx and Staten Island YMCA's to identify families who were affected by super storm Sandy, and donate all toys collected to

them.

"BMAR has been giving toys to local organizations for many years," said Zamechansky. "I thought that since communities such as Staten Island, Breezy Point and so many others in the city had been devastated by Hurricane Sandy that we should donate the toys this year to those communities."

It was then that "Operation Kathy's Kids" (OKK) was created.

The OKK project inspired many in the community to support the initiative, and their generosity was illustrated through the bevy of unwrapped toys that were donated at BMAR's holiday celebration on December 5, 2012.

Zamechansky's vision truly came to life when the toys were delivered. The distribution began on De-



Children's holiday gifts awaiting delivery to Sandy victims under Kathy's Kids program

cember 22, 2012, as Eliezer Rodriguez, Esq., BMAR's incoming association executive officer and Chairman of the Bronx YMCA board of managers, suggested that BMAR work with the

Staten Island YMCA, and donate the toys to the communities in Staten Island that had been impacted by the storm and that is what they did.

"When I approached

the Bronx Y's Director, Sharlene Brown, she said 'Y not?'" said Rodriguez. "Sharlene worked with the Staten Island Y's to identify the families who would receive gifts from OKK. The

kids at the Y Afterschool Program at P.S. 108 created Holiday cards for the selected families based on the '12 Days of Christmas.'"

Rodriguez, and Brown, delivered \$100 gift cards and bags of toys to twelve families on Staten Island. They delivered a second round of toys on Christmas Day to twelve families in the Bronx. OKK made their final delivery on Three Kings Day on January 6, 2012, when they visited the final two families that were not available for a visit on Christmas day.

"The gifts and Holiday cards were received by the selected families with joyous smiles, tears of joy and endless expressions of social graces," said Rodriguez.

"Because of Kathy, I will never forget the 2012 Holiday Season. Thank you, Kathy."

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Continuing the St. Patrick's Day giveaway theme, one lucky Empire Club Member will win a Trip to Ireland.

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Passover seder at Temple Beth El

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the community, including unaffiliated & mixed-ethnicity Jews rediscovering their heritage & non-Jews who feel called to experience the Jewish way.

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To register, send check to Temple Beth-El of City Island, P.O. Box 188 Bronx NY 10464 by March 19. For information, call Michael at (718) 792-3709 or email Michaeleiron@optonline.net.

Day of reflection at Maryknoll

Seventeen student-catechists from St. Barnabas High School from its Faith Sharing program attended a Lenten Day of Reflection at the Maryknoll Center in Ossining, NY on March 6.

The day featured various speakers from lay ecclesial movements from the Archdiocese of New York, including Heart's Home, Focolare, Regnum Christi, and International Marriage Encounter.

The day was sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York's Catechetical office and was attended by Catechists and Directors of Religious Education, as well as other interested lay people.

The Catechists who participated from St. Barnabas High School are part of a unique program the school offers called Faith Sharing.

The program trains high school students to



St. Barnabas students at Maryknoll Lenten program

teach religious education to public elementary school children. Every Wednesday afternoon these student-teachers work in pairs to bring the basics of the Catholic faith to children of the St. Barnabas Parish community.

"Seeing the smiles on the children's faces makes it all so rewarding," said Melissa

Torres, a senior at St. Barnabas.

"The Reflection Day on the beautiful ground of Maryknoll was also a powerful experience. The honesty in the reflections we heard shows us that there is great hope in our local Church," said SBHS junior, Andrea Sampson.

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Here's a romantic way to spend an evening. The New York Botanical Garden is presenting grown-up evenings at its new Orchid Show. Besides Orchid Show viewing, the evenings include music from popular NYC DJ Julio, and a complimentary signature cocktail created exclusively for the events, on Saturdays, March 23, April 6, 13, & 20, from 6:30-9 p.m.

During Orchid Evenings at The Orchard Show, visitors can enjoy the unforgettable beauty of this lush exhibition with a specialty cocktail in hand. DJ Julio sets the mood with traditional world and electronic music to



New York Botanical Garden hosts cocktail nights.

make Orchid Evenings one of New York City's most romantic date destinations. A ticket includes a complimentary cocktail. A cash bar and snacks

also will be available for purchase. Now in its 11th year, The Orchid Show dramatically transforms The New York Botanical Garden's landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory into a rain forest. Each year, the eagerly anticipated exhibition displays thousands of orchids in the country's largest curated show featuring orchids.

This year, the exhibition is designed by the Botanical Garden's own Francisca Coelho, Vivian and Edward Merrin Vice President for Glasshouses and Exhibitions. Rocky outcroppings dominate, large palms protrude, and orchids thrive alongside ferns and aroids in the exhibition. A large pool in the center is fed by waterfalls. Two large canopy trees barren of leaves, dripping with Spanish moss and full of epiphytes, hang over the pool. Natural arbors saturated with vandas (rainbow orchids) and dendrobiums (cane orchids) nestled between Davallia and Asplenium ferns line the far path.

The most lasting impression is one of astonishing greenery interspersed with strong bursts of vivid color. Advance tickets are recommended and include one complimentary cocktail. Non-Member \$30 and Member \$20 tickets (Adults 21 and over) are available at www.nybg.org



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Longwood Arts Project; Shamrocks and Planets

Longwood Arts Project, the visual arts program of the Bronx Council on the Arts, will present A Horror & Fantasy Show Film Shorts Screening on Saturday, March 16 at 6:00pm at BCA's future headquarters at 2700 East Tremont Avenue (corner of St. Raymond Avenue) in the Westchester Square section.

Join us on March 16th. Meet our guest curator, meet the filmmakers, and enjoy the films!

The screening is presented in conjunction with the horror and fantasy exhibitions In the Realm of Dreams & Fears and Antonio Vicenty, on view through May 1st at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos.

This event is free, open to the public, and all are welcome, but seating is limited! RSVP at: <http://03162013horrorfantasy.eventbrite.com>. Information: 718-518-6728.

Organized by Antonio Vicenty, this provocative and haunting selection of seven horror film shorts presents works by six filmmakers: Mac Eldridge: Chemical 12-D (2010, 7 minutes) and Blood on the Plain (2011, 12 minutes); Jeremy Kipp: Contact (2009, 10 minutes); Mike Kochansky: Mr. Tricker's Or Treat (2011, 5 Minutes); Carmen Martinez: DYSO (2012, 5 minutes); Douglas A. Plomitillo: Closet Monster (2011, 5 minutes); John Zhao: DOTS (2012, 20 minutes). The shorts, inspired in the horror and suspense genre, explore apocalyptic worlds, epidemics, fears, guilt, phobias and torture.

Curator Antonio Vicenty is a Bronx filmmaker and photographer whose major influences were Italian and US horror films from the 1970s and 1980s. Films by such genre notables as Dario Argento, Mario Bava, Wes Craven, David Cronenberg, Lucio Fulci, David Lynch, and George A. Romero inspired Vicenty's work that use images of graveyards, children in Halloween masks and old dolls to explore personal narratives, sexuality, and gender identity. He was the recipient of BCA's prestigious BRIO award in 2006. His doc-

umentary and narrative films have been included in festivals and exhibitions throughout the United States and London. Vicenty currently lives and works in the Bronx.

See the films, then see the exhibition at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street / 718-518-6728)

In the Realm of Dreams & Fears (Main Gallery): This group exhibition, marking Vicenty's first time in a curatorial role, was inspired by his interest in horror/fantasy films, presents recent phantasmagorical works in drawing, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture and video by visiting artists from Brazil, Canada, UK and the US. Antonio Vicenty (Project Room): Organized by Longwood Arts Project, this is Vicenty's first solo exhibition of experimental film and photography, inspired by his early childhood in Puerto Rico where he visited funeral homes and walked cemeteries with his family to bury their loved ones. Using props, images, visual effects and photography from his infatuation with horror films, his work is eerie, mysterious and scary, with elements of horror, fantasy, everyday fears and the inevitable fact of death through artificial, surreal and dreamlike means.

Established in 1981, the Longwood Arts Project is the Bronx Council on the Arts' contemporary art center supporting artists and their work, especially emerging and under-represented artists through exhibitions and public programming. Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, one of New York City's oldest and longest running alternative spaces, presents solo and group art exhibitions in various media, and interdisciplinary projects that connect artists, communities, and ideas within and beyond the Bronx.

This event is made possible with funding from NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, NYS Council on the Arts, Bloomberg Philanthropies, The Bronx Empowerment Zone, Lambent Foundation Fund of Tides Foundation, The Scherman Foun-

dation, NYC Council Members Maria del Carmen Arroyo and James Vacca, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and the Bronx Delegation of the City Council.

In Celebration of Women's History Month, artist Andrea Arroyo is presenting the exhibition "Femenina" at The Hall of Fame Gallery at Bronx Community College.

The exhibit features works that celebrate women's strength and courage and honor the female body. Arroyo celebrates the role of women in history and contemporary society, and seeks to bring attention to issues of gender discrimination and gender justice.

Andrea Arroyo is an award-winning artist with an extensive trajectory. Her artwork is exhibited, published, reviewed an collected extensively. Honors include Global Citizen Award Artist selected by President Bill Clinton; 21 Leaders for the 21st Century; Groundbreaking Latina in the Arts; Official Artist of the Latin Grammys; Outstanding Latina of the Year; Woman of the Week, Women in the World Foundation; and the New York City Council Citation Award for Achievement in Art.

She has received awards from the Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance, the Puffin Foundation and the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, and Fellowships from the New York Foundation for the Arts.

Arroyo's work has been published extensively, including The New Yorker, The New York Times and The International Herald Tribune, and has been the subject of over 150 features in the national and international media.

The exhibit, free and open to the public, will run from March 14 to April 26 in the gallery, Monday - Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the campus at 2155 University Avenue.

For more information, call 718-289-5341, or visit www.andreaarroyo.com.

Shamrocks and "planets" at

free Lehman College Community Band concert

The Lehman College Community Band will give its first performance of the new year with "Spring Shamrocks," a free concert featuring both classic and modern works for wind band.

This event, which is open to the public, will take place on Sunday, March 17, at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Concert Hall.

Led by Professor Alan Hollander, the band will perform classic works for wind band, including the dramatic "Mars" from Gustav Holst's The Planets, a tone poem by Haydn Wood inspired by the Isle of Man, entitled Mannin Veen, and Alexander Scriabin's serene Nocturne.

The concert will also feature Walter Barrett performing a new arrangement of Concerto for Bass Tuba by Ralph Vaughan Williams, as well as Darius Milhaud's 5-part Suite Francaise, inspired by the various regions in the French countryside.

Rounding out the program will be Frank Cofield's Irish Salute, a medley of Irish folk tune favorites, in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Lehman is located at Goulden Avenue and Bedford Park Boulevard. Attended parking is available for a modest \$5 fee. For more information, call 718-960-8247, e-mail music.department@lehman.cuny.edu, or visit lehman.edu/music.

Members of the Lehman College Chamber Players will be performing works by Handel, Frank Poulenc, Ravel and others on Sunday, March 17, at 2 p.m. in the Music Building's Recital Hall. This event is free and open to the community. Seating is limited.

Critically acclaimed violinist Alexander Meshibovsky and pianist Diana Mittler-Battipaglia will perform sonatas by Cesar Franck and Meshibovsky, as well as Ravel's Tzigane.

Oboist Alan Hollander will present works for oboe and piano by Handel, Poulenc and Godard.

Meshibovsky studied with Heif-

etz and has appeared as soloist with major European and American orchestras. Hollander is professor of music at Lehman College where

he conducts the Lehman College and Community Band, and performs with the Lehman Woodwind Quintet.

Diana Mittler-Battipaglia is professor of music and Choral Director. Professors Battipaglia and Hollander also serve as co-chairs of the Music Department.

A senior college within the City University of New York, the Lehman campus is located on Goulden Avenue and Bedford Park Boulevard West in the Northwest

Bronx, and is accessible by bus as well as the #4 and "D" subway lines. Parking is available for a \$5 fee.

For more information about this concert, contact Lehman College's Music Department at 718 960-8247.

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SPECIAL EVENT: Sandy Di-saster Financial Relief Program: The NYPL is partnering with the N.Y. Chapter of the Financial Planning Association, a professional organization comprised mostly of Certified Financial Planners, lawyers, insurance professionals, and other financial advisers. Its pro bono committee is looking to give back to the community. The FPA frequently holds workshops and seminars to teach the public about finances. All services are FREE of charge and there will be no attempt to sell any products or services. Saturday March 9th at 2:00 P.M.

FILM OF THE MONTH James Bond 007 Skyfall 007, Saturday March 16th at 1:00 P.M.

SPECIAL EVENT: Ms Gail Hitt Presents: How to Write Your Memoirs. A First for the City Island Library. Memoirs are very popular topics for reading. Just check any biography section in a library or book store and there are always some books on the best seller list. Why not write your own experiences? This creative writing workshop will give you ideas and tools to create a unique memoir of your life, in the form of a lively story. Saturday March 23rd at 2:00 PM.

ASPCA Spay & Neuter Van: Wednesday March 27th all day.

All programs are free. The library is at 320 City Island Avenue and Bay Street.

For more information, call 718-885-1703..

This column was written before the recent events regarding the soda ban unfolded earlier this week

ITEM: Regarding the soda ban, it is, if you'll pardon the pun, hard to swallow. While this new law may save a few calories it has a more insidious effect of opening the door to powerful politicians of the future arbitrarily creating freedom busting, privacy skewering laws based on the merest of whims. The end result does

not support the means. It never will. America's current state of disarray has nothing to do with syrup and seltzer; the problem is with bloated government and designer law making. Government needs to stick to basics like roads, bridges, energy and budgets. Soda? Really?

ITEM: Chris Raffaele's film "The Grasslands" uses the Bronx as backdrop for story of love and murder.

Writing the script for "The Grasslands" took in-

rock on the bronx

by Fish Altieri

dependent filmmaker and Bronx native Chris Raffaele, 43, about a year.

The transformation from screenplay to screen however, has been a 17-year-long journey.

Raffaele is distributing the film using Distrify, a

revolutionary online Video on Demand tool that enables filmmakers to share and market a film via social media. See the film at www.grasslandsfilm.com.

"This is the New Wave for indie filmmakers using audience-based film distribution," said Raffaele. "We can now reach into everybody's home by TV, Tablet or phone." Raffaele, who wrote and directed the screenplay, also stars as the lead character, Ciro,

a Bronx hood held back by the memory and emotional consequences of his father's murder 20 years earlier. The film also stars Peter Greene, Chuck Zito, Arthur Nas-carella, Saul Stein, James Madio, Louis Vanaria, Alan Davidson, Wayne Gurman and Samantha Safdie. "I describe it as a love story that revolves around a murder," Chris says. "It's about someone trying to live their life and escape, while the invisible chains of their past hold

them back."

The film was shot on a modest budget using locations throughout the Bronx, including the Bronx River Waterfall, the Pelham Bay Park Monument, East Tremont and Westchester Avenue.

ITEM: I am very happy to hear that the famous column that started it all, "Just About Tavern's", is returning with its original writer Tony Aromando back at the helm! Rock on! Rock out!

In 1885 two parades were held for St. Pat's Day

The year 1885 was an odd year for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York as there was a conflict within the units of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) that year leading to two separate parades.

One went south from 23rd Street, past City Hall and then over the Brooklyn Bridge to join up with the Brooklyn parade. The other went uptown from Cooper Union to Jones's Wood. This was the year that Owen Joseph Clinton the blacksmith from today's Westchester Square was chosen to lead the Westchester contingent of the parade uptown.

Jones's Wood was a popular recreation area that ran north from East 66th Street for about a half mile and east from Third Avenue to the East River. It was not officially a park but became the unofficial meeting place for much of the city's residents seeking fresh air and entertainment, especially the Germans as beer gardens, bowling alleys, shoot-

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

ing ranges, and the like sprang up along the way.

There was even a hotel for those revelers who wished to remain a while. It was immensely popular and therefore chosen as the finishing site for the big parade.

The following year, 1886, there was but one New York St. Patrick's Day Parade and that one went uptown to Jones's Wood.

Owen Joseph Clinton was 63 years old when he was chosen as the leader of the Westchester contingent and it should be remembered that the area now known as Westchester Square was still part of Westchester County at the time.

Clinton was a longtime member of the AOH and active in a variety of other organizations. He was, in short, one of the most well-

known members of the community and county.

He was born in Ardee, a small farming town on the Dee River near the center of County Louth, Ireland. It is still a small town of perhaps 5,000 residents and farming is still an important part of their culture although tourism is beginning to grow in the area.

He immigrated to America circa 1852 just as the Irish Potato Famine, known as the Gorta Mór (the great hunger) in Ireland, was coming to an end. He was born on March 23, 1842 so was just ten years old and came to New York to live with his uncle, Peter Clinton, who ran the blacksmith shop at the corner of today's St. Peter's and St. Raymond's Avenues.

The shop handled the horses from most of the



Ron Schliessman took this photo of the site of Clinton's Blacksmith Shop in January of 1956. It was located at the junction of East Tremont Avenue and Williamsbridge Road at Westchester Square.

grand estates that once dotted the area. These would include the Frederick Havemeyer estates; there were two, one on today's Schurz Avenue which was sold to Collis and Arabella Huntington in 1883 and another in today's Silver Beach. Contrary to popular be-

lief and published sources, Frederick Havemeyer's cousin, William, a former mayor of New York did not own or reside at either of these estates opting to remain in his New York City mansion.

Another grand estate who utilized the Clinton

shop was the Cooley Estate on today's Pelham Parkway South and that is the family who donated the horse trough that graced Westchester Square for many years. Some big estates, of course, had their own smithies.

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SUN, MARCH 24 WINTER WORKSPACE OPEN STUDIOS—SESSION 2 For the fourth winter, Glyndor Gallery is transformed into studio spaces for artists to develop new work and offer opportunities for public interaction in the context of the garden. Individual artists share their studio practice with the public on this open studios day. Artists include Firelei Baez, Onyedika Chuke, Francisco Donoso, Tessa Grundon, Lina Puerta and Naomi Reis. Registration not required for this drop-in

event. Free with admission to the grounds. GLYNDOR GALLERY, 1:30-3PM

SUN, MARCH 24 TERRARIUM WORKSHOP Don't have a garden or greenhouse? Create your own tabletop landscape perfect for home or office, with Assistant Director of Public Programs Laurel Rimmer. Tiny ferns, creeping fig and other tropical plants thrive in the humid conditions of an enclosed glass jar as if in their own miniature greenhouse. Ages eight and older welcome with an adult. \$35 Member/\$50 Non-member per project. Registration required, online at www.wavehill.org or by calling 718.549.3200 x305 or at the Perkins Visitor Center. ECOLOGY BUILDING, 2PM

SUN, MARCH 24 GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS WALK Join us for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights. Free with admission to the grounds. MEET AT PERKINS VISITOR CEN-

TER, 2PM

TUE, MARCH 26 THROUGH FRI, MARCH 29 SPRINGBREAK VACATION WEEK Take a break from the spring school break and join us for a family walk, or for one, two or three afternoons of hands-on, down-and-dirty, delightfully fun paper-making with renowned papermaker Randy Brozen.

TUE, MARCH 26 FAMILY WALK: EARLY SIGNS OF SPRING Track down hints of spring in the garden. Search for early-blooming flowers, creepy crawly critters and other garden goodies with Assistant Director of Public Programs Laurel Rimmer. Ages six and older welcome with an adult. Free, and admission to the grounds is free all day. MEET AT THE PERKINS VISITOR CENTER, 11AM

WED, MARCH 27 SPRING BREAK: PAPER-MAKING 101 Learn how to make your own sheets of beautifully textured paper and experiment with us-

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Bronx River Art Center exhibition

The Bronx River Art Center (BRAC) is announcing Process and Progress: Mary Mattingly & Michael Cataldi, the fourth in the series of five exhibitions that invites artists and architects to engage with systems of urban development in the Bronx and beyond.

Process and Progress is presented in BRAC's temporary gallery space at 305 East 140th Street, Bronx, while our permanent facility in West Farms is undergoing renovation.

The exhibition series, Process and Progress: Engaging in Community Change, highlights the Bronx River Art Center's development during a time of significant structural and cultural change in the borough.

BRAC's major building renovation project, now underway, is leading the way for more environmentally sustainable and technologically advanced designs within the West Farms Community.

At the same time, the

surrounding area has become home to new and imminent urban development projects that plan to dramatically alter the landscape and its residential makeup.

A proposed real estate development located across the street from BRAC's facility will be the largest housing complex initiative in the Bronx since Co-op City, one of the largest cooperative housing developments in the world.

In addition, the West Farms Rapids section of the Bronx River Greenway, slated to open alongside our facility in the near future, will allow direct access to the river and will link BRAC with the Bronx Zoo and other important sites in the borough along a new corridor of green space.

These developments will inevitably transform the social fabric and cultural composition of our community.

Artist and architect Mary Mattingly and Michael Cataldi have individ-

ually researched these and other urban development projects in the West Farms area during a focused one-month period. For the fourth exhibition in the series Process and Progress, the artists created new works that are directly informed by their time engaged with the neighborhood.

As metaphor for the current cycle of rebuilding in this part of the Bronx, Mary Mattingly is collecting objects around West Farms and the Bronx River Art Center to build a new artistic form, narrating a not-so-distant future when resources largely exist in landfills and preexisting objects are repurposed to build our surroundings.

Objects discarded around the neighborhood may imply stories about the individuals who once owned them, but say more about the framework of production, distribution, human wants, human needs and the larger advertising apparatus.

How are our exteriors,

tools, and relationships reflected by daily commerce?

While each object carries its own narrative of identification, travel, and traumas with it, individual stories merge along the route of production and can reach a communal understanding about a place when accumulated.

Michael Cataldi's project, Disposition, explores the provenance of place and image. The works center around a site, 1525 West Farms Road, an address without a building, a thin slice of land, a natural rock wall overgrown with weeds and bearing the chisel marks of forgotten labors.

Disposition -the legal act of transferring property- takes as its subject the transfer of this site from state property to private property where it will be incorporated into the largest housing development built in the city since 1968.

Music Performance

After the reception on Friday March 29th, the Refuse Music Collective will



Bronx River Art Center's Process and Progress: Mary Mattingly and Michael Cataldi exhibition.

perform original music on self-invented musical contraptions made from recycled objects. The performance will begin at 8 pm.

Musician/instrument inventor Terry Dame will be joined by fellow inventor performers Daniel Jodacy and William McIntyre to

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Salesian students volunteer in Nicaragua

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Rather than sleep late, play video games, and enjoy the days off, students Thomas Siefring, Michael Stec, Travis Rivera, Reuben Salcedo, and Danny Prinz accompanied by Italian teacher Ms. Rosa Montemarano, chose to hop on an airplane bound for Nicaragua.

Nicaragua is currently the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and first poorest country in South America.

While in Nicaragua, they helped build a house for Flor de Maria, a two-year-old girl who resided in a dump prior to last week.

They also helped set up a scholarship at a local Salesian school in memory of former classmate Andy Feliz. Andy passed away last year of a heart attack and has obviously continued to live on in each and every heart here at Salesian.

This service trip would not have happened if not for the fundraising and hard work these boys did all year.

They spent endless

hours standing outside of local supermarkets, worked each morning selling breakfast to students, and visited a number of local parishes and businesses so that they could spend their vacation helping those in need.

These men raised the necessary fourteen thousand dollars and didn't stop. They continued until they raised a total of twenty-one thousand dollars.

These men and this teacher did more than build a house for Flor de Maria. They did more than start a scholarship for their beloved departed classmate



Salesian students on mission to Nicaragua (back, L to R) Daniel Prinz, Thomas Siefring and Michael Stec; (front, L to R) Teacher Rosa Montemarano, student Reuben Salcedo, Br. Ramon and student Travis Rivera

and student.

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Jared Martel, Summer Warwick-Goksan and John Thomas practice for the upcoming performance of *Seussical*.

Spellman Players to perform *Seussical*

Students from Cardinal Spellman High School practice during a recent rehearsal for the production of *Seussical* in the school's auditorium. Since October, the young actors and actresses have been preparing for opening night.

The Cardinal's Players will present *Seussical*, based on the books by Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss), on Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16 at 8:00 P.M., and Sunday, March 17 at 2:30 P.M. Tickets are available in advance or

on the day of the performance. Further information is available during regular school hours by calling Eileen Byrne at (718) 881-8000, ext. 265, or email at ebyrne@cardinal-spellman.org

Sanitation's SAFE Disposal event

Sanitation Commissioner John J. Doherty announced the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) will once again hold five SAFE Disposal Events (one in each borough) to provide NYC residents with a one-stop method to safely dispose of potentially harmful household products (see www.nyc.gov/safedisposal).

The acronym SAFE stands for solvents, automotive, flammables, electronics. Materials accepted include common residential items such as auto fluids, batteries, electronics, glues, medications, paint products, and more. Only NYC residential waste will be accepted at the SAFE Disposal Events.

When deciding what items to bring, residents should look for products labeled with the following signal words: DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION. Products labeled DANGER represent the highest hazard level.

Also bring any other materials stored in your home that you know may be harmful.

All events will be held

from 10 am to 4 pm (rain or shine). For safety reasons, attendees may not unload their vehicles outside of the event area. Due to the popularity of these events, there may be extended wait times.

The Bronx events will be held:

Saturday, March 30, Queens, Citi Field, Parking Lots E & F (corner of Roosevelt Ave & Shea Rd), cars enter at parking gate 4 on Shea Rd.

This event will also feature an info table and the blue and green recycling mascots.

Saturday, April 20, Bronx, Yankee Stadium, 151st Street Lot (River Ave and 151st St), cars approach from 150th St up River Ave. This event will also feature an info table and the blue and green recycling mascots.

The DSNY is organizing and funding the SAFE Disposal Events with the participation of the following site partners: NYC Department of Parks and Recreation; Staten Island Mall, General Growth Properties; Bronx

Parking Development Company, Standard Parking Corporation; and Columbia University, Teachers College.

Depending on the product, materials collected during the DSNY SAFE Events will be recycled, blended for fuel, or sent to licensed hazardous waste treatment facilities for safe disposal.

In order to properly manage these materials, DSNY relies on several partners and contractors including Covanta Energy, Electronic Recyclers International, HopeLine® from Verizon, the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, Sims Municipal Recycling, and Veolia ES Technical Solutions.

If you can't participate in these events, please keep in mind that there are many options year round to handle the following items: auto products, batteries, cell phones, electronics, fluorescent lamps, latex paint, mercury devices, and syringes. See www.nyc.gov/wasteless/harmful to learn more. For information visit www.nyc.gov/safedisposal or call 311.

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Mental Attitude: Young Adults Are Stressed-Out! A recent study shows adults ages 18-33 years old are more likely to report higher stress levels than those outside of their age range. Furthermore, 53% said they received little or no support for stress management from their health care provider. - *American Psychological Assoc., February 2013*

Health Alert: Mini Stroke? Each year 500,000 Americans experience mini strokes called transient ischemic attacks (TIAs). Symptoms usually go away within an hour, but 10-15% of people who experience TIAs will experience full-blown strokes within 3 months, and 40% of these strokes will occur within the first 24 hours! A TIA is caused by a temporary blockage, typically a blood clot, in a blood vessel in the brain. Symptoms are simi-

lar to a stroke and include numbness or paralysis on one side of the body, vision changes, trouble speaking, difficulty with balance or walking, and sudden severe headache. - *Expert Review of Neurotherapeutics, February 2013*

Diet: Low-Calorie Meals and Restaurant Finances. Restaurants that introduced more low-calorie options had a 5.5% increase in sales compared to a 5.5% decline among the restaurants that didn't offer such options. In fact, they had a 10.9% growth in customer traffic versus a 14.7% decline in the other restaurants. - *Hudson Institute, February 2013*

Exercise: More Reasons. Regular exercise reduces the likelihood of developing low-back problems, as well as improving balance and coordination. - *Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health, 1996*

Chiropractic: Colic and Chiropractic. A review of

six randomized trials involving 325 infants suggests infants who received gentle, low-velocity manipulation treatments had a reduction in crying an average of one hour and twelve minutes a day, and had no adverse effects. - *Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health, 1996*

Wellness/Prevention: Tea and Wine. Natural chemicals found in green tea and red wine may disrupt a key step of the Alzheimer's disease pathway. In early-stage experiments, researchers identified the process which allows harmful clumps of protein to latch on to brain cells, causing them to die. They were able to interrupt this pathway using the purified extracts of EGCG from green tea and resveratrol from red wine. - *Journal of Biological Chemistry, February 2013*

David Kaseman, D.C. is located at 3505 East Tremont Avenue. For further information call (718) 597-6400.



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(L-r) Fran Nunziata, assistant director of Human Resources; Sally Umbro, vice president, Patient Care Services; Cynthia Collins, RN, Daisy Award honoree; Marlene Humphreys, RN, BSN, MS, CHPN, director of Staff Development; and Geraldine E. Gerardi, director, Clinical Review/Case Management.

Calvary's Daisy Award winner

Calvary Hospital honored Cynthia Collins, RN, with the Daisy Award. Nurses recognized with this quarterly award must demonstrate excellence through clinical expertise as well as extraordinary, compassionate care. Honorees are also expected to go above and beyond to make a difference, and exemplify a "healing touch" presence with patients and their families. Award recipients are chosen by their co-workers administrators, peers, physicians, patients and families.

Cynthia began working at Calvary Hospital in 1992 as a Staff Nurse. She obtained her Associates Degree in Applied Science and Nursing from Dutchess Community College and her Bachelors Degree from Mercy College. She received numerous nominations by her fellow nurses as well as family members.

One of her nomination

forms included the following comment: "She works timelessly to take care of patients from admission to discharge. She goes out of her way to accommodate the wishes of patients and families ensuring their last moments in life are what they would like them to be. She has arranged flights and organized seemingly impossible discharge plans. She is a professional through and through."

Cynthia was born in Hyde Park, New York. She enjoys photography, bird watching, and hiking during her spare time. She resides in Mahopac, NY with her family. DAISY (www.daisyfoundation.org) is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. The foundation was formed in January, 2000, by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died at age 33 of complications related to Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). Patrick really liked Cinnabons at the

end of his life and always made sure there was enough of this culinary treat for all the nurses in his unit. As a result, all DAISY honorees are treated to Cinnabons at every presentation. Each hospital also receives a special banner to hang in the recipient's unit as a way to celebrate the DAISY Award honors and the nursing profession.

To date, 700 health care facilities (U.S., Canada, Middle East, and Germany, etc.) now give out DAISY awards to honor the excellence on their nursing staff. The organization's main goals are: 1) to pay tribute to nurses who make such an enormous difference in the lives of people they touch every single day; 2) fund grants for nurses who do research and evidence-based practices in the field of cancer; and 3) to give out the DAISY faculty award to inspiring teachers in nursing school.

Guilty of emblezzment of charities

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced the guilty plea of Clement I. Gardner, 64, of the Bronx, on charges that he embezzled more than half a million dollars from two taxpayer-funded Bronx charities over an eight-year period.

"The defendant used two publicly funded Bronx organizations like his personal piggy bank, diverting more than a half million dollars earmarked for services for needy New Yorkers in just over eight years," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "My office has zero tolerance for those who abuse the public trust for personal gain, and will continue to prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law."

Gardner pled guilty to the felony charge of Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, under the second count of the indictment filed against him. That count alleged that Gardner had stolen approximately \$560,000 in public and charitable assets while serving

as fiscal officer for two related Bronx not-for-profit corporations, Christian Community Benevolent Association, Inc. (CCBA) and Christian Community in Action (CCIA). Between December 31, 2003 and February 12, 2012, Gardner wrote numerous checks to himself from CCBA and CCIA bank accounts and then falsified business records to conceal his crimes.

Today, Justice Steven Barrett accepted Gardner's guilty plea in Bronx County Supreme Court. In exchange for his guilty plea, Gardner will be sentenced on March 20, 2013 to two to six years in state prison. At sentencing, Justice Barrett will enter an order of restitution for \$560,000.

The prosecution proceeded following an investigation undertaken in cooperation with the New York City Department of Investigation.

The vast majority of CCIA's funding came from taxpayers. CCIA received tens of millions of dollars

annually from Medicaid for providing home health services to needy Bronx residents. CCBA similarly relied on public grants, reaping roughly \$495,000 in legislative member item grants in 2006 and 2007.

Until his March 13, 2012 arrest by the Office of the Attorney General, Gardner served as fiscal officer for both CCBA, which provides recreational and educational opportunities to Bronx children and seniors, and CCIA, which provided home health services to the disabled and elderly. Gardner managed the finances of both organizations, maintained their expense records, and administered their bank accounts.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Attorneys General Simon Brandler and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, under the supervision of Public Integrity Deputy Bureau Chief Stacy Aronowitz, Chief William E. Schaeffer, and Executive Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Justice Kelly Donovan.

Benedetto sponsors mammography van

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto, in conjunction with Project Renewal, formerly operating as Women's Outreach Network, will be sponsoring a free Mobile Mammography Screening Van which will be located outside of the Baychester Library, 2049 Asch Loop North, on Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Because of the overwhelm-

ing response to the previous date, it was decided to schedule another day to accommodate those who could not be there.

This program is for women 40 years of age and older who have not had a mammogram in the past year. All insurance plans are accepted; however, if you do not have insurance, you can still sign up for the

program.

An appointment is necessary. Please call 1-800-564-6868

This program is funded by Bronx Cancer Services Program Partnership. Screening coordination and Outreach/In-reach funded by the Komen Greater NYC 2008 Community Breast Health Grant.



Janae Gonzalez and St. Barnabas High School faculty.

Shakespeare at St. Barnabas

BY C.N. COLON

St. Barnabas senior Janae Gonzalez represented her high school last week at the English Speaking Union's (ESU) Annual Shakespeare Competition. The event was held at the Bryant Park Branch of the New York Public Library located near 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue. She was accompanied by her coach William Spelman, her English teacher Michael DeNobile and the English Department chairperson Carol Abramowitz. Throughout the country, annual competitions are held at local high schools to find the best dramatic interpretation of one soliloquy and one sonnet from a selected list of Shakespearean pieces. The young women who initially competed this past Novem-

ber at the high school's convocation sponsored by their own Virginia Woolf Chapter of the National English Honor Society (NEHS) prepared for many hours for this much anticipated event. Ms. Gonzalez won the faculty judges over with her charm, grace, and noted experience, having previously attained alternate status in last year's competition. The NYC event was the next step. This year, Ms. Gonzalez's declamation presented at the ESU came from As You Like It through the character Phoebe. She also recited Sonnet 23 as part of the two required portions of the oratory contest. Although she did not win the NYC event, she made a good impression on both the judges and the audience alike. "It was a wonderful experience,"

said Janae. "It taught me a lot about Shakespearean culture and it gave me a dedication to developing my craft." Students at the high school are already thinking about their next venture into the literary world as they prepare for National Poetry Month in April. This year, they are planning their annual Poem-in-Your-Pocket Day, scheduled for Thursday, April 18th, and an NEHS poetry competition to determine the selection of poems that will appear in the school's first NEHS literary magazine which is scheduled to be published at the end of the academic year. For more information regarding the school and some of its other upcoming events, please visit the school's website at www.stbarnabashigh.com.

Joint statement on gun violence

Educators at 17 colleges, 32 secondary schools and nine elementary schools sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy nationwide have signed on to a Sisters of Mercy leadership team statement that emphasizes their commitment to building a culture of nonviolence. This unified statement is a direct response to the tragic school shooting in Newtown, CT., and the ongoing debate around the need for response to the issue of gun violence in the United States. Sr. Patricia Wolf, RSM, president of St. Catharine Academy and Sr. Ann M. Welch, RSM, principal of SCA signed the state-

ment.

According to the statement, the educators and leaders of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy agree that "this recent shooting reveals a sobering and recurring pattern of crimes in this nation that are fast becoming all too frequent, all the more lethal and that strike at the heart of what we stand for as educators."

The group stands united around the commitment of the Sisters of Mercy for the sacredness of life and that children must be protected. They deny the idea that increasing armed security in schools will increase student safety, ask for practi-

cal gun control measures, advocate funding of mental health services and commit themselves to building a nonviolent culture.

"We are dedicated to this," says Sister Anne Curtis of the Mercy Institute Leadership Team (ILT). "Mercy educators and sisters committed to justice and non-violence know that this is a complex issue that will require multiple responses. We hope to contribute to the national dialogue and action from the perspective of over 170 years as educators."

Contact Brenda Padavil with any questions. bpadavil@sistersofmercy.org

Advocacy Day in Albany

Bon Secours New York Health System, Schervier Nursing Care Center, located in Riverdale, participated in LeadingAge New York's annual Advocacy Day in Albany, N.Y., on February 5. As a member of LeadingAge New York, several of Schervier's employees met with state lawmakers and leaders in an effort to educate them on the needs and best interest of New York's elderly, disabled populations and their caregivers as well, and to encourage them to be vigilant of how government can play a role in caring for New York's most vulnerable populations.

Schervier is committed to helping those who are poor, sick, and/or elderly. Staff members who participated in this important day include Dr. Joseph Scarpa,

Medical Director; Stephen Kazanjian, Director of Mission; Angela Macchio, Executive Director of Home Care; Diane Cohen, Health Information Management Coordinator; and Hector Pou, Social Work Supervisor. These dedicated staff members advocated on the future potential changes and budget cuts that could negatively impact short-term rehabilitation and long-term care residents, if implemented.

"It is our duty and part of our mission to be the voice of those who have little or no voice in our community, and to advocate with other aging services and health care providers, to ensure that the government doesn't make decisions that negatively affect the elder community that we serve," said Kazanjian.

"With the release of the

Governor's executive budget, and several proposed changes, we knew it was necessary to be proactive and discuss issues to ensure that vulnerable members of our community are protected."

LeadingAge New York's Advocacy Day is held annually following the release of executive budget proposals. With the budget slated to be finalized on March 21, LeadingAge New York's members will continue advocating for the protection of care providers and seniors from budget cuts to the services that they rely on and need.

"Schervier is dedicated to supporting seniors, and plans to continue advocating for the people who need it most, by ensuring that they receive the care and respect that they righteously deserve," added Kazanjian.

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BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

First off we at the Post extend our condolences and sympathies to the family of Norma Hartly. Norma was a long time member of the Woman's Auxiliary and then a Booster. She was extremely active in the Post and was the widow of long time Post Commander, Bob Hartly

The Kingsbridge VA Hospital is hosting a Veterans Business Information Fair on Monday, March 25. This goes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Room 3D-22. Bring a copy of

your resume and proof that you are a Vet. A number of banks will be there as well as retailers and the Government. Call Johnnie Williams at 646-417-2178 or 855-554-VETS, you can also log onto johnnieh@mindspring.com

While we are on this Hire a Vet Career info, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be an Expo at West Point. takes place at the West Point Club 603 Cullum Road, West Point. Register for this event at www.eventbrite.com/event/4841151013/ You will

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receive an e-mail containing the list of government contractors, national corporations and local companies. The same Expo will be held at Fort Hamilton BLDG 212-Armed Forces Reserve Center, Brooklyn, NY 11209 on Thursday, March 21, 2013 from 10 AM-2 PM. Register

on line at www.eventbrite.com/event/4841114905/

The Kimlau Post in Chinatown held an Asian CCNY Alumni Dinner at the Jing Star Restaurant where Mimi Wang, Retired Lieutenant Colonel, was honored as the first female Commander of the Kimlau Post. Mimi served in Desert Storm, worked at Walter Reed Hospital and oversaw the hospital staff feeding.

Her speciality is Nutrition. She was also a member of the 8 Medical Brigade, 77th Infantry Division.

Nina Pineda of "Channel 7 On Your Side" fame was also honored for her reporting and her activities in the tri-state Filipino-American Community. Nina regularly emcees the Filipino Day Parade in NYC and participates in fund raisers for various Asian-American Organizations. I was thankful to have attended this dinner as a guest of Col. (Ret.) Bill Chin.

The VA Hospital has a Helping Hands Veteran's Thrift Shop in Room 4A05 718-584-9000 EX. 1168. Their

Patriot Store is now opened on Saturdays from 8-a.m. to 4 p.m.

Trivia Time!!

The Dred Scott Decision took place on March 6, 1857. Look it up!

The Oreo Cookie debuted on March 6, 1912.

I debuted on March 11, 1938. No trivia this event.

General Mac Arthur said "I Shall Return" on March 11, 1942. And he did.

Wee, your brains are boggled now, so, keep the troops in your prayers, take a vet to lunch and God

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

I attended a breakfast last week with the actor/director Tony Lo Bianco, who starred in a number of well known films. He reminisced about a Moscow performance he gave in the 1980's featuring the life of New York's depression-era mayor, Fiorello LaGuardia. The Russian audience was entranced with the whole idea of American-style freedom, and a number of individuals quietly met with him to talk about it.

It's amazing, and more than a little disturbing, that Americans themselves no longer seem to appreciate or even recognize the very concept of freedom that we introduced to the world less than 240 years ago, and which our sons and daughters have defended time and again over the past centuries.

Alex de Tocqueville, a European who visited our country when it was still young, talked about how dedicated Americans were to the concept of liberty. One thing that really surprised him was how individuals, not the federal government, held the power.

Lately, we've surrendered more and more of our personal freedom to Washington, without any real discussion about how this is rapidly changing the character of our nation, much for the worse. It's a conversation we'd better start having extremely soon. Governments are like those black holes in space; once they get big enough, they start

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sucking all the power around faster and faster, until there is nothing left.

We've also started to ignore threats to freedom from abroad. Ex-basketball star Dennis Rodman committed an off-court foul during his recent visit to North Korea. Ignoring decades of news articles outlining extraordinary atrocities by the Pyongyang regime, he partied with the latest heir to the Communist dynasty, Kim Jon Un, and called him an "awesome guy," while proclaiming that Kim's father and grandfather were "great leaders."

Apparently, Rodman didn't mind that Kim has virtually called for the nuclear destruction of the United States, or that he and his family have starved their own population into submission.

It isn't so surprising that Rodman has again made a fool of himself, a trait he has been known for throughout his career. What's disturbing, however, is the relative calm that has greeted his idiotic statements. We have become so used to famous Americans getting chummy with horrible governments abroad that it's no longer shocking.

Jane Fonda, of course, is remembered for her prancing around with the North Vietnamese military while American

POWs were being tortured just a few miles away. Despite this, she went on to have a full career in Hollywood. It's only in the bathrooms of veterans' organizations, where there is a special place for her picture, that her antics are suitably commemorated.

It seems that the concept of evil, and especially evil governments, doesn't register with many Americans nowadays. All that counts is being famous, and really bad guys get famous quick. Iran's president Ahmadinejad gets invited to speak at Columbia University. Disgraced former elected officials, like ex-governor Elliot Spitzer, get their own television shows.

Alex de Tocqueville would hardly recognize the nation he once praised so highly.

Many of us are so concerned with the demands of our daily lives that we forget how easily and quickly our entire way of life can vanish, especially the freedoms we cherish as individuals, and the liberty we have protected as a nation. Time is running out, but it's still not too late, if every citizen summoned the energy to simply say "NO!" to Washington's power grab at home, and "NO!" to our government's diminishing will to oppose evil governments abroad and protect us from their threats.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: NYC Department of Social Services; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of ANNABELLE TRUITT also known as ANNABELLE GIST TRUITT and ANNIE BELL SCOTT, 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 April 11, 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 ANNABELLE TRUITT also known as ANNABELLE GIST TRUITT and ANNIE BELL SCOTT, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 314 East 169th Street; Bronx, New York 10456, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$7,267.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$3,633.50 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$3,633.50 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Carl Lucas, Esq. 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 claim of the NYC Department of Social Services in the approximate amount of \$727,028.65 be allowed; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to the NYC Department of Social Services on account of its allowed claim; 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, February 25, 2013.
(L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ, 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: Carl Lucas, Esq. Tel. No. 1-718- 992-1428 Address: 851 Grand Concourse, Room 336; Bronx, NY 10451
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Karel Korbek
Dana Lencova and to unknown heirs of the Estate of William Schippich, if living or dead, to their respective heirs, legatee, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, designees,

successors and creditors in interest those names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence, being the person interested in this proceeding in the Estate of William Schippich, deceased, who at the time of his death was a resident of Bronx County.
SEND GREETING:
Upon the petition of Pavel Kohel who resides at Slatina 64, Horazd'ovice, 34 101, Czech Republic, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate's Court of the County of Bronx, held at the Bronx County Building, Room 406, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451 on the 16th day of April, 2013, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why an Order should not be made pursuant to S.C.P.A. Section 2225, determining that almost three (3) years have been elapsed since the death of the decedent, that the names and whereabouts of decedent's unknown distributees, if any there by, are not known to Petitioner, and after due diligent exhaustive search, cannot be ascertained, and that they be presumed dead and that they predeceased the decedent, without issue, and that no other distributees or class of distributees of decedent exist on the Maternal side of the decedent other than Pavel Kohel, Dana Lencova and Karel Korbek who are entitled to half of the funds now on deposit with the Commissioner of Finance of

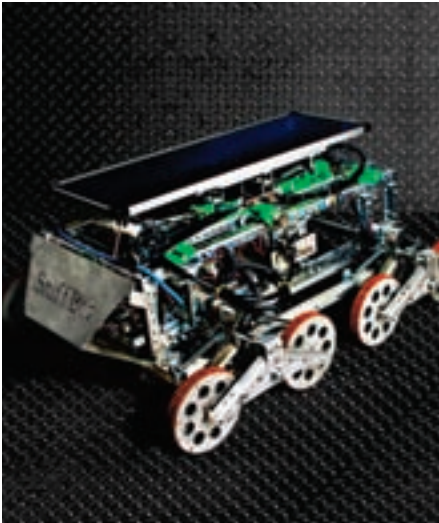
the City of New York, to wit the sum of \$183,362.26, plus interest and less any applicable charges, for the benefit of the unknown distributees of decedent William Frank Schippich, and directing said Commissioner of Finance to pay to Petitioner, by check mailed to Petitioner c/o The Law Offices of Jay S. Markowitz, P.C. at 159-16 Union Turnpike, Suite 301, Fresh Meadows, New York 11366, the balance of the funds on deposit, and for such other and further relief as to this Court shall seem fair and reasonable.
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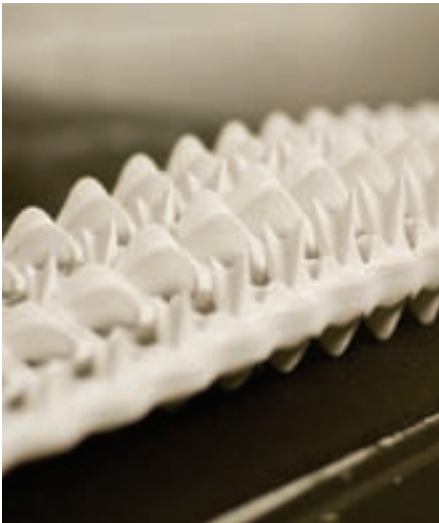
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BY MARCIA PAVLICA

I have the habit of turning on WVOX Radio on Saturday mornings to listen to our Bronx/Throggs Neck locals as they broadcast their program- Frank Vernuccio and Larry Allison- great interviews and discussions about items that are not necessarily being covered by mainstream media reporting and which are certainly not the run of the mill radio chatter. A lot of times it's think-tank stuff that many of us may not totally understand, but it's also down to earth thoughts that transcend the immediate boundaries of the tristate area.

At the close yesterday, they played a recording

whose lyrics made my day! "Keep on walking, keep on talking..."keep on working and so, WE SHALL. It is easy to bitch and moan; it is easy to grandstand and stir the pot. But those individuals who try to make a difference in our communities are those who have one important trait: accountability.

Our Founding Fathers wrote "We the people" and with those three innocent sounding words came a 24/7 responsibility: to participate in life (and in community) and not just sit back and watch life run helter skelter. So this week, let's all participate!

If you love to hate graffiti, then please take advan-

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tage of Senator Jeff Klein's free graffiti removal program.

Even if you haven't been personally targeted, it is our community and graffiti begets graffiti and is the first visible sign of "How to kill a community."

If you are hesitant to walk into a store and approach the owner/manager, then call Miss Gannon at Senator Klein's office at (718) 822-2049 and give her the address of the graffiti.

She will contact the owner, explaining the free program of removal.

Approaching the Layton Avenue Superette, about their non-art work, she got the owner to sign on and now they are on the graffiti removal list.

(Thank you Miss Gannon for following up the complaint.) It is, please remember, your tax dollars at work. Albany does not personally generate money for these programs. The Senator feels the viability of a community is dependent not only on its active citizenry, but also on its appearance. So, call, so our community can shine.

Our northeast Bronx is full of activities that show

community pride and participation. This weekend, as we write, is our own Throggs Neck Peninsula St. Patrick's Day Parade on East Tremont Avenue. For those who are able to march, and for those who are spectators, enjoy the day and extend a hand of Friendship, as we do, to those who are the deserved honorees. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

We are overjoyed to have a re-run of the columns which for 20 years graced the pages of the Bronx Times Reporter, "Do you remember" by Throggs Neck resident and historian Bill Twomey of Locust Point.

There are so many special stories and locations here in the Bronx that in

many ways unite our various communities. Knowing the past, we can appreciate the present and maybe even visualize improvements for the future.

It's great to have the columns back again in "our" local paper. Thank you, Bill, for your efforts before and now once again.

The next meeting of the Country Club Civic Association is on Wednesday, March 27th at the Villa Maria Academy, 3335 Country Club Road at 7:30 p.m. (The one story building on the left as you enter the campus.) All members are most welcome. And as always: Your home extends beyond your property line. Take pride in your community.

BY JOSEPH ODDO

For all you folks who maybe reading this article on Thursday, March 14, 2013, we would like to remind you that the Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association will be holding our monthly meeting tonight at The Pelham Grand, the old Pelham Bay Hospital site, located at the corner of Saint Paul's Avenue and Pelham Parkway.

The room opens at 7 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Yves Ades, Chief Operating Officer of Serve the UnderServed.

As usual all are welcomed to attend. So we hope to see you there.

This past week Deputy Mayor Dennis Walcott announced that Lehman High School has been removed from the City's list of schools to be closed.

That is right Lehman

will be open and ready to teach our children for the foreseeable future. And hopefully for many years to come.

On the evening of Tuesday, February 26, Anita Valenti and I attended the Joint Public Hearing on Lehman's closing.

It was good to see and hear that all of our elected officials spoke up on behalf of Lehman High School and it's students.

The meeting was long and it lasted until about 11p.m. There were many presentations on the quality of education that takes place at Lehman.

The high school's advanced placement courses, robotics team and the computer science program were all highlighted for the edification of the Department of Education staff who were in attendance. We were impressed.

Now that Lehman will continue to be our community High School we

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look forward to the Department of Education supporting, as we do, the teachers, councilors and principal Rose LoBianco in their efforts to provide us with a world class institution of public learning.

Even though we are well aware that our students at Lehman can receive a high quality education, we also know that too many students in the past have fallen through the cracks.

The cracks must be closed, the graduation rate most improve, and sooner rather than later all students who care to must be able to do college level work.

And for the students who are not academically inclined, they must be pre-

pared to successfully enter and complete the training programs that are producing the highly functional and well paid employees which our high tech economy sorely needs.

Supervision is great and almost always needed, underperforming staff needs to be retrained, but the resources that are needed must be provided.

It would be a fools game to take Lehman off the list of schools to close and then starve it of the staff, resources, and support needed for it to succeed.

Principal LoBianco has a proven track record in providing quality education.

In her very short tenure at Lehman while simultaneously fighting to keep the school open she and her staff have been able to improve student performance.

Successful schools are not a luxury. The lack of a well known and respected

high school can affect our property values and reduce our tax base.

We all know that a good home or real estate investment is one in a school district or zone that has good schools.

Good schools nearby, and people will pay more for your house or business. Bad schools nearby, and people may not want to buy or invest at any price. And, let's not forget that low resale values also translate into lower effective real estate taxes.

Basically if you want a good community with a healthy tax base that can attract investments you need good schools.

We look forward to hearing the good news of student opportunities and achievements that will be coming from Lehman and the Department of Education in the near future and for years to come.

Speaking of investments, many of us where

sad to see Catania shoes close its doors. But the good news is that Florsheim Shoes has opened in the same location.

So stop by say hello. Check them out after all Easter is coming.

And the best part is that they are not just shoes any more.

They also carry Designer Perfumes, Jackets and handbags. When you go ask for Joseph or John. John you may already know him from his time with Catania.

The Pelham Bay Taxpayers And Civic Association can be reached by mail at Post Office Box 610233, Pilgrim Station, Bronx New York, 10461.

Our meetings are open to all especially if you are new to the community.

If you so choose to join, our dues for membership is \$10 for the year and it includes a subscription to the Bronx Times Reporter.

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the complaints in certain areas of Locust Point is the continual flooding of basements during high tides and torrential downpours.

Water is coming up through the sewers not from the rain. This could be indicative of a larger problem, maybe seawalls or higher-than-expected water levels.

What we need is a team of engineers to figure this out. There are other sea-

Since Hurricane Sandy, the flood zone map may change. Areas that were Zone B are changing to Zone A. Google it at NYC Flood Evacuation Map, to see if you are, or will be, affected. The problem is that, even though these changes

are not yet set in stone, home insurance rates are already rapidly rising. We need to keep an eye on these things and contact our local politicians. We don't want

to give the insurance companies any excuse to raise rates. An informed public is our best defense.

Also, there is Federal funds available to Bronx communities that were damaged by Hurricane Sandy. Go to NYC.gov/housing recovery for further information.

Our civic building needs ARE being addressed and work should begin shortly.

There will be an Eas-

ter Bunny Breakfast and Magic Show on Saturday, March 23 from 8:30 to 10:00 am at the Villa Barone Manor. Registration is required. Call 800-718-2039. Join Senator Klein and the Easter Biunny and take your cameras.

The next general membership meeting is Tuesday, April 2nd at the LPYC. Thanks for reading!

BY AL BELFIORE

The general membership meeting of the Locust Point Civic Association was held on Tuesday, March 5. A big thank you goes out to our friends at the Locust Point Yacht Club for generously donating the use of their building during these trying times. Mr. Novardo Lopez, from the Mayor's office, was there and spoke about various issues affecting the community. One of

side communities in the area, such as Throggs Neck, Country Club, Silver Beach and Edgewater Park that have similar problems. We are going to organize a large community meeting to address this issue.

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Monte under state eye on freestanding ER

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ment” at the new Montefiore Westchester Square.

The new Montefiore facility replaces the full-service hospital, and should also offer ambulatory surgery on day one, said Dr. Peter Semczuk, Montefiore vice-president and executive director of clinical services.

He said the same physician group and many of the same nurses that currently staff WSMC’s emergency room will also likely be in place at the new facility.

But questions remain as to potential medical scenarios with an emergency room without a backup surgery unit.

Montefiore initially said that ER patients in need of further medical assistance would be transported to a nearby medical facility with

fuller services.

But Deborah Hunt, a college professor of nursing and chair of Community Board 10’s health and human services committee, has raised a number of questions about the plan, including:

- What would happen if a patient comes in with a ruptured appendix and time is of the essence for surgery?
- What about a patient with a Myocardial Infarction (heart attack)?
- What about a patient with respiratory failure who requires intubation and mechanical ventilation?
- These patients would require a Critical Care Unit. What if no beds are available?
- What if all the EDs in the catchment area are at full capacity and there are no inpatient beds available for

patients who are at the freestanding ED and require admission?

While not responding specifically to those questions, a Montefiore spokeswoman called a possible scenario where a patient would be too unstable to be transferred to another facility, but in need of immediate specialty surgery at Montefiore Westchester Square “an elaborate hypothetical.”

With the first “freestanding” emergency department in New York state, Semczuk said he expects the state “will very carefully look at... how we manage it moving forward” and would not be surprised “if this model was not further deployed in the state of New York.”

He added: “Should hospital care be required [at the ED], Montefiore Westchester

Square emergency physicians and nurses are, as part of their training, well prepared to care for and stabilize the sickest patients until they can be safely transferred to a nearby hospital.”

As of Wednesday, March 6, WSMC no longer accepted inpatients, closed inpatient services completely on March 13, and will cease operations on March 21, reopening the next day under Montefiore’s wing.

“This is a sad but inevitable day for Westchester Square Medical Center,” said Alan Kopman, WSMC’s president and CEO. “We are focused on ensuring appropriate ongoing care for our patients through an orderly closure.”

WSMC’s end came after several years of struggling to emerge from bankruptcy.

WSMC employees await Monte rehiring

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Hundreds of staffers at the old Westchester Square Medical Center are anxiously still awaiting word whether they’ll be rehired at the new Montefiore Westchester Square facility, which will no longer call itself a medical center.

With a staffing count of 586, all will be officially laid off, since Montefiore is buying only the assets of the hospital, won at a bankruptcy court auction.

While interviews for jobs between Montefiore and WSMC staff have occurred, “no one has yet been offered a position” as of Monday, March 11,

said Deborah Hunt, chair of the Community Board 10 health and human services committee and nursing professor familiar with the situation.

“It is very sad, and I am very disappointed that Montefiore has not officially offered positions,” said Hunt. “I hope they are going to do the right thing by the community and the displaced employees.”

Montefiore has made a commitment to hire “qualified” personnel from WSMC and place them in positions throughout its sprawling health care system and hospitals.

Lehman High School saved from ax for now

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men and women of Herbert H. Lehman High School.”

Lehman will see the collocation of three smaller high schools on its campus next school year, as well as a reduction in its size to about a 1,000 students by the 2016-17 school year.

The news comes on the heels of a public meeting at the school on Tuesday, Feb. 26 where Councilman Jimmy Vacca and representatives from Senator Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto testified against the closure plan.

Although Lehman will be smaller in size, there will be an entering ninth grade

class next year and the school will remain a zoned school for students in the surrounding communities, which pleased Vacca. He had been concerned about the fate of students who had already selected Lehman as their ninth grade choice for the 2013-14 school year.

Three New Schools

“After several months of active community engagement, we believe that the combination of a smaller Lehman High School along with the creation of three new schools on the Lehman campus is the right recipe for improved student outcomes,” said Department of Education spokesman Devon Puglia.

The Feb. 26 hearing fea-

tured data and testimony about the school making progress after receiving a F on two DOE report cards for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years.

The school’s overall grade rose to a D in 2011-12, and at the hearing, LoBianco said that more recent data shows more improvements.

Prior to three or four years ago, the school had a B rating, said Vacca. Since then, rapid changes in administration, school programming and curriculum, and the crowding of the school with an enrollment reached topped 4,200 students at one point, caused “major issues,” he said. The school has now been downsized to under 3,000 students,

he said.

A New Plan

The three new smaller district high schools collocated in the building are not named other than by numbers in the new Education Impact Statement.

The original plan at Lehman was to reduce enrollment to about 2,585-2,625 students by the 2015-2016 school year. Now, the enrollment at Lehman HS will be reduced to 980-1,020 students by the 2016-2017 school year.

In addition to the new, smaller schools, Westchester Square Academy, a “screened” high school requiring a test for admission already on Lehman’s campus, should also see increased enrollment.



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38	2 Bedroom	2	\$1,012	\$36,755 - \$41,280	
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1	3 Bedroom	3	\$950	\$35,212 - \$38,700	
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8	3 Bedroom	3	\$1,163	\$42,515 - \$46,440	
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. EMIGRANT MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., Pltf. vs. YVETTE M. FALZONE a/k/a YVETTE M. FALZONE-TORRES, et al, Defts. Index #381322/09. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Feb. 8, 2013, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Apr. 8, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. prem .k/a 1974 Powell Ave., Bronx, NY. Said property located on the southerly side of Powell Ave. as legally opened distant 313.46 ft. westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the said southerly side of Powell Ave. and the westerly side of Pugsley Ave. as legally opened; being a plot 25 ft. x 103.06 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$395,871.95 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. PATRICK WYNNE, Referee. ISABEL L. BECKER, LLC, Attys. for Pltf., 49 Maple Ave., PO Box 796, New City, NY (845) 634-3696. (File No. 5596) #82357

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, -against-
ABDUL L. MOHAMMAD A/K/A A. MO-HAMMAD, ETAL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated July 9, 2010
I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at THE BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NEW YORK 10451 on April 8, 2013 at 2:00 PM, premises known as 1848 CROSS BRONX EXPRESSWAY N/K/A 1339 LELAND AVE, BRONX, NY 10472.
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 3879 Lot 34
Approximate amount of lien \$ 510,801.81 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 381762/2008
DEIDRAR R. MOORE, ESQ., REFEREE
STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF
ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113
CARLE PLACE, NY 11514
DATED MARCH 4, 2013
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE CSMC MORTGAGED-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3, Plaintiff, Against
ANDRES B. ALVAREZ, et al, Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 11/23/2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 4/15/2013 at 2:00 pm premises known as 1982 Daly Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460.
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 3126 Lot 119
Approximate amount of lien \$585,523.59 plus interest and costs; premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 382767/09
Philip Coleman, Esq., Referee
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570
Dated: 2/20/2013 File Number: 20027 MNH

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, CENTRAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES MILLS, ET AL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on January 30, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public

auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 08, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1031 Rev. James A. Polite Avenue, 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 2691 and Lot 130. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381676/08.

Moshe S. Neiss, Esq., Referee
Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC 601 FIFTH AVENUE SCOTTSBLUFF, NE 69361, Plaintiff, vs. JOAN MCKOY-MARTIN, ETAL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on July 30, 2009, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 15, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 916 East 217th 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 4687 and Lot 40. Approximate amount of judgment is \$566,721.23 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380957/08.
Michael P. Amodio, Esq., Referee
Knuckles, Komosinski & Elliott, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX DB50 2007-1 Trust, Plaintiff, against Danielle Mouzon, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2/7/2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600 at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on 04/01/2013 at 2:00PM, premises known as 333 Concord Avenue, Bronx, NY 10454 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 2573 Lot 32. Approximate amount of judgment \$545,164.52 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381055/07. Joseph Strasburg, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC 250 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 Dated: February 22, 2013 1021783 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 03/22/2013

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2013-178
Administration Citation
SURROGATE'S COURT-BRONX COUNTY
CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
By the Grace of God Free and Independent

LEGAL NOTICE

TO: Adele Campsen, nee ToebeImann, an alleged absentee whose last known address is 2860 Creston Avenue, Bronx County, New York.

A petition having been duly filed by Henry A. ToebeImann who is domiciled at 105-40 92nd Street, Ozone Park, NY 11417..

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, held at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York, 10451, on April 16, 2013, at 9:30 O'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Adele Campsen lately domiciled at 2860 Creston Avenue in the County of Bronx, New York, granting Letters of Administration upon the estate of the decedent to Henry A. ToebeImann or to such other person as may be entitled thereto.

Judicial Declaration of Death Pursuant to EBTL 2-1.7(a)

Dated, Attested and Sealed,
Feb. /2013
(Seal)
Hon. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez
Surrogate
Michael Hausler
Chief Clerk
Name of Attorney for Petitioner: Ragano & Ragano, Esqs.

Address of Attorney: 95-09 101 Avenue, Ozone Park, New York 11417
Tel. No. (718) 843-7584

Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you.

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 291A-2001/A
CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: The Attorney General of the State of New York; Michael D. Robertson; Household Credit Services; and Harry L. Robertson, whose whereabouts are unknown, if living or if dead, to his respective heirs, legatees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, successors and creditors in interest, whose names 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 April 4, 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 ARLENE ROBERTSON, also known as ARLENE J. ROBERTSON, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 2331 Cambreleng Avenue; Bronx, New York 10458, be judicially settled; 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 rejected claim of Household Credit Services be disallowed its entirety for a failure to substantiate; that the decedent's husband, Harry L. Robertson, having failed to provided support for the decedent and abandoned the decedent in or about November of 1957, and

said failures having continued until the decedent's death, be disqualified as a surviving spouse and distributee of the decedent pursuant to Section 5-1.2 of the New York Estates, Powers and Trusts Law; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to the decedent's distributees as follows: 100% to Michael D. Robertson, as and for his distributive share; and that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted.

Dated, Attested and Sealed, February 19, 2013. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ 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

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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

Workman's Comp

Karen Beckwith (McClatchy Group- Cal.) wrote about something that might be seeing more ink shortly. "Terrell Davis, a former Super Bowl Most Valuable Player, signed a \$6.8 million, five-year contract at the end of his rookie year in 1995. So it may surprise Californians to find out that in 2011, Davis got a \$199,000 injury settlement from a California workers' compensation court for injuries related to football. This came despite the fact Davis was employed by a Colorado team and played just nine times in California during an 88-game career, according to the NFL.

Davis was compensated for the lifelong effects of multiple injuries to the head, arms, trunk, legs and general body, according to California workers' compensation records.

He is not alone. Major retired stars who scored six-figure California workers' compensation benefits include Moses Malone, a three-time NBA most valuable player with the Houston Rockets, Philadelphia 76ers and other teams. He was awarded \$155,000. Pro Football Hall of Fame wide receiver Michael Irvin, formerly with the Dallas Cowboys, received \$249,000. The benefits usually are calculated as lump-sum payments but sometimes are accompanied by open-ended agreements to provide lifetime medical services. Play-

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Christ the King rises in CHSAA 'AA'

Defeats Cardinal Hayes in semifinals at Fordham University

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Cardinal Hayes' Tyler Wilson shut down Christ the King star Jon Severe for 31 minutes. It was one minute less than he needed too.

Severe ran Wilson off a screen set by 6-foot-10, 250-pound Royals center Adonis Delarosa on the left elbow during an inbounds play and got an open look at the 3-pointer. Wilson, who said he would have run through Delarosa if he could, knew it was trouble.

"As soon as he set his feet and he put it up I was like, he shot it with so much confidence I knew it was going to go in," the Manhattan-bound Wilson said.

His feeling was correct.

Severe's shot hit nothing but net with 55 seconds left to put CK up five. It sunk Hayes's hopes at a comeback and it fell 65-59 to the Royals in the CHSAA Class AA boys basketball semifinals at Fordham University last Thursday night. Hayes coach Joe Lods sung Wilson's praises after the game after held Severe to just 10 points and giving his team a chance to win.

"He fought his butt off all night," the coach said. "He played great defense. He gave up his body for the team. He did everything."

Unfortunately for Hayes, Severe's teammates picked up the slack. Malik Harmon scored 13 points and made 5-of-6 free throws down the stretch to seal things. Delarosa had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Cardinals (22-7) watched junior wing Chris Robinson, who scored 23 points, connect on two 3-pointers during an 8-0 run. The second pulled his team within 60-57 with 1:32 left to play. Shavar Newkirk scored 14 points and Ramel Coleman has 11 for Hayes. It was Robinson though who continued to prove he is a clutch performer.

"I think Chris is a big-time player," Wilson said. "I think more schools should recruit him."

A questionable travel call on Shavar Newkirk gave the Royals



Jordan Fuchs takes jump shot during the 2013 CHSAA Class AA Intersectional Semifinal game between Cardinal Hayes and Christ the King at Fordham University on Thursday March 7.

Photo by Robert Cole

the ball back under its own basket, setting up the perfectly executed inbound play. Lods credited the Christ the King (25-3) team's poise down the stretch. He believes his club is still getting to that level in just its second year

back in the Class AA division and two semifinal appearances.

He feels there are a lot of high expectations on the program because of the talent they have, but said his players are still learning how to win at the highest level.

"[The Royals] have been through the wars we haven't been through yet," Lods said. "As time goes on and we continue to build the program we are going to be very good. I just think it takes a little bit of time."

Defense leads Scanlan to first CHSAA state crown



The Scanlan boys basketball team won the CHSAA Class B state title.

Photo courtesy of Monsignor Scanlan

BY MIKE MORTON

A week after winning its first city title since 2002, Monsignor Scanlan boys basketball team won the first state title in program history.

The win didn't come easily. Monsignor Scanlan scored just four points in fourth quarter of a 44-42 victory over St. Mary's (Buffalo) on Saturday afternoon in the Catholic Class B state final at Fordham University.

Scoring so little in the deciding frame would usually lead to a sure loss, however the Crusaders (16-6) held the Lancers (19-7) to just eight points in the quarter, including none in the last 2:18.

"Defense wins games, and that's the main reason why we won," said senior Greg Wilkinson, who scored nine points.

A big part of the defensive success was stopping St. Mary's Tyler English,

who scored a game-high 15 points. John Dewey paced Scanlan (21-5) with 10 points.

English was held scoreless after tallying four points in the first three minutes of the fourth quarter. He also missed a contested layup with 58 seconds left that would have tied the score at 44-44.

Like the rest of the night, the undersized Scanlan frontcourt collected the rebound, eliminating any chance for St. Mary's to get a second chance opportunity. St. Mary's air-balled a 3-pointer as time expired. Despite being smaller than the Lancers' frontcourt, Scanlan had success team rebounding all game.

"We have to continue to rebound," Mitchell said. "From our littlest guy to our biggest guy, we have to get five guys going to the boards looking to box out."

The championship

comes just one season after going winless in CHSAA play.

The difference between last season's team and this year's is the arrival of coach Dwayne Mitchell, who joined the school after coaching at Rice until it closed down in 2011.

"To be able to come here in one year's time, and enjoy the success, it's a blessing," the first-year coach said.

Scanlan gets a chance to continue their magical season at the state Federation tournament in Albany next weekend. It faces NY-SAISAA champions Riverdale in the semifinals on March 23. For the time being the Crusaders couldn't help but celebrate and look back on what they achieved. None were happier than Dewey.

"I'm proud of [the class B championship] because as seniors we can leave a legacy for basketball," Dewey said. "I feel good about that."



Spellman's Vanessa Stephens (r) defends Nazareth's Shiclasia Brown.

Courtesy of Nazareth HS

Spellman's season ends in CHSAA 'A' state title game

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

A season full of growth ended a win shy of a state title for Cardinal Spellman.

The Pilots, who feature just four seniors on their roster, fell 76-53 to visiting Nazareth in the CHSAA Class A girls basketball title game on Saturday. It's the furthest Spellman has reached since the format was implemented four years ago.

"This whole season has been a new learning experience," Pilots junior wing Maria Backman said. "It's the furthest we've ever come as a group."

She scored a team-high 17 points. Most of them came in the second half with the game out of reach. Nazareth (19-9) double her when she got the ball and made it tough for her to get it period. Backman's team-

mates stepped up in spurts, especially juniors Teresa Tartarone and Daniela Gibson (seven points) for the Pilots (19-9).

"I think it's a great experience for my younger kids," Spellman coach Jane Morris said. "Hopefully there will be some improvement. I have three kids who start coming back."

Tartarone scored 10 of her 13 points in the second quarter, including a 3-pointer and a layup that cut the Nazareth lead to 32-22 with 35 seconds left in the half. The Lady Kingmen quickly responded. They ended the frame on a 6-0 spurt to take 38-22 advantage into the half. Backman was proud of how Tartarone preformed.

"Spurts like that show promise and confidence," she said.

Morris feels its unfortunate that her club even needs to play a team like Nazareth, which won the CHSAA Class AA title last season. The Lady Kingmen, who feature a number of Division-I prospects in their line up, dropped down to 'A' after finishing fifth in CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens during the regular season.

Nazareth star Bianca Cuevas is suspended for the reast of the regular season, but her team is sill formidable. Shiclasia Brown scored 25 points and freshman Niya Johnson had 16 for the Lady Kingmen. As frustrating as it is, Morris knows they have to just play by the system in place.

"I don't want to wait until next year," Morris said. "We can take any 'A' team out there."



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Pipe Dreams: Thinking out side the box

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ers, their lawyers and their unions plan to mount a political offensive to protect these payouts.

To understand how it works, consider the career of Ernie Conwell. A former tight end for the St. Louis Rams and New Orleans Saints, he was paid \$1.6 million for his last season in 2006. Hobbled by injuries, he filed for workers' compensation in Louisiana and got \$181,000 in benefits to cover his last, career-ending knee surgery in 2006, according to the Saints. The team said it also provided \$195,000 in injury-related benefits as part of a collective-bargaining agreement with the players union. But such workers' compensation benefits paid by Louisiana cover only specific injuries. So, to deal with what he expects to be the costs of ongoing health problems that he said affect his arms, legs, mus-

cles, bones and head, Conwell filed for compensation in California and won.

Molinaro Marinara

Bob Moliaro passed along these items he entitled "Dueling Corruption" and "Go Figure". "Miami president Donna Shalala got a lot of mileage out of her feisty response to the NCAA after the organization that purports to uphold ethics conducted an unethical investigation into Hurricanes football. The NCAA has done the impossible by making Miami appear to be a sympathetic victim. Let's not get carried away, though. The NCAA's missteps don't change the fact that the Canes were cheating."

"Andy Roddick quit the pro tennis tour in September. But despite not playing a match in six months, this week he moved up from 42 to 40 in the ATP rankings. So much for making sense of the computer point system."

Thinking Outside

The Box

I enjoy reading the work of Scott Ostler (SF Chronicle). Maybe it's because we're both a little off in our thinking.

Any-hoo, Scott was talking about the difficulties that the Warriors were having building a new arena that wouldn't be a "view blocking eyesore." "Now, the solution: Build the arena underwater.

Instead of rebuilding rotting piers 30 and 32, remove that junk and build the arena on that site, underwater.

The bridge has two towers. The south tower, on the San Francisco side, was built in 70 feet of water.

Engineers built a massive, four-sided concrete box - a caisson - big enough to box a football field and taller than the highest tide. They dropped the box into the bay, then pumped out the water. Inside this caisson they built the south tower.

Got it, Warriors? You

rip out the old pier, build a huge concrete bathtub as big as an arena, drop that caisson into the water, dig down 100 more feet and build your arena.

Then plant grass and trees on the arena roof, just above water level. No need for the vast concrete plaza surrounding the arena, as per current Warrior plans.

Voila! You have replaced a rotting eyesore pier with a beautiful bay front park. Instead of blocking views, you enhance them."

What'd I tell you.

The Flock

Did you see that pix with Dennis Rodman and, North Korean dictator, Kim Jung Un? I did and one phrase popped right into my mind- "Birds of a feather flock together."

Greg Cote (Miami Herald) said that Rodman was a "rebel without a clue" and was practicing "Lunatic Diplomacy." I can't disagree with Greg because N. Korea, with whom we still haven't signed a

peace treaty ending the conflict from the 50's, has such a poor record with regard to human rights and their reported creation of nuclear weaponry despite condemnations from the UN Security Council. How is Rodman's embrace of Kim different than Ozzie Guillien saying that he admired Fidel Castro? It's not !

"So where," Cote asked, "is that same outrage against Rodman right now? His praise of Kim might almost be seen as a traitor-opposite of U.S. interests. By now I'm not sure at all if Rodman has any capacity whatsoever for embarrassment or shame."

Perry's Parries

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) wrote "Hot Lead Dept." and Bonus Baby Dept.": "A woman in St. Petersburg escaped with only slight injuries when she tried to preheat an oven to cook some waffles — not knowing that a male friend had stashed a box of bul-

lets in it.

On the bright side, it's the first shooting range in the neighborhood. And from the "Why, Of Course" File comes word that Twins catcher Joe Mauer and his wife are expecting ... twins.

Good thing Joe didn't catch the daddy bug when he played in Quad Cities.

"Book 'em Danno"

Greg Cote (Miami Herald) talked about how the Florida Atlantic Univ. Owls sold the naming rights to their football stadium to the GEO Group, which operates prisons: "Even odds on the place being nicknamed Owlcastraz."

Body art

Bob Molinaro told us that, "Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus was pulled from the lineup for a spring game this week with an injury for our times: soreness in his left arm due to a new tattoo. The story is odd enough to warrant a little ink"

Mount Relay Team wins state HS championship

Team is now ranked 8th among 4x200 relay teams

The Mount St. Michael Academy 4x200 Relay Team won the High School State Championship in the 4x200 Relay Event on Saturday March 2 at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. The team is now ranked 8th among high school 4x200 relay teams.

The Relay Team of Juniors Kasim Thomas and Anton Porter, and sophomores Andrew White and Dorwin Mitchell, coached by Darnell Gatling, outran 7 teams with a time of 1:34.30.

In the same meet, Tavon Nowell, a senior at the Mount, placed 6th in the 300 meter finals, and Anthony Okpagu, a

senior, placed 4th in the Shot Put.

The Mount's 4x400 team of Seniors Jeffrey Jones, Tavon Nowell, Jeron Fenton and Vernell Mackey grabbed 4th place.

The 4x200 team went on to compete with over 44 high school teams in the New Balance Indoor Nationals Friday March 8 through Sunday March 10 at the Armory in New York.

Coach Gatling has guided the team to dominate their event all season, including the following wins:

Stanner Games Champions, Bishop Loughlin Champions, Hispanic

Games Champions, New Balance Champions, Intersectional (City) Champions, and New York State Champions.

"We thank everyone for support and their prayers," said coach Darnell Gatling. "We have high hopes for the future of these athletes."

Gatling is a former world-class athlete, now competing on the masters circuit. Since 2005, he has set many master's age-group U.S. national records in the 400 meter hurdles and set a master's world record in 2011. Gatling has coached at the Mount since 2008.



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BY DR. WILLIAM WOLFSON
The Dental Diary:
About the Causes of
Tooth Stains

Wearing Green on St. Patrick's Day should exclude your teeth, right?

Lets talk about the wearing of the Green, and the brown, black, Grey and mottled white... Tooth stains are never pretty. Here are some of the major causes and cures. Lets all spring into summer with a whiter, brighter, cleaner smile!

Coffee & Cigarettes: Coffee and cigarettes are two major culprits of teeth discoloration, but there are a number of other surprising teeth tarnishers. Here, Kimberly Harms, D.D.S., of the American Dental Association exposes the top causes of teeth stains and discoloration.

Fluoride: Fluoride is generally good for your smile but too much of it can cause chalky white spots to appear on your teeth. Although it's rare (and a bigger concern for children than adults), people can get too much fluoride from drinking water with high

concentrations of fluoride, or from excessive use of fluoride-containing toothpastes. Use a sensible pea-sized amount of toothpaste each time you brush, suggests Harms.

Medicines: Some antibiotics and over-the-counter medications can dull your smile. Tetracycline can turn teeth yellow in small children and its derivative, minocycline, can cause a permanent bluish-gray stain in adults. Certain antihistamines can also discolor teeth. Make an appointment with your dentist to discuss all the medications you take (prescription and otherwise) to find out the impact on your teeth and if, in some cases, there are other alternatives.

Genetics & Aging: As you get older your teeth have less of a chance of staying paper white. That's because the enamel of your teeth wears thin and the natural yellow or brown color of the underlying dentin layer shows through. You can also thank mom and dad for the intensity of the whiteness of your teeth

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-- some people just have naturally brighter or thicker enamel than others.

Trauma: Nerve death due to Traumatic Injury is not only painful, but over time trauma can cause a tooth to become discolored. Even damage to the teeth from an accident or fall can

cause discoloration in both children and adults. "Any time the tooth dies, it will discolor," says Harms.

Dark Drinks & Colorful Foods: Coffee and tea are well-known teeth stainers, but many dark liquids, like fruit juice, red wine and soda can also turn teeth yellow. Even beer, which has acidic properties, can damage your smile. "Basically, anything that can stain your carpet can stain your teeth," Harms says. Swig some water around your

mouth after drinking dark liquids to offset their staining power. Sipping your drinks through a straw can also help protect your front teeth. That handful of cherries you've been snacking on may be good for your health, but it can be bad for your teeth because heavily pigmented foods such as blueberries, cranberries and soy sauce quickly stain them. Brush your teeth as soon as you can after eating staining foods.

Bad Habits: Poor brush-

ing techniques and forgetting to floss means stain-producing substances are not routinely removed from your teeth. Improper teeth care can also allow bacteria to build up on your teeth which can result in yellow and green stains. Harms suggests gently brushing for the length of one song or about three minutes.

Dr. Wolfson is director of Morris Park Dental Associates, 960 Morris Park Ave. Call 718-377-6453 for info.

Curves food drive

Curves International announces its 15th Annual Food Drive, Feed the Need, and challenges Curves club members in the U.S. and Canada to meet a goal of 100,000 donations during the two week period of March 11 to March 23. Each club, is asking its members to donate bags of non-perishable food or cash to support their local community food bank. In addition, Curves of Bronx will waive the joining fee for new members who bring in a bag of non-perishable food or donate \$30 to their local food bank during the two week period.*

When combined donations from all Curves clubs reaches the goal of 100,000 donations, Curves International will donate 10% of March 2013 profits to Blessings in a Backpack, a non-profit organization that ensures that impoverished elementary school children are fed on the weekends throughout

the school year.

Since its inception, the total contributions to local food banks from the annual Curves Food Drive exceed 75,000,000 pounds of food, according to Curves Vice President of Marketing Mike Raymond. "Each year, we encourage our clubs and members to donate even more than the year before. Our annual Food Drive is a great way for members and their communities to fill a real need by restocking the shelves in local food pantries across the U.S. and Canada during a time when they are usually low."

For more information about Curves of Bronx, located at 1186 East 180th St., and the 2013 Curves Food Drive, contact a Curves of Bronx staff member at 718-931-4321 or curves180@aol.com.

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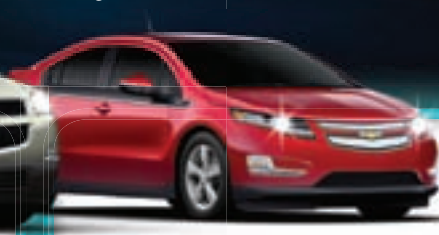


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