

TRUMP VS. NYC PARKS

Groups spar over Ferry Point Park's future

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

Two proposals for the waterfront at Ferry Point Park - one that carries the new president-elect's name - were presented to Community Board 10 Monday night.

Each plan carries a very different vision of what the undeveloped waterfront land will be used for and who will be allowed to use it.

A proposal by Trump Links at Ferry Point golf course, rejected by the de Blasio admin-

istration last month, called for the expansion of the 17th and 18th holes into 19.5 acres of waterfront property just north of the Whitestone Bridge.

In exchange the company would develop the remaining piece of land into a passive recreation park/wildlife sanctuary on their dime.

The developer has also requested an unprecedented 20-year extension to its current 20-year lease to counter the improvement's \$15 million price

tag.

Executives from Trump Links petitioned the board to show their plan regardless of the mayor's decision, hoping to sway public opinion.

Trump Links manager Joe Roediger told the dozens of people tightly packed into the Ft. Schuyler Home's meeting room for the hearings that the expansion would create a more attractive course that could lure

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Jerome Park Reservoir access set for Nov. 19 & 20

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A second public access event for the Jerome Park Reservoir in two years has access advocates looking to the future.

The NYC Department of Environmental Protection is continuing a pilot program that will see the public gain access to the scenic water body, albeit under tight security, on Saturday, November 19 and Sunday,

November 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visitors will be subject to a security check; no bags, cameras or cell phones will be allowed inside, according to DEP.

Walking or jogging on the road around the perimeter of the approximately 93-acre reservoir, which is otherwise off limits to the public, will be per-

mitted.

Meanwhile, access activists and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz continue discussing possible future uses for parts of the reservoir, including parkland at its perimeter sometime in the future.

Dinowitz said that currently the DEP has not budged

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NYBG Holiday Train Show

Celebrating its 25th year, the New York Botanical Garden's 'Holiday Train Show' keeps chugging along with new replicas including the Coney Island Cyclone and Coney Island's Wonder Wheel. The must-see holiday tradition is open to the public from Saturday, November 19 to Monday, January 16. Bill Clear helped construct the train sets and the more than half mile of track. See more photos in next week's paper.

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Officials investigate death of 4-month old at daycare center

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Officials were searching for answers this week on what happened to a toddler at Lil Stars Daycare in Throggs Neck who collapsed and later died.

According to the NYPD, police responded at 5:30 p.m. to a 911 call of "an unresponsive male" at 150 Prentiss Avenue.

When officers from the 45th Precinct arrived they found an unconscious and unresponsive 4-month old boy with no visible signs of trauma.

The boy has since been identified as Cameron Willingham whose family lives in Pelham Bay.

An ambulance transported Cameron to Jacobi Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Cameron had reportedly been battling pneumonia.

At the time of this article, the NYC Medical Examiner is

still investigating the cause of death.

The NYC Department of Health released a statement on Tuesday, November 15 in conjunction with the death and Lil Stars Daycare.

"We are greatly saddened by this tragedy. We inspected the site on Friday, November 11 and launched an investigation," the statement read. "[On November 15, Lil Stars Day Care was] temporarily suspended and it will not be able to operate until the investigation concludes. We will help parents with children at this site find alternative, quality day care options for their children."

A spokesperson from DOH added the daycare is a state-regulated facility.

The department is working with the NYS Office of Family and Children's Services who handed down the suspension.



Front of Lil Stars Daycare located on Prentiss Avenue.

Photo Courtesy of Robert Christie

There were no arrests following Cameron's death.

The spokesperson added the site will not open until "due process is completed."

Officer John Souhrada of the 45th Precinct said he believes "any child's death is handled with the utmost professionalism and respect and

thoroughly investigated."

The Bronx Times contacted Lil Stars Daycare but they did not provide a statement.

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Bronx resident prepares to launch novel bookstore

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

The Bronx may be losing a major retail bookstore, but that isn't deterring one Bronx resident from starting a bookstore of her own.

After last month's announcement that the borough's only Barnes & Noble would be replaced by a Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH at the end of the year, many are worried about the future without a bookstore in the Bronx.

Lucky for them, a local book lover and entrepreneur has decided to take matters into her own hands to write this next chapter.

Noelle Santos, a lifelong Bronx resident, will feature her pop-up shop, The Lit. Bar, at the Bronx Museum Holiday Market on December 10 and 11, in to raise funds to open the soon-to-be only independent bookstore in the Bronx in the new year. She hopes a crowd funding in the near future will also push the process forward.

She anticipates that the bookstore will launch sometime in January 2017, just after Barnes & Noble closes its doors. She envisions opening the bookstore somewhere in Hunts Point.

Opening the bookstore would make for an interesting but bittersweet ending to a journey that began two years ago when Santos first envisioned placing a bookmark, her own bookstore, in the Bronx.

"I'm excited for this opportunity, but the thought of no Barnes & Noble in the Bronx is devastating," said Santos, a longtime Barnes & Noble customer. "I'm sad to see it go, but its eventual departure has given me this great opportunity."

Last year, Noelle was awarded with a \$7,500 grant after winning second place out of 360 contestants in a New York Public Library competition, which she has saved for The Lit. Bar. She has also put most of her personal savings towards the opening of the bookstore.



Santos has been planning to open her own bookstore for over two years.

Photo courtesy of Noelle Santos

"Participating and placing in that competition felt like an accomplishment in itself, because it gave me an opportunity to execute my business plan while I was able to receive the guidance and resources I needed to take the next step in this process," Santos said. "It was a very meaningful learning experience for me."

She also said that she coined the name 'The Lit. Bar' because the bookstore will combine 'lit.erature' and wine. She added that the word 'lit' is another term for feelings tipsy.

Santos was born and raised in Soundview, before moving to Parkchester and then Crotona Park, where she has lived for the past decade. She graduated from Lehman College with a Bachelors degree in business administration and accounting in 2009, and went back to get her Masters degree in human resource management and African American studies in 2012. She currently works as a human resources and payroll director for an information technology company in Tribeca.

"My goal is to give artists and authors a platform to monetize their work in a social environment," she said. "I also want to prove that an independent business can exist here - they don't have to leave the Bronx to be successful."

Santos also started her own book club, Readers and Shakers, which consists of over 200 members and mostly meets in Manhattan. However, once her bookstore opens, Santos said that the store will serve as the new, permanent headquarters for the book club.

To sign up for The Lit. Bar's email list, visit www.thelitbar.com.

The Lit. Bar will be one of over 50 vendors at the Bronx Museum Holiday Market.



Logo for 'The Lit. Bar' bookstore, combining lit.erature and wine.

Photo courtesy of Noelle Santos



New bike paths are just one of the changes coming to Castle Hill Avenue as part of the new road diet. Photo Courtesy of Robert Christie

Community not excited about new Castle Hill road diet

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

The NYC Department of Transportation's latest 'road diet' plan is now written on macadam in the Castle Hill area.

Throughout the city the DOT has instituted the plan, which usually eliminates travel lanes on major thoroughfares.

In Castle Hill specifically, Castle Hill Avenue will see a reduction in driving lanes from East Tremont Avenue to Hart Avenue.

According to a DOT spokesperson, Parker Avenue to Westchester Avenue will have one lane in either direction, a painted median and left turn bays, and a bike lane in either direction.

From Newbold Avenue to Powell Avenue, there will be one lane northbound and two lanes southbound.

In addition there will be bike lanes in each direction.

Finally, from Story Avenue to Hart Avenue there will now be one lane in either direction, a painted median and left turn bays and a bike lane in either direction.

The spokesperson added that, "In the areas along Castle Hill Avenue where there will be no changes to roadway capacity, DOT will be adding parking lane stripes and lane markings, high-visibility crosswalks, as well as shared lane bike markings."

DOT has previously said these road diet initiatives are implemented to reduce vehicle speed and create safer conditions for pedestrians.

The plans are apart of Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero Initiative which promotes safer commutes for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

Bob Bieder, resident of Castle Hill, said the plan is "utterly ridiculous."

"Pedestrian safety is all well and good," said Bieder. "We have no argument against that."

He continued, "But the way they went about trying to create pedestrian

safety just isn't working."

Bieder, owner of Westchester Square Plumbing Supply, said one of the issues that arises from the new lane structure comes from double parking.

He said people regularly double park on Castle Hill Avenue.

Prior to the fixes, motorists had an extra lane to maneuver around the double parkers.

Now, said Bieder, they may be forced to cross over into the oncoming lane to avoid double-parked cars.

William Rivera, district manager for Community Board 9, said the DOT did a good job meeting with the community board multiple times in the past year to discuss the upcoming changes.

Rivera said initially there were concerns from the community about traffic but said he would wait and see what happens once the work was completed.

He said "now that the markings are down and we see the realistic effects" the community board will be meeting again to discuss how they can go back to DOT and ask for help with the traffic concerns.

Rivera said the meeting was scheduled to take place on Thursday.

The changes at Castle Hill are the second road diet plan to come to the area.

In October, the DOT completed similar changes on East Tremont between Waterbury Avenue and Bruckner Boulevard.

The Throggs Neck community was also frustrated with the changes.

The road diet plan even arose during a Town Hall meeting with Mayor de Blasio in August.

The mayor defended his Vision Zero initiative, saying it had "saved many dozens of lives", and he said he supported the East Tremont Avenue plan.

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by Patrick Rocchio

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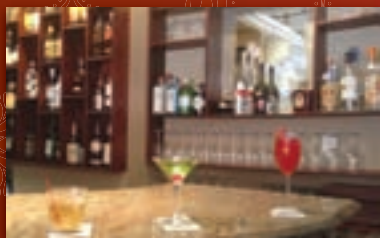
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(Above) Medical examiners prepare to transport the deceased teen to the NYC Office of Chief Medical Examiner for further investigation. Photo by Edwin Soto



POLICE BLOTTER

41 Precinct

Tuesday, November 8 at 1:00 p.m. -- As officers were patrolling in an unmarked police car, they saw several people in an altercation at 862 E. 164th Street. When approaching the people to further investigate the incident, a 19-year-old man pointed a gun and fired shots in the direction of the officers. The officers shot back and hit one man. Three of the men at the location, including the gunman shooting at the police officers, fled on foot while the officers pursued them and later caught up with them inside an apartment at 911 E. 165th Street. The 19-year-old male sustained a graze wound to the right hip and left knee and was taken to Lincoln Hospital in stable condition. The 24-year-old male was not injured.

a gunshot wound to the abdomen. She was taken to Lincoln Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

50 Precinct

Saturday, November 5 at 2:37 p.m. -- Cops got a report of a person discharging a gun in front of 2701 Webb Avenue, and subsequently learned that a male Hispanic shot two rounds from a firearm. No injuries were sustained. The person was last seen wearing a dark color hat, a light blue jacket with a beige collar and black pants.

52 Precinct

Tuesday, November 8 at 5:55 a.m. -- Cops got a 911 call of an unconscious female inside of the bathroom of a restaurant on Bedford Park Boulevard. Officers found a 32-year-old woman who was unconscious and unresponsive. EMS came to the scene and found that the woman was dead.

44 Precinct

Thursday, November 3 at 9:14 p.m. -- Police responded to a report assault near East 161st Street and Jerome Avenue. When they arrived on the scene they found a 45-year-old woman with



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A new America

Dear editor,

God bless America, and God bless Donald Trump. Finally we have an American president who is not a career politician, but a self-made business man who has a record of getting things done. We should all be proud. America will truly be a great country again.

I look forward to a new America that we can all be proud of.

Mary Dilenardo

Where were Hillary's allies?

Dear editor,

Election Day has come and gone reminds me of 'The Outer Limits', the 1960s television show. With the end of round the clock commercials by politicians, we now return control of your television back to you.

A picture speaks volumes. Some important Democratic party leaders and elected officials other than Queens Democratic party chairperson and Congressman Joe Crowley appeared to be missing

at former senator and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's concession speech. When the cameras panned the crowd, I didn't see Mayor Bill de Blasio, NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, New York senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Corey Booker and Bob Menendez of New Jersey along with Gov. Andrew Cuomo, State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli and State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. How quickly yesterday's friends have become Clintons long lost acquaintances. Perhaps Democratic party leadership have no loyalty.

There is good news for both Bill and Hillary Clinton. They both can spend more time working for the Clinton Foundation with no potential

conflicts of interest. They can build upon their \$100 million plus family fortune, spend more time at home in 99% lily-white trendy suburb of Chappaqua and continue hanging out with Hollywood and other society elites. There is no need to pretend to be friends of the 99% while living the good life only the 1% know who they previously were so quick to criticize. Do as I say, not as I do has always been the Clinton family motto.

Larry Penner

Hypocritical chastisement

Dear editor,

I would like to thank Dan Marengo for his well

thought-out letter to the Bronx Times.

It is a laugh when liberals react to crude language as though they had not permitted and promoted it over the years.

He points out that Hillary was highly offended at Trump's remarks, but defends her husband's behavior and demeans the women he was involved with.

She claims to be a champion of children while callously championing abortion. Marengo goes on to catalog many of her shortcomings.

Columnist Tom Allon needs to be educated. He is one of those useful party idiots.

Anita Mule

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These trees are the ones the Pelham Parkway Preservation Alliance is trying to protect.

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PPPA, Parks work together to save Pel. Parkway trees

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A local conservation group is working with city officials to review tree removal and replenishment during a major highway construction project.

A representative of the Pelham Parkway Preservation Alliance and a NYC Parks Department representative walked Pelham Parkway on Monday, November 7 to examine trees that are scheduled for removal due to the parkway's upcoming north side reconstruction, or because they are diseased or damaged, confirmed a PPPA leader, George Zulch.

PPPA leaders met with borough commissioners from NYC Department of Transportation, NYC Department of Design and Construction and Parks at Community Board 11 on Wednesday, October 26 to discuss creating a collaborative working relationship when it comes to the fate of the trees on the parkway during the north-side reconstruction, said John Fratta, CB 11's administrative business promotion coordinator.

"They did agree to what we had on the south side reconstruction, having a tree task force set up," said Fratta. "Before any tree is removed, the Parks Department is going to meet with the alliance to see if the tree can be saved."

Fratta said that CB 11 is pleased that the PPPA is going to have a working relationship with the city, and added that he believes fewer trees will ultimately be removed during construction, a similar dynamic that happened when the south side was reconstructed.

Phase two of the reconstruction of Pelham Parkway, including Pelham Parkway North and Pelham Parkway

West, includes a new water main, a select bus service lane, dedicated left turn lanes and new sidewalks and ramps, according to DDC.

Eleven trees are slated to be removed as part of this phase for the infrastructure improvements: four for sewers, five for guardrails, and one each for a water main and bus stop, said Fratta.

The Parks Department also requested that another 34 trees be removed because they are compromised, he said.

Zulch said that during the walk with a Parks' representative it appears that the department's reasons for tree removal so far, based on the trees he already saw, is sensible.

These trees are being removed because of the health of the tree or because they are damaged, he said.

A second walk-thru to examine many of the parkway trees in question, planned for Wednesday, November 9, was rescheduled.

Zulch said that the focus of the PPPA might shift to making sure that the city follows through on its pledge, and looking toward the long-term preservation of the urban forest and replenishing trees for the future.

"Pelham Parkway's forestry is an urban resource," said Zulch. "It is historical, and it has to be preserved for so many reasons for our area."

Zulch said that Pelham Parkway could be eligible for some kind of historical site status, and that a key to the future will be restocking the trees with new plantings.

A spokesman for the Parks Department stated that "NYC Parks has an open line of communication with the PPPA."

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Kingsbridge Road business district to receive facelift

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

The Kingsbridge Road/Broadway business district will see major improvements in coming months thanks to a new batch of city funding.

Councilman Andrew Cohen recently announced an allocation of \$40,000 to the Kingsbridge Riverdale Van Cortlandt Development Corporation through two City Council initiatives; the NYC Clean-up Initiative and the Neighborhood Development Grant Initiative.

"It took years of hard work and collaboration by the elected officials and community organizations to support development of Kingsbridge/Broadway as a destination for shoppers," stated Cohen in a press release. "We will now be able to make a number of improvements to our growing retail district with this funding."

The funding was secured following a study of the corridor by Cohen, Borough President Ruben Diaz and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz that determined beautifying the busy business corridor, that runs from Van Cortlandt Park to Marble Hill, with new trash receptacles and street benches, as well as adding community bulletin boards and new tree pits was needed.

In recent years, the roadway has seen the addition of two multi-level shopping centers that brought large

box stores like Target, Petsmart and Bob's Discount Furniture to the neighborhood, as well as several national chain restaurants.

Dinowitz said there is still some room for improvement.

"It is exciting to see the amazing renaissance that has taken place along Broadway in recent years," Dinowitz stated. "New developments, including the construction of two new shopping malls, bring a new vitality to this corridor. There is so much more potential for growth along Broadway, but it must be done in a smart and coordinated fashion."

The road will also likely become a bit safer in the near future.

Cohen spokesman Joshua Stephenson told residents at the November 50th Precinct Community Council meeting the councilman was working to get NYC Department of Transportation officials to attend a meeting with him to discuss possible resolutions to traffic issues compiled last year.

Several residents at the meeting complained of inadequate signage and a need for four-way stop signs on the roadway.

"They are going to meet with us and give an overview of their response to that general meeting that we had and we are looking to set up a meeting where the community can come and listen to that envisioning session," he



The iconic Tortoise and Hare statue on Broadway greets visitors to Van Cortlandt Park. The Kingsbridge/Broadway business district will see various improvements in the coming months.

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said.

Other renovations are also on the horizon in the area: the NYC Parks and Recreation Department has announced a series of public hearings concerning \$4.5 million worth of improvements to the main entrance of Van Cortlandt Park aimed at adding better aesthetics and safety.

The project will focus on the southwest corner of the park at the entrance at West 242nd Street, which is also the location of the MTA 1 IRT subway station.

There is also talk of adding additional security cameras, according to 50th Precinct Dep. Inspector Terence O'Toole.



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Hearing on TN park plan ends in confusion

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

A public hearing on a not-for-profit's plan to buy a waterfront property and then convert it to public parkland created more questions than answers, most pressing among them the question of who actually owns the property.

The private lot at 222 Longstreet Avenue and 850 Shore Drive has been vacant for several years after a home on the property was torn down.

The Trust for Public Land, a national non-profit, reached out to the seller's real estate agent, Tamerlain Realty Corporation, with a plan to purchase the property at market rate and then donate it to the city for public land space.

At a Monday, November 14 public hearing at Ft. Schuyler Home, Antonio Michelakis of the NYC Parks and Recreation's planning department said if the 15,000 square-foot waterfront property is purchased, the trust would then put a deed restriction on the property to prevent it from being converted to anything but public open space.

"They have funding that



Community Board 10 members question NYC Parks and Recreation department members and owners of a Longstreet Avenue lot being targeted as a new park at a recent public hearing.

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was given to them through the Port Authority (of New York), and they will take that funding as they have in the past with other city projects, to acquire land and turn it over to the parks department and eventually it will become parkland," Michelakis explained.

The property can be subdivided into two 7,500 square-foot lots and is zoned C3-A.

That zoning allows residential housing, a community facility or commercial uses as-

sociated with boating or recreation.

Should the parks department acquired it, it is estimated to spend between \$1.7 million and \$2 million on a playground, ball courts, sidewalks and necessary repairs to the sea wall.

The Parks Department likes the site because it fills a gap in the city's efforts to have a city park within a 10-minute walk of all residents, Michelakis said.

Approximately 1,300 people would be serviced by a park in the proposed location, 980 of which would be within a 10-minute walk.

Community board members and residents of the neighborhood said they had concerns about the lack of parking and the high-speed traffic that travels the road on a daily basis, as well as crime and littering.

"Have you been on this block?" asked board member

Diane Lachwald. "Have you seen there is not a place to park?"

Confusion then set in when a female relative of the alleged property owner, Anna Mancuso Massa, told the board the owner was unaware of the public hearing until she was told of the notice letter her relatives had received.

"She said to make it clear that it was her intention not to sell for these purposes - she is not interested in doing that," the woman said.

Michelakis said his department had met with a middle-aged man who claimed his wife's family owned the property.

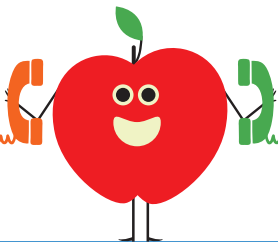
The realtor had put them in touch with the man.

That man understood what the parks proposal entailed and approved of it, he said.

CB 10 chairman Martin Prince asked to have the owner and the realty agency reach out to his office to set the record straight on ownership by that Thursday, when the board was expected to vote on the measure.

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Veterans Day ceremony at Rudy Macina Peace Plaza

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Veterans and those who remember the heroic acts of our military gathered on Pelham Parkway this past Veterans Day.

The Morris Park Community Association, Morris Park Kiwanis Club, and members of several American Legion posts, came together at Rudy Macina Peace Memorial Plaza to recall the sacrifices of our veterans on Friday, November 11.

Silvio Mazzella coordinated the patriotic gathering, which featured a U.S. Marine Corps color guard, a flag raising ceremony, taps being played at Nictona, and the 'National Anthem' and 'God Bless America' sung by Jillian Canata. Fr. John Knapp of Our Lady of Assumption provided the invocation.

"I think what we are hoping to do is make more people aware of the role the veteran plays," said Mazzella, adding that ceremony speakers discussed the needs of veterans who have come home from war, and that they cannot be forgotten.

Among the Veteran's Day

ceremony's speakers were Assemblyman Michael Benedetto; Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj; Tony Vitaliano, CB 11 chairman; Tommy Messina representing Congressman Joseph Crowley; Gene DeFrancis, Allerton Avenue Merchants Association; Joe Thompson, 49th Precinct Community Council president; David Lepore, 49th Precinct Community Affairs Officer and Earl Menard Jr. of the American Legion John Fraser Bryant Post #19.

Menard encouraged the people present to celebrate the good work that veterans do after they get out of the service, and said that they make their community's more structurally sound and stable places to live.

"It is a service-oriented type of a person," said Menard of veterans who are reaching out to their fellow community members, adding "We are people who do not sit still."

Menard said that he is making plans to celebrate the post's centennial, which will be in 2019, and also spoke about an American Legion contest for all high school stu-



(l-r) Ostacio Negron, John Doyle, Luisa Benedetto, Joe McManus, Andrea Siegel, Dominic Schiano, and Tom Messina at the Peace Plaza Veterans Day remembrance.
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Benedetto spoke about the crisis in veteran homelessness, and he said more needs to be done to help an estimated 8,000 veterans who are living outdoors on Long Island. He championed the cause of peer-to-peer intervention to help

heal their hidden wounds.

Gjonaj said in his remarks that it was unfortunate that Veterans Day was one of the few times a year, along with Memorial Day, where special attention is paid to veterans.

The assemblyman said that community embraces veterans.

The event continues to draw a large crowd every year, said Tony Signorile, MPCA

president, which he finds very gratifying.

"This event has been going on since the 1970s, when it started with Rudy Macina," said Signorile, adding "I think the word is out there that we need to unify and bring our children to honor the sacrifices of our veterans in the past and continuing on today."

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Jacobi CAB member Lask wins NYC Health + Hospital award

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A long time advocate for people with mental illness has received a newly created award from NYC Health + Hospitals.

Sylvia Lask, a member of the NYC Health + Hospitals / Jacobi Community Advisory Board, is the winner of the first Agnes Magdalene Abraham Humanitarian Award after being chosen from among six finalists from hospital advisory boards from around the city.

She was presented the award at the 2016 Council of Community Advisory Board's Educational Conference on Friday, November 4.

The award is named after a chairwoman of the NYC Health + Hospital's Council of CABs.

Lask is well known for her work on a behavioral health committee and for her event planning for annual 9/11 memorials, legislative breakfasts and mental health conferences on behalf of Jacobi's CAB, multiple sources confirmed.

"It was amazing to me to win it, because I really felt that everyone that was in the running must do a wonder-

ful job for their facilities," said Lask, adding "I have been on the Jacobi CAB for more than 40 years and I love what I do there."

Lask said she recently successfully lobbied in the state capital in Albany for the passage of an education bill that mandates mental health education for junior high and high school students, adding that Governor Cuomo has now signed it.

The governor's office confirmed his signature and Cuomo said in a statement that the legislation would "work to destigmatize mental illness."

"The thing is not to run away from it, but to accept it," said Lask of mental illness issues, adding the bullying at schools is a growing concern.

She believes that one in four people have some sort of psychological condition.

Silvio Mazzella, chairperson of the Jacobi CAB, said that Lask's award was well deserved and that the board nominated her because of her outstanding work overall and in planning events.

"She has been giving of herself for many years," said Mazzella, adding

"she is in charge of our events and she does a great job with them."

Since 2011, Lask and Jacobi CAB have held an annual mental health conference in May as part of National Mental Health Month. Lask spearheaded the conference's creation and the plans them every year.

The conferences are designed to "bring significant, meaningful, and relevant information" to patients, staff and community, according to a biography of Lask submitted to H+H.

Topics from previous year's conferences include preventing suicide, trauma's impact on mental and physical health, and housing for the mentally ill.

Lask said she would reprise the housing topic for the conference planned for May 2017.

Lask said that it has been a long struggle over several decades to overcome to the stigma that is often associated with behavioral health issues, a stigma which is not entirely gone today and is often a barrier to treatment.

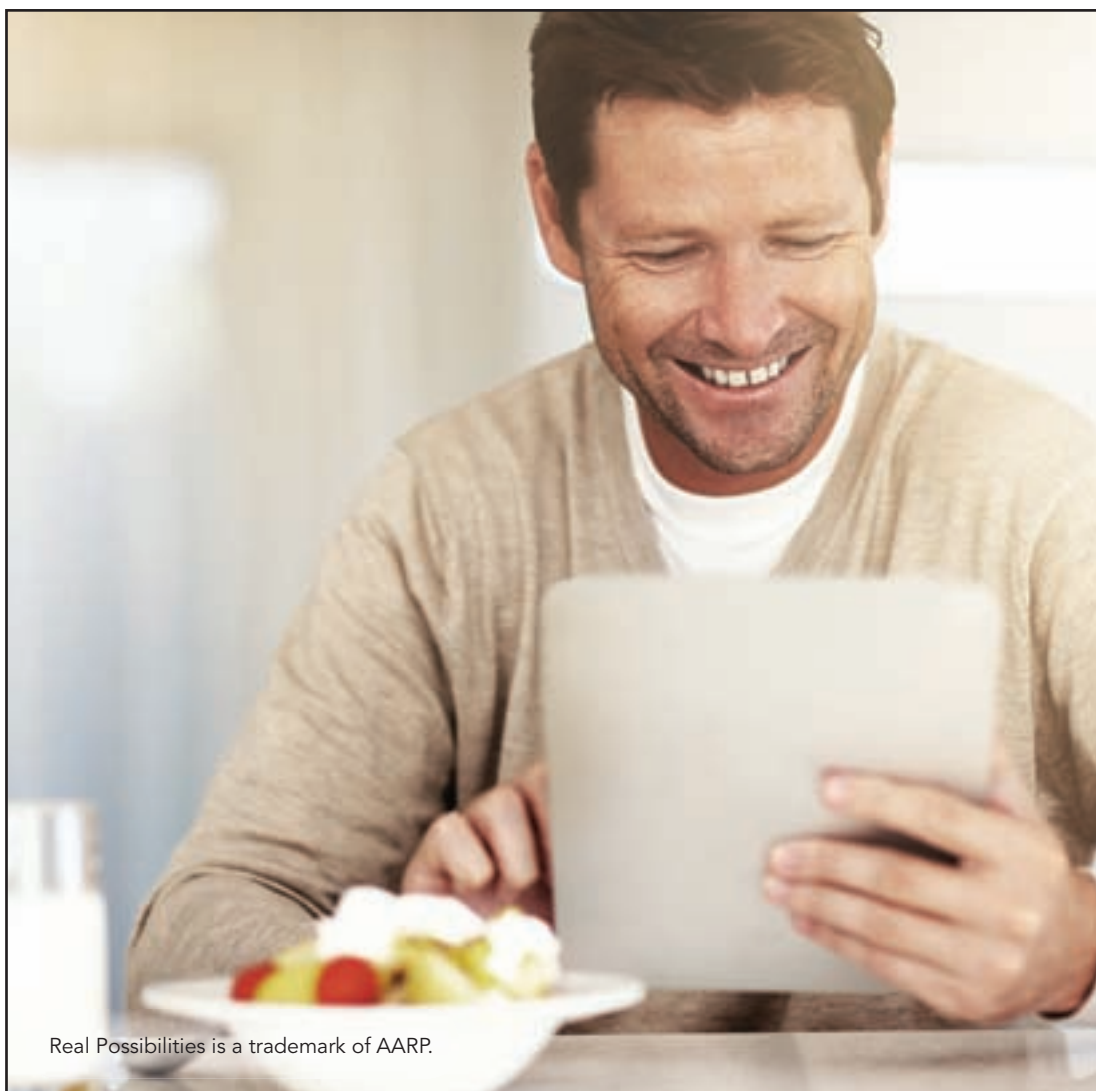
Over the decades, Lask said she has confronted both members of var-



Sylvia Lask accepts the award from William Foley. New York Health + Hospitals/Jacobi CEO. Lask is a member of Jacobi's Community Advisory Board.

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ious boards and the general community, as well as elected officials, using a variety of methods to try to advocate for people who might otherwise be forgotten.



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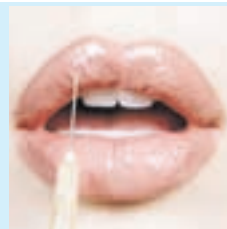
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Students at P.S. 108 sing to honor U.S. veterans as part of the school's Veterans Day Program.
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PS 108 honors late WWII vet Garofalo

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Students, faculty and their families from P.S. 108 hosted an event for veterans and their loved ones on Veterans Day.

Attendees gathered in the school's cafeteria as students sang and read short literary pieces they wrote to honor those that served.

In addition, students asked veterans questions about their service and also got the chance to hear from retired U.S. Marines veteran Ron Watson.

Finally, the students and faculty honored the late WWII veteran Joseph Garofalo who passed away in March at the age of 95.

Garofalo had been an important part of the community, running the Bronx Veterans Museum and contributing every year to P.S. 108's Veterans Day festivities.

As part of the tribute, Mike Tierney - a former engineer at the school and coordinator for the Veteran's Day event, showed a documentary film honoring Garofalo and the museum.

In addition, the faculty presented Garofalo's family with a plaque for his service.

"He was the first guy I met when I did this project," said Tierney. "He had an immediate impact on me."

Tierney said the first time he met Garofalo was at the museum.

"He showed me some of the artifacts he had gathered during his time in the service," Tierney continued. "We got to speaking and he was passionate about every veteran."

Tierney said his original goal for the documentary was to focus on just WWII veterans but Garofalo would not allow him to forget veterans from later wars.

Garofalo was a native Bronx resi-

dent who grew up on Prospect Avenue in the south Bronx before enlisting in the Army.

At age 22 he served from 1942 to 1945 as a petty officer second class for the Navy's Seabees 121st Naval Construction Battalion attached to the fourth Marine division.

Whilst in the Navy he participated in the battles of Saipan and Tinian in the Mariana Islands and the Battle of Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands.

Garofalo, along with his longtime friend Angelo Pinto, opened up the museum in the John Dormi and Sons Funeral Home in 1999.

Tierney recalled how Garofalo spent many hours showing students the various artifacts in the museum and how the WWII vet "never got tired" of the children.

"He meant a lot to the school and he was big in the community," said Tierney. "He was involved in everything."

P.S. 108 principal Charles Sperrazza, while giving the program's final remarks, also recalled the effect Garofalo had on his life.

"Joe was a good friend of mine," he said. "It was always a pleasure to have him come out and listen to the stories."

"I appreciate what he did for the country and for the school and his legacy lives on," he added. "It lives on in the children and in the hearts of people."

As for the entire Veterans Day program, Tierney felt the day was a success.

"It's great to be apart of a school that recognizes the importance and the value of teaching our students about our veterans," he said.

Sperrazza said the school hopes to grow the veterans program "bigger and better every year."



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(Above) Bronx filmmakers Indio Ramkissoon (l) and Hannah Leshaw presented Kristal Hart this year's Best Documentary award for 'The Krista Hart Show'.

Photo by Miriam Quin



(Right) BronxNet executive director Michael Max Knobbe with 'Warrior Goddess' poet, writer and educator Mariposa Fernandez.

Photo by Miriam Quin



BronxNet celebrated its annual BETA Awards on Thursday, November 3 at the Lovinger Theatre in Lehman College's Music Building. The gala event honoring the many men and women producing independent programs for BronxNet featured a heartfelt tribute to the late Dr. Roscoe C. Brown and live music from Danny Mixon. This year's honorees included 'Best Inspirational/Religious Program' winner Barbara May for 'A Great God', 'Best Documentary' winner Kristal Hart for 'The Kristal Hart Show', 'Best Talk Show' winner Carolyn Smith for 'Carol's Journey TV' and 'Best Cultural Program' winners Vera Edwards and Ricardo Cordero for 'Team Street Lines'.

(Above) Best Cultural Program award winners mother Vera Edwards (r) and son, Ricardo Cordero (c) were thrilled to be honored at the ceremony.

Photo by Miriam Quin

UNIVERSITY NURSING HOME'S HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION



A scary good time was had by all who attended University Nursing Home's Halloween Celebration on Monday, October 31 at 2505 Grand Avenue. The thrilling spooktacular featured a costume parade and contest, trick or treating, steel band and delicious Indian summer barbecue.

(Above) Social worker Ms. Kendall (c) got into the Halloween spirit with residents.

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(Right) Ms. Joseph (l) and Meir Horovitz, University Nursing Home administrator, and resident Maria had a great time celebrating Halloween.



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Post 1458 honors veterans at Keane Square Memorial

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Members of the Lawrence F. Keane American Legion Post #1458 gathered at the war memorial in Keane Square Park on Veterans Day to honor those who have served.

Veterans and their families marched from the post's storefront location, down the block onto Westchester Avenue where the war memorial sits.

The short ceremony was followed by a luncheon back at the post on Buhre Avenue.

As the group walked down the street, holding up the American flag and the flag for Post #1458, a few people across the street waved and shouted to the veterans to thank them for their service.

At the memorial, U.S. veteran Joe Colucci, read prayers to "honor our veterans, worthy men and women, who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country."

Amber Patriarca, granddaughter of Post #1458 commander Joe Patriarca, read a short speech she wrote.

"In school last year we were learning about World War II," she read.

"When I came home to do homework that night my grandpa told me that my great grandfather was on Normandy Beach on D-Day."

"I did not know my great grandfather but if he were here today I would thank him for his service," she added.

Patriarca's father, and Amber's great grandfather, was Antonio Patriarca, a former Post #1458 commander.

Walking down to the Lawrence Keane Memorial is a decades old tradition for post #1458.

Usually, when the veterans head down to the site they add a name of a deceased veteran to the monument.

This was the first year they did not add a name.

In 2014 they added Antonio Patriarca's name to the memorial. The following year Joe's brother John Patriarca, a U.S. Navy Veteran, was added.

In previous years the post has added as many as 18 names to the monument.

The memorial, which was created in 1969, was originally built to house only names of Post #1458 members but was eventually opened to all veterans.

In addition, the monument includes

the names of those who died in battle and those who died later in life of other causes.

"It means a lot," the commander, who served in the Marine Reserves from 1968 to 1974, said of the post's yearly Veteran's Day Practices. "These veterans they deserve it."

Carmine Rizzo, a 30-year Bronx resident, also said it was important to make sure this country's veterans get their due.

Rizzo is a long time friend of former post #1458 commander Lou Durante, a WWII veteran, who passed away in 2014 after a battle with cancer.

Rizzo, whose father and uncle served in WWII, said Durante taught him everything he knows about running the post and he stepped in following Durante's death.

"It's always good to help with places like this," he said.

As for the luncheon, Patriarca was pleased with the turnout.

He laughed as he looked over to the approximately 40 to 50 people eating with their friends and family.

"It's more than we had last year," he said with a chuckle.



Memorial in Keane Square Park.

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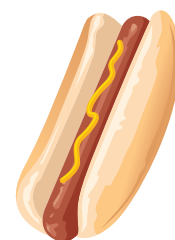
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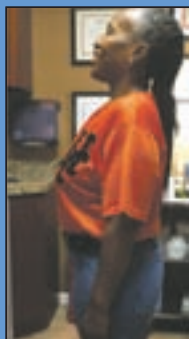


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The synthetic drug K-2, also known as Spice and other assorted names, has been driven underground after a wave of overdoses last summer.

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Police continue crackdown on synthetic K-2 sales

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

The synthetic drug K-2 made headlines this summer as a wave of overdoses left users in a zombie-like state across the Bronx and other boroughs, but new legislation and increased police scrutiny has driven the drug underground, according to the federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

K-2, also known as Spice and synthetic marijuana, is a lab-made crystalline substance that affects the same parts of the brain targeted by cannabis, or marijuana.

The high it gives is 200 times more powerful than marijuana and is often associated with serious side effects, explained DEA detective Jim Arroyo.

Arroyo gave an update on this summer's epidemic at a 50th Precinct Community Council meeting on Thursday, November 10.

A large batch of the drug, often imported from China, can sell for north of \$10,000.

The substance is purchased online by dealers in the United States and sold as incense or potpourri under fun, innocuous names like Scooby Snacks, Bob Marley or Extreme Red in small doses for just a few dollars in 4, 6 or 10-gram pouches.

That cheap a street price makes the drug a popular marijuana alternative, but the health hazards associated with the drug are exponentially higher.

"There's nothing scientific about it," Arroyo said. "If you're familiar with methamphetamine, it's the same way you would cook up meth."

In addition to putting users in a zombie-like state of obliviousness, users can suffer increased agitation, pale skin, seizures, vomiting, profuse sweating, uncontrolled or spastic body movements, elevated blood pressure, heart rate and palpitations.

The onset is almost instantaneous and the high can last up to eight hours.

The drug disappeared from the street after last summer's seizure of \$10 million worth of the product, already packaged for sale, from a Poplar Avenue garage.

New city legislation, which aimed at curbing sales at small corner markets where it was most available, forced dealers to instead sell it on the street.

Emergency room visits associated with the drug has dropped precipitously.

But further hindering law enforcement's fight against the drug are the constantly changing chemical compositions used by the Chinese chemists.

That constant state of flux prevents the DEA from keeping it on the list of scheduled chemical compounds that are illegal, making prosecution extremely difficult.

"As soon as they are making it we are catching up and getting it on the emergency schedule list," Arroyo said.

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3rd annual Bronx Oratorical Speech Contest

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

High school students - preach your speech at this year's oratorical contest!

The 3rd annual Bronx County Oratorical Speech Contest will take place at Co-op City Post 1871, located at 135 Einstein Loop, Room 41, on Monday, December 5 at 5 p.m.

The annual event provides high school students an opportunity to demonstrate and showcase their knowledge of the United States Constitution and its 27 amendments.

For this year's contest, participating students will conduct speeches on a particular amendment of the constitution for eight to ten minutes long. Three to five minute speeches on an assigned topic will also be conducted. Three judges will rate the contestants based on each student's time management, speech presentation and overall knowledge of their particular subject.

Legionnaire Adeyemi LaCrown TOBA, the commander of Post 1871, who has been the Bronx County chairman of the Oratorical Speech Contest for the past three years, says that

this annual event is a great opportunity that students all over the borough should take advantage of.

"We have smart kids here in the Bronx - and this event always showcases what these students have learned about our country's constitution, which every high school student should have at least broad knowledge of," said LaCrown. "It's important for these students to demonstrate their ability to speak about a particular topic for a long, but limited period of time in front of an audience - and many of the borough's high school students are more than capable of doing so."

Before LaCrown became the event chairman three years ago, there was never an oratorical speech competition in the Bronx. LaCrown, who admitted that it has been a difficult task to recruit students for the event in years past, said that he passed along flyers to local schools and even churches to spread the word.

"It's been a tough process trying to get students to participate in this event - especially



LaCrown (c), gathers with the four finalists from last year's contest, (l-r) Kavita Ghansham, Cardinal Spellman High School, Destiny John, Xavier High School, Jasmine Kerr, Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy and Daniel Okafor, Bronx Health & Science High School.
Photo courtesy of Legionnaire Adeyemi LaCrown TOBA

considering the fact that high school students who are not seniors are eligible to participate again the following year," said LaCrown. "They can compete in next year's competition even if they are selected as one of the four finalists!"

LaCrown added that two of the four Bronx finalists from last year's contest were freshman.

In the two previous years, the contest was hosted in a studio on the Lehman College

campus.

The contest will send its four finalists to Manhattan to participate in the citywide contest in the first week in January, before the top two finalists will be sent to Albany for the statewide competition in February.

The national competition will take place in Indianapolis, IN, where the first place contest winner will receive an \$18,000 college scholarship. The second place winner will

be awarded \$16,000 and third place will take home \$14,000.

An Information/Question & Answer Day regarding the Bronx County Oratorical Speech Contest will take place on Sunday, November 27 at 4 p.m., at Co-op City post, Room 41, where parents and students can ask and discuss the details of the upcoming event.

For more information, call the Co-op City Post 1871 at (718) 320-8165 or email LaCrown at toba4change@aol.com.

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Lopez in Legendary Bar & Grill's newly renovated dining room.

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Legendary Bar & Grill reopens with renovated dining room, daily specials

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A Throggs Neck restaurant has come back to the neighborhood with new improvements.

Legendary Bar & Grill, located at 3513 E. Tremont Avenue, has returned to the neighborhood with new renovations after a two-year hiatus.

The restaurant, which originally opened in 2010 and closed down in 2014, now has a brand new, full fledged dining room that can seat over 40 customers.

Recently reopened last month, the restaurant offers numerous dinner specials, including beef stew, chur-rasco steak, lasagna, meatloaf, barbecue baby back ribs and surf and turf, along with a full dining room menu that is always available.

The dining room menu consists of various steaks, burgers, seafoods, pastas, salads, appetizers and desserts.

"The reaction from the community has been very positive, very receptive," said restaurant owner Frank Lopez, a Pelham Gardens resident for the last 20 years, who also owned the restaurant during its previous tenure. "It's great to be back in the neighborhood, and hopefully, our new dining room will give customers another good reason to eat here."

Lopez, who has previously worked

at other restaurants in Manhattan, said that the restaurants' cooks also have decades of experience serving the community at other Throggs Neck eateries.

Lopez also added that the meaning behind the restaurant name stems from the iconic history of the location, making it 'legendary.'

The property used to operate as Tally-Ho Bar for decades, a dive bar which had been a speak-easy in the 1930s until its new ownership in the late 2000s, and is considered by many to be the first bar in the neighborhood.

"There's a lot of history in this one spot, and the name of this restaurant is a tribute to that," Lopez said.

On Football Sundays, the restaurant offers beef nachos for \$5 and a cheeseburger with fries for \$7, along with free hot dogs from 1 to 7 p.m. On Mondays, they offer 50¢ jumbo wings all day and a free buffet from midnight to 2 a.m. on Thursdays.

Happy Hour takes place Mondays through Fridays from 4 to 7 p.m., and includes a free buffet. Pints, bottles and domestics are \$3, imports and well drinks are \$4 and apple, dirty and espresso martinis are \$5.

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BY LYNN GERBINO

Our next and last meeting for 2016 will take place on Tuesday, November 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Villa Barone Manor. So far our guest speaker will be police officer Kiona Singleton, the new crime prevention officer for the 45th Precinct. We are also hoping that deputy inspector Raia will be there if her schedule permits.

We are asking for donations of diapers, any size, and books, electronics and toys for children. If you can spare some or donate, please bring them to the meeting. We will be bringing the items to the Crystal Family Residence on the Hutchinson River Parkway. It will be greatly appreciated.

We wish all of our members and the whole Throggs Neck community a wonderful Thanksgiving. We look forward to seeing you on the 29th.

Have a wonderful week.

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BY TONY SALIMBENE

So many folks to thank for the fantastic Veterans Day weekend, that means I'll forget someone.

The Supreme Commander above provided beautiful fall weather. The parade committee chose a great grand marshal and added the touching tribute of 21 folded American flags to remind us of veterans in such distress, the commit suicide.

A great contingent from the American Legion with extra sharp color guard units. The voice of Tom Hansen leading us in song.

All the school kids, especially the efforts at P.S. 108 and to all our wonderful neighbors who cheered us on.

Thanks elected officials for the annual breakfast and the beginnings of some important legislation for returning servicemen and women.

Besides a big thanks, all I can add is: Korony Post 253 meeting, 3rd Sunday, 11a.m. at the Turner Club.

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32nd Annual Bronx Veterans Day Parade

Bronxites saluted former service members at the 32nd annual Bronx Veterans Day Parade in Throggs Neck on Sunday, November 13. The parade painted the town in shades of red, white and blue as it marched from East Tremont and Lafayette avenues to Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park for a ceremony honoring local veterans' services to our nation.



United Veterans Parade Committee

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Honorary grand marshal Bill Hyland contingent

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Grand marshal retired U.S. Marine Corp. lieutenant colonel Ron Watson marched down East Tremont Avenue with his wife, Elizabeth Watson.

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Throggs Neck Memorial American Legion Post 1456

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P.S. 14

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Combat Action Badge recipient Peter Del Debbio (I) with colonel Greg Clancy.

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First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck Cub Scouts Pack 182

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Brx Veterans Parade



Veterans June Haynoon and Nancy Olson enjoyed watching the parade.
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(l-r) Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj; Thomas Messina, representing Congressman Joseph Crowley; Assemblyman Michael Benedetto; Senator Jeff Klein; Joseph McManus; 80th Assembly District Democratic State Committeeman; John Doyle and John Marano, Community Board 10 first vice chairman.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



This young firefighter-in-the-making had the best ride in the whole parade.
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Grand marshal lieutenant colonel Watson (back, c) spoke during the Veterans Ceremony at Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park.
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City Island Power and Sail Squadron
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Retired U.S. Marine Corp. veteran master gunnery sergeant Chris Devoy (c) with his grand children.
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Navy veteran Lucio Creglia (c) with his family (l-r) Hiassam and Julliete Atwi, Elana Creglia and Layla and Vienna Atwi.
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Bronx Charter School to perform Korean songs

The **Bronx Charter School for Better Learning** has been invited by the Consul General of the Republic of Korea to perform Korean songs at a special event to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the U.S. Peace Corps entering Korea. The reception and ceremony will be held at The Korea Society on Wednesday, November 16, 2016. Special guests include the Honorable Gheewhan Kim, The Counsel General of the Republic of Korea in New York.

President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps volunteer program by Executive Order on March 1, 1961. The Peace Corps' mission is to promote world peace and friendship by fulfilling three goals: to help the people of interested countries meet their need for trained volunteers; to help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served; and to help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

One of BBL's professional development specialists, Dr. Bruce Ballard, served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Korea from 1975-78. While there he taught English in a boys' middle school and trained prospective public school teachers at a national university. Dr. Ballard is also responsible for starting BBL's Korean language and culture program ten years ago. "I'm thrilled that our students are recognized in New York and overseas for their excellent performance of Korean folk and pop songs," he says. "We are also fortunate that every year we receive financial backing from the Korean Consulate in New York. This has allowed us to offer BBL students a wide range of cultural programming, including taekwondo lessons, field trips to museums and Korean restaurants, and performances of traditional Korean music and dance."

The Bronx Charter School for Better Learning currently trains all students in K to 3rd Grade in Korean language and culture. Students have performed Korean songs in Manhattan and the Bronx, and appeared on television programs in New York and South Korea.

The **Bronx Arts Alliance** seeks exhibition proposals from curators in the New York City metro area for our annual Armory Arts Week Exhibition in the Bronx in March, 2017.

The Bronx Arts Alliance is a collective of arts and cultural institutions and organizations. Our mission is to build, support and promote the works of artists and arts organizations through-

out the Bronx. BxAA is also focused on actively engaging neighboring communities through the arts.

Candidates who apply for this opportunity should be familiar with the Bronx and Bronx-based artists. Your proposal must show a history of at least three previous curatorial projects that were successfully presented to a public audience. All interested curators are encouraged to apply regardless of qualifications on paper, since selection will be based first and foremost on the originality of the idea and the potential to do something different and inventive in the context of the Bronx arts scene. We want to shake things up and are looking for a curator who will bring new concepts to the table.

The selected candidate will curate works from a diverse group of artists proposed by BxAA organizations. The curator will be provided a stipend and a budget. The exhibition will be located in a gallery with at least 900 sq feet of space, and curators should expect to include between 20 and 30 artists. The exhibition will last for approximately four weeks. Curators should include one or two ideas for public programming that will facilitate community engagement with the exhibition.

The curator will be required to make studio visits to select work from participating artists, oversee installation/de-installation of the exhibition, coordinate delivery and pick-up of artwork, and other tasks as needed. They will work in collaboration with the BxAA Exhibition Committee. BxAA will hire and provide art handling assistance.

For more information visit <http://www.bronxartsalliance.org/armoryartsweek>.

Curators should submit the following: Work samples: Documentation of three past exhibitions; up to three images per past exhibition (JPG. files only - no more than 900 x 900 pixels each); and/or one video per past exhibition (MOV, MP4, MPG. Files only - no more than three minutes long).

Image/Video Title Checklist: Curator's statement per past exhibition (500 word maximum); Resume and/or CV (PDF only; short Biography (250 word maximum); and Curatorial Proposal for Bronx Arts Alliance Exhibition (500 word maximum)

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Cardinal Spellman honors academic achievement

Cardinal Spellman High School recently held its annual Honors Night, with 460 students receiving honors for their achievements during the 2015-2016 academic year. Rev. Peter Pil-sner, Director of Spiritual Activities for the school, began the evening with a prayer followed by a welcome from Daniel O'Keefe, president and principal of Spellman. Mr. O'Keefe praised the effort and hard work made by all

the students, saying that "As a result of your academic excellence and embrace of the values that Spellman represents, you will go on to be leaders in your colleges and leaders in your careers." In addition to the presentation of honors, thirty eight members of the Class of 2017 joined 928 other students who have received the Diamond "S" since its inception in 1989. The Diamond "S" is awarded to those students

who have maintained a First Honors average of 90% or better for each of their first three years at Spellman. The names of all Diamond "S" students are engraved on a plaque near the first floor entrance to the school. The night also featured the installation of the co-presidents of the National Honor Society, Damian Henry, Loribel Peguero, Samantha Vega and KaraBrann Williams.

The highest ranked students in each class were also recognized for their outstanding scholastic achievements during the 2015-2016 academic year. The top three students of the Class of 2017 were Antonio Jimenez, Serrena Singh and Damian Henry; the Class of 2018: Esther Fadumiye, Lauren Suazo, and Brian Doan; and the Class of 2019: Shyna Quadras, Walter Ohams, and Massiel Javier.



Diamond S recipients: (First row, l-r) Alicia Murray, Christopher Onate, Adrian Francis, Damian Henry, Thomas Piazza, Justin Rolon, Leonardo Vega, Antonio Jimenez, Stephen Taylor, Gianni Ferrara, Jeremias Emestica, Princila Asante. (Second row, l-r): Daniel O'Keefe (president and principal), Tanisha Williams, Julianna Broetsky, KaraBrann Williams, Melissa Apicella, Deanna Falciglia, Amber Figueroa, Starlene Parris, Courtney Smith, Loribel Peguero, Jacinta Addo-Badu, Serrena Singh, Kyrlee Smith, Maria Piri (assistant principal), Maureen Gallagher (assistant principal.) (Third row, l-r): Samantha Vega, Rubi Landestoy, Megan Andujar, Sophia Stephenson, Agape Arias, Kayla Grant, Christina Morgana, Elizabeth Noone, Victoria Liotta, Clara Gramazio, Kimberly Quang, Jenna Krupa, Alessia Gadero, and Jillian Camara.

Saint Barnabas High School gearing up for #GivingTuesday!

Saint Barnabas High School is excited to announce that we will be participating in this year's #GivingTuesday initiative, scheduled for Tuesday, November 29. A global day of giving, #GivingTuesday calls individuals, communities and organizations to join together to encourage philanthropy and celebrate generosity worldwide. Like all independent schools, St. Barnabas High School relies on the generosity of its friends and donors to help defray the daily operating expenses of running our school.

All proceeds from #GivingTuesday will support the school's 2016-2017 Annual Fund.

"#GivingTuesday is about ordinary people coming together doing extraordinary things! For more than 90 years, Saint Barnabas High School has been dedicated to educating young women to become charitable, gracious, spirited leaders with the potential to affect positive change in the world. #GivingTuesday serves as a fun and convenient way to bring opportunity and funding to the next generation of

Barnabites. It is our hope that you will support us in our mission on November 29. Remember, no donation is too large or small to partner with us in this effort!", board member Linda Corcoran '66 said.

For more information about #GivingTuesday, contact director of Advancement, Jennifer Geideman, MPA, at (718)325-8800 ext. 11 or email jgeideman@stbarnabashigh.com.

To make a #GivingTuesday donation visit: <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/sbhsgivingtuesday/>



(l-r) Jasmine Henry '18, Shemore Dowe '18 and Meghan McConaghy '20.

Academy of Mount St. Ursula fall holds fun-raising event

The Academy of Mount St. Ursula relies on strategic fundraising with the help of the Development Office. One of the school's most fun-fundraising events, "Salsa and Chips," took place on Friday, October 28 at Mulino's at Lake Isle in Eastchester, NY. Salsa and Chips is a play on words where "Salsa" danc-

ing is performed by AMSU students and alumnae, while "Chips" is referring to gambling chips to win tickets for prizes. The Salsa and Chips event was a night of casino fun, Salsa dancing, dazzling auctions, food, drinks and lively music! This fun-filled fiesta event provided enjoyment for everyone. This year's Salsa

and Chips event raised \$20,000 and had close to 100 guests.

"We have attended every AMSU Salsa and Chips evening since its inception in 2009 and have enjoyed each one but the excitement at this year's event was palpable. From the students who expertly demonstrated what Salsa

should look like (and those of us who tried our best to imitate them) to the casino games and the AMSU students who spoke so eloquently,

Salsa and Chips was a fun-filled evening in support of a wonderful school," said Frank and Barbara Montenero DeAngelo '69.



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JACOBI'S THERAPY DOG PROGRAM VISITS PATIENTS DURING HALLOWEEN

To commemorate the Halloween season, Jacobi Medical Center's Therapy Dog Program hosted its annual Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 30. The four-legged care providers visited patients throughout the hospital as a group.



Jessi the Pirate Dog brightened a pediatric patient's spirit this Halloween.
Photo courtesy of Jacobi Medical Center



POLITICAL HALLOWEEN IN MORRIS PARK

Harisen (l) and Hallema Useynoska 'got political' celebrating Halloween by trick or treating as presidential candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton on Monday, October 31 in Morris Park.

SISTERS SERVANTS OF MARY LUNCHEON



The Sisters, Servants of Mary Auxiliary hosted its annual luncheon and silent auction to benefit the sisters on Sunday, November 6 at Marina del Rey Caterers. The sisters honored the memory of the late Sal Randazzo and Eagle Sports Promotion's Bruce Eagle and Marcy Kahn.

(Above) Bruce Eagle and Marcy Kahn (2nd from r) were honored by sisters Purification (l), Carmella (2nd from l) and Ema (r).
Photos by Laura Stone

(Below) Sisters Purification (c) and Ema presented a special honor to the family of the late Sal Randazzo.



PELHAM PARKWAY FLEA MARKET

There were a great deal of fun and savings at the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association and Albanian American Open Hands Association's Community Flea Market on Saturday, November 5 and Sunday, November 6 at 2141 Holland Avenue.

(Above) Genny Osacar sold homemade merchandise including clothes and jewelry.
Photo by Edwin Soto

PLAYGROUND 134 PRESENTATION

NYC Parks spoke with nearly 40 residents about the Community Parks Initiative and the potential to make Playground 134 a thriving community space on Wednesday, October 26 at South Bronx Charter School for International Cultures and the Arts. Students from the Mott Haven school attended the meeting and provided their input and feedback regarding local needs.



(Above, l-r) Students Jeremiah, Emmanuel and Makenzie presented their ideas for Playground 134.
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Yale-ready students don't always get into Yale

On Sunday I went to my local Queens bakery at 9, 11 and 2, and each time sat across from a friendly, open 18-year-old. These New York City students shared their hopes, dreams, and what they do in their free time. One researches drone strikes in Somalia. Another teaches the disabled to ski. A third measures the size and shape of snake skulls.

Typical—for this group. These are applicants for early admission to Yale.

Me, I'm an alumni interviewer. That means I help lighten the Yale Admissions Department's load by volunteering to assess half a dozen candidates each year. This is my 15th or 16th go-round, and it always gives me great delight.

But this year, it also gave me pause. That's because another alum, Ben Orlin, just wrote a piece in the Los Angeles Times titled, "Why I Won't Re-enlist as a Yale Alumni Interviewer."

His beef is that "the whole process is so spectacularly insane that participating in it—even in such a peripheral role—feels

like watching spiders crawl out of my tear ducts."

The insanity is not the kids—they're great. Nor is it Yale—it can't take everyone. The insanity is the giant disparity between the number of stunning applicants and the number that get in: "For every bed in the freshman dorms, 20 kids are lining up, at least five of whom are high-school rock stars," wrote Orlin. "From that murderer's row, admissions officers face the impossible task of picking just one. There's no right answer."

He feels for all the students who have done so much, and are likely to take their rejection personally. (Don't we all?) What these kids can't know is that they are just as amazing as the ones who get the thick envelopes, but they may be the 15th top debater who also spent a year teaching calculus in Kenya. No school needs 15 of the same thing. Thus some get in, but others get bumped for a dancer-sculptor-beekeeper from Utah, or spear fisher (with perfect SATs) from Spain.

So today as I spoke with the hopefuls, I felt compelled to also mention "The Ghosts of Applicants Past."



RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

There was the girl so fascinated by rhetoric that she learned Ancient Greek. She wanted to read the first philosophers to describe speaking techniques like, "I won't mention the defendant's past as a thief, because that is not relevant to this case." She loved the way information got sneakily embedded. But she also loved neuroscience, so she was doing lab research on Alzheimer's. Her modest little goal was to figure out whether or not how infor-

mation gets into our brains is related to how it leaks out.

She did not get in.

Another year I met a young man from a Manhattan public high school who admitted that during middle school computer class, he would hack a friend's screen to suddenly show cartoons when the teacher was walking past. By the time he was in high school he put his computer skills to more serious work by starting a web-design company for local businesses. If some of the coding got too hard, he'd farm it out to Russian programmers and pay them part of his fee. By senior year he'd turned his attention to the medical field and got an internship at a local teaching hospital. He discovered something (I couldn't understand what) about how plaque builds up in arteries, and had come up with a new, cheap way to dissolve it. Ten medical school professors came to hear his lecture. When one objected that his idea wouldn't work, he showed him how it would. This kid applied to Yale and MIT.

I hope he got into the latter, because he did not get into Yale.

Then there was the young

woman who was producing a documentary on a French fashion muse from the '70s. No dice. And another student so fascinated by the French Revolution that she did original research on the guillotine jewelry of that time. She didn't make the cut.

Meantime, a young man I had a hard time interviewing because he had so little to say, did make it in. I gather that he was spectacular at math. But he got lost navigating from Union Square to our interview at a Starbucks on First Avenue and 17th and arrived late.

Which is not to say Yale gets it wrong. Many of the students I've recommend, it took. But Orlin got it right, too: Ivy admissions are an opaque process, not to be taken personally. The good news is that by the time students think they're Yale material, they usually are.

Even if they don't get in.

Lenore Skenazy is a keynote speaker, author of the book and blog Free-Range Kids, and a contributor at Reason.com.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Much has been done during the course of the past eight years to harm senior citizens. Largely unheralded by the usual voices who seem ready to easily detect discrimination for race or gender, the maltreatment of America's older citizens has grown without much fanfare.

Age discrimination in the workplace is among the most serious of the challenges. One out of five U.S. workers is 55 or older, and many, perhaps the majority, are facing age-based job discrimination. According to the AARP, 64% have seen or experienced maltreatment simply because they are no longer young.

The AARP describes how the first signs of age discrimination on the job are detected: "The signs at first are disguised, then painfully apparent, they say. Solid performance reviews suddenly turn negative. Invitations to weekly and monthly meetings are no longer forthcoming. New demands and quotas seem harsh and unreasonable..."

For those workers who do lose their employment, getting

rehired elsewhere is exceedingly difficult.

A Time Money analysis in September revealed that "Six years after the Great Recession ended, jobless older workers are the forgotten story ... millions of older workers who want a job cannot find work. The economic data documenting the problem is clear. So is one of the most important causes: age discrimination." The analysis stressed that if all factors are taken into consideration, "the 55-plus unemployment rate is a whopping 12 percent, a Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis shows. Looked at another way, 2.5 million older Americans want a job but do not have one."

Writing in Forbes, Liz Ryan reports: "Age discrimination is everywhere. I hear more examples of age discrimination than I hear about sex discrimination, racial discrimination and every other kind put together." The AARP notes: "Age discrimination in the workplace persists as a serious and pervasive problem."

Economist Joanna Lahey, a noted expert on age discrimination, discussed the partic-

Community Action civic Association

ular challenges faced by older women during a PBS interview. She concentrated on the difficulties those individuals endure during a job search. "Older women are discriminated against in the workforce. We know this to be the case for entry-level jobs at least. I have two studies, one that's a field experiment that I did during the last recession where I sent out about 8,000 resumes - 4,000 in Boston, MA and 4,000 in St. Petersburg, FL. I found that younger workers were about 40 percent more likely to be called back for an interview for these entry-level jobs than older workers." Part of Lahey's research was particularly startling. Age discrimination, she found, can start as early as 35.

Lynn Stuart Parramore, writing for alternet, places the age where discrimination begins at 50. "In every corner of

America, millions of people are terrified of losing their jobs and falling into financial ruin. Men and women with impressive professional achievements and credentials are being let go, nudged out and pushed aside. They are pounding the pavement and scouring the job sites, but find themselves turned away even for the most basic retail jobs. Not because they aren't competent. Not because they lack skills. But simply because they have a gray hair or two. This is not just a story of people in their 60s or 70s.

Workers as young as 50 are shocked to find themselves suddenly tossed onto the employment rubbish heap, just when they felt on top of their game. They're feeling stressed, angry and betrayed by a society that has benefited greatly from their contributions. As the global population grows older, age discrimination is on the rise... New research shows that age discrimination may be even more common than we thought and more prevalent than other forms of bias, like ethnic discrimination... Even academia, traditionally a place where older workers have enjoyed

more protection, is becoming rife with age discrimination cases. A recent high-profile case involving long-time administrators at Rutgers University exhibits several of the hallmarks of unsavory practices involving older workers—employees with excellent records suddenly receiving negative reviews, decision-making processes conducted with unusual speed and opacity, and new management."

A Reuters review found that "The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission received 20,588 charges of age discrimination in 2014, a rise from 17,837 a decade earlier... Although the Age Discrimination Employment Act of 1967 prohibits discrimination against people 40 and older, a 2013 survey of 1,502 adults by non-profit advocacy group AARP showed that two-thirds of workers between the ages of 45 to 74 said they have seen or experienced ageism."

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Senator Klein Serves 9th A

Senator Jeff Klein, Congressman Joseph Crowley, Assembly members Michael Benedetto and Mark Gjonaj and Councilman James Vacca saluted our nation's veterans at the ninth annual Veterans' Breakfast on Sunday, November 13 at the Villa Barone Manor. Held prior to the day's 32nd annual Bronx Veterans Day Parade in Throgs Neck, the event honored grand marshal retired U.S. Marine Corp. lieutenant colonel Ron Watson; Lifetime Service Award honoree 99-year-old Nicholas Calabrese and honorary grand marshals Marine Corp. veteran Joseph Byrne, Army veterans Irma Gallagher, William Hyland, Frank Morales and Marshall Siciliano for their military service. Klein also announced \$15,000 in funding for Bronx Veteran Mentors which helps veterans seek treatment for mental health and/or drug related issues as an alternative to incarceration.



(l-r) Senator Klein; Xavier Messina; Thomas Messina, representing Congressman Joseph Crowley and Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj.
Photo by Laura Stone



Patrick Devine (l), Theodore Korony American Legion Post 253 judge advocate, celebrated with grand marshal retired U.S. Marine Corp. veteran lieutenant colonel Ron Watson.
Photo by Laura Stone



(l-r) Vietnam War veterans Phil Polanco, John Cerielle and Tony Davila had a great time.
Photo by Laura Stone

Klein (r) presented a proclamation to this year's grand marshal retired U.S. Marine Corp. veteran lieutenant colonel Ronald Watson for his service to our nation.

Photo by Laura Stone

Annual Veterans' Breakfast



Grand marshal lieutenant colonel Ron Watson (c) shared a Marine tradition, the 'Challenge Coin' with (l-r) District Attorney Clark, Assemblyman Gjonaj, Senator Klein and Thomas Messina.
Photo by Laura Stone



(Above left) District Attorney Darcel Clark (c) with members of the Theodore Korony American Legion Post 253 and Bronx County commander Tony Salimbene (back, 3rd from l).
Photo by Laura Stone

(Above) Senator Klein, Assemblyman Gjonaj and Thomas Messina with honorees grand marshal retired U.S. Marine Corp. veteran Ron Watson, Lifetime Achievement WWII veteran Nicholas Calabrese and those accepting on behalf of honorary grand marshals Joseph Byrne, Irma Gallagher, Franklin Morales, Jr. and William Hyland.
Photo by Laura Stone



(l-r) Patrick Devine, Klein and Dwayne Gathers, who received a check for \$15,000 from the senator for the Bronx
Photo by Laura Stone

BY RAPHAEL SCHWEIZER

Better Together

"We're better - together!
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Those are the words we chant when Pastor Jay Gooding leads a Bronx Stand Up to Violence rally in our community. Those words are resounding at this moment as we see the open wounds and symbols of division and intolerance in our nation.

Together we must show equal respect and equal care to each individual person, regardless of their background.

Together we must realize that information is power and seek out new, independent sources of news and information that showcase voices we are not used to hearing.

Together we must show the world that our community, our borough and our city will pre-emptively fight back against hatred and intolerance.

We are a nation of all colors, of all ethnicities, of gay and straight, of able and disabled, of all religions, of all backgrounds.

When someone is targeted, harassed or abused because of how they look or what they identify with, we are all targeted. Regardless of whether

you look like the victim or identify with that same background.

With great freedom comes great responsibility.

We are Americans. We are Humans. Love will triumph over hate.

Thanksgiving Dinner

For 22 years, Allerton resident Iris Garcia and her family have given those with no means and/or no family a seat at the Thanksgiving table.

On Thursday, November 24 she does it again with the '23rd Annual Pagavilosa Thanksgiving Dinner' from noon to 5 p.m. at P.S. 51 (Crotona Avenue and E. 182nd Street)

The feast is free and open to everyone, especially those who cannot afford a Thanksgiving dinner.

If you would like to volunteer serving or help in any way to make this dinner possible, contact Iris directly at IrisKitchen@aol.com.

Over a thousand people filled their stomachs at last year's dinner, so let's help Iris and the Paganelli, Garcia, Aviles and Sosa families do the same this Thanksgiving.

Monthly Meeting

Bronx Park East Community Association now meets

Bronx Park East Community Association

on the last Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 30 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at The Sanz, 815 Allerton Avenue.

Our special guest will be announced on our facebook group at facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast. You can go to facebook.com/bxparkeast if you don't have a social media account.

Our chairperson Raphael also sends out bi-weekly text messages with important community news and information. Sign up by texting your name/neighborhood to (347) 654-7044. Anyone can sign up. Email bxparkeast@gmail.com if you don't have a cell phone.

Remember: Spread love, kindness and understanding wherever you go. The example that one person sets can be followed by one more, or by one million more. Set the example. Blaze the trail. One person does make a difference.



Appreciations to Allerton's "Papi Nice" lounge for helping sponsor the 2016 Cruger-Mace Block Party. Thank you to owner Eddie, pictured here with bartenders Lola and Lisa.

BJCC's 7th Annual Breakfast for Champions

The Bronx Jewish Community Council (BJCC) is celebrating its 7th Annual Breakfast for Champions on Wednesday, November 30, at the Riverdale Jewish Center, located at 3700 Independence Avenue.

The mission of BJCC is to provide enhanced quality of life to the residents of the Bronx, particularly older adults, by offering services, support, and coordination of community resources.

Hundreds are expected at this event, including community members, business leaders, and elected officials coming from local and city-wide offices.

This year's honorees are Hon. Adolfo Carrion Jr., former Bronx Borough President and Founder and CEO of Metro Futures LLC, who will be receiving the Bronx Business Leader Award, Sam Shalem, chairman and CEO of Prestige Properties, who will be receiving the Bronx Realty Leader Award, Dr. Molham Solomon, director of OBGYN and Women's Health at St. Joseph's Hospital, who will be receiving the Guardian of Chesed Award, Dr. Lori Solomon, associate dean for Com-

munity Health Affairs at New York Medical College, who will be receiving the Guardian of Chesed Award, Hon. John Barone, New York State Supreme Court Justice, retired, who will be receiving the Public Service Award, Lynn Levine, former director of the Co-op City Jewish Community Council, who will be receiving the Lorraine Hockert Labor of Love Award, and Fred Levine, BJCC champion volunteer, who will be receiving the Lorraine Hockert Labor of Love Award.

The Breakfast for Champions event is BJCC's largest annual fundraising campaign.

The fundraiser is vital in allowing the agency to continue providing uninterrupted service to its thousands of clients. BJCC provides life-sustaining services including emergency cash assistance, connections to benefits and entitlements, care management, mental health outreach and other essential support services.

For reservations and more information, contact Lawrence Heller at (718) 652-5500, ext. 206 or at lheller@bjcconline.org.

Dress for Success closes branch

After 12 remarkable years, the Dress for Success Bronx branch will close its boutique doors on December 15, ending a legacy of providing work ready clothing, job readiness and employment retention programming to local Bronx County women. But when one door closes, another opens and Dress for Success will continue to provide a full continuum of services for women in the Bronx who are seeking employment, newly employed or working towards advancing in their careers and taking control of their personal finances.

In 2004, the Dress for Success Bronx branch opened its doors in the heart of the Davidson Community Center and received tremendous support from the community and the Davidson Community Center's executive director, Angel Caballero.

Since inception, the location has served over 15,000 women in the Bronx by providing them with professional attire and the career development resources and tools to thrive in work and in life.

"As we continue to expand the reach and scope of our global services in geographic regions like Asia, Eastern Europe, Africa, Canada and the United States, we have to be strategic with our resources so that we can support more women and generate greater societal impact," said Angela Williams, chief program officer at Dress for Success Worldwide.

"Centralizing the metro area will enable us to provide a wider range of services locally while enabling us to expand globally where we can do the most good."

Over the past 19 years, Dress for Success has empowered women around the world to achieve self-sufficiency and change their lives. At the onset of 2017, the organization anticipates growing the number of women served to over one million.

The full suite of Dress for Success program offerings and services will continue to remain active in their currently-sponsored partner locations. Clients referred to the Bronx Suiting Program will be redirected to receive exemplary customer service at the Manhattan branch. Dress for Success is committed to continuing to provide seamless and uninterrupted access to meaningful, relevant and real-time programs, tools and resources to aid in their successes.

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East Bronx History Forum highlights

BY THOMAS X. CASEY

The Huntington Free Library and BSou Repertory Theater Company presents 'It Is All About The Woman', a stage play by Victor Vauban, Jr., on Friday, November 18 at 7 p.m.

'It Is All About The Women', depicts moments of five different women of different backgrounds going through decisive moments in their lives. These women are facing life changing experiences and some recovering from traumatic events, and in many cases suffering in silence. The play approaches themes such as domestic violence, adultery, love, misconception, among others. The play will educate and the audience will reflect or even avoid and

deal with these themes. Many in our Bronx neighborhood will connect with issues as this play is more than appropriate at this moment.

Vauban is a Bronx resident and the playwright and executive artistic director of, BSou Repertory Theater Company, who is proud to be presenting his work for the first time in the Bronx after a successful tour in Manhattan with the play, 'Brother Sou.' His plays have participated in the main theater festivals in Manhattan, such as The Thespis Theatre Festival, the Mid-Manhattan International Theater Festival and the Manhattan Rep. Vauban counts with priceless collaboration of the veteran actress and director Mary Tierney who has

been partnering with Vauban for almost five years.

The cast is composed by Beth Griffith, La Trina L. Rice, Danielle Aziza, Tamara M. Williams, Emily Dalton, Edward La Cardo, Tracy Miles, Caren Morris and Ron Everett Scott.

This is a pay what you will event, with refreshments and a suggested donation to library of \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.

The Huntington Free Library is located next to Apple Bank at 9 Westchester Square. Parking is free at 7 p.m.

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Tracy Miles and Danielle Aziza..

BY GENE DEFRANCIS

Thank you to our merchants who have stepped up and wrote a check for the holiday lights. Your posters will be printed and ready this week. Residents, when you see these signs posted in the shops window, be sure to at least stop by and say thank you. If you can patronize their establishment please do. These are the people making our community stronger.

We will have turkeys to give away for families in need. Join our Facebook page (Allerton International Merchants Association) to enter our free raffle.

We salute every veteran who served our country and thank them for their sacrifice. Every veteran has made sacrifices, from spending holidays away

from their family to the ultimate sacrifice. Never forget these men and women. And don't take for granted the freedom we have in this country.

We are working to have the funds and man power to ensure we have American flag flying proudly in our community. I want this to be the last year Allerton does not have the American flag flown on our street poles for Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and 4th of July. This is our 2017 goal... But we will need help to accomplish this.

Tuesday, December 6 we will start our scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. to host our holiday party. Music, raffle, and

Allerton International Merchants Association

local food. Invited elected officials and other special guests welcome to RSVP to speak.

We were on the fence about hosting a holiday party but we feel now more than

ever it is the right time for the community to come together.

But space is limited so please RSVP to AllertonMerchants@gmail.com

Any merchants or local businesses that are interested in showing support to the Allerton community, this will be a great opportunity to publicly present a check for the holiday lights. No amount is too small and we thank

you for your generosity. We will make sure you are recognized for your contribution.

Are you a local entrepreneur who wants to open their own business but can't afford the rent? Contact us. We don't promise any miracles but maybe we can help. You don't know unless you try.

Everyone have a safe and healthy holiday season. More to come in the following weeks.

Look out for the Allerton Tree Lighting and Santa at the Sanz. Keep up to date on day to day activities events and information on our Facebook page.

We are here to help anyone who asks. Your community is your business. That includes the health and safety of your neighbors.

BY MARY JANE MUSANO

Our next membership meeting will be on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck. It will be a town hall-style meeting with Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. We would like to extend an invitation to our entire community to attend this important meeting.

It is important for us to know exactly what the job of the borough president is so that we can be informed as to exactly what he can help us with.

The borough president works with the mayor to prepare the annual executive budget which is submitted to the City Council. He reviews and comments on major land use projects and proposes sites for city facilities within his jurisdiction.

The borough president monitors the administration of city services and engages in strategic planning for the economic development of the borough. He appoints a representative to the NYC Board of Education and the NYC Planning Commission.

The borough president also appoints the members of community

boards and is the chairperson of both the Borough Board and the Borough Services Cabinet.

Among other distinctions, the borough president sits on the NYC Off-Track Betting Site Selection Board, and is a trustee of the NYC Employees' Retirement System.

The borough president's office houses the Bronx Topographical Bureau, which maintains the borough's official maps and street address assignments.

We are lucky to live in the borough of the beautiful Bronx. And we are especially lucky to live in such a wonderful community where people care and are willing to get involved so that our neighborhood can be the very best it can be.

In order for our community to stay viable for us as we grow older and our children as they grow into adulthood we must continue to negotiate for what our community needs.

We must speak out and we must join together. If it requires a fight than we must be in there fighting.

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There is nothing wrong with a good fight as long as we remain reasonable and respectful.

One of the problems we are having in our community is that there is no effort

to communicate and work out problems with many city agencies and even some politicians. This absolutely must change.

If it does not change, apathy will take over and that will be the downfall of our community. We must con-

tinue to insist on transparency from every city agency and every politician.

Our borough president is a reasonable person. He loves this borough and has worked hard to advance the Bronx to the point that it is today.

We are in a good place but there is so much more that we can do to make it even better.

My hope is that the leader of our borough will work with us to solve this problem and the other problems so that we can really make the Bronx shine like the gem that it is!

Food pantry donations needed at Our Lady of Solace

Food pantry donations are needed for distribution at Our Lady of Solace-St Dominic Parish, for the needy of our neighborhood.

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SAFE STREETS TRICK OR TREAT HALLOWEEN EVENT ON E. 204TH STREET

The East 204th Street and Bainbridge Avenue Merchants Association hosted 'Safe Streets Trick or Treat Halloween Event' on Monday, October 31 at East 204th Street between Perry and Hull avenues. The scary event allowed children the opportunity to safely dress up and get free treats.

(Far right) An all grown up Chucky celebrated Halloween with the King of Pop Michael Jackson. Photos by Miriam Quin

(Center) This young firefighter dressed up to honor the late FDNY Battalion Chief Michael Fahy.

(Right) Raggedy Ann enjoyed the Halloween festivities.



JASA AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOST VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PARTY



The Jewish Association Serving the Aging and Habitat for Humanity celebrated its annual Volunteer Recognition Party on Wednesday, November 9 at JASA's Dreiser Senior Center in Co-op City. The rousing catered event featured live entertainment from the Dancing Gents, dancing and community engagement.

(Above, l-r) Bronx volunteers from the Bay Eden Senior Center Velma Jenkins, Inez Smith, Barbara Harmitt, Gloria Wilson, Doris Wethington, Joyce Mitchell and Charlotte Robinson. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

KIPP ACADEMY CREATES MURAL



Over a dozen KIPP Academy Elementary School fourth graders completed a mural project across from their 730 Concourse Village West school on Wednesday, November 9. The project is part of Publicolor's Color Club, a program engaging at-risk students in an innovative approach applying color, design and design thinking to promote academic success, job readiness and community service. A blue tape cutting ceremony commemorating the finished mural is set for Thursday, November 17 at 4 p.m. at the school.

KIPP Academy Elementary School students were hard at work creating a vibrant mural.

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Voncile Malory (4th from l) and Katherine Haslanger (c), JASA CEO with the Dancing Gents (l-r) Charles Bell, Stanley Malory, Henry Lucas, Alvin Ponder, Stan Perry, Joe Cooper and Tommy Memminter. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



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LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR BAZAAR



Bronxites searching for early holiday deals visited the Little Sisters of the Poor's annual Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, November 13 at the Jeanne Jugan Residence. The event featured raffles, jewelry, a variety of gift and craft items, a bake sale and delicious.

(Above) Joanne Braem (c) with all of this year's volunteers.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



P.S. 89 CHEERLEADERS FUNDRAISER

For the past several years, students at Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation's afterschool program at P.S. 89 have spent their afternoons creating new cheer routines, performing and building teamwork and leadership skills. After a string of victories, the Universal Cheerleaders Association has extended the team an offer to attend a national camp in Orlando, FL on Wednesday, December 28. For five days and four nights, the team will train and rehearse for a nationally televised New Year's Eve performance at the Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl. To watch the team's new video and make a contribution to support the team, visit www.nidcn.org. (Above) M.S. 89 Panthers.

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CALVARY DEDICATES RESTORED TORAH



(l-r) Rabbi Rachmiel Rothberger, BBC, Calvary Hospital Jewish chaplain; Michael J. Bresnia, MD, Calvary Hospital executive medical director; Jeffrey Ohrenstein, Memorial Scrolls Trust chairman, Rabbi Levi Selwyn, Sofer on Site educational director and Fr. Eric Cruz, Catholic Charities Bronx regional coordinator.

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At a historic ceremony on the anniversary of Kristallnacht, Calvary Hospital dedicated a restored 135-year-old Torah scroll on Wednesday, November 9 following its yearlong preservation effort. A Holocaust survivor itself, the scroll, No. 515, is originally from the town of Taus-Domazlice now located in the Czech Republic. It has been on permanent loan to the hospital from the Memorial Scrolls Trust in London since 1988.



VETS CELEBRATE MARINE CORPS' 241ST

Local Marine Corps. veterans commemorated the U.S. Marine Corps' 241st anniversary on Thursday, November 10 at the Samuel Young American Legion Post 620. In honor of the incredible milestone, World War II Marine Corp. veteran Jerry Vessichio cut the cake using a U.S. Marine Corps noncommissioned officer's sword.

(Above) World War II veteran Jerry Vessichio (front, 3rd from l) was prepared to cut the cake. He was joined by Pat Devine (front, l), Robert Feliciano (front, 3rd from r) and Mike McEnerney (front, 2nd from l) and their fellow Marines.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

NIDC HOSTS MOVIES UNDER THE STARS



Neighborhood Development Initiatives Corporation and Councilman James Vacca hosted a special Halloween edition of 'Movies Under the Stars' on Saturday, October 29 in Bronx Park East. Families enjoyed beautiful fall weather, arts and crafts, face painting, Halloween-themed games, snacks and a screening of the classic 1993 Disney movie, 'Hocus Pocus'.

(Left) Poison Ivy, the Joker, Harley Quinn and Batgirl put aside their differences to celebrate Halloween.

Photo courtesy of NIDC

SEPULVEDA/DIAZ HOST JOB FAIR



Several hundred unemployed Bronxites and nearly two dozen private and government employers participated at a job fair sponsored by Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda and Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr. on Wednesday, November 2 at Adlai Stevenson High School's library. The two legislators declared the event 'a major success' with Sepulveda already planning for the next job fair.

(Above) Assemblyman Sepulveda (l) and Senator Diaz (back, l) helped many unemployed Bronxites looking for work.

Photo courtesy of Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda's Office

43rd Precinct, Community Honors Slain and Injured Police Officer

Hundreds of Bronxites and New Yorkers offered their thoughts and prayers for two 43rd Precinct sergeants involved in a deadly shoot out on Friday, November 4 in Stratton Park. The 43rd Precinct Community Council and 43rd Precinct Community Affairs hosted a candlelight vigil on Monday, November 7 for fallen officer, sergeant Paul Tuozzolo and injured officer, sergeant Emmanuel Kwo in front of the 900 Fteley Avenue precinct house. St. Raymond Elementary School showed its support of sergeant Tuozzolo's family and fellow officers at the 43rd Precinct by affixing hundreds of blue ribbons to the school's fence on Thursday, November 10. The school also made cards and raised money for the slain sergeant's family and the 43rd Precinct.



St. Raymond Elementary School fifth grade teacher Caitlin Regan (r) and her students honored Sergeant Tuozzolo's memory in a creative public display.

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Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. (4th from l), Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda (5th from l) and Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr. (2nd from r) joined the community in praying for sergeants Tuozzolo and Kwo.

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Senator Diaz (2nd from r) offered words of encouragement at the somber vigil.

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Many Bronxites paid their respects at the massive memorial honoring slain 43rd Precinct sergeant Paul Tuozzolo.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



City Island Chamber Serves 106th Dinner Dance Awards

The City Island Chamber of Commerce toasted several community leaders at its 106th annual Dinner Dance Awards on Saturday, November 12 at Scavello's on the Island. This year's honorees included Catherine Scott Achievement Award recipient Janie Blanks, City Island Civic Association recording secretary and Exit Realty Private Client associate broker; Sam Bierman Business and Community Service Award honoree Dave Carman, Carman's Service Station owner and Tom Cerretta Community Service Award recipient Patricia Attis, Presbyterian Senior Services City Island Senior Center program manager. The City Island Chamber also formally recognized new local businesses 239 Play, Turtle Cove-Park Place Cafe and Chernin Law.



Gerard Giacco (1st on l), City Island Chamber president and Paul Klein (r), City Island Chamber vice president, presented the New Business Recognition honor to 239 Play's owner Dan Treiber and his wife, Reina Mia Brill. Photo by Laura Stone



Hilary Chernin, Esq., Chernin Law owner and founder, graciously accepted her New Business Recognition award from the City Island Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Laura Stone



The City Island Chamber of Chamber presented Turtle Cove-Park Place Cafe its New Business Recognition award. Photo by Laura Stone



Janie Blanks was honored by both the City Island Chamber and Assemblyman Benedetto. Photo by Laura Stone



Dave Carman (3rd from l) received this year's prestigious Sam Bierman Business and Community Service Award. Photo by Laura Stone



Patricia Attis (2nd from r) was the proud recipient of the Tom Cerretta Community Service Award. Photo by Laura Stone



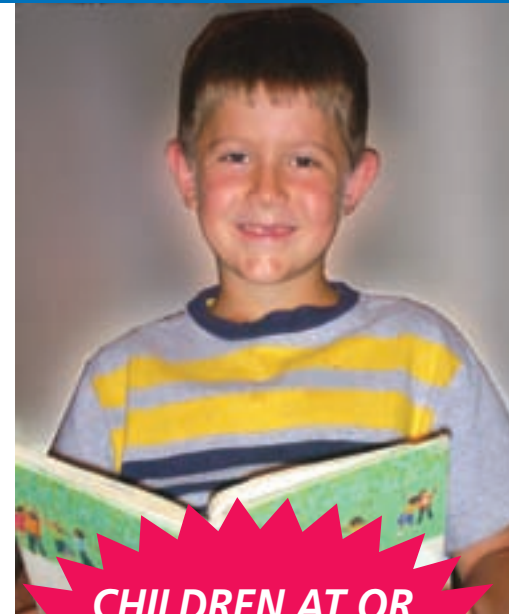
Thomas Messina (l), representing Congressman Joseph Crowley and Assemblyman Benedetto (2nd from r) presented citations to Blanks (c). Photo by Laura Stone

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Upcoming Wave Hill events and programs

The following programs will be offered at Wave Hill:

Friday, November 25: Free Black Friday Meditation: Avoid "Black Friday" busyness! Join us for a community meditation focused on going inward to clear your mind of holiday clutter. Get inspired by the outdoors. Led by Yoga for Bliss team.

Saturday, November 26; Sunday, November 27: Family Art Project: Harvest Time Hangings: Gather fall leaves, cones, pods and seed heads. Weave them together with other materials from the gardens and meadows to create a decorative wall hanging celebrating the bounty and beauty of the season. Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

Saturday, November 26; Sunday, November 27: Gar-

den Highlights Walk: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights. Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

Saturday, November 26: Gallery Tour: Join Wave Hill's Curatorial Fellow for a tour of Glyndor Gallery exhibitions. Jackie Brookner: Of Nature is a retrospective that traces the expansive work of an artist focused on environmental issues. In the Sunroom Project Space, Denise Treizman's playful sculptural installation emphasizes the throwaway culture prevalent today, juxtaposing vestiges of urban culture with the natural environment surrounding it.

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Wave Hill Family Art Project Harvest Time Hangings participants.

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Bronx House recital; WHEDco events; Guerrilla Girls at Bruce Museum

Bronx House School for Performing Arts invites members, friends and community residents to its annual faculty recital on Saturday, November 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the Bronx House auditorium. The concert will include a variety of music from classical and contemporary repertoire and diverse dance styles. Admission to the program is free with a suggested \$5 contribution to benefit the Heilbrunn Music School Scholarship Fund. The concert will be followed by a reception for the performers and audience.

The School for Performing Arts faculty is comprised of professionals who are active musicians and performers who hold advanced degrees from schools including Juilliard, Mannes, the Manhattan School of Music, Indiana University and NYU. They also include émigré instrumentalists who once played in orchestras in Russia and Albania.

Bronx House School for Performing Arts offers year round music and dance classes for all ages, including ongoing registration for private instruction in piano, guitar, voice, violin, drums, and other instruments. The school offers scholarships to students who qualify for financial assistance as well as instruments available for loan, free of charge.

Bronx House School for Performing Arts programs are supported, in part,

by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, the New York State Council on the Arts, and UJA Federation. The school is a member of the National Guild for Community Arts Education.

Bronx House is located at 990 Pelham Parkway South. For more information call (718) 792-1800 ext. 235 or visit our website at www.bronxhouse.org.

The Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDco) celebrates Bronx arts and culture with unique events in November.

Bronx Rising! Percussive Routes: Indo-Guyanese and Puerto Rican Dance & Drumming, Saturday, November 19, 7 p.m. at the BMHC Lab, 1303 Louis Niné Boulevard. Using an intercultural technique that blends discourse and performance, Romanee Kalicharran & Co. presents "Where Kathak and Bomba Meet in Me," featuring two dance and percussion forms from different parts of the world: Bomba from Puerto Rico and kathak, a North Indian classical dance. Celebrating Puerto Rican Heritage Month in partnership with the BORIMIX Festival, this event features percussionist Angel Reyes on bomba barriles, and Narenda Budhakar on tablas.

Afri-Garifuna Jazz Ensemble CD

Release Party, Saturday, November 26, 1 to 4 p.m., BMHC Lab, 1303 Louis Niné Boulevard. Celebrate the official launch of Taguiera (Homeland), the first recording by The Afri-Garifuna Jazz Ensemble, a unique group that fuses jazz with the Garifuna tradition, incorporating instruments such as maracas, Garifuna drums, turtle shells, conch shells, and the Garifuna language, along with piano and bass, imbuing it with a distinctive sound. Activities will include a reception, CD signing, and performance by the acclaimed ensemble, with Garifuna artwork on display and Garifuna food for sale throughout the evening.

The popular feminist art activists known as the Guerrilla Girls will bring their message to the Bruce Museum in Greenwich on Wednesday, December 7. Protecting their individual identities by wearing gorilla masks, the anonymous Guerrilla Girls use facts, humor and outrageous visuals to expose sexism, racism, and corruption in politics, art, film and pop culture.

Members of the group have visited over 90 universities and museums from Shanghai to London and New York since their start in 1985. This will be their first visit to Greenwich and will spotlight the new Bruce Museum exhibition *Her Crowd: New Art by Women* from our Neighbors' Private Collec-

tions.

To attend the December 7 event, there are two options. The "Go Full Guerrilla" program starts at 6 p.m. with time to mingle with the Guerrilla Girls and enjoy a light dinner and drinks in a junglesuggested atmosphere until the start of the panel discussion. After the panel, guests will return to an after-glow party and drinks until 10 pm. There is also an option to join the festivities starting at 7:30 p.m. for the "Guerrilla Tough Talk Only" with the discussion on the state of the art world followed by the after-glow.

The panel includes members of the current art world known for their open, frank talk. The moderator, Katie Hollander, executive director of Creative Time, will start the discussion with artist Hilary Harkness, collector Sandra Joys, art dealer Cristin Tierney, curator Mia Laufer, and two Guerrilla Girls.

Tickets, available now at brucemuseum.eventbrite.com, are \$95 for the full program (\$80 for members), and \$50 for the talk and after party. The museum is working with event sponsors WAG, Val's Wines and Liquors, Carolyn Dempsey Design, and Le Pain Quotidien to provide an entertaining and evening. The Bruce Museum is located at 1 Museum Drive in Greenwich, Connecticut. For more information visit brucemuseum.org.



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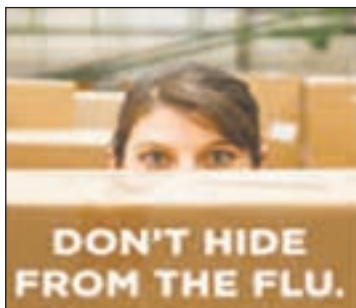
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In honor of Veterans' Day, local elected officials, residents and veterans met at Rudy Macina Peace Memorial Plaza on Friday, November 11 for a time honored tradition. Hosted by the Morris Park Community Association, Knights of Columbus, Mary Queen of Peace Council, Morris Park Kiwanis and the American Legion, the annual event paid homage to all military veterans, living and deceased, who have served in America's Armed Forces.



The Marine Color Guard stood at attention.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Tony Vitaliano, Community Board 11 chairman, called for unity following this year's presidential election.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Assemblyman Michael Benedetto paid tribute to all veterans, living and deceased.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj (I) offered words of encouragement to our nation's former service members.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Veterans and community members honored our nation's many heroes throughout history.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Gene DeFrancis (I), Theodore Korony American Legion Post 253 second vice commander, spoke to veterans and community members at the ceremony.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



James Hexner, John Fraser Bryan American Legion Post 19 vice commander, gave an uplifting speech at the ceremony.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Al D'Angelo (I), MPCA vice president and Earl Minnard, John Fraser Bryan American Post commander placed a wreath at the veterans' memorial.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico

Santa Maria Church was established for new immigrants

Until this past Sunday, I had only been in Santa Maria Church, located at 2352 St. Raymond Avenue at the corner of Parker Street, twice that I recall. The first time was for Mike Medora's funeral mass in August of 1991 and the second time was when his wife, Mary, passed away. Mike was the kind of person often referred to as a pillar of the church, meaning that he was involved in every aspect of parish life. Today you would have a hard time finding

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

someone who remembers him as so much has changed. Father Antimo Fiorillo was pastor then but he retired in 1993.

The Medora family and Father Fiorillo were leftovers from when Santa Maria was largely an Italian parish. When the parish was established by Patrick Cardinal Hayes in 1926, the expressed purpose was to provide a place of worship for the growing population of Italian speaking immigrants. The elevated line of the #6 IRT line had just been extended to the area in 1920 and a population explosion came with it. Soon eggplant, tomatoes, zucchini and basil were growing in backyards throughout the neighborhood. Many of those Italian homesteaders have since been replaced by Hispanic and Asian households who still keep the parish vibrant.

Father Edward Marcuzzi, who was born, educated and ordained in Italy, was chosen as the founding pastor and he

obtained the temporary use of a storefront for his first mass. Thus the parish got its start at 1605 Parker Street on July 8, 1926. Property for a permanent structure was soon acquired and within a few months mass was being offered in their own church. It was dedicated in February of 1927.

Father Marcuzzi passed away in 1932 and Father Anthony Profilio, also born, raised, and ordained in Italy, was installed as the second pastor of Santa Maria. He helped to build up the parish by establishing many of the parish societies so necessary to parish life. He was recalled to Sicily in 1947 to become the Vicar General of that diocese.

Francis Cardinal Spellman then assigned Father John Caldarola as the third pastor of the parish. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1926 and named a monsignor in 1957. It was he who opened the new school in 1951 with Sister Dolorita as



Santa Maria Church at St. Raymond Avenue at the corner of Parker Street on January 29, 2012.

principal. He also oversaw the construction of the convent for the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1964.

When Father Caldarola retired in 1972, Terrence Cardinal Cooke appointed Father Joseph Adamo as his replacement. He, in turn, was replaced by Father Antimo Fiorillo who served the parish from 1981 to 1993. John Cardinal O'Connor then placed the parish in the safe hands of Father John

Carbo until November of 1994. It was then that he invited the Idente Missionaries of Christ Crucified to administer the parish. That religious congregation had been established by Fernando Rielo on the Spanish island of Tenerife in 1959. Father Fernando Real was then appointed pastor and his chief aim appears to be the bolstering of the spiritual lives of the parishioners. It appears to be doing quite well under the care of the Idente Missionaries.



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Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for Legal Advertising will be **Monday, Nov. 21st at 3PM** for the November 25th issue. To place your ad, call 718-260-2555. Have a safe & enjoyable holiday!

LEGAL NOTICE

Name of LLC: 6BASE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 9/29/16. Office location: Bronx County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Marina Gluckman, 156 Huntington St., Apt. 2, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Agave Express LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on June 3, 2016. Office location: Bronx County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/O 2505 Colden Avenue, 2nd Floor, Bronx, NY 10469. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of H&H Maintenance LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 9/02/16. NY Office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him to Homeira Farzamifard, 67 Bamsallow Dr., Trumbull, CT 06611. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: (AURA GLOBAL ENTERTAINMENT) LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (Bronx) on (08/09/16). Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, (Agustin Rivera, 870 Freeman Street, Apt 5E, Bronx NY 10459). Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of M & K CLEANERS NY LLC. a domestic Limited Liability Company. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 06/20/2016 NY office location: NY Bronx County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to M & K CLEANERS NY LLC 1809 Radcliff Avenue Bronx, NY 10462 Purpose: Any Lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Sierhran, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company. Date of filing of Articles or Organization with the NY Dept. of State: 08/16/2016. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him to C/O 2753 Tenbroeck Ave, STE 1, Bronx, NY 10469. The New York Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The purpose for which the LLC is organized is for custom T-shirts.

LEGAL NOTICE

Tsomo Salon LLC, a domestic LLC, Art. of Org. filed w/ SSNY 9/26/16. Office in Bronx Co. SSNY designated agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 3604-B East Tremont Ave., Bronx, NY 10465. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Throgs Neck Rehabilitation & Nursing Center 707 Throgs Neck Expressway, Bronx, New York 10465, does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual preference, marital status, blindness, disability, source of payment or sponsorship in the admission, care and retention of residents.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license Number 1298274 has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Beer and Wine at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 1452 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472 for on premises consumption.
LA MELLA RESTAURANT INC.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license number 1297539 for liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor at a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 1200 1204 Castle Hill Ave, Bronx, NY 10462 for on premises consumption.
GRAND SABROSURA INC
DBA-SABROSURA
1200 1204 CASTLE HILL AVE
BRONX, NY 10462

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license number 1297623 for liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor at a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 1017 Castle Hill Ave, Bronx, NY 10472 for on premises consumption.
EL SAZON DE OLGA

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RESTAURANT CORP
1017 CASTLE HILL AVE
BRONX, NY 10472

LEGAL NOTICE

Index No. 260684/15
NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF BRONX

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BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
PARKCHESTER NORTH
CONDOMINIUM, on behalf of the unit
owners of the Parkchester North
Condominium,
Plaintiff,
NOTICE OF SALE
- against -
GEORGE SMITH, his respective
heirs-at-law, and next of kin, et. al.,
Defendants.

-----x
Pursuant to a Judgment dated
October 6, 2016, I will sell at public
auction on December 19, 2016, at 2:00
p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County
Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse,
Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit
in the Parkchester North Condominium
known as apartment MB, in the building
known as N-6 A/K/A 105, and by street
address 1505 Metropolitan Avenue,
Bronx, New York, and designated as
Tax Lot 2318 in Block 3944 of Section
15 on the tax map of the Borough of
Bronx, together with an undivided
0.0347 percent interest in the common
elements of the Parkchester North
Condominium.

The amount due under the
Judgment is \$18,888.75, with interest,
costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale
and provisions of the Judgment herein.

Index No. 260684/15.
JOSEPH T. JEDNAK, ESQ.,
Referee
ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA &
RISOTTO, ESQS.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
505 White Plains Road, Suite 113
Tarrytown, NY 10591
(914) 591-7722

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX
COUNTY. THE BANK OF NEW YORK
MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW
YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE
CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE
CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2, Pltf.
vs. NGOZI A. ANIEGBOKA, et al, Defts.
Index #35099/2012E. Pursuant to
judgment of foreclosure and sale dated
Aug. 10, 2016, I will sell at public
auction at the Bronx County
Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand
Concourse, Bronx, NY on Dec. 5, 2016
at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 2205 Olinville
Ave., Bronx, NY 10467 a/k/a Block
4338, Lot 35. Approx. amt. of judgment
is \$729,987.21 plus costs and interest.

Sold subject to terms and conditions of
filed judgment and terms of sale. TARA
R. GOFFNEY, Referee. FRENKEL
LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN &
GORDAN, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 53
Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. File No.
28011. #89565

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON
BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE
HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2006-3
HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3

Plaintiff(s),
Against
Index No.: 380677/10
CARLOS DE LA CONCHA; et al,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in
the Bronx County Clerk's Office on
1/22/2014, I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, 851 Grand
Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on
12/12/2016 at 2:00 PM, premises known
as 216 Betts Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473,
and described as follows:

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, State of New York,
and designated on the tax maps of the
Bronx County Treasurer as Block 3461
and Lot 13.

The approximate amount of the
current Judgment lien is \$482,903.00
plus interest and costs. The premises
will be sold subject to provisions of the
aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and
Sale; Index # 380677/10.

Eleanor P. Vale, Esq., Referee.
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES
Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road,
Rockville Centre, NY 11570
Dated: 10/12/2016 File Number:
20580 PB

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME
COURT COUNTY OF BRONX
Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff
AGAINST Ricardo Torres, Maria Torres,
et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a
Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly
dated 8-10-2016 I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction at the
Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600,
851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York
on 12-5-2016 at 2:00PM, premises
known as 1507 Metropolitan Avenue,
Unit 2B, Bronx, NY 10462. 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 the Bronx, City
and State of New York, BLOCK: 3944,
LOT: 2390. Approximate amount of
judgment \$158,799.65 plus interest and

costs. Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index#: 35278/2013E. Only cash or certified
funds payable to the Referee will be
accepted as deposit. Harry M. Forman,
Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss
Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson
Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
01-061091-F00

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT- COUNTY OF
BRONX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. , Plaintiff,
AGAINST
WILLIAM CORCHADO AKA WILL
CORCHADO, et al. Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a judgment of
foreclosure and sale duly granted June
24, 2016

I the undersigned Referee will sell at
public auction at the The Bronx County
Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand
Concourse, Bronx, NY on December 12,
2016 at 2:00 PM premises known as
508 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, BRONX,
NY 10473

All that certain plot piece or parcel of
land, with the buildings and
improvements thereon erected, situate,
lying and being in the Borough of The
Bronx, County of Bronx and State of
New York. Section 0, Block 3528 and
Lot 10

Approximate amount of judgment
\$493,168.41 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment. Index
#35277/2014E

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

DENNIS E. KROLIAN, ESQ.,
Referee,
Kozeny, McCubbin & Katz, LLP -
Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive,
Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747

LEGAL NOTICE

Community Sharps Program
Throgs Neck Rehabilitation &
Nursing Center will accept home-
generated sharps, (needles, syringes
and lancets), as a free community
service.

These sharps must be dropped off in
a puncture proof container on the first
and last Friday of each month between
the hours of 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm at the
rear delivery entrance of the facility.
Please call the facility if you have any
questions and ask for the Director of
Engineering, Kanto Elezaj or
Housekeeping Supervisor, Riddel
Gardner at (718) 430-0003.

TRIPLETS RETURN TO ST. BARNABAS TO CELEBRATE THEIR 13TH BIRTHDAY



Triplets Jeylina, Jessica and Juliana Taveras commemorated their 13th birthdays on Tuesday, November 8 by returning to St. Barnabas Hospital to personally thank the doctors and nurses who saved their lives. The girls weighed little more than a pound at birth and spent weeks in the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

(Above, front, c) Triplets Jeylina, Jessica and Juliana Taveras celebrated their 13th birthdays with family and staff in the hospital's maternity department.

Photo courtesy of St. Barnabas Hospital



MILITARY TOY DRIVE HELD AT BRONX ZOO

Deputy Borough President Aurelia Greene, Wildlife Conservation Society officials and P.S. 205 students celebrated the start of Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.'s annual holiday toy drive benefiting Bronx military families on Thursday, November 10. To commemorate Veterans' Day weekend and the upcoming holiday season, students donated the first toys of the year. The Bronx Zoo will serve as a collection point for new, unwrapped toys donated by the community now through the end of December. The toys will be distributed by the borough president's office to local veterans and active duty members of the military and their families. For more information on how to donate, visit www.bronxzoo.com.

Deputy Borough President Greene (back, 2nd from r); John Calvelli (back, r), Wildlife Conservation Society executive vice president and P.S. 205 students contributed the first new toys for this year's drive.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



COUNCILMAN VACCA VISITS TROOP 182

Councilman James Vacca visited First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck's Boy Scouts Troop 182 on Thursday, November 10 to announce a funding grant for the local scout troop.

(Above) Councilman Vacca (2nd from r) and scout master Angel Morales (1st on r) with National Boy Scouts of America Boy Scout Troop 182.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

PS4 VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT FUN



Clown Milagra Cortes (c) gave Emma Kurtovic (l) and Amber Kurtovic some awesome face paint designs and balloon art head gear.

Photo by Miriam Quin

The 49th Precinct earned high scores at its 'PS4 Video Game Tournament' on Saturday, November 12 at P.S. 481 the STEAM Bridge School. The family friendly event featured children competing in the latest Playstation 4 video games, face painting, balloon art, dancing and a delicious barbecue.

STAR OF THE SEA-SEA CADETS EVENTS



The Star of the Sea-Sea Cadets, based out of Holy Family School, completed its first month with a very busy schedule. This past October, the cadets participated in the Yonkers Columbus Day Parade, the half time show for the Suburbia Women's Roller Derby, the Bronx Columbus Day Parade, the UFT Book Fair, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Bronx Walk, the inaugural Queen of Hispanic Heritage Pageant, the Diwali Festival of Lights and a domestic violence awareness workshop in partnership with the Bronx Veterans Chamber of Commerce and Devil Dog USA, Inc.

(Above) Several male non-commissioned officers were escorts for the parish of Holy Family-Blessed Sacrament-St. John Vianney's inaugural Queen of Hispanic Heritage Pageant.

(Below) The Star of the Sea-Sea Cadet Corps. band and color guard entertained the Suburbia Women's Roller Derby audience.

Photos courtesy of Joseph Ronda



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff

AGAINST
Safraz Jamaludin, Shameeza
Jamaludin, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 18, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, in the County of Bronx, State of New York, on December 12, 2016 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2383 BATHGATE AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10458. 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 3055, LOT 62. Approximate amount of judgment \$378,474.97 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 35178/2014E.

Christopher J. Marengo Esq., Referee

Gross Polowy, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100
Williamsville, NY 14221

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX, FREEDOM MORTGAGE
CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs.
FRANCISCO SUERO, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on October 15, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on December 19, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1333 Noble 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 of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3872 and Lot 52. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380637/12.

Richard O. Tolchin, 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

Federal National Mortgage
Association, Plaintiff

AGAINST
Chaim Stauber a/k/a Chaim J.
Stauber; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 21, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Room B-129, (Ground Floor), Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on December 12, 2016 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1519 Metropolitan Avenue Apt 1d, Bronx, NY 10462. 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 the Bronx, City and State of NY, Block: 3944 Lot: 4390. Approximate amount of judgment \$67,189.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380146/13.

Only cash or certified funds payable to the Referee will be accepted as a deposit in the amount of ten percent of the purchase price.

Alberto Torres, Esq., Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
(877) 759-1835
Dated: November 7, 2016- #89987

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, Plaintiff AGAINST Griselda Joselin Alvarez, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4-25-2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on 12-12-2016 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2590 Heath Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463. 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 the Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 3237, LOT: 60. Approximate amount of judgment \$622,464.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index#: 35127/2014E. Only cash or certified funds payable to the Referee will be accepted as deposit. Damien Bosco, Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-046118-F01

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX MidFirst Bank, Plaintiff AGAINST Jed King, Judy King, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9-27-2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on 12-12-2016 at 2:00PM, premises known as 4109 Bronxwood Avenue, Bronx, NY 10466. 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 the Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4854, LOT: 7. Approximate amount of judgment \$415,021.75 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 35219/2014E. Only cash or certified funds payable to the referee will be accepted as deposit. Iman Akbar, Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-054473-F01

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff, vs. TERESA A. GETHERS, ET
AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on March 28, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on December 05, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 3815 Harper 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 of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4945 and Lot 105. Approximate amount of judgment is \$244,033.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380123/13.

Daniel Padernacht, Esq., Referee
Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro,
LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590,
Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for
Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX, LOANCARE, A DIVISION OF
FNF SERVICING, INC., Plaintiff, vs.
TRINO PALACIOS, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on October 24, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on November 28, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1147 Hoe 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 of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 2745 and Lot 42. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381248/12.

Jeffrey Dinowitz, 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

HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee for the Certificateholders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC3 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff

AGAINST
Elizabeth Wynn; Joseph Wynn; et
al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 8, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction Room B-129, (Ground Floor), Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on November 28, 2016 at 2:00 PM, premises known as 539 Ellsworth Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of The Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of NY, Section 18 Block

5487 Lot 67. Approximate amount of judgment \$674,699.23 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380985/12.

Betty Lugo, Esq., Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
(877) 759-1835
Dated: September 6, 2016
#89457

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX, EVERBANK, Plaintiff, vs.
DEMETRIA PALAFOX, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on March 25, 2016 and the Order Appointing a Substitute Referee to Sell duly filed on August 02, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on November 28, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2067 Chatterton 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 of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3798 and Lot 53. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381149/10.

Betty Lugo, 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

U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank NA, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OA5, Plaintiff

AGAINST
Rafael Cruz a/k/a Ralph Cruz; et al.,
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 11, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx NY on December 5, 2016 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2934 Cruger Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, County of Bronx and State of NY, Block: 4547 Lot: 22. Approximate amount of judgment \$381,899.93 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 35474/2014E.

Only cash or certified funds payable to the Referee will be accepted as a deposit in the amount of ten percent of the purchase price.

Stuart Ball, Esq., Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
(877) 759-1835
Dated: September 19, 2016
#89575

LEGAL NOTICE

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN
FORECLOSURE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR
THE SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING
AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST
MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED
CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-BC5,
Plaintiff - against - LAUD N. LARTEY,
et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on April 05, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, Bronx County, New York on the 5th Day of December, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. 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.

Premises known as 2116 Lacombe Avenue, Bronx, (City of New York) NY 10473.

(Block: 3508, Lot: 36)
Approximate amount of lien
\$837,066.43 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381518-2009. Jeffrey E. Dinowitz, Esq., Referee.

Davidson Fink LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
28 East Main Street, Suite 1700
Rochester, NY 14614-1990
Tel. 585/760-8218
Dated: September 20, 2016

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against- ISABELLO DELVALLE A/K/A ISABELLO DEL VALLE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 22, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on December 12, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Bryant Avenue, distant 80 feet northwardly from the corner formed by the intersection of the said easterly side of Bryant Avenue with the northerly side of 172nd Street; being a plot 100 feet by 20 feet by 100 feet by 20 feet.

Said premises known as 1518 BRYANT AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien
\$470,683.50 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

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

Index Number 381240/2010.
ANDREW KULAK, ESQ., Referee
David A. Gallo & Associates LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
95-25 Queens Boulevard, 11th
Floor, Rego Park, NY 11374
File# 4722.1088

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY HELD AT VAN NEST MEMORIAL PARK



The East Bronx History Forum and Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance hosted a Veterans Day ceremony on Friday, November 11 at Van Nest Memorial Park. The event featured a wreath laying ceremony and special recognition for former commanding officer of the NYPD's Transit District 12 and current 42nd Precinct commanding officer deputy inspector Ernest Morales who served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

(Above) Bronx County commander Tony Salimbene (l); Theodore Korony American Legion Post 253; deputy inspector Ernest Morales (4th from l), 42nd Precinct commanding officer and Bernadette Fererra (r), Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance president.



Ernest Morales (l) proudly accepted his award from Tom Vasti, East Bronx History Forum vice president.

Photos by Aracelis Batista

VILLA MARIA ACADEMY MOTHERS' GUILD HOSTS 64TH ANNUAL CARD PARTY



Villa Maria Academy eighth graders were eager to distribute prizes to the winners.

Photo by Laura Stone



There was a great deal of fun to be had at the Villa Maria Academy Mothers' Guild's 64th annual Card Party/Dinner Bridge 'Rock Around the Clock' celebration on Thursday, November 10 at Marina del Rey Caterers.

(Above) Parent volunteers Laura Billegas (l) and Geri Colon sold tickets for the lottery raffle basket.

Photo by Laura Stone



Prizes up for grabs included Samsung SMART TVs, travel bags, food and electronics.

Photo by Laura Stone

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT COUNTY
OF BRONX
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

v.
CARLOS GUEVARA, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
IN FORECLOSURE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Bronx County on September 13, 2016, I, the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on December 12, 2016 at the Bronx County Courthouse - Room 600, County of Bronx, State of New York, at 2:00 P.M., the premises described as follows:

2856 Miles Ave
Bronx, NY 10465
SBL No.:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York

The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 382072/10, any state of facts an accurate survey and inspection of the premises may disclose, to covenants, restrictions and easements, if any, to assessments or water charges not a lien upon the property, to violations, zoning regulations, prior liens of record, if any, and ordinances of the city, town or village in which said premises lie, to leases, tenancies and occupancies, and to other charges and liens with priority over plaintiff's mortgage.

Youngik Yoon, Esq., Referee
Judgment Amount: \$756,470.74
Stephen J. Lapp, Esq.
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
Plaintiff's Attorney
700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St.
Rochester, New York 14614
Tel: 585.987.2800

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST 2005-2,

v.
DONNA-MARIE HENRY, et al.
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 30, 2015, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST 2005-2 is the Plaintiff and DONNA-MARIE HENRY, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NY 10451, on December 5, 2016 at 2:00pm, premises known as 4072 ELY AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10466: Block 4979, Lot 31:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BRONX, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to

provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380622/11. Bianka Vega, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO., Plaintiff against

ANIEMA ABASIURUA, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 31, 2016.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 28th day of November, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. premises All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, City and State of New York.

Said premises known as 2032 Tillotson Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10475.

Tax account number: SBL#: 5227-3. Approximate amount of lien \$ 422,548.40 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380425-10. Anne Julia Penachio, Esq., Referee.

McCabe, Weisberg, & Conway, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210
New Rochelle, New York 10801
(914) 636-8900

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF BRONX

-----x
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PARKCHESTER NORTH

CONDOMINIUM, on behalf of the unit owners of the Parkchester North Condominium,
Plaintiff,

- against -
YAMIL ROLDAN, et. al.,
Defendants.

-----x
Index No. 300890/14
NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment dated March 30, 2016, I will sell at public auction on November 28, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester North Condominium known as apartment 5G, in the building known as N-16 A/K/A 139, and by street address 7 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 4808 in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided 0.0368 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium.

The amount due under the Judgment is \$13,469.73, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by GREEN TREE SERVICING

LLC, in the original principal sum of \$172,000.00 with interest.

Index No. 300890/14.

HARRY M. FORMAN, ESQ.,

Referee

ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS.

Attorneys for Plaintiff
505 White Plains Road, Suite 113
Tarrytown, NY 10591
(914) 591-7722

LEGAL NOTICE

ACCOUNTING CITATION
File No. 2015-1515/A

SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX COUNTY

CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

By the Grace of God Free and Independent,

TO: Attorney General of the State of New York;

The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of ALVIN BROWN, 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;

A Petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 336, Bronx, New York 10451;

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451 on December 13, 2016 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why the Court should not grant the following relief: (1) 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 ALVIN BROWN, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 2815 Grand Concourse A3, Bronx, NY, be judicially settled; (2) that legal

fees of \$2,276.21 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$1,138.10 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$1,138.11 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Rodman & Campbell, P.C. as attorneys for the Public Administrator be allowed; (3) that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); (4) that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106 (1) & (2) be allowed; (5) that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to NYC Commissioner of Finance f/b/o unknown distributees; (7) that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; (8) that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted.

HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ

Surrogate
Michael Hausler
Chief Clerk

Dated, Attested and Sealed,
October 26, 2016
(Seal)

Attorney for Petitioner(s): RODMAN AND CAMPBELL, P.C. Tel. No. (718) 882-2681

Address of Attorney: 1428 East Gun Hill Road, Bronx, New York 10469

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

PROBATE CITATION
File No. 2016-1916

SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX COUNTY

CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

By the Grace of God Free and independent

TO: Mitchell Rutkin, Attorney

General of New York State, Public Administrator of Bronx County and to the unknown heirs at law, and next of kin of Lillian Kurtz, deceased, if they be living, and if they be dead, to their Executors, Administrators, Creditors, and lienors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest.

A petition having been duly filed by Robert J. Rubinstein, who is domiciled at 555 West 235th St Bronx, NY

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx county at 851 Grand Concourse Room 406, New York, on December 20 2016, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Lillian Kurtz a/k/a Female Abramowitz lately domiciled at 5901 Palisade Ave Bronx, New York 10463 admitting to probate a copy of Will dated August 15, 2011

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a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Lillian Kurtz deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that

Letters Testamentary issue to: Robert J. Rubinstein

(State any further relief requested)

Probate a copy of the lost will and why Letters Testamentary should not be issued to Mitchell Rutkin

Dated, Attested and Sealed
October 28, 2016

Hon. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez
Surrogate

Michael P. Hausler
Chief Clerk

Rubinstein & Assoc
Attorney for Petitioner

718 543 2600
Telephone number

555 West 235th St Bronx, NY 10463
Address of Attorney

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Using mobile phones

Leading the list of the top distractions behind the wheel are mobile phones. Phones now do more than just place calls, and drivers often cannot pull away from their phones, even when driving. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, studies have shown that driving performance is lowered and the level of distraction is higher for drivers who are heavily engaged in cell

phone conversations. The use of a hands-free device does not lower distraction levels. The percentage of vehicle crashes and near-crashes attributed to dialing is nearly identical to the number associated with talking or listening.

Daydreaming

Many people will admit to daydreaming behind the wheel or looking at a person or object outside of the car for too long. Per-

haps they're checking out a house in a new neighborhood or thought they saw someone they knew on the street corner. It can be easy to veer into the direction your eyes are focused, causing an accident. In addition to trying to stay focused on the road, some drivers prefer the help of lane departure warning systems.

Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

chewing gum at the same time may want to avoid eating while driving. The majority of foods require a person's hands to be taken off of the wheel and their eyes to be diverted from the road. Reaching in the back seat to share some French fries with the kids is also distracting.

Try to eat meals before getting in the car. For those who must snack while en route, take a moment to pull over at

a rest area and spend 10 minutes snacking there before resuming the trip.

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LOWER CONCOURSE NORTH PROJECT PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Notice of Public Scoping Meeting on Draft Scope of Work for a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for the Lower Concourse North Project led by the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development.

The New York City Economic Development Corporation, on behalf of the City of New York, is proposing a series of land-use actions to activate a city-owned site along the Harlem River waterfront, referred to as the Lower Concourse North site or the "project site," with new affordable and market-rate housing, commercial, and community facility uses, and public open space. The project site consists of Block 2356, Lots 2 and 72; Block 2539, Lot 1 and portions of Lots 2 and 3, as well as the demapped portion of the former East 150th Street between Exterior Street and the Harlem River. The project site is bounded by Mill Pond Park to the north, Exterior Street and the elevated Major Deegan Expressway to the east, East 149th Street to the south, and the Harlem River to the west. The project site is entirely vacant.

Public Scoping Meeting

**Wednesday
December 7, 2016
6:30 pm**

**Hostos Community College
Savoy Conference Room, 2nd Floor
120 East 149th Street
Bronx, NY 10451**

If you require interpretation services, please call or email Denise Pisani of the Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination, at (212) 676-3290 or dpisani@cityhall.nyc.gov at least one week prior to the meeting.

Public scoping provides an opportunity for the public and agencies to comment and provide input on the Draft Scope of Work for the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS). Directing that a GEIS be prepared, the Environmental Assessment (EAS) Statement, Positive Declaration, and Draft Scope of Work were issued by the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development on November 4, 2016, and are available for review at www.nyc.gov/oec and www.nycedc.com or by contacting Denise Pisani of the Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination, at (212) 676-3290 or dpisani@cityhall.nyc.gov.

Written and oral comments on the Draft Scope of Work may be submitted at the Public Scoping Meeting. Also, written comments will be accepted until 5:00 pm on Monday, December 19, 2016, and should be sent to:

Denise Pisani
Senior Project Manager
Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination
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Plaintiff,
-against-
FARO VITALE AS HEIR AT LAW
AND NEXT OF KIN OF JO ANN
VITALE A/K/A JO-ANN VITALE; FRED
FRANK VITALE AS HEIR AT LAW AND
NEXT OF KIN OF JO ANN VITALE
A/K/A JO-ANN VITALE; JOSEPH PAUL
VITALE AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT
OF KIN OF JO ANN VITALE A/K/A JO-
ANN VITALE; LORNA VITALE ROBLES
AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN
OF JO ANN VITALE A/K/A JO-ANN
VITALE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE
DOE" 1 THROUGH 50, INTENDING TO
BE THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DISTRIBUTES, DEVISEES,
GRANTEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS,
CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF
THE ESTATE OF JO ANN VITALE
A/K/A JO-ANN VITALE WHO WAS
BORN IN 1959 AND DIED ON

NOVEMBER 9, 2011, A RESIDENT
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RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT
OF KIN, AND SUCCESSORS IN
INTEREST OF THE AFORESAID
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premises,

Defendant(s).
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TO THE ABOVE NAMED
DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to
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and to serve a copy of your Answer, or,
if the Complaint is not served with this
Summons, to serve a Notice of
Appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorneys
within twenty (20) days after the service
of this Summons, exclusive of the day of
service, where service is made by
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for further information on how to
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continue and we will seek a judgment
authorizing the sale of the mortgaged
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Dated: March 2, 2016
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TO THE ABOVE NAMED
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Clerk/City Register of the County of
Bronx on December 18, 2006 as
Instrument No: 2006000691342; and

(b) To foreclose a mortgage bearing
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Ann Vitale to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to
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recorded in the Office of the County
Clerk/City Register of the County of
Bronx on April 16, 2008 as Instrument
No: 200800015139; and

(c) Reformation and foreclosure of
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modification agreement given by Jo Ann
Vitale to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated
January 25, 2008 and recorded as
Instrument No: 2008000151539 in the
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of Bronx County on April 16, 2008 which
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above to form a single lien in the
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FORDHAM MEN'S HOOP NETS FIRST WIN OF SEASON

BY LAURA AMATO

The plan was relatively simple – wear them the out.

The Fordham men's basketball team ran all over NYIT down the stretch on Nov. 14, notching a 101-75 victory and exhausting the DIII squad in the Rams home opener at Rose Hill Gymnasium. And, in the end, the Bears simply couldn't keep up as Fordham wrapped up the second half on a 34-to-16 run.

"We did feel like our defense, and that's part of our approach, to wear them out," said Fordham coach Jeff Neubauer. "They do have some very talented players, but we rotated a lot more than we have been. All of our guys got a lot more rest than they're used to having so that paid off."

It wasn't easy for Fordham in the early minutes of the first half as the Rams struggled to settle into their gameplan. And, of course, that gameplan included setting up camp around the three-point line.

Fordham was up-and-down from distance in the opening 20 – struggling when NYIT dropped into a 2-3 zone midway through the first half – and heading into the break the Rams held a slim seven-point lead, going 9-for-22 from behind the three-point line.

"The first half, I think their zone gave us a little bit of a challenge," Neubauer said. "Then we really just attacked it much better, we passed against it much better, we had a better plan against it in the second half."

Things changed in the final 20 minutes of play, however, and Fordham

continued to pull away down the stretch, pressuring NYIT from every angle. The Bears turned the ball over a whopping 24 times and the Rams put those miscues to good use, getting out in transition and padding the cushion to double digits.

"We were really pleased with the way we stole the ball and put pressure on them," said Joseph Chartouny, who racked up four steals to go along with 14 assists. "That gives us a chance to get threes. It's awesome. Who doesn't like to go and score baskets?"

It wasn't always pretty, but Fordham won just about every statistical battle by the final whistle. The Rams shot a blistering 64.1 percent in the second half – and finished better than 50 percent on the game – notched 25 assists on 39 made baskets and put ten players on the box score, including six in double digits.

"This is who we have to be," Neubauer said. "We have to get double-figure steals and our defense was not good tonight in so many places. However, when you steal it 12 times and those turn into breakaway layups, it makes up for many of our ills."

It gets a bit more challenging for the Rams this weekend – with three games in three days at Rose Hill – but the squad is feeling good heading into the homestand, determined to keep running on opponents.

"It's served us well in past years because our anticipation is getting to the post-season and playing three games in the A-10 tournament," Neubauer said. "But we do have to have that typical, one-game-at-a-time approach."



Joseph Chartouny was one of a handful of Rams who jam-packed their stat line on Nov. 14, racking up 17 points, 14 assists and four steals as Fordham cruised to a 101-75 victory over NYIT. Fordham University Athletics

2016 Warriors Football Week 9

Saturday saw the Warriors 2016 regular season come to a conclusion.

FLAG FOOTBALL

The Warriors Board of Directors would like to thank all the coaches and parents of the Pruzzo's Supermarket Apache, Bronx Design Group Cherokee, Barino's Market Mohicans and Parkview Sports Center Sioux for another great season. The improvement in all the players was noticed by everyone. Special thanks to Dennis Kandell for supervising the Flag Division and for Referee Jason Castellanos.

JUNIOR PEE WEE DIVISION

The first game of the day was the Middletown Animal Clinic Chiefs(1-7) vs. Cardinal Spellman Jets(7-1)

The Jets became division champions against a tough Chiefs team. Qb Nicolas Bustamante scored 2 td while rb James Kelly added a third one to seal a 20-0 victory. This is the Jets sixth shut out of the season. The real story of this Jets season has been their

defense lead by DT Daniel Ortiz..LB James Kelly. Ndulbsi Nwosu, Hassan Blakley, Evan Cintron, Matthew Gutierrez with complimentary help from the outside corner backs Marcus Maldonado, Dontaye Morton and Keanu Sierra. Rookies Ephraim Espaillat, Johannsen Paulino, Patrick Walsh, Carson Lowe and Jayden Perez showed great improvement from day one. Final Score Jets 20 Chiefs 0.

The second game pitted the O'Connor Carpet Bears(2-6) vs.Jimmy Ryan's Giants(6-2)

The Giants were led by Jayden Ramirez who scored both of their TD's. The Giants O line outstanding players were Eliana Racoma, Joe Saldiviri and James Hefferman. The Giants Jack Lucas had his 4th interception of the year. The Giants D played hard to earn the shutout. Final Score Giants 13 Bears 0

PEE WEE DIVISION

In the first game the Schuyler Hill F.H. Javelins(6-2) vs .Ralph G. Gior-

dano Saints(3-5)

In a close game the Javelins beat the Saints 20-13

The last game of the day saw the McNulty F.H. Rams(0-8) vs. Scavello's On The Island Black Knights(7-1)

On the opening drive of the game the Black Knights Aidan Hanley-Piri ran 60 yards for the first score of the game, Aidan Hanley-Piri also made a 40 yard run to score the second TD. The third TD was scored with seconds left in the first half by DJ Guthrie who also scored the extra point. This was D.J. Guthrie's first TD and extra point of the season. The final TD down was on a 70 yard run by Adonis Santiago.

Outstanding Offensive Linemen were Dominick DiNapoli, Hunter Burgos, and Daniel Donohue.

The Black Knights defensive team led by Daniel Donohue, Christopher Davis and DJ Guthrie had an outstanding game. Aidan Hanley-Piri stripped the ball from the Rams causing the fumble the which was recovered by Aidan. The Knights followed

the ball and attacked every play. The Outstanding Defensive Linemen were Ferdinand Cosom, DJ Guthrie, and Daniel Donohue. Final Score Black Knights 18 Rams 0.

FINAL STANDINGS JR. PEE WEE DIVISION

1.Jets	8-1
2.Giants	7-2
3.Bears	2-7
4.Chiefs	1-8

PEE WEE DIVISION

1.Black Knights	8-1
2.Javelins	7-2
3.Saints	3-6
4.Rams	0-9

Saturday starts the first round of the playoffs : Jr. Pee Wee Division Jets vs. Chiefs and Giants vs.Bears

Pee Wee Division: Black Knights vs.Rams Javelins vs. Saints The winners in each division will meet the following Saturday @ Cardinal Spellman H.S for their Championship games.

Franklyn sparks Kennedy with dominant fourth quarter

BY LAURA AMATO

John F. Kennedy head coach Augustine Tieri stood in front of his players and asked them a very simple question – whether or not they wanted to go home.

The answer, it turned out, was just as simple as the question. The Knights weren't interested in going home or ending the season or coming up short. The only thing Kennedy was interested in was winning. So that's what the Knights did.

Kennedy notched its first postseason victory in three years on Nov. 12, taking down ninth-seeded Fort Hamilton 40-20 in the first round of the PSAL playoffs.

"I had all the seniors stand up while everyone else was on a knee and I said to them, 'Listen, this could be your last game or the first of something special and it's all up to you,'" Tieri said.

"I made them look around the room at each other and understand that if you don't want this to end and you want to continue to play with your brothers then we needed to come out in the second half and give a better effort."

The Knights (7-3) faced a two-point deficit at the break – struggling to contain Tigers (5-5) quarterback Seba Nekhet – but the squad answered in the third quarter as senior PJ Franklyn took control of the game.

The dual-threat quarterback was a force throughout the second half, but his performance in the fourth quarter was nothing short of dominant.

His 71-yard touchdown sprint – just moments after Nekhet knotted



Kennedy clinched its first postseason victory in three years, taking down Fort Hamilton 40-20 in a come-from-behind win that has the program thinking big.

CNG/Laura Amato

the game at 20-all early in the fourth – changed the momentum of the game and gave Kennedy a lead it would never again surrender.

"I had grabbed everybody and told them to dig deep," Franklyn said. "I love [this line]. Those are my guys.

They were just making their blocks 110 percent."

The defense also stepped up to the metaphorical plate down the stretch when Camari Glasgow picked off Nekhet midway through the fourth, stalling a solid Tigers drive and effec-

tively taking the wind out of Fort Hamilton's sails.

"The receiver route was obvious because of the way he lined up," Glasgow said. "Coach always told me if he lines up far, it's going to be a slant and I knew it was. So I had to make a play on the ball."

The interception set up a five-minute Kennedy drive, capped off by a five-yard Franklyn touchdown run. He found the end zone three times in the fourth quarter, padding the Knights' lead and refusing to even give Fort Hamilton an opportunity to claw its way back into the game. By the final whistle, Franklyn racked up 126 rushing yards and four touchdowns.

"I look at PJ as a coach on the field," Tieri said. "He's been a starter for three years so he's very confident in what he's doing, very composed. I expect this from him at this point."

Kennedy still isn't ready to go home, but the road ahead doesn't get any easier. The Knights face off against No. 2 Erasmus Hall in the quarterfinals on Nov. 19 – a team that handed them a 40-6 loss earlier this season.

Despite the very obvious challenges the next game brings, the Knights refuse to say die. This team is playoff-minded now and Kennedy is ready to stun them all.

"Obviously this is a great start, but we feel to put ourselves on that level of some of those championship caliber teams that we've got to continue to do what we're doing," Tieri said. "We've got to continue to win in the playoffs."

AFC Rapid Soccer Week 10 Highlights

BY CHRISTINA PISCOPO

AFC would like to invite all current and past players and coaches to participate in our Thanksgiving Day Turkey Classic game, 9am. Must be 10+ years old, bring a white and black t shirt and shin guards are a must!! Also supply yourself some drinks and snacks, as the truck will not be there. This day is dedicated to two men who were both extremely dedicated to AFC and are extremely missed by AFC, Jim Lynam and Charlie Capezuti. Last year we had an estimated 120 people show up for the tournament and it was a great way to start off a day of "thanks" as we express our sincere thanks to both Jim and Charlie's dedicated to the league.

PEE WEE

Trophies will be distributed immediately following games on November 19th.

BANTAMS

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME will be between Rainbow Palace Day Care and International Caterer's Saturday November 19, 12:30pm. Trophies will be handed out to all Bantam division teams immediately following the game. Please come out and cheer on the kids!!

GCT played in a tight playoff game on Saturday. Although we came up short, the parents, coaches and fans are all so proud of the team's effort and heart! Giorgio Giacinto and Frank Mosca each scored amazing goals. Max Smith and Richie Guarnieri were on fire on both sides of the field! Jada Murphy played excellent defense and worked hard to keep the game close. Our goalie, Ryan Kiely, stopped nu-

merous attempts to score! Isabella Rodriguez played a great game, giving her all on both sides of the fields with strong defense and kicks. Our team's efforts wouldn't have been complete without the help of Lily Rodriguez and Mario Impemba on offense and defense. A special thanks to our coaches who taught the team sportsmanship and hard work! GCT!

Prime Realty Group played Rainbow Palace Daycare in what turned out to be a fantastic playoff game. The game went back and forth and the first half ended 2-2. Rainbow Palace turned out to be too much for Prime Realty Group, and the game ended in a 5-4 loss for Prime Realty Group. Coach John is Proud of all of the players on Prime Realty Group, they showed heart and came back from behind twice. All of the players improved, and had fun. We had a great season, made great new friends, and learned a lot.

MINORS

Saturday's game between Island Current Fleet and Frankie's Carnival was a fight for the #1 spot! Daniel Lopez started off with a goal assisted by David Pendleton. Joshua Nunez was on fire scored one goal with no assist and another goal with the assist by David Pendleton!! Julian Mendoza scored the last goal with the assist of Carlos Hernandez. Frankie's Carnival didn't walk away with a blank. Final score Island Current Fleet 4 - Frankie's Carnival 1.

Game 8 final game of the season before playoffs. Bronxville Auto Collision vs Island Current Fleet. First half was dominated by Island Current Fleet. Carlos Hernandez, David Pemberton

scored no assist and Joshua Nunez scored twice. Second half looked to be a no score half but the Bronxville Auto Collision scored one goal with two minutes left to the game. Final score 4-1 Island Current Fleet with the win. Next stop the playoffs for Island Current Fleet

Today these teams played their final match of the 2016 regular season. Bronxville coming off a 3-0 victory was looking to end the season on a high note. Island Current was just too strong for them on this day. The first half ended 3-0 and early in the 2nd half they made it 4-0. Cian Garcia at the 19th minute of the 2nd half made a wonderful move past the defense and beat the keeper making the score 4-1, this Bronxville team never quits! That would end the scoring and Island current took the game. I am proud of this team, although our efforts only resulted in 2 wins the team never gave up and came to play every game! Everyone deserves an honorable mention.

Forwards Anthony Bondi. 1 goal Yanni Papstefunou 2 goals Tristan Strand 2 goals Andrew Pastrana 4 goals

Midfield Cian Garcia 2 goals Matt Cuebas Antonio Reyes Lila Maiejka Chris Wisnieski Juliana Bastin Kosta Papstefunou

Defense Kaitlyn Teague Amina Jariski Calise Mendoza Saida Muratovic Keeper Adriana Leone

On Saturday November 12, 2016 Loretta's Pizza met up against Spot On at Cintron Field. Loretta's once again played shorthanded but managed to play an outstanding defensive game. The first half was a back and forth

battle but Spot On managed to score 1. A strong defensive transition led by Abbie Kramer, Lyan Yap, William Muirragui-Codjoe, Rocco Murphy and Jeremiah Calmares managed to limit the damage. Loretta's fell behind 2-0 in the beginning of the half, but a strong offensive attack by Loretta's tied the game with 10 minutes left. Offensively, Justin Barberon and Ryan Yap scored the goals but in the end it was not enough. Spot on managed to score in the last 5 minutes of the game in order to secure the win with a final score of 3-2. Great game by both teams

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GIRLS MAJORS awards will be given out 11/27 11am, Followed by the ALL STAR GAME.

Capital Shield Agency defeats P. Hegarty Building 4-0. Great teamwork by all to get first time scoring goals by Jayleen Resto, Amanda Pisciotta, Maimuna Diallo. As well as, Ami scoring again with assists by Rebecca Cerini and Riley Murphy. Awesome defensive play by Skyla Leonard, Chata Kone, Brianna Guliano, Maria Silvestri and Hulaye Diallo. So proud of these girls throughout the season for playing with heart and never giving up. Nice way to end the season as 2nd place winners!! Go shield!

Hayes, Spellman set for championship return

BY LAURA AMATO

Get ready for a rematch.

The Cardinal Hayes football team booked its trip to the CHSFL 'AAA' championship game on Nov. 11, notching a 49-35 victory over St. Anthony's and setting up another matchup against Stepinac.

The victory was about as emotional as it could get for a Hayes squad that has been through the metaphorical wringer this season. The Cardinals have played without a home field, battled early-season injuries and came up just short of defeating St. Anthony's the final game of the regular season last month. This win, however, erased all of that as the offense found an

answer for every single one of the Friar's players.

Hayes senior quarterback Christian Anderson was, once again, an absolute force to be reckoned with, scrambling away from St. Anthony's defenders with ease and using both his arm and his leg to jumpstart his entire squad. He threw for over 300 yards - something that's seemingly becoming the norm for the senior star - and rushed for three touchdowns on carries of 7, 9 and 9 yards.

It wasn't an easy victory.

St. Anthony's trailed 35-21 late in the third, but came back to tie it in the final three minutes of the quarter on a pair of

big-time scores from Tyler Palminteri - a 74-yard touchdown reception and a 62-yard dash into the end zone.

Still, the Cardinals refused to back down. After all, this is a team that's been battling literal and metaphorical ups and downs all year. Hayes scored the go-ahead touchdown midway through the fourth quarter when Tahshawn Brinson tiptoed his way into the end zone from 11 yards out. Anderson's final touchdown run of the night padded the lead and wrapped up Hayes return trip to the championship.

The Cardinals return to the gridiron for one more game on Nov. 19, facing off

against Stepinac at Mitchell Field Athletic Complex in Uniondale. Kickoff is slated for 5 p.m.

Cardinal Spellman 28, Xaverian 20: The Pilots aren't done yet. Despite a disappointing end to the regular season - and two earlier losses to the Clippers this year - Spellman roared back in the CHSFL 'A' semifinals on Nov. 11, grabbing a return trip to the championship game.

The victory was a bit of revenge after Spellman fell to Xaverian in the championship game last season.

The Pilots' offense hit its stride on the ground, racking up 252 yards and three touchdowns - including a pair from Noah Stewart.

Quarterback Jordi Mota also filled up his stat line with 52 rushing yards and one touchdown of his own.

In the end, however, Spellman was led by its defense, which kept Xaverian in check as players simply seemed to swarm to the ball throughout the game. Michael Booth and Justin Medina both finished with six tackles in the slim victory.

The Pilots will take on Moore Catholic in the title tilt on Nov. 19, looking to notch its first city championship since 2008.

OTHER SCORES

Eagle Academy III 42, Evander Childs 0

Adlai Stevenson 36, Far Rockaway 28

Prep comes up short of soccer crown in OT loss

BY LAURA AMATO

It wasn't the way it was supposed to end, but the Fordham Prep boy's soccer team couldn't bring itself to be too disappointed.

The Rams lost to Chaminade in a 2-1 OT heartbreaker in the CHSAA state semifinals at St. John's University on Nov. 11. It was the first loss of the season for the squad. "It was a great season," said Fordham Prep coach Peter McNamara. "It was sort of a typical, silly, crazy overtime goal that slipped in. It makes them pause and that's how they scored, but we didn't lose to a bad team."

The Flyers jumped out to a 1-0 lead when senior Matt Vowinkel worked his way through the Fordham Prep defense to tally his 23rd point of the year.

"We expected [Chaminade] to be a good team and after they scored early, our guys realized they could play," McNamara said. "And I thought they played really well."

Fordham Prep (19-1) shut down Chaminade's potent offensive front throughout regulation, crowding Vowinkel and doing its best to force the ball back towards the Flyers' net. It finally paid off in the 39th minute when

Jorge Gonzalez knocked down a cross in front of the net and pushed the ball into the goal, knotting the game at one all heading into halftime.

"On paper, we were underdogs coming in," said senior goalie Micheal Kennedy. "Even though we were 19-0 and they weren't. They had played some good schools, but we knew that we were going to give them a fight. So they scored early and we put a shift in and just went to work."

The Rams came into the second half with a renewed focus and a brand-new intensity on defense, courtesy of Kennedy. The senior goalkeeper – who made a pair of penalty kick saves to lead his squad to a city championship earlier in the month – was a wall in net in the final 40 minutes of play, aggressive off his line and willing to dive after every loose ball.

"I just decided to throw my body at everything and that's what I did," Kennedy said. "Our defense, Chaminade has some great strikers, and our guys just stepped up. I did what I could."

Kennedy's biggest moment came in the 76th minute when he hauled in a pair of point-blank saves and got a bit of help from his defensive line as well, which kicked out the go-ahead game-



Fordham Prep's Jorge Gonzalez couldn't jumpstart his squad's offense as the Rams fell to Chaminade 2-1 in OT of the CHSAA 'AA' semifinals at St. John's University on Nov. 11.

Photo by William Thomas

winning shot before it could cross the line.

"It was all caused because we lost the ball in the middle of the field and then everybody was switched off their man and it was just kind of crazy," McNamara said. "After that we really thought we had the win. That's soccer though. It goes either way."

Fordham Prep went into OT with plenty of confidence, but Chaminade grabbed possession early and a free kick with 5:03 left on the clock was enough to snap the squad's winning streak. Jack Nuttall took the shot and the ball ricocheted in front of the net for a moment before Timothy Davis put it away for the game-winner, just

out of Kennedy's reach.

"It was the wind and it kind of stayed flat," Kennedy said. "So it wasn't high enough for me to go get it and he just passed it right to his guy and he tapped it right in."

It's a hard loss for Fordham Prep, but the Rams aren't willing to wallow long. This team did plenty this season and the future is bright for the perennial powerhouse.

"It's just a coin toss in overtime," McNamara said. "It could go anyway and it just didn't go our way. They're former state champions and we took them to overtime. If that's how we lose, then that's how we lose. I'm proud of them."

Velocity Track Club New York

Velocity Track Club New York (VTC) is headed for Saratoga Springs, NY for the USA Track & Field Regional 1 Championship. On Sunday, November 13, 2016 we competed in the USA Track & Field New York Championship, which consists of the State of New York south of and including Sullivan, Orange, and Dutchess counties, with the exception of Suffolk and Nassau Counties. The top 30 individuals and top 5 teams in each age group will advance to the USATF Region 1 Championships to be held on November 20th in Saratoga Springs, NY. Regional 1 consists of Adirondack, Connecticut, Long Island, Maine, New England and New York. Knit hats were awarded to the top 10 athletes in each division and the 8 declared scoring members of the winning teams. Travel grants were awarded to the top three teams in each age group to attend USATF Regional's or Nationals Championships. 1st place team \$250, 2nd place team \$150 and 3rd place team \$100.

VTC (Velocity Track Club) had 13 athletes participated in this event and 10 qualified for the Regional 1 Championship. Plus we had 4 athletes in the top 10 (received knit hats) and we received 8 medals. The following athletes qualified for Regional 1 Championship: In the 8 & under boys division running the 2K, Dillon Hampton took 4th place and Pierce Parker 10th in the 2k race. In the girls 9 & 10 division, Tiara Jackson took 28th place

in the 3K. In the boys 11 & 12 years old division, Dontae Lindo took 3rd place, Jordon Ingram took 16th, Julian Caldwell took 28th place in the 3k race, plus in their team with Ethan Mohan and Kabir Gaydarik took 4th place in the team scoring. Dontae, Jordon and Julian are 11 years old and are placing against 11 & 12 years old athletes. Next year when those 12 years old athletes move to the 13 & 14 years division, Dontae, Jordon and Julian should be some of the best in the that division. In the girls 15 & 16 years division, Jessica Rivera improved each time she ran the 5k (3.1 miles). She qualified with a 19th place finish. In the boys 15 & 18 division, Darius Gordon finished in 7th place. Congratulation to all that competed, you are all winners! Great Job!

Our next meets will be the 2016 New York Metropolitan AAU Cross Country National Qualifier on Saturday 19th. The USA Track & Field Regional 1 Cross Country Championships and the NYRR Youth Running Series at Fred Lebow Cross Country on Sunday, November 20th. Come out and see your future Olympians.

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Throggs Neck Girls Softball Little League 10U Fall Team had a great season and supported Breast Cancer Awareness.



Trump vs. NYC Parks; groups spar over Ferry Point Park's future

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a major golf tournament and whatever financial windfall associated with it to the city.

"It would be all of you that would benefit from it," added Trump Organization executive vice president for Management and Development Ron Lieberman, a former parks department revenue commissioner. "That would be a major golf tournament, creating jobs for everybody."

As a trade-off, Roediger said Trump Links will make improvements to the portion of the park below and to the west of the Whitestone Bridge, including the repair of the two staircases, the asphalt walking path and the area that surrounds the 911 memorial.

When asked if he would repair the non-operational lights at the park, he said that was not part of the proposal.

Roediger said he wanted to see a public/private partnership, and insisted the proposal was the right thing to do for the city.

He said the competing parks department proposal was not safe for an active passageway, but should instead be a wildlife sanctuary that can be used by students and scout groups for educational excursions.

The main caveat, he said, was the preserve would not be open to the public.

Instead, it would be available to enter by appointment only.

"We will provide them with hard hats so they are not in danger," Roediger said. "We think that is a much better use of the property, and at the same time we are preserving this entire waterfront and bringing it back to its natural environment."

Board members asked when that preserve could be accessed, since tee times run from early morning until dusk.

They also asked if hard hats were enough protection from airborne golf balls, and in a moment of levity, one pondered whether a large fence or wall would be more appropriate.

"There will be no wall," Lieberman

said as the audience roared in laughter.

Roediger also stressed towards the end of the hearing that the plan was not a formal proposal and had not been submitted to the community board for review.

Bronx Parks and Recreation Commissioner Iris Rodriguez Rosa and parks staff presented their \$10.7 million plan, which called for an open passive park on that same 19.5 acres that includes a tidal marsh and provided scenic views in harmony with the adjacent golf course. It would also eventually connect to the western part of the park that was slated for a facelift.

"We consider passive to be something you can enjoy, that you can walk by and look at and enjoy the views, and not limit the access of the public, so the public can at any time access it," Rosa said.

The parks department plan already had funding lined up and shovel-ready plans ready to go if the project was approved by the board.

When asked if their plan was submitted to counter Trump's plan, Parks officials said Trump Links management were aware of their plans for the passive park before the course had even opened.

They also stressed that contracts were already in place to fix the restrooms, synthetic turf soccer field and staircases on the western side of the park long criticized by residents.

Trump Links was completed in May 2015, just a month before Donald Trump announced his run for president.

The project was completed after years of false starts and delays by several earlier developers at a cost of approximately \$260 million to the city on the site of former garbage dump.

Trump Links, which also operates numerous golf courses in the United States and abroad, won a competitive bid to manage and maintain the course after the previous developer went bankrupt.

Trump Links starts sharing revenue with the city after the fifth year of the lease.



Ron Lieberman and Joe Roediger of the Trump Organization presented a plan to expand the Ferry Point golf course at a Monday, November 14 Community Board 10 public hearing.

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CB 10 chairman Martin Prince said the west side of the park was his board's main concern, since it was much more heavily used.

He said there was still a lot of information needed to make any sort of recommendation.

He urged the Trump representatives to submit an impressive plan for the underfunded west side that would compensate for losing the waterfront on the eastern side if they wanted to get the board's blessing.

Prince also made it clear that should the board reject the parks plan, the funding set aside for the project would be pulled.

And even if the Trump Links plan was approved, he said the park would still not be up to the standards residents wanted.

Park and Recreation Department chief revenue Accountant David Cerron told the audience the Trump proposal was rejected and not brought before CB 10 earlier because it restricted the public's access to the waterfront city land.

"The agency generally has to be supportive of the plan that is brought before we come to the community board," Cerron said. "In this case, it was reviewed and we didn't believe what was being proposed was in line with our goals and our initiatives for the waterfront."

Board members and other community members who spoke cited longtime neglect by the parks department and

its failure to rebuild a restroom at the park despite years of complaints as major reasons they were for considering Trump's proposal over spending city money.

Board member Bob Bieder said he worried adding another park area would lead to another underfunded park area in the borough.

"I don't see the City of New York increasing our budget here in the Bronx, because they never do," Bieder said. The maintenance budget is always a problem for us."

That sentiment was echoed by Joanne Sohmers of the Ferry Point Civic Association, who also favored the Trump Links plan.

"We know the parks department doesn't take care of the west side of the park," Sohmers said. "So to trust them to go through with (developing) that area they are discussing...how can we trust them?"

One of the few residents who spoke against the Trump plan was 45th Precinct Community Council member John Doyle, who said there was no concrete proposal on the table like the one parks and recreation submitted.

The plan, he added, also didn't fit the main mission of the board – to serve the community.

"Is it really in the public interest to expand this golf course and extend their contract another 20 years?," Doyle said. "This will not be maintained forever or in perpetuity."

Jerome Park Reservoir access set for November 19 and 20

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in terms of a regular usage.

"We want access to the reservoir; we don't want to swim or boat there, but we would like people to be able to get closer to the water," said Dinowitz, adding he understands a reservoir's water supply has security needs.

Around the reservoir are two fences, and in between there's room for a public path, said the assemblyman.

In addition, there is a pathway on top of a retaining wall that separates the reservoir into two separate basins that he believes could be eventually used by the public.

"This is our goal, and it is a long-term goal," in terms of granting this type of access, said Dinowitz, adding

"We have a tremendous resource in the Bronx, and we want the community to be able to enjoy it."

Gary Axelbank, who's a member, along with assemblyman, of the Access to the Jerome Park Reservoir subcommittee of the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee, expressed reservations about the weekend event.

He said that during an earlier pilot event in November 2015, some of the visitors were intimidated when they saw DEP Police with automatic rifles at the check in.

"You were standing there staring at people watching you in combat gear and automatic weapons; I thought it was a little over the top," said Axelbank, adding that he understands the need for security and would never want anything

to happen to our water supply.

Axelbank said that for this year's event, members of the committee asked DEP if they could put the rifles in a guardhouse or out of sight so they were less visible, but the request was denied.

Community activist Karen Argenti, of the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality, also said that she personally felt that the rifles at last year's event were "overkill."

A DEP spokesman stated in an email that the agency is happy to partner with the elected officials and the community for the event. He stressed the importance of security.

"Jerome Park Reservoir is an active part of the city's critical water supply infrastructure, in close proximity to distribution, and therefore DEP is taking



A view of the Jerome Park Reservoir from a high vantage point reveals its beauty.

the necessary and appropriate security measures this weekend, as required by DEP Police," he stated.

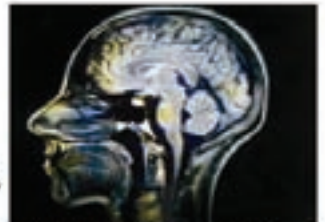
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