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## TN's aglow, but MP's left in dark

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO  
AND VITO SIGNORILE

It is either feast or famine when it comes to holiday lights this year.

On East Tremont Avenue in Throggs Neck, merchants have funded a total of 42 strands of lights, according to merchant leader John Cerini, who along with other members of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association went door-to-door collecting \$150 contributions.

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Photo by Laura Stone

## TURKEY TROTting AT ORCHARD BEACH

Throggs Neck residents Stephanie Gannello (l) and Debbie McKillop (r) took the "Turkey Trot" idea literally as they warmed up for the 16th annual 5K race by that name on Saturday, November 19 at Orchard Beach. Hundreds turned out for the run, which is sponsored by the Throggs Neck Benevolent Association and is in its 16th year. As always, proceeds went to help local families with medical bills stemming from major illnesses. More photos inside on page 46.

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# PARKING RATES GOING UP

## TN Muni-meters hit \$1 per hour

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Muni-meters have come to Throggs Neck, and the verdict is still out on how residents and customers along the shopping strip will find the new parking arrangement.

The solar-powered boxes which dispense a ticket that must be displayed on the windshield will cost motorists one dollar for every hour on East Tremont Avenue, said Throggs Neck Merchant Association past president John Cerini.

Many merchants will be glad because a box will be located on the street near where their shop is, as is the case with Cerini's Bronx Tax Man at 3707 East Tremont Avenue, Cerini said. But other merchants and motorists will be disappointed, he said.

"I think that some store owners will not like the muni-meters because the boxes are far from their store," Cerini said. "Customers are going to have to park walk up to 100 feet to a muni-meter, and then go back to their car so they can display their ticket."

The muni-meters come with the added convenience of paying by credit card, but will be more of a burden for those who have trouble walking long distances to get to the meter, Cerini said.

The meters have been installed on E. Tremont Avenue from Westchester Square to Schley Avenue, Cerini said. They will soon replace all single space meters in the city, according to city Department

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## Mommy's Mingle collects toys

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All that is asked is that guests make a donation of one gift (per person) for children age 3 to 5.

The evening will include games, good times, and giveaways! And of course meet and greet with Santa!

Giveaway sponsors include 900 Park, Excel Martial Arts, Passion Parties by Celeste and Berenstain Bears LIVE!

If you can't make it contact Rebecca or Christina at [mommymingle@gmail.com](mailto:mommymingle@gmail.com) to ask how you can still make a donation. Every toy counts. Help make Christmas special for these wonderful children.

# 'We Buy Houses' signs infuriate residents

BY VITO SIGNORILE

Community Board 11 residents are beginning to grow impatient with illegal postings in their neighborhoods.

Earlier in November, signs began to show up on telephone poles and trees around Morris Park, Van Nest, and Pelham Gardens. The postings simply read: "We Buy Houses" and "We Buy Ugly Houses."

The signs, which have a toll free number listed on them, have upset residents not only because of the way they are worded, but because they are being posted everywhere.

In total, 15 signs were found at 12 different locations. They can be seen along Morris Park Avenue on Fowler and Lurting avenues, along Astor Avenue on Fish and Morgan avenues, and along Van Nest Avenue on Hone, Paulding, Radcliff, Bogart, Matthews, Bronxdale, and Barnes avenues.

"Many people may not

even realize it, but the law still exists that you cannot post bills or signs on these poles and trees," said CB 11 member Joe Bombace. "The ones that say 'we buy ugly houses' are like a disgrace to these neighborhoods and a lot of people are getting offended. We want to know who these people are that claim that they buy houses and what do they do with them when they buy them."

Some residents have called the toll-free number out of curiosity and left a voicemail for a man named Frank. On the recorded message, Frank does not leave a company name or any other information, but that if anyone has a house to sell, to leave a detailed message and he will return their call.

CB 11 district manager Jeremy Warneke has contacted the city Department of Sanitation. A supervisor told Warneke that summonses could be issued to the party responsible for posting the signs and that



Photo by Vito Signorile

The corner of Morris Park and Fowler avenues is one of many locations within Community Board 11 with a "We Buy Ugly Houses" sign.

they will look into taking down the signs.

"We want these signs down, plain and simple. Our office is getting constant complaints about them," Warneke said. "They're posted everywhere and our residents know they're illegal. They do not look good

at all and we will get them down as soon as possible."

Warneke said he is still waiting for a response from the Department of Sanitation to determine a solution, but if nothing is done, the Morris Park Community Association patrol may take down the signs.

"It's all a scam, these people who post these signs aren't reputable. They just write these signs with a marker," Bombace said. "These signs are going to come down one way or another, and we will make sure they do not come back up."

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# around town

by Laura Guerriero

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## Birth

Proud parents Frank and Jamie Monteleone announce the birth of their son, **Anthony Joseph Monteleone**, born on November 13, 2011, weighting 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

## Broadway Bound

Four creative and talented Bronx residents involved with the Off-Broadway production of LaStrada are: **Jazmine Blanco**, production manager, has been overseeing marketing, box office, ticket sales and promotions; **Nacho Blanco** is a musician who has been serving as

a company consultant, working with mounting the production, group sales, box office, marketing and ticket sales. He is on site for all performances; **Luis Carlos de la Lombana** plays the lead male role Zampano in LaStrada, and is the founder of the LaStrada Theater Company, which has developed and presented this production, starting with a two-week engagement Off-Off-Broadway last winter, and now the Off-Broadway engagement that runs through December 4, 2011.

**Pope Jackson** is LaStrada technical director for the operations on stage and also lighting designer for the production.

Since it began, LaStrada has been well-received by critics and the general public alike.



## THROGGS NECK SHOTOKAN KARATE IN MOVIE

Sensei Angel Mercado II, of the Throggs Neck Shotokan Karate, and his students, were chosen to participate in a film, *The Karate Dojo* in New York City. Sensei Angel thanked the Throggs Neck community, all the parents, students, the director, coordinator, designers, makeup artists and camera and light crews for making this filming possible. The sensei also thanked his wife, Senpai Michelle, and daughter Rose Mercado for always supporting him.

(Above, l-r) Sensei Angel Mercado with actors Tong Lung, Ethan Black, and Pete Collter.

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# VN Academy gets book donation

BY VITO SIGNORILE

Donations are always accepted at any elementary school.

The Van Nest Academy on 1640 Bronxdale Avenue, which currently houses kindergarten through second grade, as well as sixth and seventh grade, is only in its second academic year since opening in September 2010.

On Wednesday, November 9, members of the Seven Light Baptist Church at 3855 Third Avenue donated approximately 250 books to the school library after coordinating a book drive at the church during October.

Pastor Lois Giles sat with the second grade students inside the library and read to the young learners. After Giles read, students charged a cart filled with their new books to grab one for themselves to read.

"If there is any way that we can give back to students, it's always great to give them an opportunity to advance their education," Giles said. "They were all so excited to

sit down and listen to the story. One student even came up to me before I started reading to say thank you for all of the books. It's wonderful to see how enthusiastic they are to read."

The book drive was developed by churchgoer Millicent Jones and was praised for her efforts by church leader Mother Mary Walker. Members collected the books over a three week period.

Through a mutual friend, Giles was put in contact with Van Nest Academy principal Carol Gilligan who graciously accepted the books.

Librarian Kristina Miruku was ecstatic about the newest additions to the library.

"We appreciate everything that Seven Light Baptist Church has done for us, especially since we are still a newer school," Miruku said. "We appreciate every effort that the community makes to improve the education of our students. It was a great effort on their part



Photo by Vito Signorile

Pastor Lois Giles reads to the second grade classes at the Van Nest Academy one of the many books donated to the school.

in putting this together and it's good for the kids to see that there are other people besides their teachers who care for their education."

A select amount of books was held over by the church and will be donated to P.S. 42 at 1537 Washington Avenue. Giles said the book drive was so successful that the church expects to continue the collection at least once a year to help any

Bronx school in need of additional books.

"We just want the community to know that we are out there, and that means the entire borough," Giles said.

Seven Light Baptist Church will also be hosting a free Thanksgiving clothing giveaway on Saturday, November 26 to help those in need during the holiday season.

## TREE LIGHTING Benedetto to sponsor annual Christmas event

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto officially kicks off the holiday season in Throggs Neck with a Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Sunday, December 4, at 5 p.m. The ceremony will take place at DeRosa and O'Boyle Triangle at the intersection of Tremont Avenue and Dewey Avenue.

The event will be highlighted by a visit from Santa, who will be transported from the North Pole to the ceremony. The Throggs Neck Merchants Association will join the Assemblyman at the festivities and distribute toys to the first 200 children. They will also sponsor free pictures with Santa Claus after the tree lighting ceremony. The pictures can be obtained online the week after the event.

Also adding to the enjoyment of the festivities will be Sister Anne Kelly, the Saint Benedict Children's Choir, and P.S. 14 Choir who will sing Christmas carols and lead spectators in a sing-a-long.

"This will be a delightful start to the holiday season, and I want to thank everyone who is working so hard to make it a success: Sister Anne and the St. Benedict's Choir, the P.S. 14 Choir, the Throggs Neck Merchants Association, the NYC Parks Department and, of course, Santa Clause. I would also like to give a special thanks to Better Grow Gardens for generously donating the Christmas tree. The entire community is invited to attend, and I look forward to seeing everyone," concluded Assemblyman Benedetto.

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# Vacca honors 3 hero firefighters

## Capture 21-year-old man responsible for mugging Pelham Parkway woman

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Three hero firefighters from Engine 90 and Ladder 41 were honored for going above and beyond the call of duty in catching a man charged in the mugging of a 19-year-old woman.

Firefighters Chris Magnotta, John Hessler and Ronny Funetes stopped and held Jonathan Paulino, 21, who had allegedly mugged the woman and threw her to the ground on Saturday, November 27 at 8:40 p.m.

The firefighters were leaving a call on Waring Avenue when they saw the woman on the ground and Paulino running away. They chased Paulino and apprehended him after he turned off Boston Road and onto Holland Avenue, Magnotta said.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca was on hand on Monday, November 28 to present citations of merit to the firefighters in front of the companies' firehouse on White Plains Road.

"This is an example of New York City's Bravest going above and beyond the call of duty," Vacca said. "They again showed their commitment to the community, and not just by fighting fires. The people of Pelham Parkway are very grateful."

The firefighters believed that they



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

The three firefighters were honored by Councilman Jimmy Vacca on Monday, November 28. Pictured are (l-r) firefighter Ronny Fuentes, firefigher John Hessler, Vacca, and firefighter Chris Magnotta.

were in the right place at the right time to catch the alleged, Magnotta said.

"Anyone in this firehouse would have done the same thing," Hessler said.

Deputy Inspector Kevin Nicholson of the 49th Precinct was also on hand to thank the firefighters during the ceremony.

Paulino lives in Norwood, Nicholson said. He was charged with robbery, grand larceny, petit criminal possession of a stolen property and robbery, according to the complaint report. Bail was set at \$2,500 cash or \$5,000 bond, according to the DA's office.

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## 49TH PRECINCT CRIME REPORT

## Overall crime down, robbery up

BY BILL WEISBROD

Compared to 2010, the overall crime rate is down within the 49th Precinct, with the majority of incidents being "quality of life" complaints.

But there is one disturbing trend – robberies are on the upswing. The lion's share of these robberies are non violent, and are related to cars. Mirrors, rims and other car parts being stolen are at a high rate. Muggings, especially near Lydig Avenue have flummoxed law enforcement over the past year as well.

Through Sunday, November 6 robberies are up 14.8 percent, according to NYPD statistics. All other forms of crime have decreased.

"Car crime is what's driving crime in the 49th precinct," deputy inspector Kevin Nicholson said at a town hall on crime issues held by the Morris Park Community Association on Wednesday, November 16.

"It's cars being broken into, mirrors being taken off cars," said Nicholson, who oversees the 49th Precinct.

One thing anyone can do to combat the car-part theft issue is to get their vehicle identification numbers etched on any removable part of their cars. VIN etching makes the parts easy for law enforcement to

trace and virtually eliminates their black market resale value. The 49th Precinct offers free VIN etching.

Nicholson also encouraged area residents to contact the precinct's community affairs division to keep him posted on any issues that he may not already be aware of.

He noted at the meeting that muggings, usually perpetrated overnight by groups of teenagers and young adults, continue to be an issue.

Most robbery crews, he said, come from within the area patrolled by the 49th, or come down from the 47th Precinct, which includes neighborhoods just to the north.

"These guys are good at what they do," Nicholson said. "They'll hide behind cars, then one guy will come out and get the person from behind."

"They sit in an apartment smoking weed, playing video games until 2 a.m. and say 'I'm hungry, let's rob someone,' and then they go out and get someone who actually works for a living."

Nicholson said that surveillance cameras along Lydig Avenue would go a long way in helping his officers identify and arrest serial muggers.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca, who attended the

MPCA meeting along with Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera and Senator Jeff Klein, said he would make sure that the precinct had sufficient funds from the city to install cameras in high-priority areas. If there was not enough left from the money he allocated in last year's capitol budget, Vacca said, he would ensure next year's does.

"One way or another, I'm willing to commit resources," he said. "I'm guided by the inspector's recommendations."

Non-violent home robberies have also been an issue. Nicholson said the easiest and best way for people to avoid having their houses or apartments robbed is to keep all doors and windows locked. For people who live in apartments, keeping windows near fire escapes closed and locked is also essential.

Al D'Angelo, president of the Morris Park Community Association, said that while crime is not as prevalent in Morris Park and surrounding areas as in other areas of the Bronx, keeping quality of life issues under control is paramount for maintaining the area as a desirable place to live.

"We can't sit back in our rocking chairs," D'Angelo said. "The neighborhood's only going to go to hell if we let it."

## NIDC to sponsor dance-a-thon fundraiser

Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation announces in Securing Areas For Everyone (SAFE) Campaign with its first ever Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser!

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involvement in this campaign. The admissions fee will vary from \$5 to \$15 depending on the age group and will include a raffle ticket for a \$50 gift card!!! Non-participant fee is \$1 and they may purchase as many raffle tickets as they like.

The Dance-A-Thon will focus on music styles that are popular with youth including Hip Hop and Latin. Additionally, there will be guest appearances and performances by local hip hop artists and dance crews throughout the event to show their

support for the dancers and the SAFE Campaign!

Pre-Registration will be held on December 1 and 2 at the NIDC Main Office, 2523 Olinville Avenue from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and Eastchester Gardens Community Center at 3016 Yates Avenue on December 2 at 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration will begin at p.m. on December 3 at Columbus High School.

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**Sunday, OCT. 30th, 2:00 a.m.** - 545 East 145 St. Authorities are looking for three black males who forced their way into a home at gunpoint. The culprits fled with an assortment of jewelry and a safe. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**MONDAY, OCT. 31st, 10:25 p.m.** - 515 East 143 St. Police investigators are looking for the person who shot a 20 year old male. The male victim was transported to Lincoln Medical Center where he received medical attention for a bullet wound. Local sleuths are handling the inquiry.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 1st, 7:45 p.m.** - 418 Westchester Ave. At gunpoint a Hispanic male wearing a mask robbed a neighborhood store. Hiding his identity behind a dark colored mask, the armed thief fled with the money taken from the cash register.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 3rd, 4:15 p.m.** - St. Ann's Ave. and East 141st. A city worker was taken into custody. The Sanitation Dept. employee was charged with criminal possession of a weapon.

**MONDAY, NOV. 7th, 5:30 p.m.** - 2899 Third Ave. Authorities are looking for a Hispanic male who robbed at store at gun point. The culprit was wearing all black along with a black ski mask when displaying a gun he announced the robbery. The thief fled with the money taken from the cash register.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 8th, 4:05 a.m.** - East 165 St. and Westchester Ave. Three males were arrested by police officers looking into an armed robbery. Taken into custody were a 24 year old black male and a 20 year old black male. The third suspect was identified as a 24 year old Hispanic male. Authorities also recovered a 45-caliber pistol from the trio.

41st PCT.

**MONDAY, OCT. 31st, 6:25 a.m.** - A suspect was arrested after an unidentified female complained to authorities that she had been raped. The suspect apparently resided in the same building as the victim.

42nd PCT.

**Sunday, OCT. 30th, 2:00 a.m.** - Southern Blvd. and East 174 St. A teenage male was injured during a robbery attempt at the busy intersection. The 17 year old black male received abrasions and scrapes to the back area investigators indicated.

**MONDAY, OCT. 31st, 9:10**



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**p.m.** - 1463 Vyse Ave. Police investigators looking into a shooting indicated that the bullet wound was apparently self-inflicted. A 36 year old black male who was treated at St. Barnabas Hospital will have to provide the additional information to the investigators.

43rd PCT.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 1st, 11:45 p.m.** - 2126 Bruckner Blvd. Police were called to a domestic dispute where a male is found suffering from a knife wound. The injured male was transported to Einstein Hospital where he is treated for a stab wound to the right arm. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2nd, 1:15 a.m.** - Westchester Ave. and Wheeler Ave. The medical staff at Jacobi Medical Center treated an 18 year old black male. The teenager was suffering from a bullet wound to the leg.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2nd, 7:45 a.m.** - Bruckner Blvd and White Plains Rd. A 31 year old black male has some explaining to do. At the scene of a vehicle accident, it is charged that the male impersonated a police officer by displaying a police type badge. The badge belongs to a relative of the culprit who works in another law enforcement agency.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2nd, 10:45 a.m.** - A 21 year old black male was arrested after an older woman informed investigators that she had been sexually assaulted.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2nd, 8:15 p.m.** - 1525 Purdy St. Police investigators are looking into a shooting that claimed the life of a 43 year old Hispanic male. The man died in less than 30 minutes after being shot.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 6th, 7:55 p.m.** - 1512 Beach Ave. Police investigators are looking into an apparent suicide. The body of a 21 year old black female was found in a bath tub. A gun was found nearby, and the victim had a bullet wound to the head. The Medical Examiner's office will determine if they are any other suspicion's connected to the woman's death.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 6th, 10:55 p.m.** - 666 Castle Hill Ave. The medical staff at Jacobi Medical

Center treated a Hispanic male. The injured male was stabbed once in the head. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

44th PCT.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 4th, 12:05 a.m.** - 1555 Grand Concourse. An arrest was made by police officers responding to a reported stabbing. A 56 year old Hispanic male was taken to Lincoln Medical Center suffering from a stab wound to the upper back area. The assault apparently took place during a dispute with his roommate.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 4th, 3:00 a.m.** - 192 East 167 St. A neighborhood tobacco shop was robbed by three armed males. Three black males entered the store at gunpoint wearing masks and hoodies. Authorities indicated that three shots were fired by the trio. No injuries were reported.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 4th, 7:35 a.m.** - 731 Gerard Ave. Officials indicated that a Hispanic male took his own life by jumping from a 6th floor window. The depressed man jumped prior to arrival of police officers.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 4th, 9:45 p.m.** - Police investigators are looking into a report that a Hispanic female had been raped at gunpoint. The victim was treated at Lincoln Medical Center. Special Victim's Squad investigators are assisting with the inquiry.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 5th, 12:20 a.m.** - Concourse Village East. - A 40 year old black male was arrested by police who removed several guns from the man. Taken away from the suspect was a shotgun besides a 22-caliber handgun.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 6th, 1:10 a.m.** - Concourse Village East. - Police officers took a 21 year old black male into custody as they recovered a 380-caliber pistol from the culprit.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 8th, 8:20 a.m.** - 1100 Gerard Ave. It took Con Edison crews 10 hours to restore electrical power. After a manhole blew, two buildings lost their electrical service. Power was restored by 6:00 p.m.

45th PCT.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 1st, 7:55 p.m.** - East Tremont Ave. and Lafayette Ave. A 38 year old Hispanic man was rushed to Jacobi Medical Center. The man had been struck by a vehicle. Police investigators are looking into the fatal accident.

46th PCT.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 30th, 8:15 p.m.** - Grand Concourse and East 181st. The medical staff at St. Barnabas Hospital treated a male who had been shot. The male victim was suffering from a wound to the leg.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 1st, 11:20 a.m.** - 305 East Burnside Ave. Police officers took a suspect into custody. The unidentified culprit was found in possession of a 9-mm pistol. The weapon was vouched as evidence for the pending court case.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 3rd, 7:30 p.m.** - Specially trained police investigators are looking into a report that a male had sexually assaulted a three year old girl. The child was taken to Bronx Lebanon Hospital for medical attention.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 3rd, 11:20 p.m.** - 1815 Monroe Ave. A 22 year old black male was arrested after undercover police officers recovered an unregistered gun from the culprit. The culprit was in possession a 38-caliber revolver, but failed to obtain the proper permit to own the weapon in NYC.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 6th, 1:35 a.m.** - 2020 Grand Ave. A suspect was arrested as police officers removed another gun from local streets. This time a 38-caliber revolver was vouched as evidence.

47th PCT.

**Sunday, OCT. 30th, 7:30 a.m.** - Bronx River Pkwy. and East 233 St. Emergency personnel responded after receiving a report that there was a major accident on the roadway. Arriving units summed up the situation reporting that ten vehicles had been involved in the incident. The roadway was closed to permit a safe working area for first responders.

**MONDAY, OCT. 31st, 1:45 p.m.** - East 219 St. and White Plains Rd. Police officials received calls indicating that there was a gun battle between three black males. As police approached the gunmen attempted to flee and foot pursuit commenced. One of the police officers fired a shot, no one was injured. Officials indicated that two guns were recovered and five suspects were taken into custody.

48th PCT.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2nd, 10:15 a.m.** - 4535 Third Ave. Police officials were forced to use a Taser on an intoxicated emotionally disturbed person. Once in custody, the person was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital and provided with medical assistance.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 4th, 9:30**

**a.m.** - 2268 Washington Ave. The medical staff at St. Barnabas Hospital treated a male who had been shot. He black male was driving a vehicle a few blocks from the medical facility when a bullet rang out. The projectile entered his left abdomen. The victim was reported to be in stable condition.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 5th, 12:10 a.m.** - 1890 Crotona Pkwy. A 16 year old boy was arrested after being found in possession of a gun. Taken away from the young teenager was a 22-caliber revolver.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 5th, 1:20 p.m.** - 2411 Prospect Ave. Police investigators are assisting a person who was stabbed during an attack. The victim was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital suffering from a stab wound to the leg. The attacker fled before police could arrive.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 5th, 2:35 p.m.** - 2164 Webster Ave. Police arrested a suspect who was in possession of counterfeit money. Federal investigators were notified.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 5th, 4:45 p.m.** - 2498 Bathgate Ave. The medical staff at St. Barnabas Hospital treated a male who had been shot. The victim was suffering from a bullet wound located under his arm. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

49th PCT.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 3rd, 11:05 a.m.** - 740 Morris Park Ave. City officials were alerted to a possible broken water main on the heavily travelled street. Officials indicated that they located the break in a 20 inch water main. Con Edison crews also worked on a nearby 6 inch gas main located between Hunt and Holland Aves. As repairs were under way two east bound traffic lanes were detoured.

**MONDAY, NOV. 7th, 12:45 p.m.** - 2911Barnes Ave. Authorities found the body of a 40 year old Hispanic male lying in a pool of blood. The body was located in a bedroom of the ransacked home. Local sleuths are handling the homicide inquiry.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 8th, 3:15 a.m.** - Barker Ave and Britton Ave. Police investigators are looking for the person who fired bullets into a parked vehicle. Arriving police officers upon checking found a parked vehicle that had been damaged by the bullets.

50th PCT.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2nd, 12:00 p.m.** - 244 Fieldstone Ter. Law enforcement officials indicated that a person might had taken their own life in the Riverdale community. Investigators were waiting the results of the Medical Examiner's report.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 8th, 5:55 p.m.** - 163 West 231st. Police officers came to the aid of a traffic agent. A Hispanic male pour a bucket of pickles over the city worker's head.

52nd PCT.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 1st, 6:10 p.m.** - 2469 Grand Ave. A 35 year old man was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital after being attacked. The man had been stabbed in the chest area several times officials indicated. Unfortunately the man expired around 6:40 p.m. Now detectives are faced with a homicide inquiry.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 3rd, 12:25 p.m.** - Webb Ave. A city worker was arrested and charged with harassment. Local detectives are looking into the incident.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 6th, 9:35 a.m.** - 3001 Briggs Ave. A 38 year old Hispanic male was arrested in connection with an assault upon a family member.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 8th, 10:15 a.m.** - 2280 Grand Ave. Police investigators are looking into a double shooting. A 4 year old Hispanic male was shot in the face and chest. The second victim, a 17 year old Hispanic male was suffering from a wound to the head. Both victims were listed in critical condition at St. Barnabas Hospital.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 8th, 10:50 p.m.** - 40 West Mosholu Parkway South. Authorities are looking for two Hispanic males. The unknown pair forced their way into an apartment on the upper floor of the high rise building. At gunpoint they repeatedly struck the victim with the gun. The culprit fled with an unknown amount of property. The occupants were transported to St. Barnabas Hospital for medical care.

Transit

**FRIDAY, NOV. 4th, 12:30 p.m.** - Broadway and West 238 St. A culprit was surprised after attacking a woman at the IRT train station in the Riverdale section. The suspect was quickly apprehended by an off duty detective.

Fire Log

**TUESDAY, NOV. 8th, 12:40 a.m.** - 3303 Bronxwood Ave. A fire in a structure fire near Bartholdi St. claimed one life and sent two other persons to area hospitals. A 54 year old black male suffering from burns to the arm and back areas was transported to Jacobi Medical Center. A 56 year old black female was admitted to Montefiore Hospital suffering from smoke inhalation. A 76 year old black male succumbed to his injured within an hour at Montefiore Hospital despite effects to assist him. Fire Marshals are looking into the incident and believe that the blaze started in a kitchen area. Officials indicated that the three victims were residing in a garage that was illegally converted in to a residence. The detached garage was behind a row of private homes.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Thanks for caring

Dear editor,

The Throggs Neck Extended Care would like to thank our friends, family, and our merchants who gave to help make our flea market a great success:

Hawaii Sea, Louis Seafood, Wicked Wolf, Pine Bar, Rino's, Good to Go, Patricia's, Muscle Grill, Frank's Pizza (two certificaets), Frank Bee's, Crosby Pizza, Havana Cafe, and Vito's Deli (three-foot hero).

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## Vacca asks DAs to support DNA testing

(The following letter was sent to District Attorney Johnson re: DNA testing.)

Dear District Attorney Johnson,

I write to you in support of using DNA testing to aid in arresting those who spit on transit workers. On October 31, 2011, the City Council's Transportation and Civil Service and Labor Committees jointly held an oversight hearing to examine the issue of transit worker safety. During the hearing, several witnesses, including MTA New York City Transit (NYCT) executives, officials from the Amalgamated Transit Union and the Transit Workers Union, and several NYCT employees, testified about the increasing danger faced by transit workers, especially bus operators.

As you may be aware, assaults on MTA bus drivers are on the rise. Through the first 10 months of this year there have been 145 incidents where a bus driver was spat upon, whereas during the same time period last year 139 drivers were spat on. Conversely, the number of arrests and convictions of those who assault and harass transit workers has not kept pace. In 2002, the New York State Legislature passed, and Governor Pataki signed into law, legislation that made assaulting a transit worker a felony. However, since 2007, only about 103 arrests have been made under the relevant part of the Penal Law and only about seven cases resulted in the felony conviction of assaulting a transit worker. The increasing number of attacks on transit workers not only jeopardizes their safety, but also places the riding public at risk too.

DNA testing could be an effective tool for law enforcement to help prevent these attacks. Since a large number of assaults involve drivers being spat upon, DNA evidence could assist in arresting those who endanger driver and public safety. I believe this would have minimal or no cost, as existing DNA databases could be utilized in this endeavor. DNA collection is nothing new in the law enforcement field. Recently the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority announced that their transit police would begin collecting DNA evidence in an attempt to arrest and prosecute those who assault their employees.

I request that you strongly consider the possibility of using DNA evidence in cases involving the assaults of transit workers. This has the potential to bring to justice many who have assaulted and harassed these public ser-



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## NYBG HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW BACK ON TRACK

The Holiday Train Show at the New York Botanical Garden is going on from now until Monday, January 16. The model train show, now in its 20th year, features replicas of New York's landmarks made entirely out of plants. Among the plant replicas of the Brooklyn Bridge and City, and Bronx landmarks such as Yankee Stadium.

vants and send a strong message that these acts will not be tolerated.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. I look forward in working with you on this issue.

**James Vacca**  
**Chair, Transportation Committee**  
**New York City Council**

**Let us hear from you**

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## Kappstatter will be missed in Bronx

Dear editor,

"Longtime Bronx Reporter Bob Kappstatter out at Daily News" (Bill Weishbrod -- November 24) represents yet another loss for readers of daily newspaper interested in community news stories from the Bronx.

Newspapers and magazines have to deal with increasing costs for newsprint, delivery and distribution along with reduced advertising revenues and declining readership due to competition from the Internet and other new information sources.

While daily papers's such as the New York Times, New York Daily News and New York Post concentrate on international, statewide, cityside, business and sports news - weekly newspapers such as the Bronx Times and Bronx Times Reporter along with several other Bronx neighborhood-based newspapers fill the void for coverage of local community news.

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**Larry Penner**

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# Bronx Chamber donates turkeys

BY VITO SIGNORILE

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce has donated turkeys to those in need before Thanksgiving.

Chamber president Lenny Caro and his staff delivered hundreds of turkeys to 11 locations throughout the borough on Wednesday, November 23 to help those who could use a tasty meal on Thanksgiving as part of the Chamber's annual turkey drive.

Caro was greeted at the various locations by elected officials and organization leaders to help distribute the turkeys, making many Bronx residents happy as the holiday season began in the borough.

"It's the least we can do every year. Everybody deserves a turkey on Thanksgiving," Caro said. "This is one of the many things the Chamber enjoys doing every holiday and it helps many people who are in need."

Turkeys were delivered to the New Era Veteran's Residence, the Bronx Provider Consumer Alliance, JASA Throggs Neck Senior Center, Schuyler Hill Civic Association, Help USA, Highbridge Gardens Senior Center, Greater Zion Baptist Church, Church of God of Prophecy, Friendly Baptist Church Day-care Center, St. Augustine's Church Food Pantry, and Part of the Solution.

All of the turkeys were delivered within five hours and Caro and his staff handed out every one of them. Sister Mary Alice Hannan of POTS, who takes part in the turkey drive every year, was pleased with their contributions.

"It's always wonderful what the Chamber does for the borough," she said. "Not everyone gets to have a big meal on Thanksgiving and these turkeys truly help out so many who do not have it."



Photo by Vito Signorile

(l-r) Councilman Joel Rivera, his daughter Sophia, Sister Mary Alice Hannan, Lenny Caro, and Albert Alvarez helped hand out turkeys at POTS on 2759 Webster Avenue on Wednesday, November 23 as part of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce's annual Thanksgiving turkey drive.

## Our Saviour collects food

With the holiday season underway, the students of Our Saviour have already sparked the spirit of giving.

As usual, they conducted a food drive to help the needy, and the individual classes and homerooms competitively strove to be the grade that donated the most food items per student.

Three grades donated between 100 and 200 food

items (K, 4, 5), and two grades raised over 300 items. The 8th grade gathered approximately 325 food items, only to be surpassed by the senior class, who made a comeback of sorts on the final day, raising almost 400 food items.

Overall, they gathered roughly 1700 food items, which went to the Eastchester Presbyterian Church Food Bank.



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# Einstein celebrates opening of new neurophysiology lab

BY VITO SIGNORILE

The Albert Einstein College of Medicine celebrated the opening of one of their most vital additions.

After years of hard work and dedication, administrators, faculty members and distinguished guests gathered for a ribbon cutting to unveil the new Albert Einstein College of Medicine Cognitive Neurophysiology Laboratory on Friday, November 11 at 1225 Morris Park Avenue.

The new lab will help doctors, teachers, and students further understand how the brain function of individuals with disorders such as autism and childhood schizophrenia, differs from that of their typically-developing peers.

Construction and purchase of lab equipment was made possible through a \$1 million capital grant that Senator Jeff Klein secured for the college in the 2009-2010 budget.

"There's still so much that we need to learn about these particular brain disorders," Klein said. "What the Bronx does best is health care and we need to

continue to do it. During these tough economic times I think it's our opportunity to redefine what our priorities are, making sure that wonderful Bronx institutions such as Einstein have the money that they need to continue to provide quality service."

The 5,000-square-foot lab houses specially-designed rooms that allow researchers to control sound and other stimuli and the latest tools to monitor the responses of research participants and patients.

The grant helped the college purchase valuable equipment such as four high-density electroencephalogram, or EEG, recording systems, electrically-shielded sound attenuated booths, high-resolution eye-tracking systems, direct feed video and infrared cameras, stimulus delivery equipment, and a projection screen for visual experiments.

Dr. John Foxe, director of research at Einstein's Children's Evaluation and Rehabilitation Center and professor of pediatrics and neuroscience, was grateful

for Klein's efforts on behalf of the college.

"With this support, I was able to return to Einstein to lead an outstanding team of researchers and clinicians searching for the causes of and treatments for intellectual and developmental disorders," said Foxe, who received his Ph.D. at Einstein. "The investment into this laboratory has brought an enormous return. With the efforts of Senator Klein, we are now able to put the best and the brightest to work."

After the ribbon was cut, Klein and other guests were taken on a tour of the state-of-the-art facility. Klein was impressed with the work that students and physicians were putting into the new lab.

College dean Dr. Allen Spiegel believes it will benefit the borough for years to come.

"Once again, Senator Klein has demonstrated his commitment to helping Einstein," Spiegel said. "The Cognitive Neurophysiology Lab will ultimately help improve patient care."



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The Einstein College of Medicine proudly opened their new Cognitive Neurophysiology Lab on Friday, November 11.



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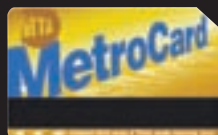
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EDGEWATER PARK RAGAMUFFIN PARADE HELD



Photos by Laura Stone

Edgewater Park held its annual Ragamuffin parade on Saturday, November 19. Children came dressed in costumes, and got to meet Santa Claus, who handed out presents. There was also hot chocolate and cookies provided, along with a celebration at the Edgewater Firehouse.  
(Left) Councilman Jimmy Vacca (l.) and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto (r.) with Ragamuffin participant "Miss Bling" Aine Sheehan.  
(Above, left) Mason Keane meets Santa Claus at the Ragamuffin Parade.  
(Above, right) Pictured during the parade are (l-r) Nicole Deleno, Sacora Iniquez, and Christian Engeldrum.

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# CB 10 to consider Glebe Ave. reversal

On December 13, at 7:30 p.m., at Santa Maria Church, 2352 St. Raymond Avenue, Community Board 10 will be conducting a Community Meeting.

This community meeting is to discuss the possibility of reversing the present direction of Glebe Avenue between Westchester Avenue and Glover Street, from an East bound street to a west bound street.

Attend to this meeting and share your views and concerns with the board regarding this proposal.

## P.S. 71 will hold its holiday bazaar

P.S. 71, 3040 Roberts Avenue, will hold a holiday fair on Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be decorated wreaths, poinsettia plants and miniature decorated trees for sale.

There will be hot chocolate for sale throughout the day.

# White Plains Rd. BID holds luncheon



Photo by Laura Stone

During the White Plains Road BID annual luncheon on Thursday, November 17 are pictured (l-r) BID executive director Larry Prospect, honoree Deputy Inspector Kevin Nicholson, BID chairman Howard Spring, honoree Jeremy Warneke, and BID assistant director Ethel Prospect.

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The White Plains Road Business Improvement District held its annual luncheon. The keynote speech supported the use of technology to improve business and communications along the commercial corridor.

The BID honored 49th Precinct commanding officer Deputy Inspector Kevin Nicholson and Community Board 11 district manager Jeremy Warneke at F&J Pine Restaurant on Thursday, November 17.

Warneke urged the BID to embrace the kind of technological change that is the future.

“Some people are scared by technology, but I encourage you to embrace it,” Warneke said. “Facebook is not just used by revolutionaries in Egypt.”

Facebook proved to be an invaluable tool in helping a dying cousin come to grips with the lung cancer she developed as a non-smoker, and was helpful in mounting a successful campaign in getting her name up on a marquee at Wrigley Field in Chicago, Illinois before she passed, Warneke said.

CB 11 launched its own webpage, which led to many of its is-

ssues getting into the mainstream media as news outlets have come to monitor the site, Warneke said. He encouraged the businesses to use the very same technology for growing their visibility.

Nicholson was honored for his support of the BID, especially in dealing with issues related to unlicensed peddlers and making sure that there is a turn over at metered parking spots, said BID executive director Larry Prospect.

“Everyone who knows me, knows that I care about this neighborhood and I give 100%, and I have my officers give 100%,” Nicholson said.

The BID’s website gets about a million hits per year because it’s just as oriented to the community as it is to the more than 100 stores that comprise the district, Prospect said.

Over the past year the BID has seen five new stores and another five completely renovated, Prospect said.

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# Valhalla Drive sewer installation lacks detail

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Many of the details surrounding the upcoming placement of a new sanitary sewer line to replace existing lines under Valhalla Drive are still up in the air, with a shovel set to go into the ground early next year.

The Department of Design and Construction made a presentation to concerned homeowners at Community Board 10's Municipal Services Committee meet-

ing on Tuesday, November 22 about the installation of a new sanitary sewer line, a project that according to the agency is now about five percent complete, with digging to begin in the spring. The \$900,000 project is to be finished by the summer.

Valhalla Drive was left out of the Country Club sewer replacement project that ended in 1990 because it was not then a dedicated city street. This left approx-

imately 37 homes, with private lines hooked up to six-inch sewer main running perpendicular to the street, said 34-year Valhalla Drive resident Tom Colacioppo of 3191 Valhalla Drive. Colacioppo is concerned that his private sewer may be left out of the project because it is separate from his neighbor's private sewers.

"Nothing is formal and everything is hearsay," Colacioppo said of the city's ap-

proach. "They will connect whatever lines they find to the new sanitary line which will run under the street. If they dig on my side of the street, the odds are they will find my line. If they dig on the other side of the street, they might not."

Valhalla Drive is different from most city streets, where the sewer lines run from each home to the center of the street. Instead, Valhalla Drive sewers are a patchwork of privately installed pipes, known as temporary connections, that sometimes run through residents' property.

It is not even clear if a sewer line leaves Colacioppo's property at the curb or elsewhere, leaving the homeowner concerned that he may have to hire a private plumber to hook up his house to the new sanitary line.

Since Valhalla Drive was dedicated a city street in 1991, the city should assume all responsibility for the so-called "private" lines running underneath the street, said Marcia Pavlica, president of the Country Club Civic Association.

"They took the street for better or for worse," Pav-

lica said. "The people on Valhalla Drive have gone above and beyond as taxpayers. Tom has worked with us for 20 years to get his block to conform to city codes."

The CCCA has worked and will continue to work with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Design and Construction, Pavlica said.

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# Cops nab man for robbing 49th elderly

BY VITO SIGNORILE

After weeks of investigating, officers have arrested the man who has been robbing elderly residents within the 49th Precinct.

Since early November, Deputy Inspector Kevin Nicholson and his team at the 49th have been searching for a suspect who robbed elderly men and women around Allerton Avenue to Arnow Avenue and Laconia Avenue to Lurting Avenue.

On Wednesday, November 23, Officer Robert Morales arrested 20-year-old Devon Brown after he robbed a pocketbook from a 96-year-old woman on Allerton and Lurting Avenues.

According to Nicholson, a witness contacted police after the incident and Sgt. Fred Pineda and Officer William Ascencio, who were close by, were able to track down Brown at 3030 Paulding Avenue after an additional witness advised

the officers of the location in which he fled.

"We put a lot of resources into tracking this guy down over the last few weeks," Nicholson said. "Luckily nobody was injured during the robberies. He (Brown) would just push around elderly people and steal their belongings."

After the arrest, Sgt. Tawee Theanthong led an investigation that shows Brown on a security video approaching the victim and running away with her purse. During the investigation, Brown also made video and written statements about his involvement in robberies that occurred on Saturday, November 5, Sunday, November 6, and Saturday, November 12.

With consent from Brown, a search was conducted at his residence at 3030 Paulding Avenue where additional evidence was found that were connected

to the previous robberies.

According to Nicholson, who has been the commanding officer of the 49th Precinct for over 18 months, the robbing of elderly residents within the precinct is very uncommon, and he made sure that his officers were on top of finding whoever was responsible for the recent incidents.

"There's never been elderly people being robbed like this, it just never happens," he said. "Once the first incident happened we knew we had to track this guy down. He took responsibility for all the previous robberies, so hopefully we won't have to deal with this again."

Brown has four prior arrests, including the assault of an elderly man. He has been arraigned by the Bronx District Attorney and is being held on \$50,000 bail.

## Pearl Harbor's 70th anniversary

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The wreath laying in Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park to mark the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor may also celebrate recent renovations to the park.

Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park, Inc. is calling on all World War II veterans to come to the park on

Wednesday, December 7 at 2 p.m. for the placing of the wreath in honor of the occasion, said past Korony Post commander Pat Devine.

"If we get a large enough crowd, we may have a ribbon cutting celebrating the renovations on the park," Devine said. "We are trying to get as many World War II veterans as we can to

come to the park."

The park has seen a \$1.3 million renovation that was recently complete, and includes the planting of a memorial garden, new fencing, and a new staircase leading into the park.

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The renovations to the park include a new staircase from Ellsworth Avenue.





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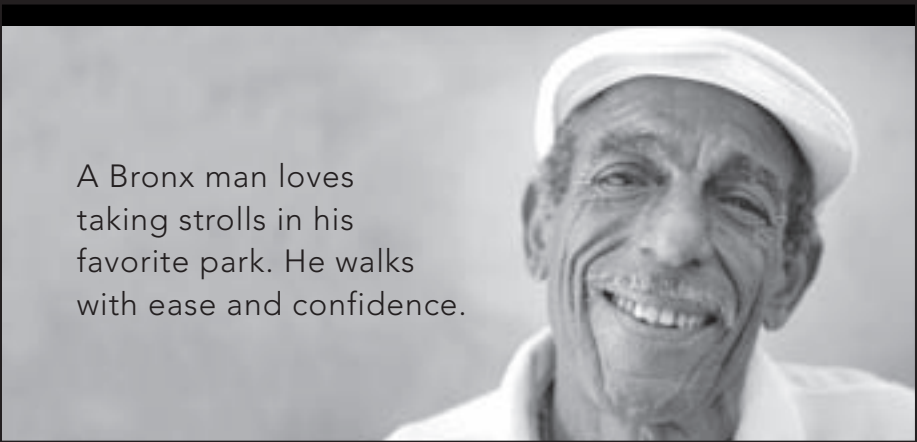
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# Bronx beat

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at [www.bronxriverart.org/education.cfm](http://www.bronxriverart.org/education.cfm) <<http://www.bronxriverart.org/education.cfm>> . Enrollment in our digital media classes for teens and adults includes free use of our state-of-the-art equipment during Open Media Lab hours.

Registration for winter classes is being held at our 2064 Boston Road headquarters from December 12 through January 14 Monday to Friday from 3 to 6 pm and Saturday from noon to 3 pm, or online at [www.bronxriverart.org](http://www.bronxriverart.org) <<http://www.bronxriverart.org>> . BRAC will be closed for the holidays from December 23 to 27 and December 31 to January 2, so there will be no in person registration on those dates

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Classes for children and teens cost \$75 for the 10-week session, and classes for adults cost \$100 for 8 weeks, making our program the most affordable professional art training around. In addition to our already low rates, a limited number of partial-tuition scholarships are available for youth. They will be awarded based on financial need and/or portfolio review, to ensure that interested students can take our classes regardless of their ability to pay. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please call us at (718) 589-5819 to make an appointment.

## Calvary Hospital presents Daisy Award

Calvary Hospital recently honored Alexander Mfum, RN, with the Daisy Award. Nurses recognized with this quarterly award must demonstrate excellence through clinical expertise as well as extraordinary, compassionate care. Honorees are also expected to go above and beyond to make a difference, and exemplify a “healing touch” presence with patients and their

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

Alexander previously worked at Lincoln Medical Center as a volunteer and nurse's aide; he joined Calvary four years ago as a registered nurse. His nomination forms from colleagues and family members included comments such as:

- “He is an exceptional nurse who should be acknowledged for his skills”
- “He provided services that were above what I expected”
- “Alexander took care of my needs in a timely fashion”

A native of Ghana located in West Africa, Alexander is the first nurse/health care professional in his family. He resides in the Bronx.



ð Pictured (l-r) Mary Clarke, RN, nursing supervisor; ð Lucy Hernandez, RN, Senior Patient Services manager, nurse practitioner;ðMarlene Humphreys, RN, director of Staff Development;ðAlexander Mfum, RN, DAISY Award honoree;ðMaydene Huie, RN, nursing supervisor; andðSally Umbro, RN, vice president, Patient Care Services.

## Ballroom classes offered through Dec. 21

Ballroom dance classes offered by the Waterbury LaSalle Community Association and sponsored by Senator Jeff Klein will be taking place every

Wednesday for six weeks through Wednesday, December 21. The classes take place at the Pelham Bay Library at 3060 Midletown Road and begin

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## JEANNE JUGAN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



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Jeanne Jugan Residence, located at 2999 Schurz Avenue, held its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 12 and Sunday, November 13. The sales of holiday gift items and festive food supports the mission of the facility, which is to serve the elderly and infirm.

(Above) Volunteers Vicky Bulger (l), and Danielle Peters of Silver Beach.



## VAN NEST NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY



The Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance held its annual Veterans Day remembrance ceremony on Friday, November 11 at the Van Nest Memorial. The civic organization honored community members who have died defending the United States, and paid special tribute to three local World War II veterans.

(Left) Honorees, VNNA members and friends.

(Above, l-r) Honorees Joseph Garofalo, Albert Mazza and Norman E. Moore, with VNNA member Richard Vitacco.

Photos courtesy of Bernadette Ferrara



## EXIT REALTY FOOD COLLECTION

On Thursday, November 17, the EXIT Realty staff at 3928 East Tremont Avenue had held a potluck dinner and can drive. They had the chance to share home cooking with colleagues and collected non-persihable foot items to deliver to the needy.

(Left) Diasparra (l) and Mohabeer (r) with the collected food.

Photos by Laura Stone



(Back row l-r) owner Benny Diasparra, Valerie Reyes, Jaqueline Sendra, David Abreu, (front row l-r) Shane Rossi, Gerta Hysa, Paulette Bailey, Jovani Giron, and event organizer Kimberly Mohabeer.





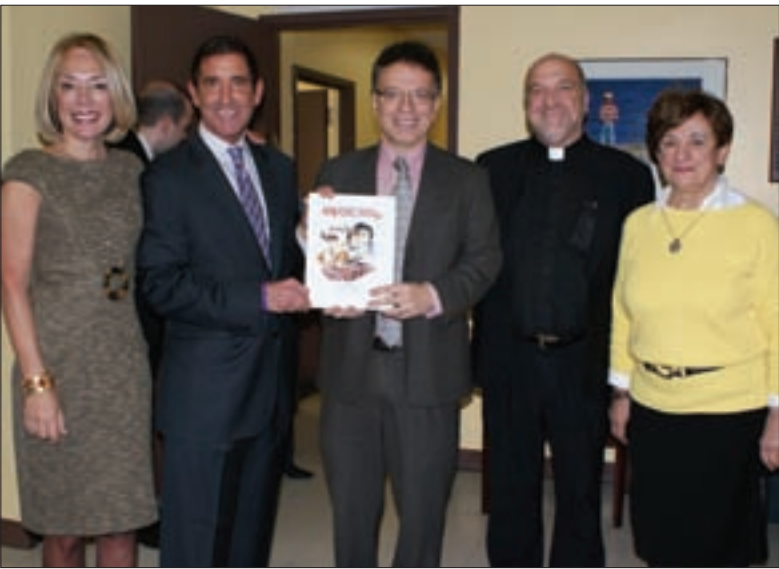
Assemblyman Michael Benedetto speaks to sixth grade students at Greek American Institute.

## GAI SCHOOL ENJOYS READING

The Greek American Institute school, located at 3573 Bruckner Boulevard, held a celebration of National Readers Day on Friday, November 18. The celebration showed the importance of reading by having adults read to the children. Among the guest readers were Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, Councilman Jimmy Vacca, and members of Ladder Company 89.

(Right) Pictured during the celebration of reading are (l-r) school principal Anne Propkop, Senator Jeff Klein, Councilman Jimmy Vacca, Father Sylvester, guest reader Marina Katsoulis.

Photos by Laura Stone



## KLEIN SPONSORS BALLROOM DANCES CLASSES AT PBL

Senator Jeff Klein held the first of six weekly ballroom dancing classes at Pelham Bay Library on Wednesday, November 16. Classes will be held every Wednesday at 7 P.M. feature professional instruction and are open to the public. Above Klein (third from r) with participants and instructors at the first class.

Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's office



Photos by Laura Stone

## DREAM MAKERS MASTER CLASS HOSTED BY JOFFREY BALLET GREAT

Dream Makers Performing Arts, located at 3432 E. Tremont Avenue, hosted a master class with Chicago Joffrey ballet master Peff Modelski on Saturday, November 12. The class focused on proper placement, pirouettes, and dance injuries. A question and answer session followed the class, which lasted three hours. Dream Makers owner and artistic director Lisa Maietta-Rybacki was trained by Modelski.

(Above) Dream Makers Dance Studio students with Peff Modelski (left) and owner Lisa Maietta Rybacki (r) during the class.





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## ST. RAYMOND'S HELPS BEAUTIFY BRONX RIVER

The young men of St. Raymond's High School for Boys volunteered their efforts and partnered with the Bronx River Alliance and MillionTreesNYC to plant over 100 trees along the Bronx River on Saturday, October 22.

## FORDHAM MARCHES IN VETS PARADE

Fordham University marched in the 2012 New York City Veterans Day Parade on Fifth Avenue on Sunday, November 11. Members of the school's ROTC Ram Battalion participated, including a color guard.

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## CI CHAMBER HOSTS ANNUAL AWARDS

The City Island Chamber of Commerce held its 101st Chamber Awards Dinner on Saturday, November 12 at Pelham Split Rock Golf Course. During the dinner dance, the chamber honored 45th Precinct Captain Russell Green, who received the Exemplary Community Service Award; Elliot Glick of Starving Artist Cafe and Gallery who received the Sam Bierman Business and Community Service Award; and Carol Fitzpatrick, the recipient of the Tom Cerrata Accomplished Service Award. Organizations picking up awards were the City Island Community Center receiving the Catherine Scott Historical Achievement Award and the City Island Nautical Museum receiving the Thanks for the Memories award. Three new City Island businesses were honored, including Aggie's Roll, Bistro SK, and Buddy's Hardware, which is under new ownership. Three chamber volunteers were also honored: Stephanie Fisher, Rhode Levine, Evelyn Morgan.

## SONS OF ITALY HOLD WINE TASTING EVENT



Photo by Laura Stone

The Sons of Italy held a membership drive and wine tasting at the F&J Pine Restaurant on Tuesday, November 15. Pictured are (l-r) Sons of Italy co-chairs Vincent Buccieri and Lillyanna Pekic, president Leonard Aloï, Melissa Prospero of Prospero Winery and treasurer George Diakakis.



## PUTNAM COUNTY DA SPEAKS TO BCC STUDENTS

Putnam County District Attorney and Bronx native Adam Levy visited Bronx Community College on Thursday, November 10. The John F. Kennedy High School alum spoke to criminal justice students about the bullying epidemic, his Bronx background, and careers in the criminal justice field. (Left) BCC Criminal Justice Club president Leslie Colon (l) with Levy (r).

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## MOUNT ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY FACEOFF

Mount St. Michael Academy and Peace and Diversity Academy faced off against one another in The Challenge recently. The academic quiz show airs on Cablevision, and tests students knowledge of various subjects studied in high schools.

(Left) The team from Mount St. Michael Academy.

(Right) The team from Peace and Diversity Academy.

Photos courtesy of Cablevision



## FIAME WELCOMES FABIANO

The Forum of Italian American Educators welcomed novelist Laurie Fabiano to Bay Plaza's Barnes & Noble on Thursday, November 17 for a book talk on her novel Elizabeth Street. The former deputy mayor of Hoboken tell the story, in the book, of Italian immigration from the late 19th to the mid 20th century through a character named after her grandmother Giovanna Costa.

(Left) members of the executive board of F.I.A.M.E. with Fabiano, who is standing in the center.

Photo by Patrick Rocchio



## VILLA MARIA MARTI GRAS FUNDRAISER HELD AT VILLA BARONE MANOR



Photos by Laura Stone

(Above) Villa students (top row, l-r) Slater O'Brien, Frank Palonpelli, Bo Kendrick-Holmes, (bottom row, l-r) Nick Davidow, John John, Maxwell Mazza hold their raffle tickets and beads and support the fundraising efforts.

The Villa Maria Academy Mother's Guild held its annual Marti Gras fundraiser on Thursday, November 10 at Villa Barone Manor. Some of the exciting items that were won as prizes were designer handbags, mega baskets, an exciting vacation getaway, a gas grill, and jewelry.

Mothers' Guild of Villa Maria Academy (l-r) Janice Mastropietro, Gina Caliendo, Maria Gugliotta, Alda McPartland, Jean-Marie Piccininni, and Joviana Mercado stand in front some of the items raffled.



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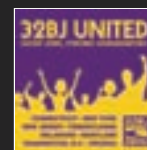


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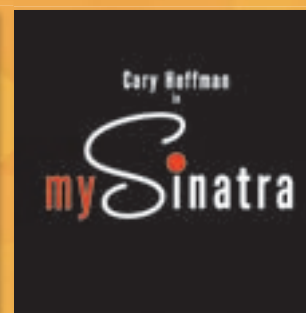
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If you have suggestions or questions for “The Bronx Report” or would like to appear on a future program, call Harry Hertzberg at (917) 453-7557.

# DOT removes St. Dom’s old parking signs

## Frees up a dozen parking spaces

By Patrick Rocchio

Department of Transportation parking signage originally placed to handle school bus traffic at the now shuttered St. Dominic School is being replaced, months after the school closed in June.

The signs that used to prevent cars from parking along the perimeter of the school while it was in session remained up through November, even though the school closed in June, said Van Nest community activist Joe Bombace.

The signage contributed to a lack of parking throughout the course of the day, with residents getting tickets even though there was no school in session, and buses that were unrelated to the school occupying the spots, Bombace stated.

After reaching out to Community Board 11, the DOT removed the sign on

Van Nest Avenue between Hunt Avenue and White Plains Road that prohibited parking except for faculty vehicles and buses from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on school days on Monday, November 14, Bombace said.

“It is a good thing because it is going to free up parking,” said CB 11 district manager Jeremy Warneke. “There is no school. The board contacted the DOT and they officially said that they were going to remove them within 90 days in August.”

Two additional signs near the rear of the St. Dominic School property on Hunt Avenue were not removed, Bombace said. However, the two signs on Hunt Avenue between Van Nest Avenue and the Con Edison property would be replaced soon, according to a DOT source.

“The Department of



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

The city Department of Transportation removed a signs prohibiting parking in front the main entrance of St. Dominic School. The school has been closed since June.

Transportation has acted in the time frame that they said they would,” Warneke said.

Removal of the signs frees up between 12 and 14 parking spaces, Bombace said.

Alternate side parking regulations signs have replaced put the old signage, Bombace said.

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The debate over nuclear power is one of the most contentious in New York. Since 1962, when the first in-state facility was constructed in Oswego, six nuclear plants have been built throughout the state (there are 100 spread throughout the USA) including one twenty-four miles from New York City. They account for about 13% of the state's electric generating capacity, 26% of its power supply, and 11% of total consumption. There are 400 nuclear power plants worldwide. France receives 75% of its total electrical power from nuclear plants.

Under the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005, financial incentives, including loan guarantees, production tax credits, and risk insurance are available for the development of new nuclear plants across the nation. But should new facilities be built in the Empire State? As the cost of energy continues to rise and the nation strives for energy independence, the time has come for a fresh review of this controversial power source.

Nuclear plants account for about twenty percent of the world's electricity. They have grown in popularity largely through the fact that they produce power far more economically than other sources. Overall production costs are approximately 1.76 cents per kilowatt-hour. Coal is the next cheapest, at 2.21 cents, and natural gas costs about 7.61 cents.

Unlike oil and coal, there is little in the way of delivery problems. Supplying plants utilizing those

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two sources require constant and large scale resupply efforts, causing numerous ancillary complications. By contrast, in nuclear plants, a single uranium pellet can deliver the equivalent of 1,780 lbs. of coals, or 149 gallons of oil. Because of this, nuclear plants are not subject to supply problems. The source is home grown, freeing Americans from the whims of unfriendly foreign governments. The labor disputes or natural disasters and weather conditions that interrupt deliveries to other types of plants don't affect nuclear facilities. Unlike hydroelectric plants, there is no need to dam rivers or disrupt the surrounding environment.

Opposition to nuclear power largely centers on frequently misstated environmental and safety concerns. A number of misconceptions abound. Ironically, nuclear plants have the advantage of being environmentally friendly. James Hansen, who introduced the concept of global warming in 1988, advocated the use of nuclear power as a means to combat the issue. Unlike hydroelectric plants, there is no need to dam rivers or disrupt the surrounding environment.

Radioactivity is one of the most frequently cited concerns in discussions on the use of nuclear power plants. Oddly enough, old fashioned, coal-fired plants

actually emit more radiation into the air than nuclear facilities. No American has ever been killed or seriously injured because of a reactor accident or radiation exposure from an American nuclear power plant. (Even the much-publicized Three Mile River incident failed to produce any significant radiation problems.) Internationally, the Chernobyl incident resulted from an inherently bad design; another example of the blatant disregard for worker and environmental safety that characterizes Communist nations. The harm done to Japan's Fukushima plant resulted from a level of poor planning not characteristic of the American experience, questionable plant siting, and the failure of conventional power to allow safety mechanisms to work.

The Riverkeeper organization's opposition to the Indian Point Plant is based largely on concerns over terrorism and the storage of radioactive waste on site. In the aftermath of 9/11, significant and effective measures were adopted to address this threat. Indeed, the very structure of American nuclear plants, with extremely strong encasement buildings and redundant safety features renders these facilities the most terrorist-resistant in the world.

New York's need for abundant, home-grown, affordable, nonpolluting energy renders nuclear power a viable option.

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BY TONY SALIMBENE

Here's our calendar: December 7, at 2 p.m., there will be a traditional Pearl Harbor Day Wreath Ceremony at Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park /Weir Creek (outside Edgewater Park) everyone is invited, especially our WW II vets.

December 10, we will have our Annual Holiday Party in the recreation hall of the JJ Peters Kingsbridge -VA Hospital. Volunteer elves please come by around 11 a.m. to help JP serve food and talk with veterans.

December 18, 10:30 a.m. coffee and rolls, then 11 a.m. meeting at the Turner Club,

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Department of NY Mid-Winter Conference is set for the last week of January but reservations are needed now, please let Commander John know. You have to experience this major Legion get-together at least once.

Thanks to 1456 member

Phil Cremins for bringing donated blankets to the VA Hospital for those receiving dialysis. The hospital is also seeking veterans from OEF-OIF for a study on the effects of combat related stress on vets. Call (718) 584-9000, ext. 6152 if interested.

Another invite and a sincere pleasure to speak as Chaplin at the Annual Parkchester and later, National Cemetary ceremonies for Pvt2 Isaac T.Cortes, KIA 11/27/2007, spearheaded again by the 'Nam Knights MC, with other veteran brother bike groups. We hope his family ind true peace and comfort someday.



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BY RAPHAEL S.

Welcome back to the weekly column of the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association. As a vital member of our vast community, the association serves a venue where your voice can be heard.

This past meeting was an eventful and enduring one, so what went on will be recounted and expanded upon in this column and in the columns that follow. The PPNA meets the third Tuesday of every month except for December when we will take a hiatus for the holidays. But that does not mean that our community is on hiatus.

Keep the lines of communication with community leaders and elected officials open. Every voice counts. One plus one eventually equals one million.

So, back to the subject of our last meeting which featured our guest attendee, Councilman Jimmy Vacca.

Following a reassuring description of the former deputy mayor under Rudy Giuliani and now incoming chairman of the MTA, Joe Lohta, Councilman Jimmy Vacca's tone turned stern as he brought up the topic of assaults of New York City Transit bus drivers and Transit workers.

Over the past three years, and more significantly, over the past six months, there have been an alarming spate of incidents involving NYCT bus drivers being physically assaulted by passengers on their route. Recent cases that come to mind are the two attacks that occurred on the Bx9 route within a three month span of each other. Both occurred on

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Fordham Road, just five or six bus stops from where this meeting took place. And thus, Governor Cuomo's recent appointment of Mr. Lohta to head the MTA has taken on even greater relevance.

Only a couple of days prior to the governor's appointment, Mr. Vacca's Transportation Committee (which he is chairman of) held a hearing on this very issue, in order to ascertain, in the Councilman's own words, "what the MTA was going to do to keep our bus drivers SAFER".

Proactively, the MTA has installed enclosures encircling the seating of bus drivers on the Atlantic Ave. route in Brooklyn (one of the most violent routes in the city) to act as a physical barrier. As well as cameras along some Manhattan routes, to serve as a visual deterrent.

Prosecutorially however, the MTA's actions have been disconcerting and insufficient, to say the least.

"They did not have the information they should have had at their fingertips".

As many readers may know, attacks on bus drivers and transit workers are considered felonies under NYS law, and one need only ride a bus and look up to be aware of that fact. So it seems sensible that anyone who commits such a vulgar act would be prosecuted to the fullest extent of this law. And barring a

conviction as of yet, they would be having their case monitored with the utmost scrutiny, in order to prevent such a person from merely "doing community service", as a punishment such an inexcusable action.

So, jaws dropped as community members, in agreement with that general sentiment, learned that of all the individuals taken into custody over the past three years for their heinous attacks on public employees, a staggering number of them have actually been convicted of a felony.

"ONE."

And what makes this the more outrageous in some interpretations, is that the one successful prosecution was for the murder of a bus driver two years ago. Indeed, does it take the act of murder to be held to a baseline standard that presumably dozens, who have committed lesser crimes, have been failed to be held up to?

So, Jimmy wanted explanations. "That's unacceptable".

"And I want to know also to what degree the MTA is monitoring the courts who issue these types of decisions. And the judges. And the DAs."

And this, seemingly, was the information that the MTA "should have had at their fingertips."

So the councilman's committee requested this information from the agency. But they also demanded that other agencies in government contribute what they can as well.

As many of you may know, physical assault comes in many forms. So, it can also take the form of a mucus-laden propellant

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BY MARY JANE MUSANO

Help us spread the word! Please tell your friends and neighbors that Santa is coming to town!

Our annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be on Sunday, December 11th. We will gather at 4:45 at Schneider-Sampson Park across the street from the First Lutheran Church on Hollywood and Baisley Avenues. So, bundle up the kids and come on down for some hot chocolate and sweet treats.

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Of course, Santa will be there with gifts for the children (12 and under) who are present. Please arrive early as gifts will be given on a first-come first-served basis in limited quantities. Bring your camera as there will be photo opportunities

with Santa.

We hope to see you there!

### December Meeting

Our December membership meeting will be on December 8 at 7:30 p.m. at P.S. 14 on Brucker Boulevard. It will be our Christmas Party so please be sure to mark it on your calendar so you can join in the fun.

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**BY JOANN SOHMERS**  
The word elusive best characterizes those involved in the development of the proposed Target to be built at 815 Hutchinson River Parkway. The Ferry Point Civic Association reached out to Community Board 10, Senator Jeff Klein and Joseph Kelleher of Simone Development to get some answers, to little or no avail.

The Department of City Planning states that they have not been approached for a rezoning or any other action for this site. The proposed site is located in M1-2 industrial zone, which does not allow retail uses over 10,000 square feet of floor area as-of-right. In other words, a special permit or a rezoning would be required to build a Target or other large retail use there.

"However, this developer is proposing to build much of the project below grade. This would be permitted in an M1-2 as portions of a building located below grade do not count as floor area," stated NYC Department of City Planning.

In checking with the

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Department of Buildings, Simone Development has submitted plans which is pending zoning. However, a real estate listing for this site has been found and states that it will be occupied by Target and an additional 130,000 square feet of retail. It is scheduled for an opening in spring 2013. It will have over 650 free surface parking spaces. TJMaxx will occupy 27,031 square feet below grade. Target will occupy 165,299 square feet below the parking lot of this level.

Adding insult to injury, the site will be called Throggs Neck Shopping Center, thus proving the developer is unaware that this site is in Ferry Point. According to a listing at Ripco Real Estate, the developer advertises the Throggs Neck Shopping Center as being "easily accessible from highways,"

and boasts that Brush Avenue, the Hutch service road and Lafayette Avenue are the major local traffic arteries which goes from the local population right into the shopping center. The ad states that it is an ideal location for retailers and restaurants to attract many consumers.

The issue of traffic has been reported in numerous board meetings and is a major concern for our area. I have repeatedly asked how it will be possible for people to get to and from this proposed site. I stressed the fact that the traffic on Brush Avenue is severely congested as it is already. We have heard complaints that it takes those traveling on Brush Avenue 20 minutes or more to get from Lafayette Avenue to Bruckner Boulevard. We have all witnessed stand-still traffic tieups on weekdays. I know that the development company has done a traffic study, which I have requested to view and so far no response was given. Our concerns are about emergency vehicles (fire, police, ambulance).

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## BY THE THROGGS NECK COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP (TNCAP)

What parent of a teenager has not felt fear deep in his heart when his teen starts to drive, or starts to have friends who drive?

What parent has not felt deep empathy and compassion when another family loses their teen in a drinking and driving episode? We think, "What can we do to stop this from ever happening again?" Alcohol and driving is a deadly combination and a serious concern for anyone on the road, whether as a driver, a passenger, or a pedestrian.

The Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership and Community Board 10 have taken an active role in trying to reduce the underage drinking in this community.

Several months ago, Community Board 10 passed a resolution that requires new/renewal liquor licenses to sign Stipulations, a document that explains that the establishments have agreed to comply with best business

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management practice standards and to attend TIPS training. The stipulations are then sent to the State Liquor Authority to become a part of their liquor license policy. TNCAP, in collaboration with this policy, offers free tips trainings to alcohol merchants for the safe and responsible sales of alcohol.

To date, we have trained over 40 establishments in our community and would like to recognize their support and commitment to the well-being and safety of our youth. They are:

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We are proud to have the continued support of Community Board 10 and the Throggs Neck Merchants Association for this program. For more information on future TIPS trainings, call Julia Geronimo at (718) 904-1333 ext. 28.

A safe community is everybody's business.

## Throggs Neck Halloween Parade



On behalf of all the Members of the Throggs Neck Halloween Parade Committee I would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous contributions to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Throggs Neck Halloween Parade.

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Mike Keenan gets warmed up and ready for the race.



Photos by Laura Stone

## TNBA HOLDS 16TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

The Throggs Neck Benevolent Association held their 16th annual Turkey Trot along the Orchard Beach boardwalk on Saturday, November 19. Hundreds of runners joined to celebrate the memory of Geraldine Crowley-Crorkin and raise money to help those in need during and after the holiday season.

(Above) The trotters geared up for the 5K run and made their way along the boardwalk.



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# Empire City Casino at Yonkers sets fun-filled December events

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**Laughests:** If the winter cold has you singing the blues, some say laughter is the best medicine! Get your dosage of comedy on Wednesdays on December 7 and December 28 in the Good Time Room. Holiday laughs will be provided by Dylan Shelton, Sgt. Michael Guida, Erin Jackson, and Joey Kola on December 7, and Josh Filipowski, Johnny Loquasto, and Brian Scolaro on December 28. Empire Club Members pay \$5 for admittance while non-members must pay \$15. All attendees will also receive one free drink ticket. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m.

**Young at Heart Gifts and Music Combo:** The always popular "Young at Heart" concert series returns in December each Wednesday for Empire Club Members 55 and over. This month's gift pack in-

cludes \$5 free play, 10% off food, half-price valet, and an Oleg Cassini Christmas ornament (candle, angel, star, and pear twist). Empire Club Members should visit the Gotham Palace Promotion Booth to collect their gift pack. The 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm concert lineups include: Beauty and the Grease on December 7; Twin Gold on December 14; The Guss Hayes Band on December 21; and the Peter Lawrence Orchestra on December 28.

**Play the slots and Holiday Shop 'til You Drop:** From Thursday, December 15 to Saturday the 17, Empire City Casino will have a Holiday Shopping Event in the Good Time Room from 2 to 9 p.m. There will be lots of great gift options such as big screen TVs, diamond jewelry, Godiva chocolates, and more. Elite Members have an exclusive preview on the 15th. All other Empire Club Members can explore on the 16th and 17th. Empire Club Members can use their points to purchase merchandise.

**Coat and Toy Drive:** Starting Sunday, December 11 and running through the 17th, patrons can spread the holiday spirit by donating gently used or new toys or coats in the Charity Drive. Donations are accepted at the Gotham Palace promotions booth. Patrons are asked to bring new, unwrapped toys and/or new

or gently used coats anytime during the week. The items will be delivered to Catholic Charities supported agencies for the Christmas Holidays. This is the fifth Christmas season that Empire City is having the toy and coat drive.

On Tuesdays in December, female Empire Club Members can swipe their cards at any promotions kiosk to earn a \$7 free play voucher and a 10% food and beverage discount. In the Entertainment Lounge, ladies can get 2 for 1 drink specials from 5 to 9 p.m. and enjoy karaoke starting at 7:30 p.m.

Empire Club Members can earn double points on Friday and Saturday, December 9 and 10, by playing the slots with their Empire Club card inserted.

**New Year's Eve:** Ring in the New Year at Empire City with a wide variety of party packages available throughout the casino on Saturday night, December 24. The musical entertainment featured with include: FDR Drive, 9pm-1am - Good Time Room; The Guss Hayes Band, 7 p.m. to midnight-Entertainment Lounge; Peter Lawrence Orchestra, 7 p.m. to midnight-Nonno's Trattoria; Teri Lamar, 3 to 7 p.m.-Entertainment Lounge; and Head Over Heels, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Entertainment Lounge. For information and reservations call (914) 457-2457.

## Acclaimed director at The Picture House

Acclaimed director Dani Menken brings his poignant story of Dolphin Boy and his inner struggles to **The Picture House**, 175 Wolfs Lane, Pelham, NY on Wed., Dec. 7. The evening begins with a complimentary wine reception at 7 pm, followed by a TopDOCS screening of the film, and then an enlightening Q&A discussion with Dani Menken.

Morad, a teenager from an Arab village in the north of Israel disconnects from human society following a violent attack that leaves him deeply agitated and renders him mute. When conventional therapy fails, his psychiatrist suggests a novel approach, dolphin therapy, as a last-ditch attempt to reconnect the boy with reality. Morad starts speaking again after months, but difficult

questions continue to hound him: Is he able to reintegrate into human society? Can he face his attackers in court? Employing stunning underwater cinematography and a deft storytelling approach, Dolphin Boy poignantly explores issues of parental sacrifice, trust and animal therapy while offering a unique viewpoint on Israeli life.

For further information call (914) 738-3161.

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**Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum** continues A Storybook Christmas, this year's holiday theme, with free concerts by the Bronx Arts Ensemble, and candlelight mansion tours featuring docents and Victorian carolers in period dress. The Bronx Arts Ensemble Holiday Concerts will be

held on Sat., Dec. 10 and Sun., Dec. 11, at 1 and 3 pm. The Bronx Arts Ensemble and Singers will perform Music for St. Nicholas. The concert is free, but space is limited and tickets are required. Call the Bronx Arts Ensemble at (718) 601-7399 for tickets. The museum will not be open for regularly scheduled afternoon tours on Saturday or Sunday.

On Sat., Dec. 10, the museum is open for Holiday Candlelight Tours from 6 to 8 pm. Visitors will experience the magic of the Greek Revival mansion by candlelight, fully decorated for the holidays. Eight Christmas trees inspired by children's holiday stories from around the world are featured throughout the house. Cos-

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# Bronx Cultural Trolley returns Dec. 7

The Bronx Culture Trolley rolls again on Wednesday, December 7, featuring a number of family activities along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor including art exhibitions and performances at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, Hostos Repertory Theater, Bronx Museum of the Arts, and BronxArtSpace. Begin your holiday gift shopping early with the BronxArtworks Artisans Collective Holiday Craft Sale in the Hostos lobby, and you can wind down your trolley night with fine food and drinks at Sweetwater's Bar & Grill. The Bronx Culture Trolley is a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA). Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.

December 7th's Trolley begins at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) at 5:00pm with an opening reception for its new exhibitions, Toys & Games with a Twist, curated by Juanita Lanzo and Vanessa Gonzalez, is a multi-media exhibition of paintings, drawings, sculpture, video, and board and video games that investigates and comments on issues of construction of gender roles and stereotypes, consumerism, hierarchies of power, globalization, migration, memory and loss, fantasy, the environment, love, war, violence, urban and popular culture. Adult Content. Stations of the Lost, curated by Deirdre Scott, was inspired by the biblical Stations of the Cross. It is a mixed-media installation by Sean Paul

Gallegos that explores the growing disconnect from traditional religious iconography and belief systems in modern culture.

In the Hostos Repertory Theater (across from the Gallery) enjoy Kwanzaa 2011 - An annual tradition at Hostos, the Kwanzaa Celebration includes music, African market, entertainment, and a Kwanzaa feast. Admission is free, but you must get a ticket at the Hostos Theater Box Office. Call 718-518-4455 for ticket information.

Begin your holiday gift shopping early at the BronxArtworks Holiday Craft Sale in the Hostos lobby. BCA's BronxArtworks Artisans display and sell their imaginative creations in all price ranges. Items include crocheted hats, ethnic masks, illustrations, jewelry, knitwear, note cards, paintings, papermache masks, post cards, sculpture, and vases. For additional information, visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org).

The trolley bell clangs at 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30 p.m. indicating the trolley's departure from Hostos on its way to the evening's cultural events. The Bronx Culture Trolley is your free ticket to a cultural tour along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor of the lower Grand Concourse. Admission to participating venue attractions is free. The Bronx Culture Trolley runs on the first Wednesday of each month (except January and September) providing Bronxites and tourists alike a fun way to travel via a replica of an early 20th-century trolley car. Passengers are given the opportunity to sample

several of the area's hottest cultural attractions, dining establishments and entertainment venues along the way.

In addition to the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos and Kwazaa 2011, this month's trolley stops and attractions include:

- Bronx Museum of the Arts for a viewing of Muntadas, Alexandre Arrechea: Orange Tree, Urban Archives: Our Town Pictures of the Bronx by Emilio Sanchez, and Lobby-For-The-Time-Being;
- BRAC on the Block @ BronxArtSpace for Part 3 of Shifting Communities by three Bronx-based artists;
- LDR Studio Gallery for a viewing of Uptown Girls, illustrations, paintings and video by four female artists;
- Sweetwater's Bar & Grill to eat, drink, and have some "singing" fun in Sweetwater's Karaoke Lounge.

The First Wednesday Bronx Culture Trolley does not run in January. The trolley will roll again on February 1, 2012. Visit BCA's website at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) in mid-January for information on February 1st's Bronx Culture Trolley activities. A special Saturday "Holly Jolly Trolley" with News 12 The Bronx reporter and personality Molly Rokasy. The day will include festive music, giveaways, and a holiday craft sale are scheduled on December 10. Visit BCA's website at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) for information on December 10th Saturday Trolley. For information on BCA's trolley activities, call (718) 931-9500, ext. 33 for First Wednesday Trolley or ext. 23 for Saturday Trolley.

## BAE holds St. Nicholas holiday concert

*From previous page*

tuned docents highlight 19th-century holiday traditions and "What the Dickens" Christmas carolers ([www.whatthedickens.biz](http://www.whatthedickens.biz)) add a musical element to the festivities. Visitors can enjoy light holiday fare and was-sail. Reservations are requested; call (718) 885-1461 or email [info@bpm.org](mailto:info@bpm.org). Cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students.

A Storybook Christmas will be on display until January 4, 2012. The museum is 895 Shore Road.

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**Bronx Arts Ensemble** opens the holiday season with St. Nicholas Celebration concerts on Sat., Dec. 3 at 1 and 3 pm at Philipse Manor Hall at 29 Warburton Avenue at Dock Street, in Yonkers and Sat., Dec. 10 and Sun., Dec. 11 at noon and 3 pm at the Bartow-Pell Mansion on Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park, near the Split Rock Golf Course.

The St. Nicholas Celebration by the BAE Singers and Double Reed Band (oboe, oboe d'amore, English

horn and bassoon) describes in song and storytelling the arrival of the Dutch sinterklass, who brings candies and fruits to good children of colonial New Amsterdam, and lumps of coal to those who have misbehaved. Following the program, which includes many old Dutch carols, the audience will join with the group in singing holiday songs. Fun for the whole family!

Free tickets are available by calling the BAE at (718) 601-7399. Orders are limited to five tickets per person, as seating is limited.



# Armour Star Franks founder interred in Woodlawn

You would have to be a senior citizen to remember when Armour Star Franks was among the most popular brands of hot dogs in America. The company was established by the Armour brothers in Chicago in 1867 as a slaughterhouse and meat packing company. They soon opened another huge facility in Omaha and became the largest such business in the country. There were numerous problems along the way as they were cited for poor quality products and numerous labor violations as well as union-busting tactics. Perhaps due to their huge size and government contracts, they managed to survive and grow.

They also capitalized on their by-products such as hides and entrails, etc. They manufactured such diverse items as oleomargarine, glue, fertilizer, and even buttons. Nothing went to waste. Among the reasons also often cited for their success are their brilliant advertising tech-

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

niques. When they introduced Dial soap in 1948, they insisted that the page bearing their advertisement have a scent embedded into it. They also put a germicide into the soap to kill germs for 24 hours to keep those washing with it fresh all day long. Now you know why they chose the name Dial.

They adopted the slogan "Aren't you glad you use Dial? Don't you wish everyone did?" in 1953. Needless to say, it became the best selling soap in the country.

Their advertising included all the favorite pastimes of the day including, of course, baseball and Mickey Mantle was their top choice to help push their products. When it was obvious that cowboy and Indian programs were becoming a huge success

on television in 1954, they introduced trading cards featuring famous Indians such as Geronimo, Kicking Bear and Low Dog. The back of each card featured Sioux phrases that the children could easily learn.

Another popular craze that they employed in their advertising was the use of pins to place on your jacket or hat with witty sayings. There were dozens of them which included popular puns of the day such as "Don't get tough, powder puff," "Cruisin' for a bruisin'," and "Crazy man, crazy." You may recall some others including "Cool Cat," "Real Gone," "Date Bait," "Be a Doll," or "Live it up." The pins were about one inch in diameter, two colors and were popular through the 1950s.

I asked a few younger people if they ever heard of Armour Star Franks and all I got were blank stares. The company has had so many spin-offs and has been sold and re-sold so many times that the Armour brothers wouldn't recognize it if they saw it today. The Indian trading cards and the pins bearing the witty sayings are now collector's items but you can still buy Dial soap. Some things last and some things don't.

Another reminder of the company that has survived is the impressive mausoleum of Herman Osian Armour (1837-1901). You will find it right here in the Bronx in Woodlawn Cemetery. It is located on Chestnut Avenue in the Chestnut Hill section near the Jerome Avenue entrance and you won't be disappointed with the view. It was designed by James Renwick who also designed St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue.



Armour Star Franks trading cards featuring Native Americans were introduced in 1954. This one features Low Dog, a Sioux Sub Chief.

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# Bronx schools

## Million Trees comes to Preston HS

Preston High School recently worked with the organization Million Trees NYC to plant new greenery on campus grounds and help promote a cleaner environment.

Million Trees NYC is a citywide program whose goal is to plant and care for one million new trees over the next decade. This organization promotes better health and advocates for

the revitalization of urban neighborhoods through environment improvement and beautification. Preston High School was proud to take part in this beneficial program.

PHS principal Jane Grendell commented, "Preston High School has always been proud of our beautiful campus and priceless river view, but thanks to the Million Trees NYC program,

our campus has been further enhanced by the addition of 15 new trees of different varieties. Beyond their natural beauty, trees are a cost-effective way to clean the air we breathe by reducing pollution, something that benefits the entire Throgs Neck neighborhood. We're grateful to this wonderful organization for donating these trees and arranging for their planting."



Million Trees NYC workers planting new greenery on the Preston High School campus.



### SPIRIT HAITI AT SCANLAN

On Tuesday, November 8, Monsignor Scanlan High School conducted the first membership ceremony to induct 130 students into the Spirit Haiti-Scanlan Orphanage Foundation Club. Students received patches and pins with the logo to indicate their year-long commitment to respond to the 1 1/2 million orphaned and abandoned children of post-earthquake Haiti. Spirit Haiti students have already raised over \$4,000 to help build Elizabeth's Place, a new home for 50 young, vulnerable, homeless orphans.



Sophomores and juniors form the phrase, "T-H-A-N-K-U" in the parking lot of Salesian High School during their lunch period as an expression of gratitude to the veterans.

## Salesian students honor America's vets

BY RODIEL GALVEZ

Salesian High School's word for the academic year is "Honor." Acting upon this word, the student body honored those who have served our country by wearing patriotic colors of red, white and blue to school on Thursday.

AM Salesian, the organization responsible for displaying morning announcements, prayer and entertainment, in conjunction with the Student Council, launched the initiative

as a simple way to acknowledge the sacrifices that Veterans have made throughout our country's history.

"Salesian has great respect for veterans and all current soldiers and sailors serving our country," said Salesian High School's athletic director, Christopher Beal.

Students expressed their patriotic and generous spirit by paying \$3 to dress down in anything red, white or blue. Fifty percent of the proceeds will

go towards the American Legion fund and the other half will go towards funding a February missions trip to Nicaragua in which select students volunteered to help build a chapel in a poor community.

"Our school has shown its appreciation by honoring all veterans. The spirit and initiative impelled by these donations and activities will carry on to the mission trip to Nicaragua," said Salesian's Student Body president, Nicolas Camacho.

## Det. Steven McDonald visits St. Ray's



DETECTIVE STEVEN MCDONALD

St. Raymond High School for Boys welcomed Detective Steven McDonald on Thursday, November 17 for a school-wide assembly. McDonald, a former NYPD officer, was shot three times in 1986 and has been paralyzed from the neck down. He visited the school to share his story and tell students about forgiveness and how his faith in God enabled him to survive such a tragedy.

As a police officer on patrol in Central Park, he was shot three times at the age of 23 and has lived the past 25 years as a quadriplegic. His motorized scooter and a few supporters enable him to visit schools and churches to share how he went from being a frustrated victim of a gun related crime, to an instrument of peace, just like St. Francis of Assisi.

"Coming to St. Raymond today feels very familiar, like coming home again," he told students, as he grew up attending St. Raymond church with his grandparents who lived in Parkchester.

He shared with students and faculty how the power of prayer saved his life, while family and friends gathered around him in support after his close encounter with death. He shared with students, "In today's world it is important to have faith in something larger than ourselves, it makes things better." McDonald's son has followed in his footsteps and become an NYPD officer. McDonald asked all in attendance to prayer a decade of the rosary with him for peace, as the tumultuous times we live in affect our daily lives.



# for your health

## How to stay out of the emergency room this season

Nationally, it has been shown that one of every four heart failure patients needs to be readmitted to the hospital within 30 days of discharge and as many as 40 percent within six months. Many end up needing to be rushed to the emergency room.

At the same time, studies show that with proper management readmissions for heart failure patients could be prevented in at least 40 percent of cases.

Heart Failure: How to Stay Out of the Emergency Room will be the next topic featured in St. Barnabas Hospital's popular "Dinner with a Doctor" series. These free events for those who live and work in the community will be held at the hospital on Tuesday, December 6 (in English) and Thursday, December 8 (in Spanish) beginning at 6 p.m.

Presenting in both English and Spanish will be Dr. William Kalafatic, who is board certified in cardiovascular disease and internal medicine, and is medical director of St. Barnabas Hospital's Heart

Failure Clinic. Dr. Kalafatic did his residency at Montefiore Medical Center and his Fellowship training at Beth Israel Medical Center and Long Island College Hospital. He is a graduate of SUNY Downstate Medical Center.

In addition to offering an overview of heart failure, including its symptoms and causes, Dr. Kalafatic will teach individuals how to self assess themselves; and offer a guide on proper diet, exercise, and lifestyle, and medication management.

Dinner with a Doctor is held at St. Barnabas Hospital on a regular basis, with members of the medical staff available to discuss various health issues while attendees enjoy a light meal. Past events have included presentations on GI disorders, stroke, sleep disorders, heart care, diabetes, pain management, foot care and medication management. To meet the diverse needs of the people served by the hospital, the presentations are offered in English, Spanish and other

languages.

"We encourage members of the communities we serve to take advantage of our Dinner with a Doctor series," said Len Walsh, executive vice president and chief operating officer at St. Barnabas Hospital. "It gives them a chance to meet some of the area's best doctors and clinicians, and get answers to questions they may have on various health and medical topics. We view the upcoming presentation on heart failure as an opportunity for people in the community to educate and empower themselves so they can stay out of the hospital and the emergency room."

The event, which includes the serving of a healthy meal and is open to the public at no cost, is held in the Braker Building boardroom on the St. Barnabas Hospital campus (Third Avenue and 182nd Street). It is limited to 60 people, with free parking available in the hospital's Ambulatory Surgery parking lot. To RSVP, call Diana Loubriel at (718) 960-9295.

## NYU: Teen pregnancy on rise in Bronx

A new report from New York University researchers finds the Bronx "ranks among the worst counties in the United States when it comes to adolescent sexual health outcomes," such as teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

The report's lead author is Vincent Guilamo-Ramos, a professor at the Silver School of Social Work at NYU.

Guilamo-Ramos is co-director of the Silver School's Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health. CLAFH, along with the Morris Heights Health Center, co-published the report, which is entitled "Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health Disparities:

The Case of Youth Residing in the Bronx." He will discuss the findings at the press conference with Marlene Rivera, MD, chair of the advisory council to Changing The Odds, a community health program operated by the health center.

According to the report, the Bronx has among the highest rates of teen pregnancy in the nation, and a rate of sexually transmitted infections that is much higher than national averages. The Bronx also has significantly poorer adolescent and sexual and reproductive health outcomes than the other New York City boroughs. However, the report reads, the rate at which Bronx teens engage

in risks in sex, drugs, and alcohol is comparable to, and not much higher than, teens nationwide. Individual behavior among Bronx teens does not, then, fully account for the observed differences. The context in which Bronx youth live—in a borough disadvantaged across critical social, economic and health indicators—shapes adolescent sexual and reproductive health outcomes.

Guilamo-Ramos co-wrote the report with CLAFH researchers Jane Lee and Laryssa Husiak. In addition to documenting the extent of the crisis and exploring the factors fueling it, the report offers a series of recommendations to help turn around the situation.

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ISRAEL ZALTZ, HELENE ZALTZ, ET AL.  
Defendant(s)  
Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated September 1, 2011.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE., BRONX, NEW YORK 10451 on December 12, 2011 at 2:00 PM premises known as 2312 HUGHES AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10458.

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

Block: 3087 Lot: 5 Approximate amount of lien \$250,450.67 plus interest and costs.

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DOMINICK CALDERONI, ESQ., REFEREE.  
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Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 16, 2010. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 12th day of December, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Said premises known as 61 East 177th Street, Bronx, N.Y. 10453. Tax account number: SBL #: 2828-43. Approximate amount of lien \$ 607,222.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index No. 381094/08. Robert Moll, Esq., Referee.

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Plaintiff,  
- against -  
ROMA ROSARIO, et. al.,  
Defendants.

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Pursuant to a Judgment dated May 11, 2010, I will sell at public auction on December 12, 2011, 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 3A, in the building known as 109, and by street address 2120 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 2752, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0282 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium.

The amount due under the Judgment is \$19,893.73, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by EMC Mortgage Corp., in the original principal sum of \$116,000.00 with interest.

Index No. 302538/09.  
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Plaintiff,  
- against -  
MORSHED AHMED, et. al.,  
Defendants.  
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Pursuant to a Judgment dated September 1, 2011, I will sell at public auction on December 12, 2011, 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 5B, in the building known as N-10 a/k/a 119, and by street address 1705 Purdy Street, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 3475, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0282 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium.

The amount due under the Judgment is \$19,880.38, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by HSBC BANK USA NA, in the original principal sum of \$92,800.00 with interest.

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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT  
BRONX COUNTY SUMMONS AND NOTICE  
Index No. 380764/10 NYCTL 2009-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs, vs. The heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and

generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through VIOLET GROSSETT, DECEASED, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective husbands, or widowers of hers, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to plaintiffs; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE and "JOHN DOE #1" THROUGH "JOHN DOE #100", ", the names of the last 100 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the liened premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the liened premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiff's attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Bronx County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises. Dated: April 29, 2011

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable Stanley Green, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated September 23, 2011, and filed with supporting papers in the Bronx County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as 4742 White Plains Road, Bronx, New York and being a parcel of land designated as Block 5113 and Lot 26. The relief sought is the sale of the subject property at public auction in satisfaction of the tax lien. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$11,571.82, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the property.

Richard M. Beers, Jr. Phillips Lytle LLP  
Attorney for Plaintiffs NYCTL 2009-A Trust and the Bank of New York Mellon as Collateral Agent and Custodian Office and Post Office Address 1400 First Federal Plaza Rochester, New York 14614  
Tel. No. (585) 238-2000

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2010-1908/A  
CITATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT  
TO: Anna Campbell, also known as Lillie Campbell; NYC Department of Social Services; Unity Funeral Chapels, Inc.; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of MARY WEBB, also known as MARY TERRY WEBB, MAY TERRY and MAE TERRY WEBB, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due

diligence; Send Greeting:

A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451,

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on December 21, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., why the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which has been served herewith, as Administrator of the Estate of MARY WEBB, also known as MARY TERRY WEBB, MAY TERRY and MAE TERRY WEBB, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 1501 Metropolitan Avenue, #12H; Bronx, New York 10462, should not be judicially settled; why the legal fees of \$3,600.00, of which \$2,160.00 has been paid as listed in Schedule C of the account and \$1,440.00 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as Counsel to the Public Administrator should not be allowed; why the Administrator should not be allowed her statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); why the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) should not be allowed; why the claim of the NYC Department of Social Services should not be allowed; why the possible claims of Anna Campbell, also known as Lillie Campbell, and Unity Funeral Chapels, Inc. should not be disallowed for failure to substantiate; why, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to the NYC Department of Social Services on account of its allowed claim; why, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court should not hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; and why such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper should not be granted.

Dated, Attested and Sealed, November 2, 2011.

L. S.) HON. LEE L. HOLZMAN  
Surrogate, Bronx County  
Michael Hausler, Chief Clerk

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

Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925-9100 (Manhattan) & 1-718- 992-1428 (Bronx) Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2011-1813  
PROBATE CITATION  
SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX COUNTY  
CITATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

By the Grace of God Free and Independent  
TO: The Attorney General of New York State and the Public Administrator of Bronx County and to Alan Rubin, Cynthia Wohlstadter, Stella Wohlstadter and Blossom Rubin, whose whereabouts are unknown and after due diligence cannot be ascertained, if they be living and if dead, to their heirs at law, distributees, executors, administrators, creditors, lienors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest and to the unknown heirs at law, and next of kin of Morris Rubin, a/k/a Morris Joseph Rubin, a/k/a Morris J. Rubin, 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 David Feder a/k/a David H. Feder, who is domiciled at 2061 Matthews Avenue, Bronx, New York 10462.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York, 10451 on December 14, 2011, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Morris Rubin a/k/a Morris Joseph Rubin a/k/a Morris J. Rubin, lately domiciled at 2157 Wallace Avenue, Apt. 4B, Bronx, New York 10462, admitting to Probate a Will dated March 15, 2009, as the Will of Morris Rubin a/k/a Morris Joseph Rubin a/k/a Morris J. Rubin, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: David Feder a/k/a David H. Feder.

Dated, Attested and Sealed, October 28, 2011.

HON. LEE L. HOLZMAN  
Surrogate  
Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk  
Attorney for Petitioner: Joseph Klein, Esq. Tel. No. (212) 495-8133. Address of Attorney: Korsinsky & Klein LLP, 30 Broad Street, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10004

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Azul Milti Services, L.L.C., a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on October 27, 2011. NYS 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 him/her to C/O 2167 Crotona Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of New York Center of Addiction, LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on October 27, 2011. 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/her to C/O Yolanda Cruz, New York Center of Addiction, LLC, 124 East 177th Street, Suite 6C, Bronx, NY 10453. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Footprints Professional Writing Services, a domestic LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on Oct 28, 2011. Office location: Bronx Cty. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 4100 Hutchinson River Parkway E, suite 24D, Bronx, NY 10475. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Making a Difference Enterprise, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/2011. Office loc.: NY Cty. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process to the principal business address: 2519 Eastchester Road, Bronx, NY 10469. Purpose: any lawful act.

For Legal Info  
Call Donna At  
(718) 742-3397



# Hard-hitting columnist Denis Hamill calls it a “witch hunt.”

## Police expert Cynthia Brown calls it “perverse anti-union fervor.”

### Tix Fix fuss nothin’ but witch hunt

Mayor, Kelly, Bx. DA abusing power

Yo, Mike, Yo Ray, FIX THIS!

We have a city here with a bull’s-eye on its back, guns rampant on the streets again, homicides on the rise and serial sex attackers stalking Brownstone Brooklyn. And now our cops who start at 38G a year as our first line of defense against the really bad guys who want to blow us up again are further demoralized by making it a crime to squash a parking ticket for Aunt Mary?

Are Bloomberg and Kelly going nuts? Is Bronx DA Robert Johnson desperate for headlines?

C’m on, guys, FIX THIS!

Put me at the front of the line to cheer when we bust dirty cops who truly abuse power in this city. I covered the 77th Precinct scandals, the Dirty 30 and the Mafia Cops trial. Those dirty cops deserved to make the license plates that good cops scribble on parking tickets.

Last week in Brooklyn, Detective Jason Arbeeney was convicted of “flaking,” or planting drugs on an innocent man. He should get the max for his crimes and then do the time the poor innocent guy was gonna do so Arbeeney never forgets what it’s like for a human being to live in a cage.

If they convict the 68th Precinct cops busted for smuggling guns into this city hat might’ve been used on fellow cops, they should also max out.

The Mafia Cops should never see another sunrise.

And forget 10 days of lost vacation for Deputy Inspector Anthony Bologna, who pepper-sprayed those defenseless Occupy Wall Street women but who probably couldn’t beat my daughter in a Brooklyn “fair-one.” He should be re-assigned to clean Porta-Potties in Zuccotti Park.

But when 16 cops are arrested like common skulls for squashing traffic tickets, receiving more negative official comment than some of the real aforementioned abuses, the system is broken.

FIX THIS, fellas.

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BY DENIS HAMILL

When I was growing up in pre-yuppie Brooklyn, a neighborhood guy became a cop to help people, for job security, a 20-year pension and a shot at a 30-year mortgage. No one became a cop to get rich. You didn’t get to play center field for the Yankees but you got to wear the uniform of the best police force in the world.

Sure, a few will always rent their badges for profit. They are called crooks, or “skells,” who should do hard time.

But one of the benefits of The Job, like riding the subway free, was always the unwritten courtesy of squashing a ticket.

“If you do it for family or friends it’s a favor,” a retired NYPD lieutenant tells me. “If you make money doing it, you deserve to be arrested, but it’s a disgrace that they’re arresting these cops. It’s why so many good cops are retiring as soon as they have their 20 in. Morale sucks. I miss The Job; I don’t miss the petty BS.”

Every job has its perks. Back in the day, before my time, we had a guy named Vinny Lee at the Daily News who was the unofficial Assistant Editor in Charge of Tickets. If a reporter got a ticket, Vinny called Police HQ and it vanished like Jimmy Hoffa.

My brother Pete tells me the same thing was true over at the Post. So let’s stop with the hypocrisy in the press.

Same with the mayor and the police commissioner. They can deny it till their meter expires but everyone knows there’s a ticket quota in every precinct. I knew a “summons cop” named Keogh at the 111th Precinct in Bayside, Queens, whose commanding officer let him pick his own hours because he was a one-man ticket blitz who helped make the precinct quota every month. Keogh told me his best stop on the job was “a Korean church van where I wrote 12 seat belt tickets.”

It’s okay for NYPD to force cops to collect this secret tax for the Sheriff of

The practice that has lately been described as “ticket-fixing” has, in the words of Mayor Bloomberg, been going on “since the days of the Egyptians,” not only at the NYPD but also in police departments all over the nation and indeed the world. And, it’s important to note, it has never been prosecuted before in New York City. Nobody at the PBA is saying the practice should continue. What we are saying, and what the accompanying articles make clear, is that it is unjust, unfair and hypocritical to criminalize the practice for just a few officers when that practice been condoned for so many years for the benefit of so many, including police brass, politicians and members of the press. The PBA is determined to fight this witch hunt. As PBA president Pat Lynch has vowed: “We will put the full resources of the union to work to vindicate” those police officers who have been made scapegoats.

Nottingham but if a cop squashes a ticket for his cousin he’s a skell?

Nah.

This case is an abuse of power from City Hall, 1 Police Plaza and the Bronx DA’s office.

Since the Tix Fix 16 were arraigned, cops have pulled an understandable ticket-writing slowdown, costing our broke city revenue. Add in the cost of the

three-year Bronx probe, Internal Affairs wiretaps, a prolonged grand jury session and now adjudicating 16 cops in a city with a \$4.6 billion deficit and you could hire, um, some more good cops.

Preposterous. Counterintuitive.

Morale killer.

FIX THIS.

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**PATRICK J. LYNCH  
PRESIDENT**

### Give the NYPD a damn break

BE OUR GUEST

BY CYNTHIA BROWN

As someone who has spent her entire career working with and advocating for police officers, I feel a moral obligation to speak out on an issue that has lately dominated the headlines.

It’s something I have seen happen time and time again — police officers being blamed for aspects of “The Job” that a civilian couldn’t possibly understand.

In the Police Department’s ticket-fixing scandal, rank-and-file cops are being blamed for the harmless practice of letting traffic tickets slide as a favor to family and friends.

If there is a victimless crime, this is it. And yet some are treating this like the latest symptom of a police force gone wild. A New York Times editorial blasted ticket-fixing as “insidious” and called on Police Commissioner Ray Kelly for greater enforcement.

I detect, among other forces at work, the anti-union fervor that has pervasively captured the imagination of some politicians and pundits: the police union as corrupt big labor, intent only on protecting its

members at the public’s expense. “An attack on unionism,” Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association President Patrick Lynch called it at a rally as the indictments against 16 “tix-fix” cops were unsealed on Oct. 28 in the Bronx.

But while defending his members, Lynch also made clear that he was not there to defend dirty cops. Referring to Officer Jose Ramos, accused of drug-dealing and other serious crimes, Lynch said that he would have turned his back on Ramos during the proceedings — except that doing so would have been disrespectful to the court.

He also pointed out that, as a paramilitary organization, the NYPD follows a top-down structure. If an order had come down, ticket-fixing would have ceased at once. “Just following orders,” tead a sign hoisted by many members who came out to the rally.

Regardless, Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson decided to make sacrificial lambs of a few officers — even though they had not, for the most part,

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gained personally from the practice.

The hypocrisy is obvious: Police officers who risk their lives on a daily basis may have to pay with their jobs and pensions for participating in a long-accepted practice. As Lynch said, “A courtesy has now turned into a crime.”

I once worked in the community relations division at a busy police station in a high-crime area in the Boston Police Department, facilitating meetings between residents and patrol officers. Over the three years I was there, I saw those officers’ constant interactions with drug dealers, rapists and gangs. I was continually amazed at the restraint, humor and humanity those officers showed.

I can guarantee you that all of the officers indicted for ticket-fixing have repeatedly rushed to the aid of people who needed help — with no thought of their own safety, going home after a day’s work to weep over the human misery they’d witnessed. And all, in one way or another,

have suffered physically and mentally because they chose a career in law enforcement.

My close contact over many years with people who have chosen to take on the most difficult job in our society has only strengthened my admiration and respect for the work police officers do — and the extraordinary efforts these brave men and women make to protect us from evil and violence.

So I think we all need to take a deep breath, step back and really think about whether we want to make scapegoats of people who have spent their lives serving the residents of this city, especially since their only crime — in the vast majority of the Bronx cases — was partaking in a practice that Mayor Bloomberg himself said has existed “since the days of the Egyptians.”

Brown is the publisher of the monthly national magazine *American Police Beat* and the author of “*Brave Hearts: Extraordinary Stories of Pride, Pain and Courage*.”

**Ticket-fixing is  
not a crime**



LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, CHRISTIANA BANK & TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE SEQUOIA FUNDING TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. LUIS RODRIGUEZ, MARIA RODRIGUEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on June 28, 2007, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room B-129 (Ground Floor), 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on December 19, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1491 West Avenue, Unit 6E, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the unit known and designated as Unit 6E of the Parkchester South Condominium, Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3937 and Lot 3984 together with undivided .0099 percent interest in the common elements. Approximate amount of judgment is \$33,990.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 13289/06.

Robert I. Gardner, Esq., Referee

Knuckles, Komosinski & Elliott, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Una Nueva Produccion Film, L.L.C., a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on August 18, 2011. NYS Office location: BRONX County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O 1575 East 174th Street, Apt. 5C, Bronx, NY 10472. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2010-1381/A

CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT

TO: Teresa Duncan; Crestwood Memorial Chapel, Inc.; Attorney General of the State of New York; Charles Wormley, whose whereabouts are unknown, if living or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, successors and creditors in interest, whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of MARGARET WORMLEY, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on December 21, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., why the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which has been served herewith, as Administrator of the Estate of MARGARET WORMLEY, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 1515 Metropolitan Avenue, #6A; Bronx, New York 10462, should not be judicially settled; why the legal fees of \$4,050.00, of which \$2,430.00 has been paid as listed in Schedule C of the account and \$1,620.00 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as Counsel to the Public Administrator should not be allowed; why the Administrator should not be

allowed her statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); why the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) should not be allowed; why the possible claims of Charles Wormley and Crestwood Memorial Chapel, Inc. should not be disallowed for failure to substantiate; why, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate should not be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the unknown distributees of the decedent; why, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court should not hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; and why such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper should not be granted.

Dated, Attested and Sealed, November 7, 2011.(L. S.) HON. LEE L. HOLZMAN

Surrogate, Bronx County Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk

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

Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925-9100 (Manhattan) & 1-718- 992-1428 (Bronx) Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2010-1907/A

CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT

TO: Tristan Clark; Bailey's Funeral Home; Attorney General of the State of New York; Ralph Mutunga and John Mutunga, Jr., whose whereabouts are both unknown, if living or if dead, to their respective heirs, legatees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, successors and creditors in interest, whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of JOHN MUTUNGA, also known as JOHN LEE MUTUNGA, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on January 4, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., why the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which has been served herewith, as Administrator of the Estate of JOHN MUTUNGA, also known as JOHN LEE MUTUNGA, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 1562 Unionport Road, #1A; Bronx, New York 10462, should not be judicially settled; why the legal fees of \$4,050.00, of which \$2,430.00 has been paid as listed in Schedule C of the account and \$1,620.00 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as Counsel to the Public Administrator should not be allowed; why the Administrator should not be allowed her statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); why the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) should not be allowed; why the possible claims of Ralph Mutunga and Bailey's Funeral Home should not be disallowed for failure to substantiate; why, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate should not be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the unknown distributees of the decedent; why, in the event

objections are filed herein, the Court should not hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; and why such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper should not be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, November 4, 2011. (L. S.) HON. LEE L. HOLZMAN, Surrogate, Bronx County, Michael Hausler, Chief Clerk. This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925-9100 (Manhattan) & 1-718- 992-1428 (Bronx) Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

INDEX NO. 380005/09

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF BRONX

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THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, INC.,

on behalf of its unit owners of the

Parkchester South Condominium,

Plaintiff,

- against -

NADIR KHAN, et. al.,

Defendants.

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Pursuant to a Judgment dated January 5, 2010, I will sell at public auction on December 19, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester South Condominium known as apartment 3E, in the building known as E-11 a/k/a 82, and by street address 1530 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 5232, in Block 3943 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0096 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium.

The amount due under the Judgment is \$6,944.26, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Bank of America, N.A., in the original principal sum of \$80,000.00 with interest.

Index No. 380005/09. LORRAINE CORSA, ESQ., Referee

ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

828 South Broadway - Suite 100

Tarrytown, NY 10591

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT1, Plaintiff, against David Damon; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/20/2010 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse on 12/19/2011 at 2:00PM, premises known as 3246 Wilson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469 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 4739 Lot 57. Approximate

amount of judgment \$238,083.75 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380137-08. Henry Chan, Esq, Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC 250 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 Dated: November 3, 2011 895453 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/08/2011

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1452 Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/13/11. Office location: Bronx County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business addr.: 271 E. 205th St., Bronx, NY 10467, Attn: Michael Mangan, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court Department

Hampden Division

Docket No. HD11D0744

DIVORCE/SEPERATE SUPPORT SUMMONS

BY PUBLICATION

GREGORIO SUBIRA, Plaintiff

v.

VIOLETA FREDELIN SUBIRA, Defendant

To the above named Defendant:

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, GREGORIO SUBIRA, seeking to dissolve the bonds of matrimony.

An automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of any party. Please refer to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411 for more information.

You are required to serve upon Gregorio Subira, plaintiff, whose address is P.O. Box 6742, Holyoke, MA 01040, your answer on or before February 23, 2012. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Springfield.

Witness, ANNE M. GEOFFRION, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Springfield, this 26th day of October, 2011.

Thomas P. Moriarty, Jr.

Register of Probate Court

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2010-1906/A

CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT

TO: Padlo Dorreger; Pensionsversicherungsanstalt; NYC Department of Social Services; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of GRETA SORS also known as GRETA DOREGGER SORS, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on January 18, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., why the account of the

Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which has been served herewith, as Administrator of the Estate of GRETA SORS also known as GRETA DOREGGER SORS, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 5901 Palisade Avenue; Bronx, New York 10471, should not be judicially settled; why the legal fees of \$4,765.00, of which \$2,859.00 has been paid as listed in Schedule C of the account and \$1,906.00 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as Counsel to the Public Administrator should not be allowed; why the Administrator should not be allowed her statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); why the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) should not be allowed; why the claim of Pensionsversicherungsanstalt in the amount of \$6,296.15 and NYC Department of Social Services should not be allowed; why, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate should not be paid to the NYC Department of Social Services on account of its allowed claim; why, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court should not hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; and why such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper should not be granted.

Dated, Attested and Sealed, November 16, 2011. (L. S.) HON. LEE L. HOLZMAN

Surrogate, Bronx County Michael Hausler, Chief Clerk

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

Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925-9100 (Manhattan) & 1-718- 992-1428 (Bronx) Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Sale

On December 13th 2011 at 1:00pm, West Farms Secure Self Storage located at 1725 west Farms RD, Bronx NY 10460, will hold a lien sale. The contents of the storage units listed below will be sold for cash to the highest bidder. For more information please call (718) 991-9010. Unit #s and Names: 1002 Rose Andrades, 1072 Tiffany Carter-Kirby, 1079 Monique J. Muldrow, 1081 Ruben Nolasco, 1141 Brigido Torres-Feliciano,1163 Jennifer Lavin, 1167 Miguel Pimentel,1196 Alonzo Lewis, 1226 Lyneesse Roldan, 1260 Jessica Rivera,1285 Diosa Carmona,1338 Alex J. Delgado,1392 Lucia Trinidad Torres, 1404 Clarence E. Majors, 1514 Benito Lopez Jr.,1571 Marcella Lemonnier-Jones,1592 Victoria Lopez, 1601 Christine N. Bratton,1662 Jaclyn Vazquez,1719 Benjamin Golden, 1795 Anthony Hendrickson, 1894 Martha Ruiz,1918 Jamel Cummings, 1934 Bianca A. Capella, 2112 Maria Ortiz, 2122 Tawanna Douglas, 2193 Tanairy Gonzalez, 2205 Guillermo Mendez, 2219 Daeshawn Hollington, 2275 Anita P. Samuels, 2277 Melanie Gonzalez, 2332 Aida Luz Guach, 2404 Raymond Foster, 2563 Vincent Trentacosta,1033 Ruperto Moroch, 1035 Shareef McCray,1180 Leroy Freeman Jr, 1234 Stephanie Raysor, 1242 Brenda Stewart,1383 Janice S. Bligen, 1516 Lawand Sellers, 1560 Robin Walbey, 1572 Efrain Rodriguez, 1639 Barbara Clark, 1723 Yessenia Duprey, 1809 Stacey Hunter,1872 Turkessa Charles, 2120 Joseph Coller, 2256 Albert Segarra, 2286 William Belen, 2291 Jorge Corrubia, 2300 Yanick Montrevil, 2309 Norma Estrada, 2585 Michelle Nannan, 2604 Kenyatta Hall.

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File No. 2010-2308/A

CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT

TO: William Mycel, an incapacitated person; Integral Guardianship Service, as Guardian of the Property of William Mycel; KINNECT; Parkside Memorial Chapel, Inc.; New York State Department of Taxation & Finance; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of SALLY MEISEL, also known as SALLY MEISEL, SALY MYCEL and SALLY MYCEL, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting:

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Dated, Attested and Sealed, November 18, 2011. (L. S.) HON. LEE L. HOLZMAN

Surrogate, Bronx County Michael Hausler, Chief Clerk

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Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925-9100 (Manhattan) & 1-718- 992-1428 (Bronx) Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Sale

Secure Self Storage will be holding a Public Lien Sale located at 1037 Zerega Avenue, Bronx-NY 10462. The Sale will be held on Tuesday December 13 2011 at 4:00PM. The contents of the units will be sold for Cash to the highest Bidder.

Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. For more information call 718-904-7867.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of D'Mary Beauty Salon, L.L.C., a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on April 12, 2011. NYS Office location: BRONX County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service

upon him/her to C/O 684 Castle Hill Aenue, Bronx, NY 10473. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on November 16, 2011, bearing index NC-000476-11/BX, a copy of which may be examined in the Office of the Clerk of Civil Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of ALEX GARCIA. My present name is ALEX VELEZ, AKA ALEX GARCIA. My present address is 391 E. MOSHOLU PKWY. N., APT. 5D, BRONX, NY 10467. My place of birth is BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. My date of birth is February 20, 1970.

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on November 1, 2011, bearing index NC-000463-11/BX, a copy of which may be examined in the Office of the Clerk of Civil Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of JORGE SANTIAGO. My present name is JORGE SANTIAGO PACHECO, AKA JORGE SANTIAGO PAC, AKA JORGE SANTIAGO, JR. My present address is 140 CASALS PLACE, APT. 19D, BRONX, NY 10475. My place of birth is PONCE, PUERTO RICO. My date of birth is December 17, 1945.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on October 5, 2011, bearing index NC-000410-11/BX, a copy of which may be examined in the Office of the Clerk of Civil Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of EARLE LEE WANZER. My present name is EARLE LEE WHIGHAM, JR., AKA EARLE L. WHIGHAM, JR., AKA EARLE WHIGHAM, AKA EARLE L. WHIGHAM. My present address is 875 ELSMERE PL., 1ST FLOOR, BRONX, NY 10460. My place of birth is BRONX, NEW YORK. My date of birth is September 20, 1975.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on October 28, 2011, bearing index NC-000447-11/BX, a copy of which may be examined in the Office of the Clerk of Civil Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of ALEX GARCIA. My present name is ALEX VELEZ, AKA ALEX GARCIA. My present address is 391 E. MOSHOLU PKWY. N., APT. 5D, BRONX, NY 10467. My place of birth is BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. My date of birth is February 20, 1970.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on November 16, 2011, bearing index NC-000465-11/BX, a copy of which may be examined in the Office of the Clerk of Civil Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of EMMANUEL CHINEDU AMBROSE. My present name is EMMANUEL CHINEDU ONWUZURUIGBO, JR., AKA EMMANUEL CHINEDU ONWUZURUIGBO, AKA EMMANUEL AMBROSE. My present address is 920 EAST 221 STREET, BRONX, NY 10469. My place of birth is NIGERIA. My date of birth is June 14, 1993.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMONS

Docket No. B-637/11

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF BRONX

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In the Matter of the Guardianship

Of the Person and Custody of

MENAGE KEYON NASH

A Dependent Child Under the Age of 18

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IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

TO: JOANN RIVERA

A verified petition having been filed in this Court alleging that the above-named child in the care of CARDINAL MC CLOSKEY SERVICES should be committed to the guardianship and custody of CARDINAL MC CLOSKEY SERVICES.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this Court at 900 Sheridan Avenue, Bronx, New York, Part 1 thereof, on the 3rd day of January, 2012, at 9:00 in the forenoon of said day to show cause why the Court should not enter an order committing guardianship of the person and custody of said child to the petitioning agency for purposes of adoption.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the relief in the petition is granted said child may be adopted with the consent of said authorized agency without your consent and without further notice to you.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that your failure to appear shall constitute a denial of an interest in said child, which denial may result in transfer or commitment of the child's custody and guardianship, or the adoption of said child, all without further notice to you.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you have a right to be represented by an attorney; if you cannot afford an attorney, the Court, upon your appearance, will appoint one to represent you free of charge.

Dated: Bronx, New York

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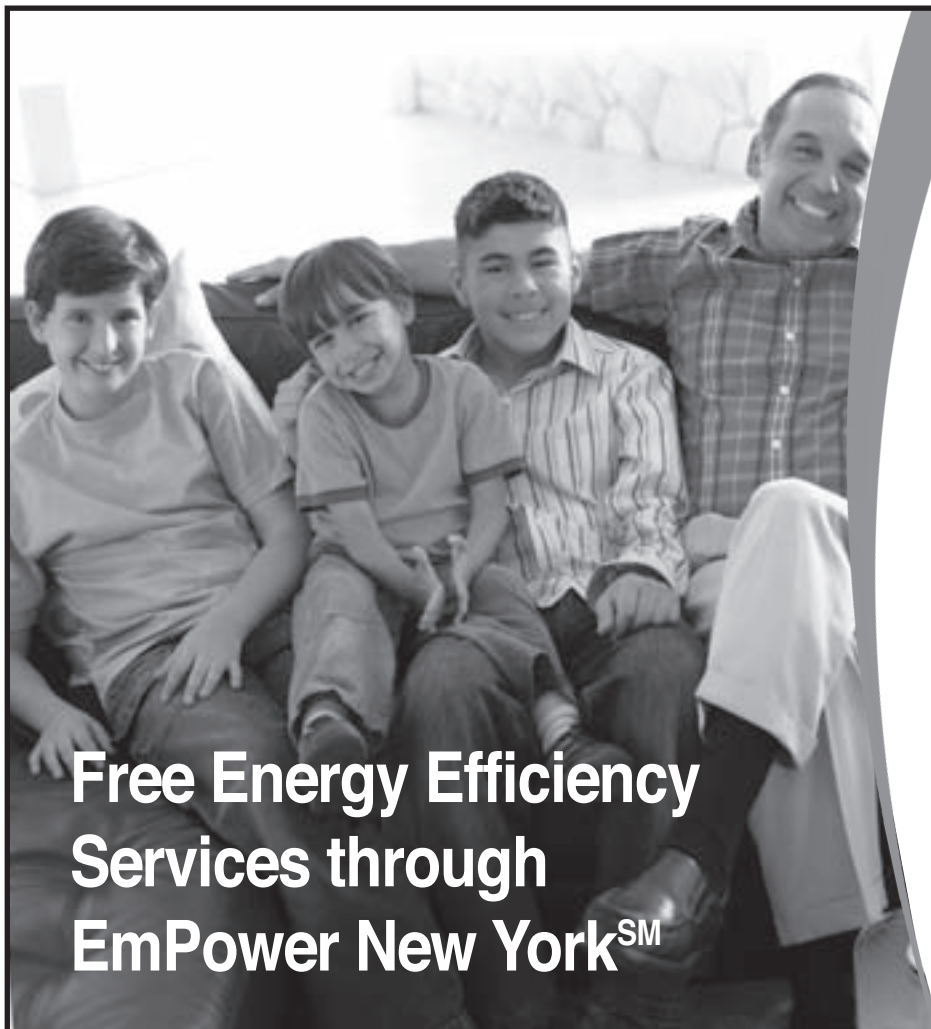
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# City installs \$1 per hour Muni-meters in Throggs Neck

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of Transportation plans. DOT believes that muni-meters increase payment options, have enhanced durability, and more resistance to tampering, said DOT spokesman Montgomery Dean.

The time limit will still be two hours for the muni-meters on E. Tremont Avenue, Cerini said. Muni-meters still charge 75 cents an hour to park in Westchester Square, which has had them for several years, said Westchester Square Merchant Association program coordinator Joe Regina.

Based on a two-year pilot program on Morris Park

Avenue, the city DOT believes that muni-meters provide added parking spaces because cars can park closer to one another, said Morris Park Community leader Joe Bombace.

Steve Kaufman, a business owner on Bruckner Boulevard and president of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association believes otherwise.

"This is another way to make people pay more for parking and they are making the city too expensive," Kaufman said. "I am not convinced that muni-meters will create more spots. I don't see how they are creating more

spots by putting these machines up."

Many seniors will need to learn how to use the new meters, which is an inconvenience, said Anita Valenti of the Pelham Bay Taxpayers.

"We have many older people who will not understand the workings of the muni-meter and will not place the ticket stub in the windshield of their car, creating an unnecessary parking ticket," said Andrew Chirico of the Waterbury LaSalle Community Association. "Many of the older people have trouble walking, looking around, and reaching for things."



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Muni-meters, like this one pictured near Barkley Avenue, now line E. Tremont Avenue and parts of Bruckner Boulevard.

## TN's aglow, but MP's dark

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Not all of the merchants contributed, and this year fewer strands were hung up, Cerini said.

"We are going to be giving posters to all the merchants along E. Tremont Avenue who contributed to the lights so customers can see who contributed," Cerini said.

This was probably the most difficult year that the merchants association had in terms of collecting, and those who did contribute funding for the lights, in some cases up to \$2,000, should be rewarded by their customers, Cerini said.

"If they like the lights, the community needs to go into the store and ask the

merchants if they contributed," Cerini said. "If the merchant did not contribute, they need to ask 'why.'"

The funding of the lights would come out to about \$12 a month per merchant per month, which should not prove any hardship and brightens up all of Throggs Neck, Cerini said. The festive lights should get people into the spirit of the holidays, said Throggs Neck Merchants Association president Steve Kaufman.

"I think that it is wonderful to have a sparkle and spirit come to Throggs Neck during the Christmas holidays," Kaufman said. "It enhances the neighborhood, creates a nice atmosphere, and shows that the merchants want a festive holiday season,

and that we are alive and well in Throggs Neck."

However, according to Al D'Angelo, president of the Morris Park Community Association, Morris Park will be without holiday lights this year for the first time in over a decade.

The lights, which normally run along Morris Park Avenue from White Plains to Williamsbridge roads, then along Williamsbridge Road to Pelham Parkway, cost around \$14,000 to install every holiday season.

D'Angelo said that elected officials did not provide grants this year as a result of budget cuts, and many of the local merchants could not afford to pick up the difference.

"It's a shame because it's become such a tradition in the community and was something that really brightened up the neighborhood during the holidays," D'Angelo said. "A lot of people take it for granted, but it just goes to show you how hard the economy is hitting a lot of people."

According to D'Angelo, many merchants were willing to make contributions, but the money would not have been enough to fill the streets. The MPCA hopes to bring back the lights next holiday season.

"It wouldn't of been fair to just fill a portion of the community," he said. "Hopefully things are better financially next year for everyone."

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being launched in the direction of a bus operator. For instances when this "spitting" occurs, Jimmy has asked every district attorney in New York City to "pledge" that the DNA of this spit be obtained, analyzed, and used to identify the person responsible, and make an arrest accordingly.

Just like the female bus-driver in the audience feverishly brought to the forefront, "being verbally abused", spit on, or assaulted in any way is an unacceptable and abhorrent action. And the councilman's fervor matched hers.

"I want something done. I want them to ride herd on anyone who attacks a bus driver in the line of duty. We have to make an example. We have too many criminals where we're giving an example in the wrong direction. Because if you tolerate misconduct, others will behave the same way."

Jimmy's frustration (as well as the participating bus driver's not-ever-so-gently nudging to the councilman) about the dangers faced every day by NYCT workers bore empathy and a mirrored feeling of dissatisfaction from those attending the meeting. Many immediately identified with the unnecessary obstacles and dangers faced by those whose jobs are tough enough as it is.

Though the topic stayed generally on issues concerning transportation,

Chairman Vacca's intimation that the MTA loses \$9 million a year due to fare-beaters, served as a segway that eventually coalesced onto the broader topic of the troubling tendencies of straphangers, ordinary individuals and our society as a whole.

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The conversation only grew, more inclusive, more profound.....and more relevant. But we'll save that for next time.

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It looks as if big business wins again, unless someone comes up with an idea of how to stop it. Big business should not affect the lives of those who share in its community. The rhetoric we get from those pushing for these developments, like it brings jobs to the Bronx, is falling short of what is promised. We all know what Pepsi and Home Depot has done for our small community, and this is nothing. We do not expect Target to be any better than what we already have, but it will make it worse. Contact me at JSohmers@gmail.com and I will keep those interested informed as to what is going on as soon as I have more information.



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There are 42 strands of holiday lights on E. Tremont Avenue this year. The lights were put up by the Throggs Neck Merchants Association.

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Greg Cote (Miami Herald) said that Miami's Dr.Krop High School was fined \$35K for using an ineligible basketball player in a game. "When Dr. Krop breaks the rules, do they call it malpractice?"

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Dwight Perry (Seattle.com) passed this along, "Joe Theisman's contract enters 26th year."

### This Is A Real Kick

Sam Farmer (LA Times) pointed out that now these are personal kicking coaches for NFL kickers, kicking camps and punting camps for younger kickers, and even camps for long snappers.

The expectation has changed in the league. Detroit kicker Jason Hanson said 'If they put you out there, you're supposed to make it.' All of a sudden, a 48-yarder has become like one from the 32."

### WHA?

The Detroit Lions QB, Matthew Stafford, was fined \$7500 for grabbing an opposing player by the helmet and throwing him to the ground.

Earl Bennett of the Chicago Bears was fined \$10000 for wearing orange shoes in a game.

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times)

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# Acquah runs Mount past Hayes

## Captures 69th Turkey Bowl

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Kenny Acquah described the final month of his high school football career as frustrating, an ankle injury limiting the standout full-back/middle linebacker.

His final game, however, was exhilarating.

The ankle close to 100 percent, Acquah was back on offense for the first time in five weeks and he performed as such. He ran for 150 yards on 10 carries and scored three touchdowns to lead Mount St. Michael to a 34-0 rout of Cardinal Hayes in the 69th annual Turkey Bowl in The Bronx yesterday morning.

"[This game] definitely makes up for it," he said of the finish to the season. "It's a great way to go out as a senior."

The defense created six turnovers, four of them interceptions of Hayes quarterback James Richardson, as the Mountaineers beat Hayes for the third straight year



Photo by Denis Gostev

Mount St. Michael's Kenneth Acquah scores a one of his three touchdowns against Hayes.

after its 27-year streak was snapped in 2008. The win erased the memories of Mount's disappointing CHS-FL Class AAA quarterfinal loss to eventual champion St. Anthony's.

"For the seniors, it's great to win your last game," Mount coach

Mario Valentini said. "For the underclassmen, it's the start of a new chapter."

The final page of Acquah's career at Mount ended with a bang. He played a major role in the victory, helping to stifle Cardinals

star running back DeQuan June and breaking the game open with a highlight-reel 55-yard touchdown run to start the second half. His presence alone, Valentini said, opened up the passing attack for

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# Confident coach has high hopes for Eagle Academy

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Eagle Academy graduated standout seniors Donte Adams and Stedman Allen from a team that finished second in Bronx AA and was upset in the first round of the PSAL Class AA playoffs. Yet Rodney Plummer, the program architect and coach, not only thinks the Eagles are much improved this year, but they can win a city championship "realistically speaking."

He isn't saying it to get a reaction; Plummer is extremely confident. There are a few key additions, players up from Eagle's successful junior varsity, but the biggest change, he said, is the improvement of his core seniors—notably point guard Gerard Carty and forward Jalen Chapman.

"I'm pleasantly surprised at the growth of my returning seniors," Plummer said. "They're

back with a different mindset, 'We've got to do it Coach's way.' I've been getting exactly what I want from them, in terms of intensity and intelligence on the court."

The 6-foot Carty was thrust into a starting role last year when the incumbent, Craig Robinson, tore his ACL. He had a successful year, but was often out of control. He played at one speed – too fast. After a summer on the AAU circuit with Abyssinian Church, he's become more of a controlled player.

"His court sense, his maturity as far as the game goes, he understands the game a lot better," Plummer said. "This year he knows how to make an adjustment. He actually manages the team on the court. He has matured immensely over the last year."

Plummer had similar kind words for the 6-foot-7 Chapman, a load inside who averaged five points and seven rebounds year ago. His younger brother, Juwan, will see time in the backcourt, along with fellow JV callup Da Sean Jones. Like Juwan Chapman, who averaged 18 points for the JV last winter, Jones is just 5-foot-9, but he finds a way to score inside nevertheless.

"The kid is going to surprise the league," Plummer said. "The kid plays so big under the basket it's scary. He gets off his feet so quick and he's so smart under the basket."

Seniors Najee Senior, Rashawn Solomon and Bruce Simms will also be counted upon for big minutes. The 6-foot-2 Senior is a light-out shooter, Solomon may be Eagle's best finisher and Simms is the team's top de-

fender.

Plummer likes everything he's seen so far this preseason, including impressive performances in scrimmages against Iona Prep, Transit Tech and Bedford Academy. The biggest difference is on the defensive end, a weakness last year Plummer now feels is a strength.

"These guys have bought into the system early," he said. "Last year it took three-quarters of the year to buy into it, they bought into it and they reverted back [to bad habits]. ... Defense creates offense, therefore defense wins games. Although we played [defense] at times last year, it was lacking for most of the season. This group is more of a team, they rely and depend on each other more and they tend not to let each other down."



# Kennedy seniors eye Garden party

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

What's expected and how to get there is nothing new on this year's John F. Kennedy squad.

The Knights goal is always to reach Madison Square Garden and compete for the PSAL Class AA city title. The majority of this year's seniors were there as sophomores and nearly knocked off 13-time defending champions Murry Bergtraum in the semifinals last season.

"They are seniors now," coach O'Neil Glenn said. "They have done everything I asked of them. They have been to the Garden. They have played tons of games and it's just a matter of them understanding that this is why you are here. ... I hope it ends on a good note."

His 10-player squad features seven seniors, including one of the city's most dynamic and hard-nosed backcourts. Chelsea Custodio is tough to keep out of the lane and also rebounds well for someone her size. Deaisia Acklin is a long athletic wing,

who can get in the passing lanes and bully her way into the basket. Joya McFarland, a junior, got her nickname "The Destroyer" for a reason. She is dead-eye shooter, who can dominate games with her stroke from the outside. She expanded her game this summer.

"She is working a lot more on going to the hole, being a better guard, understanding what to do in certain situations," Glenn said of McFarland.

Kennedy lost two of its leaders in Shaquaya Daniels and Sarah Vann, an inside presence to graduation. They will make up for some of that with added length. Senior Leshaua Phinazee is a dynamic force in the paint and can take over in spurts. Center Cherokee Hart, who stands 6-foot, and forward Robin Daley are both expected to see major minutes. The Knights get a boost from 5-foot-11 Lehman transfer Treanda Foster.

"We should definitely get a lot of rebounds," Ack-

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Photo by Denis Gostev

Kennedy's Deaisia Acklin will try to lead a veteran squad to a PSAL Class AA championship.

## QUETZALITOS FC LADYBUGS FINISH SEASON IN GRAND STYLE

On November 20, the Bronx Quetzalitos FC hosted its last two games at Lehman High School. The Earthquakes played to a 2-2 draw against Greenburg United from Dobbs Ferry. Despite their strong finishing in the last 4 games, 3 wins and 1 tie, the Earthquakes couldn't finish at the top of the standings. The Ladybugs beat The Manhattan Kickers 4-0. The goals were scored by Charlotte Carrau (2) Ashley Pacheco and Emily Herrera. The Ladybugs also had a strong finish; only 1 point separated them from 2nd place and 4 from first place; they finished in 3rd in a tough 2nd Division. The Quetzalitos FC Club is now looking forward to their winter and spring season. The club will be having tryouts for the spring season for both teams: The Earthquakes boys U-12 and The Ladybugs Girls U-13. For info call: Jose Herrera (917) 751-0905 pufrijol@aol.com Dino Esposito (917) 673-3259 espositodino@yahoo.com or Isolina Esposito (646) 245-8203 espositolina@aol.com.



# Warrior Football League highlights

BY PETER FRAGALE

Week eight of the Warrior Football Club season continued providing all its fans with exciting offensive and grueling defensive plays.

### Flag Division

Flag Football finished its season with tremendous play and great fanfare.

Jay Johnson of the Villa Barone Manor Shawnee was proud of all his football players, Christopher Adams, Mathios Andrades, Logan Arroyo, Jeremiah Bascombe, Ryan Bisons, Matthew Brennan, Lenny Esposito, Santino Esposito, Ryan Johnson and Jayden Maldonado.

For the Pruzzo's Supermarket Apache, Coach Mike also gave praise to all his players, including Brandon Benitez, Sam Carello, Brian Espinal, Daniel Estrada, Christian Mon Paibo, Mark Piri, Travis Prohaska and Donovan Beauvoir.

Veteran Coach Tony Sbano tells us that Matthew Burghardt, Jason Campbell, Henry Chambers, Caiden Clayton, Falon Demers, Sean Diaz-McCarthy, Daniel Ferrer, Malachi Gilmore, Justin Grimaldi, Frankie Liporace, Michael Morano, Robert O'Connell, Soloman Smith and Jesus Suarez were all top performers on Saturday for the Anthony's Flower Farm Sioux.

Barino's Market Mohicans' players had another amazing game.

The Mister Softee Cherokees played an exciting game.

Parkview Sports Blackfeet played with gusto.

### Mite Division

The O'Connor Carpet Bears once again faced a tough Youth Star Photo Giants team. The only score for the Bears came in the third quarter from RB Justin Fernandez from 10 yards out. RB Kevin Franceschini secured the extra point with a powerful dive right up the Middle. Both were hand off's from first time Quarterback Darryl Hagans. He stepped up for the team and did a great job in the sec-

ond half. Justin Fernandez, Sebastian Rodriguez and Aramis Irrizzary continue to light everything up on defense. An shout out also has to be given to Jeremy (Killer) Myers for playing a big role, week in and week out. As the smallest player on the team, he plays with a big heart and a no questions asked attitude as one of our defensive guards. The Bears have only had 11 players show up to their last two games. With no substitutions, all 11 Bears played on both sides of the ball the entire 4 quarters. They once again, played hurt and tired but were relentless. They played hard until the bitter end. Coach Jose, Angel and Luis would like to thank those 11 players. They are Justin DeJesus, George Villegas, Jaylin Swinton, Darryl Hagans, Justin Fernandez, Julez Yuret, Sebastian Rodriguez, Nicolas Moreno, Aramis Irrizary, Jeremy Myers, and Kevin Franceschini. Thank you for giving everything you had and leaving it on the filed. A special thanks goes out to Ricardo for coming out and supporting your team on the side lines even though you were under the weather.

In a exciting game the Schuyler Hill Funeral Home Lions edged out the North Bronx Paint & Hardware Jets 14-13. Our T.D.'s were scored by Brandon Lopez and Jimmy McGaughan. The extra points scored by Jimmy McGaughan. Great tackling by Matt Marquez and QB sack which resulted in Rich Diegues almost intercepting a broken pass. Sebastian Hernandez great tackling. once again Thanks to my Lineman, Chris . Joshua Cameron, Joe kobeck, Rich Diegues, Jayden Rosado, Mike Tyrell, anthony Pressimone, Javy Hernandez, Nat and Sebastan for holding the line and blocking.

### Pee Wee Division

In their second meeting of the year, the Design Development Spartans met the Anthony's collision Redskins. It was a battle of the

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# Clinton void leads to Lincoln loss

## McKenzie absent with left ankle sprain

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

There weren't obvious signs of dejection or players going over to see if Ashton McKenzie was OK when he limped off the field early in the first quarter with a left high ankle sprain. DeWitt Clinton went about its business like the star junior was still on the field, punting and kicking off, playing middle linebacker, running and blocking out of the backfield.

Ryan Camilo, the Governors' quarterback, could feel it, though. Like the air slowly coming out of Clinton's bubble.

"It kind of hit us as a team," he said. "It brought us down mentally. We all were like, 'Ashton's down, how are we gonna do this?'"

Without McKenzie, who entered play with 64 tackles, 964 rushing yards

and 11 touchdowns, No. 7 Clinton's hopes of reaching its first city championship game since 1989 was shattered. Top-seeded Lincoln raced out to a three-touchdown lead and cruised to a 30-14 victory in Coney Island on Saturday afternoon in the PSAL City Championship division semifinals.

"He's that dude," Clinton coach Howard Langley said. "He's our best player. He does everything."

McKenzie's absence was felt on both sides of the ball. Behind its mammoth offensive line, Lincoln ran all over Clinton, running back Kareem Folkes and quarterback Jessel Jones combining for 262 yards, 155 from Folkes, and three touchdowns.

Offensively, it hampered the Governors' potent triple option attack. With no true fullback to worry

about, Lincoln zeroed in on the usually elusive Camilo, sacking him seven times and limiting him to just 28 rushing yards, a season low. McKenzie's backup, Haleem Livingston, did have a 49-yard touchdown run, but was stuffed on several short-yardage chances.

"When you don't have Ashton, it takes away a threat," Langley said. "[Camilo] was a sitting duck back there."

Langley was in no way taking anything away from Lincoln's victory. The Railsplitters (12-0), he said, were bigger, stronger and dominated upfront. Clinton came out flat. McKenzie's absence changed the game to the extent where Clinton could've been more competitive, the coach said.

Trailing 22-0 at half-time, Clinton fought back. It got within 30-14 on a 43-



Photo by Lauren Marsh

Clinton's Raymond Toledo is brought down during the Governors' 30-14 loss to Lincoln in the PSAL City Championship division semifinals.

yard touchdown run by Stephen Obeng-Agyapong and got the ball back at the Lincoln 49-yard line after Agyapong's acrobatic interception. But after Camilo missed an open Marquis Burrell that could've gone for a touchdown, the drive stalled as he was sacked on

fourth down.

The loss ends a memorable season for Clinton (8-4), which reached the city semifinals for the first time in Langley's eight seasons. It turned around a mediocre regular season by knocking off bitter borough rival John F. Ken-

nedy in Week 7 and upset defending champion Fort Hamilton, the fourth seed, in the quarterfinals last weekend.

"I'm very proud of these guys," Langley said. "They brought Clinton to another level."

# Versatile and deep Kennedy looks for bounce-back year

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

As Johnny Mathis went down his list of expected contributors, he didn't use a position to describe them. The John F. Kennedy coach wasn't trying to be difficult. For many of the Knights, there aren't set spots.

"This is a very versatile team," said Mathis, the legendary coach entering his 25th year on the bench. "It's a tremendous advantage if we use it. I have 4 or 5 guys that can play multiple positions."

For example, 6-foot-5 sophomore Badih Ahmed, 6-foot-6 junior Terry Lanier and 6-foot-6 senior Alfonso Davis can all play in the paint and on the perimeter. Six-foot-three junior Jason Nunez, the younger brother of Louisville freshman Angel Nunez, is capable of banging inside, as is 6-foot-3 senior Louis Baltazar.

"Everybody who we'll put in can score," Kennedy assistant coach Star Jones said. "You never know who

will have a hot night."

Senior Frayluis Henriquez and freshman Oscar Ramirez will likely split time at the point, but Ahmed, Lanier and Davis will all spend plenty of time handling the ball. Lanier, a transfer from Sacred Heart who holds an offer from Drexel and interest from Fordham and Manhattan, has impressed Mathis with his ability to shoot from deep and finish inside.

Ahmed, though, is Kennedy's most talented player, Mathis said. He gained invaluable experience as a freshman, averaging four points during the regular season and 12 in the playoffs, and has only gotten better.

"He can beat you off the dribble, he's a tremendous offensive rebounder and defensively, he can block shots," Mathis said. "His man-to-man defense is very good. He can defend guards."

Beyond the versatility and the size, the biggest advantage Kennedy has over last year's team is its entire

team is together. Last year, talented guards Darius Ward and Carlos DeJesus were ineligible until late January, which created problems over the season's first month for chemistry reasons and just overall continuity.

"It's 100 percent better when you have your whole team," Mathis said. "You don't have to worry about guys coming back, what kind of condition they're in. All of our key guys are here and eligible. They like each other; that's a tremendous asset. They should learn and grow and get better."

It will, of course, take time to gel, Mathis said. He won't know until January how good this group can be. But he is thinking big – Madison Square Garden big – because he always does.

"After we play some games after Christmas, if we continue to improve, I think we [will be able to] play with all the big teams in the city," he said. "I really do."



Photo by Denis Gostev

John F. Kennedy coach Johnny Mathis has high hopes this winter.





Photo by Paul J. Bereswill

Fordham Prep celebrates after they defeated Xavier.

# Fordham Prep takes Turkey Bowl

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Elias Gelpi went back and forth debating which play meant more to him before deciding. The Fordham Prep senior cornerback returned a fumble 25 yards for a touchdown to open the second half and also had the game-sealing interception.

“The touchdown was definitely better,” Gelpi, the game’s MVP, said... “It was a big deal for me. It was a big deal for the team. That was my first score of the season. To have it on the Turkey Bowl, last game, that was a dream come true.”

His performance was the highlight of a big day for the Rams defense in a 15-7 win over rival Xavier in their 87th annual Thanksgiving Day football game at Aviator Sports Complex in Brooklyn. Fordham Prep, the CHSFL Class AA champion, ends the season on four-game winning streak and earned its second straight win over the Knights, the Class AA-A regular season champ.

“We wanted ‘AAA,’” defensive lineman Itua Uduebo

said. “‘AA’ is just as just as good. Turkey Bowl makes it so much better.”

The junior provided one of the game’s biggest plays with a safety. Xavier (8-3) stopped Logan Williamson on the goal line on a fourth down run from the 2-yard-line with the score tied 7-7 early in the fourth quarter. It was the first time Fordham Prep had been stopped inside the 5-yard-line all season.

“I was a little disappointed we didn’t end up in the end zone,” Fordham Prep coach Pete Gorynski said. “But I was obviously very happy when Itua came up with the stick and the tackle for the safety.”

On the next play, Uduebo tackled Knights running back William (Trey) Solomon in the end zone with 8:52 remaining to give the Rams (7-5) a 9-7 advantage. Knights coach Chris Stevens second-guessed going with his best power run play instead of a rarely-used goal line play. Steven said he was proud of the way his

players competed and gave themselves a chance to win. The Knights lone score was a 66-yard touchdown pass from Jimmy Wolfer to a leaping Kevin Cochrane with 17 seconds left before the half to make it 7-0. Fordham’s James Drago added 75 yards on 24 carries.

“The little things matter in a 15-7 game against two good teams,” Stevens said. “I think we made a couple more mistakes than they did.” Fordham Prep added a 10-yard touchdown pass from James McHale (7-of-12, 100 yards) to Ben Andreyak in the right side of the end zone. Steven Broccoli’s PAT was no good so Fordham Prep led just 15-7 with 2:41 left in the game. Xavier marched down to the Rams 39 before Gelpi picked off a Danny Donahue pass with less than a minute to play to end it.

“This is something I’ll never forget for the rest of my life,” Gelpi said. “The comeback win in the championship and then come back here and seal the deal.

# Longtime coach: Scrappiness to define All Hallows future

BY MARC RAIMONDI

John Carey can envision his team being successful in CHSAA Class AA this year. The longtime All Hallows boys basketball coach has the formula, to be what he calls “a poor man’s Villanova.”

“I think what we have to do is be one of those tenacious scrappy teams, like a thorn in your side,” Carey said. “On offense we just have to be one of those teams that creates mismatches time and time again. We’re small and we have to make plays off the bounce, keep moving and be hard to guard.”

The Gaels return a veteran group of seniors and juniors, led by Raz Council and Ethan Hamlet, who saw a lot of floor time as sophomores last season. Carey said one of the keys to the season will be their continued development.

Leadership and plenty of minutes should come from senior guards Jon Brens and Marcus George. Brint Brenson, one of the team’s bigger players at 6-foot-3, will see time this year after not playing much in 2010-11. Another senior guard, Darius Dow, is out with an injured back after a delivery truck sideswiped a bus he was on last week.

“I don’t know if we have any one particular strength,” Carey said. “We need to be conscious of not turning the ball over and just being as efficient as we can on offense. We have to spread the court, make shots and create some defensive openings.”

A pleasant surprise in the offseason has been



Photo by An Rong Xu

All Hallows senior guard Jon Brens is one of a solid returning veteran core.

Davon Robinson – not because of his improvement, just due to his presence. He was disgruntled and quit the team last season in December, but has returned with a new attitude. Carey is happy to have him back.

“He needs to be a pretty big part of our offense,” the coach said. “He’s a good player.”

All Hallows has had spurts of success the past few seasons. The Gaels won seven in a row after a tough start last year and were beating Rice by three

at halftime in the CHSAA Archdiocesan quarterfinals. It was just three seasons ago that the Bronx squad was in the CHSAA Class AA intersectional semifinals.

So All Hallows, despite its lack of size, can’t be counted out in revamped CHSAA Class AA.

“Our goal is to be competitive as much as we can,” Carey said. “I don’t want to put out a set number of wins. I think as we go along we’ll get better and that’s all I can ask for.”

# Deflated by second-minute goal, Monroe finishes in 2nd place

BY GARY AXELBANK

The goal scored in the second-minute by Cloud County (KS) didn’t finish off the Monroe Mustangs in the NJCAA Division I Men’s Soccer Championship game in Phoneix, AZ this afternoon, but it did

give the T-birds an early chance to put their stamp on what would become a 4-1 victory over Monroe. As a result, the Mustangs end their season as national finalists with a 14-2-1 record.

“We have to hold our heads up,” said coach

Marcus Dibernardo after the game. “We are disappointed to not have won the national championship, but these young men have great things ahead of them in the future. The players who will be moving on will be able to use what they’ve

learned at Monroe to make their mark at NCAA colleges and the ones who will be returning to us, we’re going to get back at it right after the first of the new year.”

Monroe frantically tried to get the initial goal back through the first half,

with a number of scoring chances. For example, Anthony Asante, who already had two goals on headers in the tournament, just missed on one right in front of the goal. But the frustration was heightened when, with just :54 seconds left in

the half, Cloud got another goal off of a free kick.

“They’re great finishers,” coach ‘D’ said. “With just a little daylight, they were able to make those two first-half chances count.”

Monroe got a goal by  
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photo by by Gary Axelbank

Lamin Jannah (above) and Anthony Asante were named to the All-Tournament team.

## Monroe finishes in 2nd place

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Sagi Lev-ari in the 79th minute and the Mustangs spirits were raised, but only briefly when, a scant two-minutes later, the T-birds answered right back, putting the score at 3-1 and the game essentially out of reach.

“Thefinalscoredoesn’t diminish one bit how proud i am of this team,” said Monroe president Stephen Jerome, in a post-game message delivered to the Mustangs via cell phone. “They wore the name Monroe across their chests with distinction all season long and a second-place finish out of hundreds of NJCAA Division I teams, is something really special.”

Asante and Lamin Jannah were named to the all tournament team.

Monroe’s women’s soccer team also were national finalists this season.

# Confident Gompers set for division crown

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Defending Bronx AA champion Wings Academy is working in four new starters. Perennial power John F. Kennedy lost its top player, Muhammed Ahmed, to prep school. And Eagle Academy, which finished second last year, graduated leading scorers Donte Adams and Stedman Allen.

That means one thing to Gompers coach Ned Jackson.

“I think with our experience we could go to the top and stay there,” he said. “I really think that simply because we’re not gonna be in awe of anybody.”

The Panthers return three starters, including high-scoring Carlos Galan, a junior who lit up Bronx AA for 25 points per game last year. The 6-foot-1 lead guard is joined by 6-foot-4 senior Pierce Smith and 6-foot-5 wide body Jordan Webb. The three led Gompers to a fourth-place finish last year and opening-round playoff win over Beach Channel before falling to runner-up Lincoln in the Round of 16.

Junior Fernando Jimenez, a 6-foot-4 forward, is Gompers’ best rebounder and will be called upon to replace graduated senior Ohno Smith. Junior guard Yohan Almont, whose former role was Galan’s translator, has improved and will split time with Galan at the

point. Jackson is high on Alex Pocasangre, a 5-foot-8 combo guard who averaged 22 points on the junior varsity last winter.

A big part of Jackson’s

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**Ned Jackson**

confidence stems from chemistry. Pocasangre, Jimenez, Galan and Almonte played together in junior high school and the entire team spent July and August together playing in various summer leagues, including one in New Jersey that included Lincoln and St. Anthony of Jersey City, which finished No. 1 in the nation last year.

It will likely only go as far as its shooting will take it. Tired of teams playing zone and double-teaming Galan, Jackson emphasized perimeter shooting, and has liked what he has seen in the preseason. Galan, Pocasan-

gre, Webb and Smith can all stroke it from deep.

“As a whole, this team is built around shooting the basketball,” he said.

If it’s built on shooting, it’s centered on Galan. Though he is only a junior, he will age out, and likely attend prep school next fall. Since his arrival two years ago, Galan has thrived, finishing in the top five in scoring in The Bronx each of the last two years, and was first last winter in the entire ‘AA’ of the PSAL.

“He’s gotten older, his body has matured, he’s stronger, he’s looking at his last year of eligibility and so he’s motivated to impress the prep schools – they’ve been looking at him,” said Jackson, who is entering his 25th season. “He’s going to command double teams from the beginning. They have to send two people, there is no way one guy is going to guard Carlos. In addition to being a great shooter, he is an excellent passer. He’s become more dangerous is because as he attacks, he’s going to open it up for his teammates.”

He would like nothing more than to finish atop Bronx AA. Jackson is hopeful that can happen, though Gompers did lose to Wings Academy in a fall league and lost three times to its rival last year, as well.



Photo by Denis Gostev

Gompers and high-scoring guard Carlos Galan hope to challenge for a division title this year.

## AFC Rapid Soccer Week X highlights

BY THE SHADOW

A correction from the last article, it was highlights from week 9 (IX) not 11 (XI). The highlights for week 10 are as follows:

The sailors from the Throgs Neck Clipper took the booty from Captain Mike’s Diving, 2-1. Gabrielle Giordano scored both goals with assists from Jillian Melford and Megan Donovan. Trimming the sails were Danielle Peters, Ciara Farrington, Maryellen Doino and Kaitlin Boyle. Hoisting the anchor were Grace Doino, Camry Anderson, Brittany Peters and Angelise Rosario in the

net with six saves.

McNulty F.H. sent Perista Café “to meet their maker”, 4-0. Driving the nails into the coffin were Gianna Eugene(1), Olivia Marks(1) and serving double duty Chris Argyros(2) & 2nd half goalie. Pushing the “O” were Kenny Clarke and the Pabons, Ryan & Lauren. The “D” was held by Matthew Cyntje and Gabriella Onofrietti.

The therapists at Dr Ken Gonoud “clogged the drains” at B & A Plumbing, 2-1. The lone goal for B & A was scored by Chata Kone on a penalty kick. Other strong

performers for the plumbers were Aidan Pretto, Matthew Tirabasso and Emma Viola.

The counter help and wait staff from Cross-town Diner stopped Schuyler Hill F.H., 1-0. The lone goal of the match was scored by Mikayla Deluca. With an additional 9 shots on goal the strike force was Dion Regura, Steve Purcell and Patrick Purcell. The goalie tandem of Dan Purcell and Grace Cammarrata pitched a shutout.

JS Concrete played Pro Active PT to a 2-2 draw. Both goals for JS were scored by Ashaasea Sankota with of-

fensive help from Daniel Donohue and Chris Guarino. Defender Gabriella Leiba and Goalie, Christina Rella kept the game in hand.

Schuyler Hill(minor team) closed the casket on Ann Clair, 1-0. The lone goal of the contest was scored by Arton Biberaj. The midfield support came from Giorgia Argyros, Tyler Leviness and Maniolia Argyros. Keeping the pressure on defensxe were Briana Martin and goalie, Marco Trombetta.

“Grilling” Al-Boro Security, Twist-It Frozen Yogurt defeated them, 4-0. Goals were scored by Jaden

Hhyton (2), Nick Kola (1) and Camry Feliciano (1). Pushing the yogurt were Albert Rubova, Ruben Concepcion, Frank Tarul and Liam Tighe. The wall was formed by Christina Satina, Alexa Agustine, Willie Mejia, Christopher Odermo and the Jennison’s, Isabella & Lorenzo.

Bonavita-Keyfood posted their first victory of the season over St. Benedict’s, 2-1. The lone goal for the Knights was scored by Joe Cala with help from Domenic Munafo, Rafael Baez and Johnny Zefara.





## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

## Face behind NBA curtain

### Ryan's Holiday Ode

Coach Rex Ryan  
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He stuck in a pin  
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### This Is A Real Kick

Sam Farmer (LA Times) pointed out that now these are personal kicking coaches for NFL kickers, kicking camps and punting camps for younger kickers, and even camps for long snappers.

The expectation has changed in the league. Detroit kicker Jason Hanson said 'If they put you out there, you're supposed to make it.' All of a sudden, a 48-yarder has become like one from the 32."

### WHA?

The Detroit Lions QB, Matthew Stafford, was fined \$7500 for grabbing an opposing player by the helmet and throwing him to the ground.

Earl Bennett of the Chicago Bears was fined \$10000 for wearing orange shoes in a game.

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times)

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# Acquah runs Mount past Hayes

## Captures 69th Turkey Bowl

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Kenny Acquah described the final month of his high school football career as frustrating, an ankle injury limiting the standout full-back/middle linebacker.

His final game, however, was exhilarating.

The ankle close to 100 percent, Acquah was back on offense for the first time in five weeks and he performed as such. He ran for 150 yards on 10 carries and scored three touchdowns to lead Mount St. Michael to a 34-0 rout of Cardinal Hayes in the 69th annual Turkey Bowl in The Bronx yesterday morning.

"[This game] definitely makes up for it," he said of the finish to the season. "It's a great way to go out as a senior."

The defense created six turnovers, four of them interceptions of Hayes quarterback James Richardson, as the Mountaineers beat Hayes for the third straight year



Photo by Denis Gostev

Mount St. Michael's Kenneth Acquah scores a one of his three touchdowns against Hayes.

after its 27-year streak was snapped in 2008. The win erased the memories of Mount's disappointing CHS-FL Class AAA quarterfinal loss to eventual champion St. Anthony's.

"For the seniors, it's great to win your last game," Mount coach

Mario Valentini said. "For the underclassmen, it's the start of a new chapter."

The final page of Acquah's career at Mount ended with a bang. He played a major role in the victory, helping to stifle Cardinals

star running back DeQuan June and breaking the game open with a highlight-reel 55-yard touchdown run to start the second half. His presence alone, Valentini said, opened up the passing attack for

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# Confident coach has high hopes for Eagle Academy

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Eagle Academy graduated standout seniors Donte Adams and Stedman Allen from a team that finished second in Bronx AA and was upset in the first round of the PSAL Class AA playoffs. Yet Rodney Plummer, the program architect and coach, not only thinks the Eagles are much improved this year, but they can win a city championship "realistically speaking."

He isn't saying it to get a reaction; Plummer is extremely confident. There are a few key additions, players up from Eagle's successful junior varsity, but the biggest change, he said, is the improvement of his core seniors—notably point guard Gerard Carty and forward Jalen Chapman.

"I'm pleasantly surprised at the growth of my returning seniors," Plummer said. "They're

back with a different mindset, 'We've got to do it Coach's way.' I've been getting exactly what I want from them, in terms of intensity and intelligence on the court."

The 6-foot Carty was thrust into a starting role last year when the incumbent, Craig Robinson, tore his ACL. He had a successful year, but was often out of control. He played at one speed – too fast. After a summer on the AAU circuit with Abyssinian Church, he's become more of a controlled player.

"His court sense, his maturity as far as the game goes, he understands the game a lot better," Plummer said. "This year he knows how to make an adjustment. He actually manages the team on the court. He has matured immensely over the last year."

Plummer had similar kind words for the 6-foot-7 Chapman, a load inside who averaged five points and seven rebounds year ago. His younger brother, Juwan, will see time in the backcourt, along with fellow JV callup Da Sean Jones. Like Juwan Chapman, who averaged 18 points for the JV last winter, Jones is just 5-foot-9, but he finds a way to score inside nevertheless.

"The kid is going to surprise the league," Plummer said. "The kid plays so big under the basket it's scary. He gets off his feet so quick and he's so smart under the basket."

Seniors Najee Senior, Rashawn Solomon and Bruce Simms will also be counted upon for big minutes. The 6-foot-2 Senior is a light-out shooter, Solomon may be Eagle's best finisher and Simms is the team's top de-

fender.

Plummer likes everything he's seen so far this preseason, including impressive performances in scrimmages against Iona Prep, Transit Tech and Bedford Academy. The biggest difference is on the defensive end, a weakness last year Plummer now feels is a strength.

"These guys have bought into the system early," he said. "Last year it took three-quarters of the year to buy into it, they bought into it and they reverted back [to bad habits]. ... Defense creates offense, therefore defense wins games. Although we played [defense] at times last year, it was lacking for most of the season. This group is more of a team, they rely and depend on each other more and they tend not to let each other down."



# Football season update on sports drinks, energy drinks and you

BY DR. WILLIAM WOLFSON

They may enhance your performance on the toss, but energizing sports drinks won't do the same for your winning smile, scientists say. Researchers found that some juices and energy drinks are so acidic that they can weaken the teeth after just a few mouthfuls. Taking regular sips during one day is enough to weaken the surface of a tooth, the scientists warned. The effects are even worse if you brush your teeth straight after taking a swig. Powerade, Gatorade, Vitamin Water, SoBe Life Water and Propel Fitness Water were all found to cause damage. The research now follows the rising popularity of energy drinks as well.

High in sugars and acids, these drinks are designed to replace minerals and liquid lost during exercise - and to boost the athlete's energy. But past studies have shown that many are more corrosive than cola. Their ingredients can be problematic - mainly the citric and ascorbic acid added to improve flavor and prevent the drink going "off." Acid erodes the tooth's enamel

coating and trickles into the bone-like material underneath, softening the tooth. If left untreated it can cause severe damage - and even tooth loss, the New York University researchers found.

Professor Mark Wolff, who led the study, said: 'This is the first time that the citric acid in sports drinks has been linked to erosive tooth wear.' His team looked at the effects of a sports drink on cows' teeth, which closely resemble human teeth. Half a tooth was dunked in a sports drink, the other half in water. 'Five teeth were immersed in each drink for 75 to 90 minutes to simulate the effects of sipping on sports drinks over the course of the day,' said Dr Wolff. When compared, the fragment exposed to sports drink had a 'significant amount' of erosion and softening, they told the annual meeting of the International Association for Dental Research, in Miami. Brushing teeth immediately after having a drink can make the problem even worse, as the softened enamel is much more vulnerable to abrasive

chemicals found in toothpaste. In 2004, British dentists found that fizzy drinks double the chances of a 14-year-old suffering tooth erosion, which is more serious than tooth decay. Decay occurs when sugar reacts with bacteria in plaque to attack the areas between, or on top of, teeth. Erosion happens when the smooth, hard enamel is eaten away by acids, exposing dentine,

the substance that makes up the bulk of a tooth, or even its root.

Lucozade Sport said: 'Sports drinks are functional drinks designed to keep people hydrated and refuelled during exercise. To avoid any dental issues we advise that it is not sipped or swilled around the mouth, but swallowed quickly.' A spokesman for Gatorade's Sports Science Institute said: 'This study

does not replicate real life as the teeth were studied outside of the mouth.' Ohio State University conducted a real-life study, the most comprehensive to date, and concluded that there is no relationship between the consumption of sports drinks and dental erosion.' You decide!

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disorders, and many have been linked to such serious conditions as obesity, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, stroke, diabetes and depression.

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