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## TN activist Rose Foley dies at 85

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Community activist Rose Foley, a mainstay of the school board, community board, and civic organizations for over 50 years, has passed away at the age of 85.

Foley became a Throggs Neck resident when she purchased a home with her husband in 1955, and will be especially missed for her vast knowledge and contributions to local public schools in School Dis-

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Photo by Samuel Tutthill

## SANTA VISITS LOCUST POINT

Four-year-old Connor Harty (l) and 6-year-old Reilly Harty give Santa's beard a tug, just to make sure it's real, at the Locust Point Civic Association's Breakfast With Santa on Saturday, December 17. The Hartys were among the Locust Point kids who descended on the association's clubhouse for a morning with Mr. Claus and a jump start on opening some of his presents.

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# BEER SALES BUSTS

## Pelham Bay deli loses liquor license

BY VITO SIGNORILE

The gig is up for local grocery stores that sell alcohol and cigarettes to minors.

Led by Captain Russell Green, the team at the 45th Precinct shut down Izzy's Gourmet Deli at 3001 Westchester Avenue on Friday, December 2 after busting store employees for allegedly selling alcohol to young teenagers.

According to Green, the 45th has been monitoring the location since November 2010 after several complaints were made about underage sales. Green said the

complaints began to increase over this past summer and the precinct then placed a watchful eye on Izzy's since.

"We had known about it for some time, but we needed to make sure that our undercover team caught them red-handed on several accounts," Green said. "We were hearing complaints about this for the longest time and we made it a priority to watch over late last year."

Green said arrests have been made in the past at Izzy's, but for the

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# Celebrated Bronx artist captures market's flavor

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Artist Daniel Hauben has been painting Bronx street scenes for three decades, and recently took his easel indoors to the Arthur Avenue Retail Market.

The project had Hauben stationed at the market during the first two weeks of December, capturing scenes at 2344 Arthur Avenue, which opened in the 1930s and has an old-world sensibility, in oil paint on three panels.

The Bronx-born artist lives in Kingsbridge and has a studio in Riverdale. He painted numerous scenes from the Bronx, including Bronx Vortex, a canvas that celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Grand Concourse in 2009 by highlighting its intersection with the Fordham Road.

"I am a landscape painter," Hauben said. "It just so happens that the landscapes that I paint are encrusted with the Bronx."

When he recently visited the market with his wife, he thought that the color, texture, and shapes of the market would make for an interesting painting, Hau-

ben said. He was especially pleased with the reaction of the workers in all the businesses who wanted immediately to be part of the painting.

"I love interacting with the people in the market, and having them share in the process," Hauben said. "That doesn't always happen when I am painting."

Hauben's painting captures the rear of the market where Mike's Deli and Boiano Foods are located.

"The people working in the market were curious, and then they got involved and wanted to see the progress," Hauben said. "They have their ideas about people who should be in the painting, are taking ownership of it, and feel a part of it."

Also attracting him to the Arthur Avenue Retail Market was that it was a Depression-era building with skylights that silhouette a maze of different shapes overhead, including pipes and ornaments like a wagon wheel, before reaching a colorful ground level, Hauben said.

He painted scenes from the produce and meat sales stalls, as well as people seated at a cafe area. The painting is similar to other street scenes that he has painted in the borough, Hauben said.

"Coming from the Bronx influences my paintings because there is a lot of hustle and bustle, with layers on top of layers of buildings and people," Hauben said. "The retail market reflects that hustle and bustle, and it is a place where people come together and meet one another"

The painting measures 54 inches wide and 24 inches high. Space for the project was donated by Mainland Media, which is leasing a stall in the market for the holiday shopping season.

Aside from selling the original painting itself, Hauben plans to have Mainland Media create high-quality prints and poster. It is entitled "Arthur Avenue Market." They can be purchased for a fraction of the cost of the original painting. Daniel Hauben was the first artist to be featured in Mainland Media's products,



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Artist Daniel Hauben painted the Arthur Avenue Retail Market, and he is pictured here on Thursday, December 15.

which promote a positive image of the Bronx, said Mainland Media partner Paul Ramriez.

Hauben's work hangs in

prestigious art collections around the world, including those at The White House, New York Historical Society, Goldman Sachs, Pfizer,

Montefiore Medical Group, Pepsico, Harvard University, Rutgers University, E.F. Hutton, and the New York Public Library.

## Chamber's Operation Bronx Toys delivers to less fortunate

BY VITO SIGNORILE

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce is doing their part to deliver thousands of toys to children of the borough this holiday season.

In partnership with Bronx Toys, the Chamber initiated "Operation Bronx Toys" this December, a toy drive that collected over 30,000 FDNY and NYPD-themed toys to be distributed to Bronx kids on Christmas Eve.

Bronx Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Lenny Caro, along with chairman Joe Kelleher, Bronx Toys founder Bill Long, representatives of the New York Yankees, and other volunteers, delivered the toys to the Montefiore Children's Hospital, the Police Athletic League Center at 991 Longwood Avenue, and the Betances Cornerstone Community Center

at 465 St. Anns Avenue on Thursday, December 15 and Friday, December 16.

"It's something we took pride in this holiday season. It's obviously a time for giving and it's important that every child gets a present this Christmas," Caro said. "Our partnership with Bronx Toys is a strong one and the Chamber shares the same feelings about making kids smile in the Bronx. This is one of the biggest toy drives we were ever able to put together."

The partnership with Bronx Toys, who manufactures, distributes and retails unique, New York City-themed toys, games and gifts that are officially licensed by the City of New York, was developed in an attempt to create a stronger relationship between uniform services and children.

Children at Montefiore

were excited to receive their new toys, which included fire trucks, police cars, basketballs, baseballs, and more. Four-year-old Jesus Garcia had a huge smile on his face after receiving his present, and Meghan Kelly, director of the Child Life Program at Montefiore, could not have been more pleased.

"It's something great to see when people of the Bronx want to help the children of the Bronx," Kelly said. "The children didn't know that all of these special guests were coming today to surprise them with all of these toys. It's wonderful when they come here and you can see the reactions on the kids faces."

For more information about "Operation Bronx Toys," the Bronx Chamber of Commerce can be reached at (718) 828-3900, or about Bronx Toys, which can be reached at (718) 894-9804.



Photo by Vito Signorile

Four-year-old Jesus Garcia was ecstatic to receive new toys from the Bronx Chamber of Commerce and Bronx Toys.





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by Laura Guerriero

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## Birthday

An extra special happy "75th" birthday wish to our Mom, **Rosemarie Parducci**. We love you lots! Your sons, Robert, Steven, Michael and Jimmy.

Happy blessed birthday to **Filomena Cicchelli**

**Deglomini**, who turns 102 years old on December 27, 2011. We love you so much! Praying always, **Eddie and Dhina**

## Principal's List

Congratulations to my daughter, **Cassidy**, for making the Principal's List at St. Rays. You have made me so proud! Keep smiling. You're the best, baby girl! Love, Mom.

Congrats to my niece, **Meadow**, for also making the Principal's List. And my oldest niece, **Jaileen**, for making 1st Honors. And



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last, to my Goddaughter, **Kayleigh**, for starting to walk. All great accomplishments. Love you all so much. Love you, **Titi Vonnice**.



CASSIDY, MEADOW, JAILEEN AND KAYLEIGH



ROSEMARIE PARDUCCI



Photo by Spencer Tucker/Mayor's Office

## MAYOR SIGNS VACCA BILLS

Councilman Jimmy Vacca was on hand as two bills that he sponsored were signed into law by Mayor Bloomberg on Wednesday, December 14. One new law requires the city Department of Transportation to consult with Small Business Services, NYPD, FDNY, and the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities on major transportation projects. The second requires the Department of Transportation to report crash and speed data in corridors where traffic calming measures have been put in place. Vacca serves as chair of the council's transportation committee. With the mayor are director of government affairs at Lighthouse International Lester Marks (I), and Vacca.



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# Dutch family sails Atlantic, stops at Bronx marina

BY BILL WEISBROD

The members of the Rijkelijkhuiizen family from De Lier, Netherlands have visited many places on their trans-Atlantic sailing journey, and many more still to visit. But they will always remember their week in the Bronx.

The Rijkelijkhuiizens began their journey from the Netherlands in June, and plan to sail back to their hometown in August, 2012. But from Friday, December 9 through Friday, December 16, its base of operations was the Locust Point Yacht Club.

The family, which includes a mother, a father and two daughters aged 9 and 10, made a week-long stopover in the Bronx while sailing down the east coast of North America.

"For us from Holland, we always heard about the American people, especially in New York, that they're only for the money, for themselves," 39-year-old father Robbert said. "But for us they've been great. They've

been offering us so much help here. It's something we didn't expect."

Robbert found Locust Point Yacht Club on an electronic map, as the family was looking for a place to dock its sailboat.

"They were really surprised when we sailed up to the docks," Robbert said. "They said 'how did you find us?' I told them 'you're on the map!'"

The Rijkelijkhuiizens were sailing south from Bridgeport, CT. After leaving Locust Point, they set a course for Delaware.

But for the seven days in between, they used Locust Point as their base of operations for a week of touring New York City. The family got the full city Christmas season experience, taking the express bus into midtown for days of shopping and sightseeing.

"This has been a good part (of the trip)," Robbert's wife Lydia said. "It's lovely, and everyone (at Locust Point) has been really good

to us."

After leaving De Liers, the Rijkelijkhuiizens took their sailboat to Iceland, and then sailed across the Atlantic, with stops in Greenland, before landing in northern Canada in September. Since then they have been making their way down the coast, planning to reach the Caribbean by spring. Over the summer, the family will spend over three weeks sailing across the Atlantic, to the Azores, before heading home to Europe. They have been living in a cabin about 30 feet long and 10 feet wide.

Robbert, an IT project manager, and Lydia, a web site designer, decided to take the extended time off from their jobs. Their daughters Chrislya and Nikita are being schooled aboard the boat.

The vessel is mainly propelled by the wind, although it does have a 28-horsepower outboard motor.

Robbert, who navigates the boat, said the cross-



Photo by Bill Weisbrod

The Rijkelijkhuiizen family aboard its boat, at Locust Point Yacht Club.

ocean journey had been a lifelong dream. As the couple neared their 40s, they saw their window of oppor-

tunity closing.

"We did it to get out of the daily routine," he said. "And we wanted to do it

while we're young."

The Rijkelijkhuiizens post a log of their journey at [www.rijkelijkhuiizen.net](http://www.rijkelijkhuiizen.net).




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(Above) The two hospitals also honored 18 "Precious Jewel" employees for their exemplary service. They are a distinguished group of multi-faceted clinicians and care givers, according to the hospitals.

(Right) Pictured are (l-r) William Walsh, senior vice president of Jacobi Medical Center and North Central Bronx Hospital, and Patrice DeCorrevont, CEO, Chase Commercial Banking for government, non-profit, and health care. DeCorrevont, a nationally recognized leader in banking, was honored for her work in support of the financial requirements of public health care institutions.



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**MON, NOV. 21st, 1:40 p.m.** — East 149 St. and Park Ave. City officials called upon several agencies to replace a missing man-hole cover. As one officials indicated, it's a busy intersection with a city hospital on one corner. Officials from the office of Emergency Management called upon various city agencies and also private utilities to have representatives respond after the manhole cover had disappeared, apparently for several days. Thanks to the OEM staff, the problem was quickly corrected.

**WED, NOV. 23rd, 12:40 p.m.** — East 138 St. and Cypress Ave. An investigation was launched after an elderly woman was struck and killed by a vehicle. Specially trained police officers from Highway 1's Accident Investigation Squad were called to the crime scene to help gather evidence. The woman had been pinned under a van. Firefighters from Engine 83, Ladder 29, Battalion 14, Rescue 3, and Squad 41 were all summoned to the scene.

## 41st PCT.

**MON, NOV. 21st, 1:05 a.m.** — 1081 Leggett Ave. A neighborhood 7-Eleven store was robbed by four Hispanic males. One of the unknown culprits produced a knife and the team fled with an unknown amount of money from a cash register.

**WED, NOV. 23rd, 4:30 p.m.** — 850 Longwood Ave. Investigators are looking into an incident where a male had been grazed by a bullet. The male victim received a wound to the head and was reported in stable condition.

**FRI, NOV. 25th, 5:15 p.m.** — 674 Hunts Points Ave. Information was obtained by authorities that a Hispanic male robbed an auto glass business. The unidentified culprit at gunpoint fled with four-hundred in cash in addition to a cell phone. No injuries were reported.

**SAT, NOV. 26th, 7:00 p.m.** — 621 Manida St. Police investigators are looking into a home invasion. Officials indicated that the two unknown males were armed with what appeared to be a shotgun and one of them wore a ski mask. After pushing their way into the victim's home, the culprits fled with an unknown amount property including five-hundred dollars in cash, and two-cell phones. Detective assigned to the local squad are handling the inquiry.

## 43rd PCT.

**TUES, NOV. 22nd, 9:25 a.m.** — 2001 Story Ave. Police officers received a tip concerning a



# POLICE BLOTTER

home invasion. Responding officers were able to arrest two of the three suspects after conducting a search of the building. Several K-9 units responded to assist with the search. The inquiry is ongoing.

**THURS, NOV. 24th, 7:15 a.m.** — 1041 Pugsley Ave. Police officers were assigned to respond after neighbors reported hearing a person screaming inside an apartment. Officers from the Emergency Service Squad were summoned to the scene along with members of the Hostage Negotiation Team and the Technical Assist Response Unit. The emotional disturbed person voluntarily surrendered to authorities. Once in custody, the individual was taken to Jacobi Medical Center for care.

**FRI, NOV. 25th, 2:00 p.m.** — 1065 Bruckner Blvd. Two black males were arrested after police officers recovered a 22-caliber gun. The weapon was vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

**SAT, NOV. 26th, 8:30 p.m.** — Story and Sound View Aves. Ambulance crews treated nine injured person as a result of a multi-vehicle accident. Those injured were transported to area hospitals.

## 44th PCT.

**WED, NOV. 23rd, 3:25 a.m.** — 135-B West 168 St. Police were dispatched to a building in the Highbridge community. Arriving officers found the body of a 34 year old Hispanic woman. Officials indicated that the victim's death was suspicious. The victim's body was released to the Medical Examiner's office so that an autopsy could be performed.

**THURS, NOV. 24th, 11:10 a.m.** — 1182 Clay Ave. A 29 year old Hispanic male was shot in the right ankle officials report. The injured man was transported to Lincoln Medical Center for medical care. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**FRI, NOV. 25th, 4:25 a.m.** — 1146 Ogden Ave. A 29 year old Hispanic male was taken to Lincoln Medical Center. The man had been stabbed once in the back in the Highbridge section.

## 45th PCT.

**FRI, NOV. 25th, 4:10 p.m.** — 1506 Castle Hill Ave. A suspect

was arrested and charged with attempting to bribe a police officer.

**FRI, NOV. 25th, 9:45 p.m.** — 2877 Barkley Ave. A person known as a volunteer within the community was arrested for operating a vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

## 46th PCT.

**MON, NOV. 21st, 4:20 p.m.** — 240 Echo Pl. Authorities arrested a female suspect as they looked into a shooting. A male victim suffering from a bullet wound to the shoulder was admitted to St. Barnabas Hospital in stable condition. A gun was also recovered by investigators.

**MON, NOV. 21st, 4:35 a.m.** — 1860 Grand Concourse. A teenager was taken into custody after being found with a gun. A 16 year old Hispanic girl will be facing charges for having an unregistered handgun. Vouched by police officers was a 357-caliber revolver.

**THURS, NOV. 24th, 11:45 p.m.** — 60 East 183 St. A 30 year old Hispanic man was taken into custody by police. The suspect was in possession of a 38-caliber revolver when arrested.

**FRI, NOV. 25th, 5:00 p.m.** — 1834 Phelan Pl. A 28 year old Hispanic male went to a Manhattan hospital seeking assistance for a bullet wound. Police were called to Harlem Hospital where the man had walked into suffering a gunshot wound to the right leg. Bronx police are conducting the inquiry.

## 47th PCT.

**MON, NOV. 21st, 12:05 a.m.** — 3230 Cruger Ave. Authorities are looking into a shooting that sent an Asian teenager to Jacobi Medical Center. The 18 year old male was suffering from a bullet wound to the groin area in addition to two wounds to the right leg. Local sleuths are handling the inquiry.

**MON, NOV. 21st, 2:20 p.m.** — White Plains Rd. and East Gun Hill Rd. Emergency personnel responded to assist an on duty traffic agent. The city worker had been struck by a vehicle. Upon investigating, police arrested the driver for operating the vehicle with a suspended license. The traffic officer was treated for a knee injury.

**TUES, NOV. 22nd, 4:55**

**a.m.** — 4201 Webster Ave. A search was conducted for a black male in the Wakefield — Woodlawn community after the robbery of a gas station on the corner of East 233 St. The armed thief entered the station's building that also houses a Dunkin' Donuts. At gunpoint he announced the robbery, but fled empty handed. The inquiry is currently in the hands of local detectives.

**WED, NOV. 23rd, 6:40 a.m.** — 4304 Furman Ave. Police investigators are looking into a reported stabbing of a male that occurred in the Wakefield section.

**WED, NOV. 23rd, 9:20 a.m.** — 901 East 217 St. A 27 year old black man was transported to Montefiore Hospital once police gained custody of the person. The emotionally upset man had an argument with his girlfriend officials indicated. He started to trash the home before jumping out of a second floor window.

**THURS, NOV. 24th, 1:55 a.m.** — 4007 Harper Ave. A 71 year old man was found suffering from several stab wounds. Apparently the elderly victim was attacked by three black males. The male victim was stabbed multiple times suffering with two wounds to the back and one to the shoulder area. The man was transported to Jacobi Medical Center.

**THURS, NOV. 24th, 12:15 p.m.** — 600 East 233 St. Police officers were called to Montefiore Hospital's Northern Division after a person walked into the medical facility seeking help for a stab wound.

**FRI, NOV. 25th, 9:55 p.m.** — 1801 Nereid Ave. A grocery store in the Wakefield area was robbed by three black males. At gunpoint, the team fled with an unknown amount of money. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

## 48th PCT.

**MON, NOV. 21st, 3:00 a.m.** — 2160 Webster Ave. An investigation into a robbery is underway by local detectives. Two black males entered a parking garage. After approaching the on duty attendant, the worker was stabbed in the right leg. The two culprits fled with over five thousand dollars in cash.

**MON, NOV. 21st, 3:45 a.m.** — Southern Blvd. and East 182 St. A man told responding officers that he had been robbed by three males. The victim explained that the culprits were all wearing mask, however, one of the culprits was armed with a machete.

**MON, NOV. 21st, 7:05 p.m.** — 2417 Beaumont Ave. Authorities learned that a home in the Belmont section was invaded by

two black males. At gunpoint, the two culprits secured the two occupants. After gathering personal property including several lap-top computers, cell phones, and other electronic equipment and games the thieves fled. The culprits also took credit cards and other items. One of the victims received a minor laceration to the head area.

**TUES, NOV. 22nd, 8:15 a.m.** — 912 East 178 St. A 23 year old black man was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital after being attacked. The male victim was suffering from six stab wound upon arriving at the medical facility.

**WED, NOV. 23rd, 4:00 a.m.** — Cross Bronx Expwy. The operator of a vehicle became nervous upon seeing police officers. The driver headed in the wrong direction on the interstate road way. Police pursuit the vehicle and once upon stopping the vehicle they learned that the vehicle had been stolen.

**FRI, NOV. 25th, 7:30 a.m.** — East 177 St. and Park Ave. Police investigators looking into a serious vehicle accident indicated that there appeared to no criminality connected to the incident. An unidentified male had been struck by a vehicle.

**SAT, NOV. 26th, 1:55 a.m.** — 1815 Prospect Ave. A 17 year old black male was shot in the chest officials indicated. The teen was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital where he expired three hours later. Now detectives are faced with a homicide inquiry.

## 50th PCT.

**MON, NOV. 21st, 4:10 p.m.** — 2800 Sedgwick Ave. A search was conducted for a male who officials believe is in his mid-twenties. The Hispanic man is wanted in connection with a shooting of a black male. The victim expired within thirty-minutes after being shot.

**WED, NOV. 23rd, 12:00 p.m.** — 5718 Broadway. A suspect was arrested after a robbery attempt. An off duty city worker was shopping in a neighborhood supermarket. The culprit attempted to grab money out of the hands of a government employee.

## 52nd PCT.

**MON, NOV. 21st, 10:15 p.m.** — 2226 Loring Pl. Officials received information that three Hispanic males had forced their way into a home. The occupant was secured by the culprits who also punched their victim in the face. The perpetrators fled with a gold chain besides two-thousand dollars in cash.

**WED, NOV. 23rd, 5:50 p.m.** — 2947 Jerome Ave. A 48 year old Hispanic male was arrested by local police officers. The suspect was found in possession of an unregistered 44-caliber gun. The gun was taken away from the man and vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

**SAT, NOV. 26th, 7:00 p.m.** — 384 East 194 St. Police investigators are looking into a home in-

vasion conducted by three armed males. Authorities were informed that three males, two black and one Hispanic, all armed with guns entered an apartment occupied by two females. The two occupants were secured by the culprits before they fled with a lap-top computer, an I-pod, and several thousand dollars in cash.

## Housing

**MON, NOV. 21st, 7:45 a.m.** — Randall Ave. Detectives are looking into a reported burglary. Three black males forced their way into a home that was occupied by a young male. The home invaders fled with a lap top computer. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 8 are working on the inquiry with detectives from the 43rd Pct. Squad.

**FRI, NOV. 25th, 2:30 p.m.** — 1000 Trinity Ave. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 7 are looking for the person who robbed a gold chain. The unknown black male ripped the chain off the neck of a postal worker. The victim received a minor injury.

## Fire Log

**WED, NOV. 23rd, 11:45 p.m.** — 912 East 220 St. Firefighter were called upon to extinguish a fire in a private home near Bronxwood Ave. The blaze was original reported on the first floor of the two-story home. In a short period of time a hose line was stretched and placed into operation as ladder crews started to check for extension. Fire was located in the kitchen area on the second floor by ladder crews. Shortly after mid-night Division 7 declared the incident under control.

**THURS, NOV. 24th, 2:50 p.m.** — 1717 Vyse Ave. Several fire companies were dispatched to a reported residential building fire. Engine 45 along with Tower Ladder 58 were the first units to arrive at the building. They were quickly joined by Engine 82 and Tower Ladder 31 crews. Engine 46 rolled in third due. Upon seeing the conditions, Battalion 18 requested a full first alarm assignment which caused the response of Engine 94, Ladder 48, Squad 61, Rescue 3, and Battalion 3, all under the command of the 6th Division. Before the incident commander was able to indicate that the fire was starting to darken down, Engine 88 along with Ladder 27 were dispatched to the scene. The blaze was hidden under the flooring and behind walls on the third floor of a fire story high apartment house.

**SAT, NOV. 26th, 5:45 p.m.** — 345 Baychester Ave. Firefighters under the leadership of the 15th Battalion extinguished a fire in the compactor system in a three story high residential building in the Edenwald Housing Complex. Shortly after 6 p.m. the incident was declared under control. A hose was rapidly stretched and placed into operation by the engine crews as firefighters from ladder crews started to search each floor and all the stairwells. All searches proved to be negative.



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# Benedetto to meet constituents at Scott Place Cafe in 2012

## Morning chat planned for New Year's Day

BY BILL WEISBROD

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto is ringing in 2012 by having coffee and cake with his constituents on New Year's Day.

Benedetto will be at Scott Place Cafe at 3604 East Tremont Avenue on Sunday, January 1 from 9 a.m. until noon.

The assemblyman, from the 82nd District, will be chatting with everyone and anyone who stops by the cafe that has an issue they want to discuss, they can just stop by and say hello.

"I'm inviting my constituents to come and have some coffee, have a danish. Let's break bread and start the new year off in a nice, easy, casual way," Benedetto said. "Let's say hello to each other and wish each other a Happy New Year."

Assemblyman Benedetto expects school-related issues to top the morning agenda.

"Education is on the minds of a lot of people, because next to safe and clean community, people are very concerned about the schools in their community," Benedetto said. "And it's one of the things that binds a community together. But we'll certainly talk about anything people want to bring up. We're in tough economic times and the state has a budget gap to close."

Benedetto's offices are located above the coffee shop.

"It's a wonderful location," he said. "I figure why not bring people to this wonderful spot, which is almost perfect for what I have envisioned as a nice,

casual morning social event."

He envisions it having a decidedly different atmosphere than the typical town hall meeting.

"No fighting against this, or raging against that," Benedetto said.

And for anyone who plans to spend New Year's Eve celebrating, the event will run until noon, permitting everyone a few extra hours of sleep.

It is the first time Benedetto has held such an gathering, but it may not be the last.

"If it's successful, I would like to make this a regular event where I might meet the public once a month or a Sunday morning on something like that," he said. "We'll see how it develops."

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Pay for Play campaign events

DEAR EDITOR,

Perhaps Senator Charles Schumer should worry about more important issues than the origins of which beer citizens drink. If you stand between Schumer and a microphone or camera, be prepared to be run over. Will Schumer now substitute beer produced in NY with wine and hard liquor at his frequent Pay for Play campaign events? Schumer is the number one Senator in soliciting millions of dollars from the Washington K Street and other Pay for Play special interest groups.

It will be interesting to see if there is a future quid pro quo in the form of campaign contributions from the Beer Institute, a Washington based industry lobbying group as a thank you to Schumer for supporting the “I love New York Brew” campaign.

Voters would prefer Schumer put down his beer, stop his daily photo ops, press conferences and evening fund raisers and resume working full time as a Senator.

He can start by converting his passion for free press coverage and campaign funds by assisting in passing an honest balanced federal budget on time October 1st. Focus on reducing our 9% unemployment rate and start paying off Uncle Sams \$15 trillion and growing long term debt.

Deal with securing our boarders, crime, education, environment, housing, nutrition and transportation rather than attempting to grab daily headlines and stories such as this one to feed his ego.

Of course, finding Schumer and his colleagues at work in Washington conducting the peoples business is difficult as they are only in session part time during the year.

Larry Penner  
Great Neck

## Pompeii truce and Lizzy response

Dear editor,

It seems the peace pipe has been smoked between the editors at BTR and Mr. Torres, owner of infamous Pompeii “lounge.”

This hot spot has been nothing but trouble for the Waterbury-Lasalle community ever since it decided to open up on Tremont, attracting troublemakers and miscreants from the south Bronx and God knows where else.

BTR has reported on one nuisance after another from that joint, but now we have seen big ads for Pompeii, including a photo of a smiling Mr. Torres wearing an unbuttoned shirt showing his hairless chest.

I don’t why the peace pipe was smoked between Torres and BTR, but I hope it won’t mean that the next time something bad happens at the hot spot, that it won’t get coverage in BTR.

As far as Lizzy Tizzy Ortiz goes, I give thanks that she followed up her previous letter, even though she didn’t clarify what I re-



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## BRONX COUNCIL ON THE ARTS WINS FORDHAM CARES

On Saturday, December 10 Fordham Toyota announced the Bronx Council of the Arts as the third winner of the “Fordham Cares” grant. The Bronx Council of the Arts was the winning vote getter among Fordham Toyota customers Facebook page visitors. Two other Bronx community non profits were in the running. The announcement of the \$2,500 donation was made at BCA’s Holly Jolly Trolley event at Hostos Community College.

(Above, l-r) Fordham Toyota general manager John Randazzo, BCA executive director Deirdre Scott, BCA deputy director Ellen Pollan, and Fordham Toyota sales director Alonzo Williams.

quested but made it even more complicated; but her follow-up proved my point about her aggressive racial pride and racial empowerment.

As far as her threat of a “dialogue” with me if we were neighbors, it’s highly unlikely that someone as passionate and inflamed with pride as she ostensibly is can conduct a real dialogue, at least on the issues I raised in the previous letters.

Ken Reynolds

## Thanks Cong. Crowley

Dear editor,

The Catholic Widows & Widowers Club of the Bronx thank Congressman Joseph Crowley for his continuing support and assistance to our club.

Constance A. Saddlier,  
Chairperson, Finance Committee

## Let us hear from you

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## Verizon customer confused by calls

Dear editor,

I use Verizon for my landline and cordless phones. Since last Thursday, December 15, , I have had no landline service at all. I called Verizon every single day and cannot believe that I get a different response with each phone call.

On Saturday, December 17, I received two telephone calls on my cell phone from Verizon representatives. Each one told me that there is a cable outage affecting many customers and Verizon may not be able to repair it for about one month. Therefore, if I switch over to FIOS, my landline problem will be resolved. They set up an appointment for me for Tuesday, December 20. Upon speaking with my brother this evening, he advised me to make sure that they are not coming to my apartment to change my computer and TV to FIOS. I called Verizon and I was told by their representative that she didn’t think that a rep was coming to my apartment to repair my landline since they now know that it is cable wiring affecting numerous customers. Each time I tried to explain what I was told by other representatives, this particular rep insisted it could not be true.

I was told on Saturday morning that it was a cable wiring problem affecting numerous customers and the only way for me to get fast repair service is to get FIOS. So what is going on with Verizon? Who are these Verizon representatives calling me? Are they soliciting a change of all my equipment? How is it possible that a major cable wire cannot be repaired for over a month? This is all TOO BAZAAR, to say the least.

Joanne Ciccone

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# 34 crack dealers nabbed at Parkside Houses, Coops

**BY VITO SIGNORILE**  
A huge drug bust around two Allerton apartment complexes is raising hope for local residents.

Although it is uncertain as to how long drug dealing has actually been occurring in the Parkside Houses and the Allerton Avenue Coops, the 49th Precinct began investigating the matter after four young men were murdered in the vicinity of the area during the 2010 summer for drug related issues.

Deputy Inspector Kevin Nicholson began the case and Detective Diana Spangenberg led the investigation that resulted in the arrest of 34 crack cocaine dealers that lived in or around the apartment complexes on Tuesday, December 13.

“These arrests are very big for this entire community. We have been onto these guys for a long time and it’s great to finally have them behind bars,” Nicholson said. “I knew from the beginning we were going to lock them up, but I kept telling the residents to just be

patient and that we would handle the situation as quick as possible. These arrests will certainly benefit the neighborhood.”

Nicholson also said that each dealer was known to be making around \$300,000 annually by selling mostly crack and some marijuana. He also said that 27 of the individuals lived in the Parkside Houses, while the other seven lived in the Allerton Avenue Coops, known as the “Coops.”

According to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the NYPD had made over 150 undercover purchases at the location totaling approximately 500 grams of crack from the individuals since 2006.

Parkside resident and Community Board 11 member Janice Walcott has been concerned over the drug dealing since the four young men were murdered last year. Although she was growing impatient, Walcott said that Nicholson and the officers of the precinct promised that arrests would be made when the time was right.

“All of us tenants were concerned more than ever after those young men were killed, and I had asked Inspector Nicholson to please get to the bottom of it,” Walcott said. “It took a little longer than most of us hoped for, but we could not be happier with these drug dealers being locked up. We hope that this is the start of a better time for all of the tenants.”

Walcott said she received a call from Nicholson immediately after the arrests were made. Upon returning home from work that evening, Walcott said the courtyard inside the complex, which was often infested with drug dealers and suspicious characters, was empty and quiet for the first time in years.

“We appreciate the work that he (Nicholson) and the other officers are doing,” she said. “I hope that this puts a dent into these types of operations and teaches a lesson for people who think they can come into our community and deal drugs like this.”

## ST. THERESA STUDENTS RECEIVE SUMMER READING AWARDS



Assemblyman Michael Benedetto presented Summer Reading Program Awards to St. Theresa students, Philip Addario (Grade 2), Joseph Cala (Grade 1), and Michael-Travis Brown (Grade 2). The three boys attended a pizza party hosted by the assemblyman for the successful completion of his summer program which requires students to read 15 minutes a day and keep a log of all the books they read.

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# Bronx entrepreneur provides stem cell therapy for pets

## New procedure repairs arthritis-related ailments

BY BILL WEISBROD

The Bronx is home to New York City's first and only distributor of regenerative stem-cell therapy equipment for animals.

Richard Zaiff, a former administrator at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, has been selling the supplies out of his Riverdale home since August. His clients are veterinarians throughout the entire New York City metropolitan area.

Zaiff is the president of MediVet New York, an international company and one of only two that sells the regenerative stem cell equipment in the United States. Zaiff oversees its local distribution.

Regenerative stem cell therapy is used to reduce pain associated with injuries or arthritis in dogs and cats. On average, procedures cost about \$2,000.

"It's so obvious that they're not in pain any-

more," Zaiff said. "That alone is worth the cost for most people."

The procedure is done by withdrawing stem cells from the animal, treating the cells using the equipment that Zaiff sells, and then injecting them back in, both to the affected area, and intravenously.

So far no Bronx veterinarians have signed on as a client. But one human ingratiated himself to the borough last summer through a similar procedure - pitcher Bartolo Colon was treated with an infusion of stem cells in 2010, and went on to have a productive year for the Yankees after sitting out the entire previous season.

Zaiff said he thinks that potential customers have been reluctant to embrace the methodology due to the fact it is relatively young.

"They're all really hard sells, because the technology is so new," he said.

"They just don't know how to use it yet."

The regenerative stem-cell therapy procedures have been performed for less than a decade, and have only become common within the past few years.

Zaiff brought two vets on board so far - one in Manhattan and one in Sleepy Hollow.

The regenerative procedures are unrelated to controversial embryonic stem cells, that are drawn from human fetuses.

Zaiff expressed confidence that an increasing numbers of veterinarians will start using regenerative stem-cell therapy.

"We're at the very beginning of exploring the technology and biology," he said. "I expect you'll see some really exciting cures in the not-too-distant future."

Zaiff, who has an MBA from Columbia, was drawn to the business after his re-



Photo by Bill Weisbrod

Zaiff with samples of the equipment.

tirement from Einstein in March. He spent 27 years at the school.

"When I was in business school I studied franchising and it appealed to me," he said. "You don't

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# Klein spurs safety improvements for Country Club Road exit

## I-95 ramp poses traffic-related danger

BY BILL WEISBROD

Plans are underway to improve safety at a problematic highway exit in Country Club.

Country Club Road exit 7C off I-95 will be receiving a six-point improvement plan from both the city and state departments of transportation, thanks to Senator Jeff Klein.

The exit has long been a concern for many Country Club residents, who feel cars coming off the expressway at excessive speeds can not merge smoothly with cars driving along the service road MacDonough Place and create the potential for accidents.

Thirty five accidents have taken place at the intersection over the past five years, according to research by Klein's office.

The improvement plan will include the relocation of a 50 miles-per-hour speed-limit sign near the exit, and the enlargement of a sign no-

tifying drivers that the speed limit is 20 miles per hour on the exit ramp. There will

well as the pruning of nearby bushes to improve driver visibility.

Both the state and city are involved because the highway is the domain of the state agency, while the service road is maintained by the city.

"It's my hope that these improvements will not only provide clarity, but also increase safety for all motorists who utilize this thoroughfare," Klein said in a statement. "My office will continue to monitor this location and work with our partners in the community to ensure commuter and pedestrian safety."

Klein's office began working with the agencies in the spring, after the Country Club Civic Association brought the issue to his attention. The project is underway and is expected to be finished in spring, 2012.

Country Club president Marcia Pavlica is excited to see the improvements begin-

It's my hope that these improvements will not only provide clarity, but also increase safety for all motorists who utilize this thoroughfare.

Jeff Klein  
Senator

also be painted markings clarifying right of way for the service road, new yield and merging traffic signs, as



Photo by Bill Weisbrod

Exit 7C.

ning.

"I've already seen counter vehicles out and engineers were there," she said. "And

I think the positive thing is that it was a joint effort between the city and state.

"If the potential for an

accident is alleviated, then great. It is certainly a good stocking stuffer for this holiday season."



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Children at P.S. 176 received their presents.

## Anthony's Flower Farm donates hundreds of toys to youngsters

BY VITO SIGNORILE

It's no secret that a Throggs Neck florist is all about giving, rather than receiving, during this holiday season.

The owners of Anthony's Flower Farm at 3240 E. Tremont Avenue, along with other community activists, continued to make toy donations throughout the borough to young children in the Bronx who are terminally ill or physically or mentally impaired.

After successfully donating over 100 toys to the Montefiore Children's Hospital, florist owners Bobby Jaen and Joe Imperia visited the Jacobi Children's Hospital, P.S. 176 at 850 Baychester Avenue, VISIONS, and TOTS between Monday, December 12 and Friday, December 16 to donate hundreds of more toys.

The visit to TOTS capped the florist's successful toy drive that began before Thanksgiving. Jaen said the goal of the drive, which collected over 1,000 toys, was to make sure that all children in the Bronx had something to smile about this Christmas sea-

son.

"Everybody who took part in this collection had the same intentions and we were all able to make this drive more successful than we ever expected," Jaen said. "Over 1,000 toys were brought in to our shop and we made sure that every single one of them was given to a kid who deserves it this Christmas. The smiles on their faces mean more to us than anything else."

Councilman Jimmy Vacca joined Jaen, Imperia, and others who contributed in putting the toy drive together to distribute the toys to the children at TOTS. Over 30 children who are enrolled in the daily programs were given a special present and sang popular Christmas tunes while playing with their new toys.

Nikki DiNapoli, executive director of TOTS, was touched by the florist's generosity and all of those who contributed to the drive. She said it's always a great feeling to learn what members of the community are able to do to raise the Christmas spirit.

"Anthony's Flower Farm proved that there are

great people out there who want to make a big impact in a child's life, especially during the holidays," DiNapoli said. "For this group of people to come together and collect all these toys sends a special message to the Bronx and a lot of kids have something to be happy about this Christmas."

Jaen acknowledged that because there is still time before Christmas, the florist will continue to accept donations and that he and the other volunteers will make sure that the toys are properly dispersed to kids throughout the borough.

Anthony's Flower Farm would like to acknowledge, for their outstanding contributions to the toy drive, Alexia Acevedo, Rebecca and Christina from Mommy's Mingle, Lilyanna Pekic of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association, Bronx Chamber of Commerce president Lenny Caro, Bill Long of Bronx Toys, Pastosa Ravioli, Crosstown Diner, Fusion Fitness, Schuyler Hill Funeral Home, and all other local merchants who helped make the drive successful.

## Korony American Legion holds successful annual toy drive

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The combined Theodore Korony American Legion Post 253 and Joe Mazzariello Toy Drive will continue on into its third decade, with close to 750 toys distributed to nine organizations in the borough.

This year's drive was a joint effort by the entire Korony Post family, including the post members, Sons of the American Legion, and the post's auxiliary. It is co-organized by Korony members Judy Lanci, Colleen McCarthy, and Anthony Ferrara. It is co-named after a past Korony Post commander, the late Joe Mazzariello, who began the drive for local children almost 30 years ago.

The toys were picked up by community organizations from a location used by the post to store the toys on Schurz Avenue on Tuesday, December 13 and Wednesday, December 14, said co-organizer Judy Lanci.

"We have good quality toys, and we keep up with the trends for the kids,"

Lanci said. "We check out all of the organizations and make sure that they have a valid 501(c)3. Then I personally visit the organizations to make sure they are doing the right thing."

The Korony Post makes a \$300 donation to the drive in the fall, before soliciting individual members, Lanci said. Letters are also sent out to neighboring American Legion posts requesting donations for the drive, which is kept local, Lanci said.

"This toy drive helps needy kids in the Bronx," Lanci said. "We are helping kids locally."

This stands in sharp contrast to organizations that may collect toys in the Bronx but distribute them elsewhere, Lanci said.

The organizations receiving the toys are Concourse House, St. John Chrysostom School, Bible Church of Christ, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Claremont Neighborhood House, Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson's toy drive, Emergency Rights Inc., Antioquia Church,

and a West Farms homeless shelter, Lanci said.

Division Three of the Bronx division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians made a \$200 donation to the cause because they knew that it would go to benefit local children, said division president Bob Nolan.

"We decided that the Hibernians did not need to start their own toy drive, because the Korony Post was having a drive that would benefit Bronx kids," said Nolan, who presented the drive with a check on December 14.

Any donations collected after all of the toys have been purchased for this year will be used to fund next year's drive, Lanci said. The drive especially seeks to help the families of veterans, and sometimes special care packages are put together for those families, Lanci said.

"Being that we are an American Legion organization, if there are veterans in need we do smaller one-on-one donations for them," Lanci said.



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Bob Nolan of the Bronx Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians stopped by to make a donation to the Korony Post toy drive volunteers on Wednesday, December 14. Pictured are (l-r) Delores Stoltze, Anthony Ferrara, Nolan, Lanci, and Jan Salvaggi.



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# 49th Precinct squad makes a heart-warming gift to youngster

BY VITO SIGNORILE

With Christmas right around the corner, officers of the 49th Precinct are making a heart-warming gift to a deserving young boy.

After responding to a burglary call on Tuesday, November 29, Officer Ray Queren and Sgt. Gerard Walker learned that a video game system had been stolen from a Pelham Gardens apartment.

Four-year-old Ethan Nash and his mother were not home when the apartment was broken into. The thief not only stole the PlayStation 2 gaming system, but also cash and other valuable items.

Heartbroken by the robbery, Queren and Walker quickly sprung into action.

"When we responded to the call, both of them were very upset. We told him (Ethan) that Christmas was almost here and that Santa Claus would bring

him a new PlayStation 2," Queren said. "It was very hard for them to cope with what had just happened and we just felt terrible when she (the mother) called into the precinct crying hysterically. We knew we had to help somehow."

When the two returned to the precinct, they told the other officers and all decided to raise the money to buy Nash a brand new PlayStation 2. Two weeks later, the officers had the money for the gift.

Queren's son, a senior at Holy Trinity High School in Long Island, was also touched after his father told him about the robbery. He raised additional money at his school to help the young boy.

"We were not expecting to raise as much money as we did at all," Queren said. "It was originally supposed to be \$10 an officer, but more people found out and con-

tributed. When you hear a story like this, your first reaction is to do whatever you can to help."

On Saturday, December 10, Queren and Walker invited Nash and his mom to the 49th Precinct to meet Santa Claus, who gave the boy his brand new PlayStation 2 and his mom a Visa Gift Card that contained all of the remaining money that was raised.

"It's just something about the holiday season that makes you want to give more to people," Walker said. "This was just one of those situations that your heart went out to them because these robberies can be devastating. They were very grateful and the entire precinct was happy to contribute."

The 49th Precinct has not apprehended any suspects involved in the break-in.



Photo by Laura Stone

Four-year-old Ethan Nash received his brand new PlayStation 2 from Santa Claus at the 49th Precinct.

## Bronx House seeks nutrition buddies

Bronx House is seeking volunteers who are 50 or better to help lead a new intergenerational nutrition/activity program, CATCH Healthy Habits, sponsored by OASIS and funded by Em-

pire BlueCross BlueShield.

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# AARP driver safety course

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto will be sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety course on Saturday, January 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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As of January 2012, AARP has raised the fee to \$17 for AARP members and \$19 for non-AARP members. Such fees will be collected before the start of the course.

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

# Residents rate Bronx for BP survey

## Educational issues a top concern; Bronxites mostly satisfied

BY BILL WEISBROD

The results are in for the Bronx's first-ever "Well-Being Survey."

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., whose office conducted the survey, released its results on Monday, December 12. About 1,900 individuals filled out the question-

naire, which was made available in August.

The survey asked people who live and/or work in the borough their opinions on quality of life issues, ranging from the appearance of their neighborhoods to what social issues are the highest priorities.

Education was the category that needs the biggest improvement, by over 57 percent of responders stated, while crime/public safety and economic development/jobs received large pluralities.

The survey also indicated that Bronxites have a generally sunny demeanor, with 64.8 percent saying they have either a "positive" or "confident" outlook on life. And over half called the Bronx a "good" or "excellent" place to live.

"I am happy that so many people who are

connected to the Bronx, either because they live here or work here, took a few minutes out of their busy schedule to make their voices heard on the important issues that face our borough," Diaz said in a statement.

"This information taken from this survey will help my office guide policy in the years to come, and I am grateful to the 1,901 individuals who participated in this important process."

Sixty four percent of responders listed their neighborhoods as "safe" or "very safe" while only 35 percent rated the borough as a whole as "unsafe."

The auto was chosen as the most common means of transportation in the borough, with 38 percent saying it was their main method. Thirty six percent listed the subway. Forty four percent

said transportation in the Bronx was "fair" while 33 percent chose "poor."

The surveys were distributed online, in both English and Spanish, as well as at all Bronx community boards.

Residents of Community Board 11 were the most responsive, accounting for 11.6 percent of the survey. Community Board 10 came in an extremely close second, contributing 11.5 percent of the responses.

"We pushed people to fill it out, we got board members to get persuade friends and family to fill it out," CB 11 district manager Jeremy Warneke said.

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# Throggs Neck's New York Tennis Club works on local outreach

## Wants more local residents to use facility

**BY BILL WEISBROD**  
Most visitors New York Tennis Club on Harding Avenue come in from Manhattan, Westchester or even the west Bronx. But if the club's management is successful, Throggs Neck and the northeast Bronx will be well represented on its courts in the near future.

The club has been holding events and reaching out to neighborhood groups in hopes of getting the surrounding community more involved in tennis.

Paul Fontana, director of adult programs at NYTC, spoke at the Throggs Neck Home Owners Association meeting on Tuesday, November 29, and the club hosted an open house on Sunday, December 11.

And Ajay Kumar, tennis director, has been reaching out to area schools to possibly set up after school programs at the club, or tennis clinics at the schools.

So far only Villa Maria Academy has begun participating in the classes at the club, while Holy Cross School in Soundview has been doing in-school tennis lessons.

Fontana and Kumar feel as they expose more

area residents to tennis, they will become hooked.

"Once we get the word out, it will be really positive," Fontana said. "It's a unique thing. Not many neighborhoods have this opportunity."

The club has six courts, which are enclosed in bubbles from October through May. The courts can be rented out individually. And both adults and children can sign up for group lessons.

The NYTC was founded in 1886 and is the city's oldest tennis club. Until five years ago, it was entirely private, and still is during summer months when the bubbles are down. Its six courts are leased out by for-profit Advantage Tennis Clubs, which operates two other city clubs, during the fall and winter.

Fontana suggested that long-time neighborhood residents may still think of NYTC as a private club, even though it is now open to the public.

Court rentals start at \$34 for an hour and the club offers tournaments for beginners.

The New York Junior Tennis League, sponsored in part by Councilman Jim-

my Vacca, also operates out of the club.

Pat Caruso of Community Board 10 has been helping NYTC with its outreach, and agreed that not many Throggs Neck area residents know they have a full-service, commercial tennis club nearby.

"People pass by and see the club, but I don't think anyone really knows anything about it," he said. "It's just like the Empire State Building. I think 90 percent of people from New York City have never been inside, even though they know it's there. It's that thing that's in your own back yard that you never think to take advantage of."

Caruso has approached the club about joining the Throggs Neck Merchants Association, and Fontana plans on becoming member.

Bob Kurz of the Schuyler Hill Civic Association has also invited Fontana to speak at an upcoming association meeting.

"People have lived in the neighborhood for 30-40 years don't know its there," he said. "But it's an important thing to have in the community because it can bring people together."



Fontana on one of NYTC's courts. Photo by Bill Weisbrod



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# Pelham Parkway building's elevator fixed after long delay

**BY PATRICK ROCCHIO**  
Since August, a six-story Pelham Parkway building has had its only elevator out-of-service due to a fire. Tenants at 1540 Pelham Parkway South, a 60-unit building near Eastchester Road, have had to climb the stairs since a fire in the elevator control panel o left it unusable, said the president of the building's newly formed tenants association ,Rafael Rodriguez.  
The tenants reached out to Councilman Jimmy Vacca after first calling 311 to little avail, Rodriguez said. Vacca was able to expedite the repairs to the elevator, and get approval from the Department of Buildings for it to come back to operation as soon as possible, which happened on Thursday, December 8, Rodriguez stated.  
"I am relieved that my wife and I can go downstairs with the baby and not have to carry things down the stairs," Rodriguez said. "I was upset and disappointed that this is the route we

have had to take to get the services that we pay for." He is glad the "nightmare" is over, Rodriguez said. Rodriguez lives on the fifth floor and has lived in the building for 18 years, he said.  
The slow elevator is the longest he has ever seen in his district, Vacca said. "The landlord was given every opportunity, and the tenants had been patient," Vacca stated. "Finally, I went to the Buildings Department and said that our patience had run out."  
A ten -ay notice was posted by the DOB, and repair began right away on the elevator, with a crew working through the whole weekend, Vacca said.  
"There are a lot of elderly people with walkers in the building, and I cannot remember a situation like this in my district where an elevator had been out this long," Vacca said.  
Vacca is proposing legislation in the the City Council that would give

the Department of Housing Development and Preservation the legal right to fix a broken elevator and then bill the landlord in an emergency situation, Vacca said.  
"I am modeling it on a current program," Vacca said. "If you live in a multi-family building and have a constant water leak or mold, HPD can make the repairs. Right now, the city does not have the legal right to go into a building and fix an elevator."  
Landlord Bernard Putter, the longtime owner of 1540 Pelham Parkway South, said that the delay was unfortunate, but was necessitated by city regulations which requires a complete upgrade of an elevator after a fire so that it confirms with all city regulations, including those for the handicapped.  
There was a delay in the Buildings Department approving permits to fix the elevator, upgrades must include handicapped wheelchair access, digital lights



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Tenants at 1540 Pelham Parkway South, pictured above, had their only elevator out-of-service since August. It is now back in service.  
for the hearing impaired, and sound and braille for the visually impaired, Putter said.  
"This is how long it takes, and it is unfortunate," Putter said, adding that he lives in another building he owns about eight blocks from 1540 Pelham Parkway South and that it took almost as long to fix the elevator in that building about two years ago.

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# No direction reversal for Glebe Avenue

BY BILL WEISBROD

Glebe Avenue will not be changing directions.

Community Board 10 held a public meeting on Tuesday, December 13 to gauge public reaction to a possible direction reversal for Glebe Avenue between Westchester Avenue and Glover Street.

Attendees were staunchly opposed to the reversal, so it is highly unlikely to take place in the near future.

The reversal was being considered because cars were frequently turning off Westchester Avenue and driving several feet against traffic, to get to the Planet Fitness on 2121 Glebe. The board will now look at other ways to address that problem.

The main opponents to the reversal were the senior citizens who live at the Glebe Avenue House senior residence, and use the Glebe Senior Center, which are located in the same building on the block.

The seniors were concerned that a reversal would complicate getting on and off buses in front of the center, a process that is currently facilitated by a fire hydrant in front of the building that creates a perfect loading and unloading area.

“They were really appalled,” senior center program director Sarah C. Thompson said about the proposed reversal. “They were very upset about this proposal.”

The building, run by the New York City Housing Authority, has 132 senior residents. Another 20 use the senior center.



Photo by Bill Weisbrod

Glebe Avenue at Westchester Avenue.

Community Board 10 district manager Ken Kearns said the seniors were the driving force against the traffic reversal.

“It would be a great inconvenience for the access-a-ride vans, which they depend on to go back and forth from activities,” he said.

Kearns added that not a single person at the meeting spoke in favor of the traffic reversal.

Instead, the community board’s Mu-

nicipal Services Committee will head back to the drawing board to suggest of other ways to remedy the problem caused by the gym members.

“Signs, lights, rumble strips,” Kearns said, listing other possible tactics. “There will be another meeting of the committee, where we’ll look at other methods to see how we can control the tendency of those drivers.”

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# Munis take over Morris Park

## New solar-powered parking meters dispense a printed receipt

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Muni-meters, once found on a small portion of Morris Park Avenue, have become the only way to pay for parking along the commercial corridor.

The machines, which take credit cards for parking payment at boxes powered by solar panels, are eventually expected to replace all single-space parking meters, according to the city Department of Transportation. They have been installed the length of the Morris Park Avenue shopping district, from the Van Nest community to Williamsbridge Road.

Muni-meters were originally installed on Morris Park Avenue several years ago between Paulding and Radcliff avenues as part of a pilot program, and were supposed to create more parking, said former CB 11 district manager John Fratta.

"They said it was a success, but we didn't think that it was," Fratta said. "For us it didn't add parking, but took parking away."

Motorists tend to park with ample space from the vehicles next to them, eliminating any additional spots, Fratta said. The only positive Fratta saw with the muni-meters is that motorists don't have to carry large quantities of quarters with them, he stated.

Merchant leader Robert Ruggiero of the Morris Park Alliance said that the most common comment that he has received is about the increased cost of parking, which was hiked from 75 cents per hour to one dollar per hour. By and large, the muni-meters will deliver an added amount of convenience to parking, and may possibly even curb excessive ticketing by traffic agents, Ruggiero said.

"Before, traffic agents could just pull up to a car when they saw the blinking light on an expired meter, stop and issue a ticket," Ruggiero stated. "Now, they have to park, walk and review the time on each parking receipt."

Motorists are expected to display the tickets on the dashboard of their car, with the exact time that their ticket expires. This will likely mean that there will be less ambiguity in terms of whether or not a parking violation should be issued, Ruggiero said.

Another positive with the muni-meters is that there should be less of a graffiti problem because there will be fewer total meter units, said Community Board 11 district manager Jeremy Warneke.

Aside from the increased cost to park, a major downside to muni-meters is that seniors or

the handicapped may have to walk further to get to the muni-meter and then back to their car to drop off the ticket, Ruggiero said.

"We had an 87-year-old man who came into our funeral home to make pre-arrangements, and he had to walk across the street to a muni-meter and then back to his car," Ruggiero stated, citing one example.

The city DOT has left signs in the heads of all the old meters alerting parkers to go to the muni-meter to pay, said Morris Park community activist Joe Bombace, who believes that muni-meters will be a success.

"I see people learning how to use the muni-meters, and it is going to be a learning curve," Bombace said. "It only hurts that they did this during the holidays. Couldn't they have waited until after the holidays were over?"



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Muni-meters, like this one pictured above, are now a permanent part of the landscape on Morris Park Avenue. Payment for parking must now occur at the centralized meter.

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Izzy's Gourmet Deli at 3001 Westchester Avenue lost their liquor license after the 45th Precinct closed them down for sales to minors.

## 45th shuts deli for illegal beer sales

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most part, summonses have been issued for people loitering outside the deli while consuming alcoholic beverages. After the store was shut down, the owners were fined \$4,500 for the illegal sale of alcohol to minors and were forced to surrender their liquor license. According to Green, there will be a stipulation that will not allow the license to be renewed again at the location.

By Monday, December 5, Izzy's re-opened, but Green said that workers were clearing the store of any remaining alcoholic beverages. Councilman Jimmy Vacca, who had also received complaints about Izzy's, praised Green and the 45th Precinct officers for their efforts. "This is obviously a message to all of the stores who think that it's fine to sell alcohol to minors. We will not tolerate this at all.

We promise that they will get caught and they will pay the consequence," said Vacca. On Friday, December 9, Hank and Pete's Luncheonette on 2883 Randall Avenue, on the corner of East Tremont Avenue, was also shut down for the alleged sale of alcohol to minors by a court order. The exact details for the location's closure could not be determined, but it re-opened for business on Saturday, December 10.

## TN activist, Rose Foley, dies at 85

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trict 8, friends said. Upon joining the Throggs Neck Home Owners Association in 1956, Rose became active in education matters pertaining to her two children, John and Rick. She was active in the school community council at Junior High School 101 in 1969, when Councilman Jimmy Vacca, then an eight grader advocating for better bus service, asked for the school's support in his fight with the MTA, Vacca said. Foley was a school board member from 1974 until the start of the Community Education Councils in 2003, and then continued to serve on the CEC, Vacca stated.

"Rose was a very opinionated person and sometimes when she had an opinion, it was very difficult to get her to change her mind," Vacca said, "but her heart was always in the right place." After the MTA fight, she became such a trusted ally. Vacca advocated to Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr.



ROSE FOLEY

to appoint Foley as one of two community members who were not parents on Community Education Council 8, when it was created under Mayoral control in 2003. She was a founding member of the Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corps., and a longtime member of the 45th Precinct Community Council, Vacca said. "People like this are hard to replace, and our neighborhood always counted on people from her generation. These people were the mainstay of this neighborhood," Vacca said. Foley treated everyone

with dignity and respect, and was always there to help when it came to bilingual education or any other issue that was important to her constituents, said fellow District 8 School Board member Julia Rodriguez. She was also a great mentor to new teachers, Rodriguez stated. "Many times new teachers would come to the school board meetings and she would help them," Rodriguez said. During her time on the District 8 School Board, she served as secretary, treasurer and president. She was instrumental in the creation of Lehman High School, and at the forefront of opening I.S. 192. She joined Community Board 10 in 1973, and was chairwoman of the Youth Services Committee in 1978. She also served as CB 10 secretary, and was on the board's executive committee. Foley was a great source of knowledge when it came to local schools in CB 10, said longtime board member Virginia Gallagher.



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# McDonough Pl. eyesore cleaned up

## New owner vows to restore property's upkeep

BY VITO SIGNORILE

A vacant Spencer Estate house finally has a new owner, and he promises to keep it cleaner than ever.

For years, the derelict home at 1440 McDonough Place has been an eyesore for Spencer Estate and Country Club residents. After its longtime owner Victor DiSarro Sr. passed away in March 2007, the house remained vacant and became a popular hangout spot for underaged drinkers and loiterers.

The house, which was consistently covered in graffiti and garbage after DiSarro's passing, was recently broken into and local residents once again contacted Senator Jeff Klein, who had been working with constituents over the years with the home.

Klein had the property re-secured and learned that the property had recently been purchased by Uval Golan. Klein reached out to the new owner and according to the senator, Golan quickly responded and spent approximately \$1,200 to clean the property by the first week of December.

"This property has been a blight on the Country Club and Spencer Estate area and I'm glad that the new owner has taken steps to fix this," Klein said. "I



Photo by Vito Signorile

The home at 1440 McDonough Place has once again been cleaned, this time by its new owner.

think we're all hopeful this property will be restored and become a true part of the neighborhood."

Prior to Golan's intervention, local residents claimed that the property was filled with garbage and large chunks of an old boat.

In April 2010, DiSarro's son Mario, who had been away from the home since before his father passed, told local residents that he had purchased the property and promised to repair the

home that he grew up in.

According to Marcia Pavlica, president of the Country Club Civic Association, the home continued to remain an eyesore and nothing was ever done to improve the property. After learning that Golan had purchased the property, she said local residents can only hope that the situation will improve.

"It certainly was a negative to all of our eyes and it was an unfortunate situation that the house became

like that over the years," Pavlica said. "This is good that the home finally has a new owner. I think that is exactly what it needs and hopefully it will improve."

In 2007, DiSarro claimed that he was working closely with the Bronx Supreme Court in gaining the title to his parents' home. Golan did not return a phone call to comment, but disputed the claim that DiSarro owned the home when he spoke to Klein.



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto (l.) and Pelham Bay Merchants Association president Sherry Scanlon stand beside the lit tree.

## Pel Bay Merchants host tree lighting

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Pelham Bay Merchants Association held its annual tree lighting.

The merchants association had already completed stringing holiday lights along the shopping strip when the tree lighting occurred in Keane Square on Wednesday, December 14.

PBMA president Sherry Scanlon was joined by Assemblyman Michael Benedetto to light the tree at the Square's war memorial. The tree lighting and the lighting of the shopping strip with Christmas lights is a wonderful accomplishment that will brighten the holiday spirits of all those in Pelham Bay, Benedetto said.

After the lighting, Benedetto said that they had brightened another corner of the community.

Donations for the tree's ornaments and lights were made by Lehigh Wines and Liquors at 2929 Westchester Avenue and Carpet Liquidators at 3042 Westchester Avenue, while the tree itself was donated by Pruzzo's Stop One Deli at 2937 Westchester Avenue, Scanlon said. She also collected from merchants for the holiday lights, she said.

"I want to say a special thank you to Pruzzo's Deli for donating the Christmas tree this year," Scanlon said, "and also to Carpet Liquidators and Lehigh Liquors for their donation of lights and ornaments."

It is regrettable that the merchants association was unable to hold its annual toy giveaway with Santa this year, which in previous years took place during the tree lighting, Scanlon said.

"We apologize that we will be unable to have our visit from Santa Claus and gift giveaway this year because of lack of funding," Scanlon said. "Last year, we had hot chocolate and donuts with Santa Claus, and gave away 500 presents, but we were unable to do that this year."

The ongoing economic issues affecting the world are no stranger to Pelham Bay. Many of the merchants are struggling, Scanlon said.

The tree was decorated by Scanlon, her sister Sonia Cancel, and her daughter Megan Scanlon, along with help from an employee from Scanlon's business, Pelham Bay Home Center at 3073 Westchester Avenue.

## ST. FRANCES DE CHANTAL HOSTS TREE LIGHTING

St. Frances de Chantal held their annual Christmas tree lighting on Saturday, December 10 following 5 p.m. Mass. Dozens of local residents and churchgoers gathered not only to light the tree, but to sing holiday carols, pray, and enjoy delicious hot cocoa and cookies to welcome in the Christmas season.

(Right) The St. Frances de Chantal kids choir led the way with Christmas carols.



Photo by Laura Stone



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# Fuel-saving locomotive heading to Oak Pt.

New York City Economic Development Corporation, along with the New York City Department of Sanitation, New York City Department of Small Business Services, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, announced that two conventional freight locomotives will be repowered with state-of-the-art low-emissions diesel technology, thanks to a \$2 million grant through the 2011 round of the EPA National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program.

This award is the result of strong support from a number of federal, local, and state officials, including Congressman Jerry Nadler, Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn, Councilman James Vacca, and Councilman James Gennaro.

These locomotives will remain in the city's freight rail network and will be transformed in partnership with CSX Transportation and the joint work of the New York & Atlantic Railway and Waste Management of New York and are expected to be operational by late 2013.

"Creating state-of-the-art green locomotives is in line with several of the Bloomberg Administration's key priorities: making our solid waste management plan more sustainable, investing in infrastructure and using innovative technology," said Deputy Mayor for Operations Cas Holloway.

"Thanks to the grant from the EPA, these locomotives will help us make New York City greener and greater. Thank you to EPA Regional Administration Judith Enck

for her help in making this happen."

"The repowering of a locomotive involves removing the old engine from a locomotive and replacing it with a newer, cleaner propulsion system. Both pieces of equipment will be repowered with Generator Set (Gen-Set) technology. In this new configuration, the single conventional diesel engine is replaced with several smaller generator sets that can be activated when the locomotive is working at full power and deactivated when their power is not needed.

This ability to tailor horsepower greatly cuts down on fuel consumption and pollution. These two conversions will save an estimated 31,000 gallons of fuel each year and remove an expected 32 tons of nitrogen oxides and 0.64 tons of particulate matter from the air annually. Removing 32 tons of nitrogen oxides from the air is the equivalent of taking over 4,300 personal automobiles off of the road each year.

"Any steps to green our freight transit system are very welcome, especially rail, which is already one of the most efficient modes," said Congressman José E. Serrano.

"I applaud the EPA and its local partners for enabling this conversion, and look forward to more such actions in the future. The health of our communities and planet depend on carrying out more of these sorts of initiatives to pave the way for a cleaner, more energy efficient future."

"New York has one of the highest rates of asthma in the country, and replacing older,

dirtier locomotives with greener cars can't help but improve air quality for the residents of this city. These trains will mean less debris in the air and less noise in our neighborhoods. That's good news for kids, seniors and the environment. I am excited about the potential these new trains can have and hope they are only the first step in the direction of cleaner, more efficient rail traffic," said Councilman James Vacca.

The first retrofitted locomotive will be based at the Fresh Pond Rail Yard in Glendale, Queens and operated by the New York & Atlantic Railway for service in Queens and Brooklyn. The other green locomotive, operated by CSX Transportation, will be based at the Oak Point Rail Yard in Port Morris, Bronx and will service the Bronx and Queens. Already in active service making up and pulling the daily interchange trains that travel between the South Bronx and Queens. This locomotive will meet the US EPA Tier 3 emission standards and will complement the four GenSet locomotives that CSX already uses in the area. CSX is participating financially and supplying one of its locomotives suitable for retrofit."

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LEGAL NOTICES

## 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.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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## LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2010-2308/A

### CITATION

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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, SALLY 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:

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 SALLY MEISEL, also known as SALLY MEISEL, SALLY MYCEL and SALLY MYCEL, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 2676 Grand Concourse; Bronx, New York 10458, should not be judicially settled; why the legal fees of \$14,582.00, of which \$8,749.20 has been paid as listed in Schedule C of the account and \$5,832.80 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 asset location fee claim of KINNECT should not be allowed; why the possible claims of William Mycel, Parkside Memorial Chapel, Inc. and the New York State Department of Taxation & Finance 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 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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF BRONX

INDEX NO. 381424/09

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM, on behalf of the unit

owners of the Parkchester North Condominium, Plaintiff, -against -

PATRICK L. WITTER, et. al., Defendants.

Pursuant to a Judgment dated September 14, 2010, I will sell at public auction on January 9, 2012, 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 4B, in the building known as N-4 a/k/a 97, and by street address 1938 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New

York, and designated as Tax Lot 1947, in Block 3944 Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0286 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium.

The amount due under the Judgment is \$9,765.37, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including subject to a mortgage held by Emigrant Mortgage Co. Inc., in the original principal sum of \$58,500.00 with interest, and Federal Tax Liens of record. Index No. 381424/09.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES, INC. MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-6 Plaintiff, AGAINST TAHAMINA AKTHER, et.al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated 9/23/2011 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, at 2 P.M. 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx on any Monday on 1/9/2012 at 2:00 PM premises known as 115 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, BRONX, New York 10473 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the New York City, Borough of BRONX, County of Bronx and State of New York Section, Block and Lot: Block 3443 Lot 52 Approximate amount of judgment \$409,038.79 plus interest and costs Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #382041/09 Youngik Yoon Esq., Referee Steven J. Baum PC , Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 1291, Buffalo, NY 14240-1291 Dated: 11/11/2011

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

ANTHONY VERRELLI; Plaintiff(s)

vs. 680 EAST FORDHAM ROAD REALTY CORP. AND ANTHONY BORROMEO; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): Anthony Verrelli, 2565 Bronxwood Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469, 718-405-5657

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosue and sale granted herein on or about May 3, 2011, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 600 of the Bronx County Supreme Court, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451

On January 9, 2012 at 2:00 PM

Premises known as 680 East Fordham Road, Bronx a/k/a 2504 Cambreleng Avenue, Bronx

Section: Block: 3091 Lot: 65

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough

of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.

Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.

Approximate amount of judgment \$154,236.50 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 382325/2009

Lisa Jadidian, Esq., REFeree

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

ELBA IRIS CANDERARIO-CHICAS

Plaintiff

against

JOSE MANUEL CHICAS

A/K/A JOSE MANUEL CHICAS PAZ

Defendant

Index No. 10-34956

Plaintiff designates Suffolk County as the place of trail

the basis of the venue is Plaintiff's residence AMENDED

SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

Plaintiff resides at

156 North 20

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County of Suffolk

ACTION FOR A DIVORCE

To the above named Defendant

You are hereby summoned to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken agains you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below.

Dated, November 29, 2011

VALDAS C. DUOBA, ESQ.

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

2025 Brentwood Road

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The relief sought is:

A judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties in this action. The nature of any ancillary relief demanded is

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And any other relief this court deems just and proper.

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### PROBATE CITATION

File No. 2011-2093

SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX COUNTY

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

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TO: Claudio T. Bornstein, Vera Joana Bornstein, The Attorney General State of New York, The Public Administrator, Bronx County and the next of kin of Ilse Zechemann, deceased, if they be living, and if they be dead, to their Executors, Administrators, Creditors, Lienors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest.

A petition having been duly filed by Peter Heiman who is/are domiciled at 3709 Malibu Vista Drive, Malibu CA 90265.

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Letters Testamentary issue to Peter Heiman

Dated, Attested and Sealed,

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Surrogate

MichaelHausler

Chief Clerk

Teresa M. Grant Stoeth, Attorney At Law, Name of Telephone: (718) 601-5368. Address: 3336 Giles Place, Bronx, Ny 10463

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**BY ANITA VALENTI**  
The Pelham Bay Taxpayers & Civic Association wish everyone, young and old, a very Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and a Happy New Year filled with joy and laughter.

Everyone is busy, busy preparing for this wonderful time of the year.

As we hurry to get everything done in time, decorating our Christmas tree, wrapping our Christmas gifts, our Pelham Bay community and our surrounding communities are all lit up with colorful blinking lights.

Christmas cards mailed to friends and family, the energy, the hustle and bustle. Miracle of miracles, every year, we always manage to get it all done just hours before Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas 2011 we also reflect on past Christmases. Especially family and friends that are no longer here and the memories while they were here.

Recently, a dear friend Mary Bruno passed away. Another friend gone. We were 10 mothers of children attending St. Theresa's school. We became St. Theresa's CYO Moms.

We took turns chaperoning many activities for our children and their friends. It started with the children's garden craft program sponsored by the New York Botanical Gar-

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den. Classes were early on Saturday mornings. We rented a bus for round trips for all our activities. Two children shared a piece of freshly tilled soil.

They planted the seeds, pulled the weeds and harvested the vegetables in early fall. We were way ahead of today's organic culture.

Because our community did not have a YMCA we rented a bus to visit the Mt. Vernon YMCA on Friday nights for swimming lessons. Many of our children went on to compete in swimming meets.

We brought them up to Rye Playland for ice skating, and again to Rye beach in the summer months to the Rye Beach swimming pool. We took the children to see Broadway plays. We taught the young girls how to sew. Our young high school students tutored the young elementary children for fifty cents an hour.

Mary Bruno's husband Joe contacted a friend who directed plays. Children, teenagers, moms, dads all acted in Damn Yankees, Bye, Bye Birdie, and Funny Girl.

If you weren't acting in the play, you were part of the stage crew and we bought St. Theresa's

School a piano. So very many wonderful memories. Mary Bruno, Connie DeFilippo, Anne Jack, Madeline Mallo, Helen Musantry, Penny Orofino, Stella Quarante, Nettie Stahl, Anita Valenti, and Rose Vanelli. We were the CYO Moms who took turns chaperoning so many activities for our children and their friends.

Blink our eyes and our children went to college.

Blink our eyes again and our children made us grandparents.

That's how fast time has flown. Enjoy all your little ones, especially your teenagers. They need your time, love and guidance.

Yes, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, one of the most beautiful times of the year. New York comes alive with our Christmas Spirit. Let us not forget that Christmas is the birth of baby Jesus. Hopefully, and with lots of prayers, 2012 will bring us peace on earth.

The Pelham Bay Taxpayers & Civic Association do not meet in January or February. In our Pelham Bay Column we will let you know the status of the current proposals we are opposing.

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**BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO**  
Hello all!  
This is a short column. First off, I would like to wish you all a politically incorrect Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and a Happy Kwanzaa. For those of you offended by this, Happy Holidays.

To recap our year at the Post, we held two BBQ's and hosted a Christmas Party at the VA Hospital here in the Bronx. We sent goodies to our Adopted Platoon stationed in Afghanistan.

We collected and donated food-stuffs and clothing for the needy in the South Bronx ( many thanks to our elves, the Girl Scouts and various anonymous donors from the neighborhood) for

making this possible. We donated to the American Legion National Emergency Fund, supported Boys State where a young fellow attends an up-state college for one week to learn how this state's government works. (I think we should send some of our elected officials there as well.) I'm sure I left some stuff out. Whenever I ask a Vet to join the Post and hear, "well I don't drink", I tell him or her we've got plenty of other

stuff to do. This is the party time of the year what with office parties and house parties aplenty, so, I caution every one about the perils of drinking and driving. In the words of Dean Martin, "if you drink don't drive, don't even putt" . Stay safe. Trivia Time!!The U.S. took title to Louisiana on December 20, 1903. On the same date in 1860, South Carolina was the first state to secede from the Union. Again on the same date in 1920, the Middletown to Pelham Bay #6 stations opened. Keep the troops in your prayers, take a vet to lunch and God bless.



-Peter Travers

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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Despite the highest tax rates in the nation, New York State's treasury constantly teeters on the edge of bankruptcy, with an infrastructure in disrepair, schools that are increasingly uncompetitive, and unresponsive and arrogant agencies.

Add to that toxic mix numerous corrupt officials and a self-perpetuating legislative branch, and it is easy to see why, in the past decade, 8% of NY's total population has fled the state.

Clearly, the time has come to force Albany to enact significant structural changes. Although not exhaustive, these ten recommendations would address the chief roadblocks to reform and prosperity in the Empire State.

1. Allow Public Referendums on key issues. For far too long, "three men in a room"—the Governor, the Assembly Speaker, and the Senate leader—have controlled all that occurs in state government.

Individual legislators have little say in the ultimate outcome of key issues. We need to break that logjam, and insure that the people's business—not the interests of the politicians—gets done. Allowing easy access to public referendums on key issues would change the dynamics of Albany.

2. Freeze all taxes. For over three decades, New York has ranked either first or second in the nation as the highest taxed state. We have little to show for it.

Our roads and bridges are crumbling, our grammar and high schools are not serving our children adequately, and our economy, particularly upstate, is far too weak. Giving more money to Albany is about the same as giving extra drugs to an addict. It will cure nothing, and only make matters worse. Halting future tax hikes would give businesses the confidence to hire employees and energize the economy.

3. Impose the nation's most stringent measures of proof for benefits, to ensure that only citizens

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and legal residents have access to them, and that only those truly qualified—by both legal residency and eligibility—receive them. We should not shortchange those New Yorkers truly in need by wasting scarce resources on con artists or those with no legal right to be here.

4. Abolish member items, and replace them with objective criteria. Worthwhile civic organizations should not have to support individual politicians just to get the funds they are entitled to. This encourages politicians to provide funds based on how many votes or campaign contributions they receive from organizations, rather than on how worthwhile an organization is.

5. Adopt a voucher system. The fact is, despite spending more per student than any other state in the nation, (NY spends \$18,126 per student, compared to the national average of \$10,499) the results are poor.

Schools must strive for excellence, not bureaucratic compliance. We need to refocus our educational system to emphasize the needs of students, not educational unions and bureaucrats.

6. Make use of our natural resources. New York has vast supplies of natural resources that cannot be tapped for reasons having more to do with ideology than ecology. This limits our economy, increases unemployment, and robs the state of revenue that could be used to limit taxes.

7. Free local governments—eliminate unfunded mandates. Albany's politicians enact measures that make them popular in the eyes of their campaign contributors or party leaders, but force local governments to carry the burden. This takes away local government's ability to pay for truly essential services to meet the political needs of Albany. This harms com-

munities across the state.

8. Establish a statewide Ombudsman's office with appropriate power—and mandate that those who administer it cannot run for political office for a decade after leaving their position. The vast bureaucracies that administer New York's numerous agencies and regulate so much of our daily lives and businesses frequently fail to do what is necessary to protect New Yorker's rights. Intra-agency appeals offices frequently do little more than affirm what their parent agency does.

A statewide ombudsman office, manned not by politicians but by fair, dedicated professionals, could change the balance of power between citizens and the bureaucracy.

The ombudsman's office would also have jurisdiction over all complaints and charges of misdeeds of elected officials, and have the prosecutorial power to bring charges against them.

9. Forbid elected officials from engaging in any profit or fee generating activities with those doing business with the state, both while in office and for a period of five years thereafter. The reasons are obvious. We must insure that the needs of New Yorkers are paramount.

10. Forbid public service unions from contributing, as an organization, money, endorsements, office space, or volunteers to political campaigns. Public service unions have gained so much clout in Albany that it seems we work for them, not they for us. Their unmatched influence has totally eclipsed the ability of all citizens or organizations to have a voice in Albany.

New York can be both prosperous and a great place to live—if only Albany will get out of the way of the wisdom of its constituents, and the ability of its enterprises to reignite the economy.

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# TN Merchants hold annual dinner dance

BY BILL WEISBROD

The Throggs Neck Merchants Association has matured into a formidable force in northeast Bronx economics over the past four years, and at its dinner dance, the organization honored three individuals who help make that so.

The TNMA handed out the awards at its fourth annual event on Thursday, October 20 at Villa Barone Manor. Tara Lane of Guys and Dolls Hair Salon was given the Businesswoman of the Year award. Peter Spoto of Spoto's Restaurant was named Businessman of the Year and Margaret Arrighi, executive director of the Bronx Business Alliance, was recognized with the Excellence Award.

Winners were selected by members of the TNMA through a several-months long nomination and vot-

ing process.

"They're great recipients this year," said founding TNMA president John Cerini. "Lane has been one of the biggest supporters if the TNMA. She's been at Guys and Dolls for over 25 years, so far as longevity, you know you're dealing with people who know their stuff. They're not rookies at this."

Cerini was officially succeeded as TNMA president by former assemblyman Stephen B. Kaufman on Wednesday, October 26. Cerini will serve as the organization's treasurer. Previous treasurer Billy Tsibidis, owner of Cross-town Diner, stepped down to focus more on his business.

Spoto hosted the very first TNMA meeting at his restaurant in May, 2007. Cerini said that having the initial meeting at such

a high-end establishment gave the group momentum that has helped it thrive today.

"Pete got us some respect that day," Cerini said. "Had we met in the basement of some hall, it wouldn't have had the same effect."

Spoto was quick to point out that he does not do everything on his own.

"I have an entire family behind me," he said "So it was a chance for my family to get honored."

Lane, 47, knew all her life that she wanted to be a hairstylist, but only after plying her trade in Manhattan for three years after graduating from beauty school in the 1970s did she know that she wanted to come back and do it in the Bronx.

"The city wasn't home for me," she said. "I wanted to be in the Bronx."

She started working at Guys and Dolls in the early 80s. She became a partner in the early 1990s, and by the mid-90s she was a co-owner. The salon has had several different location, but it moved to Throggs Neck six years ago.

Arrighi has been working with the TNMA since 2006, and her business expertise went a long way in getting the organization up and running.

"When we started, she came out with her staff and went door to door to every merchant in the strip and basically gave every merchant a survey to fill out," Cerini said. "At least 100 were completed and from there we saw an interest in getting the TNMA off the ground."

Years later, Arrighi, is proud to see how far the TNMA has come.

"It's an honor to be honored," she said. "I appreciate them giving me an award, but it's really true working together. That's how great things happen."



Cerini (l) and Councilman Jimmy Vacca (r).



Cerini (l) and Public Advocate Bill de Blasio (r).



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(L-r) Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Joe Regina (accepting on behalf of Arrighi), Spoto, Lane and Cerini.

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Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on January 10, 2011, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction in Room 600 at the Supreme Court, Bronx County, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on January 9, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 770 and 780 Garden Street, Bronx, NY, covering all that certain plot, piece, or parcel of land, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3112 and Lots 25 and 30, and as more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.

Approximate amount of judgment \$10,891,348.56 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Joseph T. Jednak, Esq., Referee.

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Dean L. Chapman Jr., One Bryant Park, New York, NY 10036.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Supreme Court - County of Bronx - Flushing Savings Bank, FSB, Plaintiff, Against Clifford Williams, et al, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of foreclosure and sale entered 10/5/2010, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Court, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on January 9, 2012 at 2:00 PM premises known as 3831 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY 10467. ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Section 16 Block 4655 Lot 53. Approximate amount of lien \$304,671.03 plus interest and costs. Premises sold subject to filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index No. 300423/09. Stuart Adler, Esq., Referee. Harry Zubli Esq., Atty. for Plaintiff.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 380310/11 Date Filed: 3/22/2011 JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff, against Mary Vargas, Individually and Administratrix Of The Estate of Christopher Vargas a/k/a Christopher J. Vargas; Johnny Vargas;

The Board of Managers of Parkchester South Condominium Homeowners Association; City of New York Environmental Control Board; City of New York Parking Violations Bureau; City of New York Transit Adjudication Bureau; State of New York; any unknown heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of the late Christopher Vargas a/k/a Christopher J. Vargas, if they be living or, if they be dead, their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the Plaintiff, and "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10", the last ten names being fictitious and unknown to the Plaintiff, the person or parties intended being the person or parties, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged premises described in the complaint, Defendant(s). PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1410 Metropolitan Avenue, Unit 4D, Bronx, NY 10462 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may 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. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$48,925.00 and interest recorded in the BRONX County Office of the City Register on 11/3/2003 in CRFN 2003000443169 covering premises known as 1410 Metropolitan Avenue, Unit 4D, Bronx, NY 10462. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates BRONX County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: March 21, 2011 Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 250 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Suite One, Rochester, NY 14624 (585) 247-9000 Our File No. 10-004617 Premises known as 1410 Metropolitan Avenue, Unit 4D, Bronx, NY 10462. All that certain property situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of The Bronx, City and State of New York, Building Number 32, Block: 3938 Lot: 4259

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, Pltff. vs. GERARD PIRRAGLIA, et al, Defts. Index #382381/09. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Dec. 14, 2011, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Rm. 600, Bronx, NY on Monday Jan. 23, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 180 Terrace St., Bronx, NY. Said property located at a point on the southerly side of Terrace St., distant 96.33 ft. westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the said southerly side of Terrace St. with the westerly side of King Ave., City Island; being a

plot 42.74 ft. x 39.10 ft. x 38.07 ft. x 25 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$272,796.31 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. MICHAEL J. COLESSANO, Referee. COHN & ROTH, Attys. for Pltf., 100 East Old Country Rd., Mineola, NY. #80697

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Notice of Formation of Moore Development Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 9/20/11. 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. of the LLC: c/o Paul Moore, 5040 Tibbett Ave., Bronx, NY 10471. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2010-1258/A

CITATION

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

TO: Anthony Riddles; Rhodes Funeral Home; Arrow Financial Services;

Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of BARBARA RIDDLES TAYLOR, 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 February 1, 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 BARBARA RIDDLES TAYLOR, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 1519 Metropolitan Avenue, Apt 3B; Bronx, New York 10462, should not be judicially settled; why the legal

fees of \$3,300.00, of which \$1,980.00 has been paid as listed in Schedule C of the account and \$1,320.00 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 Anthony Riddles, Rhodes Funeral Home and Arrow Financial Services 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 paid to the decedent's distributees as follows: 100% of the net estate,

which is less than \$50,000.00, to Anthony Riddles as and for his distributive share; 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, December 15, 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 West Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

LEGAL NOTICE

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF BRONX

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SUMMONS

Docket No. B17896-7/11

In the Matter of the Commitment

ALEXUS MARIA DELGADO AND

GISELLE ANAIS DELGADO

Minors under the age of eighteen years, to the guardianship and custody of

CATHOLIC GUARDIAN SOCIETY & HOME BUREAU

pursuant to Section 384-b. of the Social Services Law of the State of New York.

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

TO: JULIO LOVETT

WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

Petitions having been filed in this Court alleging that the above named children in the care of the petitioner, Catholic Guardian Society & Home Bureau, should be committed to the guardianship and custody of Catholic Guardian Society & Home Bureau, an authorized agency. A copy of said petitions being annexed hereto.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court at 900 Sheridan Avenue, Part 48, Bronx, NY, 10462 on JANUARY 31, 2012 before REF. GUIDO, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day to show cause why the Court should not enter an Order committing the guardianship and custody of said child to the petitioning authorized agency and the Commissioner of Social Services of the City of New York as dependent children as provided by law.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if said children are found to be a destitute or dependent children as defined by Section 384-b. of the Social Services Law and if guardianship and custody are awarded to said authorized agency and the Commissioner of Social Services of the City of New York, said children may be adopted with the consent of said authorized agency and the Commissioner of Social Services of the City of New York without further notice to you.

In the event of your failure to appear before the Court, all of your parental rights in the children may be terminated.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said failure to appear before the Court shall constitute a denial of your interest in the children, which denial may result in the transfer or commitment of the

children's care, custody or guardianship or in the children's adoption, all without further notice.

You are entitled, as a matter of law, to be represented by Legal counsel at all stages of the proceedings herein. If you cannot afford to retain private counsel, the Court, at your request, will assign an attorney to represent you throughout these proceedings without charge to you.

Dated: 12/13/11

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

s/ Michael J. Williams

Clerk of the Court

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Supreme Court, Bronx County, Index No. 17502/2007

Business Loan Center, LLC, Plaintiff, v. Quanda D. Morrison, et al., Defendants.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered in the above captioned action on October 26, 2011, the undersigned Referee named in said judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on January 23, 2012, at 2:00 P.M., in Room 600 at the Bronx Supreme Court, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, in the County of Bronx, State of New York the premises described in said judgment and is designated as Section: 14 Block: 3508 Lot: 45. Said premises is known as 443 Torrey Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Approximate amount of lien is \$280,492.84 plus interest and costs.

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

Philip Coleman, Referee

Law Offices of Tae H. Whang, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 2011 Lemoine Avenue, Suite 205, Fort Lee, NJ 07024, (201) 461-3786.

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Notice is hereby given that al icense, number 1259881, has been applied for by The Clock Cafe, LLC, to sell wine, beer and liquor at retail in a cafe under the Alcohol Beverage Control Law at 112 Lincoln Avenue, Bronx, NY 10454 for on-premises consumption.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an on premises liquor license, serial number 1255017 for liquor has been applied for by J Taylors Corp. d/b/a Karma Lounge at 4585 Furman Avenue, Bronx, New York 10470 for on-premises consumption.

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. RESMAC 3, LLC, Pltf. vs. AUGUSTINE TAPIA, et al Defts. Index #300710/07. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Oct. 28, 2011, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Jan. 23, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 24 West 174th St., Bronx, NY. Said property located on the southerly side of 174th St., 25 ft. westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of West 174th St. and the westerly side of Davidson Ave., being a plot 100 ft. x 20 ft. x 100 ft. x 25 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$792,419.71 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. EDMOND PRYOR, Referee. DEUTSCH & SCHNEIDER LLP, Attys. for Pltff., 79-37 Myrtle Ave., Glendale, NY #80607

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BY MARY JANE MUSANO

Please excuse me but I just have to brag a bit. Our Primavera Italian Language Program is really something to write home about!

As a teacher, I can tell you that what kids remember most about learning are the hands-on projects that they are involved in. Workbooks and memorization have their place but when learning is fun kids easily remember what they learn and are inspired to develop a love of learning.

On Saturday, December 10, over 30 Primavera students headed to Jimmy's Pizza & Grill to spend the afternoon making pizza. Now, they could have read about some of Italy's favorite foods or even tasted some but I guarantee that making their own pizza is a lesson they will remember for a lifetime!

So, congratulations to Loretta Zaino and her teachers, Judy Chirico, Tiffany MacKnight, Vanessa Occhicone and Diana Mannarino for developing such a creative and fun program. Grazie to Jimmy's Pizza & Grill for taking the time to teach our students how to make delicious pizza. And to the students-I'm glad you had fun and we wish you continued success in learn-

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**Waterbury LaSalle Community Assoc.**

ing the beautiful Italian language!

I guess this is an appropriate time to wish our members and our community Buon Natale or Merry Christmas!

### Congratulations

I think we're lucky to have so many wonderful, smart and creative kids in our community. Recently Preston High School had an art contest for 7th and 8th grade girls.

Two young ladies from OLA were winners in this contest. Congratulations to Sarah Mc Carthy and Michele Almenas for their great artwork. They have a wonderful and very dedicated art teacher who also deserves mentioning. Thanks, Joan Gerardi, for all of your hard work!

We love to tell the world about the wonderful things that our kids do, so if you know a child that is deserving of a shout out, please call me at (718) 792-6385.

### Christmas Traditions

I recently told you of a Christmas tradition that is

done in my family. Every year we choose someone that needs a lift in spirit and we send an anonymous gift with an unsigned uplifting note. It is something I look forward to each year. I encourage you to join me and don't forget to include your children. They will love it and learn how important it is to give and not just get at this time of year.

Several years ago I decided to invite the rest of my family to join in the tradition. My sister, brother-in-law, nieces and nephews are now part of this wonderful tradition. It's growing and that makes me very happy!

Another Christmas tradition is that my entire family helps with Waterbury LaSalle Community Association's Christmas Tree Lighting. This year I noticed something very interesting and it proves to me that the tradition of selfless giving is contagious. Even young children can learn true Christmas spirit when they are given the chance.

There was a lot to do this year for the Tree Lighting. We bought gifts, filled stockings and arranged for Santa to come from the North Pole. Of course, Santa needed a beautiful chair and we arranged for

that too.

My two little nephews, Joseph, who is 2 and Nicholas who is 3, listened to the plans.

They were excited to be involved. When the day for the Tree Lighting came, they dressed up as elves and joined in the fun.

As we entered the crowd with Santa, Nicholas turned to me and asked what I wanted him to do. I told him to help his Dad and Santa give the gifts to the children. Nicholas gave gifts to over 100 children. At the end of the night, as we were returning home, I realized that neither Joseph nor Nicholas got a gift from Santa. They were involved in giving and that was the fun. I guess you are never too young to learn the true meaning of Christmas!

I'm lucky to have such a wonderful family! So, to my two adorable nephews Nicky and Joey thanks for being Santa's helpful elves. And to James, my sister Joan, Danny, Dawn, Frankie, Danielle and Scott—thanks for helping to make our Tree Lighting special.

I encourage you to create traditions of giving and include your children. It truly is what makes the Christmas season memorable and meaningful.

# Three-year old inspires winter coat collection

BY BILL WEISBROD

Joseph Petraglia of Throggs Neck, then 3 years old, was outdoors with his mother Geanine last winter when she told him to put his hat and gloves on, or else he would catch a cold.

Joseph refused, pointing to other children, who were not wearing either.

"Maybe they don't have them" his mother said.

Perplexed by his mom's reply, Joseph asked, why couldn't she buy a coat for everyone?

Geanine explained that would be a bit too expensive. So a year later, Joseph and Geanine Petraglia did the next best thing - they held a winter clothing drive.

The drive kicked off on Saturday, December 10 and ran through Tuesday, December 20. Collection stations were set up at businesses the family frequents regularly, such as Excel Martial Arts, on Buhre Avenue, Zerega Avenue and in Larchmont. They also held a one-day collection at Crosstown Diner. All of the clothing will go to the

Manhattan-based nonprofit Room To Grow, which will then distribute the clothes to families in need throughout the New York City area.

Geanine also publicized the drive through her "East Bronx Macaroni Kid" newsletter, which she writes for and edits. It is the local edition of a national newsletter that promotes kid-friendly activities.

"We figured we would be safe to stick with businesses we know," Geanine said. "We're collecting winter clothes - mainly hats and gloves.

"We want to keep all the kids warm so they don't get 'sicky' in my son's words," she said.

Geanine works in clothing retail management, so she hypothesized that "he thought I could just bring everything home."

The drive has been so successful that Joseph and Geanine may do it again next year.

"Because I don't want kids to get sick," Joseph said.



Photo by Bill Weisbrod

Lugo (I) and Joseph Petraglia with the donation box at the Buhre Avenue Excel.

BY SANDI LUSK

As you have read last week, the lawsuit Westchester Square v DHS is moving ahead. I was really pleasantly surprised that Justice DeGrasse allowed us to proceed with discovery. All this means is that we have won the right to be heard and proceed in collecting and giving testimony. We have not won the case, as some people think, only the right to engage the adversary in court.

Recent happenings: We noticed last weekend that for the first time in many years the Westchester Square Library display window was tagged. We went right back there at night and removed the graffiti, and I am happy to say that the library was also aware of it and had put in for it to be removed as well. This kind of behavior will not be tolerated, and we wanted to send a personal message to that effect by

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**Westchester Square Zerega Imp. Org.**

removing the graffiti right away.

Also, we had our holiday crafts workshop at the library this past Saturday. 55 kids attended, and we all had a fun time. Afterwards, we went over to the homeless shelter on St Peter's Avenue to help out with Councilman Vacca's Christmas party for the kids who live there. It was very nice, with Santa and his helpers, and we did crafts and facepainting. I must say here, that the kids were really great. They were patient and very sweet, and very friendly. After I painted a rainbow and a smiling cloud on her hands, one little girl of 4 took the rainbow paint cake

and a sponge and painted my hands and even made a smiley cloud too. She really got into the paints and enjoyed watching us as we painted everyone's face. She was so cute. The way their face lights up when they see how they look in the mirror is why we enjoy doing the kids' activities. Their smiles are priceless.

These were our last events for 2011; all together we organized or participated in 17 events last year. Thank you to the loyal and intrepid WSZIO volunteers Woody, Tony, Stephanny, Ellen, Diana, Paul, Desiree, Katherine, Dorothy, Ricky, and Robbie who made our events so successful this year, and to our supporters and friends. We had a great year, and look forward to a better year coming up!

The winter holidays are my favorite time of year. I enjoy the glittery displays (you all know how much I

love glitter; Stephanny says I'm a magpie) and the beautiful lights, and the baking, and decorating, and the entertaining and spending time at home with family. It's a gentle way to ease into the bleak, gray, cold days of the upcoming winter.

This year has been a very difficult one for a lot of people: so many are jobless or homeless. Money's tight for most of us (we in the 99%, that is). No matter what your beliefs may be, I think we all can appreciate a time of kindness, cheer, warmth and compassion.

To all our friends and neighbors, we wish you a happy, warm, and loving Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and a healthy and prosperous New Year. May this be a year of peace and joy, and "God bless us, everyone."

More rants to come in 2012, but for now: TTFN.



# Bronx schools

## Msgr. Scanlan students receive awards



Photo courtesy of Monsignor Scanlan High School

On Saturday, December 10, five Monsignor Scanlan High School sophomores were awarded certificates for their attendance at a Saturday program sponsored by the Academy of American Studies and held at Notre Dame School. For six Saturdays they were faithful in their pursuit of knowledge about American History and American culture.

(Above, l-r) Zaria Ashby, Mariama Jalloh, Jade Garcia, Genesis Reyes and Nemesis Dipre.

## St. Raymond's hosts homecoming b-ball game



Photo courtesy of St. Raymond's

St. Raymond's High School alumni returned to their old home on Sunday, December 11 for the school's annual homecoming basketball game. Over 100 graduates and their families watched St. Raymond's varsity, JV and freshmen pick up wins. They also got the chance to tour the school's new building.

(Above, l-r) Daniel Dingle '12, principal Br. Daniel Gardner FSC, Vinny Martin '65, Darryl Bryant '08, coach Oliver Antigua '93, Ricardo Torres '05, Greg Scott '72 and Kerwin Okoro '12.



Saint Catharine Academy Cheerleaders

## SCA cheerleaders head to Nationals

For the ninth consecutive year, St. Catharine Academy cheerleaders are invited to participate in the national competition of the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) to be held in Orlando, Florida, February 8 to 13, 2012.

The SCA Varsity is the 4th ranked medium varsity competitive cheerleading squad in the country, based on results from the 2011 UCA National Cheerleading Competition.

Both JV and Varsity teams qualified to participate in Orlando at the UCA Empire Regional Tournament held at Hofstra University on December 3. The

JV squad placed 1st in the Small JV division while Varsity placed 2nd in the highly competitive Medium Varsity division.

The Varsity's successful bid for Nationals follows winning, for the first time, the Grand Championship at the Westchester County Cheerleading Invitational on November 22. They also came in first place at the White Plains Competition on November 19 along with the Grand Champion trophy for having the highest score of the competition. Their success comes from commitment and hours of practice, as much as four to five days per week.

The cheerleaders find inspiration in the dictum of basketball great Shaquille O'Neal, "Excellence is not a singular act but a habit. You are what you do repeatedly." "This quote is something that SCA Cheerleading strives to achieve every season," said coach Nicole Pennacchia Sallustia. "We have a long standing tradition of success. We plan to keep making strides for our school, for the Bronx, as well as for the northeast in the National competition."

For more information about the cheerleading performances visit the SCA website, [www.scahs.org](http://www.scahs.org).

## Scanlan students speak at luncheon

The students at Monsignor Scanlan High School started the day on a very proud note.

The Lawyers Committee of the Inner-City Scholarship Fund is holding its 22nd annual Saint Thomas More Award luncheon at Cipriani's, on 42nd Street in Manhattan. Scanlan Senior, Cierra Howard, has been asked to speak of her experience to those in attendance at the gathering.

The Friends of the Inner-City Scholarship Fund serves as an umbrella organization for volunteer initiatives including Job-

readiness workshops and summer-job placement through the JOB Opportunities Program.. During her junior year, Howard was offered an opportunity that has had many wonderful results. Through the Guidance Department, Cierra and some of her classmates were made aware that they were eligible for the Inner-City Scholarship Fund's Job Opportunities Program. Cierra filled out an application and submitted the required letters of recommendation.

Once she was accepted into the program, Cierra

began to attend the Saturday workshops that would prepare her for a summer internship. With the help of volunteer mentors and JOP staff, she learned about writing a resume, conducting herself in an interview and handling day to day office responsibilities.

This past summer she spent working at Willkie Farr and Gallagher. She worked as an administrative assistant and got a glimpse of the legal profession.

She plans on studying medicine. She is very appreciative of her time spent at Willkie Farr & Gallagher.



## for your health

# Montefiore combats hypertension

Montefiore Medical Center is sponsoring screenings and educational workshops at churches in the Bronx in order to help reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease in congregants who are identified with hypertension. Congregants learn about hypertension, medication management, weight control, healthy cooking habits and perform yoga exercises to reduce stress. The program is funded and coordinated by Montefiore's Care Management Company (CMO) and the Office of Community Health.

"In the Northeast Bronx, an astonishing 32 percent of adults have high blood pressure, a medical condition that puts these individuals at very high risk for heart disease, stroke and death," said Peter Selwyn, MD, MPH, director of Montefiore Medical Center's Office of Community Health.

"This is a grass roots effort to reach people in the hopes of making a difference in their health."

"We tailor our workshops to the needs of each congregation, and that generates a lot of discussion and questions," said Helene Mayo, Program Director of Community Education at Montefiore's CMO. "We are beginning to see a change in mindset among many of the congregants, especially women. In fact, at a recent screening, nurses identified three women with critically high blood pressure who were sent immediately to the hospital for evaluation and treatment."

At Jubilee Baptist Church, ten women over the age of 55 signed up for the program. After the initial blood-pressure screenings, nine of the ten women were diagnosed as pre-hypertensive or hypertensive. A se-

ries of workshops over the next several months were tailored to address the specific needs of this group.

"This series of workshops was very beneficial to our church family in terms of making important lifestyle changes," said Pastor Liz Townes-Shuler of Jubilee, who learned for the first time through the screenings that she had high blood pressure. "Some of us discovered new ways to exercise; others learned how to control weight or how to change our cooking habits. As a result, I was able to reduce my blood pressure from 'borderline' to 'normal.'"

To date, Montefiore has worked with nearly 150 congregants at nine churches in the Northeast Bronx. For more information and to learn how to get involved, contact Helene Mayo at HMAYO@montefiore.org or (718) 920-9473.

# Teens in chronic pain are at higher risk of suicide: study

According to a new study co-authored by Lehman College Sociologist Naomi J. Spence, adolescents suffering from chronic pain are more likely to contemplate suicide.

Dr. Spence and her colleagues published their findings in the most recent issue of *The Journal of Pain*, a publication of the American Pain Society (APS).

Professor Spence, along with researchers at the University of North Carolina and Duke University, analyzed data collected by the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health from nearly 10,000 people and found that teens face a higher probability of suicide if chronic pain is a part of their lives.

"People with chronic pain are more likely to be depressed," says Dr. Spence. "A higher risk of de-

pression can lead to more suicidal thoughts."

The American Pain Society reports that suicide is a major cause of death among adolescents, citing figures from 2009 in which 14 percent of adolescents polled had seriously considered suicide, and 6 percent had attempted it.

This study by Dr. Spence and her colleagues is the first to associate chronic pain in this particular age group with both suicidal thoughts and attempts.

Recognizing why adolescents are at increased risk and offering appropriate care, the authors note, can help save lives.

The study focused on adolescents who said they had experienced pain once per week for at least twelve months, with headache emerging as the most commonly reported pain.

To measure suicidal

thoughts and attempts, subjects were asked: "During the past twelve months, did you ever seriously think about committing suicide?" and "During the past twelve months, how many times did you attempt suicide?"

Their answers were measured on a widely used depression-measurement scale.

The study concluded that self-reported pain in adolescents, as in the case of adults, is associated with increased risk of suicidal thoughts and did not vary according to age or gender.

Dr. Naomi J. Spence, who has taught at Lehman College since 2009, earned her B.A. at the University of New Orleans in 2000, her M.S. at Florida State University in 2002, and her Ph.D. in sociology in 2006.

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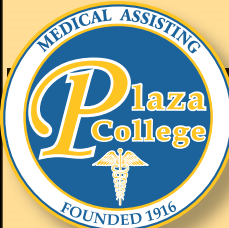
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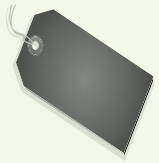
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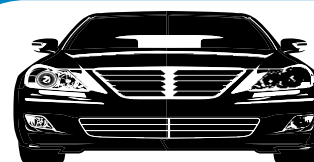
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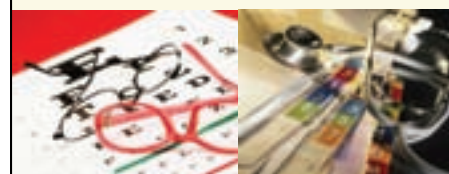
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Westchester Square Physical Therapy, located in the Hutchinson Metro Center at 1250 Waters Place, held its annual Members Appreciation Day on Friday, December 9. The management and staff of WSPT held a party for the enjoyment of all members of the physical therapy center and wellness center to thank them for their patronage.

(Left) WSPT staff that helped make the appreciation day a success were (l-r) director of operations Allan Torres, wellness coordinator Nicole Bernadette, Gerard Roman, Pranali Gogri, Lilibeth Gonzales, Jason Ruta, Gwonuk Lim, and Jason Bonilla.



Enjoying member appreciation day are wellness coordinator Nicole Bernadette (l.) and client Barney Arroyo, who comes from Southern Boulevard to WSPT.

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Temple Hatikva believes that no one should be hungry during this religious and festive time. In order to do its share for the community, Temple Hatikva, along with the Bronx Times Reporter, is sponsoring “Holiday Without Hunger” on Sunday, December 25 from 10 a.m. to noon at the synagogue, located at 2440 Esplanade.

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BY VITO SIGNORILE

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Located in the Forchheimer Building at 1300 Morris Park Avenue, the Gruss Magnetic Research Center is the home of a brand new magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy system that will provide imaging capabilities that are unique to New York City.

The new machine, called the Philips 3.0 Tesla Achieva Quasar TX Multi-nuclear MRI/MRS system, was funded by a \$2 million capital grant allocated by Councilman Jimmy Vacca. The grant was secured in 2008 and now the MRI machine is fully operational. On Friday, Decem-

ber 16, Vacca joined medical personnel and distinguished guests at the Gruss Magnetic Research Center for a formal ribbon cutting to officially unveil the new MRI machine.

“In addition to our existing efforts, the system allows for significant upgrades that will allow Gruss MRRC to expand its capabilities,” said Dr. Craig Branch, director of the Gruss MRRC. “With planned improvements, we will enable new research directions, including a program to integrate MRI and other developing imaging technologies to develop noninvasive probes for the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.”

The 3T MRI/MRS incorporates major advances in MRI technology, including a unique use of a dual energy source that im-

proves tissue vitalization; 32 independent detectors, which improves image quality and greatly accelerates the speed of use; and the latest in imaging coil technology, which provides comfortable imaging of any part of the body.

The medical staff at Einstein took guests on a hands-on tour of the latest technology and gave full descriptions of what it will be able to provide for residents of the entire borough.

Vacca was impressed with the machine and knew that the money allocated was well spent for one of the city’s most vital medical institutions.

“I was very happy to be able to allocate capital funds to assist Einstein in purchasing this important equipment, which will enhance their already outstanding research capabilities,”



Photo by Vito Signorile

The Einstein College of Medicine was proud to unveil their new MRI machine, one of the most advanced in the city.

ties,” Vacca said. “Not only is Einstein a leader in vital and cutting-edge medical research, but it is also an outstanding member of our community here in the Bronx.”

The machine has already been a vital addition since its installment and according to Branch, has

already impacted the local community with science for both children and adults.

Researchers at Einstein are currently mapping brain networks in children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and autism, probing structural changes in the body of obese adults, and

studying the effects of aging on the brain.

“It is my hope that this new technology will allow the Gruss MRRC to make big strides in understanding a wide variety of diseases and disorders,” said Dr. Allen Spiegel, Marilyn and Stanley M. Katz Dean of Einstein.



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# Bronx beat

## Coca Cola official beverage of Bronx Zoo

The **Wildlife Conservation Society** announced that it has awarded The Coca-Cola Company exclusive rights to sell non-alcoholic beverages in its five parks in New York City, including the Bronx Zoo, New York Aquarium, Central Park Zoo, Prospect Park Zoo, and Queens Zoo.

Beginning, Sun., Jan. 1, WCS parks will sell to their 4 million annual visitors a wide portfolio of Coca-Cola beverages, including Coke, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Fanta, Sprite, vitaminwater, POWERADE, Gold Peak Tea, and Minute Maid juices.

The five-year agreement includes support by Coca-Cola for WCS parks and field programs, and in and out-of-park marketing to increase beverage sales, customer satisfaction, and zoo and aquarium attendance.

Sustainable features that will be used in WCS parks include energy efficient vending machines to further reduce the carbon footprint; and co-ordinated product delivery with Coca-Cola's fleet of hybrid trucks.

Proceeds from the sales at restaurants in WCS parks support the zoos, aquarium, and global conservation work in the United States, in more than 60 nations and in all the world's oceans.

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Students from Minzu University in Beijing, China are once again visiting **Lehman College** to take part in an ethnobiology study sponsored by the Chinese Ministry of Education. The initiative, called '111 Project,' examines how minority groups in China use medicinal plants.

This is the second year that Lehman has hosted Minzu University students. Inner Mongolia resident Wurihan Fnu is working on the chemical fingerprint of the Radix Astragali (Huangqi) species, the root of which has been used in traditional Chinese medicine as an immune system booster. Huang Wen, from Fujian Province in southern China, is studying Striga asiatica, which has been used traditionally to treat sores and ulcers.

The partnership between CUNY and Minzu University was formed after CUNY doctoral student Selena Ahmed, who was working in China on a tea project, contacted researchers at Minzu University about Dr. Kennelly's research on medicinal plants. Dr. Kennelly and CUNY doctoral student Adam Negrin traveled to Inner Mongolia with researchers from Minzu University last summer to collect samples of Radix Astragali.

Fnu and Wen will return to Beijing at the end of this month to continue work on this research project, which is headed by Minzu University Professor Chunlin Long. They will be joined by Dr. Kennelly. "One great success of the project has been the ability for CUNY and Minzu students to

experience scientific research in both countries," said Dr. Kennelly.

Last month Dr. Kennelly was recognized as a leading expert in his field when the Federal Drug Administration commended his work as a member of its Advisory Committee for botanical dietary supplements.

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The **New York City Department of Sanitation** announced that in observance of Christmas Day, there will be no garbage or recycling collection, or street cleaning on Monday, December 26. In addition, all Sanitation Department administrative offices will be closed on Monday, December 26, in observance of the holiday.

Residents who normally receive Monday garbage collection should place their trash out at curbside Monday after 4 pm for pickup. Those receiving Monday recycling collection will not have their recycling picked up until Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

For questions call 311 or visit the DSNY website at [www.nyc.gov/sanitation](http://www.nyc.gov/sanitation).

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The **City Island Theater Group** is now accepting resumes for our upcoming season and future productions: February, May and November 2012. Directors will meet and collaborate with the set, costume, lighting and sound designers, make notes on the technical needs in the script, cast the production (in collaboration with producers), plan the rehearsals, and bring the show to fruition.

They are looking for directors with previous experience, who can

develop an individual vision and interpretation of the playwright's intentions. They are looking for the person who, through this creative collaboration process, will guide the actors in developing a deeper understanding of the characters' motivations and relationships. The end result should be a full integration of a fast paced, well-timed look and feel of the whole production, from effective pacing, transitions, design and technical aspects of the show.

This is a volunteer organization, there is no stipend provided. If interested, e-mail resume to: [information@cityislandtheatergroup.com](mailto:information@cityislandtheatergroup.com).

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**Lehman Center for the Performing Arts** celebrates its 31st season with the return of one the most important soul music groups of the past 40 years, The O'Jays, on Sat., Jan. 14, at 8 pm. Still going strong, the O'Jays epitomized the Philly sound with their smooth, rich harmonies, elaborate arrangements, and a touch of contemporary funk. With 24 Top Ten hits, including "Love Train," "Backstabbers," "Use Ta Be My Girl" and "For the Love of Money," they have earned ten gold albums, with nine going platinum; ten #1 hits; and induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2005.

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts is on the campus of Lehman College/CUNY at 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West. Tickets are \$65, \$60, and \$55 and can be purchased by calling (718) 960-8833. Low-cost on-site parking available for \$5.



The legendary O'Jays at Lehman Center, Saturday January 14, 2012.



## RED HAT ROSES HOLD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Bronx Red Hat Roses held their annual Christmas Party at Louis Seafood Restaurant on Tuesday, December 13. The ladies donated over 30 toys, and celebrated with the fire fighters of Engine 89, Ladder 50.

Photo by Laura Stone



## KORONY AMERICAN LEGION POST SPREADS CHRISTMAS CHEER



The Theodore Korony American Legion Post 253's brought holiday cheer to veterans at the John J. Peters Veterans Administration Hospital's nursing facility in Kingsbridge on Saturday, December 10. The post served the veterans an authentic Italian Christmas dinner, and gifts from Gold Star mothers were distributed. Assemblyman Michael Benedetto and Councilman Jimmy Vacca were also on hand.

Photo courtesy of the Korony Post

## 8TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING HELD



Photo by Laura Stone

The Ruggiero family, owners of F. Ruggiero & Sons Funeral Home gathered with members of the Morris Park community for their 18th annual Christmas tree and candle lighting ceremony to remember all family and friends who have passed away. Everyone was invited to decorate the Christmas tree with a homemade and personalized ornament.

(Above, l-r) Chris Martinez and Robert Ruggiero of F. Ruggiero & Sons were helped with the tree lighting by Chaplain David Lothrop.

## CUB SCOUTS COLLECT FOOD FOR NEEDY



Photo by Laura Stone

Cub Scout Pack 162, along with Big Deal Supermarket, helped collect cans of food for the 49th Precinct Community Council Food Drive. The collection was completed and over 100 items donated to present to those in need of a meal this holiday season. Members of Pack 162 were joined by 49th Precinct officers, members of the St. Francis Xavier Parish, and other community leaders to distribute the canned goods.



Photo by Dario Alequin

## MORRIS PARK KIWANIS PARTY AT NYISE

The Morris Park Kiwanis held their annual Christmas dinner on Thursday, December 15 at the New York Institute for Special Education. Members and their families rang in the holidays with great food, as well as entertainment that featured a magic show.

(Above) Kiwanis members at the dinner.





## TNGSL PRESENTS GIFTS FOR PETS

On Saturday, December 17 the Throggs Neck Girls Softball League held its annual “pet gift” drive at Preston High School. League members collected pet toys which they then donated to NYC’s Top Dog Inc, a no-kill animal shelter on Newbold Avenue.

(Left) League president Rachel Mazza with great dane King.

(Right, l-r) softball players Nichole Mooney, Natalie Mareno, Caitlyn Branch, Bianca Correa, Priscilla and Rebecca DeToro with bulldog Bully and some of the pet supplies they collected.

Photos courtesy of Rachel Mazza



## SENATOR KLEIN SPONSORS PEACE PLAZA TREE LIGHTING



Senator Jeff Klein joined with community leaders from Pelham Parkway and Morris Park for the Senator’s 17th annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Peace Memorial Plaza on Friday, December 16. Children from St. Lucy’s performed Christmas songs, Santa Claus visited, and treats were given to the first 100 children.

(Above) Senator Klein (c.) stands in front of the lit tree with community leaders including Joe Thompson, Joe McManus, Mark Gjonaj, and Tony Signorile, among others.

(Right) Pictured with Santa are (l-r) Isaiah, Destiny and Christina Baretto.

Photos by Claude Roland



Photo by Laura Stone

## VAN NEST LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Van Nest Library kicked off its annual holiday book sale on Saturday, December 3. The program runs every Saturday through December, for shoppers who are looking for a present for that voracious reader on their gift list.

(Above, l-r) library manager David Nochimson, Councilman Jimmy Vacca, volunteers Charles Belner, Millie Lopez.



## JACOBI CONCERT PROMOTES HEALTHY EATING



Photo by Dario Alequin

As part of the celebration of the holidays, Jacobi Medical Center partnered with Musical Connections for its annual holiday music annual concert, and helped promote healthy eating with its “Have a Healthy Holiday” event on Wednesday, December 14. Musical guests Toomai and Camille Zamora performed Holiday songs with the Jacobi Choir at the hospital.

Before the concert, attendees learned about portion control, exercise, and family weight management with nutrition and fitness experts giving them advice.

## BP/BOEDC HONORS 10 BRONX EXCEPTIONAL BUSINESSES



Photo courtesy of Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.'s office

On Wednesday, December 7, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation honored 10 Bronx businesses as part of the 2nd annual “Tribute to Bronx Businesses” luncheon at F&J Pine.

Honorees included Bronx Brewery, Bronx/Manhattan North Association of Realtors, Dufour Pastry Kitchens, G.A.L. Manufacturing Corp., Gabrielli Truck Sales, Johnson Security Bureau, Just Bagels, Paper Enterprises, Skyline Windows, and the Anheuser-Busch Companies.



Photo courtesy of Scanlan

## SCANLAN COLLECTS LOCKS

Monsignor Scanlan High School students, parents and teachers participated in a “Locks of Love” hair donation event recently, with hair stylists from Guys and Dolls Hair Salon at 3577 E. Tremont Avenue volunteering to cut the hair.

Each donor gave at least 10 inches of hair, which will be used to make wigs for children who have gone through chemotherapy and have suffered hair loss.

## HENRY HUDSON TURNS 75

The Henry Hudson Bridge celebrated 75 years of being in use on Monday, December 12. A photographic celebration of the bridge, which links northern Manhattan to the Henry Hudson Parkway, will be taking place this month at the Riverdale Library. The scenic bridge evolved into a vital transportation hub over its lifespan.

Photo courtesy of MTA





# Bronx scene

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## Primavera students learn to make pizza pies

**BY BILL WEISBROD**  
Jimmy DiDomenico, owner of Jimmy's Pizza & Grill on Bruckner Boulevard, wanted to help the students from the Primavera Italian language program learn about pizza. So instead of having the kids watch him make the food, why not let them make their own?

"It's not that much fun to watch someone else make a pie," he said.

So on two Saturdays; December 3 and December 10, Jimmy's hosted half of the students in the Primavera program, where they learned how to make their own versions of Italy's most famous native dish.

Students started with their own chunks of dough,

which they kneaded and flavored to their own personal preference with mozzarella and tomato sauce.

The experience was part of a lesson plan for the students, most of whom are in fifth and sixth grades, about the Italian origins of pizza.

"It was fun," said 11-year-old Primavera students Angelina Zervos. "Because we all got to make our very own, and we got to learn about the history of pizza before we actually went."

But the best part for Angelina?

"Probably eating the pizza," she said.

Students learned that the modern form of pizza originated in Naples in the

18th century. It did not look much like the slices on thin dough that New Yorkers are used to; it was rounded dough with cheese, oil, garlic and anchovies.

Even today, Italian and European pizza is different from what the students made.

"It's nothing like Italy's," said Loretta Zaino, coordinator of the Primavera program. "The difference is Italy's is a thicker dough, it's a fresh tomato sauce. Everything is different. It's more hearty, so to speak."

But the pizza-making outing was a great chance for Zaino to enhance her classroom lessons.

"It started because we wanted kids to visualize



Photo by Laura Stone  
(l-r) Owners Monica DiDomenico, Jimmy DiDomenico, program co-sponsor Councilman Jimmy Vacca, Nicholas Leone, Gino Gallella, Steven Von Kessel, Zaino.

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## BARTOW-PELL MANSION HOSTS HOLIDAY PARTY

The Bartow Pell Mansion annual holiday party was held on Saturday, December 3 at the mansion at 895 Shore Road. Dozens of members and their friends and family gathered to celebrate the holiday season with delicious food, festive music, and good laughs.

(Above, l-r) Bartow Pell Conservancy Board members Debra Ballard, Catherine Scinta, Mary Beth Fisher, Ellen Bruzelius, and Mark Campisano began the holiday season with the annual gala.



(l-r) Chris Ronan, Dawn LoCascio, Donna Randles, and Simone Schloss led they way with holiday carols.

## Primavera class makes pizza pies

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what we were discussing,” she said. “We wanted them to see pizza being made.”

Zaino frequently orders from Jimmy’s for her class, so when she approached DiDomenico about

the pizza-making workshop, he suggested letting the students make their own, as opposed to just watching.

The entire program has 75 students, so they were split up into two groups for each visit to Jimmy’s.

And although those

days are a little more hectic than most for DiDomenico, he has not minded the companionship.

“Just as much as the kids like making their own pizza, we enjoyed the company,” he said.

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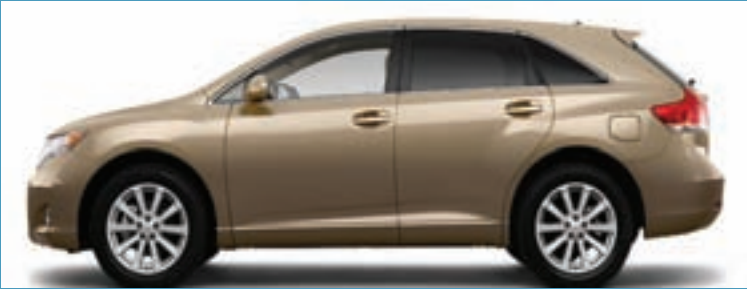
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## rock on the bronx

by Fish Altieri

ITEM: Some hot times in the area to be had on New Year's Eve! In fact up and down Tremont Avenue, throughout Morris Park, Pelham Bay and beyond the Bronx will be partying as we head into 2012!

ITEM: Bridges Bar continues to be the place to go for a great time. Tuesdays feature "Joe Karaoke" doing old school-style Hip Hop Night; Thursdays is Bridges' very popular Latin Night (live DJ-dress to impress!); Fridays feature DJ Big Paul; Saturday is Live DJ; and of course Football on Sundays.

ITEM: Keep hearing great things about McDermott's Pub in Westchester Square.

ITEM: A federal safety agency recently recommended banning all cell phone and electronic devices while driving in all 50 states. This includes hands-free devices.

I simply do not understand this new ease and frequency of banning things. Nothing should ever be banned for eternity without years of deep discussion and total popular consensus.

Please stop banning things. We are not puppets. Big government needs to stop reacting to progress as if the citizen's of the United States are children who need to be coddled.

I can talk while driving. My eyes are on the road,

my brain is able to do many things at once, and my mouth is able to speak aloud whether the person is sitting next to me in the car or if the person I converse with is at home on their couch. I am human. I can handle stuff. I do not need negative government interference.

I can eat while driving. I can laugh while driving. I can crane my neck to the left, far left, right, and far right and almost turn it around while driving.

I drive in snow, sleet, hail, pot holes, and over speed bumps. Driving these days is like being in a real life version of a video game. I can certainly talk on a hands-free device while driving!

When did banning become such an easy thing to thrust upon the free citizenry; banning is lazy, arbitrary, autocratic and un-American!

This is not how our founding fathers wanted this country to be run. They did not want a small group of men removing incremental freedoms from large masses of people.

Ban banning! Promote education and good safety habits.

Why can't we even have

a discussion about technology and cars? Why not make a new law that's a little more lenient? Why not make it illegal to use an electronic device over 60 miles an hour? Why not make it illegal unless you're stuck in traffic? Why not add a new level to the motor vehicle test in which you have to prove that you can handle an electronic device while driving? Or how about this: do nothing. Ban nothing. Leave us alone to lead private lives.

Are we children or tax-paying adults? And what's terrifically bitter is that for all the taxes we pay the roads are still mired in traffic and unfixed, the bridges are crumbling, tolls are exorbitant and now you have the gall to try and take away the only way we can do business, keep busy, and communicate with family and friends while stuck on the nation's roads.

This is why, even though I don't agree with them on every issue I am okay with all the various protests currently going on; for when people feel their voices are no longer respected they "ban" together with like minded people to change the status quo. Banning anything is bad. Banning is a word that harkens back to the days of banning books. Stop making new laws, repeal some old ones and enforce what you have.

Rock on. Rock out.

## Special programs at Castle Hill Library

The Castle Hill Library, 947 Castle Hill Avenue, will host the Diller-Quaile Strong Quartet on Wednesday, January 4, at 4 p.m. The Classical Access Family Concert introduces school age children and their parents to works of the string quartet literature as well as the instruments that make up the group: violin, viola, and cello. After a short mini-concert, quartet mem-

bers engage the children in the discovery of their own music sensibilities by leading and involving them in singing and rhythmic games, and exploring imagery suggested by music. The session concludes with a final mini concert.

On Wednesday, January 18, at 4 p.m., the library will host The Art of Mine with Bill Bowers, Broadway actor and former stu-

dents of famed mime Marcel Marceau. He will show how the world of mime is much larger than being stuck in a box. He will perform short mime scenes and lead participants in the workshops to build their imaginations and mime skills. Presented by Urban States. For ages 4 and older.

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# Fteley Avenue named after renowned engineer

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Because it lacks a vowel between the letters f and t, Fteley Avenue has been the subject of discussion since its inception. Locals long believed that it was named for Fort Eley which was said to be Revolutionary War fort on Clason Point and that the sign maker simply left off the period when abbreviating Ft. Eley. That, however, is merely a myth as there never was a Fort Eley on Clason Point or anywhere in the Bronx. The street was simply named for Alphonse Fteley, a former president of the American Society of Engineers, who was born in France in 1837. He was educated at the Polytechnic School in Paris and immigrated to the United States in 1865 achieving a certain amount of fame in engineering circles.

Fteley did, however, have a connection to Clason Point as he was the city engineer in charge of draining the swamps that once encumbered much of

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

the area. He was also the inventor of the apt named Fteley Meter which is used to measure the rate of flow

**Fteley is more widely remembered for his design of the Croton Dam in 1891.**

in hydrographic surveying. He worked for the Boston water supply before coming to New York.

He served as the chief engineer of the City of New York Aqueduct Commission from 1887 to 1895, during which time he worked

on the design of the Jerome Park Reservoir. He created two islands and a peninsula in his early design to preserve the Jerome Park Clubhouse and the Oak Ridge Clubhouse. Each was to occupy its own island and the peninsula was where shaft #21 would have been located with access from Goulden Avenue. They were later eliminated from the design to allow for greater water storage capacity.

Fteley is more widely remembered for his design of the Croton Dam in 1891. Construction began the following year with some of the skilled labor imported from southern Italy. The masonry dam is 297 feet high and goes down 130 feet below the river bed. When constructed it was the tallest in the world. The mas-

sive dam is 266 feet wide and contains 850,000 cubic yards of concrete. It can hold up to nineteen billion gallons of water which seems like a lot but is only a small fraction of the water we use in the city.

Some readers may also recall that he was involved with the design of the Panama Canal which revolutionized travel from the east coast to the west coast and beyond. It cut the distance by more than fifty percent and avoided the necessity of traversing around Cape Horn or through the Strait of Magellan.

Alphonse Fteley passed away on Thursday, June 11, 1903 at the age of 66 in his Alta Avenue home in the Park Hill section of Yonkers. He was cremated and his remains were interred in the Locust Section of Woodlawn Cemetery. His headstone is of a natural granite design and can be viewed just off Prospect Avenue.



John McNamara at Fteley Avenue in May of 1993.



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MIRIAM SANTOS and CARLOS SANTINI, Defendants.

To the above named Defendant(s):

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear in this action by serving a notice of appearance upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiffs within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons with notice exclusive of the date of service, or within thirty (30) days after such service is complete, if this summons with notice is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York, and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the sum of \$215,000 with interest from June 25, 2010 plus the costs and disbursements of this action.

TAKE NOTICE:

The nature of this action and the relief sought is as follows: This is a subrogation action against you to recover money damages in the amount of \$215,000 plus interest from June 25, 2010 plus the costs and disbursements of this action. You are being sued because on or about June 25, 2010 your negligence, carelessness, recklessness, strict liability, want of due care, and other culpable conduct caused or contributed to a fire at Apartment No. 5, 876 Kinsella Street Bronx, New York 10462 which damaged property belonging to Joseph Furguele, Furguele Family Limited Partnership, and JJF Realty LLC. This action is also one for breach of contract because in causing and/or contributing to the fire you also breached the lease you entered into for the premises in question. Due to the foregoing you are obligated to reimburse plaintiffs and plaintiffs' subrogors for the damage noted above in the amount specified above.

Dated: New York, New York

June 21, 2011

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Carlos Santini

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

INDEX NO. 380043/10

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF BRONX

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE

PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM, on behalf of the unit owners of the Parkchester North Condominium,

Plaintiff,

- against -

LINDA BAILEY, et. al.,

Defendants.

Pursuant to a Judgment dated October 27, 2011, I will sell at public auction on January 23, 2012, 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 6F, in the building known as N-5 a/k/a 102, and by street address 1970 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 2240, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0365 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium.

The amount due under the Judgment is \$9,027.36, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in the original principal sum of \$60,000.00 with interest.

Index No. 380043/10.

JOSEPH STRASBURG, ESQ., Referee

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NOTICE OF SALE

INDEX NO. 380312/08

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF BRONX

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE

PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM, on behalf of the unit owners of the Parkchester North Condominium,

Plaintiff,

- against -

SHARON SOLOMON, et. al.,

Defendants.

Pursuant to a Judgment dated March 30, 2010, I will sell at public auction on January 23, 2012, 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 12D, in the building known as 103, and by street address 1501 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 2632, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0243 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium.

The amount due under the Judgment is \$15,417.79, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject

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Index No. 380312/08.

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## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

## Met blunders

BY BOB CONNELLY

Giants-Jets Week 14

The Giants (7-6) broke a 4 game slide by beating the Cowboys (7-6) with another bit of last minute heroics, 37-34. Jason Pierre-Paul reached up and blocked a last second FG attempt. JPP had some game- aside from the FG block, he had 6 tackles, 2 sacks, 1 forced fumble, and credit for 1 safety. Eli was 27/47, 400 yds. Jacobs ran 19 times for 101 yds; Nicks caught 7 for 154 yds & Cruz was 7/83.

The Jets (8-5) routed the Chiefs (5-8), 37-10. The rout was so complete that the Chiefs only had 4 yds in the 1st half. Shonn Greene rushed 24-129 yds and had 3 reception for 58 yds. Sanchez was 13/21, 159 yds with 0 INT.

### Met Blunders

I think that you must start with the Wilpons when you begin assigning blame for the Mets' predicament. The saying is that when you think that something seems too good to be true. It probably is. The Wilpons thought that they could achieve great investment returns by giving money for investments to Bernie Madoff. How's that working out, guys?

You also have to put ex-GM, Omar Minaya into the mix because of the HUGE contracts he gave to players not worth the

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# Mott Haven's Grant key to hot start

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Hakeem Grant symbolizes Mott Haven's success in the early going.

Like the Mavericks, Grant entered the season unproven and inexperienced. But like his teammates, the John F. Kennedy transfer has gotten off to a quick start, averaging 21 points per game and seven rebounds in the team's first six league contests, all of them wins.

His big start continued Friday in an impressive 75-62 victory over Taft. The 6-foot-3 wing scored 21 points as Mott Haven picked up its eighth straight victory.

"Silent Assassin, we call him," Porter said. "He had 29 points the other day and we were like 'wow.' He gets his points silently. He's a great baseline player, leave him alone and he'll bury the 3 and he can go right or left. He's a very cerebral player."

Rob Lloyd added 18 points and recently eligible guard Taquan Givens and Bright Attkorah tallied 11 points apiece. Givens, the younger brother of former Bishop Loughlin and Kennedy standout Anthony Givens, was cleared Wednesday and has given Porter's club a much-needed scorer off the bench.

"It's a huge bonus," Grand said. "He can really shoot the ball. He stretches the defense."

The ultra-confident and admittedly cocky Porter said he is

surprised by the Mavericks success thus far. He returned just two players – Lloyd and Attkorah – with varsity experience under his watch, and nearly put up particularly impressive numbers last winter. In addition to transfers (Grant) and youth (Givens), Porter has also brought on a few players, such as Chris Shoulders and Akeem Watts, who've never played organized basketball before.

The coach credits his team's exceptional performance in league so far to a tough preseason schedule that included losses against Brooklyn A East powers Bedford Academy and Brooklyn Collegiate and a victory over last year's 'A' runner-up Long Island City.

"That LIC win, right before league play started, that gave us some confidence," Porter said. "It got us over the hump, we beat a good team, we felt good about ourselves and we've added some kids."

Grand said: "That got us ready for the season. It definitely got us tougher."

Presently, Porter said his 2009-10 team, which reached the PSAL Class A final, is better than this one. He had kids who spent a few years in the program and a legitimate go-to star in Dashawn Joyner. This group, while not as advanced, has a greater upside, he said, considering how far it has come in such a short time to-

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Photo by Robert Cole

Hakeem Grant scored 21 points in Mott Haven's 75-62 win over Taft on Friday.

## Mount passes the test; downs Harborfields in OT

BY CHRISTOPHER BARCA

Mount St. Michael, a new member of CHSAA Class AA, didn't even have to start league play to realize what a bump up in division means in terms of the quality of the opponents it will play.

"Harborfields is really good – really, really good," Mountaineers guard Malik Gill said. "They are a hell of a lot better than we thought they were."

Despite opening the game on a 17-6 run, it took game-tying free throws in the last 90 seconds and back-to-back dramatic 3-point

shots in overtime for Mount to narrowly defeat Long Island's Harborfields, 79-73, in a non-league boys basketball game Tuesday in The Bronx.

After four straight victories by 21 points or more, Mount St. Michael (5-0) finally received the test it has been looking for entering league play next Tuesday against All Hallows.

"It was our first tough test of the season, but it's great preparation for the league games coming up," Gill said. "We showed today that we're going to be a tough team to beat."

Even though the fourth quarter was the only quarter that Harborfields carried a lead into, Mount was outplayed by its Long Island opponents for a majority of the game. After the first quarter, which saw the Mountaineers dominate the scoreboard with help from wing Andrew Urate and his two buckets from beyond the three point line, Harborfields seemingly woke up.

The Tornadoes finished the second quarter on a 10-2 run to cut the deficit to four and their momentum carried into the second half, as Harborfields scored

25 points in the third and led by as many as nine.

"We were sleeping on them in the first half, definitely," said Mount forward Ed Correa, who finished with a game-high 21 points. "That's why we let them come back, we overlooked them."

"Teams have runs every game, and they had their run in the second and third quarters," added Urate. "We woke up when we realized the score late in the third quarter and coach [Tom Fraher] was in our ear. So then we went on our run."

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## 2011 ALL-BRONX/MANHATTAN

# Football honors

BY ZACH BRAZILLE  
MARC RAIMONDI  
AND JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Bronx and Manhattan held their own on the citywide level.

DeWitt Clinton made its first PSAL City Championship division semifinals since 1989 and cemented itself as the borough's top program in the PSAL. John F. Kenendy, though, was back in the playoffs for the first time since 2008 and Truman made a successful transition to the City Championship level.

In the CHSFL, Mount St. Michael might have lost to St. Anthony's in the 'AAA' quarterfinals, but injuries crippled the Mountaineers down the stretch of a strong year. Xavier won the 'AA-A' regular season crown and Cardinal Hayes had another big year in that league. Both Fieldston and Riverdale fielded strong private school squads.

**All-Bronx/Manhattan football Player of the Year:** Ryan Camilo, DeWitt Clinton

His transfer for financial reasons from Cardinal Hayes to DeWitt Clinton was met with little to no reaction from the football community. It should've been.

The senior signal-caller filled a large void under center for the Governors and transformed the offense into coach Howard Langley's most versatile in his eight seasons. The dynamic multi-dimensional threat ran for 1,018 yards and 12 touchdowns, threw for 404 yards and four touchdowns, and led the Governors to an 8-4 season and quarterfinal upset of defending champion Fort Hamilton.

"He's the quarterback, he's the captain, he's everything in our offense," teammate Jeremiah Obeng-Agay-pong said.

**All-Bronx/Manhattan football Coach of the Year:** Howard Langley, DeWitt Clinton

The progress has been slow but steady at Clinton for Howard Langley. After eight seasons, he has established the Governors as the premier PSAL football program in The Bronx and one of the

city's top teams, period. This was a big year for the Governors, getting to the City Championship division semifinals for the first time since 1989 and Langley had a major hand in that success.

He turned around a sinking ship during a midseason slump with his even-keel yet confident approach and hired former Kennedy coach Alex Vega – his one-time rival – to be his defensive coordinator. It was a move many coaches wouldn't have the nerve to make, but Langley is unique, and Vega helped Langley take the program to new heights this fall.

### First Team Offense

QB Najae Brown, Mount St. Michael

The senior was an absolute force on both sides of the ball. Brown collected 986 yards of total offense and 17 touchdowns in his first season at quarterback and recorded four interceptions at safety. There wasn't a Mount victory he didn't have his hands all over.

RB James Drago, Fordham Prep

Drago emerged as the Rams' premier back late in the season after injuries thrust him into the role. The junior was one of the main reasons the Rams surged to win the CHSFL Class AA title. He rushed for 141 yards against Kellenberg in the final.

RB Romario Dillion, John F. Kennedy

The senior was instrumental in Kennedy earning its first winning record since 2008. He was third in the PSAL City Championship division in rushing (1,274 yards) and second in touchdowns (16) for the 5-4 Knights.

RB DeQuan June, Cardinal Hayes

The explosive and elusive senior followed in a great line of Hayes running backs. June compiled 1,539 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns to lead the Cardinals to a second-place finish in the CHSFL's 'AA-A' division. He amassed 339 yards of total offense in a win over St. Francis Prep, the highlight of his star-studded season.

RB Ashton McKenzie, DeWitt Clinton

Built like a Mack truck, the junior was Clinton's heart and soul, its top defensive player at middle linebacker and dependable fullback. He ran for 964 yards and 11 touchdowns and had 63 tackles and a sack. It was no coincidence that the Governors' chances of an upset in the semifinals against eventual champion Lincoln were greatly diminished when he suffered a high ankle sprain early in the first quarter and was unable to return.

OL Francisco Mendez, John F. Kennedy

The highly recruited two-way lineman was a beast up front, opening up monstrous holes for Romario Dillion and keeping quarterback Anthony Cruz safe. The 6-foot-7, 305-pound behemoth has interest from a number of D-I programs.

RB Jeremiah Obeng-Agay-pong, DeWitt Clinton

He stepped out of his older brother Stephen's shadow this fall with his game-breaking ability, helping Clinton reach the semifinals for the first time in more than 20 years. The standout defensive back/receiver/running back enjoyed a solid regular season, but he was at his best in the playoffs, scoring three touchdowns and coming up with an interception.

RB Trey Solomon, Xavier

Stepping in for injured junior Brent Scardapane, Solomon exceeded all expectations for a sophomore. He was fifth in all of the CHSFL with 1,168 rushing yards and second with 18 touchdowns in a breakout campaign.

RB Mark Walsh, Riverdale

The Falcons recorded their first unbeaten season since 1999 and Walsh was their main threat on the ground. The shifty senior, who was regularly over 150 yards, carried the ball 21 times for 293 yards and four touchdowns in a season-ending win over Dalton.

RB David White, Lehman

The senior became Lehman's all-time leading rusher as well as its single-season



Photo by An Rong Xu

Clinton's Ryan Camilo is All-Bronx/Manhattan football Player of the Year.



Photo by Denis Gostev

Clinton's Howard Langley is All-Bronx/Manhattan football Coach of the Year.

top runner. White led the PSAL City Championship division in rushing yards (1,874) and was third in the league with 15 touchdowns on the ground.

RB Logan Williamson, Fordham Prep

Williamson was the Rams closer in the red zone, where his team was rarely stopped all season. The junior found the end zone eight times on the ground and had four receiving scores. Williamson also threw the winning two-point conversion pass in the 'AA' title game against Kellenberg.

Defense

LB Kenny Acquah, Mount St. Michael

The two-way star was one of the linchpins of a superb Mount defense. Acquah's combination of speed

and strength made him a sure tackler who ran down even the speediest backs. He had 52 total tackles despite playing through an injured ankle late in the season.

LB Stefano Dawkins, DeWitt Clinton

One of the keys to the Governors' stifling defense, the senior middle linebacker led Clinton with 70 tackles and was integral to the unit's improvement as the year went on.

LB Richard Jones, Mount St. Michael

Jones was the ultimate run stopper. The 6-foot-1, 215-pounds senior would regularly have his way with opposing offensive lines and halt runners in their tracks. He was a physical and dominating presence every time he stepped on the field.

LB Nathaniel Feliz, John F. Kennedy

With his Troy Polamalu-like hairstyle, it was hard to miss Feliz flying all over the field. The super-athletic senior had an incredible season, finishing tops in the PSAL City Championship division in tackles (98) and leading Kennedy back to the playoffs after a two-year absence.

LB Mike Gorman, Xavier

Xavier's defense was almost impossible to score upon in the second half and Gorman was a significant reason for that success. The undersized, 5-foot-10, 185-pound senior used his athleticism to pick up five sacks and he was always around the ball.

DL Omari Manhertz,  
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# St. Ray's 21 point rally leads to City of Palms Q's

BY MARC RAIMONDI

About six parents who made the trip down to Fort Myers, Fla., made up the St. Raymond rooting section at the tip of the team's first game at the prestigious City of Palms Classic.

By the end of three quarters, with the Ravens down 21 and no shot clock, even they were silent. But after a wild, inspired comeback to send the game into overtime and eventually win, 73-70, against Trinity (Ky.) in the first round Saturday, St. Ray's became the story of the country's top tournament.

"By the end of the run we had like half the gym cheering for us," Ravens coach Oliver Antigua said with a laugh. "We gained some fans."

Trinity (5-1), Kentucky's top team, got passive, trying to slow things down and run the clock out. St. Ray's (5-0) did the opposite. The Ravens trapped, pressed and tried every way

possible to speed the game up. When they drew even, it whipped the crowd into a frenzy and Temple-bound star Daniel Dingle came up with a monster block on the other end, sending the game into overtime.

"That was like a message," Antigua said.

Trinity scored the first five points of overtime and St. Raymond had to fight back again. The Ravens did so and two Dingle free throws sealed the comeback with 6.5 seconds left. St. Ray's meets Montverde, ranked No. 7 in the country by USA Today, in the quarterfinals Monday.

"That was like a playoff win," Antigua said. "Tough. Every play was important. It was a lot of pressure. They never quit, I was happy how they responded."

Dingle was a monster, scoring 24 points, grabbing 10 rebounds and dishing out five assists. Iowa State-bound forward Kerwin Okoro had 19 points and Myron

Hickman and Larry Graves each added 12 points. Shane Rector, in his return from an injured ankle, played about 20 minutes.

Antigua put this game right up there with a CHSAA Class AA sectional semifinals victory over Holy Cross and Sylven Landesberg in 2007. That team, led by Darryl Bryant and Gerald Colds, was down 19 points in the second half before storming back to earn a spot in the championship game.

St. Ray's scored just 16 points in the first half and looked dead to rights after three – "we were about to be in the cemetery," Antigua joked. But he and the coaching staff told the players to go all out on presses and traps and the Ravens came through.

"They showed that Bronx swagger," Antigua said.

And earned some support from Florida, too.

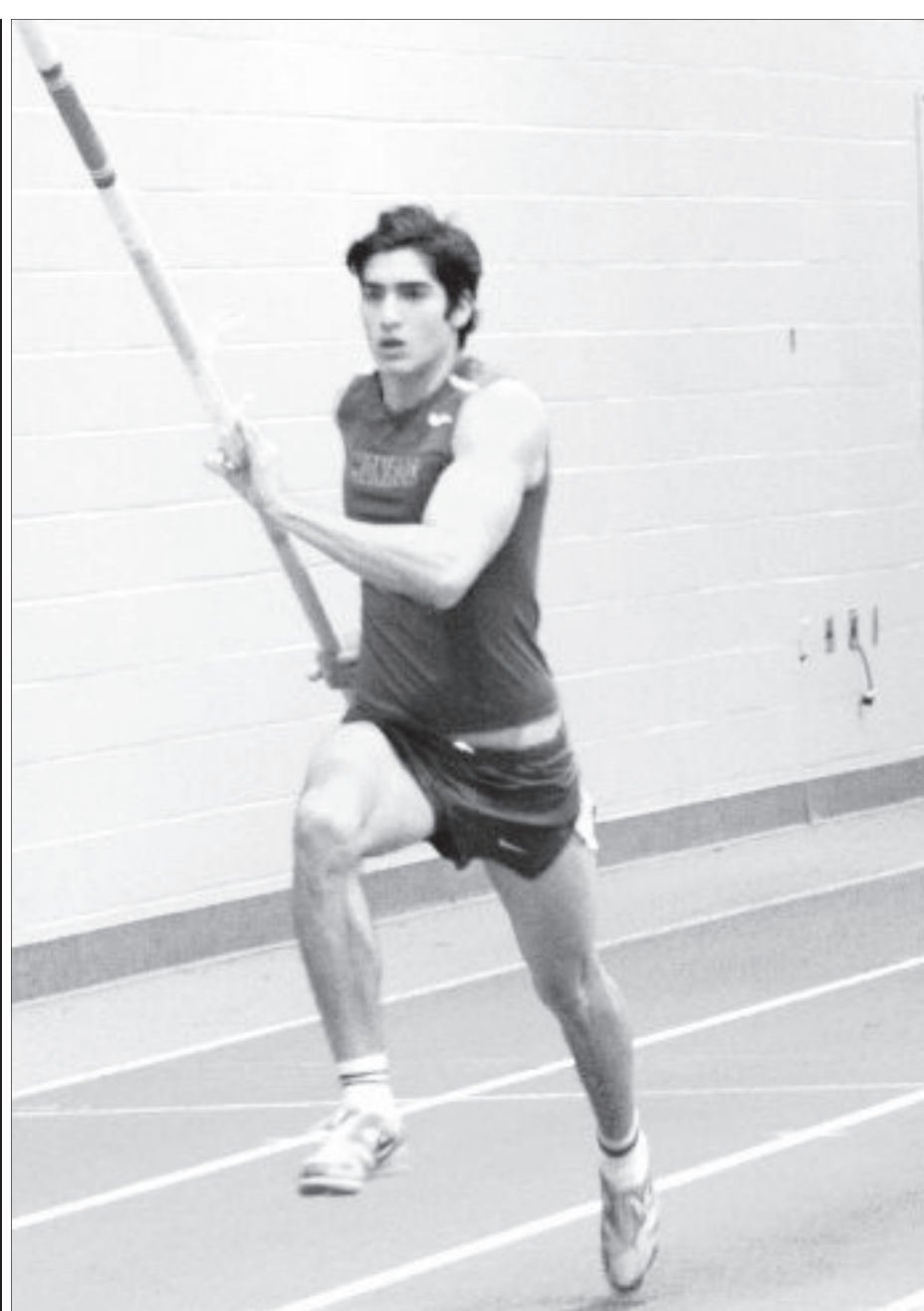


Photo by Victor Chu

Fracisco Escobar is one of two Mustangs who aced their freshman semester with a 4.0 GPA.

## STEPINAC FOOTBALL STARS SELECT COLLEGES



Two Stepinac High School star football players have accepted scholarships from renowned higher education institutions. Caleb Gilligan-Evans of Yonkers, (l), captain of the school's Crusaders team, has committed to Yale University and Austin Taps of Mahopac (r), defensive end/tight end, will be heading to William & Mary. Caleb earned All-State, All-County, All-Catholic High School Football League honors and was chosen by Westchester Magazine as one of 20 students to watch. Austin, whose older brother, Tim, is a student at William & Mary, was named the Journal News Westchester/Putnam player of the year and was chosen the CHSFL's Vincent O'Connor Award winner for the league's defensive player of the year. Shown with their coach Mike O'Donnell (c), the two seniors who will graduate from Stepinac next June, have also excelled in volunteering their time to support the community.

## Monroe track competition update

BY GARY AXELBANK

The Monroe Mustangs indoor track team is enjoying a brilliant season on the track and also in the classroom. Led by pole vaulter Francisco Javier Escobar and shot-putter Danzel Rolle, who both came up aces with 4.0 GPA's in their freshman semesters at Monroe, eleven other Mustangs achieved GPA scores of over 3.5. In fact, the GPA average for the entire 45-member team is at 3.0.

"This speaks volumes about our athletes' commitment to success," said coach Mark Goodman. "Each day we emphasize how everything contributes to your overall ability to achieve. So they really push each other

to eat right and train hard. They also recognize the importance of staying sharp mentally so they work to do well in school, too."

Part of that work includes regular study hall sessions arranged and monitored by assistant coach Shirvone Greene. Twice a week team members get together in the college's state of the art Academic Resource Center where they study together, assist one another with homework and projects, analyze class notes, and in total work together to achieve.

"Track and field is often seen as an individual sport, but at Monroe we view it as a team effort," Coach Good-

man said. "This collaboration in academics fosters that spirit and yes, it supports success on the track as well."

Escobar who is from Columbia, majors in Business Administration and Rolle, a freshman from Florida, is an Accounting major. At their meet last week at Fordham University, Escobar placed second in pole vault (3.95) and Rolle was fifth in the shot put (10.75m)

The Mustangs will get back on the track at the Metropolitan Coaches Invitational at the NYC Armory on January 6. Indoor track schedule. Classes for their winter semester begin on Wednesday, January 4.





Photo by Robert Cole

Mott Haven's Taquan Givens goes up for a layup.

# Grant keys hot start

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gether. “The sky is the limit,” the coach said. “It’s not as much Joyner and the seven dwarfs; it’s more of a team thing. This team plays really good defense and when we start executing really well in the halfcourt, we’ll be a very good team.” With all that said, Grant’s addition has served as a major boost. He was set to play for Kennedy this winter but after an altercation in the fall, he applied for a safety transfer and was placed at Mott Haven, his zoned school. Porter could tell immediately Grant would make

a difference by his play in open gyms. He was versatile, unselfish and possessed a variety of skills that would translate in Porter’s up-tempo system. “You get lucky sometimes,” Porter said. “We get our share of transfers, but he came out of the blue. He’d probably get lost in the sauce at Kennedy.” Grant feels fortunate as well. “It’s a blessing in disguise,” he said of landing at Mott Haven. “I wanted to play so bad, I was hungry to play and it’s my senior year.” Grant is taking full advantage of the opportunity.

# Mount passes test with flying colors

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Despite the best efforts of Longwood-bound guard Lucas Woodhouse, who scored 14 points in the second half alone, and Harborfields, Mount Saint Michael stormed right back. After finishing the third quarter on a 10-2 run of their own, it was Utate leading the charge in the fourth quarter. He scored the final seven points of the quarter for the Mountaineers, including a game-tying 3 with 2:30 remaining and tied the game once again after a Harborfields layup with two free throws with 1:09 left, forcing overtime. Utate’s hand stayed hot in the extra period, as he scored five points in the final 2:27 to seal the victory. “We had the momentum going into overtime for sure,” Utate said. “They’re one of the best teams we’ll play all season but we got the job done today.”

# Pipe Dreams: Bowls have traditions; black eye

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money. Mets fans will probably be looking at the next 2years as a re-building period. At least they are rebuilding-not sitting tight. In closing- I don’t think it was a bad thing to let Reyes walk. Was this a case of addition by subtraction? **More On Pujols** Pujols will be 32yrs. old this season and is said to be a “rickety” 32, at that. For a long time now, there have been rumors that a few years had been shaved off Pujols’ birth certificate- but that might be just a big bowl of sour grapes. **Robbing Peter To Play Paul** Three teams had agreed to a trade that had the Lakers getting Chris Paul and sending Pau Gasol to the Rockets, sending Goren Dragic, Kevin Martin, Luis Scola, and Lamar Odom to New Orleans. But, NBA-Commissioner “King David” Stern wearing his Hornets’ (the team owned by the NBA) cap stopped it by saying it was a basketball decision to keep Paul with the Hornets-even after Paul told the team he wouldn’t sign any contract extension and would become a free agent July 1st allowing him to just walk away. Odom was confused (as am I) and said, “They don’t want my services, for whatever reason. I don’t know what I’m supposed to do.” J.A. Adande (ESPN.com) on those four players the Hornets would have received: “The Hornets would have received Lamar Odom, Luis Scola, Kevin Martin, and Goran Dragic. That’s one of the most versatile players in the league, a guy who averages 18 and 10, a proven 20-a-night scorer, and a point guard who, if nothing else, has shown he can have a 23-point fourth quarter in a playoff game against the Spurs. You can compete for the playoffs with that team. You’re going to tell me that’s worse than the package of Wilson Chandler, Raymond Felton, Danilo Gallinari, Timofey Mozgov and draft picks that the Nuggets received for Carmelo Anthony?” We’ll be waiting for the next shoe to drop. I don’t think we’ll have a long wait. **Bowls Having Traditions** I’ll only pay attention to The Rose Bowl, The Orange Bowl, The Sugar Bowl, and the Cotton Bowl. The rest of the johnny-come-lately bowls seem to have been created as marketing tools for the Bowl’s sponsor. Don’t get me wrong the “Big Four” also do the same things but have been around for more than eighty years. **Pujols** Even the Yankees GM, Brian Cashman, couldn’t believe the contract that Pujols signed with the Angels. There were reports that the only hold-up in the con-

tract’s signing was the no-trade clause, reportedly for five years. That would make Pujols a 5/10 player (10yrs. in the majors with 5yrs. on the same team) giving him, in effect a 10yr. no-trade deal. Pujols is 32 and at the upper edge of his prime. We’ll be watching to see if there’s any time lost because of injury or falling off in his numbers as the contract continues. Pujols leaving St. Louis, where he was looked at by everyone as the “Stan The Man.” **Yankees Shortstop** Phil Rogers (ChiTrib) wrote about the Yankees winning bid for Hiroyuki Nakajima. “The Yankees’ successful bid to get signing rights for Japanese shortstop Hiroyuki Nakajima is a sign manager Joe Girardi will rest Derek Jeter more in 2012, possibly using him once or twice a week as the designated hitter. Defensive metrics once again ranked Jeter as the weakest fielder among big league regulars, just ahead of error-prone Cubs shortstop Starlin Castro.” **Boxing Black Eye** I watched the light welterweight title match between Lamont Peterson and Amir Kahn held in Peterson’s hometown, Washington D.C., that was won by Peterson in a split decision. Two of the judges had Peterson ahead by one point (judge: Nelson Vazquez 115-110, judge: George Hill 112-113, judge: Valerie Dorsett 112-113). The fight was ultimately won by Peterson because the referee, Joseph Cooper, deducted two points from Kahn for pushing (?). In my mind, the pushing was warranted because of Peterson’s fouls (low blows, head butts). Cooper also waved off a first round knockdown of Peterson. I had Kahn winning by two. **They Said It** From Dwight Perry (Seattle Times)- “Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel, shuddering at the thought of Donald Sterling landing Magic star Dwight Howard: “Dwight bolting Orlando for the Clippers would be like your wife leaving you for Arnold Horshack.” From Scott Ostler (SF Chronicle) “Maybe he was celebrating the end of the lockout: Warriors guard Charlie Bell shows up drunk in court for his DUI hearing. Memo to NBAers: “Order in the court” does not mean “What’ll you have?” Dwight passed this along, “The teams listed 6-7-8-9 in the final BCS rankings (Arkansas, Boise State, Kansas State, South Carolina) are not going to BCS bowl games. Teams ranked 10, 13, 15 and 23 (Wisconsin, Michigan, Clemson, West Virginia) are,” wrote Carl Steward of the Oakland (Calif.) Tribune. “Makes complete sense to us.”

# 2011 All Bronx-Manhattan football honors

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Mount St. Michael Quarterbacks needed to know where Manhertz was at all times. The 6-foot-3 senior was the Mountaineers leader in sacks with six and collected 44 tackles. He made a habit of ripping through opposing offensive lines. LB Mike Mahon, Fordham Prep The senior was one the Rams’ unquestioned leaders on defense. His smarts always left him in the right spot to make a play. The sure tackler was one of the big reasons Fordham Prep claimed the CHSFL Class AA title. DL Ibraheem Rodriguez,

Truman DL Tarik Bennett, Mount St. Michael OL Ricky Comis, Xavier WR George Dawson, Cardinal Hayes RB Charles Guiraud, Xavier RB Patrick Heumegni, Cardinal Hayes RB Jabari Hurdle-Price, Fieldston WR Tim Jones, Cardinal Hayes QB James McHale, Fordham Prep RB/LB Germain Ngaba, Cardinal Spellman RB Shandu Rollieson, Truman DB Francis Volpe, Fordham Prep DB Bruce Parker Jr., Mount St. Michael The confident senior was one of the city’s premier cornerbacks. Whether it was a one-handed interception or electric returns for touchdowns, Parker was a big-time playmaker. He had four picks on the season as part of one of city’s best defenses. LB Armando Perez, Riverdale Also a wide receiver, Perez was an absolute stud on both sides of the ball. The junior dedicated himself to being a better defender this season and was Riverdale’s best open-field tackler. DL Ibraheem Rodriguez,



# Truman stuns host Kennedy

## Bronx bragging rights earned

BY MARC RAIMONDI

The John F. Kennedy-Truman rivalry hasn't been much of one over the years. Since taking over the Mustangs program eight years ago, John Burke has beaten the Knights just once. And before that, Kennedy would beat Truman by "60 or 70 points" regularly, he said.

So, Wednesday might have marked just another game between two of the better teams in the PSAL. But for Truman, its exciting, 58-56 win at Kennedy in Class AA girls basketball meant much more. It was the team's first victory at its rival's gym, perhaps ever, according to Burke.

"It's worth getting excited about," the coach said.

Especially given the circumstances.

Truman (6-2, 5-1 'AA') trailed 36-24 at halftime. Star guard Krystal Pearson was hampered throughout with foul trouble. Sophomore wing Daquana Smith was limping around with knee and ankle injuries. Lynda Fields and Joella Gibson were both under the weather.

Somehow the Mustangs pulled it out, getting within 41-39 on Smith layup at the end of the third quarter, holding Kennedy (6-4, 4-1 'AA') to five points in that frame and making all the plays down the stretch.

"I think it's a testament to maybe how good we can be, because we played very, very poorly tonight," Burke said. "What we did play with was a lot of heart. And that'll count for a lot, too."

With Pearson saddled with four fouls for most of the second half, Gibson and Fields, the two impact transfers, really stepped up. Gibson, formerly of Bishop Loughlin, had 13 of her 21 points in the second half. Fields, late of Blessed Sacrament, had 11 points and the go-ahead free throws with 24.7 seconds left.

This was Fields' first

foray into this Bronx rivalry. But she knew how important this game was to the seniors, especially Pearson. The future Division I player was a freshman on the JV team the last time Truman beat Kennedy. With her on the bench, Gibson became the team's go-to scorer, relentlessly attacking the basket.

"Krystal is like the heart of the team," Gibson said. "When she's on the court she takes control. I knew I had to step up. I'm just trying to do my job on the court and not try to do too much."

Queen Holquin did a fine job guarding Kennedy star Joya McFarland in the second half. Pearson finished with 19 points and gave Truman a 56-54 lead with a layup at the 1:00 mark of the fourth quarter.

But Knightsseniorguard Deaisia Acklin's runner in the lane drew the home team even with 40 seconds left. She finished with 22 points, but it was Fields who decided the game. The pint-sized, steady point guard drove the lane and was fouled, setting up the clinching free throws. Chelsea Custodio's 3-pointer from the corner with five seconds left was off.

"They wanted it more — clearly," Kennedy coach O'Neil Glenn said. "We got up by 12 and we just said, 'Oh, this is just Truman and we're gonna win.'"

Pearson wasn't happy with some foul calls, but Burke understands. He realizes that Truman, while talented and touted in the pre-season, hasn't accomplished anything yet.

"As soon as we start winning some of these games, there won't be that mentality that this is Truman, they aren't supposed to win these games," Burke said. ... "Talk is cheap. The way you gain respect is winning."

So far, this might be the greatest victory yet, at least in Pearson's career.

# Tirado paces Spellman past St. FP

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Cardinal Spellman's long and athletic frontcourt has been the ire of opposing defenses in the early season. They allow the Pilots to dominate the paint and score inside. That happened against St. Francis Prep, but junior point guard Joye Tirado's aggressiveness gave the Terriers another dimension to be concerned about.

"She is an unselfish player, but she is starting to realize with that kind of front line [defenses] are going to have to pay attention to those three girls and that's going to open things up for you," Spellman coach Jane Morris said.

Tirado posted one of her best games by scoring 17 points, including two 3-pointers, dishing out six assists and collecting four rebounds and four steals. She helped lead the Pilots to a comfortable 61-38 non-league girls basketball win over St. Francis Prep in The

Bronx on Tuesday. Tirado said she saw more driving lanes than in a win over St. John Villa on Saturday and took full advantage of them.

"Compared to last time this was like, 'Oh, I got a nice little free lane going on,'" she said. "If I saw an open player I would try to get it to her, but sometimes I was just really open and I just went for it."

Spellman (3-0) led 17-4 after the first quarter with SFP (0-4) struggling to find its shooting stroke and the Pilots were able to exploit it in transition. Tirado helped them open up the game in the second quarter with a personal 6-0 run. She attacked the basket for a layup and capped it with a 3-pointer from the left side to put Spellman up 27-10 with 3:38 left before the half. It led by as much as 59-27 in the fourth quarter against the undersized Terriers.

"It's even better that she can shoot the 3 and

drive when she wants to," Northeastern-bound forward Onia Webb said.

The game was also her best since suffering a high ankle sprain in the preseason. Webb recorded 15 points and 10 rebounds and played with her normal aggressiveness. Danielle Gibson and Nicole Awooner Renner each added eight points. Maria Bachman added four points, 10 rebounds and four blocks.

"Everyone on the floor can score and they are just going to pick and choose from game to game who we are giving the ball to," Morris said.

St. Francis Prep, normally a strong outside shooting team, struggled to find anyone with a hot hand despite getting open looks. Coach JoAnn Wagner felt they got timid going to the basket against Spellman's length and the misses led to easy shots down the other end.

"At times I think we

settled for the 3," she said. "I can't fault them for that because that's kind of the game they play."

She wasn't happy with their overall effort. In SFP's previous losses Wagner felt her team stayed mentally strong and focused for the most part and believed they should have beaten Poly Prep and St. Dominic. Veronica Ganzi scored 15 points and Kim Glover added 10 points.

"This is the only one where I can say we got totally outplayed," Wagner said.

Spellman's strong start has it thinking big this season. It knows it will get a tough test when it travels to Mary Louis next Tuesday, but this group has proven itself so far to be one of the most balanced and talented the Bronx school has had in recent years.

"We are really excited," Webb said. "We think we can take. If we play like we are playing now and progress, we will be good."

## Riverdale wins NYSAISAA 'C' rematch

BY CHRISTOPHER BARCA

Riverdale had won its first four games of the season by an average of 20 points, but at halftime Thursday, that streak appeared to be in jeopardy.

"We got off to a terrific start but they came storming back in the second quarter," Riverdale coach Andrew Marinos said. "They took the lead late in the quarter, but we came out strong in the second half and never looked back."

Powered by junior Josh Wetzler's game-high 24 points, Riverdale was able to hold off a furious second quarter charge by Columbia Prep and cruise to a 64-47 victory in non-league boys basketball in Manhattan. While it wasn't exactly another 20-point victory, Marinos believes that it was probably his team's best win of the season.

"We big lost to Columbia Prep last year in the NYSAISAA Class C championship game so we know how good they are," said Marinos. "[Columbia Prep coach]

Ryan Pettit is a terrific coach and they fought all night, but winning this game was huge for us and we're looking good as a team so far."

After a buzzer-beating putback by Riverdale sophomore Tom Ryan tied the score going into the break, Riverdale came out a different team offensively and defensively in the second half.

Columbia Prep's star senior Brian Lissak, who is contemplating playing in Israel before enrolling in col-

lege, scored 19 points in the game. He was held in check by Riverdale's stifling defense, allowing Wetzler and Riverdale's offense to flourish.

"Lissak is great for them; he has an excellent supporting cast. But Armando Perez is a great defender and he harassed Lissak all night," Marinos said. "He made him work for his points. But as a team, we played 32 minutes of hard defense, which translated into points on the other

end."

Last season, Columbia Prep (5-2) successfully utilized the full court press on its way to a state championship, but that strategy failed in the second half on Thursday. Riverdale was able to beat the press consistently in the form of Wetzler getting behind the defense and converting layups. This seemed to demoralize Columbia Prep, allowing Riverdale to build up a double-digit lead.

Even though Riverdale sits at 5-0 and is off to a positive start this season, Marinos knows that getting back to a NYSAISAA final is going to be a difficult task to say the least, especially since his team is now classified as 'B.'

"Collegiate, Fieldston and all of the other teams we are going to play are really well-coached and they will be tough to beat," he said. "But we're a balanced team with many different talents and strengths. We hope we can be special this year, but the next game is always our biggest game."

## Warriors winter registration

Jerry Demers announces that the popular Warrior Football Winter Program will be held once again this January, February and March.

Registration is on site at Lehman High School on the opening days of the program:

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# LIGHTNING FLASH

## *A Look at Lehman Athletics*

### Former Lehman Swimmer to Vie for Miss NY USA

BY ANDREW PEARSON



Meeting 22-year old Joely Bernat, you're quickly taken aback not only by her outward appearance – she's tall and thin with flowing brown hair, a body you think you might find on a model, until you're told that she is one – but by the air of positivity and zest for life that seems to enter the room when she does. There's a feeling that every day is met with a smile and the outlook that something good can and will happen. It's an attitude a select few possess, and for Joely, while not a direct result, it certainly has blossomed since a frightening day just over one year ago that altered her outlook on life.

The morning of November 8, 2010 started just like nearly every one of the multitude that had come before it. Wake up, eat breakfast, get dressed, prepare to head out for the day. Only instead of making her way to Lehman College where she was in the midst of her senior year on the way towards graduating with a degree in English, Bernat found herself en route to the local emergency room, about to be hospitalized after feeling shortness of breath and ultimately fainting before leaving her house.

As would be typical of anyone put in such a situation, Bernat feared the worst, unsure just how she had ended up in a hospital when up until that point her daily existence had been one of health and wellness, of exercising nearly every day.

In fact, Bernat was in the midst of becoming one of the top female swimmers in the City University of New York Athletic Conference for Lehman College. Having essentially learned to swim once arriving at Lehman, she quickly established herself as a force in the water as a sprinter.

"She started as a novice swimmer and built herself up, working hard for two years to become a very good swimmer," said Lehman head swim coach Peter Kiernan. "I'd say she was one of the top in CUNY in the 50 freestyle and she was also on our top relay team."

It turned out that the cause of her impromptu rush to the hospital was a pulmonary embolism, which is the blockage of arteries in the lungs cause by blood clotting and which often can pop up in otherwise healthy individuals. "When I heard that I had a pulmonary embolism, it was very weird for me," remembered Bernat. "I'm very athletic. I don't smoke. I never did anything bad. I'm always eating healthy. I remember thinking, What is happening to me?"

Bernat was finally put at ease when she found out that the situation was ultimately curable with a diligent regimen of medicines. However, for that t amount of time, her swimming career, which she eventually resumed for the final few meets of the year, and world had been turned upside down. But from that uncertainty came a renewed view of who she was and where she was going.

"I remember taking it in and thinking everything happens for a reason in life," said Bernat. "If God destined for me to go through this experience,

something good is going to come out of it. I feel like God gave me a second chance in life, for a purpose, to inspire other people, and that's what I want to do."

In order to bring that to fruition, Bernat turned to one of the things that had been a part of her life since she was nine years old – modeling. At the urging of her mother – her self proclaimed "biggest fan" – Bernat decided to enter the Miss NY USA competition, set to be held January 14 and 15 at Purchase College. Initially she was hesitant, but having achieved a high finish at the Miss NY Teen competition in 2007, as well as being given the opportunity to sign with Elite Modeling Agency at the age of 15 – an opportunity she turned down to pursue her high school and college degrees – Bernat decided to go for it knowing it could provide an outlet for her biggest passions.

"I feel like Miss NY USA is the best thing that can ever happen to me because I can pursue my modeling career but I can also help children and help my community and be giving," said Bernat. "That's what I want to do. This competition is a great combination of the things that I love doing the most."

During her current journey to the competition, Bernat has become active with several organizations, namely St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, for which she recently participated in the St. Jude's Give Thanks Walk. Like most who associate themselves with St. Jude's, she has been touched to the point of wanting to help even more than she already does.

"When people unite and help each other out, good things happen," said Bernat. "Just to see these children survive brought me back to that experience that I had and I was very grateful to be there helping."

With less than one month until the competition, Bernat plans on continuing her involvement in various charitable endeavors. In addition, she has her full-time job as a model and employee of Jovani Fashions, her sponsor for Miss NY USA and a company she has worked with since she was 16, as well as the completion of her graduate school TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) degree at Lehman College. To say that her schedule is a bit hectic would be an understatement, which is the only way it could be for Bernat.

"There are a lot of people that have dreams and aspirations, but just to see someone put them on go mode and get everything together, that is just so inspirational," said Luisa Garcia, a former teammate of Bernat's and star swimmer with the Lehman Lightning.

For a girl who is constantly describing herself as "fearless and determined" on her Facebook page, it appears the sky is the limit for the bilingual Bernat, an honors student at Lehman during her undergraduate studies, regardless of where she places in Miss NY USA. Still, even knowing the odds against her, there is no squashing her positive attitude.

"They want a girl who is determined, who is hardworking, who is going to get the job done and who also is very caring and kind hearted," said Bernat. "I'm so determined to do this pageant. I know what I have to do. I have an objective and I'm going to accomplish it."

Just one year removed from uncertainty, optimism abounds, and with good reason.

**Search "Joely Bernat for Miss NY USA 2012" on Facebook to follow Joely's journey to the competition on January 14 and 15.**

**Remember to log on to [lehmanathletics.com](http://lehmanathletics.com) to stay up-to-date on the Lehman Lightning.**



# These simple steps can keep your teeth and gums healthy

BY DR. WILLIAM WOLFSON

If you remember from our discussion last week, my patient Karen was suffering from symptoms of gum disease. Specifically, Karen had red and swollen gums that often bled after she brushed her teeth or ate crunchy or tough foods. Our first priority was to treat Karen's existing gum disease.

Depending on the severity of infection and the amount of damage to the gum tissue, bones, and teeth, dentists treat gum disease in some of the following ways...

## Professional Dental Cleanings

The first step to combating gum disease is almost always a professional cleaning with a dentist. Only a dentist can remove tartar buildup on the teeth. Often a dentist will use the process of scaling and root planing to clear away plaque and tartar and allow the gum tissue to heal.

During tooth scaling your dentist will scrape away plaque and tartar beneath the gums either manually or with an ultrasonic cleaner. The process of planing involves your dentist then smoothing the jagged root that is exposed by the cleaning, so that the gum tissue can heal and adhere to the smooth surface of the root.

In treating Karen's gum disease we used scaling and planing to thoroughly clean her teeth and gums of plaque and tartar. After her teeth were cleaned Karen began taking better care of her teeth, brushing twice a day and flossing regularly, to keep her teeth and gums in great shape.

Although Karen's condition didn't require any additional medical treatment, there are options for treating more severe cases of gum disease after a teeth cleaning.

## Medicated Mouth Rinses

Sometimes you will need to use a medicated mouth rinse after your dental scaling and planing. Your doctor may prescribe a medicated mouth rinse in order to kill existing bacteria in your mouth, prevent

## Dental Diary

new bacteria from adhering to your teeth and gums, or reduce pain and swelling in your mouth.

These mouth rinses are quite effective when combined with regular professional cleanings and good daily oral hygiene practices.

## Surgical Procedures

For severe cases of gum disease, in which the bone, teeth, or connective tissues have been damaged or depleted, surgery may be necessary. Surgery can decrease the size of the pocket between the gum and the teeth, making infection less likely.

There are also periodontal surgeries to help regenerate healthy bone tissue and stabilize your teeth, and to cover roots exposed by receding gums. Surgical treatment for periodontal disease is generally reserved for more severe cases in which gum disease has caused damage to soft tissue, teeth, or bones.

We were able to effectively combat Karen's gum disease with scaling and planing. However, it was then up to Karen to maintain her teeth and gums on a daily basis. I told Karen that there are some risk factors that increase the likelihood that someone will develop gum disease.

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Grinding your teeth  
Crooked teeth

Karen and I then discussed what steps she could take to prevent gum disease in the future. The most important thing to do in order to avoid gum disease is to keep your mouth as free from plaque and tartar as possible. Many of the steps that you can take to prevent gum disease are basic tenets of oral hygiene.

**Brush Your Teeth Often**  
Brushing your teeth at least twice a day with fluoride toothpaste removes

plaque from your mouth before it bonds to your teeth and turns into tartar. If you are unable to brush after every meal, make sure to at least rinse your mouth with water to free any debris from your gum line and reduce the risk of gum infection.

## Floss Daily

Flossing cleans those small spaces that your toothbrush can't reach. Flossing is the most effective

way for you to remove plaque from between your teeth.

## Use Mouth Rinse

Rinsing your mouth with antimicrobial mouth rinse helps to kill bacteria and prevent plaque and tartar buildup. Mouth rinse also cleans those hard to reach places that brushing can miss.

**See Your Dentist Regularly**  
Regular professional

dental cleanings are the best way to avoid gum disease. A dental cleaning is the only way to rid your teeth of existing tartar. Your dentist will also be able to monitor changes in the health of your teeth and gums, making it more likely that potential problems will be noticed and treated before they cause permanent damage.

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