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Church vandals targeted

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A rash of vandalism and theft at three local houses of worship is being met with a call for stiffer penalties for anyone caught stealing or damaging a church, synagogue or a mosque.

Recent break-ins have been

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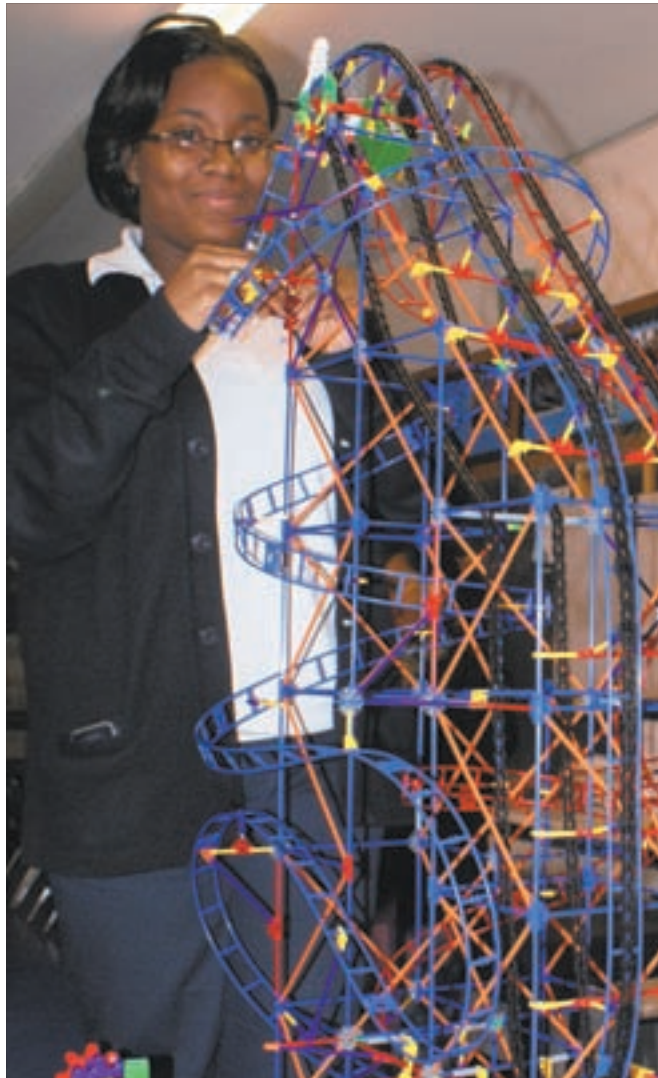


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TAKING VISITORS ON A ROLLER COASTER

St. Catharine Academy science student Abigail Black helped create a roller coaster that was featured on tours during the school's open house on Sunday, January 22. Prospective students and parents were shown around St. Catharine Academy by volunteers from the student body who highlighted the best that the girls' high school has to offer.

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DISTRICT LINES OPPOSED

Proposed 80th, 82nd AD splits MP

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Leaders in Morris Park are up in arms over the recently proposed State Assembly lines that would effectively divide the community in half, therefore reducing the community's voice..

Under the Legislative Task Force of Demographic Research and Reapportionment redistricting plans for the 80th and 82nd Assembly districts, that were made public on Thursday, January 26, the center of Morris Park, an area roughly bound by Tenbroeck, Radcliff, Morris Park, and Sackett avenues will be removed from the 80th Assembly district, represented by Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera, and placed into the 82nd Assembly

district, currently represented by Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, said Morris Park Community Association president Al D'Angelo.

The move will diminish the political power of the MPCA because it divides the community, D'Angelo stated. A group of concerned Morris Park residents and business leaders are collecting petition signatures opposing the proposed district lines, and a group is headed to the LATFOR hearing on Tuesday, January 31 at the Bronx Museum at 1040 Grand Concourse to voice their opposition. LATFOR is the commission in charge of district apportionment for Congressional,

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Photo courtesy of Daniel Hauben

A panel that features a view of the Harlem River from the borough painted by Daniel Hauben will be featured in Hauben's new BCC installation.

Hauben art works to grace BCC Library

533..By Patrick Rochio

Artist Daniel Hauben, who has captured Bronx images on canvas over a 30-year career, will soon have 22 pieces at his art hanging permanently in the new Bronx Community College Library.

The installation includes two larger panels which will adorn the main stairwell of the new library, called the North Instruction Building and Library, when it opens in the spring, and 20 panels will hang over the information commons or main reading room, Hauben stated. The images depicted include street scenes of recognizable places around the borough, including the Kingsbridge Armory, Burnside Avenue, Bronx Community College's campus and Hall of Fame, five different scenes of elevated trains, the Amalgamated Houses, Harlem River, Hudson River, Macombs Dam Bridge, and views of the Harlem River and the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge.

The six-figure commis-

sion for Hauben, an artist who has garnered national and international attention, started out as a plan to create mosaics for the library, Hauben said. But when the decision called for painted images instead, Hauben said he couldn't have been more delighted. Hauben loves painting borough landscapes, he said.

"I think that I am drawn to landscape and strive to create a sense of depth and distance in order to make a world on canvas," Hauben stated.

The paintings are oil on Belgian linen, and while the current plans for the grand opening of the library are still to be announced and do not include any detailed mention of the artwork that will beautify the new building, an open house showcasing the paintings in the installation will likely occur in the summer or fall, Hauben stated.

Initial plans on the installation were reviewed in the spring of 2008, and the paintings were finally finished towards the end of

2011. They are currently in Hauben's Riverdale studio, awaiting installation.

The artist recently painted the interior of the Arthur Avenue retail market at 2344 Arthur Avenue, and his work over three decades includes street scenes and landscapes around the borough, but also places abroad, including Berlin, Germany.

"It has been a journey," Hauben stated. "This kind of symbiosis between artist, environment, and community will resonate."

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, and the New York Public Library.

Prints and posters of Hauben's paintings can be purchased from Mainland Media at mainlandmedia.net. Also visit danielhauben.com to learn more about Hauben's work.

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Birth

Michael and Erin Fortin announce the birth of their son, **Michael Anthony Fortin, Jr.**, born on January 14, 2012, weighing 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

Birthday

Happy belated 17 birthday to Rashaunda Tysha Jarrell Brown, on December 23, 2011. Love always, Mother, Sha, Cheda, Rell and Kapa.



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North East Bronx flea market

The North East Bronx Senior Citizen Center, 2968 Bruckner Boulevard, will hold a flea market on Tuesday, February 7, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Included will be jewelry, bric-a-brac, Avon, books, toys, handbags, etc. All are welcome.

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THROGGS NECK BENEVOLENT ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The Throggs Neck Benevolent Association held its annual dinner dance on Saturday, January 21 at Marina del Rey. The event was dubbed as a "Throggs Neck Reunion," as guests came from every corner of the metropolitan area.

(Above) Throggs Neck Benevolent Association leaders (l-r) Sheila Haney, Matthew O'Brien, Chris Dalton, and Karin O'Connor welcomed the crowd to the dinner dance.

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More problems at 3555 Bruckner

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Although residents at 3555 Bruckner Boulevard may finally be cooking with gas, they aren't out of the fire just yet.

Back in early October, gas service to all apartments was cut off due to a gas leak discovered in early October, leaving the tenants without gas for nearly three months.

After the restoration

of gas to the building, the tenant association, which was formed during the gas crisis, has started addressing other troubling issues within the building.

Vito Signorile, an aide to Councilman Jimmy Vacca, said the councilman has organized a multi agency inspection of the entire building.

According to Ritchie Torres, director of hous-

ing service for the councilman, the inspection led to a few frightening discoveries.

"A full tank of propane gas was found in the garage which is extremely dangerous," Torres said.

Propane gas, when stored indoors, is capable of causing an instant explosion, Torres said.

"This is a scary scenario in a building of 142 house-

holds," Torres said.

Torres said during the inspection, the NYC Department of Building stopped a construction project that did not have a permit.

"While doing the inspection near the boiler, we were able to stop a private construction company from working on the foundation wall," Torres said.

"They had not obtained a work permit, in real time."

Another cause for concern, Torres said, is the condition of the garage itself.

"The garage is in horrible condition, there is leakage everywhere, there are cracks in the concrete floor that pose both trip and fall hazards, and there is corrosion in the concrete ceiling," he said, "all serious violations of either the building or housing code."

Torres said that although the gas to residents' apartments has been restored, the pipes that have been left exposed are still a



Photo By Patrick Rocchio

3555 Bruckner Boulevard, pictured, has some serious issues that still need to be addressed.

problem.

"This raises the risk of an explosion in the event of a gas leak," he said.

According to Torres, he returned to 3555 Bruckner the following Monday after the initial inspection to re-inspect the garage himself, where he found the propane tank had still not been removed.

"I then called the police

to come and have them remove it," he said.

Torres said the tenant association has been very helpful throughout the process. As many as 80 residents show up to a meeting, depending on what concerns are being brought up.

"The core leadership remains very active," he said.

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(Above, l-r) Yankee Scholarship winner Tiffany Reyes of Lehman High School, Mia Reyes, David Reyes, Marano, and Kearns during the presentation on Tuesday, January 24.

CB 10 YANKEE YOUTH AWARDS

Students from local schools in Community Board 10 and their families were on hand to receive their Yankee Foundation Scholarships on Tuesday, January 24. The awards in the amount of \$750 are given each year to students who have excelled in school and have done a great deal of community service. The awards were distributed at the board office by CB 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns, CB 10 chairman John Marano, and CB 10 youth services committee chairman Robert Bieder.

(Below, l-r) Annette Stephens, winner Tevin Chin of Truman High School, Joseph Chin, Marano and Kearns.



Yankee Foundation Scholarship winners for Community Board 10 are (l-r) Michael Salazar of the 45th Precinct Explorers, Tiffany Reyes of Lehman High School, Tevin Chin of Truman High School, Diana Singh of Preston High School, and Robert Sahafer of Monsignor Scanlan.

(Top, left, l-r) Dharam Singh, Noami Singh, winner Diana Singh of Preston High School, Dena Singh, Kearns and Marano.

(Above, left, l-r) Isaiah Pereles, Marcus Suarez, winner Michael Salazar of the 45th Precinct Explorers, Amy Salazar and Marano.

(Above, right, l-r) Kathleen Schaefer, winner Robert Schaefer of Monsignor Scanlan High School, Robert Schaefer, Fr. Thomas Derivan and Marano.

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Morningside House opens sub-acute unit

32-bed penthouse addition prepares patients' return home

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Morningside House celebrated the opening of a new rehabilitative unit that will help patients transition from hospital to home.

A ribbon cutting was held for the organization's new 32-bed sub-acute care unit in the penthouse of Morningside House's building B on Wednesday, January 25. Morningside House is located at 1000 Pelham Parkway South.

The sub-acute unit serves as an interim step as patients go from hospital to home, said Morningside House administrator Robert Bardach.

"This is a specialized unit that was built for rehabilitation," Bardach stated. "We have ADL, Activities of Daily Living, and the facility helps patients learn how to be independent again."

The penthouse suites includes modern amenities like cable-ready television and wi-fi access, as well as a community kitchen that helps patients get used to preparing meals for themselves, and a lot of single rooms, Bardach said.

The subacute rehabilitative unit features "on floor dinning", where hot food is prepared for the patients and then brought up and plated on the floor before being served, Bardach stated.

The penthouse floor was completely renovated and updated, said Thomas Wilder of the facilities department of Morningside House. It was a large effort that required numerous contractors, he said.

One of the first patients to use the new facility was Felix Celestino, 71, of Barker



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

At the ribbon cutting celebrating the opening of the new sub-acute care unit at Morningside House are pictured (l-r) Alan Ritchie, PJAR Architects; Morningside House CEO and president Dr. William Smith; and owners representative for Morningside House with the contractors working on the project, Marietta Meyers.

Avenue. He had heard about the unit from his daughter, and received physical and occupational therapy there after he had open heart surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine on Thursday, January 5.

The staff is leading him

through exercises seven days a week that will help him regain his strength, Celestino said. These exercises include stair climbing and light weight lifting, and he went from being in a wheelchair to walking with a cane in about 10 days, Celestino said.

lestino said.

"I like it here because they are nice people and I know the staff, who have taken care of me in a right way," Celestino stated. "This is close to my home, and my family who come to visit every day."

TNLL dinner set for 60th year

The Throgs Neck Little League presents their annual Diamond Anniversary Dinner Dance (1952-2012). The dinner dance will be held at the Marina del Rey on Saturday, March 31. Cocktail hour will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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40th PCT.

WED, JAN. 4th, 1:10 a.m. – Concord Ave. and East 152 St. A 21 year old black male was taken into custody after being found in possession of a 45-caliber hand gun. The weapon was vouched as evidence for the pending court case.

WED, JAN. 4th, 2:55 p.m. – 640 East 137 St. A semi-automatic pistol was taken off of local streets after a 44 year old Hispanic man was arrested by local undercover police officers. The weapon was vouched as evidence by the arresting police officers.

41st PCT.

SUN, JAN. 8th, 1:05 a.m. – 862 East 164 St. Police investigators are looking into an incident where a male had been stabbed. The male victim was suffering from a back wound upon arriving at Lincoln Medical Center.

SUN, JAN. 8th, 10:00 a.m. – 890 Prospect Ave. Police investigators are looking into the death of a 4 month old infant. Detectives are looking to see if there is any criminality connected to the death. The Medical Examiner's office will make that determination.

42nd PCT.

WED, JAN. 4th, 3:30 p.m. – East 161 St. and Elton Ave. An 18 year old Hispanic male was incarcerated after being found with a gun. Taken away from the teen was a 9-mm pistol.

WED, JAN. 4th, 7:00 p.m. – 1135 Hoe Ave. A search was conducted for the person who shot a male. The victim was suffering from a bullet wound to the stomach area authorities indicated. Local investigators are handling the inquiry.

THURS, JAN. 5th, 2:35 p.m. – 457 East 168 St. Local undercover police officers arrested a 17 year old Hispanic male. The teen was charged with illegal possession of a gun. Taken away from the teen was a 38-caliber revolver.

SAT, JAN. 7th, 10:30 a.m. – 1384 Boston Rd. Authorities are looking for the person who shot a 24 year old black male. The victim was suffering from a bullet wound to the chest area upon arriving at Lincoln Medical Center. Additional police officers were dispatched into the community as a search was conducted for the culprit who apparently escaped.

SAT, JAN. 7th, 11:55 a.m. – East 163 St. and Cauldwell Ave. Police officers were busy filling out reports after learning that several vehicles had been vandalized. By the time the incident ended police officers filed information relaying that ten vehicles had tires slashed by the unknown culprit.

SUN, JAN. 8th, 3:00 p.m. – 540 East 169 St. Police were summoned to a parking lot after it



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was discovered that vehicle tires had been slashed. Upon completion of their paperwork, officials indicated that 11 vehicles had tires damaged.

TUES, JAN. 10th, 3:55 p.m. – 1001 Freeman St. The emergency room staff at Lincoln Medical Center treated a 19 year old male who had been shot. The teen was suffering from a bullet wound to the ankle area. The male victim was reported to be in stable condition.

43rd PCT.

WED, JAN. 4th, 9:00 a.m. – 1466 Commonwealth Ave. Police investigators looking into a stabbing incident ended up arresting two persons including the female victim. A male was reported in extreme critical condition after being stabbed multiple time officials reported with wounds to the back, head, and also upper abdomen areas. The second victim, a female was stabbed twice in the back. She was arrested after officials found her in possession of crack. The third person stabbed is the apparent culprit officials indicated. The male was suffering from apparently three self-inflicted stab wounds to the stomach area.

FRI, JAN. 6th, 8:05 p.m. – 1148 Wheeler Ave. A 15 year old boy was arrested after he was found with a gun. The teen could be headed to jail for a year if found guilty during the court hearing. Taken away from the young teen was a 357-caliber revolver.

SAT, JAN. 7th, 11:50 a.m. – 1770 East 172 St. Police investigators are looking into an incident where a 49 year old Hispanic man lost his life. The man had been stabbed multiple times with wound to the armpit and chest areas. This was results of an argument officials indicated.

MON, JAN. 9th, 6:50 p.m. – 1690 East 174 St. A death has been labeled by authorities as suspicious. The victim's body was turned over to the Medical Examiner's office so that an autopsy could be performed. Detectives were waiting for results of the autopsy to see if there was any criminality connected to the death.

44th PCT.

MON, JAN. 9th, 9:00 p.m. – 1355 Webster Ave. A 46 year old black male was taken to Lincoln Medical Center after being shot. The middle aged man was suffering from bullet wounds to the right leg and arm. Police investigators are looking for the culprit.

TUES, JAN. 10th, 3:45

p.m. – 1548 Jessup Ave. Police investigators are looking for four males who conducted a home invasion. The four culprits forced their way into an apartment assaulting the occupant. They culprits fled with the occupant's personal property.

45th PCT.

WED, JAN. 4th, 11:15 a.m. – 3131 East Tremont Ave. An investigation was launched after authorities learned that a neighborhood drug store had been broken into. The culprit forced his way into an adjacent bar. Once inside the drinking establishment, the culprit went through a wall into the Tremont Chemist Pharmacy. Taken during the burglary was twenty-thousand dollars besides some 250,000 prescription pills.

FRI, JAN. 6th, 8:30 p.m. – Police investigators are looking into a report that a teenage girl was sexually attacked while in an area park. The victim told investigators that she had met her attacker on the Internet. Detectives are conducting an inquiry and are looking to question a Hispanic male.

SAT, JAN. 7th, 4:35 a.m. – 3575 Bruckner Blvd. An investigation was launched after law enforcement sleuths learned that a person had broken into a house of worship. Taken from St. Mary's Church was fifty-dollars that was in a donation box.

46th PCT.

FRI, JAN. 6th, 8:10 p.m. – Morris Ave. and Cameron Pl. A 17 year old Hispanic boy was arrested after being found in possession of a gun. The teen was charged with criminal possession of a gun as the weapon was vouched as evidence pending court appearances.

SAT, JAN. 7th, 12:55 a.m. – 1821 University Ave. Police investigators are looking for the person who shot a 41 year old male. The black male victim was shot in the face and was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital where he was reported in stable condition.

SAT, JAN. 7th, 6:25 p.m. – 2120 Ryer Ave. A black male was arrested after police found the suspect with a gun. Taken away from the culprit was a 22-caliber handgun. The weapon was vouched as evidence.

MON, JAN. 9th, 10:00 a.m. – 300 East Fordham Rd. Police investigators are looking for three black males. The unknown trio robbed a jewelry store at gunpoint. No injuries were reported. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

MON, JAN. 9th, 11:30 a.m. – 1735 Davidson Ave. A search was conducted for two males who invaded a home. The victim was entering their home when approached by two males whom forced the person into their residence. The victim was secured in a bedroom before the culprits fled with five thousand dollars.

TUES, JAN. 10th, 5:35 p.m. – 219 Echo Pl. Police investigators are waiting for the Medical Examiner's report after the body of a black male was discovered. The body was located inside a closet in the building all wrapped up. It was unknown how long the body had been in the closet nor how the man died.

47th PCT.

MON, JAN. 9th, 9:25 a.m. – 4052 Amundson Ave. A suspect was arrested by police officials looking into a reported stabbing. Police were alerted that a male had been stabbed. The victim was transported to a nearby medical facility.

TUES, JAN. 10th, 10:10 p.m. – 4564 White Plains Rd. Wearing mask to hide their true identity, two black males robbed a neighborhood bar and grill. At gun point the pair entered the commercial establishment announcing the robbery. They fled with one hundred and eighty dollars from the cash register.

48th PCT.

SUN, JAN. 8th, 6:15 p.m. – Hughes Ave. and East 189 St. Police officials were summoned to St. Barnabas Hospital where a male was being treated for a stab wound. The 32 year old Hispanic male entered the hospital suffering from a stab wound to the abdomen area. Police called to the medical facility obtained information about the incident so that an inquiry could be conducted.

SUN, JAN. 8th, 6:20 p.m. – East 181 St. and Daly Ave. An investigation was launched after officials learned of a shooting incident. Additional police officers were summoned into the community after the incident occurred. A 21 year old Hispanic male died at St. Barnabas Hospital apparently from a bullet wound to the chest. Another victim appeared at Montefiore Hospital's North Division suffering from a bullet wound to the hand. Police officers searching the crime scene recovered evidence that could be helpful to local sleuths during the inquiry.

49th PCT.

FRI, JAN. 6th, 6:45 p.m.

– 747 Astor Ave. Local detectives are looking for the person who committed a robbery. An unidentified black male at gun point removed an unknown amount of money from the cash register. No injuries were reported.

SUN, JAN. 8th, 11:10 p.m. – 1400 Pelham Pkwy. The medical staff at Jacobi Medical Center treated three members of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The three were transported from their Nassau County facility to the Bronx medical facility after being exposed to Carbon Monoxide. Jacobi Medical Facility houses a hyperbaric chamber that can assist person exposed to the silent killer.

TUES, JAN. 10th, 11:10 a.m. – 1308 East Gun Hill Rd. Police investigators are looking for a Hispanic woman who robbed the branch office of Chase Manhattan Bank. The woman passed a note to a teller and fled with \$1500 in cash.

52nd PCT.

WED, JAN. 4th, 11:05 a.m. – 305 East Kingsbridge Ave. Two unidentified persons robbed an accessory store injuring a victim. The two culprits, a male and a woman, assaulted a victim. Taken during the robbery were a cell phone, besides a laptop computer.

THURS, JAN. 5th, 12:05 a.m. – Briggs Ave. and East 194 St. A 25 year old black male made an expected trip to jail. He failed to obtain the proper license to own a gun in NYC. Vouched as evidence was a 38-caliber revolver.

THURS, JAN. 5th, 10:40 p.m. – 2735 Creston Ave. An 11 year old Hispanic male was transported to Jacobi Medical Center after being shot. The child was suffering from a wound to the abdomen area and was reported to be in stable condition. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

FRI, JAN. 6th, 8:25 a.m. – Decatur Ave. and East 195 St. Emergency personnel came to the aid of a school crossing guard. The city worker was struck by a vehicle. The injured city worker was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital where it was indicated that the employee received minor injuries. Officials looking into the incident indicated that there was no criminality connected to the incident.

SAT, JAN. 7th, 9:20 p.m. – 225 East Mosholu Pkwy North. Police officers arrested another male Hispanic male who failed to obtain a gun permit to own a weapon in NYC. A 223-caliber handgun was taken away from the suspect and vouched as evidence by police.

MON, JAN. 9th, 3:55 p.m. – West Fordham Rd. and Andrews Ave. A suspect was arrested after being found in possession of a 9-mm pistol. The weapon was removed from the culprit who failed to have a NYC permit for the gun.

Housing

FRI, JAN. 6th, 8:15 p.m. – 1270 Webster Ave. Police investigators were summoned to Bronx Lebanon Hospital where they obtained information about a shooting. A 23 year old Hispanic male when to the hospital to obtain assistance for a bullet wound to the torso area. He was reported to be in stable condition. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 7 are working with detectives from the 42nd Pct. Squad on this inquiry.

FRI, JAN. 6th, 9:00 p.m. – 301 East 143 St. Authorities are looking into an incident that sent a 31 year old black male to Lincoln Medical Center. The injured man was suffering from a bullet wound to the right arm and was reported in stable condition.

Fire Log

THURS, JAN. 5th, 1:30 p.m. – Cross Bronx Expwy. New Jersey bound traffic came to a standstill on the busy interstate roadway. Traffic had to be halted after a tanker truck sprang a leak in its fuel storage tank. Officials indicated that at least 50 gallons of diesel had spilled onto the roadway right before Third Ave. The incident commander for the Fire Dept. also indicated that there was another 50 gallons of fuel still inside the damaged tank that needed to be off loaded. The situation generated a Haz-Mat response from the Fire Dept. bringing additional specially trained units to the scene including Squad 61and Ladders 27 and 47 who are both specialized rescue support companies. Once the fuel transfer and clean-up were completed, traffic resumed. The incident caused a traffic jam for miles on Interstate # 95.

THURS, JAN. 5th, 4:32 p.m. – 2320 Bronx Park East. Fire Department units waited for Con Edison crews at the scene of a carbon monoxide leak inside an apartment house. Authorities were forced to evacuate the structure after a fire broke out in an electrical distribution panel in the basement of the six-story structure. The panel apparently also fed electricity to two other near-by buildings officials indicated. The first call to Con Edison was placed at 4:45 p.m. followed by additional request for assistance at 5:02 p.m. Each time a 20-minute response time was provided to fire department dispatchers. A third call was generated around 5:09 p.m. Since Con Edison vehicles are not permitted the use of emergency lights and sirens, they have to travel with the normal traffic. Once at the scene, the Con Ed crew was able to isolate the power feeding the apartment house and permitting the fire to be extinguished. The levels of the poisonous gas was high in the basement area and also the first floor. It was found lower on the upper floors. Once the fire was out at 5:32 p.m., firefighters vented the building and retested air samples before permitting residents to reoccupy their homes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A chance to revisit Armory vote

Dear editor,

Remember the old saying, if at first you don't succeed, try try again. One year ago, NYC Council Speaker Christine Quinn and forty-seven out of fifty fellow Council members played the Grinch to hundreds of thousands of constituents in the Bronx and all five boroughs still out of work. They blocked a \$300 million dollar shopping mall development project proposed by the Related Cos to be built at the underutilized Bronx Kingsbridge Armory. This project could have provided 1,000 construction jobs and another 1,200 permanent jobs by mall tenants. How disappointing for seniors, students, single parents and those out of work along with others seeking part time work. In a recession with a 9% citywide unemployment rate, any job is better than no job even with starting pay of \$8 to under \$10 per hour. It appears that City Council members earning a base pay of \$112,000 per year with lulus of \$4,000 to \$28,000 for chairing a Council Committee (for a part time job) just don't know what life in the real world is all about for those still looking for work. Speaker Quinn just handed out checks for 50% of these lulus to her faithful Council colleagues this past Friday.

How refreshing to learn that City Hall is attempting another try at bringing this project back to life.

Maybe this time, aspiring Mayoral candidate Speaker Quinn and many of her Council colleagues who will also be running for another term in 2013 will have a change of heart. If not, unemployed voters will have the option in 2013 to remove both Quinn and her colleagues from public office. Misery loves company. I wonder how some of the NYC Council elite would feel joining the unemployment lines!

Larry Penner

They're still the New York Giants

Dear editor,

When did New Jersey purchase the New York Giants franchise? I guess they didn't have enough time to change everything that has a NY or New York on it to NJ, New Jersey.

Well here is the reality: It is the New York Giants, not the New Yersey Giants. The NJ governor can get a jersey with the 2011 NFC conference champions New York Giants printed on it from any sports store. He can also get an official locker room hat with the NY logo on it.

The New York Giants are a professional American football team that just happens to be based in East Rutherford, New Jersey, but represents the New York City metropolitan area.

Robert Neglia

Medical not needed

Dear editor,

In the northeastern section of the Bronx, you have civic associations that, for the most part, are backed by great community boards.

For the longest time these civic associations and community boards have been crying out for parking facilities, all to no avail.

As for the new medical facility that is going up on Wilkinson and Westchester avenues, the Pelham Bay civic associaiton feels it is just not needed. There's a similar facility just across the street in the former Chateau Pelham.

Joseph P. Wall

All Republicans are well-to-do

Dear editor,

This is in response to Carmela Albano's letter to the editor entitled, A Narrow Point of View.

Your letter to the editior is nothing more than Archie Bunker Republicanism. I'm not the one that's narrow-minded and dangerous, it's you.

Raising taxes on the wealthy would solve many tax problems. If you held public office, you would vote for tax increases on the middle class and not the wealthy. Republicans do not know what it's like to be middle class. Besides, I don't know any Republicans who are middle class. I only know Republicans who are rich and well-to-do.

Al Agovino, Jr.

MTA's plan excites Bx 24 bus rider

Dear editor,

I really got excited when I read the article on the MTA's proposal to possibly extend the BX 24 route.

I have been lost since the MTA took away the BX 14 route in 2010.

I rely on public transportation a lot since I am a senior citizen and no longer drive.

Presently, the BX 24 takes me to Pelham Bay station and back. By extending the BX 24, I can go to Westchester Square and shop and not worry about how I'm going to get back. Often times, I must rely on my son and his car to get me around when public transportation can't.

I hope the MTA keeps its promise and extends the BX 24.

David Berry

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Pipeline refusal means higher gasoline prices

Dear editor,

So Al Agovino returns once again for his love for Obama, as he did in the Bronx Times Reporter in 2008. Perhaps Al doesn't read the newspaper or listen to the media regarding Obama.

Our President is refusing the pipeline from Canada, which would create 20,000 full-time jobs and would lower our prices at the pumps.

Instead, he would rather see Canada sell it to China and we will have to buy our fuel from China. This means price increases at our pumps, perhaps \$5 per gallon, and let's not forget about home heating and food that will increase in price.

With all the increases already, between tolls, MTA, fuel, food, and let's not forget about foreclosures, which are all hurting the working middle class.A

As for Mr. Reynolds' statement regarding Al, I couldn't agree more.

Richard Silvestri

P.S. 304's priorities

(The following letter was sent to NYC Department of Education Chancellor Dennis Walcott)

Dear Chancellor Walcott,

I am writing on behalf of my constituents whose children currently attend pre-k at P.S. 304 in the Bronx. It was brought to my attention by parents and the Superintendent of District 8 that the policy for enrollment into kindergarten has been abruptly changed this year. Traditionally, students in the pre-k program were given priority when applying for kindergarten. This year parents are being told that their children will be given no priority and will be assigned based on their school zones.

Although I understand the current kindergarten Admission Guidelines, I believe parents who have students that are already enrolled in pre-k should be grandfathered into the previous policy. Parents applied to P.S. 304 in a lottery based system with the established precedence that P.S. 304 pre-k students receive some form of priority. Once their children were accepted to the pre-k program, these parents spent countless hours attending local and school meetings in order to develop a vested interest in the school and the Throggs Neck community. Not only it is unfair to ignore the exerted efforts that the these parents have demonstrated to support P.S. 304 and the school community but it is a disservice to the students who are currently enrolled in the Pre-K program.

By eliminating priority for P.S. 304's pre-k students to matriculate into the school's kindergarten program, students who have already adapted to P.S. 304's environment, experience an increased risk of having to leave the educational institution where they have developed a routine and comfort level, being forced to attend a new school in a different community.

In closing, I would again ask that that the traditional policy be upheld for the 2012-2013 enrollment year allowing priority for students enrolled in pre-k at P.S. 304.

Senator Jeffrey D. Klein

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Einstein garage land-use hearing

The Land Use Committee of Bronx Community Board 11 will be holding a public hearing on Application C070558 ZSX on Thursday, February 9 at 7 p.m. in the board office at 1741 Colden Avenue.

In the matter of an application submitted by Yeshiva University pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for the grant of a special permit pursuant to Section 74-53 of the Zoning Resolution to modify the requirements of Section 25-12 (Maximum Size of Accessory Group Parking Facilities) to allow a group parking facility accessory to uses in a Large-Scale Community Facility Development with a maximum capacity of 425 spaces, and to modify the requirements of Section 25-11 (General provisions) so as to permit some of the off-street parking spaces to be located on the roof, in connection with the proposed enlargement of a garage building at 1925 Eastchester Road (Block 4205, Lot 2), within a Large-Scale Community Facility (Block 4117, Lot 1 and Block 4205, Lot 2 & p/o Lot 1), in R4 and R6 Districts, Borough of the Bronx, Community District 11.

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Persons wishing to speak must sign up prior to the meeting.



PROVIDENCE REST FAMILY COUNCIL DONATES X-BOX

The Providence Rest Family council donated an X-Box to the home's Recreation Department on Thursday, January 19. During the year, the council conducts a variety of fundraisers. These funds are used to provide entertainment for the residents and to enhance various programs.

Attending the presenttaion were (l-r) Louis Paone, Edward O. King, Josette Varela, director of Recreation, Linda Collazzi, Johanna Volpicelli and Susan Steinberg, executive director of Providence Rest.

Valentine workshop

Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, 895 Shore Road, will host a Victorian Valentine Workshop on Saturday, February 4, 1 to 3 p.m. Participants will learn about the history of valentines and the printed "scraps" used to make them in the 19th century while crafting their own memorable cards. The Victorian Valentine Workshop is appropriate for all ages.

"Get into the spirit of Valentine's Day and join us for an afternoon of card making in the mansion's romantic 19th-century setting," said executive director Ellen Bruzelius. "Show that you care—not with a boring, store-bought card, but with a handmade, full-of-charm, sure-to-woo original creation. This is a fun workshop for the whole family!"

Cost is \$5. Registration is required. Call (718) 885-1461 or email info@bpmm.org to register or for more information.

Throgs Neck Little League to hold t-ball registration

A tee ball parents meeting will be held at the Throgs Neck Little League building, 150 Throgs Neck Boulevard, on Sunday, February 26, at 11 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the entire program in detail, place players on squads (Thursday, Saturday, Sunday), raffles and medicals. Tee Ball openings are for 5 and 6 year old children. For more information call (718) 822-8232.

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A Diamond in the Rough

HRA helps Bronx couple polish jewel of a home

AS he sat in his newly remodeled living room, Howard Surino, sitting next to Frances, his wife of 40 years, looked through a photo album and noted how different the inside of his house used to look.

“When I bought this house back in 1979, we had all kind of ideas of fixing it up,” Howard said. “It was a lack of money and one thing led to another and it didn’t happen.”

One day, the answer to their problems arrived in the mail: an advertisement from Housing Rehabilitation Assistance, a program designed to help homeowners complete remodeling projects during tough economic times.

“I had stuff being mailed to me constantly reminding me that there are opportunities out there,” Howard said. “My son’s grown up and pretty much on his own so it was timing. The right place at the right time.”

Built in 1920, the Surinos’ home in the Throgs Neck section of the Bronx is the largest on the block. Frances’ grandparents purchased it in the 1940s and sold it to Howard just as he and his wife were looking to lay down roots.

“It was a tight-knit family, and everyone lived in the Bronx,” Howard said. “On Sundays they would all come over for dinner and hang out.”

The couple envisioned a bright and airy home



with elegant fixtures but what they received exceeded their expectations. Frances said the new sundeck is one of her favorite aspects of the new and improved home. She added that she couldn’t wait to read by the window and entertain friends come spring.

The living room was originally painted dark colors accented by wood paneling and a drop ceiling. The dining room, which over the years was used as a bed-room and TV room, used to be covered in thick gray textured stucco paint. Now, both spaces are decked out in a lovely shade of beige with white trim along the moldings and windows. The parquet floors have been replaced with glossy wood from the front door through the dining room, while marble tiles cover the floors of the foyer, bathroom and kitchen.

“I met with Howard and explained to him how the HRA works, how we could get him assistance, the right contractors — which is very, very important — especially for the magnitude of this work. You don’t want some fly-by-night contractor,” explained HRA representative, Carlos Fontanez. “And as you can see the work turned out phenomenally well.”

The HRA was able to get \$10,600 in tax credits, grants and other assistance, to help the Surinos cover part of the cost of re-modeling. The HRA-approved contractor gutted two bathrooms, a bedroom, living room, dining room and two kitchens, and rebuilt them using only high quality materials hand-picked by the Surinos. Best of all, the work is guaranteed for life.

“You hear horror stories about contractors all the time, so you want some-one in your corner to make sure the work is done properly and in a timely fashion, to prevent you from getting ripped off or your house destroyed — and that’s the HRA,” Howard said.

The organization covers two distinct categories: energy efficiency projects involving roofs, windows, siding and insulation or capital improvements, and jobs that typically involve kitchens, bathrooms and basements.

Frances, the family cook, loves her new kitchen so much that she says she has completely blocked out the way it used to look, but Howard hasn’t. There was no fan over the stove, allowing grease and smoke to cake up a nearby window. Her love for cooking became a chore.

“In the new kitchen everything is so spread out. Everything is at my fingertips. Open one drawer, I’ve got my knife. Open another drawer, I’ve got the wax paper. Cooking in there is a pleasure,” Frances said.

Now, there are 14 large cherry wood cabinets with shelves and drawers that slide out, making for easy access. A lazy Susan, concealed in a cabinet, allows Frances to grab pots and pans in a snap. In the bathroom, the tub has been replaced with a beige marble shower stall and glass doors. Above the toilet, an exposed brick wall gives a rich earthy texture to the room.

When asked how her parents and grandparents would react if they could see the house today, Frances replied, “They would be amazed because you never think something like this is possible. It is better than anything I could have dreamt of.”

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The Bronx Chamber of Commerce held a meet and greet with Public Advocate Bill de Blasio on Tuesday, January 24 at Villa Barone Manor. The Chamber addressed government policies that have an adverse effect on the economic growth of the borough. Among the topics were commercial real estate taxes and increases in water rates, fees, and fines.

Pictured is Anthony Orzo, manager of Villa Barone (l.) speaking with de Blasio (r.) during the forum.

Photo by Laura Stone

10th Annual Orchid Show at the Garden

The Orchid Show: Patrick Blanc's Vertical Gardens at The New York Botanical Garden will be unlike any other orchid show ever seen. That is because the guest designer for the 10th annual exhibition is Patrick Blanc, world-renowned French botanist and artist who will transform the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory with his spectacular vertical walls of living foliage.

Using thousands of orchids and companion plantings as his palette, Blanc introduces towering spectacles of tropical life to the landmark Conservatory. Blanc, celebrated for his innovative vertical gardens and signature "green walls," abandons the constraints of gravity in his cuttingedge approach to horticulture. In an explosion of alluring design and fragrance, exotic plant walls rise high above, creating this season's not-to-be missed exhibition for garden lovers, orchid fans, and those desiring a one-day tropical retreat.

Rich in color and texture, Blanc's living tapestries have been commissioned for cityscapes, interiors, museum exhibitions, and fashion shows worldwide. One of the most notable among his more than 150 projects in 20 countries is the living exterior façade of the Quai Branly Museum in Paris.

This year The Orchid Show at The New York Botanical Garden, begins with a dramatic 8' x 16' wall erected in the Reflecting Pool of the Palms of the World Gallery and planted with vibrant orchids such as Psychopsis Kalihi (butterfly orchid), ferns and other foliage, interspersed with ribbons of trickling water. The journey continues through the Lowland Tropical Rain Forest Gallery, where orchids grow in the canopies of tropical trees, and then past a display of miniature orchids, some with thousands of tiny flowers on a single plant, in the Upland Tropical Rain Forest Gallery.

Upon entering the Seasonal Exhibition Galleries, The Orchid Show's main galleries, visitors will encounter Blanc's astounding 13' x 13' "cube" of orchids, a square of four vertical walls of plants with two doorways and six windows. Outside, the "cube" will be festooned with a remarkable array of orchids.

Inside, visitors will be treated to Blanc's images and drawings, reflecting how his fascination with the remarkable adaptations and diversity of plants sparked his innovative approach to vertical gardens and his creative flair for growing plants in urban environments.

The Orchid Show: Patrick Blanc's Vertical Garden is designed by award-winning French botanist and artist Patrick Blanc, known internationally as the "Green Man" for his groundbreaking living tapestries.

In venues across the Garden's 250 acres, The Orchid Show offers visitors opportunities to learn about the Garden's historic and ongoing orchid research, embark on an audio tour, purchase top-quality orchids at Shop in the Garden, receive care information from experts, take orchid-related courses, and more:

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- Orchid Audio Tour: A cell phone tour of The Orchid Show: Patrick Blanc's Vertical Garden complements the exhibition, giving visitors a unique perspective on the remarkable orchids in the Conservatory.

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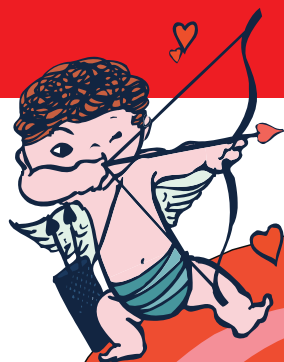
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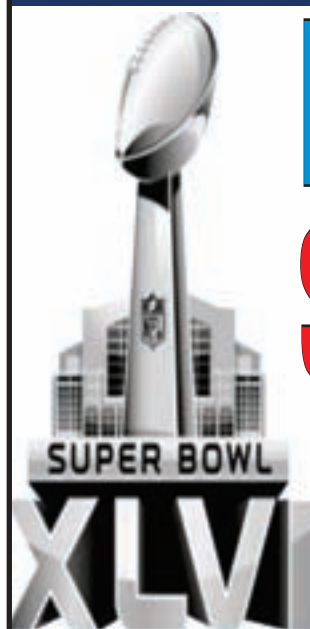
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"We are very pleased to announce this landmark event for the Hutchinson Metro Center," said Joseph Simone, president of Simone Development Companies, the owner and manager of the 42-acre complex. "With the addition of a second office tower, we will have more than 1 million square feet of Class A office space in one of the finest office locations in the entire New York Metropolitan Area."

The leasing of Tower One is yet another chapter in the remarkable success story of the Hutchinson Metro Center, a former state-owned property that has been transformed into a vibrant and growing community of businesses, medical practices and government agencies. The first phase of 460,000 square feet was fully leased in less than two years.

The Hutchinson Metro Center has emerged as the premier location for the area's medical community attracting over 30 medical practices and healthcare related firms. The Hutchinson Metro Center offers many benefits for medical practices including custom-built medical suites, a suburban campus

setting, abundant free parking and access to a large and growing patient base. The complex is less than a mile from five major medical institutions: Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Montefiore Medical Center, Jacobi Medical Center, Westchester Square Medical Center and Calvary Hospital.

"We intend to build on our reputation as a hub for medical practices with the construction of Tower Two, which is already attracting significant interest from the nearby medical community," Simone said.

Other major tenants at the Hutchinson Metro Center include Mercy College, Visiting Nurse Services of New York, New York City Housing Authority, Internal Revenue Service and dozens of other companies attracted to the convenient location and world-class amenities and services.

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Wildlife Conservation Society appoints new president, CEO

The Wildlife Conservation Society announced that Dr. Cristián Samper, director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, has been named its president and CEO, effective August 1. He will serve through July, at the Smithsonian.

Dr. Samper, a scientist and an international authority on conservation biology and environmental policy, will follow Dr. Steven E. Sanderson who announced his retirement as WCS president and CEO, effective July.

During his tenure, Dr. Sanderson, who has led WCS since 2001, has overseen the expansion of its global conservation programs into more than 65 nations, the renaissance of the Bronx Zoo, the launch of the re-birth of the New York Aquarium, a successful \$650 million capital campaign, and the alignment of WCS parks and

global programs to create an unmatched force protecting nature and our planet. Under Dr. Sanderson's leadership, WCS has modernized governance and experienced 10 years of fiscal balance.

"On behalf of the WCS Board of Trustees, I want to welcome Cristián to WCS, which has grown under Steve's leadership to be the world's preeminent science-based conservation organization," said Ward W. Woods, chair of the WCS Board. "Cristián's strong background in conservation biology, sound management, and fundraising make him a perfect fit to lead WCS well into the future."

"Since 2003, Cristián has run the largest natural history collection in the world and a museum that welcomes more than 7 million visitors a year. His background fits perfectly with WCS, where one of our most important as-

sets is the power of our four zoos and aquarium combined with our conservation field work around the globe and in all the world's oceans. Cristián has a solid track record connecting an institution's science with its visitors."

As director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, Dr. Samper ran the largest natural history collection in the world, with more than 126 million specimens and artifacts. During his tenure at the Smithsonian, Dr. Samper reinvigorated the research staff by hiring new curators to replace retiring staff; established an endowed fellowship program; built major new collections, storage facilities, and laboratories; and raised more than \$150 million to support new long-term exhibitions and programs, including the Encyclopedia of Life and the Sant Ocean Hall.

Valentine's Day event at Lehman Center

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts continues its 31st season with Salsa Con Amor, a sensuous Valentine's Day celebration of love for one night with three of Salsa's most popular and gifted soneros: Ismael Miranda, José Alberto "El Canario" and Domingo Quiñones on Saturday, February 11, at 8 pm. This all-star concert, featuring classic Salsa hits spanning over 40 years, is produced by Lehman Center and José Raposo.

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts is on the campus of Lehman College/CUNY at 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West. Tickets are \$60, \$55, and \$45 and can be purchased by calling (718) 960-8833.

Ismael Miranda, born in Aguada, Puerto Rico, moved to Long Island at age four and later to the Lower East Side. He began singing lessons at age eight and by 11 had mastered the congas. He performed with the bands of Pipo, Benny Ortiz, Raúl González and Andy Harlow before joining Joey Pastana's Orchestra at age 16, making his recording debut on 1967's Let's Ball on the hit track "Rumbón Melón." That year he joined Larry Harlow's band and over five years recorded several hit albums, including 1968's Orquesta Harlow pre-

senta a Ismael Miranda, and composed several songs with Harlow, including "La revolución," "El malecón" and "Lamento cubano." As the Fania All-Stars' youngest member at 19, he earned the title "El Niño Bonito de la Salsa" or "the pretty boy of salsa." In 1973 he formed his own band, Orquesta Revelación, and the title track of his debut album, "Así se compone un son," was a smash hit in Latin America, the US and Europe. Relocating to Puerto Rico in the mid-'70s, he released a dozen albums on Fania and later recorded two albums with Tito Puente. His most recent CD is 2009's Historia de la Salsa.

José Alberto, nicknamed "El Canario" because of his exquisite voice and melodious whistling skills, is one of Latin music's most influential and respected vocalists. The Dominican-born Alberto moved with his family to Puerto Rico at age seven and sharpened his vocal skills at Las Antillas Military Academy. Moving to New York in the early '70s, he became a master improviser, singing with an extensive list of orchestras. He released his first single in 1974 and appeared as lead vocalist on Tito Rodríguez, Jr.'s 1976 album Curious. He was the lead vocalist of Tipica '73 from

1977 through the early '80s. Alberto has recorded a dozen solo albums, many gold and platinum, and performed at festivals world-wide with his New York-based orchestra. He formed his own band in 1983 and in 1987 was the first artist signed to the Tropical division of Ralph Mercado's RMM label, recording the international smash hit "Sueño contigo." 1991's Dance with Me was a salsa romántica hit. Alberto also toured with the late Celia Cruz.

Domingo Quiñones, singer, composer, producer and actor, was born in Perth Amboy, NJ of Puerto Rican parents. He began his career singing with Conjunto Nativo in 1983 and worked with Jose Alberto "El Canario," Johnny Rodriguez and Conjunto Clásico. In 1985 he replaced Roberto Lugo in Luis "Perico" Ortiz's orchestra, and later sang with Louie Ramirez and Roberto Roena. In 1990, Quiñones recorded his first solo album, Sunday is My Name. After joining Tito Puente on his 100th recording, he released his second solo album, Painting Lunas, which included the duet "Two Friends" with Tony Vega. Six more recordings followed, including 1997's influential It Takes a Miracle.



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ST. CATHARINE'S OPEN HOUSE

St. Catharine Academy held its winter open house on Sunday, January 22. Current students showed parents around the school and highlighted the many activities St. Catharine's offers.

Pictured are students (l-r) Brianna Grant, Briana Gonzalez, Gabriela Quintana and Quyen Loung.

Photo by Laura Stone



RED HATS THANK SEN. JEFF KLEIN

The Bronx Red Hat Roses presented a plaque to Senator Jeff Klein on Friday, January 27 for his years of financial and logistical support for the organization's many functions.

Pictured is Klein with Queen Ann Marie Correale, on the Senator's left, and other members.

Photo by Laura Stone



HUNTINGTON LIBRARY GREETING CARD EVENT



Photo by Laura Stone

The Huntington Free Library held a greeting card making workshop with artist Laura Alvarez on Saturday, January 21.

(Above) Pictured during the card making session are program participant Elizabeth Ortiz of Parkchester (l.) and Alvarez with their new creations.

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY COMMAND CHANGE



Photo by Laura Stone

Coast Guard Auxiliary units from Throggs Neck's First Lutheran Church and City Island held a "Change of Watch" swearing in of new division leaders on Sunday, January 22. A Coast Guard Admiral was present during the ceremony, which honored both the outgoing and incoming groups.

(Above, l-r) Senior Officer Admiral Fagan, June Haymon, outgoing Division Commander Gallagher, and Commodore Marshall.

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BY MARY JANE MUSANO
If you think that laws are made to be followed and laws that are not protecting our rights should be strengthened or changed, then Senator Klein is your champion. He was not afraid to stand up for our communities and ask for jail time for repeat graffiti offenders and now he is standing up for our religious institutions.
As most of you know, Senator Klein has backed our community 100% when it comes to graffiti. He is the only politician that stood behind us when we asked for jail time for repeat graffiti offenders. Not only did he stand with us but he initiated

BY RAPHAEL S.
This past Tuesday, January 17, the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association, in conjunction with Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation and NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development, held a Tenant Forum in the auditorium of Bronx House at 990 Pelham Parkway South.

Hazel Miura, housing specialist at NIDC, said the following on their behalf: "We wish to thank HPD and PPNA for co-sponsoring this years Tenant Forum. We had 12 representatives from many integral Governmental Agencies in attendance to give Community Residents first-hand advice about any and all Housing concerns they had. It was a great success."

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO
Hello all!
Go Giants!
Dues are Due.
On Sunday, March 4, The National MS Society is hosting a "Stair Climbing Event" in Rockefeller Center. They have a firefighter, police officer and military units and are trying to recruit more from the military to participate. So, if any of you more limber Legion members feel up to it and would like to get in on the action, get in touch with Colleen at colleenusmc1@aol.com and help out.

Another blurb regarding Agent Orange. All you Sailor types, both blue water and brown water, log on to the following site for an al-

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ated legislation that would make graffiti offenders pay with jail time if they repeatedly defaced our neighborhoods.
He also created our Court Watchers Program which has allowed us to attend court proceedings to show our dissatisfaction with those that dare to deface our community. In addition, he instituted a graffiti clean-up program that does something that no

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Over 65 attendees came and obtained materials relating to all matters pertaining to housing. This included information for rent stabilized apartments, NYCHA Housing, Section 8 and more.
But even more useful and unique about this event were the individuals from many varying city and state governmental agencies in attendance to give person-to-person help and advice to individuals with all kinds of housing issues and inquiries.
From HPD, Kim Ro-

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Samuel Young Legion Post 620

phabetized list of ships and boats affected. <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/shiplist/list.asp> So if you were on any of these boats, check in with the VA and see if you qualify for care and/or recompense.
The Mid-Winter Conference took place this past week, I'll let you know the happenings next column.
Trivia Time!!
The first Social Security check was issued in the amount of \$22.54 to Ida Fuller

other program that I know of does. He included cherry pickers to clean graffiti in areas higher than other clean-up programs can go. Graffiti offenders better not try to outwit our senator because he will find a path to defeat them!
Now, just days after several of our religious institutions were assaulted, our senator is proposing new legislation that will stiffen penalties for those who would steal or damage property in churches, synagogues and other religious institutions.
The senator is proposing legislation that would increase the penalty for
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mano and Alexander Villaverde were in attendance to answer questions pertaining to Section 8, while Vincent Ruiz, the head of HPD Code Enforcement was exceptionally proficient on HPD's role and protocol for enforcing heating, maintenance and pest complaints. Deborah Rand, form HPD Legal, enlightened guests on how HPD brings Landlords to court for failing to provide adequate services.
Also in attendance were Derek Frederick from the New York State Division of Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), Iggy "I pick up your trash" Terranova, Ta'sharee Grant from the Department of Health's Lead Prevention Program, Angela the deputy director of NYCHA Bronx, and rep-
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on January 31, 1940.
On the same date in 1606, Guy Fawkes was executed. OH, look it up.
The North Tube of the Lincoln Tunnel opened on February 1, 1945.
The first lunch counter sit-in occurred on February 1, 1960 in Greensboro, NC.
The Germans surrendered at Stalingrad on February 2, 1943.
On the same date in 1968, New York City had a Garbage Strrike.
Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and there Big Bopper die in a plane crash on February 3, 1959.
Keep the troops in your prayers, hug a vet and God bless.



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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 dated September 22, 2010, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Court, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on February 13, 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, Block 4655 Lot 53. Approx. 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.

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 2/13/2012 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., RefereeGross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: 1/6/2012

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2011-81/A

CITATION

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

TO: Louis Hamill; Patricia Hamill; Deidre Hamill; Donald Aldrich as executor of the Estate of Nancy Aldrich, deceased; FDNYEMS; SWI Schreiber MD; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of ROBERT HAMILL, 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 22, 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 ROBERT HAMILL, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 2453 Valentine Avenue, Apt 1; Bronx, New York 10458, should not be judicially settled; why the legal fees of \$6,442.00, of which \$3,865.20 has been paid as listed in Schedule C of the account and \$2,576.80 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 possible claims of FDNYEMS and SWI Schreiber MD 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, December 27, 2011. (L. S.) HON. LEE L. HOLZMAN Surrogate, Bronx County Michael P. Hausler Chief Clerk. This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925-9100 (Manhattan) & 1-718- 992-1428 (Bronx) Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2010-2178/A

CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: Phyllis Hertzberg; Transcare NY; Covista Communication, Inc.; Montefiore Medical Center; Consolidated Edison; Jacobi Medical Center; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of PHILIP LIPKIN, 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 22, 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 PHILIP LIPKIN, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 2752 Bronx Park East, Apt 21B; Bronx, New York 10467, should not be judicially settled; why the legal fees of \$4,105.00, of which \$2,463.00 has been paid as listed in Schedule C of the account and \$1,642.00 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 Transcare NY, Covista Communication, Inc., Montefiore, Consolidated Edison, and Jacobi Medical Center 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. December 23, 2011. (L. S.) HON. LEE L. HOLZMAN Surrogate, Bronx County Michael P. Hausler Chief Clerk. This Citation is served upon

you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney at law appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925 9100 (Manhattan) & 1-718- 992-1428 (Bronx) Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2011-347/A

CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT, TO: Robert T. Engfer; Charles Engfer; Jeffrey Engfer; Cynthia Greene; William Engfer; Catherine Robinson; Joanne Morelli; Denise Parker, an alleged incapacitated person; Robert W. Parker; Midland Funding LLC; Consolidated Edison; AT&T; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of GERALDINE CONNELLY, 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 22, 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 GERALDINE CONNELLY, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 452 City Island Avenue, Apt 2A; Bronx, New York 10464, should not be judicially settled; why the legal fees of \$2,086.00, of which \$1,251.60 has been paid as listed in Schedule C of the account and \$834.40 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 Midland Funding LLC, Consolidated Edison, and AT&T 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, December 23, 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.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of R & M Distributor LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on May 20, 2010. NY Office location: BRONX County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O 1731 East 172nd Street, Bronx, New York 10472. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of New 304 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/16/11. Office location: Bronx County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business addr.: 271 E. 205th St., Bronx, NY 10467, Attn: Michael Mangan, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Name of LLC: Jackson & Daughter's, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 9/13/11. Office loc.: Bronx Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 764A-2005

CITATION

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

TO: NYC Department of Social Services; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of ANTONIA RAMIREZ, 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 29, 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 ANTONIA RAMIREZ, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 1507 Harding Park; Bronx, New York 10473, should not be judicially settled; why the legal fees of \$6,902.00, of which \$4,141.20 has been paid as listed in Schedule C of the account and \$2,760.80 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 claim of the NYC Department of Social Services in the amount of \$230,921.34 should not be allowed; why, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate should not be paid to the NYC Department of Social Services on account of its allowed claim; why, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court should not hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; and why such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper should not be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, January 10, 2012. (L. S.) HON. LEE L.

HOLZMAN Surrogate, Bronx County

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Wealth Acquired thru Radical Retrieval Enterprise, a domestic Limited Liability Company. Articles of Organization filed with Sec. of State on November 3, 2011. NY Office location: Bronx County. Sec. of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Sec. of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to Roderick E. Caldwell, I. 2256 Haviland Avenue, Apt. C, Bronx NY 10462. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF BRONX

PONCE DE LEON FEDERAL BANK, Plaintiff against

4331 RICHARDSON REALTY CORP., et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on August 23, 2010.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 27th day of February, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. premises Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Richardson Avenue, distant 221.07 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of East 236th Street and the westerly side of Richardson Avenue; being a plot 150.01 feet (deed) 150.00 feet (Tax Map) by 100.01 feet by 150.01 feet (deed) 150.00 (Tax Map) by 100.01 feet.

Said premises known as 4331 Richardson Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10466.

(Block: 5038, Lot: 10).

Approximate amount of lien \$ 978,915.09 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380026-09. Anthony J. Centone, Esq., Referee.

DeRose & Surico

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

213-44 38th Avenue

Bayside, N.Y. 11361

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license, number 1260408 for a Restaurant Wine liquor license has been applied for by the undersigned to sell alcohol in an establishment under the Alcohol Beverage Control Law at 2479 Arthur Ave., Bronx, NY 10458, Bronx County, for On-Premises consumption.

/S/ SIMON'S RESTAURANT CORP

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license for an On-Premises Liquor License will be applied for by Brewskis Bar & Grill Inc. located at 3718 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York 10465 to sell liquor at retail under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 3718 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York 10465 for on-premises consumption.

For Legal Info
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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT- COUNTY OF BRONX

DLJ MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC.

Plaintiff,

AGAINST

ROSEMARIE CHRISTIAN A/K/A

ROSEMARY CHRISTIAN, et al. Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered August 13, 2010

I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse on 2/27/2012 at 2:00PM premises known as 1329 Needham Avenue, Bronx, NY 10466.

All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the BOROUGH AND County of Bronx, City and State of New York. Block 4711 and Lot: 44

Approximate amount of judgment \$428,092.42 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index # 380867-08

Howard Vargas, Esq. Referee,

Law Offices of Jordan S. Katz, P.C. - 395 North Service Road, Suite 401, Melville, NY 11747

JSK 11178

Dated: January 18, 2012

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

E*TRADE BANK; Plaintiff(s)

vs. LAURA MOISE; et al; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about December 14, 2011, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Bronx Supreme Court, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY 10451.

On February 27, 2012 at 02:00 PM

Premises known as 938 Burke Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469

Block: 4575 Lot: 31

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land with the building and improvements thereon erected situated, lying and being in the Borough and 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 \$521,174.13 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 381103/07

Larry Alfonso Arias, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, -against- CHRISTINE MURPHY, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated SEPTEMBER 28, 2010, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, CITY OF BRONX, NEW YORK on the 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. premises known as 619 BAKER AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10460, further described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon

erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, which on certain map entitled, "Map of Van Nest Park in the 24th Ward of the City of New York surveyed by George C. Hollerith, dated New York June 10, 1895 and annexed to a certain deed made by Ephraim B. Levy (unmarried) to David B. Levy, dated June 12, 1895 and recorded in the Office of the Register of the City and County of New York on June 18, 1895, a copy of which said map was also filed in said Register's Office on June 18, 1895, is known and designated as and by the Lot No. 562 and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the Northwesterly side of Baker Avenue, as now laid out, 50 feet wide (formerly Jackson Avenue), distant 175 feet Northeasterly from the corner farmed by the intersection of the Northwesterly side of Baker Avenue with the Northeasterly side of Garfield Street, 100.01 feet;

RUNNING THENCE Northwesterly, parallel with Garfield Street, 100.01 feet;

THENCE Northeasterly, parallel with Baker Avenue, 25 feet;

THENCE Southeasterly, parallel with Garfield Street, 100.01 feet to the northwesterly side of Baker Avenue; and

THENCE Southwesterly along the Northwesterly side of Baker Avenue, 25 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

Premises known as 619 Baker Avenue, Bronx, New York

Approximate amount of lien \$378,196.15 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index Number 380491/09.

HEDDYEH P. BROUMAND, ESQ., REFEREE

DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

100 Cummings Center

Suite 225D

Beverly, MA 01915

Dated January 18, 2012

LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMONS

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DOCKET NO.: 11-DR-08-1354

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BERKELEY

South Carolina Department of Social Services,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Willie Butler, Audrey Davis, Ivory Butler Defendants.

In the Interest of: Irene Butler 10-07-96

Minor Under the Age of 18 Years.

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DOCKET NO.: 11-DR-08-2266

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BERKELEY

South Carolina Department of Social Services,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Ivory Butler, Audrey Butler and Irene Butler 10-07-96

Defendants.

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

You are hereby Summoned and required to answer the Summons and Complaint for abuse and neglect filed July 19, 2011, and Summons and Complaint and Petition for Termination for Parental Right filed November 14, 2011. Upon proof of interest copies of the Summons and Complaints will be delivered to you upon request from the Clerk of Court in Berkeley and you must serve a copy of your Answer to the Attorney of the Legal Department of Berkeley County Department of

Social Service at 2 Belt Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461, within thirty (30) days of the publication. If you fail to answer within the time set for the above, the Plaintiff will proceed to seek relief from the court.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., at 66 John Street, 11th Floor, on a petition from Sammy's S.B. Rest. Corp. d/b/a Sammy's Original Shrimp Box, to Establish, maintain, and operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe at 64 City Island Avenue, in the Borough of the Bronx, for a term of two years.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

ENDURE REALTY, LLC, Plaintiff, against TEODORA A. NIEVES, et al Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on July 18, 2011, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Supreme Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 12th day of March, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Premises known as 1450 Parkchester Road, Apt. 5B, Bronx, New York 10462, Block: 3938 Lot: 2424, on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0165% interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium. 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 Lien \$225,096.00 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 382075/2009

Majorie Lesch, Esq., Referee.

Zisholtz & Zisholtz, LLP, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff, 170 Old Country Road, Suite300, Mineola, New York 11501 (516) 741-2200

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Los Masters Deli Grocery L.L.C., a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on May 2, 2011. NYS Office location: BRONX County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O 4653 Carpenter Avenue, Bronx, New York 10470. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license number 1260268 for liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell liquor at a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 894 E. Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460 for on premises consumption.

Villa Vasquez Restaurant Corp.

894 E. Tremont Avenue

Bronx, NY 10460

LEGAL NOTICE

RAMIKHA LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. Of State of NY 10/11/2011. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. Corporation Services Company designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to THE LLC C/O CSC, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMONS

File # 8836

Docket #: V-04239-04-11G

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY

In the Matter of a Custody/Visitation Proceeding

Niccole R. Barros,

Petitioner,

- against -

George Evangelista,

Respondent.

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

To: George Evangelista

Address Confidential

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this court on

Date/Time: March 21, 2012 at 9:00 AM

Purpose: Adjourned for Personal Service

Part: JHO

Floor/Room: Floor 5/Room IV

Presiding: Eli I. Taub, J.H.O.

Location: County Office Building, 620 State St., Schenectady, NY 12305

to answer the petition and to be dealt with in accordance with the Family Court Act.

On your failure to appear as herein directed, a warrant may be issued for your arrest.

Dated: January 24, 2012

Melissa J. Mills, Clerk of Court

NOTICE: Family Court Section 154(c) provides that petitions brought pursuant to Article 4, 5, 6 8 and 10 of the Family Court Act, in which an order of protection is sought or in which a violation of an order of protection is alleged, may be served outside the State of New York upon a Respondent who is not a resident or domiciliary of the State of New York. If no other grounds for obtaining personal jurisdiction over the Respondent exist aside from the application of this provision, the exercise of personal jurisdiction over the respondent is limited to the issue of the request for, or alleged violation of, the order of protection. Where the Respondent has been served with this summons and petition does not appear, the Family Court may proceed to a hearing with respect to issuance or enforcement of the order of protection.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County, on January 18, 2012, bearing index NC-000532-11/BX, a copy of which may be examined in the Office of the Clerk of Civil Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of JOSHUA ERIC ROBINSON. My present name is JOSHUA ERIC LIEGHTON. My present address is 4059 BRUNER AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10466. My place of birth is NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK. My date of birth is May 14, 2009.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on January 18, 2012, bearing index NC-000525-11/BX, a copy of which may be examined in the Office of the Clerk of Civil Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to:

Assume the name of Sarah McDonough Greene. My present name is Sarah Mary McDonough, aka Sarah M. McDonough. My present address is 445 W. 240th St., Apt. 4D, Bronx, NY 10463. My place of birth is Boston, MA. My date of birth is July 15, 1981.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on September 22, 2010, bearing index NC-000344-10/BX, a copy of which may be examined in the Office of the Clerk of Civil Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of ABEL REYES. My present name is ADEWALE OGUNGBEMI, AKA ADEWALE ABEL OGUNGBEMI, AKA ADEWALE A. OGUNGBEMI. My present address is 700 WESTCHESTER AVE., APT. 12H, BRONX, NY 10455. My place of birth is HONDURAS. My date of birth is June 07, 1958.

Assume the name of MARLEN REYES. My present name is MARLEN SATUYE, AKA MARLEN JANETH SATUYE, AKA MARLEN J. SATUYE. My present address is 700 WESTCHESTER AVE., APT. 12H, BRONX, NY 10455. My place of birth is HONDURAS. My date of birth is October 08, 1974.

Assume the name of ISIENI REYES. My present name is ISIENI OGUNGBEMI. My present address is 700 WESTCHESTER AVE., APT. 12H, BRONX, NY 10455. My place of birth is BRONX, NEW YORK. My date of birth is August 04, 2000.

Assume the name of NISSIA REYES. My present name is NISSIA OGUNGBEMI. My present address is 700 WESTCHESTER AVE., APT. 12H, BRONX, NY 10455. My place of birth is BRONX, NEW YORK. My date of birth is February 02, 2005.

Assume the name of ABEL REYES, JR. My present name is JACOB ABEL OGUNGBEMI, AKA JACOB A. OGUNGBEMI. My present address is 700 WESTCHESTER AVE., APT. 12H, BRONX, NY 10455. My place of birth is BRONX, NEW YORK. My date of birth is January 11, 2002.

Assume the name of STEVEN REYES. My present name is STEVEN SATUYE ALVAREZ, AKA STEVEN SATUYE. My present address is 700 WESTCHESTER AVE., APT. 12H, HONDURAS. My place of birth is HONDURAS. My date of birth is February 28, 1998.

LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on January 01, 2012, bearing index NC-000438-11/BX, a copy of which may be examined in the Office of the Clerk of Civil Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of JOSHUA ERIC ROBINSON. My present name is JOSHUA ERIC LIEGHTON. My present address is 4059 BRUNER AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10466. My place of birth is NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK. My date of birth is May 14, 2009.

For Legal Information
Call Donna at (718) 742-3397

BY LYNN GERBINO

Thanks so much for sending in your dues. You are saving us a lot of postage fees!! If you can and have not done so yet, please send in a check for \$10 to: Throggs Neck Home Owners Association, PO Box 25, Throggs Neck Station, Bronx, New York 10465. Thanks again!

This is a reminder that all cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls. You will be charged for these calls. To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone: 888-382-1222. It is the National Do Not Call list. It will only take a minute of your time.. It blocks your number for five years.

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Throggs Neck Home Owners Assoc.

You must call from the cell phone number you want to have blocked. You cannot call from a different phone number. I already did it on my phone.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. invited Bronx residents to make a difference in their community by joining their local community board. The Office of the Borough President will be accepting applications for all 12 community boards from city residents who reside, work or have professional or other significant interests in the

Bronx.

Applications are available at the borough president's community board office at (718) 590-3914 or at your local community board office. Interested applicants may also get forms on line at bronxboropres.nyc.gov. The deadline for submission of applications for the next round of appointments is February 3. If you are interested in getting involved in the community, here is your chance.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca is initiating a "We Are New York" English conversation group that will be held on Thursday evenings from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Westchester Square Library, 2521 Glebe Avenue, from February 16 to April 19. The program aims to

foster English conversation among non-native English speakers and immigrant New Yorkers. Participants will learn about various essential city services while practicing their English skills.

We are also recruiting two volunteers to lead this conversation group. If you have an interest in working with immigrant New Yorkers and assisting them with their English language acquisition, please volunteer! Training will be provided.

If you are interested in participating in the group, or volunteering to lead it, please call Raquel at Councilman Vacca's office at (718) 931-1721.

Sustainable South Bronx is seeking applicants for its "Best Academy," a

12- and 17-week job training course in green building refits, environmental remediation, energy efficiency techniques, and other green technologies. Program participants will receive certifications in first aid training, BECO-NYC Tree Pruner, live root removal and abatement, previous concrete work, rain garden/barrel installer. B4B Certifications are also available in asbestos abatement, lead awareness, BPI building analysis and energy efficient technologies. Participants will receive hands on training in B4B basic construction techniques, energy auditing solar and thermal heating installation, weatherization and residential retrofits. They will also receive

training in waterfront and wetland restoration, green roofs, landscaping and tool usage.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, have a high school diploma or GED, be able to physically do the work and be able to participate in a full time training program. Women are strongly urged to apply. Applications are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sustainable South Bronx at 123 Lafayette Avenue, 4th Floor Bronx, NY 10474. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Annette Williams at (646) 400-5438.

Have a wonderful week. Our number is (718) 823-0327 if you need us.

BY JOANNE TIMMINS

After the hustle and bustle of the holidays, February seems a welcome lull, a good time to reflect on the year past and the year just starting. Our TNCAP coalition members can point to many important achievements over the past year, and more are in the works for 2012.

TNCAP has trained over 40 establishments on responsible sales and serving of alcohol in our ongoing efforts to reduce the incidence of underage drinking in our community. Data show that two out of five adolescents who drink before age 15 will become alcohol-dependent in their lifetime; keeping alcohol out of the hands of under-21 year olds

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Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership

is everybody's business.

TNCAP recently partnered with Lehman High School Arista Honors Society students to place tags on beer bottles to remind buyers that alcohol may not be sold or bought for anyone under 21. TNCAP's Bottle Tagging initiative has been in existence for 2½ years and over 5,000 bottle tags have been dispersed to 10465 and 10461 merchants. A big thank you to all the community-minded merchants who have participated.

TNCAP, in conjunction with the Bronx Smoke-Free Partnership, is currently working in eight schools with youth groups who will present to their community boards or elected officials a project on how tobacco companies target youth in their marketing and advertising. Already we've had effective and informative presentations from Preston High School and St. Frances de Chantal; we look forward to more.

Our annual Poster Campaign is now underway in nine area schools. Students will produce posters on "Preventing Underage Drinking", which will be displayed in store windows throughout Throggs Neck in March. This has been an

exciting community event for the past 10 years and the power of youth sending a message to adults is unbeatable.

We have completed an extensive survey of the community to determine adult and teen perceptions of the problem of underage drinking. With this information, we can develop more effective plans of action going forward in 2012. What we know is that rates of underage drinking are highest in the Bronx; teens, however, do not view underage drinking as an activity with serious or severe consequences. TNCAP works with the 45th Precinct to monitor hot spots of teen drinking activity and to ensure that merchants have the proper

signage displayed in their stores and do not sell alcohol to minors.

Working closely with the parent coordinators in our schools, TNCAP sponsors a SAFE HOMES network of about 300 parents who have taken a pledge to ensure that children and teens do not have access to alcohol or other drugs in their home. To join this network, or for more information, please see your parent coordinator or call (718) 904-1333, ext. 28.

In addition, we work closely with CB 10, elected officials and partner organizations such as the Bronx Smoke-Free Partnership to change laws to create a more healthful environment for our youth, such

as the Smoke-Free Beaches and Parks passed in 2011.

We are a coalition of over 20 community groups, businesses, associations and organizations, both secular and religious, and we seek to reflect the diversity of the Throggs Neck area. If you would like to join us on this issue of grave importance to us all—underage drinking and drugging—regardless of age, gender, race, religion, ethnicity or occupation, please contact us at (718) 904-1333, ext. 28. See us on the web at www.facebook.com/tncap or www.adapp.org/community.aspx. Send us an e-mail at TNCAP@adapp.org. We welcome your participation...A safe community is everybody's business!

BY BOBBY RUGGIERO

This month members of our board hand-delivered two separate pieces of documentation to every business on Morris Park Avenue from Unionport Road all the way up to and across Williamsbridge Road to Pelham Parkway South announcing our meeting and an application to join the Business Alliance.

Last week the board members followed up with another handout that contained the minutes of our January meeting and a second application for membership with a pre-addressed return envelope.

Here's a brief synopsis

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Morris Park Alliance

of the meeting's minutes; board chairman Robert Ruggiero greeted the guests and entertained questions from the attendees. He explained the mission of the alliance, the importance of membership, past successes and future plans.

The Christmas lights gained a great deal of attention. After some lengthy discussion about a solution, the following was proposed,

voted and agreed upon: Preparation for this project is to start immediately. The Morris Park Alliance will assume responsibility for placement of the lights for 2012 and will make the appropriate notification to the Morris Park Community Association relieving them of their community obligation. Written notification will go out to every business owner as to who is in charge, the cost of the project along with a pre-addressed return envelop. The project is \$24,000 and will embrace Morris Park Avenue from Unionport Road to Williamsbridge Road and across Williamsbridge Road

from Vataj Realty to Pelham Parkway South. The cost for each business is \$100 for alliance dues and \$100 for the holiday lights. There are almost 300 businesses within those confines. The monies are due from now until June 1. On July 1 we will either be signing a contract for the installation of the decorations or notifying the community that there will be no lighting again for 2012 due to the lack of participation by the merchants.

There will be no pooling of monies for from one failed year to the next. If the merchants fail to participate, we will be returning the holiday lighting money

to the people who did donate and we will start over again in January 2013.

The alliance has established a PayPal account on the www.morrisparkalliance.com website to make membership and donations more convenient. No one is going door-to-door to 'collect' a check, it's the merchants obligation to see to it that the donation reaches the Alliance and cash will not be accepted.

The website will soon be updated to include all the business' names and addresses within the Morris Park community and those who donated to the project and joined the Alliance will

be duly noted as will those who choose not to participate. Unfortunately these measures may seem harsh but in order to achieve a positive result we have to implement change unilaterally until we can establish the formality of a Business Improvement District which could be as long as 4 years in the making.

Our February meeting will be switched from its usual second Tuesday of the month to Wednesday, February 15. It will be held at the new Legends Restaurant, 877 Morris Park Avenue from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost of dinner is \$30. For more info call (718) 828-0022.

Bronx scene

First 2012 Bronx Cultural Trolley visits exhibits, games, crafts sale

The first Bronx Culture Trolley of 2012 rolls on Wednesday, February 1, featuring a number of family activities along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor including art exhibitions and performances at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, Bronx Museum of the Arts, and BronxArtSpace. BCA's Bronx-Artworks Artisans Collective will set up their boutique of hand-made items in the Hostos lobby and you can wind down your trolley night with fine food and drinks at Sweetwater's Bar & Grill. The Bronx Culture Trolley is a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA). Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.

A 4 p.m. BCA/NYSCA/DCA check presentation will precede the Bronx Culture Trolley activities. BCA will announce and award checks to the recipients of the NYS Council on the Arts' Decentralization grant and the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs Greater New York Arts Development Fund grant. February 1st's Trolley begins at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) at 5 p.m. with a meet-and greet reception for its current exhibitions. Toys & Games with a Twist, curated by Juanita Lanzo and Vanessa Gonzalez, is a multi-media exhibition of paintings, drawings, sculpture, video, and board and

video games. Adult Content. Stations of the Lost, inspired by the biblical Stations of the Cross, is a mixed-media installation by Sean Paul Gallegos that explores the growing disconnect from traditional religious iconography and belief systems in modern culture. Toys & Games with a Twist includes a variety of Interactive Games in the Gallery so you can enjoy the exhibition and get your game on! An additional component to Toys is an Online Exhibition of Digital Media, an online interactive game room at www.bronxarts.org/lag_gameroom.asp where you can actually play a half dozen games on two computers set up in the gallery. The

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SEA LION MAKES SUPER BOWL PREDICTION

Kiani, a 630-pound male California sea lion, joined Bronx Zoo animal keeper Cindy Maur; Jim Breheny, WCS executive vice president and Bronx Zoo director; and Fox 5 reporter Jill Nicolini for a live segment on Good Day New York this morning. When asked for his prediction of Super Bowl XLVI, Kiani promptly shook his head in favor of a New York Giants' victory. Kiani has never been wrong with his Super Bowl picks. (This is his first!)



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Nothing says ‘forever’ better than a Madagascar hisser

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Name a cockroach at the Bronx Zoo

Valentine's Day is upon us and there is no better way to say “forever” than with the gift of a cockroach. The Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo is offering a light-hearted way to make sure your loved one knows your feelings are forever – with a roach in their name and a 100 percent solid dark chocolate COCOA-ROACH.

Last year thousands of hopeless romantics from around the world named real live Madagascar hissing cockroaches at WCS's Bronx Zoo after their favorite loved one, “ex,” or mother-in-law. The zoo is again offering the opportunity to name a new crop of cockroaches for Valentine's Day 2012. Each gift comes with a colorful certificate emailed to your loved one announcing that a cockroach has been named in his or her honor.

To make the offer even sweeter, this year

you can also purchase a COCOA-ROACH for that special someone – a genuine artisanal 100 percent solid dark chocolate likeness of a Madagascar hissing cockroach – the world's largest member of the roach family.

COCOA-ROACHES are created with precision and artistry by chocolatier Sabrina Berkowitz of The Chocolate Box NYC. Brilliantly crafted to include every detail, each COCOA-ROACH is sure to leave a lasting impression.

Visit www.bronxzoo.com/roach to see the video and place an order. Each name costs \$10; COCOA-ROACHES are an additional \$15 for one or \$25 for a COCOA-ROACH couple. All proceeds will go to help the Wildlife Conservation Society save wildlife and wild places around the world.

The zoo has plenty of roaches to name with

thousands of the super-sized bugs on exhibit in Madagascar!—an award-winning habitat for lemurs, crocodiles, and many other species from the African island nation.

Madagascar hissing cockroaches are the world's largest roach species reaching nearly four-inches long. The namesake hissing noise is emitted as a defense mechanism. Like nearly every roach species, Madagascar hissing cockroaches are not considered pests and rarely enter homes.

COCOA-ROACHES are 100 percent solid chocolate and are NOT chocolate covered roaches. COCOA-ROACHES must be ordered by Monday, February 6, 2012 to ensure delivery for Valentine's Day. For more information about The Chocolate Box NYC, visit www.thechocolateboxnyc.com.



Photo by Julie Larsen Maher

Cocoa Roach and Madagascar Hissing Cockroach.

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ITEM: Primetime Sound in Mount Vernon recently had Alice Cooper and his band in for a rehearsal!

ITEM: The Scott Place Café on East Tremont Avenue getting very popular with its delicious sandwiches all named after different areas of the mighty Bronx: Have you tried the “Morris Park” yet? Stop in for lunch and have yourself a “Belmont” or a “Van Nest”.

Are you from Throggs Neck? Then you can’t go wrong with the “Locust Point” or the “Edgewater”. If you’re reading this in time, the Scott Place Café is having another acoustic show on Saturday, February 4, featuring veteran members of The Bronx

rock on the bronx
by Fish Altieri

Underground in a more intimate setting. The Café is at 3604C East Tremont Avenue and now offers free delivery.

ITEM: A dangerous trend I’m noticing in the mass media is to give major coverage to nominal yet enticingly radical issues while bypassing the real problems that are affecting every man, women, and child in this country. Real problems like energy independence, government waste and taxes; we need less sound bite and more results.

ITEM: I recently paid \$47 in bridge tolls over four days?

Can you believe that? Forty seven dollars in tolls! For what?

OVERHEARD IN A BRONX BAR: “...Jets fans rooting for the Giants ‘cause they can’t stand the Pats...”

ITEM: Super Bowl! The Giants! All The great pubs and friendly faces that will be hosting Super Bowl parties! Need this column say more? Have fun and stay safe out there. Support a local establishment.

ITEM: “The Guys from the Bronx and a Star” will be appearing at Juliano’s in New Rochelle for their Valentines Party. Call for reservations. Rock on. Rock out!

Focal Point Gallery presents love art

Ron Terner Focal Point Gallery, 321 City Island Avenue, presents An Exhibition of Art, The Meaning Of Love, from February 3 to February 29, with an opening reception on Friday, February 3, from 7 to 10 p.m.

If you are an artist and would like to take part in the above exhibition call (718) 885-1403 to make an appointment to bring in your work.

All work has to be framed and ready to hang. There is a \$20 hanging fee for each framed piece and a 30% commission taken if sold.

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Bronx Cultural Trolley visits exhibitions

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Game Room is an online portal and archive created to synergize videos, games, images, and other forms of digital media with the work exhibited in the Longwood Art Gallery. The Game Room is a continuation of BCA’s commitment to digitally-based artist through the Digital Matrix and BRIO (Bronx Recognizes Its Own) programs.

In the Hostos lobby BCA’s bronxArtworks Artisans Collective will display and sell such imaginative creations as Korean knot-tying novelties, crafts, crocheted hats, ethnic masks, illustrations, jewelry, knitwear, metal sculpture, note cards, paintings, papermache masks and vases, post cards, and more. All items are original designs created by Bronx Artisans.

The trolley bell clangs at 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30 p.m.

indicating the trolley’s departure from Hostos on its way to the evening’s cultural events. The Bronx Culture Trolley is your free ticket to a cultural tour along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor of the lower Grand Concourse. Admission to participating venue attractions is free. The Bronx Culture Trolley runs on the first Wednesday of each month (except January and September) providing Bronxites and tourists alike a fun way to travel via a replica of an early 20th-century trolley car. Passengers are given the opportunity to sample several of the area’s hottest cultural attractions, dining establishments and entertainment venues along the way.

In addition to the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, this month’s trolley stops and attractions include the Bronx Museum of the Arts for a guided tour of Urban Archives: Our

Town Pictures of the Bronx by Emilio Sanchez and a viewing of Lobby-For-The-Time-Being; BRAC on the Block @ BronxArtSpace for Shifting Communities: The Work Office (TWO); Publicworks Office (PwO); Work Progress Collective (WPC). The Work Office (TWO) is a multi-disciplinary art project disguised as an employment agency, modeled on the Works Progress Administration (WPA) of the Great Depression in the 1930s; and Sweetwater’s Bar & Grill to eat, drink, and have some “singing” fun in Sweetwater’s Karaoke Lounge.

The Bronx Culture Trolley will roll again on March 7. Visit BCA’s website at www.bronxarts.org in mid-February for information on March 7th’s Bronx Culture Trolley activities. For information on BCA’s trolley activities, call (718) 931-9500, ext. 33 for First Wednesday Trolley.

Santa Maria Church was established for new immigrants

Until this past Sunday, I had only been in Santa Maria Church, located at 2352 St. Raymond Avenue at the corner of Parker Street, twice that I recall. The first time was for Mike Medora's funeral mass in August of 1991 and the second time was when his wife, Mary, passed away. Mike was the kind of person often referred to as a pillar of the church, meaning that he was involved in every aspect of parish life. Today you would have a hard time finding someone who remembers him as so much has changed. Father Antimo Fiorillo was pastor then but he retired in 1993.

The Medora family and Father Fiorillo were leftovers from when Santa Maria was largely an Italian parish. When the parish was established by Patrick Cardinal Hayes in 1926, the expressed purpose was to provide a place of worship for the growing population of Italian speaking immigrants. The elevated line of the #6 IRT line had just

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

been extended to the area in 1920 and a population explosion came with it. Soon eggplant, tomatoes, zucchini and basil were growing in backyards throughout the neighborhood. Many of those Italian homesteaders have since been replaced by Hispanic and Asian households who still keep the parish vibrant.

Father Edward Marcuzzi, who was born, educated and ordained in Italy, was chosen as the founding pastor and he obtained the temporary use of a storefront for his first mass. Thus the parish got its start at 1605 Parker Street on July 8, 1926. Property for a permanent structure was soon acquired and within a few months mass was being offered in their own church. It was dedicated in February of 1927.

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

Francis Cardinal Spellman then assigned Father John Caldarola as the third pastor of the parish. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1926 and named a monsignor in 1957. It was he who opened the new school in 1951 with Sister Dolorita as principal. He also oversaw the construction of the convent for the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1964.

When Father Caldaro-



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



1605 Parker Street where it all began.

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

the safe hands of Father John Carbo until November of 1994. It was then that he invited the Idente Missionaries of Christ Crucified to administer the parish. That religious congregation had been established by Fernando Riello on the Spanish

island of Tenerife in 1959. Father Fernando Real was then appointed pastor and his chief aim appears to be the bolstering of the spiritual lives of the parishioners. It appears to be doing quite well under the care if the Idente Missionaries.



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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Several recent trends have challenged First Amendment rights as never before.

The provisions guaranteeing free speech and religious freedom are the most vital portions of the Constitution. Throughout American history, they have held the greatest respect. Even during disagreements on how to interpret those rights, the arguments have been framed in how best to fulfill its mandates. Partisans on both sides of heated disagreements over issues such as pornography, hate speech, and other flashpoints had, at least, one common ground: a strong belief that the provisions in this sacred law are central to the nation's character. During periods when religious bigotry has been widespread, the First Amendment has kept the nation together.

That common ground, however, has slowly been eroding. In the past three years, attempts have been made to regulate the internet, and impose federal rules on political programming. Lately, an assault on religious institutions has been added to this worrisome trend.

The current attack on the first amendment began when former Speaker Pelosi attempted to reinstate the so-called "fairness doctrine," which would have allowed the federal government to regulate broadcast editorial content. Organizations such as the Society of Professional

Community Action

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Journalists, along with talk radio hosts (who feared that they would be targeted by the then Democrat-controlled Congress) managed to fend off that attack.

The next battle concerned attempts to control the internet. Under the Obama administration, the Federal Communications Commission attempted to impose what it described as "net neutrality," which, in reality, gave that organization the unprecedented authority to regulate the great marketplace of ideas which has become so much a part of our lives. This assault, too, has been held back—so far. Those in favor of this censorship attempt keep coming up with different excuses to control free speech. The latest version hid under the guise of stopping the unlawful reproduction of copyrighted works, ignoring the fact that such laws already exist. Defeated here in the USA, the White House signed an international treaty that would allow foreign interests to demand the removal of web content. There is, of course, another key portion of the First Amendment—the right of religious liberty. This provision has been taking a beating both here in New York

and across the nation.

NYC public schools frown upon mentioning Christmas, Chanukah, or other religious holidays. The educational bureaucracy has banned all religion from the classroom, and imposed the doctrine of secularism on our schools. In essence, it has established a state religion—secularism—in clear violation of Constitutional prohibitions against this practice. It has gone so far as to attempt to ban religious institutions from even having an equal opportunity with other organizations to use school buildings after hours. These acts violate the First Amendment prohibition against a governmental imposition of a particular creed.

The federal Health and Human Services Department has recently mandated that health insurance plans of all institutions, regardless of their religious beliefs, cover abortions, sterilizations and similar services at no cost. Some religious groups would be forced to either violate federal law or their core values.

The time has come for all Americans—regardless of party affiliation or ideological persuasion—to come together and oppose the ongoing assaults on the most important provision of the Constitution.

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BY AL D'ANGELO

Backroom politics shows little respect for the Morris Park community. The state has revealed its redistricting plan for the new Senate and Assembly lines.

I am willing to bet that an overwhelming number of the people in our community are not aware of what went on behind closed doors to politically divide our community's Assembly lines. I do not know who is to blame, but when I do I will let you know.

We have always been a strong community with strong ties to our elected officials. For some reason that strength is problematic for some who wish to diminish our effectiveness. Gerrymandering is just another way to "fix an election".

United we speak with one voice. We are united in our Senate seat and our Council seat. Why divide our Assembly seat? Our commu-

BY ANITA VALENTI

Our next Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association will be held at St. Theresa's cafeteria on Tuesday, March 20. Your dues of \$10, which include the Bronx Times Reporter mailed to your home, can be mailed to Pilgrim Station, P.O. Box 610233, Bronx, New York 10461.

Our thanks and appreciation to Commissioner Connie Moran of D.O.T., Senator Jeff Klein, Councilman Jimmy Vacca, Community

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nity cannot be traded like baseball cards so political whims can be satisfied. It is quite obvious the concern of the community did not even come into play.

How can we trust or vote for any one who shows such disregard for the people they propose to represent? I was under the impression elected officials were dedicated to the people they represent not to use them as pawns in their political games.

This is a prime example why there is such a lack of respect and trust for politicians across the country. It's not about party; it's about the people they represent. You wonder why the country is so

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Board 10 district manager Ken Kearn and John Marano of Community Board 10. Their united efforts with us have accomplished many of our goals.

After decades of dealing with speeding drivers coming through our community from the Hutchinson River Parkway- exit 3E, we were delighted that vehicle and pedestrian safety has finally been addressed and corrected. Drivers are now confronted with a "30 mile exit speed limit sign" Additional markings are also helping to slow down the excessive speed.

We recently received a very encouraging letter from Senator Klein answering our requests to have the sign removed from the same above location that reads "To I-95 North-And-To Co-op City. Absolutely no need for speeding cars going to Co-op City or I-95 North to drive through our community This exit is very close to our park endangering our children accessing the park .Received a letter from Senator Klein that states Commissioner Moran is very optimistic that this sign will soon be removed. Adjacent to Palmer Av-

apathetic about politicians. This is a perfect example.

I call on all community organizations to join Morris Park in an effort to right this wrong. We have circulated petitions and will attend a hearing Tuesday to voice our displeasure with the decision. I call on those elected officials who care about the people of Morris Park to help right this injustice perpetrated on the people of our community.

The good news is our Senator Jeff Klein will continue to serve the people of Morris Park. Any one wishing to learn more about this decision is welcome to come to our weekly meetings Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Our journal committee is hard at work gathering ads. This year's dinner dance will honor Andrea Verdeschi of Andrea's Dance studio for her 50 years of service to the community.

enue in Co-op City there is an open field alongside the Hutchinson River Parkway that would be an ideal entrance to Co-op City.

PBTCA will continue to ask for a stop sign at St. Theresa and Pilgrim avenues. When you drive down St. Theresa Avenue from Westchester Avenue your car gains speed and momentum with the incline of the street. The children of St. Theresa participate in many evening activities and at night the vision of drivers coming down the street is impaired. Also, many seniors walking with canes, who attend Saturday and Sunday mass are also endangered. PBTCA is requesting stop signs along East 196th Street from Burr Avenue at 196th Street and Continental Avenue, parents bring their children to get on and off the school bus.

We also appreciate the good news that the former route of the #14 bus is now being replaced by the #25 bus.

The houses of worship that were recently broken into will no longer be considered a misdemeanor. Many of the relics stolen will never be able to be replaced. Senator Klein's proposal will make breaking into any house of worship a felony which can mean jail time. Tuesday, January 31. we will again be attending the courthouse as part of the Senators Court Watchers Program.

BY ROBERT KURZ

Schuyler Hill Civic Association, Inc., is very busy this year providing members and area residents with function that they can enjoy. Listed below are some of the upcoming functions Schuyler Hill Civic Association, 3087 Mitchell Place (off Pennyfield Avenue), will be hosting in the coming months.

Due to limited seating, reservations are necessary to attend our functions. If we are unable to accommodate you due to lack of space, your check will be returned. To attend a function, mail your check, make out to Schuyler Hill Civic Association, with your name, address and telephone number to Bob Kurz, 3079 Fearn Place, Bronx, NY 10465.

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1744. Call ahead to check on seating before sending money in and try to make your reservations before function deadline. Not tickets at the door.

**Valentine's Day
Breakfast Smorgasbord
Sunday, February 12
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Menu: Scrambled eggs, bacon, home fries, sausage, pancakes, variety of quiche, waffles (topped with ice cream, strawberries and whipped cream), bagels, cream cheese spreads, muffins, croissants, pastries, fruit, orange and cranberry

juice, coffee (regular or decaf) and tea. Donation is \$14 for adult, \$5 for children ages 4 to 12, and free for children three years of age or under Ticket deadline is February 5.

**St. Paddy's Buffet Dinner
Saturday, March 10
5 p.m.**

Menu: Corned beef, ham, soup, Irish soda bread, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, beverages, ice cream, coffee and entertainment. Donation is \$16 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4 to 12, and free for children three years and under. Ticket deadline is March 5.

**Comedy &
Steak Dinner Nite
Saturday, April 21, 5 p.m.**

Menu: T-bone steak (cooked to order), baked potato, corn, baked beans, green salad, Italian bread, bever-

ages, fruit salad, desserts, blueberry cobbler, ice cream, coffee and entertainment. Donation is \$30 for adults. No children. Ticket deadline is April 11.

Mohegan Sun Bus Trip

Trip is being planned by Special Trips & Events Committee for sometime this March. If you are interested in this trip, give Bob a call at (646) 302-1755 so he can notify you as soon as a trip date is set.

Trip donation is \$35 per person. Package includes: round trip bus transportation, continental breakfast at Schuyler Hill Civic at 8 a.m., free soft drinks, snacks, games with prizes and a complimentary Bingo on the bus, plus possibly some cash play back per person from the casino. Bus leaves Schuyler Hill Civic promptly at 9 a.m.

Jacobi celebrates American Heart Month with health event

In recognition of American Heart Month, Jacobi Medical Center invites community members to a free "Go Red for Women: Preventing Heart Disease" health event and concert featuring the Toomai String Quintet and internationally-acclaimed Indian singer Falu on Friday, February 10. The health event will be held from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and the concert will begin at noon, with both taking place in the Building 8 Atrium on the Jacobi Medical Center campus, located at 1400 Pelham Parkway South.

According to the American Heart Association heart disease is the number one killer of women. Until recently, heart disease and

heart attack have been predominantly associated with men. Since much of the focus has been on men's heart health, only 55 percent of women realize heart disease is their leading killer and less than half know what are considered healthy levels for cardiovascular risk factors. At the "Go Red for Women: Preventing Heart Disease" health event, Jacobi's cardiology staff will be on hand to provide free BMI assessments and blood pressure screenings. Important educational information about cardiovascular risk factors and free giveaways will also be available.

Now in its third concert season, the Jacobi/Carnegie Hall partnership is founded

on the belief that music can make a powerful impact on people and their lives. It pairs a lively schedule of performances with clinicians who provide health screenings and other health events. It provides music on a therapeutic basis, for patients experiencing pain, anxiety, or sadness. And it helps adolescent patients facing significant life challenges to celebrate their innermost hopes and dreams, with originally composed songs. Through this partnership, Jacobi is exploring what it means to become a "Musical Hospital."

Admission for the February 10 concert is free of charge. Call (718) 918-3827 to reserve your seat today.

Montefiore plans an array of activities for Heart Health

The Montefiore Einstein Center for Heart and Vascular Care is sponsoring a wide range of activities during American Heart Month in February, all aimed at calling attention to the need for Americans to adopt a heart healthy lifestyle.

Montefiore will be offering screenings, exercise classes, nutritional and educational programs throughout the month on its four main campuses - Moses, Weiler, North and The Chil-

dren's Hospital - and in community health centers and other sites throughout the Bronx and Westchester.

Thousands of Montefiore employees will be in scarlet on "Wear Red Day," February 3, the American Heart Association promotion that reminds the public that heart disease is the No.1 killer of women. Other activities during the month will include the "Montefiore Mile," a measured exercise walk at the Moses, Weiler and North

Campuses; a demonstration of infant/child CPR; a Valentine's reunion of kids who've had heart surgery; and an educational program for physicians at the Pediatric Hybrid Catheterization Lab at The Children's Hospital at Montefiore.

For further information on community activities at Montefiore during Heart Month, call 1-800-MD-MONTE or go to the Montefiore website, www.montefiore.org.

Methodist Home to host presentation 'How to Keep Your Joints Healthy'

Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehabilitation, 4499 Manhattan College Parkway, Riverdale, will host a free presentation on: "How to Keep Your Joints Healthy," by the clinical team at Lawrence Hospital Center, on Thursday, Febru-

ary 9, from 2 to 3 p.m., in the Board Room.

Speakers will include Total Joint/Spine coordinator Mary Anne Rittenhouse, RN; Alyssa Klein, physical therapist; and clinical nutrition manager Rich Doscher, RD, who will discuss arthri-

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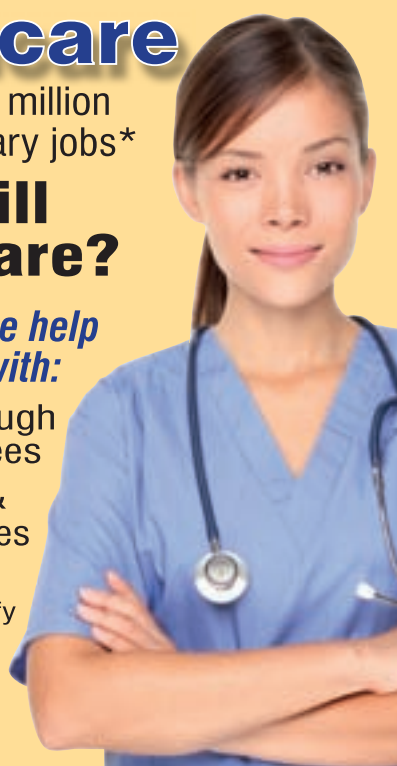


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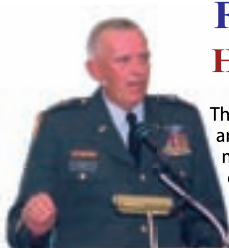
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Giants-‘Niners In OT

Did You happen to notice those big guys who formed a protective circle around Giant Coach Tom Coughlin and escorted him off the field after the Giants’ 20-17 win over the Forty-Niners? I guess the reports of the post game hooliganism by some Niner game attendees necessitated their presence.

The Giants had to beat two teams in that game- one was the ‘Niner team the other was the officiating team headed by Ed Hochuli. Some of Hochuli’s rulings were really head-scratchers (Vernon Davis stepped out of bounds and Chris Canty WAS NOT the aggressor yet was bounced) and other rulings and ball placements were questionable.

SF passed for 196 yards but only 123 if you deduct Davis’ 73yd TD-RAC. Eli was sacked 6 times and roughed quite a bit but there was not huffing and puffing by the Giants who ALL remained business-like.

A Contest On So Many Levels

The Patriots have dedicated this season to Myra Kraft, owner Robert Kraft’s wife, who passed away in July. The Giants are remembering Wellington Mara, who was such a presence around his team for so many years. So there we have it!

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Dunn, Clinton girls take track title

BY CHRISTOPHER BARCA

In a meet that lasted nearly six hours and featured thousands of laps around The Armory’s track, it was a mere two points that separated a relieved winner and an exhausted second place.

“I’m so proud of this team, they’ve all done so well,” said Ethanity Dunn, winner of both the long jump and the triple jump. “I’m glad I’m a part of this team.”

For the first time in her career, Dunn came away with a victory in two events in one meet and helped Clinton edge Cardozo to win the 2012 NYC Mayor’s Cup, 35-33, Saturday. Medger Evers was a distant third with 21 points.

“I’ve won an event and placed second in another, but I don’t think I have ever won two events in one meet,” Dunn said. “I’m happy with my long jump of 16 feet, eight inches, but I didn’t think I would do well in the triple jump. I was so tired from the long jump that I thought I would faint. I’m just so excited I won.”

It wasn’t just Dunn piling up the wins for Clinton, intermediate distance runner Brittany Adams also contributed to the overall team victory. With a time of 1:35:38, she captured the 600 meter title, although at a slower pace than she wanted.

“I’ll take it,” Adams said, referring to her time. “[At] 1:33 was really where I wanted to be. I could have had a faster last two laps, and I’ve been working on my finishes in training, but at least I won. We work so hard as a team and we run

for this.”

Despite being a relatively youthful team that fell just short of a win, Cardozo proved that it is still loaded with talent. A prime example of Cardozo’s prowess on the track is senior hurdler Lateisha Philson, who picked up a commanding victory in the 55 meter dash. The former New York Post All-City first team runner crossed the line with a time of 7:02, just shy of her personal record of 6:99.

“It’s not bad, but I could have run a little faster,” Philson said. “I’ve been focusing more on my sprinting so I’ll get better, just like this team. A lot of people doubted us after we lost some seniors, but we’re here to prove them wrong. We came to do really well today.”

Cardozo isn’t the only team featuring a solid group of young runners; Tottenville can boast a stellar novice of its own. Long distance runner Angelique DeMeo, just a sophomore, left her competition in the dust in the 1,500 meter race, finishing a full 10 seconds in front of Nightingale-Bamford’s Anna Jurew. With two more full seasons of track in front of her, she’s looking forward to what future Mayor’s Cups can bring.

“My goal coming into today was to break five minutes, so I’m obviously very happy with my time,” DeMeo said. “I have a very supportive team and family that push me to reach my goals. My next goal is to break 4:45, and I’ll keep working so I can get there next year.”

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Clinton’s Ethanity Dunn won the triple jump and the long jump at the Mayor’s Cup.

Former Rice star excelling at St. Ben

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

A part of Melvin Johnson wanted to be in The Bronx on Saturday afternoon for the big Boys & Girls-Cardinal Hayes showdown for New York City bragging rights. It was the same part of him that wanted to stay and attend Hayes when Rice closed down for financial reasons.

Then there was the other part of him who made the decision to leave the city like so many other local standouts, go to St. Benedict’s Prep in Newark, N.J., to prepare

himself for the next level at Miami.

That part was just fine with where he was Saturday, leading the Gray Bees to a hard-fought, 66-64 win over Blair Academy (N.J.) in the Newark National Invitational at the Prudential Center.

The 6-foot-3 shooting guard was at his best with the game on the line, sinking a tough floater in the lane, 3-pointer and two free throws to help St. Ben’s, ranked seventh in the country by USA Today, improve to 19-1.

“Melvin took the game over in the fourth quarter,” St. Ben’s coach Mark Taylor said of Johnson, who scored a game-high 20 points. “Melvin can score in bunches and he’s the type of player who can change the game offensively.”

Johnson’s performance Saturday was nothing new. He’s been one of the Gray Bees’ top performers all year, a knockdown jump shooter and improving penetrator. He’s fit in well in the backcourt, alongside

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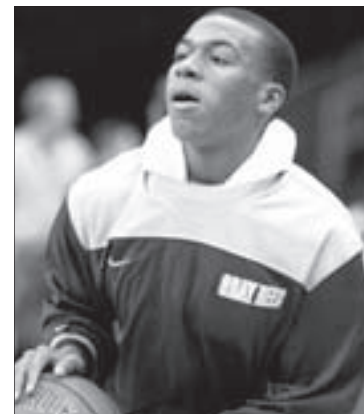


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Harlem native Melvin Johnson for St. Benedict’s Prep in Newark, N.J.



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Fordham Prep's Sean McEvoy won the pole vault at the Mayor's Cup Saturday.

Fordham Prep vaults over Mayor's Cup

BY CHRISTOPHER BARCA
It was an all-Fordham Prep final in pole vaulting and only a tremendous personal record was going to give Sean McEvoy a victory. "Thirteen feet, nine inches is the highest I've ever jumped, and my teammate Danny Kaul almost did it, too, he just tapped the bar and knocked it over," said McEvoy. "But it was great being in the final two with a teammate, knowing that our team was going to win the event."

Much like winning two events helped propel Clinton to a victory in the girls meet of the NYC Mayor's Cup earlier in the afternoon, a first and second place finish for Fordham Prep in the pole vault was an integral

part behind the Rams' four-point victory in the boys' meet at the Armory Saturday. Fordham Prep finished with 27 points while Sheepshead Bay was second with 23, with the 10-point swing from pole vaulting being the difference maker. "We just kept encouraging each other every time we jumped. I wanted him to get 13 feet, nine inches so we could keep jumping," McEvoy said. "I could have reached 14 feet, but I was the 32nd of 32 kids to jump so it was a long wait and I was a little tired. But I'm going to be working on my planting these next few weeks so I can get to 14 feet."

If it wasn't for the pole vaulting prodigies from

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Influential girls hoops coach discusses sabbatical, Loughlin

BY MARC RAIMONDI
Chez Williams is back in New York City basketball.

Once one of the most influential coaches on the scene, Williams took a three-year sabbatical away from the game. The Bronx native, who most recently was an assistant at Murry Bergtraum and a coach with New Heights, has returned to be a part of Kasim Alston's staff at Bishop Loughlin along with Jahar Vann.

Williams was successful on the grassroots circuit for more than a decade with programs like Abyssinian, Douglass and New Heights. His New Heights team, which featured the likes of Bria Hartley, CeCe Dixon and Doris Ortega, won a national title in 2007.

In this exclusive sit-down with NYPost.com girls basketball beat writer Marc Raimondi, Williams discusses where he was the last few years, why he has returned, the misconceptions people have had about him and his regrets.

Marc Raimondi: I guess the question everyone wants to know is where have you been the last couple of years? We know you stepped away for awhile. What were you doing and why?

Chez Williams: Well, Marc, my mother (Louise) has dementia. I was trying to take care of my mom and it just didn't work out and I ended up having to put my mother in a nursing home. She's at St. Patrick's nursing home up on Mosholu Parkway. That was a big deal for me. I'm what you call a mama's boy. That's the lady that took care of my all my life. It was kind of hard for me to ask somebody to help me with it. That's basically where I was. I wasn't in jail – you hear all types of crazy things. God, he's in charge and that's where I was at. I was trying to take care of my mom. It was a real difficult situation for me. It put a big damper on my immedi-

ate family, my kids.
MR: She got a little bit worse about two years ago?
CW: It was really bad. If you know anything about dementia, it doesn't get any better. It gets worse. What happens is you put yourself on a guilt trip where you feel like you have to do everything and there's only so much you can do. Your mind is telling you that you can do more. That's basically what I got caught up in.
MR: How is she doing now?

CW: Nah. My mother, she's basically holding on. She can't talk. It's sad.
MR: Well, what made you want to come back now? And what made Loughlin the place you chose to come back to?

CW: Me and Kasim, we both grew up raising Chicken playing basketball. Chicken played for me. I might have been the first person she played with outside of playing with Kasim. She played with me for a couple of years. When I was talking about coming back, I mentioned it to Kasim. He called me back and said, why don't you come work with me at Loughlin? I thought it would be a different experience. I always wanted to coach in the Catholic school league and this was a job that, when I was an assistant coach at Murry Bergtraum, that I turned down because a lot of my girls were still at Bergtraum and I wanted to stay at Bergtraum until they graduated. But it didn't work out that way because of my mother having dementia.

MR: You started the season three years ago at Bergtraum and left.

CW: Right. Things kind of got worse. We had a home attendant. The home attendant couldn't deal with the situation. It got beyond needing a home attendant. It was a hospital-bound situation.

MR: Was there any thought of going back to Bergtraum? Is your relationship with [head coach]

Ed Grezinsky still good?
CW: We talk. Mr. G is a good person. He did a lot for me as far as allowing me to come. I appreciate the opportunity of coaching at Murry Bergtraum. We don't talk on a regular basis, but we communicate.

MR: You were involved with some very good teams there.

CW: Yeah, starting with Erica Morrow. Shakeya Leary. Doris Ortega. CeCe Dixon and Doris Ortega were part of my 2007 national team when I was at New Heights in addition to Bria Hartley.

MR: That's one of the better teams this area has seen recently.

CW: Absolutely. God rest his soul, I might have spent some of the most precious moments with [Exodus and Nazareth coach] Apache [Paschall] as far as competitive AAU basketball in New York as far as that team being challenged by his team. Shukurah Washington was also on that team. It was a pretty good team. We didn't have anyone 6-2 and we won the nationals. I had Ka-Diedre and Desiree Simmons of Shabazz. That was my nucleus. Sade Jackson, who plays with Adelphi. Ka-Deidre Simmons plays with Seton Hall. Desiree Simmons plays with LIU. There's nothing better than watching your former players play in college.

MR: What was your relationship like with Apache before he died [on Jan. 3]?

CW: I always say that when my [coach Donald Jenkins] passed away [six years ago], me and Apache were rivals at the time. And [Exodus coach] Lauren [Best] and Apache were front and center at my brother's wake. That's something I'll never forget. That kind of eased the tensions somewhat for me as far as I was concerned. We didn't communicate after that, but just to see him at my brother's wake for the duration – him and Lauren sitting up front – meant a lot to me.

MR: There was still some tension between you and him and when that happened things changed?

CW: That kind of eased the tension. The one that kind of broke the tension with me and Apache it was me and Apache communicating on [the] Slam Jam [message board]. One of the things that I can say is when I did come back Apache was one of the first people to talk to me through Slam Jam, he said, Chez things haven't been the same since you've been gone. It kind of touched me. It made me feel like he appreciated what I did and I definitely appreciated what he did. He made me a better coach. I had to prepare for them. That was one of the things that motivated me. Our relationship changed. The one that broke the relationship was Kia Vaughn's mother, Aja. We played Apache in the championship game in the Rose [Classic]. Apache didn't know me and Kia Vaughn's mother were good friends. I asked her to come to the game with me and when I walked in the gym with her, it kind of blew Apache away. He said, "What are you doing here with him?" She said me and Chez are real good friends. You and Chez need to stop this thing that's going on. Everything kind of subsided after that.

MR: Now that you're back, are you going to get back on the AAU scene?

CW: I'm actually coaching again at New Heights. I'm back at New Heights with Rocky Rosa. I'm grateful that New Heights gave me the opportunity to come back. I coached with the New York Elite this summer that just passed. I just wanted to not come back to the same scene. I still had the passion to coach, so I went and coached with the New York Elite. [Administrators] Debbie [Brajevich] and Marc [Riley] were gracious to allow me to come back and coach. I just knew

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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

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Giants-‘Niners In OT

Did You happen to notice those big guys who formed a protective circle around Giant Coach Tom Coughlin and escorted him off the field after the Giants’ 20-17 win over the Forty-Niners? I guess the reports of the post game hooliganism by some Niner game attendees necessitated their presence.

The Giants had to beat two teams in that game- one was the ‘Niner team the other was the officiating team headed by Ed Hochuli. Some of Hochuli’s rulings were really head-scratchers (Vernon Davis stepped out of bounds and Chris Canty WAS NOT the aggressor yet was bounced) and other rulings and ball placements were questionable.

SF passed for 196 yards but only 123 if you deduct Davis’ 73yd TD-RAC. Eli was sacked 6 times and roughed quite a bit but there was not huffing and puffing by the Giants who ALL remained business-like.

A Contest On So Many Levels

The Patriots have dedicated this season to Myra Kraft, owner Robert Kraft’s wife, who passed away in July. The Giants are remembering Wellington Mara, who was such a presence around his team for so many years. So there we have it!

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Dunn, Clinton girls take track title

BY CHRISTOPHER BARCA

In a meet that lasted nearly six hours and featured thousands of laps around The Armory’s track, it was a mere two points that separated a relieved winner and an exhausted second place.

“I’m so proud of this team, they’ve all done so well,” said Ethanity Dunn, winner of both the long jump and the triple jump. “I’m glad I’m a part of this team.”

For the first time in her career, Dunn came away with a victory in two events in one meet and helped Clinton edge Cardozo to win the 2012 NYC Mayor’s Cup, 35-33, Saturday. Medger Evers was a distant third with 21 points.

“I’ve won an event and placed second in another, but I don’t think I have ever won two events in one meet,” Dunn said. “I’m happy with my long jump of 16 feet, eight inches, but I didn’t think I would do well in the triple jump. I was so tired from the long jump that I thought I would faint. I’m just so excited I won.”

It wasn’t just Dunn piling up the wins for Clinton, intermediate distance runner Brittany Adams also contributed to the overall team victory. With a time of 1:35:38, she captured the 600 meter title, although at a slower pace than she wanted.

“I’ll take it,” Adams said, referring to her time. “[At] 1:33 was really where I wanted to be. I could have had a faster last two laps, and I’ve been working on my finishes in training, but at least I won. We work so hard as a team and we run

for this.”

Despite being a relatively youthful team that fell just short of a win, Cardozo proved that it is still loaded with talent. A prime example of Cardozo’s prowess on the track is senior hurdler Lateisha Philson, who picked up a commanding victory in the 55 meter dash. The former New York Post All-City first team runner crossed the line with a time of 7:02, just shy of her personal record of 6:99.

“It’s not bad, but I could have run a little faster,” Philson said. “I’ve been focusing more on my sprinting so I’ll get better, just like this team. A lot of people doubted us after we lost some seniors, but we’re here to prove them wrong. We came to do really well today.”

Cardozo isn’t the only team featuring a solid group of young runners; Tottenville can boast a stellar novice of its own. Long distance runner Angelique DeMeo, just a sophomore, left her competition in the dust in the 1,500 meter race, finishing a full 10 seconds in front of Nightingale-Bamford’s Anna Jurew. With two more full seasons of track in front of her, she’s looking forward to what future Mayor’s Cups can bring.

“My goal coming into today was to break five minutes, so I’m obviously very happy with my time,” DeMeo said. “I have a very supportive team and family that push me to reach my goals. My next goal is to break 4:45, and I’ll keep working so I can get there next year.”

“With our three national championships and 12 national tournament appearances over the last nine years, we have hands down the most successful college basketball program in the New York metro area.”

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Photo by Robert Cole

Clinton’s Ethanity Dunn won the triple jump and the long jump at the Mayor’s Cup.

Former Rice star excelling at St. Ben

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

A part of Melvin Johnson wanted to be in The Bronx on Saturday afternoon for the big Boys & Girls-Cardinal Hayes showdown for New York City bragging rights. It was the same part of him that wanted to stay and attend Hayes when Rice closed down for financial reasons.

Then there was the other part of him who made the decision to leave the city like so many other local standouts, go to St. Benedict’s Prep in Newark, N.J., to prepare

himself for the next level at Miami.

That part was just fine with where he was Saturday, leading the Gray Bees to a hard-fought, 66-64 win over Blair Academy (N.J.) in the Newark National Invitational at the Prudential Center.

The 6-foot-3 shooting guard was at his best with the game on the line, sinking a tough floater in the lane, 3-pointer and two free throws to help St. Ben’s, ranked seventh in the country by USA Today, improve to 19-1.

“Melvin took the game over in the fourth quarter,” St. Ben’s coach Mark Taylor said of Johnson, who scored a game-high 20 points. “Melvin can score in bunches and he’s the type of player who can change the game offensively.”

Johnson’s performance Saturday was nothing new. He’s been one of the Gray Bees’ top performers all year, a knockdown jump shooter and improving penetrator. He’s fit in well in the backcourt, alongside

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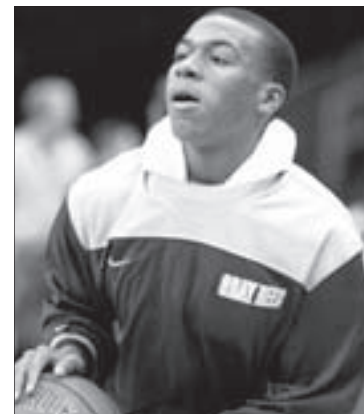


Photo by An Rong Xu

Harlem native Melvin Johnson for St. Benedict’s Prep in Newark, N.J.

Coach discusses return

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in my heart that I wanted to be back at New Heights. It was just comfort. It was nothing personal against marc and Debbie at all. they allowed me the opportunity to see if I wanted to come and coach again. I'm appreciative of that.

MR: Do you know what age group you'll be coaching at New Heights?

CW: Yes. I'll be coaching the younger girls. I have an eighth-grade team. I'll be helping with the high school girls as well. But basically just focusing on my eighth-grade team.

MR: Were you interested in working with the younger girls? What do you like about that age group?

CW: Yes. That's the same age I had with my national team. What happens with the younger girls is you get a chance to mold them. They get used to the way you coach. A lot of times the girls in high school are set in their ways. When you get them younger, you get more involved with the families, you get more involved with the kids. Besides basketball, this thing for me is character building. One thing I learned about this game is that none of these kids are yours. If these kids want to go somewhere else, you have to be susceptible to that being an AAU coach. You would hope that they stayed with you, but if they didn't you would wish them luck and that's that.

MR: How do you think you've changed over the years? Do you think caring for your mother affected how you live now?

CW: I think what happened with me is just the growth. You can be grown, but you have to grow up when you deal with situations. That's basically what happened to me with the AAU thing. I can say that me and Apache totally made amends with each other. We were able to talk and communicate on the phone. I can call him and say, "Apache this is what I'm doing." He'd call me back. We had a nice relationship toward the end.

MR: Like you said earlier, people were saying Chez is in jail or Chez is doing this or that, how did

that make you feel and how would you respond to those who were saying those things about you?

CW: That's a tricky question. The reason why I say it's tricky, because people are always going to be people. I've learned how to let people be how they are. But until you find out facts about what's going on with somebody, you can only assume just like everybody else. It wasn't like I couldn't get in contact with anybody. I kind of isolated myself, because I wanted to get myself together, because spiritually I wasn't there. I didn't want to be approached by anybody like, "What's wrong?" I didn't want to answer any questions. I abandoned a lot of kids who were really worried about me. If I had to do it all again, I'd do it different. I would just let girls know in a group setting. I think that would have been a better way to do it than what I did. All I did was let people speculate based on how I separated myself. I can understand some of the comments. But like I said, God is in charge.

MR: There wasn't a lot of buzz when you came to Loughlin. You had so much success in AAU and high school. You're a big name guy. Did you not mind people not talking about it much?

CW: What happens is a lot of times people put you on a pedestal and for me it's not about me. It's about the kids. I came back that way. I didn't want anyone to really know I was coaching at Bishop Loughlin until they saw me on the sidelines. That was the goal - to come back quiet.

MR: Do you feel like you can help this program?

CW: Absolutely. Just letting kids see that you can be as good a basketball player as you want if you don't let your emotions dictate your behavior. I'm trying to get the kids to get a chance to know themselves a little bit. No matter what it is that you choose to do in life, you just have to apply yourself. That's my goal - to help kids achieve their goals. You got to be serious. These are kids' dreams, to be as successful as they can. You have to take that serious as a coach.

Pipe Dreams: A change for Ryan; letter rip

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The rumbling in the skies that you've been hearing hasn't been coming from thunder it's heavenly cheering!

A Little Good News

In a little more than two weeks, it'll be "Pitchers and Catchers." We'll hear that familiar sound of a baseball landing in a glove- thwack, thwack. I'll, once again, be a little jealous of Dan Shaughnessy (Boston Globe) when he chides, Red Sox GM, Ben Charington while sitting on a spring training bench.

A Pain In The Neck

I keep reading about all of the possibilities attached to Peyton Manning becoming a free agent and moving from the Colts to a different NFL team.

Bruce Jenkins (SF Chronicle) pointed out that Manning will turn 36 in March, had THREE neck surgeries in less than two years, where the wrong hit could sideline him for the year or possibly leave him paralyzed for the rest of his life. I think he'll retire after the Super Bowl and receive a \$28million option-bonus due March eighth, unless he's cut .

The Colts could trade the pick for a lot of draft choices (not likely, draft Luck and

pay Payton to play (not likely), or draft Luck and have him play right away, hoping he'll be as successful as Cam Newton, with a retired Payton acting as his mentor (most likely to me).

A Change For Ryan

Jack Finarelli (sports-curmudgeon.com) agreed with my assessment of Rex Ryan and sent this message: "Bob:

I believe that Rex Ryan needs to change his coaching style as you suggest this week. And I think this will be an interesting situation to watch because it will indicate the degree to which Rex Ryan coaches with his brain as opposed to his glands.

I think he will realize intellectually that he needs to do something differently but I am not sure that he will be able to pull that off.

ould be interesting to watch..."

Cashman Is A Gold Miner

Yankees GM, Brian Cashman was able to answer a lot of his own questions on Friday the 13th with a pitching bonanza. Wallace Matthews (ESPN.com) reported that Cashman has won the off-season so far- "Montero for him (Cashman) is pretty much an admission by the Yankees that

they thought Montero would never develop into an everyday catcher. In 18 games last September, Montero hit .328 and showed the kind of opposite-field power that makes GMs drool. If the guy could catch, he'd be another Bill Dickey, an untouchable. Obviously, the Yankees thought he couldn't. And if there's one thing the Yankees have in abundance, it's DHs, and DHs in waiting.

Already, they've resigned Andruw Jones to take on some of the right-handed DH duties, and it's likely they will intensify their efforts to re-sign Eric Chavez to do the same from the left side. There is talk they may look to add another bat, maybe Carlos Pena. But their roster is loaded with aging guys who could use at least one day off a week, and they may just choose to rotate Alex Rodriguez, Derek Jeter, Mark Teixeira, Robby Cano and Curtis Granderson in and out of the DH slot to keep everyone fresh. Moving Montero allows them to do that.

And best of all, they hold on to the pitchers Cashman considers the prized jewels of the Yankees farm system, Manny Banuelos and Dellin Betances, and to a lesser extent, Adam War-

ren and David Phelps.

Charlie "O" Lord Of The Realm

I keep remembering how Charles O. Finley opposed free agency while he owned the Oakland A's. He wanted to make every player a free agent every year because the best players would still get their money and the lower rated players wouldn't get those huge contracts.

John Shea (SF Chronicle) also quoted Finley on arbitration. "As Finley said of owners in '73, according to the book "Lords of the Realm," "We'll be the nation's biggest -holes if we do this. You can't win. You'll have guys with no baseball background setting salaries. You'll have a system that drives up the average salary every year. Give them anything they want, but don't give them arbitration."

Letter Rip

Sports quiz question, from RJ Currie of SportsDeke.com:

"Q: What's the difference between Aussie Open tennis players Li Na and Barbora Zahlavova Strycova?

"A: Most of the alphabet."

Fordham Prep boys win

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Fordham Prep, the meet would have been Sheep-shead Bay's for the taking, especially after long distance runner Mitchell Kun's victory in the 3,200 meter race. Unlike the other runners, who crossed the finish line with mouths agape trying to regain their breath, Kun couldn't contain his emotions as he high fived everyone in sight with one hand and raised the other hand in the air in victory.

"I could have run forever," said Kun, seemingly energized with an ear-to-ear grin on his face. "I've trained so hard and dreamed of racing here and winning. I set my personal record, too, so I'm so excited. I can't believe it."

"But this entire team I have is great," he added.

After a Mayor's Cup record 62 sections in the 200 meter dash that took nearly an hour to complete, it was finally time for the 1,000 meter race, where Cardozo senior Jamil Ferguson made his grand debut, winning the race with a last turn pass. Not only was it his first 1,000 meter race in his career, it's also just his first season with Cardozo.

"I just transferred from Holy Cross this year, but I've trained really hard twice a week here at the Armory with the coaching staff here and it paid off," said Ferguson. "With it being my first time running the event, I just came out here to run. I didn't have a goal time in mind. But I'm known for my speed at the end of races and I knew I had a chance there at the end."

Excelling at St. Ben

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heady and highly recruited point guard Tyler Ennis and hot-shot freshman Isaiah Briscoe.

The tougher transition has been living at St. Ben's, adjusting to the heavier load of class work and being on his home. Johnson has to do his own laundry, make sure he gets up for school on time and sets aside enough time to finish his homework, no easy task with at least three hours of practice per day.

"It's sort of like a college life," he said. That's not to say Johnson hasn't greatly benefited basketball-wise from being at St. Benedict's. At any time of the day, he has access to the school gym. He's playing with a number of Division I talents, from Ennis to Briscoe to forwards Isaiah

Watkins and Kamall Richards. He's improved his defense and ball handling and was recently elevated into ESPN's top 100 player rankings for the Class of 2013.

Even with all he's done so far in Newark, how much he's improved, there are times Johnson wonders how life would be different if he went to Hayes with many of his former Rice teammates.

Saturday was one of them, a game that had the city riveted, the PSAL's best against the CHSAA's finest. He made sure to speak with Hayes point guard Tyler Wilson, his good friend and former Rice teammate, Saturday before the contest. But then he got on the court, made big shots in a big win, and remembered why he's so happy in the Garden State.

SNY Invitational cancelled

BY ZACH BRAZILLER
AND MARC RAIMONDI

The SNY Invitational, a popular two-day tournament featuring the area's top teams set to be televised live on the regional sports network SNY, was canceled Thursday, the network announced, after a whirlwind two days trying to keep it alive.

The event was initially set for LIU's Brooklyn campus, before a relatively new NCAA rule forced SNY to attempt to move it to St. Raymond – one of the four competing teams along with Cardozo, New Jersey powerhouse St. Anthony and Thomas Jefferson – in The Bronx at the last second, but that plan was scrapped as well for a variety of reasons, tournament organizers said.

"After being notified [on Wednesday], two days prior to the start of the SNY Invitational, that Long Island University was no longer available to us, we worked through the night to come up with what we believed was a viable plan to move the event to St. Raymond High School for Boys," SNY said in a statement. "Unfortunately, as the details related to the large expected crowd and complex logistics became more clear, it was determined that St. Raymond's facility could not adequately accommodate an event of this size on 24 hours notice."

SNY has run the tournament each of the last four years, the first two years at NYU and last two at LIU. SNY

vice president of communications Andrew Pegyveresi said LIU approached the network on Wednesday about complications arising from NCAA bylaw 13.11.18, a rule enacted last April which prohibits non-scholastic events on a Division I campus as a way to prevent schools from hosting events as a recruiting tool.

LIU said in a statement that although the tournament involved high school teams, the NCAA deemed it "impermissible," and classified it as a non-scholastic event.

"Therefore, it would result in an NCAA violation if it were held at LIU Brooklyn," the statement read. "The university's appeal to the NCAA for a waiver was denied. LIU Brooklyn has exhausted all its options and appeals, in hopes of continuing to host this tremendous charity event."

LIU declined to elaborate on why this just recently came to light. Thinking quick, SNY spoke with coaches from all four teams and opted for St. Raymond.

SNY was moving its equipment into the gym to setup when administrators from the 43rd precinct called it off for safety reasons, St. Raymond coach Oliver Antigua said, because tickets had already been given out when the event was expected to be held at LIU, which holds up to 1,500 while St. Raymond isn't nearly as big.

"They could not guar-

antee safety," Antigua said. "There were not enough [police] cars for the amount of tickets given out. With the amount of people we hold, there would be 500 to 600 more people on the street. It was a potential riot scenario."

SNY plans to bring the event back in 2013 and said all four schools will receive the promised \$5,000 funding for participating and \$50,000 in scholarships as well.

"I'm disappointed because it's a great, great event. My kids were excited to shine on TV or get whipped on TV to get us closer to where we want to be," Cardozo coach Ron Naclerio said. "I know Gary Morgenstern [SNY senior vice president of programming] and Curt Gowdy Jr. [SNY senior vice president of production and executive producer] very well and they're good guys. They got thrown a monkey wrench."

Jefferson coach Lawrence (Bud) Pollard said: "Our kids are down, our kids are upset."

St. Raymond filled the void in its schedule by setting up a showdown with St. Anthony on Saturday. The Ravens have also set up a non-league contest with PSAL powerhouse Lincoln Feb. 15.

Jefferson attempted to play St. Anthony as well, but its next scheduled game is a league showdown with Boys & Girls on Tuesday. Cardozo will face John F. Kennedy in the PSAL Steve Simms Memorial AA Classic Sunday at 3 p.m. at York College.



Photo by Denis Gostev

Oliver Antigua's St. Raymond squad was one of four teams scheduled to compete in this weekend's SNY Invitational before it was cancelled.



ST. BENEDICT'S BANTAM TAKE FIRST PLACE

On Sunday, January 22, St. Benedict's Bantam basketball team (2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders), took 1st place at Santa Maria's Basketball Tournament. The Bantams are coached by Frank Carbone and Dominick Carbone.

The team is roster includes: Stephen Schilling, Nicholas Torres, Joseph Torres, Robert O'Connell, Michael Maldonado, George Villegas, Caiden Clayton, Nicholas Musacchio, Brendan Daily, Sal Zambuto, Anthony Cardillo, Andrew Perry, David Cojocar, Nicholas Kavanaugh, and Christian Contanz.

Fordham's Ryan Meara drafted by Red Bulls; a first since 1999

The culmination of a memorable senior season and career came to fruition for Fordham keeper Ryan Meara on Thursday as he was drafted in the second round of the 2012 MLS SuperDraft by the New York Red Bulls with the 31st overall selection. The senior was the only pick of the 2012 draft for the Red Bulls and he becomes the first Fordham player chosen by an MLS team since the New York/New Jersey MetroStars selected John Wolyniec in 1999.

Meara reflected on the accomplishment: "It's pret-

ty crazy. It's almost surreal. I don't think it will set in for a couple of days, but I was with my family and friends and when I saw my picture and name come up I was thrilled. It will be great to remain close to home."

Meara was named the A-10 Defensive Player of the year and All A-10 First Team following his senior season in 2011, a year in which he posted an 11-6-1 record while becoming the school's all-time leader in shutouts (31). He was part of a defense that recorded a pair of clean sheets against ranked opponents Xavier

(#23) and Charlotte (#11), and he posted a career-low goals against average (0.65) while stopping an all-time best 12 shots in the season end win over Temple.

As for Atlantic 10 marks, Meara led the league in goals against average (0.65), shutouts (10) and save percentage (.862) this fall. He was also named to the NSCAA All-Mid-Atlantic Team following his senior season, the third time in his career he was honored by the regions coaches. Additionally, the senior was named All-A10 three times.

"This is great for the soccer program at Fordham and for Coach McElderry," continued Meara, "Having two players get drafted here says a lot."

Coach McElderry shared his thoughts on Meara: "I am very happy for Ryan and his family. He has been a special player for Fordham over the past four years, leading Fordham to four consecutive winning seasons, a conference championship and numerous individual records. I know he will continue to be successful at the next level not only because of his excep-

tional talent, but his work rate, personality and competitiveness. I look forward to watching Ryan develop and represent Fordham for years to come in the professional ranks."

Erik Soler, general manager of the Red Bulls, mentioned why the team likes Meara, "Todd Hoffard, our goalkeeping coach, has been following him for a long time. We think he's the best goalkeeper in the college system. He's big, he's strong, we need a goalie, and he's from New York. Every factor that we looked at was there, and he was the

player we wanted most from the draft simply because we needed a goalkeeper. Realistically there were a bunch of others we couldn't calculate on getting, so we were very happy. We went here with a positive attitude and we got the best out of what we could get."

In the SuperDraft, Meara was the first goalkeeper selected and was the only player chosen from an Atlantic 10 school.

Meara's time to celebrate is short-lived as he will report to pre-season camp with the Red Bulls on Monday.



Photo by Aleksander Nilaj

Vincent Ruiz, head of HPD Code Enforcement for the Bronx, and Deborah Rand of HPD’s Legal Division, inform community members in attendance of HPD’s policies pertaining to A, B, and C violations and how they are defined and enforced.

Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Assoc.

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representatives form NEDAP, Department of Consumer Affairs, and the NYC Commission on Human Rights. It really was a relevant and rare experience to have actual government representatives and in some cases, heads of Bronx Divisions (in the case of NYS HCR’s head of the Bronx Boro Rent Office, Derek Frederick),

present to give one-on-one advice, education and networking tools to eager Pelham Parkway Residents. This author doesn’t have the usual amassing of words to adequately give homage to the Forum that took place, but that is due to time constraints, not lack of desire. The Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association is your community’s eyes

and ears. We are here to provide you the platform to have your voices and concerns heard and valued. Our meetings take place the Third Tuesday of each month at Bronx House at 990 Pelham Parkway South. So we hope to hear from you next month. We are now on Facebook, so look us up! It’s your community. Endear it. Engage in it.

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theft, or the intentional damage to a scroll, religious vestment, vessel or any other item used in connection with religious worship in any religious institution to a Class D Felony punishable by up to seven years in prison. Currently, these charges would only apply in cases where items worth more than \$3,000 have been stolen, or where items have sustained more than \$1,500 in damages. This legislation would also expand the definition of second degree larceny to include the theft of any item

worth more than \$250 used in connection with religious worship in any building of worship. This would be a Class C Felony punishable by 15 years in prison. In addition, the senator’s new legislation would seek to strengthen the penalty for any intentional damage to a house of worship-owned property to a Class E Felony punishable by four years in prison. Currently, this applies only to damage worth more than \$250. Senator Klein’s swift response to the recent assault on several of our religious institutions will show

would be vandals that they better think twice before committing such loathsome crimes. Our laws must reflect that we, as a society, hold some things sacred. Our association has always put forth the idea that society is best served when we are all held strictly to laws that make our world a better place to live. We thank our senator for always being on the forefront of legislating laws that will make criminals responsible for the evil acts they commit, even when others would choose a more lenient approach.

Stiffer penalties for church vandals

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recorded at Zoodohos Peghe Greek Orthodox Church, Our Lady of the Assumption Church and City Island’s Temple Beth El. Community leaders from the Pelham Bay Taxpayers, 45th Precinct Community Council, Waterbury LaSalle Community Association and Community Board 10 supported new legislation proposed by Senator Jeff Klein, at a press conference held near the entrance to Zoodohos Peghe on Sunday, January 29. The new legislation would make theft or damaging of a religious item in a house of worship worth under \$250 into a Class D felony punishable by up to seven years in prison, up from a misdemeanor, while those stealing or damaging more the \$250 worth of church property could face five to 15 years in prison. “These assaults on a house of worship are assaults on the entire community,” Klein said. “These vandals need to know that

there will be heavy consequences for their reckless and despicable crimes. This legislation will send that message and protect these scared institutions.” The disturbing patterns of thieves targeting houses of worship emerged in recent weeks, with Our Lady of Assumption school and parish being hit with the theft of \$400 and a stolen laptop, as well as a broken chapel door, according to Klein’s office. At the Greek church, there was the theft of several dollars from a candle donation box and destruction of an intricate wood carving made in Greece by a craftsman, said parish council president John Korres. “This was just an unfortunate situation, and we have just as much pain for the person who was so desperate as we do for ourselves,” Korres said, adding he believed that the depressed economy was causing a spike in these kinds of thefts. The break-in was his most devastating experience in more than 20

years on the parish council, Korres said. On City Island at Temple Beth El, silver Torah crowns and Kiddush cups were stolen sometime around Friday, January 13, said Rabbi Shohama Wiener. The items were worth somewhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000. “People come [to the temple] because they feel that it is a safe home, but now that safety has been challenged,” Wiener stated. While the items were insured, they will not give the congregation back the sense of safety it once enjoyed, Wiener said. Temple Beth El is now considering bars for all first floor windows, upgraded locks, surveillance cameras, and an alarm system, Wiener stated. Crimes against houses of worship should be treated more harshly because the entire community gets harmed when they occur, said 45th Precinct Community Council president Bob Bieder. “A church is not just a building, it is a community,” Bieder stated.

Assembly district lines divide MP

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Senate, and Assembly districts in response to the 2010 Census. “What seems to be happening is a diminishing of the power of this community,” D’Angelo said. “You have organizations that speak for this community, and when you diminish their power, you diminish the voice of the people,” D’Angelo stated. “We are not going to go quietly. This community is not going to be cut up. They are not going to buffalo this community.” The MPCA is concerned that under the proposed district lines, elected officials, however capable, will not be as quick to react when the community makes a request because a smaller portion of their district will be in Morris Park, D’Angelo said. Neither he, nor the association have anything against the current elected officials,

D’Angelo stated. “To just divide up a community for political reasons is not acceptable,” D’Angelo said. “These lines are the politician’s will, and not the people’s will, and that is not right. The politicians work for us.” The 80th Assembly district would also now include a portion of Pelham Gardens and Allerton that was previously part of the 82nd Assembly district in the proposed plan, D’Angelo stated. He is especially concerned because he has seen the impact that dividing representation has had on Van Nest. The Morris Park Business Alliance is also staunchly opposed to the new lines, said its president, Robert Ruggiero. Since the Alliance was founded in 2007, it has faced an uphill battle in dealing with several different state electeds, particularly in the Van Nest community. “The damage done to

the Van Nest community due to decades of turf battles between politicians is reprehensible,” Ruggiero stated. “Unresponsive political figures disregard the most basic support services available to them knowing that the community will pressure the assistance needed from the neighboring political figure. Now we’re going to spread that poison around the St. Francis Xavier parish and alienate it from the rest of its community to what positive purpose?” These new assembly district lines represent a major shift in power, said community leader Mark Gjonaj, who called the changes “ludicrous.” The new lines take a perfectly strong community and divides it to satisfy the needs of elected officials, and takes redistricting to a level where politicians can choose the community they represent, Gjonaj stated.

Plaque, tartar, periodontal disease can cause bad breath

BY DR. WILLIAM WOLFSON

We recently saw a regular patient of ours, Amber. Amber came in for her regular six month appointment, and although she didn't have any cavities, she did have one big problem that she wanted to address—bad breath. No matter how much she brushed her teeth, Amber just couldn't defeat her bad breath. She found that she didn't want to talk to people or laugh in close quarters because she was afraid that people would notice that her breath wasn't fresh.

Amber's problem was really starting disrupt her life, so I got right to work helping her devise an den-

Dental Diary

tal treatment plan that would freshen her breath and boost her self-esteem!

I explained to Amber that most of the time bad breath is caused by bacterial build-up in the mouth. Plaque, tartar, and periodontal disease can all cause your breath to smell foul. Bacteria actually produce bad smells as they convert the sugar and starches in your mouth into energy. Although Amber

was brushing regularly, she wasn't flossing twice a day. This means that she was missing a significant amount of odor-causing bacteria between her teeth!

Along with increasing her flossing routine, I also had Amber add an antimicrobial rinse to her dental hygiene routine. An antimicrobial rinse will help to kill even more bacteria, and it's especially useful for reaching those spaces

that you may miss flossing and brushing.

Finally, I explained to Amber that foods high in starch and sugar are more likely to cause bad breath, because oral bacteria love these foods! She did her best to minimize the amount of starches and sugars she consumed, and she started brushing her teeth right after eating these substances.

By her next semi-annu-

al visit, Amber was enjoying fresher breath. She no longer felt self-conscious in social situations—she had a clean mouth that actually made her want to smile! Amber was able to freshen her breath following these important dental hygiene tips. If you're suffering from bad breath, don't hesitate to give us a call.

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THERAPY INNOVATIONS

New treatments can relieve Achilles pain

BY DR. MAMDOUH ELDEEB, PT, DPT

The Achilles tendon is the large cord-like structure at the back of the ankle. It is responsible for transferring the muscle forces generated by the calf, which in turn allows you to roll onto the ball of your foot during walking and running. We don't realize it, but this tendon can withstand tremendous stress. It can tolerate forces of greater than 1000 pounds. However, it is also a tendon that can become inflamed and injured. Symptoms include pain (in the tendon or where it attaches to the heel bone), swelling, weakness in the leg, and morning stiffness. Discomfort that resolves as the day progresses, is common.

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