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Board 9 district mgr. escapes ax

BY DAVID CRUZ

An embattled district manager at an east Bronx community board has temporarily escaped getting the ax.

Community Board 9 members rejected a motion to boot longtime district manager Francisco Gonzalez at their December meeting.

Gonzalez, who could still face a removal vote next month, is under fire as city investigators look into claims he misused the board's

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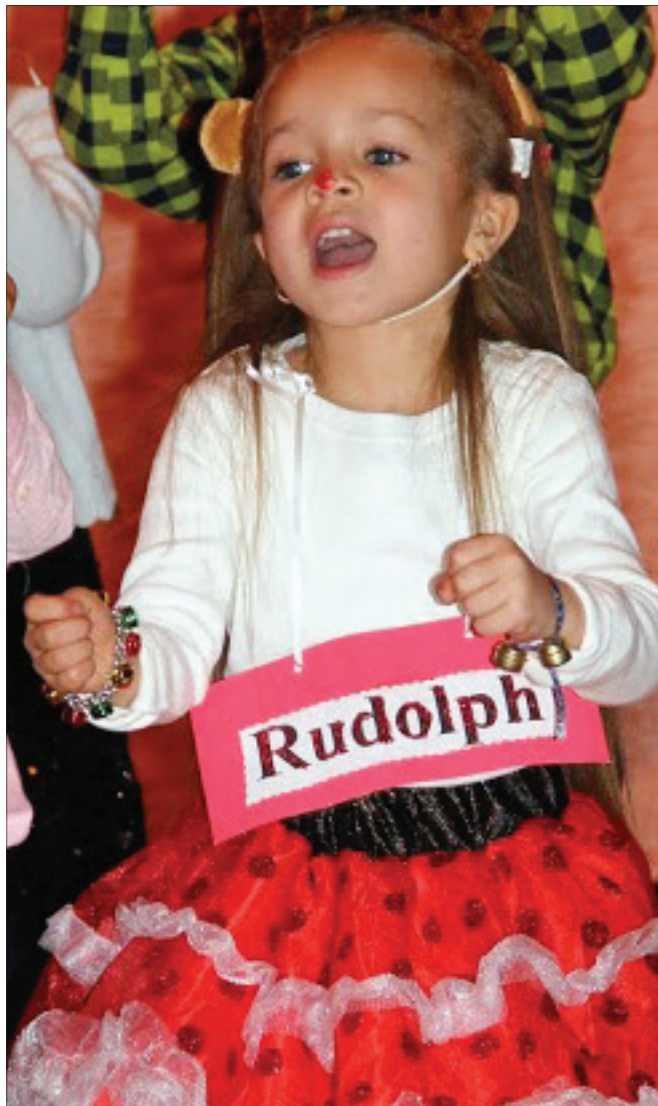


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REINDEER GAMES AT ST. RAYMOND

Rayana "Rudolph" Ruiz joins in on the reindeer games at the annual Christmas Show courtesy of St. Raymond Elementary School. Family members and faculty enjoyed Christmas tunes sung by the students on December 18.

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CB 11 CHAIR CHOSEN

Anthony Vitaliano voted in

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ
AND BOB KAPPSTATTER

It was a battle down to the second finish line for the selection of a new chairman for a Bronx community board.

Anthony Vitaliano, vice chairman of east Bronx Community Board 11 won the seat Thursday, Dec. 20 in a run-off election tainted with both the borough president and local city councilman working behind the scene to push another candidate.

Vitaliano, a retired decorated NYPD lieutenant, beat Democratic state committeeman Joe McManus 24-to-16, with one abstention, in the run-off vote after neither reached more than 50% of the vote in the first go-round of

voting.

The pair came in ahead of Al D'Angelo, head of the Morris Park Community Association, and Irene Rukaj, a perennial local political candidate who nominated herself at the last minute.

A victorious Vitaliano pledged to be "available 24/7" to board members and said he would call for the board to limit the chair's position to two four-year terms.

Vitaliano spent 40 years with NYPD, last serving as commander of the Bronx homicide and then robbery units..

McManus, a long time board member, is also a member of the Enterprise Association Steamfit-

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around town

by David Cruz

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Birth
Angelo and Melissa

Herrera are the proud parents of **Maximus Julien Herrera**, born December 14, weighing 6 pounds and 14 ounces. Stop by the Pine Restaurant to congratulate Melissa, who sits as director of social media.

Job well done!
Congratulate my



ANGELO, MELISSA AND MAXIMUS JULIEN HERRERA

daughter **Cassidy** for a great report card, making the honor roll, and an awesome Christmas show. Congrats to my niece **Jaileen** for her solo performance, you go girl! And congrats for making honors...love you. **Meadow**, you did awesome as well. And congrats on *Principal's List* to my Goddaughter **Kayleigh**. Super on being student of the week. **Nina** loves you. I am lucky mom and aunt love you girls. Remember: reach for the stars and know



VICTORIA CHIMENTI

titi and mommy are behind you every step of the way – Shavon Wales.

Dream Makers

Congratulations to **Victoria Chimenti** from Miss Lisa and her Dream Makers Performing Arts family. Vicki will be representing *Dancer's Inc. Competition and Convention*, assisting renowned choreographers at the competitions and conventions while performing at various galas and benefits. She most recently performed at the *Dancer's Responding to AIDS Benefit at the Taj Ma-*

hal in Atlantic City. In addition, she was just offered a contract to be a performer on Norwegian Cruise Lines! We are so proud of Vicki and her accomplishments. **Lisa Maietta Rybacki**, proud member of Actor's Equity.

Studying Abroad

University of Buffalo Honors College student, **Lloyd Bistany** of Throggs Neck spent his junior fall semester studying abroad at the American University in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates as a William Jefferson Clinton Scholar.

Benedetto's open house

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto is ringing in 2013 by bringing back his popular coffee and cake meeting with his constituents on New Year's Day.

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

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

"I'm inviting my constit-

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

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

"Education is on the minds of a lot of people, because next to safe and clean community, people are very concerned about the schools in their community," Benedetto said. "And it's one of the things that binds a communi-

ty together. But we'll certainly talk about anything people want to bring up. We're in tough economic times."

Benedetto's offices are located above the coffee shop.

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

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



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Community Activist Louis Curcio passes

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO
A community icon in public education will be greatly missed in his Pelham Bay community and beyond after his death last earlier this month.
Louis Curcio, 68, a public high school teacher and education leader for almost 40 years, passed away from cancer at Calvary Hospital on Friday, Dec. 14. who served two, Curcio served for two four-year terms on Community School Board 8 in the late-1980s, including as its president for a term.
He was instrumental in naming Junior High School 101 (later M.S. 101) after slain police officer Edward R. Byrne, said longtime friend Councilman Jimmy Vacca, who served on the school board with Curcio.
“He was a person of unquestioned integrity and honesty,” said Vacca. “He was someone who deeply cared about the schools -

whether they were in Hunts Point or Throggs Neck.”
Curcio’s teaching job helped on the school board, Vacca added.
“He brought to the school board not only a very level temperament, but also a knowledge of curriculum and of teaching that was very rare,” said Vacca. “It was an expertise that really helped us on the board.”
A Queens College graduate, Curcio taught social studies at Francis Lewis HS and Benjamin Cardozo HS in Queens, and Samuel Gompers HS and lastly at Lehman High School in the Bronx, said Curcio’s sister-in-law, Margaret Curcio.
“He just lived for his three nephews,” she said of Curcio, who never married. “They were his life and his everything. He was just a family person.”
Vacca said that in recent years Curcio was an advocate for graffiti removal in the Pelham Bay



LOUIS CURCIO

community he loved. Senator Jeff Klein stated Curcio would provide weekly reports to his graffiti clean up program.
“He wanted to maintain Pelham Bay as a viable community,” said Vacca, who along with NYPD Assistant Chief Edward Delatorre, eulogized Curcio on Tuesday, Dec. 18.
Curcio is also survived by his brother John and nephews Michael, John, and Louis Curcio.

New Bronx rep for Dept. of Ed panel

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO
The Panel for Education Policy has a new go-to man from the Bronx.
Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. selected Robert Powell as the borough’s representative to panel, which reviews and votes on city Department of Education issues.

He is one of 13 members on the panel, which also includes Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott and a number of mayoral appointees.
The panel is currently dealing with several issues, including a potential strike by yellow school bus drivers at the start of 2013, policy surrounding sibling-preference for gifted and talented programs, and point-of-entry for kindergarten programs.
“Robert Powell is dedicated to the growth and well-being of our borough’s public school system, and has shown a strong commitment to the children of this borough and this city during his many years of service,” said Diaz. “I look forward to working with him to continue our

work in developing a strong agenda for the future success of our public school system.”
Each borough president gets one appointment to the PEP, with the rest of the members appointed by the mayor.
Powell, who replaces former Bronx representative Wilfredo Pagan, hails from Wakefield and is the parent of six children in the New York City public school system.
He is the former parent association president at Lehman High School.
He also served as parent association president of a District 75 school for four years.

He was both co-president and president of the Bronx High School Federation from 2008 to 2011.
Powell also served on the Citywide Council on High Schools, serving as recording secretary from 2010 until his appointment to the PEP. The CCHS is an advisory board providing input and comment to the chancellor and PEP regarding public school needs.
“I’m very happy to rep-



ROBERT POWELL

resent the Bronx on the Panel for Educational policy,” said Powell. “I look forward to working with the parents, educators and our students to improve our public schools, and I thank Borough President Diaz for this amazing opportunity.”
Powell has 30 years experience in financial information and communications, and currently works for Thompson-Reuters.

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Borough President **Ruben Diaz Jr.** took two political torpedos last week - both in one night.

Soundview/Parkchester Community Board 9 district manager **Francisco Gonzalez** dodged a board vote to dump him by only two votes, despite Ruben's behind-the-scenes maneuvering.

Then Community Board 11 in Morris Park/Allerton voted down Ruben and Councilman **Jimmy Vacca's** candidate for new board chairman.

Soundview shakeup

Board 9's Francisco G. managed to keep his job - for now - after a preliminary vote on a motion to hold a dismissal vote resulted in 15 votes to remove, ten against and seven abstentions.

Ruben dumped - er - failed to reappoint 15 members - almost half the board - last August when their two-year terms expired, reportedly hoping his new appointees would back his push to dump Francisco after almost 20 years there as district manager.

On one side of the issue, the annual Bronx Puerto Rican Day Parade run by Gonzalez failed to pay some state taxes for a few years ("We working that out," sayeth Francisco) and parade work was done from the board office, allegedly on city time ("That was a volunteer."). On the flip side, Frankie has managed to keep the board fairly independent of the politically powerful Diaz family - BP son Ruben Jr. and state Senate dad Ruben Sr.

Political deal

Meanwhile, over in Morris Park, we're told Ruben's candidate for chairman, local Democratic state committeeman **Joe McManus**, pretty much didn't stand a chance, despite all the behind-the-scenes politicking by Jimmy, and by the BP, who personally phoned a number of board members to make his feelings known.

The odds were stacked after candidate **Al D'Angelo** of the Morris Park Community Association pledged to throw his support-

ers' votes to vice chair - and ultimate winner - **Tony Vitaliano** if it wound up in a runoff with Joe.

We hear Vitaliano, acting chair for two years during the lengthy illness of the late Dom Castore, was ready to reciprocate.

Another winner

Assemblyman-elect **Mark Gjonaj** was also a winner in the board vote.

We hear McManus, who vigorously campaigned for incumbent **Naomi Rivera** might now be facing a Gjonaj-backed challenger for his state committeeman's job. Mark will certainly be backing early supporter **Diane Cerino** for her old state committeewoman's job, after she lost it to a McManus-backed challenger from their mutual Liberty Dem club.

Gjonaj has been keeping his distance from the Liberty Dems, and with that mob scene of supporters at his holiday party at the Lighthouse on City Island last Friday night, could easily form his own political clubhouse.

PRAY FOR US

We got a number of calls from chuckling political types on Wednesday after State Senator **Ruben Diaz Sr.** had us and **Jim Odato** from the Albany Times-Union in the No. 2 slot on The Rev's Top Ten Wishes for 2013 newsletter, wishing we'd "learn how to be impartial and objective journalists."

Speaking of objective, we ran an item last week with the senator telling us he got a phone call from an unnamed person offering him chairmanship of the aging committee - and flat out turned it down.

That came as a surprise after we checked with both GOP leader Dean Skelos and Independent Dem Conference leader **Jeff Klein's** now ruling coalition.

But The Rev insists he's not getting delusional.

"Someone called and asked me what my reaction would be if I were offered it," he told us. "I'm not lying."

ALBANY FOLLIES

Now that Senate Dems have replaced Brooklyn's **John Sampson** with Yonker's **Andrea Stewart-Cousins** as conference leader, folks are wondering if it'll shake breakaway Bronx Senator Klein and his five-member IDC's tree. Don't count on it.

Jeff initially left the Dem Conference because of Sampson, whom he openly can't stand. He most recently snatched the Dem's newly won close majority away by forming a coalition majority with GOP conference leader Dean Skelos.

West Bronx Senator **Gustavo Rivera**, who served as Stewart-Cousins' chief of staff in 2007, told us he's hopeful "she'll be able to bring folks together...and someone that Gov. Cuomo can talk to now."

Meanwhile, both Diaz and northeast Bronx/Mt. Vernon Senator **Ruth Hassell-Thompson** wound up losers in the Dem con-

ference shakeup, as two of only six members who voted to keep Sampson.

Ruth had hoped for awhile in all the Albany tsuris to be a compromise candidate for the leadership post.

COP CORNER

Up the ladder: Christmas promotions last week, with 41st Precinct C.O. **Philip Rivera** and 5-0 Precinct C.O. **Kevin Burke** upped to deputy inspectors. Earning Detective Second Grade: **Craig Crisfield** at the 4-7 squad, **Daryl Sims** at Bronx Special Victims and **Diana Spangenberg** at Bronx Narcotics.

Retirement drain: With a slew of boro detectives retiring, some welcome relief with 15 "white shields" upped to detective investigators, a step away from the prized detective's gold shield, including **Bobby Rogers** at the 4-5 Squad in Throggs Neck and **Danny Kaplan** over at Highway 1. Congrats!

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40th PCT.

SUN, DEC. 2nd, 3:35 a.m. – 640 East 137 St. Seeking assistance after being shot, a crime victim proceeded to the Alexander Ave. police station. The 33 year old Hispanic man was suffering from a bullet wound to the abdomen area. He was provided with assistance as additional police officers were deployed into the area.

SUN, DEC. 2nd, 3:40 a.m. – Brook Ave. and East 138 St. Police officers nabbed another person who was in possession of a gun. Taken away from the culprit was a 32-caliber revolver. The gun was vouched as evidence.

41st PCT.

SAT, DEC. 1st, 1:55 p.m. – 912 Kelly St. A Hispanic male was taken to Lincoln Medical Center after being attacked. The 30 year old victim was suffering from a stab wound to the arm officials reported. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

TUES, DEC. 4th, 5:55 p.m. – 987 Westchester Ave. Three police officers were treated at Jacobi Medical Center. The officers received the injuries while making an arrest.

42nd PCT.

SAT, DEC. 1st, 12:05 a.m. – Boston Rd. and East 168 St. An investigation was launched after police learned that a male had been stabbed. Officials at the scene requested additional police officers to report to the crime scene.

SUN, DEC. 2nd, 2:05 a.m. – 450 East 169 St. Police investigators were informed that two persons had been shot. A 16 year old black male was suffering from a bullet wound to the left leg while a 22 year old black male was suffering from a bullet wound to the abdomen upon arriving at Lincoln Medical Center. Both victims were reported in stable condition.

MON, DEC. 3rd, 8:10 p.m. – Caldwell Ave. and East 165 St. Detectives are faced with a homicide inquiry. A 21 year old black male had been shot in the head officials report. The man died at Lincoln Medical Center. Officials summoned units from the Emergency Service Division to assist with a crime scene search.

FRI, DEC. 7th, 4:35 p.m. – Crotona Park East community. After receiving information concerning a sexually attack on a woman, police were able to arrest a male culprit.

43rd PCT.

SAT, DEC. 1st, 5:10 a.m. – 1690 East 174 St. Authorities launched an inquiry into a reported armed home invasion. A male wearing a mask at gunpoint was able to gain entry into a home. The thief fled with medication besides a small dog.

MON, DEC. 3rd, 1:10 p.m. – 1420 White Plains Rd. Police officer's who responded to a call indicating that shot had been fired,



POLICE BLOTTER

there were no injuries reported. Detectives are looking for the culprit who discharged the weapon.

WED, DEC. 5th, 7:30 p.m. – 2201 Haviland Ave. Authorities are looking into a home invasion that occurred in the Unionport community. The armed culprits pushed a woman back into her home before they secured her. After searching the home, the thieves fled with an assortment of jewelry, a cellphone, and ten-thousand dollars in cash.

44th PCT.

MON, DEC. 3rd, 8:55 a.m. – 134 Elliot Pl. Police investigators are looking into a reported home invasion after a Hispanic male forced his way into the victim's home. The culprit was able to escape with some of the victim's jewelry, besides electronic equipment. Detectives from several units are conducting a joint inquiry.

MON, DEC. 3rd, 4:30 p.m. – 1447 Macomb's Rd. An emergency call brought police to the scene of a stabbing. The victim was suffering from a wound to the neck area. An inquiry is underway.

TUES, DEC. 4th, 7:55 p.m. – 1479 Macomb's Rd. An inquiry was begun as officials gathered information about a shooting. A 17 year old black male was taken to Bronx Lebanon Hospital suffering from a bullet wound to the chest area. Two black males were spotted fleeing the scene before police could arrive. Additional police officers were deployed into the area to help with a search.

WED, DEC. 5th, - East Mt. Eden area. Police officers conducted an extremely coordinated raid at several locations, including one in Georgia, which resulted in ten arrests of gang members. It seems that the culprits were involved in an ongoing battle over territory with other gangs in the Mt. Eden area. Authorities indicted that one of the culprits, a 17 year old male, was apparently responsible for firing an enormous amount of bullets during some of the confrontations.

FRI, DEC. 7th, 8:00 p.m. – 1141 Jerome Ave. Police officials were surprised with what was found in a vehicle during a search. Police officers recovered approximately a half a million dollars in cash from inside a vehicle.

45th PCT.

TUES, DEC. 4th, 2:15 p.m. – 2311 Westchester Ave. Authorities are looking into a vehicle accident that occurred near Parker St. The incident sent a male to Jacobi Medical Center in critical condition. The unidentified male victim had been struck by a van being

used for commercial purposes. The accident is under review by police investigators including officers from Highway 1's Accident Investigation Squad.

46th PCT.

SAT, DEC. 1st, 8:15 p.m. – 1750 University Ave. A search was conducted for two males who robbed a neighborhood C-Town Supermarket. Two Hispanic males at gunpoint apparently fled the business with nine-hundred dollars taken from various cash registers. Additional police officers were redeployed into the area.

SUN, DEC. 2nd, 10:10 p.m. – Investigators are looking into a reported robbery of a fast food restaurant. Officials reported that a Hispanic male armed with a handgun robbed the local Kennedy Fried Chicken facility of fifty-dollars. No injuries were reported.

MON, DEC. 3rd, 10:45 p.m. – 1821 Davidson Ave. Authorities were alerted to an incident that turned into a homicide investigation. Police officers arriving at the crime scene found a black male inside an apartment who had been murdered. The male victim's hands were tied behind his back.

WED, DEC. 5th, 2:20 p.m. – 2383 Grand Concourse. An inquiry was started after officials learned that a female had been attacked. Apparently the Hispanic woman had been stabbed several times by her boyfriend inside a hair salon. Additional police officers were deployed to the crime scene, but they were unable to locate the culprit. Evidence was recovered at the scene that will be helpful to investigators.

47th PCT.

SAT, DEC. 1st, 2:55 a.m. – Boston Rd. and East Gun Hill Rd. Police officers recovered another loaded hand gun. This time a 38-caliber revolver was vouched by the arresting police officers.

SAT, DEC. 1st, 4:15 p.m. – 3869 White Plains Rd. An investigation was started after police learned of a robbery. The neighborhood grocery store was robbed at gun point by a gun carrying male. The unknown male fled with four-hundred dollars in cash.

SUN, DEC. 2nd, 2:30 a.m. – 951 East 216 St. Police officers removed another loaded semi-automatic pistol from a person who failed to obtain the proper permit to own a gun in NYC in the Williamsbridge area. The handgun was vouched as evidence for the pending court case.

TUES, DEC. 4th, 7:30 a.m. – East 234 St. and Webster Ave. Detectives have their work cut out

for them after an ATM machine was discovered in the street. Responding police officers indicated that the machine was open. Experts were summoned to see if they could locate any finger prints or other evidence on the device.

WED, DEC. 5th, 4:55 p.m. – 713 Tilden St. Authorities are looking for the person who robbed a woman. The thief removed an unknown amount of money from the female victim. The woman escaped injury. Police officers from the Bronx Task Force were redeployed into the community.

WED, DEC. 5th, 11:40 p.m. – 730 Nereid Ave. Police are looking for five males who robbed a deli in the Wakefield community near Bryon Ave. At gunpoint, the culprits removed the money from the neighborhood business in addition to an I-pad.

49th PCT.

MON, DEC. 3rd, 3:00 a.m. – 2830 Bronx Park East. Authorities were looking into the death of a Hispanic male after finding the victim in a park area suffering from a head wound. Officials noticed that there was a rope hanging from the tree and a broken branch. Police investigators also hear the sounds of a nearby cat. The 53 year old male tried to scale the tree with a rope in attempt to rescue a cat that was perched on an upper branch. A branch broke sending the man to his death in a fall. The Hispanic man had been known in the community for his kindness to animals. As day light approached, family members and friends gathered as the cat remained in its perch looking down at the group. Shortly after 1 p.m. a crew from a fire dept.'s tower ladder was able to remove the cat from the tree and turned the feline over to a worker from the city's Animal Care and Control Bureau.

52nd PCT.

SUN, DEC. 2nd, 12:45 a.m. – 2860 Decatur Ave. Police officials are looking into an incident where a black male was shot. The 22 year old victim was suffering from a bullet wound to the left thigh. He was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital for medical care. Local detectives are handling the inquiry. Later in the morning, authorities confirmed that a second male had been shot. A 24 year old black male appeared at Bronx Lebanon Hospital looking for medical attention for a bullet wound to the buttocks. Detectives from the Webster Ave. station are handling the inquiry.

SUN, DEC. 2nd, 6:00 a.m. – 2290 University Ave. Emergency

personnel were summoned to an apartment house after a woman apparently took her own life. A 26 year old Hispanic woman jumped from a 5th floor window officials reported. Local detectives are looking into the incident.

SUN, DEC. 2nd, 10:25 p.m. – 2300 Loring Pl. – An investigation was launched when officials learned of a shooting that occurred in the West Fordham area. A 20 year old black male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital suffering from a bullet wound to the buttocks. The young male was reported to be in stable condition. Additional police officers were deployed into the area to help with a search.

MON, DEC. 3rd, 10:15 a.m. – 334 East 198 St. Authorities are looking for a black male who invaded a home in the Bedford Park community. The culprit who was armed with a gun fled the crime scene before police could arrive.

FRI, DEC. 7th, 5:35 p.m. – Steuben Ave. and Mosholu Pkwy. Eight persons received minor injuries in a two vehicle accident. First responders at the scene were concerned since one of the vehicles was a school bus. Officials indicated that there were only four children on board the bus at the time of the accident. None were injured.

Housing

TUES, DEC. 4th, 2:50 p.m. – 360 Morris Ave. Police officials from two different commands are looking into an incident where shots had been fired. A bullet struck a window frame of a NYC Housing Authority building. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 7 and members of the 40th Pct. Detective Sq. are handling the inquiry.

TUES, DEC. 4th, 4:30 p.m. – East Gun Hill Rd. A senior citizen fell victim to a robbery in a NYC Housing Development. The 78 year old woman was robbed in the building's elevator of a money order and a sum of cash. The thief fled before police could arrive.

WED, DEC. 5th, 9:00 a.m. – 1361 Webster Ave. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 7 arrested a 31 year old black male after he was found in possession of a gun. The handgun was vouched as evidence for the pending trial.

FRI, DEC. 7th, 9:10 p.m. – 3555 Bivona St. A crime victim was pistol whipped by three armed males. The culprits were able to flee with a selection of credit cards, a cellphone, besides ninety-dollars in cash. Additional police officers were deployed into the area as officials were hoping to capture a Hispanic and two black males who were spotted fleeing the scene.

Fire Log

MON, DEC. 3rd, 9:00 a.m. – East 166 St. and Boston Rd. Officials from the Fire Dept.'s Emergency Medical Services oversaw the treatment of nine injured persons. The persons received

injuries during a vehicle accident. One person refused to be transported to a hospital while ambulances transported the other eight victims.

MON, DEC. 3rd, 9:20 a.m. – Morris Park Ave. and Adams St. Two paramedics required emergency assistance after their ambulance was involved in an accident. The driver was trapped in the vehicle and needed assistance in have the door sprung open. Once freed, both medics were transported to Jacobi Medical Center.

MON, DEC. 3rd, 5:25 p.m. – Williamsbridge Rd. and Morris Park Ave. Firefighters were informed that a person was pinned under a vehicle after being struck by an automobile at the busy intersection. Firefighters were able to extricate the victim who was then transported to Jacobi Medical Center by an ambulance from the Emergency Medical Services.

TUES, DEC. 4th, 10:50 a.m. – 1650 Grand Concourse. Emergency crews were summoned to Bronx Lebanon Hospital near East 173 St. A worker was killed when an industrial size air conditioner chiller fell on top of the 38 year old man. The unit was being moved when apparently a chain snapped dropping the oversized equipment on the worker. Workers were using a crane to lift the huge chiller and a flatbed trailer. The unit was going to be attached to a trailer. The chiller slid off the trailer and on top of the man. It took rescues crews from the police and fire dept.'s over 2 ½ hours to remove the victim.

THURS, DEC. 6th, 3:00 a.m. – 1515 Williamsbridge Rd. Squad 61 and Engine 97 did not have to far to travel to battle a working fire across from their station near Silver St. The blaze was located in the basement of the McDonald's Restaurant. The incident commander reported that a hose line was in operation by the engine crews as ladder companies opened up areas as their searched for fire extension. Officials indicated that they had a medium smoke condition in the basement area and ladder companies were ordered to ventilate the building before the incident was declared under control.

THURS, DEC. 6th, 2:20 p.m. – 191 Terrace St. Firefighters from several fire stations off of City Island responded to the island community to assist Engine 70's firefighters after a blaze was reported near King St. It seems that Ladder 53 who is assigned to the isolated community was off the island receiving training for a new apparatus. Units from Co-op City, Eastchester Rd, and the Bruckner Blvd stations responded to fill out the first alarm. The blaze was located on the first floor of the private dwelling. One of the community residents was transported to Jacobi Medical Center where they were treated for burns to the left arm.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Praise for Jimmy Vacca

Dear editor,
I have known Councilman James Vacca for over thirty years. He has been, and continues to be, a man of great character.
In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Councilman Vacca showed strong leadership and gentle compassion as he organized a food and clothing collection.

Through the work of his wonderful staff, I witnessed a finely tuned charity machine in operation.
I was so impressed and proud of the people of this community, and the Bronx in general, on how they came together to help their fellow New Yorkers.
Generosity and good will breeds the same. James Vacca has been a pillar of strength in the Bronx.
The Vacca Volunteer Corps is an amazing concept.
This district, and the Bronx, has a good friend in James Vacca.

James V. Paciullo

The way we vote

Dear editor,
Well the Republican Party just lost me as a member.
Believe me, if I would have won the Power Ball I would have switch political party's in a instant and even joined the "TEA BAGGERS" to boot.
I can understand why racists and billionaires vote the way they do. But why good white men without a pot to pee in vote Republican is beyond me. It's the same question I have about the Civil War: Why did poor Southern white boys fight for rich plantation slave owners?

Dante Barozzi

Guns in schools

Dear editor,
Neither guns in the schools nor officers policing our schools are answers to ending school violence.
First and foremost, we must make education a priority.
Next, we must provide our schools with the necessary educational resources and resource personnel that are needed.
Then, we must create an educational pipeline to a secure and brighter future for all students.
Finally, we must end the school-to-prison pipeline.
If our students are the future citizens of this nation, we must educate them and not incarcerate them.
Police officers are neither guidance counselors nor psychologists; they are skilled professionals with specific and important roles in our American society. They cannot be used as school safety agents while harden criminals take over the neighborhoods.
Let us employ school personnel who are skilled professionals: school personnel who are trained to mediate and/or resolve student conflicts.

Furthermore, we have the SAVE legislation mandates, which if implemented correctly, foster a proactive approach to creating emotionally safe school environments.
If we add an army of police in schools, we create a toxic school environment, and interaction with police in schools could thrust students into penal institutions for simple infractions which are covered under the school discipline code and are adjudicated by a team of educators. We need schools devoid of in-house police-mediators.
We cannot relegate our responsibilities to an army of police in schools. Guns and police officers stationed in school are never the answer to school violence prevention. It's elementary.
Phyllis Murray
UFT teacher, South Bronx

Speaker Chris Quinn

Dear editor,
Allow me to add to the insightful thoughts expressed in a recent Letter to the Editor "Earned Sick Leave Bill" (John Bonizio -- December 2)).
Regardless if you are pro or con, the methods being employed by New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn to defeat the proposed "sick leave bill" supported by 36 of 51 members of the New York City Council is nothing to cheer about, when you look into the details.
This measure would force companies to pay employees a minimum of five sick leave days per year. Speaker Quinn has kept this bill proposed by Manhattan Council member Gale Brewer bottled up in committee since 2009 while she contemplates her political options.
As an all-but-publicly-announced candidate for mayor in 2013, Speaker Quinn has to make a choice by affording all 51 Council members a vote which will either make labor happy or the business community unhappy.

In the meantime, she continues to raise campaign contributions from both the labor unions and the same business people along with the usual City Hall "Pay for Play" crowd.
Her potential method in defeating this legislation is to deny 50 other members of the NYC Council the right to vote up or down on the proposed legislation.
Wasn't Quinn elected to represent voters of her West Village district and not all five boroughs? Her actions denied almost eight million New Yorkers a direct say regardless of their side of the issue.
This is just another example of how NYC Council Speaker Quinn long ago removed the

veil of her Manhattan liberal independent reformer image to reveal that she is a seasoned Democratic Party machine leader. She follows in the fine tradition of her predecessors, former Council Speakers Gifford Miller, Peter Vallone, Sr., and the late Tom Cuite.
On Jan.18, 2010 after being reelected Speaker, Quinn announced her appointments of various Council committee chairpersons. Councilmembers loyal to their respective county organizations (the ones that endorsed her candidacy for speaker) were rewarded with salary increases known as lulus ranging from \$4,000 to \$28,000 to chair Council committees. These were renewed once again in January 2012. Don't be surprised when they are renewed once more in January 2013.
This is Quinn's standard operating procedure to insure the loyalty of her flock when needing their support. The average salary for a New Yorker is \$41,000 per year. Every Councilmember has a base salary of \$112,500 plus bonuses, for a part-time job.
Under Quinn's reign, it continues to be the usual political quid pro quo with Councilmembers. Vote as instructed by the Speaker, and members will continue to receive the perks of office. These include salary bonuses for chairing Council committees, extra cash for local district offices, staff and mailings along with your share of several hundred million dollars available for funding local neighborhood pork-barrel projects and a favorable gerrymandered district after reapportionment to grease the wheels of re-election.
The five county Democratic political bosses don't care if you are liberal or conservative, gay or straight, man or woman — just play ball like Quinn and you're welcome to the smoke-filled clubhouse back rooms!
Diogenes is still searching for a more honest potential Mayoral candidate in 2013 than Quinn.

Larry Penner

Response to a response

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Dear editor,
I'll add this one addendum to Marion-Cronin's swift and sweet denunciation of Dante Barozzi's recent letter:
In all my years of reading the published letters in BTR, Dante's was by far the most idiotic, the most ignorant, the most stupid, the most biased, the most condescending and the most embarrassing one I've ever read.
Congratulations to Dante. He gets first prize, unless he follows up with another stink bomb like the last one.
The sadder part of it all, though, is the poor editorial decision to print his bilge. Maybe as a New Year's resolution, if letters like his keep appearing and wasting a lot of readers' time who are looking for substance and relevance instead of bilge from the likes of Dante and "soul brother" Mohamed, BTR readers should consider bypassing the letters department.
In spite of all the mushy "Happy Holiday" well wishes at this "holiday season," a Merry Christmas to BTR.

Ken Reynolds

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Jan. 3 deadline to save Bronx Catholic schools

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

It was a chilly holiday for parents and students at eight Bronx parochial schools, with the clock ticking on them to come up with financial plans to save themselves.

With a January 3 deadline looming to come up with a financial plan to raise nearly \$1 million over the next three years, parents at one school have recruited Senator Gustavo Rivera to help join their plight.

He and about a dozen parents rallied outside of Our Lady of Mercy in Fordham on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The senator wrote a letter to the Archdiocese of New York requesting it show some Christian charity and give the school more time to come up with a plan to raise the money it needs to stay open.

But Rivera said the diocese denied his request for a deadline extension. It doesn't mean the school and parents will give up.

"This is not the only school in my district that is in danger of closing - I have four in my district," he said. "It is extremely disconcerting when you have a school that serves an overwhelming Latino and African-American community and

that is certainly in serious need in this area."

The other Bronx parochial schools at-risk for closure are: Holy Spirit elementary school in Morris Heights, Our Lady of Angels school in Kingsbridge, St. Jerome school in Mott Haven, St. Anthony's School in Wakefield, St. Mary's Elementary School in Williamsbridge, St. Mary Star of the Sea school on City Island and Blessed Sacrament in Soundview, the alma mater of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

The schools were notified of their impending closures by the diocese in November. Diocesan officials said the next step will be to have pastors and principals of the at-risk elementary schools meet with the local board or committee to discuss the factors that led the schools being selected and the next steps to be taken.

Parents from the at-risk schools have been struggling to come up with ideas, including setting up fundraisers, emergency Pay Pal accounts and holding rallies, to help raise funds and draw attention to their struggle.

Soraya Alvarez said her daughter graduated from Our Lady of Mercy in 2000,

and went on to graduate college and receive her masters. Now she is desperate to keep the school open for her grandson, now in first grade there.

"It makes me really sad to know that it will be closing," she said. "What can we do? It's almost like we are being set up for failure."

Jose Cornelio, who has two sons attending the school, said he thinks so highly of the school he drives his sons there from Yonkers.

"I am a product of the Catholic school myself," Cornelio said. "It's not right what they are doing. These children are in need of a good education."

One of Elma Defreitas' daughters graduated from Our Lady of Mercy, and another is now in third grade there.

"It's a tradition in our family to go here," she said. "When other parents in the neighborhood ask me where to send their kids, I tell them here. The people that work here are like family. I don't want to send my daughter to public school, I purposefully chose not to. If the school winds up closing I will send my daughter to the Carribean to finish her education."



Photo by Kirsten Sanchez

Parents of students at Our Lady of Mercy rally outside of the school alongside of Senator Gustavo Rivera (far right), calling on the Archdiocese of New York to extend the January 2013 deadline given to the school to come up with about \$1 million in order to keep the school operating.

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Tradesmen needed for Broadway Plaza

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

The developer of a major Bronx shopping center is teaming up with borough officials to look for jobless tradesmen. It shouldn't be too difficult in a borough with the highest unemployment rate in the state.

State labor department figures show the borough continued to rank last in New York state, with an unemployment rate of 12.5 in October - before the effects of Hurricane Sandy were felt.

The borough officials and developer Equity One announced the job search in early December to recruit potential construction-related employees for forthcoming commercial development, Broadway Plaza in Kingsbridge.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., City Council Member G. Oliver Koppell, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, and Bronx Community Board 8 said their offices,

along with the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation and the city Economic Development Corporation, will join with Equity One to recruit potential hires for the commercial development, at Broadway and W. 230th Street, just next to the Major Deegan Expressway.

Equity One said it is seeking resumes from currently unemployed "talented qualified building tradesmen" who live in the north Bronx, including Riverdale, Kingsbridge, Van Cortlandt Village and Kingsbridge Heights.

Interested parties will be able to drop off their resumes at the offices of each of these officials and the BOEDC.

In addition, the BOEDC will be hosting a job fair to solicit applicants, with the date yet to be set.

Diaz, who recently pulled back from running for citywide office as public advocate, might have had a

difficult time as the leading official in a borough with such high overall unemployment.

He called the new retail hub for the northwest Bronx "a major step forward for the Kingsbridge commercial corridor...while creating much needed jobs along the way."

Once completed by 2014 and fully occupied with tenants, the developer estimates Broadway Plaza will create 300 new jobs, including full-time and part-time hires.

Those interested in being considered for employment by trade contractors for the construction of Broadway Plaza should deliver their resume, no later than January 15, 2013, to one of the following locations:

•Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, Attn: Marlene Cintron, Bronx County Building, 851 Grand Concourse Suite 123, Bronx, NY 10451, (718) 590-6252;

• Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz at 3107 Kingsbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463, (718) 796-5345;

• City Councilman G. Oliver Koppell at 3636 Waldo Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463, (718) 549-7300;

• Bronx Community Board #8, 5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471, (718) 884-3959.

Vacca's Year in Review

As the 2012 legislative year draws to a close, Councilman and Transportation chair James Vacca announced that the Transportation Committee of the NYC Council was one of the most active committees in the entire body in 2012, accounting for a quarter of the 63 local laws enacted so far this year. The Transportation Committee passed 14 bills that were ultimately signed by the Mayor and also overrode two mayoral vetoes.

"I take my responsibility as Transportation chair quite seriously," said Vacca. "This is a committee that has a real opportunity

to affect the quality of life for all New Yorkers, and I think we have done a good job making positive changes that will have a significant impact on people's lives. My committee has produced meaningful legislation because its members constantly have good ideas worthy of consideration. I think this speaks to the heavy handedness that's been used to change policies without proper care, and the corrective action that my committee has had to take on behalf of residents."

The bills vary widely, addressing sex trafficking in the taxi and for hire vehicle industry to new regulations on commercial cyclists. As

chair, Vacca also focused on expanding the mobility rights of blind and visually impaired New Yorkers, passing three bills on this topic. Vacca fought for parking fairness, passing legislation that allows New Yorkers: to transfer muni meter time; to use an affirmative defense for valid muni meter receipts; a 5-minute grace period to purchase a muni meter receipt; and cancellation of an open ticket when proof of muni meter purchase is given. Vacca led the fight to ban the use of the Department of Sanitation's hard to remove window stickers for alternate side violations.



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49th Precinct reaches out to neighbors

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Once again at the holidays communities in the 49th Precinct stepped up to help neighbors in need.

The precinct and its community council wound down its annual food drive on Friday, Dec. 21 with a large pickup at P.S. 83 in Morris Park.

Schools and community groups participating also included P.S./M.S. 498, P.S. 121, P.S. 108, Cub Scout Troop 162, the 49th Precinct Explorers, said community council president Joe Thompson.

About 17,000 pounds of food were collected this year, up from about 2,000 pounds from last year, he said.

The spirit of giving that was brought about by Superstorm Sandy in the past weeks seemed to contribute to the drive, he said, as people saw other people in need and wanted to help.

"People were in the habit of giving because of everything that happened," said Thompson.

The canned and non-perishable food collected will benefit the Bronx Jewish Community Coun-

cil, a local pantry in Community Board 11, as well as a food pantry at St. Lucy's Church, he said.

Local businesses also donated turkeys to be raffled off at senior centers throughout the community.

Precinct Captain Andy Johnson was on hand Dec. 21 to thank the pupils in PS 83's Community Service Club.

"The Four-Nine precinct feels that we are part of the community, so we do all we can," said Johnson. "Joe [Thompson] is one of the main reasons. He is always there to help others, even before he helps himself."

PS 83 Assistant Principal Brandon Muccino said the school's Community Service Club was instrumental in the drive by visiting each homeroom to collect food from boxes. The club also helped run a relief effort for victims of Superstorm Sandy this school year, and is participating in Penny Harvest, he said.

Teaching Assistant and club moderator Connie Calabrese said that the winning homerooms were a fourth grade class that col-



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Students and drive organizers proudly stand in front of the food collected at P.S. 83 for the 49th Precinct's annual food drive on Friday, Dec. 21.

lected 175 food items, a fifth grade class that collected 165 items, and sixth grade class that collected 160 items.

They will be given pizza parties,

she said. Some students also received an incentive that allowed them to get out of doing homework for one night if they brought in a certain amount of items.

"The children like to help others - it makes them feel good," she said, adding that the children learned about giving and the value of teamwork.

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Korony American Legion Post gives to needy children

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Theodore Korony American Legion Post is once again spreading holiday cheer to needy Bronx children with its annual toy drive, still going strong after three decades.

Korony continued an annual holiday tradition begun almost 30 years ago by Vietnam veteran Joseph Mazzariello.

It began as a drive that collected holiday toys in bins in stores along East Tremont Avenue and other facilities, such as American Legion posts.

It has continued on with the work of Judy Lanci, Anthony Ferrara, and Colleen McCarthy, along with volunteers from the post and its sons and auxiliary brigades.

Hundreds of toys were collected from a location on Schurz Avenue by about ten Bronx-based non-profit charity organizations. The distribution took place on Tuesday, Dec. 18 and

Wednesday, Dec. 19, said Lanci.

"I see that there are collection boxes not only for Toys for Tots, but also for victims of Hurricane Sandy," said Lanci. "We keep everything local to the Bronx. We have learned through the years that although Toys for Tots is a great program, [the toys] don't come back to the Bronx. It is very rewarding because we know the organizations that the toys are going to."

Among the places that receive the toys are homeless shelters, including one in West Farms that is close to Van Nest, and battered women's shelters that are part of the local community.

The program is designed to help people in the post's own local area, said Lanci.

The retired banker checks every group's 501(c)3 tax status and their mission statements to make sure that the toys go to organiza-

tions who will give them to truly needy families.

"We make sure that we are taking care of children

I see that there are collection boxes not only for Toys for Tots, but also for victims of Hurricane Sandy. We keep everything local to the Bronx.

Judy Lanci

who really would have nothing under the tree," said Lanci.

The need from the Bronx organizations receiv-



Photo by Alexander Belisle

Seen here with some of the toys given away as part of the Korony drive are (l-r) Jan Salvaggi, co-director Judy Lanci, co-director Tony Ferrara, Dolores Stoltze, and Cathy Praino.

ing the toys, which includes hospitals and community-based organizations, has been increasing over the past three or so years, said Ferrara.

"We used to get letters asking for 25 toys," he said. "Now, we get letters asking for 40 or 50."

The first day that the

organizations came to pick up toys, on Dec. 18th, Bob Nolan from the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 3 dropped off a \$200 donation

Lanci said that they were very pleased with Youngland on 2922 3rd Ave. for giving them a deep discount on the toys, due to the generosity of owner Mario

DeGiorgio.

The drive is now accepting monetary donations for next year. They can be mailed to Theodore Korony Children's Christmas Toy Drive, P.O. Box 833, Bronx, N.Y. 10465. Checks should be made payable to Theodore Korony Children's Christmas Toy Drive.

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Bronx beat

Free Bronx Writers Center Workshop

The Bronx Council on the Arts' (BCA) Bronx Writers Center (BWC), in collaboration with BCA's BRIO award, presents a Bronx Recognizes its Own (BRIO) Award Information Session for Writers on Monday, January 7, 2013, 6:30-8:00pm, at the future home of the Bronx Council on the Arts, 2700 E Tremont Avenue (corner of St. Raymond Avenue), Bronx, NY 10461, in the Westchester Square section of the Bronx.

BWC has designed this free, two-hour, hands-on session to help artists applying for the 2013 BRIO award in literary categories (screenwriting, playwriting, fiction, non-fiction, illustrated text, poetry) understand the application requirements and process and to make an appointment for an application review. A 6:30pm half-hour of speed writing -- a short writing and networking exercise -- will begin the evening hosted by Maria T. Romano, Director of the Bronx Writers Center and BRIO winner. A question and answer session will follow. Admission is free and all are welcome. Reserve your seat at [http://bronx-](http://bronxwriters1072013.eventbrite.com/)

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Maria Romano holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Yale University and a Masters in Fine Arts in Creative Writing from the New School. She is a creative writing teacher at Fordham University's Science and Technology Entry Program for middle and high school students and a volunteer at the nationally recognized non-profit, Girls Write Now. Ms. Romano has also worked as an Academic Director for Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions and as a Sales and Production Manager at Avon Books (now part of Harper Collins). A Bronx-bred, award-winning writer of short stories and essays, she is currently working on a novel.

The Bronx Writers Center's 2013 workshop series, In Progress, is posted on BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org. For additional information on this workshop or other BWC events, call 718-931-9500 x21, e-mail bronxwriters@bronxarts.org, or visit the Bronx Writers Center's web pages at www.bronxarts.org.

The Bronx Writers Center supports and develops the appetite for writing and reading in the Bronx. The BWC searches for and promotes new voices and audiences and engages the community in literary and literacy programs.

Bronx Recognizes Its Own (BRIO), established in 1989, provides direct support to individual Bronx artists who create musical, literary, media, visual and performing works of art. BRIO is a competitive awards program celebrating twenty-three years of awards for creative excellence. For more information about BRIO, visit www.bronxarts.org/brio.asp.

Bronx Council on the Arts, celebrating 50 years as a private, non-profit membership organization, is the official cultural agency of Bronx County. Recognized nationally as a leading arts service organization in providing cultural services and arts programs, BCA serves a multicultural constituency of almost 1.4 million residents. BCA provides an array of services to 5,000 artists and more than 250 arts and community-based organizations.

Arbor Day's free flowering trees

Residents of New York can ring in the New Year with 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2013.

By becoming a part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, new members will receive two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two Washington hawthorns, two American redbuds and two goldenrain trees.

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Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees are perfect for large and small spaces, and they will provide food and habitat for songbirds."

The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between February 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

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ceive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2013. New York residents can also join online at arborday.org/january.

WINTER WONDERLAND PROM DANCE PARTY AT BRONX UNDERGROUND



Photos by Silvio Pacifico

Bronx Underground hosted a Winter Wonderland Prom Dance Party at First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck at 3075 Baisley Avenue on Friday, Dec. 14. The party included young people enjoying a glitter make up station, prom king and queen, photo booth and vendors and snacks. The first 50 people were treated to VIP gift bags with treats, glowsticks, and other surprises.

(Above) Alina Robles, Kaitlin Brennan, Maeni Robles, and Caitlin Aulet enjoy the party on the dance floor.

(left) Dancing to the music are (l-r) Francisco Gonzalez, Morelis Salgado, and Manny Ortiz.

AL'S ANGELS HOLIDAY PARTY AND GIFT GIVEAWAY



Photo by Alexander Belisle

Union Community Health Center, along with charitable organization, Al's Angels, held its annual holiday party and gift giveaway for its pediatric patients on Tuesday, December 18. For the fourth year, Al's Angels will provide hundreds of toys to Union Community Health Center's children. Al's Angels founder, Al DiGuido dressed as Santa Claus to distribute the donated toys.

(Above) Union Community Health Center employees unload "Santa's sleigh" and prepare to distribute toys to pediatric patients.



AMERICAN LEGION POST #253 AT VA NURSING HOME

The Theodore Korony American Legion Post #253 spent Sunday, Dec. 9 at the VA nursing home in Kingsbridge. They celebrated the holidays with the veterans in the hospital by serving a gourmet lunch including chicken francese and baked ziti with meat balls. Coffee and dessert were also served, and Santa was there to bring cheer to all. The auxiliary and junior members from the Daisy's Troop #1074 sent holiday cards to thank our veterans for their service and to wish them season's greetings.



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(L-r) Chris Gillard, Santiago Toscano and Matthew Ortiz of Verizon Store

BRONX CHAMBER BRINGS SPIRITS OF CHRISTMAS TO HOMELESS



Photo by Josiane Bauke

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce brought the spirit of Christmas to about 100 homeless families from HELP USA on Friday, December 21 at the Hutchinson Metro Center. The children and families were provided with a dinner donated from F&J Pine Tavern, given holiday toys, and were entertained by The New York Yankees' mascot.

(Above) Bronx Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Lenny Caro (right) helps New York Yankee Mascot (center) give John Veras (left) a holiday gift.

SUPERSTORM SANDY VOLUNTEERS GET THANKS



The Westchester Square Civic Association held a thank you party for those who volunteered to help victims of Superstorm Sandy on Thursday, Dec. 20. The civic association, under the leadership of Lou Rocco, collected supplies after the storm to benefit those who had been displaced. Enjoying a well-deserved thank you are Sandy volunteers (l-r) Michael Ortiz, Eduardo Oritz, Jason Ahinful, and Joseph Ahinful.



NY KNICKS RONNIE BREWER HELPS OUT AT KIPS BAY BASKETBALL CLINIC

New York Knicks guard Ronnie Brewer Jr. helped run a basketball clinic for children at Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club's Randall Avenue clubhouse in Soundview on Saturday, Dec. 22. As part of the event, Brewer helped took questions and answers from the kids. It was also announced that Brewer would be the Boys & Girls Club fitness ambassador for the tri-state area.

(Above) New York Knicks guard Ronnie Brewer Jr. (r) with the children of the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club at 1930 Randall Avenue.

(Right) Young Tyler Thomason (c) is seen here at the basketball clinic with New York Knicks guard Ronnie Brewer Jr. (r) and coach Jared Thornton.



Photos by Patricio Robayo

KIDS ARTS AND CRAFTS SESSION FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Photo by Laura Stone

Westchester Square Zerega Improvement Organization held a kids arts and crafts session for the holiday at Westchester Square Library Branch on Saturday, December 22. Children and parents were invited to craft holiday ornaments to decorate their Christmas trees.

Pictured are members of the Westchester Square Zerega Improvement Organization, Westchester Square Branch Library kids, Kenneth Kearns and Santa Claus.

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A special 85th anniversary celebration for Amalgamated Houses

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

One of the oldest housing cooperatives in the Bronx is celebrating its 85th anniversary this year.

Amalgamated Housing Cooperative, originally the Amalgamated Cooperative Apartment House when first opened in 1927 just south of Van Cortlandt Park, is a limited-equity cooperative apartment complex.

The complex was originally organized by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, headed by Signey Hillman, as affordable housing for the working class.

It was the first cooperative housing complex in the United States founded under the limited equity rules.

Amalgamated Housing had grown from the original 300 families to over 1400 families by 2007. The newest buildings were completed in 1971.

On Dec. 22 and 23, members of the cooperative celebrated its anniversary by premiering a 12-minute film about the coops titled "An uplifting portrayal of Amalgamated Housing from yesterday to today," about how the complex has changed since it was first built.

The film was produced by Gary Axlebank, host of cable-TV's Bronx Talk, with help from Ira Merritt, Erin Olshan, and Doris Spencer.

"The idea was to illustrate this remarkable housing development and explain a little why it survived, how it survived and why it is still one of the most wonderful places in NYC to live," said Axlebank, the fourth generation of his family to live in the development. "The idea came from Ira, Erin and Doris just to commemorate the anniversary of the nation's oldest coopertive."

Long-time Amalgamated resident and photographer Merritt, also helped to depict the story of the housing complex through pictures of its residents. The portraits were also put on display during the anniversary celebration.

"Documenting the



Photo courtesy of Gary Axlebank

Amalgamated Cooperative Housing during the 1930's. These buildings are no longer there, they were taken down in favor of two large towers that now have taken their place.

Amalgamated community through the faces of its residents was to look at the makeup of what was once a predominately Jewish neighborhood into what it is today, which is a melting pot: a mixed ethnic group," Merritt said. "As the neighborhood population transitions, the underlying nature and structure of this cooperative

set up by the early pioneers 85 years ago, has remained the same.

"I was able to make over 60 portraits and my plan was to pair individuals with individuals of different ethnic or cultural backgrounds. During the portrait taking process I also photographed couples and small family groupings."

Merritt said he wanted to concentrate on the people rather than the surroundings, which would have added another element and would have taken away from the focus on the individual.

"When pairing individuals I looked for similarities in physical attributes, clothing, or from the pose itself," Merritt said. "I was

able to make 23 diptychs (46 portraits). I also made 8 individual portraits that I felt were needed to break up the diptych pattern. These images were chosen to stand alone because they were important in telling the story of the community and because there was no image to complement them."

Axlebank said it was

relatively easy to capture the essence of the co-op.

"When you attend any one of the amalgamated events, it's plainly evident what the qualities are of Amalgamated that has led to the longevity of development," Axlebank said. "It has all the foundation within its people, which has made it last."

Long-time Amalgamated resident and photographer Ira Merritt helped depict the story of the housing complex - which he calls a melting pot - through portraits of its residents, pairing individuals of different ethnic or cultural backgrounds.



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Bronx scene

Doo Wop comes home to the Bronx!

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts celebrates its 33rd season with a night of unforgettable Doo Wop featuring this timeless music's leading singers and groups on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 8 p.m. The all-star evening of classic hits will include Kenny Vance and the Planotones ("Looking For An Echo"), Cleveland Still and the Dubs ("Could This Be Magic"), Herb Cox and the Clefstones ("Heart and Soul"), Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs ("Stay") and Barbara Harris and the Toys ("A Lover's Concerto").

Doo Wop emerged from the streets of New York City and Philadelphia and rose as a unique African American vocal style in the mid-1950's. Doo Wop's smooth

harmonies spread to singing groups of other ethnicities, such as the Capris and the Bronx's own Dion and the Belmonts. The term "doo wop" was taken from the ad-lib syllables sung in harmony in these songs. "Doo Wop" and a range of "oldies" music are celebrated by musicians and audiences worldwide as distinctive American sounds.

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts is on the campus of Lehman College/CUNY at 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West.

Tickets are \$50, \$45, and \$35 and can be purchased by calling the Lehman Center box office at (718) 960-8833.

Kenny Vance and The Planotones: Kenny Vance has been making music

since he was fourteen years old and was the co-founder of the group "Jay & The Americans." After leaving the group in 1972, Kenny branched out, producing records, serving as musical director on TV's "Saturday Night Live," and having his own solo career. He was also the musical director on such films as "Hairspray," "Eddie & The Cruisers," and "American Hot Wax." It was in 1978 for the movie "American Hot Wax" that The Planotones were first formed. In 1992, Kenny reformed the group with guitarist/arranger Johnny Gale, vocalists Kurt "Frenchy" Yahjian and Jimmy Bense, keyboardist Chip Degaard and Tony Gallino on drums. They have released four CD's to date; Teenage Jazz, Out of

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KENNY VANCE AND THE PLANOTONES

This World, Looking For An Echo (which was featured in the major motion picture of the same name) and their most recent release (November 2012) Mr. Santa which includes the new

holiday songs "Mr. Santa", "Doo Wop Christmas" and "Christmas On My Block" as well as classic Christmas tunes with rich multi-part harmonies.

Cleveland Still and The

Dubs were originally a Harlem-based group founded by the late Richard Blandon in 1957 that also included Bill Carlisle, Tom Grate and Jim Miller. They are best

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Doo Wop comes to the Bronx

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remembered for their enduring Top 40 Doo Wop classic “Could This Be Magic,” one of the more memorable songs of 1957. Their first taste of success came with an East Coast hit “Don’t Ask Me To Be Lonely” and quickly hit national recognition when “Could This Be Magic” peaked at #23 on the Pop charts. They followed this with two other great Doo Wop favorites, “Chapel of Dreams” and “Be Sure My Love.”

Herb Cox and The Cleftones were originally formed in 1955 at Jamaica High School in Queens, New York as the Clefs, later becoming known as The Cleftones. In 1955, the group recorded their first single, “You Baby You,” followed by “Little Girl of Mine” and “You’re Driving Me Mad.” They were in Alan Freed’s legendary 1956 “Easter Jubilee of Stars” show at the Brooklyn Paramount. That year

they recorded “Can’t We Be Sweethearts” and “String Around My Heart,” and in 1961 they recorded “Heart and Soul.” While the group stopped touring regularly in 1963, The Cleftones reformed for a revival show in New York City in 1970, delighting fans ever since.

Maurice Williams and The Zodiacs were originally called The (Royal) Charms, changing their name to The Gladiolas in 1957 and The Excellos in 1958, before finally settling on The Zodiacs in 1959. Born in Lancaster, S.C. Maurice Williams grew up as a church singer. His first single “Little Darlin’” was covered by The Diamonds who turned it into a 1957 hit, and by Elvis Presley in 1977. Known for their trademark falsettos, the band released their pivotal song “Stay” in 1960 which Williams had written seven years before when he was only 15. They followed up with the soulful recording “May I,” and then “Return,” with Gladys Knight

& the Pips singing behind them. “Stay” has become one of the classic singles in the history of rock ‘n roll and R&B, having been rereleased by the Hollies (1963), The Four Seasons (1964), Jackson Browne (1978), Bruce Springsteen (1979), Cyndi Lauper (2003) and in the 1987 movie “Dirty Dancing.”

Barbara Harris and The Toys: Barbara Harris also started singing in her hometown churches, first in North Carolina and later in Queens, New York, where she moved at age 11. In high school, she became part of a group called The Charlettes that did background vocals for recording artists. Changing their name to The Toys, the group released “A Lover’s Concerto” in 1965, a song that took a classical finger exercise from Bach, and put a Motown bass line to it, and sold over a million copies. Their second hit song “Attack” (1966) was followed by “Sealed With A Kiss” in 1968.

ITEM: Are you reading this in time?

Boomerang will be appearing at Jimmy Ryan’s Saturday night December 29th from 8pm to 11 pm with special guest Jessica Rose and JD.

ITEM: Are you reading this in time?

The Clubhouse at 274 City Island Avenue presents Johnny Valenti, from the popular bands Dug, Timeline and That Duo Show with special guest Tony D. of Sugarush fame

rock on the bronx

by Fish Altieri

on Saturday December 29th

Johnny returns to The Clubhouse on Saturday, January 5 with That Duo Show doing all your favorites.

Saturday, January 12, is The Tub Band while, the popular duo Wally and Mare return to The Clubhouse on January 19 at 9:30 pm.

ITEM: Celebrate New Year’s Eve at The Wicked Wolf with the band Rumor Hazz It!

ITEM: The tradition continues with guitarist Lou Volpe at The Starving Artist New Year’s Eve.

ITEM: Just Nuts, the ultimate party band, playing New Year’s Eve at Luciano’s in Yonkers.

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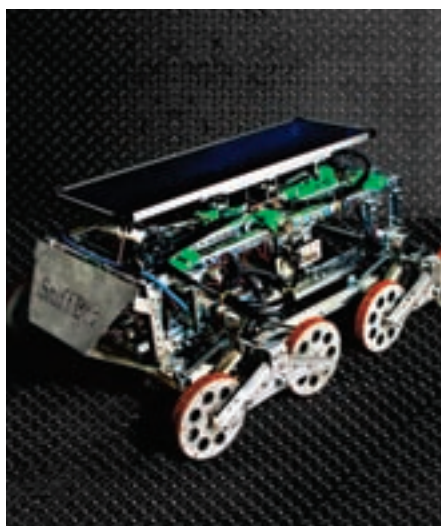
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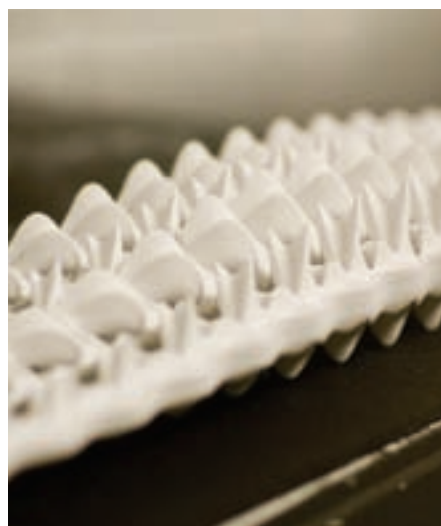
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Pet therapy at Schervier

Bon Secours New York Health System, Schervier Nursing Care Center has received a \$58,400 two-year grant from Amie's Place Foundation to launch a “first-of-its kind” comprehensive in-patient pet therapeutic treatment program, “Come Mend with Your Friend.” This important initiative will allow vulnerable elderly, who risk losing their pets due to being away from home for a prolonged period of time, receive comprehensive rehabilitation treatment at Schervier, knowing their beloved pets are safe and with them throughout their recovery process.

Oftentimes, elders are admitted to the hospital in a crisis situation and don't have time to adequately plan for their pets' care needs. Ideally, a family member or neighbor will help, but there are times when there is no one, leaving people and pets at risk. This grant answers a great need to help keep people and pets together and will establish a comfortable, safe, welcoming area for patients to have their pets close by while they are recuperating from surgery or a serious illness. Patients will be able to spend therapeutic quality time with their pets throughout the day, which is physically and emotionally healing for both the patient and the pet, and often the staff, too. Depend-

ing on the patient's abilities, caring for their pet will also be included as part of their daily rehabilitation therapy program.

“Documented studies show that people, especially the elderly, heal faster from surgery and illness knowing their pets are safe and with them,” said Gregory Poole-Day, Administrator at Schervier. “We are thankful to Amie's Place Foundation for aiding our efforts in funding this program, which we believe will significantly increase the quality of care and recovery that we have consistently provided seniors within our community.”

The grant money will cover the cost of hiring a certified veterinary technician who will care for the pets on a daily basis and a consultant veterinarian who will also evaluate the health and safety of all new pet admissions. Recognizing the unique relationship people and their pets share, this program will help keep elderly vulnerable in-patients and their pets together, specifically in crisis situations, while providing quality health care and good help to those in need.

“People and pets have a special bond, but for vulnerable elders, their pet is a life-saver,” said Dr. Paulette Sansone, Grant Writer for Schervier. “Their pet not

only provides unconditional love but also companionship, a sense of purpose and a will to survive. They lower blood pressure, reduce pain, anxiety, isolation and despair, and help patients heal faster. There is no question that this program will be of benefit to our patients.”

“Come Mend with Your Friend” allows all domestic pets to stay at Schervier Nursing Care Center, free of charge, while their human companions are receiving in-patient medical treatment and therapy at Schervier. With aid from Amie's Place Foundation's grant, the implementation of this new, important program additionally supports Schervier's mission of providing “good help to those in need,” by bringing compassion to health care, while directly benefiting the comprehensive medical needs of its elderly patients. The program will launch in January 2013.

For more information on the “Come Mend with Your Friend” comprehensive in-patient pet therapeutic treatment program, or to learn more about all the services Schervier provides, visit <http://www.schervier-cares.org/>, its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SchervierNursingCareCenter>, or call the Admissions Office at (718) 884-5100.

Are your symptoms cold or flu?

BY NELSON ENG, DO, FACOFF
ST. BARNABAS HOSPITAL

How can you tell if you are catching a cold or coming down with the flu? Both diseases cause many of the same symptoms. In general, colds tend to have a mild course, while the flu is much more severe.

Cold Symptoms

A cold often starts with feeling tired, sneezing, coughing and having a runny nose. You may not have a fever or you may run a low

fever – just 1 or 2 degrees higher than usual. You may also have muscle aches, a scratchy or sore throat, watery eyes and a headache.

Flu Symptoms

The flu starts suddenly and hits hard. You probably feel weak and tired, and have a fever, dry cough, a runny nose, chills, muscle aches, severe headache, eye pain and a sore throat. It usually takes longer to get over the flu than a cold.

Cold or flu, the best

treatment is prevention!

- Wash your hands often.
- Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid people who are coughing and/or sneezing.
- Get plenty of rest to help strengthen your immune system.
- Maintain a healthy diet and get an adequate amount of exercise.
- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Ask your doctor about a flu shot.



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Bronx schools

Christmas spirit at St. Raymond

The St. Raymond High School for Boys family welcomed in the Holidays with two special student presentations after school on Wednesday, December 19. The school glee club presented their second annual Christmas Concert in the music room at 2:30pm. The 14 students in the club sang a melody of holiday favorites, including Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, Angels We Have Heard on High and In the Dark of Winter. Music teacher Silvestre Padron orchestrated the perfor-

mance, and he was joined by Carin Cuellar on violin, Samuel Marchan on viola and Carlos David Bernales on piano.

After the concert, guests that included students, teachers and parents were escorted to the second floor for an art presentation from the senior illustration class. This winter, students in Ed Mouzon's art class were visited by artist and sculptor Mark LaRiviere through the Creative Classrooms Visual Arts Program. Over the course of ten class

periods, LaRiviere met with the students to provide them with visual, tactile and aesthetic experiences that encourage hands-on learning and critical thinking. More than 25 pieces of sculpture were on display. "It was amazing to see how far these students have come in just a few weeks," Mr. Mouzon said.

Both presentations took place in new state-of-of the art studios for art and music that were the centerpieces of a 14,000 school extension completed in September



St. Raymond Glee Club performs at Annual Christmas Concert.

2011. The art and music programs at the school have been able to significantly grow with the addition of

these spaces and the use of updated materials.

"I wish I could take all of you on the road to show-

case your talents to the world," St. Raymond pastor Msgr. John Graham remarked after the show.

St. Ray's Grinch Essay Contest winner

Jed King, a 7th grader of St. Raymond Elementary School, is this year's Grand Prize recipient for the Annual "Grinch Essay Contest." sponsored by the Theater of Madison Garden. The contest was open to students throughout the Archdiocese of New York and the Brooklyn Diocese. Mr. King's winning essay entitled him to receive four orchestra level tickets for his guests as well as 40 tickets for his class, teachers and chaperones for the December 19 performance. His essay is titled "The Grinch Who Borrowed Christmas"



JED KING

and it challenges the reader to view the Grinch in a different light past his rugged and mean exterior.

St Raymond Elementary School is the Parish School of St. Raymond's Parish and offers full academic programs from Grades K-8 and full day Pre K-3 and Pre K-4. The school offers many extra-curricular activities, sports and advanced level math and science for high-achieving students. For more information, call the main office at (718) 597-3232 or visit the school website: www.straymondelementary.org.



St. Raymond seniors present Sculpture Project.



ST. BARNABAS DONATES DURING HOLIDAY SEASON

St. Barnabas High School Virginia Woolf Chapter of The National English Honor Society moderator and Literature teacher Michael DeNobile and students (l-r) Vivian Loureiro, Gina Angelini, Anai Angel, Tiffany Martinez, and Rebecca Aguila donate to the Bronx Zoo for its annual toy drive for local vets and active military families.

VILLA MARIA SUPPORTS CHRISTMAS GIFT CAMPAIGN



The St. Marguerite Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society has a long-standing tradition of raising money for charitable organizations. This year, during the season of Advent, the Honor Society sponsored a fundraiser to benefit the Catholic Guardian Society's "Christmas Gift Campaign". Through the efforts of our members and the generosity of the Villa community, \$2,216 was donated to this worthy cause.

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Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY RAPHAEL S.
KENNY AGOSTO
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The Bronx Park East Community Association, which covers the neighborhoods of Allerton, Bronxdale and Pelham Parkway North, will hold our NEXT Community Meeting on Thursday, January 10th at 7:00pm. The location, as always, will be the CenterLight (formerly Beth Abraham CCM) building located on 2401 White Plains Road, just north of Waring Avenue.

Our special guest will be the Department of Sanitation's Citywide Community Affairs Officer, the informative, charming, and affable, Iggy Terranova. He'll be there to shed light on issues ranging from snow removal, fines for people who don't pick up after their four-legged friends, garbage pickup and more.

We will also have a high ranking officer from our neighborhood's NYPD 49th Precinct, to give us an

update on crime prevention, as well as informing us on developments relating to the November 6th shooting on Thwaites Place and Boston Road.

We will follow also on our Associations actions to address two issues that were heavily discussed last meeting. Namely, the issue of poor lighting on the sidewalk below the MTA 2 Train, between Pelham Parkway South and Astor Avenue, as well as the issue of a very troublesome panhandler on Olinville Avenue and Thwaites.

There are developments in both matters, which are important and which we are working hard to get fixed!

There's no better place than a public forum to have your voice heard and your ideas given the time of day. So we hope to see residents like YOU, who live on Olinville, Barker, Waring, Mace, Astor, Allerton Avenue, and of course, Bronx Park East, next Thursday, January

10th.

Community Watch Initiative

While crime prevention and policing in and of itself can not solve all of the issues confronting our neighborhoods, it can indeed act as a gathering point for people to unite and work together.

One of the main reasons for the reinvigoration of the B.P.E.C.A. was indeed the gun violence that occurred on November 6th. And we as an Association made a PROMISE to take action so that guns do not become a part of everyday life where we live.

Thus, we are proud to announce the start of the Bronx Park East Community Association "Community Watch".

The Community Watch is, in essence, a Network. It is the individuals of Barker, Olinville, Astor Avenue and other streets in our area, being in constant, open communication with each other



On Wednesday December 5, the Bronx Park East Community Association held its 2nd Community Meeting, featuring a hugely successful Holiday Food & Toy Drive. The 40 attendees of the meeting donated over 125 cans, bottles, jars and boxes of non-perishable food items, which were given to the 49th Precinct Annual Food Drive. From there, they were shipped off to two neighborhood food pantries in need: St. Lucy's Church Food Pantry located on Mace & Bronxwood Avenue, and Jewish Community Council located at 2157 Holland Avenue. Many toys were also donated, which will be handed out to neighborhood children during NIDC's holiday toy giveaway later this year. It was heartening to know that so many in the Bronx Park East-Allerton-Pelham Parkway North Community embody the charitable, caring and giving spirit of the Holiday Season. And they definitely proved it with their generosity. The association can be reached at BxParkEast@gmail.com or (347) 654-7044."

(L-r) Bronx Park East Community Association Executive Board member Donal Holway, B.P.E.C.A. chairman Raphael Schweizer, neighborhood resident Fran Ruh, and B.P.E.C.A. Executive Board members Dennis Corcoran, Kenny Agosto, Matthew Henry, Yadira Guzman, Christopher Waters and Hazel Miura.

Ring in the New Year at Empire City

The Westchester band leader Guss Hayes of Yonkers will be among the musical entertainment helping to bring in 2013 at Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway on New Year's

Eve, Monday night, December 31. Special dinner party packages are available, and live entertainment at the Entertainment Lounge in the Gotham Palace will be featured as the curtain

comes down on 2012.

For reservations call (914) 457-2457. Empire City is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers.

Hayes and his band of renown will perform in the Empire Terrace Dining Room from 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. with dinner seatings at 5:30 p.m. (\$59.95 for Empire Club members and \$69.95 for non-members), and 9 p.m. (\$79.95 for members, and \$89.95 for non members).

The Good Time Room will feature the FDR Drive Band from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with one dinner seating which includes an open bar throughout the evening, and is priced at \$150.

The Entertainment Lounge will have the slots, roulette, craps and baccarat as a back drop to live complimentary entertainment when Teri Lamar & New Company perform from 3 to 7 p.m., followed by Code Blue to ring in the New Year from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

about what goes on in our Neighborhood.

Some people don't feel comfortable with contacting the police about perceived drug dealing, or gang activity on their block. So our Community Watch is a way for many citizens, who are normally uninvolved in their community, to always be able to lend their voice.

If you wish to sign up and receive more information about the Community Watch, please attend our January 10th meeting. You can also email us at BxParkEast@gmail.com (no dots or dashes, except for dot-com) or call (347) 654-7044.

Love Your Block

The other side of preserving and improving our Community is by active, positive engagement from citizens like yourself.

So thus, the BPECA is proud to announce that we will be participating in a 3 month long "Love Your Block" beautification, in

conjunction with the Pelham Parkway Citizens Conservation Corps (CCC).

The "Love Your Block" initiative is one of 50 beautifications being undertaken by 50 different, unique Community groups citywide this spring.

L.Y.B. is a grant funded by the Citizens Committee for New York City, and by NYC Service.

On Dec. 7th, 50 groups were chosen from hundreds of grant applications submitted. Each group receives a \$1000 grant to fund their beautification project, as well as access to unique services from the NYC Departments of Transportation, Sanitation, and Parks & Recreation, to help aid in the revival of their neighborhood space.

You can read further by going to <http://www.citizensnyc.org> and clicking on the section that says "grants".

The project that the CCC and BPECA will be

spearheading will be taking place starting from Boston Road and Thwaites Place, all the way up Olinville Avenue to Waring Avenue.

More information to come soon!

Holiday Dance

We hope to see you this Saturday, December 29th at our 1st Annual "Holiday Ball"!

You must RSVP to attend, so please call (347) 654-7044 if you are a resident of the area our Association covers (which is stated at the beginning of this column) and wish to attend.

There will be music, food, dancing and more, so RSVP while tickets are still available.

We'll see you at the Ball, and then at our Thursday, January 10th Community Meeting at 2401 White Plains Road.

Be a Community Activist. Get Active!

A Blessed Holidays to you.



GUSS HAYES BAND

BY ANDREW CHIRICO

Our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting was canceled due to the rain. We watched the weather reports on television which predicted the heaviest rain around 4 p.m.

In the interest of safety for the children and the parents we made a last minute decision to cancel our Christmas tree lighting with Santa. We apologize to the children and parents who expecting to meet Santa.

We would like to thank all of our elected officials who support us each year at this event and we want to thank the many people who donate their time and talents for our Christmas Tree lighting in the park.

The beautiful horse drawn coach is provided by the McGill Family and Chateau Stables Inc. coaches are available for all of your special occasions Weddings, Proms or any occasion where you need extra horse power.

For information call (212) 246-0520 or on the net at <http://www.chateaubstables.net/> Tony Candeta of International Caters of Distinction (718) 822-8241. www.international-caterers.com The Guiding Star Knights of Columbus catering hall is always ready for your special party.

We would also like to thank Loretta Zaino, Tiffany Macknight, Jimmy Walsh, Ken Reynolds, and the Children from the Primavera Italian Language program who rehearsed songs in English and Italian, we hope to hear them next year. and, of course, Santa's helpers, Scott Bernard, Annie Boller, Tony Cannata, Andrew & Judy Chirico, Clara

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Chirico, Esther Conforti, Tony (Santa) Ferrara, Mary Flore, Carol Guglielmo, Mary Jane Musano, Fannie Scalfani, Maria Scalfani, James Schefflen. Virginia Strasser and Michele Torrioni. We will try again next year.

We have been doing this tree lighting for the past 12 years, we have had to change dates a few times due to the weather but this is the second time we had to completely cancel.

From all of the members of the Waterbury LaSalle Community and Homeowners Association we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We hope to see you at our monthly membership meetings. Our next meeting will be in March.

Please read our weekly column in the Bronx Times Reporter for news that affects you as a member of our community. We are on top of issues that concern you like zoning, traffic, parking, (or the lack of parking) and graffiti and car thefts. This has to stop!

We have had many incidents where car wheels have been stolen mostly from Honda's but not limited to Honda's. We need to know if there has been anymore incidents. Speak to your neighbors. Ask around.

We also need to know if these incidents were reported?

We need to make sure

that every crime committed in our neighborhood is reported to 911.

The more reports the precinct gets, the more cops we will eventually get assigned to us. We will also follow up with the precinct on these reports.

I cannot stress enough - get locks for your wheels! The locks are only about \$50-60 and will save you the cost of new tires if your car is targeted and having to make an insurance claim. The locks do deter them in most cases because it takes them longer to get the tire off. If you have a Honda or any car get wheel locks.

There is another nuisance crime that is happening too often in our neighborhood. People are roaming our neighborhood late in the night or early in the morning trying door handles and if your door is open they riffle through your glove box and center console to steal anything of value that you may have in the car. This crime too must be reported, the only way to stop this and make the police aware is to report it to 911. These small crimes are diminishing your quality of life, we all have to work together to keep our neighborhood from turning the way others have.

Most new cars use a remote key fob to lock, unlock and set the car alarm please be conscious of the way your car alarm works and lock and set your car alarm each time you park your car this will save you from becoming a victim.

As far as Christmas time deliveries - people are following the delivery vans/trucks and waiting to see who brings in their pack-



The Primavera Italian Language Program headed by Loretta Zaino.

ages quickly as opposed to those who may not be home. Arrange either for Saturday

delivery, a signature or a neighbor to grab your packages.

Please - we have to stop letting them take away what we work hard for.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Not much to write about this week except to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and to those concerned, Happy Kwanzaa.

Dr. Susan Angell, Executive Director, Homeless Veterans Initiative is starting a newsletter regarding homeless Vets. For info call the Center for Homeless Vets at 1-877-4AID-VET. Posts can also log onto www.va.gov/homeless

There is a possibility that there is no Catholic Chaplain to say Mass on Sundays at the VA. The last Priest has been reassigned. I'll know Sunday, December 23. If no Priest I'll have a call in to The NY Archdiocese to get some one at least for Christmas Mass. I'll keep you posted.

I picked up Christmas Cards from the Throgg's

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Neck Senior Center and was going to send them to Afghanistan, however, because of the short time frame I rerouted them to The Shut-ins at the VA Hospital.

Last week Post 620 donated some \$4,000 to Calvary Hospital. These monies were accumulated as a result of "The Drunken Volley Ball Tournament" Hosted by Chip Hiney, a Booster here at the Post and Part owner of Paddy's On the Bay. The tournament was held at the Redwood Club, thank you club. Next year will be bigger and better. Chip has been doing this for some 7-8 years. We

had a photo-op at Calvary but Chip couldn't attend as he was delivering Toys For Tots in Queens. Talk about a Happy Conflict.

Again, I don't mean to nag, but watch your drinking and driving.

Trivia Time!!

The first crossword puzzle was printed in "The World" newspaper on December 21, 1913. I solve it with pen and ink because I don't have a typewriter any more.

Flight 103 blew up over Lockerbie on December 21, 1988.

Bernard Goetz shot a number of ne'er-do-wells on December 22, 1984.

The Klu Klux Klan was formed on December 24, 1865. What an anti-social crowd!

Keep the troops in your prayers, take a vet to lunch and God bless.

BY DOROTHEA POGGI

We want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas. Our sympathies and best wishes go out to the families who were affected by Sandy, the families suffering from the cutbacks to the homeless shelters, the tragic shooting in Conn. All the other miserable events that have changed people's lives forever in 2012 are included in our thoughts.

We want to thank all the institutions, first responders, neighbors and

friends that have helped these people in their time of need.

A few of us have tried to gather our thoughts about the possible elimination of the horrific events in our schools, churches, movie theatres etc. We came up with something we feel is worth mentioning.

The common denominator in all these establishments is the presence of a janitor and a food staff and maybe a nurse. We think that the future should include the hiring of willing

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Ferry Point Com'ty Advocates

veterans to take on jobs that require them to be present in our schools etc. Our Government trains our military for combat and then they are on their own when they finish their duty. We believe we should utilize these wonderfully trained persons to protect our chil-

dren. By allowing armed veterans to work in these positions in our schools we can be almost certain that a "deranged" person is not going to seek to shoot down 6 year olds again. Just the knowledge that they may be "Taken Down" before they do their "infamous" deed would stop that pattern of crazed people stepping into a "safe" environment and accomplishing their devastating shooting.

This year the "Friends of Ferry Point Park" welcome the many additional

teams using the West side of the park. Beside the many Adult Soccer Leagues and the Adult Cricket Teams, our park has been permitting youth soccer, youth cricket, Preston High School Soccer, The Hallen School Soccer. We apologize for the lack of a restroom for the youth of Throggs Neck and other areas of NYC in this Park and want to state that we are continuing to rely on James Vacca and our Community Board 10 Parks Committee to advocate for the construction of the already funded

Restroom ASAP.

This year the Bronx Council For Environmental Quality will be sponsoring and event to discuss the coastlines of the Hutchinson River, Eastchester Bay, and along the area to Soundview?

This may include the development of the shorelines to deal with future storms and rain run off. I will let you know more about it as it progresses. We would like to see you there. It will be in March and it will be held at Albert Einstein so far.

BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

Our Christmas goose arrived this morning, a new tradition in our little family. We ordered our first one last year when our friends at Lewis Waite Farm told us they had a dozen available from a local farmer. We had to do a little research (Joy of Cooking again my best resource) and I have to say, it was quite a success. The meat was juicy and flavorful and believe it or not, reminiscent of roast beef...made a delicious gravy too! Last year I made a cornbread stuffing with the goose liver and some dried figs. This year I plan on trying a potato galette with the goose fat.

In anticipation of our Christmas Feast, I planned a few "meat less" meals to offset these rich dishes. Serving a "meatless meal", maybe even instituting "Meatless Mondays" is an idea for those of you looking to make a New Year's Resolution or two. It's not as hard as it sounds - I've gotten quite a few vegetarian meals past my husband without him even noticing.

Use it as an opportunity to try some new recipes or

cuisines. Indian food has quite a few delicious vegetarian dishes such as yellow lentil soup, samosas and paneer. The other night, we ate a Middle Eastern meal of falafel in pita with tahini, hummus, tabouli and babaganoush. You can set up a "Make Your Own Taco" dinner with beans, avocado, roasted corn, peppers, homemade salsa and cheese. Eggplant Parmagiano, Pasta with Marinara Sauce or Risotto with Peas are also good standbys if Italian is your thing. "Make Your Own Pizza" is also a fun idea.

Using meat as a "condiment" is another way to cut down and is worth trying once or twice a week. A stir fry can be filled with vegetables like bok choy, baby spinach, mushrooms, corn, peppers, carrots, peas and some grated ginger so your family won't notice you only used one pork cutlet for the whole meal. A "make your own" salad is topped with a sprinkle of grilled chicken in addition to chopped hard boiled egg, chickpeas or shredded cheese for a good protein boost.

One of my mainstays



when I'm trying to serve a meal that's low on meat is "Greens Eggs and Ham Pizza". We get a lot of greens with the CSA and there are only so many times we can eat sautéed greens. Luckily, the chard, kale and spinach we get are so beautiful and fresh that I can trim them, clean them and run them through the salad spinner before putting them in dated freezer bags. You can use any kind of frozen pizza dough; I had a whole wheat one in my freezer. I also had a bag of Bright Lights Swiss Chard which I thawed out in a colander, squeezed the water out of until it was the size of baseball and chopped it. The ham can be anything you want, I've used prosciutto, pancetta, bacon...this time I used two leftover pork sausages from dinner the night before. The cheese is also whatever you have on hand, basic grated cheese

is fine. Preheat the oven to 415 degrees. I top the dough with a scattering of the greens and the ham leaving four open spaces, one in each quadrant. Put it in the oven for 4 minutes and take it out. Crack one egg into each reserved space. A sprinkle of cheese and return it to the oven to finish off for 8 more minutes. Serves a family of four, but I bet if you made it with six eggs and a side of tomato soup you could stretch it even further.

There are so many good reasons to cut down on the amount of meat we eat. Besides the health benefits, there is the opportunity to spend a little bit more on fresh vegetables and fruit as well as on grass fed meat, eggs and cheese to support local farmers. Experimenting with some of these ideas and letting your kids make their taco or pizza or salad, encourages them to think about their food, try new tastes and combinations. It can also be a way to open up a conversation with your kids, one in which you might find that your teenager is much more savvy about this issue than you are. Maybe after dinner, instead of sitting down to a movie or a TV

show, try watching a documentary. "Carbon Nation", "Cafeteria Man" and "Save the Farm" could be good conversation starters are all easily accessible and not too heavy or preachy. HBO's recent series "The Weight of the Nation" is worth finding on the DVR.

One of the best conversations I've had recently about eating meat vs. vegetarianism was with my 15 year old niece. She was telling me about a discussion in class between some students that were vegetarians and some that were not. The argument against eating meat seemed to be mostly ethical. While the pro meat crowd admitted that had merit, they felt that humans had always eaten meat and didn't think we should have to stop. I asked her what she thought and without hesitation, she said that she loved to eat meat. But, she added, she would not eat fast food because she felt that was cruel to animals. Her dad is a hunter and eating venison is not strange for her, but I was so thrilled to see that she understood the difference between factory meat and everything else.

We don't realize how

important the power of the purse is. Any chance you have to eat better food helps you hedge your bets against future illness and disease. Invest in good food today and you are investing in local farmers, jobs and the environment. If you think taking away the junk food will cause your family to rebel, think again. You may have their support!

In closing, if you're reading this article then the world didn't end on the 21st. Instead you are probably thinking about your New Year's Resolutions. Events in our area over the last few months, natural and otherwise, could make the strongest of us feel despair or hopelessness at our future as a society. Instead, I feel hopeful at our power when we unite for a common cause. So I offer these resolutions for the New Year: Make Love Not War. Make friends not enemies. Make communities not subdivisions. Make solar panels not assault weapons. Make wind turbines not tanks. Make jobs not jails. Make compost not pesticides. Make slow food not fast food. Make gardens not parking lots. Make love not war.

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BY TONY SALIMBENE

Well it wouldn't be an end of the year news letter without a few more 'Thank You' notes. A late thanks to Dorothy Poggi of Alpha Arts, in the Ferry Point section of the hood, for the fantastic banner donated to the Bronx Military Veterans Museum. Me, the wife and especially Joe G. are so happy and we hope you visit Alpha for any graphic needs you or your organization may have.

A special thanks to another artist Ms. Catherine Cross of the Gold Star Moth-

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ers. She sent us beautifully designed greeting cards for Christmas, Veterans Day and Memorial Day. They arrived in time for the holiday but after our meeting! I have about 25 of each and will try to remember to bring them to the meeting prior to the actual event day.

Still another thanks to

the post for the nice plaque remembering my many years as adjutant. Other recipients were Dave for all of his financial assistance and Colleen for her dedication to so many post activities. Of course I probably forgot someone...

The 3rd Sunday in January, that's 2013, we have our regular meeting at American Turners NY, starting 10:30.

Until Next Time: Everyone on the count of 3, yell Happy New Year!! Have a safe, healthy and prosperous one!



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East Bronx History Forum

BY THOMAS X. CASEY

The East Bronx History Forum announces that the Forum's 76th meeting on Wednesday, December 19, was strongly supported by the community. The Huntington Free Library and Reading Room at 9 Westchester Square was filled with over 60 concerned historians and community activists both young and old.

The reason for this outpouring was to view, understand and support a new design for the abandoned

New York, Westchester and Boston Railroad Station at Whitlock Avenue. Amanda Schachter and Alex Levi of the Manhattan-based firm SLO Architecture are two visionary designers that have developed a design to use the train station for access to the Bronx River and Concrete Plant Park.

The presentation revealed that most of the architectural details and beauty of the 1908 Cass Gilbert designed station is still intact, awaiting reuse. Their plan calls for reuse of the station

that would include a grand street level entrance and bridge over the rail tracks to parkland and The Bronx River.

The meeting ended with a photographic tribute to John McNamara on the 100th year anniversary of his birth, December 22, 1912. Bronx historian, John McNamara during his life shared his love of local history and Bronx natural beauty as a mentor to the Forum's members and officers.



Photo by Mike Gupta

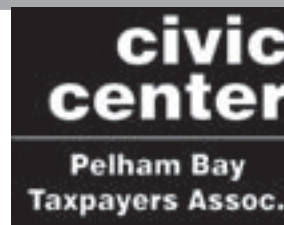
At the East Bronx History Forum certificate presentation were (l-r) Tom Casey, Secretary; Rich Vitacco, president; Tom Vasti, vice president; Amanda Schachter and Alex Levi of SLO Architecture.

BY ANITA VALENTI

Our wonderful planet again survived another one of those many dooms day prophecies. On the morning of December 25th, children around the world happily opened the many gifts Santa Claus left for them under the beautiful Christmas tree decorated by many hands in preparation for his annual event. .

Family and friends travel many miles to be together to celebrate Christmas and pray to the baby Jesus for peace on earth and good will to all men and women..Prayers for the economy to bounce back. Prayers for babies born today will grow up healthy and free from devastating diseases. Prayers that wars will end and happiness can be found for all friends and families

As 2012 retreats back into history and 2013 quickly approaches, people will begin with their new years resolution's with the intent to better themselves and the ones around them. 2012 was a year filled with both heart warming and heart breaking stories. We smile at the thought of the NYPD officer Larry DePrimo who bought a homeless man a pair of boots and socks to keep him warm during the



frigid winter months was a sign of good will that all people should consider. On the other hand we have the heartbreaking story of the twenty-six lives lost, twenty of them young children, in Newtown Connecticut before Christmas and we all pray that things like this never happen again, and that those in need of help get the right treatment.

Prayers and hope that greed will be erased from those only seeing the money aspect, and instead have a clear conscious and good morale ethics to give our youth, hardworking men and women the ability to continue to live their lives drug free. Today, painkillers have become a very popular drug in this country and they are highly addictive, so we hope doctors properly prescribe them for proper usage helping prevent those who fall victim to these drugs.

Miracles do happen and it is better to be optimistic than pessimistic, and hopefully our world

will be blessed with joy and the sounds of laughter from all of us the coming New Year. Hope everybody enjoyed their Christmas and holiday season and we look forward to a new year with good health and joy.

Our goals of the Pelham Bay Taxpayer & Civic united with our neighboring civic associations for the New year 2013, is to work together to make our communities safe from irresponsible driving, crime, and corruption. We will aggressively continue our many request for traffic signs to make our streets safe for our children, adults and seniors. We here in Pelham Bay often walk to the places we need to get to and by having appropriate traffic signals is the first step.

PBTCA do not hold meetings in January or February. Dues of \$10 which include the Bronx Times Reporter mailed to your home can be mailed to Pelham Bay Taxpayers & Civic Association, Pilgrim Station P.O. Box 610233, Bronx, New York, 10461.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL. AND GOOD HEALTH, PEACE, LOVE, JOY, SUCCESS

AND HEARTY LAUGHTER FOR ALL.

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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Similar to what our nation experienced in the 1970's, the United States is in the midst of a crisis of confidence, emanating not from the people but from their government.

During that decade, a chain of disasters seemed to foreshadow the end of American leadership. In Vietnam, heroic U.S. troops, though generally victorious in battle, had been forced by media pressure to leave the field to the enemy. Incredibly shortsighted State Department officials sided with the Ayatollah Khomeini over the pro-western Shah of Iran, abandoning that nation and its people to a medieval regime that quickly descended into war with its neighbor

and extreme hostility towards the west.

Throughout the world, it was "accepted wisdom" that the Soviet Union would soon inherit global leadership. Pundits and politicians alike openly discussed how best to "peacefully and gradually transfer" international dominance to Moscow.

At home, for the first time in history, a president had left office in disgrace. Governmental mismanagement of fuel allocation had caused the formation of gas lines and shortages. A lack of resources had gutted the military. Even the vaunted Apollo space program, which in 1969 had provided a glorious uplifting of hearts throughout the planet with the first manned landing

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on the moon, was cancelled. Misguided governmental policy had prompted an inflationary cycle that was destroying the economy. Most importantly, the traditional American values of self-reliance, individual liberty and limited government were openly doubted and criticized at universities, in the media, and by elected officials.

President Carter, instead of providing inspiration and leadership, accelerated the downward spiral by speaking of "malaise."

As 2012 draws to a close,

we face an eerily similar environment. In international affairs, there is nonstop discussion of how to allow China to become the dominant power on earth. Despite the heroism of our troops and an extensive record of military accomplishment, our forces have been or are largely being withdrawn from Iraq and Afghanistan. The consistently incompetent U.S. State Department has supported the overthrow of a pro-peace and pro-Western leader of Egypt and his replacement by forces that are thirsty for war and overtly anti-American. Our armed forces are being gutted. Our manned space program, so vital to the nation's technological and economic prosperity and our defense, has virtually been placed in

mothballs.

Mistakes in domestic policy also recall the errors of the 1970's. The White House used what should have been a temporary financial crisis as an excuse to fundamentally reshape our economic system, thereby making that crisis permanent and directly attacking the capitalist system that made America the most prosperous nation on earth. Pro-Washington companies have benefited from a redistribution of the wealth, giving the Administration greater control over private corporations.

And again, American values are being questioned by both the media and the White House. The decision to force religious institutions to pay for practices that are

against their faiths is one example, part of a larger campaign to nationalize American health care in a most Un-American way. The president's repeated comments that he is annoyed with the separation of powers, emphasized by his "We Can't Wait" slogan, directly attacks the fundamental structure of our government.

Unlike the failed Carter presidency, however, President Obama has been re-elected. As the new year looms, a nation holds its breath and hopes that the current downward spiral can be halted.

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**BY FATHER
RICHARD F. GORMAN**
“IT’S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!” We almost endlessly hear these joyful words set to melodious music during this special time of year. If I might be permitted by you, friends and neighbors, a bit of liberty, I would suggest that these words be amended to say: “IT IS THE MOST WINDERFULLY HOLY TIME OF THE YEAR!” Indeed, in addition to the celebrations of Chanukah commemorated by our Jewish friends and Christmas, the Feast of the Birth of Jesus Christ, observed by me and all of my Christian brothers and sisters of whatever Church or faith community, there are a number of other religious holydays kept by our brethren of other faiths. I mentioned in a prior column that the Sikh community had an important date on their calendar earlier this month. Other faiths with holydays this month include Muslims marking the Day of Ashura; Buddhists keeping Bodhi Day; Zoroastrians keeping not one (1), but two (2) holidays -- viz., Yalda on December 21st, the celebration of the

winter solstice, and the death of their Prophet, Zoroaster or Zarathushtra as he is known in the Eastern Hemisphere, on December 26th; and Wiccans and other pagan groups marking Yule (“Juul”), an ancient feast connected to the winter solstice. Not strictly a religious observance, but certainly a celebration with spiritual overtones since it highlights “imani,” which is Swahili word for “faith,” is Kwanzaa, a modern-day, week-long African-American and pan-African celebration of family, community, and culture that gets underway this year on the day after Christmas.

Yes, so much calls for us to be thankful, care-free, and cheerful at this particular time. Yet, the tremendous tragedies that have befallen us as of late are doing their level best to rob us of our joy and to weigh our spirits down. So many of our fellow New Yorkers still suffer from the horrendous after-effects of Superstorm Sandy. Robbed of security, memories, hearth, and home, their loss is exceeded only by those of our neighbors robbed of their very life by the wrath of this

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hurricane. The massacre of little, first-grade children and their teachers at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut confounds all comprehension and defies all explanation as much as it engenders horror and heartache. War looms, yet again, in a land called “Holy,” in the very region of the world where Jesus, “the Prince of Peace,” was born centuries ago. The precipice looming below the edge of the so-called “fiscal cliff” beckons as our national leaders hold fast to what they ascribe as “principle” even as the principle of serving the public interest seems to take a second and very far back seat. The stock market tumbles even as I pen these words, perhaps portending even greater economic woes and hard times ahead. Closer to home, a past Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York along with a former Chairman of

the United States Federal Reserve warn that New York State is fiscally incapable of meeting all of its budgetary entitlements and mandates even as Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg has called for budget cuts in both the present and the prospective New York City Fiscal Years.

“Peace on Earth. Good Will to All!” Say what? At this point, we might be tempted to agree with and echo old Ebenezer Scrooge and exclaim, “BAH! HUMBUG!”

I do not ascribe to this mindset. I shall explain myself in my column next week as we find ourselves underway in celebrating the Twelve Days of Christmas. I am still processing the mindless carnage of the Newtown bloodbath and so shall defer comment on it for the time being. However, in an effort to release all of the gloom and the grief of the moment at once, I regret to inform my neighbors in Community Board #12 (The Bronx) and in our beautiful Borough of the death of one of our truly great leaders, MRS. CHRISTINE HAIRSTON FOREMAN.

Folks in our local area and beyond came to know Mrs. Foreman in a variety of ways: as Treasurer and Chairwoman of the Standing Committee on Parks and Recreation of Community Board #12 (The Bronx); as Founder and President of The Seton Falls Park Preservation Coalition, Incorporated; as President of The Baychester

Quality of Life Council; as a foremost advocate for our New York City Parks; and as a generous neighbor whose door, hands, and heart were always open to others.

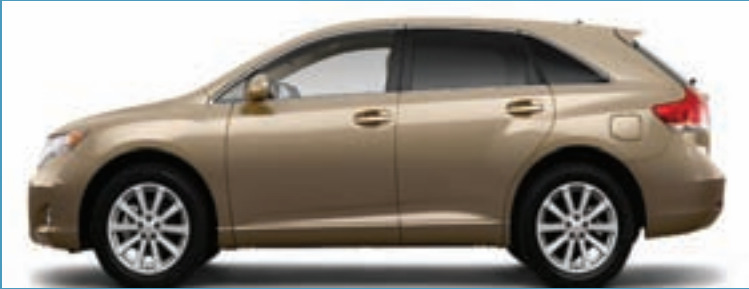
Christine Foreman was an always dependable partner to me. She was a faithful and tireless Community Board colleague. Most importantly, she was a genuine friend. These personal affections and connections aside, I believe that she was an authentic leader, in every sense of the word, in our area. Her endeavors on behalf of children, parks, public safety, and schools did much to enrich our local quality of life. I believe that the work and the achievements of Mrs. Foreman should not be confined to the memory of history or, worse yet, overlooked or forgotten. There is, I believe, an appropriate manner in which to honor her and to enshrine her memory in our civic heart. I propose that the children’s playground in Seton Falls Park, which Christine fought to rescue from decay and from commercial development -- and most successfully so -- be christened “THE CHRISTINE HAIRSTON FOREMAN CHILDREN’S PLAYGROUND.” This would constitute a Christmas gift to Community Board #12 (The Bronx) that would give joy all year round. I have written to Commissioner of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation (N.Y.C.D.P.R.) Veronica M.

White announcing that, at its first Stated Meeting in 2013, Mrs. Foreman’s co-workers on Community Board #12 will receive, and I trust approve with unanimity and enthusiasm, a resolution calling for the dedication of the Seton Falls Park Playground in her honor. I am sending my correspondence to Commissioner White to our local newspapers as a “Letter to the Editor” that I hope they will find the generosity and the space to print. It aptly sums up why Mrs. Christine H. Foreman has so rightly earned this distinction. This correspondence, along with a letter that I wrote to Christine’s Son, Clifton, can be found on the website of Community Board #12 (The Bronx) at www.bronxc12.info.

In the meantime, my humble suggestion for the present is that when we feel that life is most difficult to bear and running amok, such is precisely the time to run towards God and into the security of His loving arms and not away from Him. Just about every portrayal of the newborn Infant Savior of Bethlehem has arms that are wide open. Maybe there is a very good reason for this -- viz., that is where God call us, that is where God wants us, and that is where we all belong.

Happy Christmas! Until next time, that is it for this time!

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit owners of the Parkchester South Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - REGGIE PEDRAZA, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated October 26, 2012, I will sell at public auction on January 14, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester South Condominium known as apartment 4C, in the building known as E-7 a/k/a 63, and by street address 1555 Odell Street, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 3795, in Block 3943 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0130 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium.

The amount due under the Judgment is \$12,194.04, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Citimortgage, Inc., in the original principal sum of \$140,000.00 with interest. Index No. 380207/10.

ALBERTO TORRES, ESQ., Referee
ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff 828 South Broadway, Suite 100 Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 591-7722

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY.
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, Pltf. vs. VALERIE B. ROMAN F/K/A VALERIE B. ROMAN-RIVERA A/K/A VALERIE ROMAN RIVERA, et al, Defts. Index #07-380786. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Feb. 10, 2009, I

will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Jan. 7, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 738 East 242nd St., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 5114, Lot 62. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$314,699.66 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. CHRISTOPHER J. MARENGO, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. File No. 26156 - #82048

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1
, Plaintiff,
Against
CARLOS NIETO, JR.; et al.
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Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 10/26/2010, I, the undersigned

Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 1/7/2013 at 2:00 pm premises known as 735 Taylor Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473.

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David Peter Lesch, Esq., Referee.
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES
Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road , Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Dated: 11/8/2012 File Number: 18564 MNN

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, EN RESOURCES LLC, Plaintiff, vs. SAN JOSE REALTY, LLC, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 24, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on January 14, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 614-616 East 180th Street, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3069 and Lot 80. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381824/08.

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New chairman for CB 11 chosen

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ters Local 638 for over 40 years, and is currently its Bronx political representative. He is also a Democratic state committeeman for the 80th Assembly District who actively campaigned for local Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera, who lost in the September primary to Mark Gjonaj.

Although, under City Charter rules, McManus' political position wouldn't bar him from chairing the board, nominee D'Angelo expressed reservations, as did some other board members.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and Councilman Jimmy Vacca came under some fire for actively campaigning for McManus. Though legal, some complained it raised a potential conflict of interest since many developers who con-

tribute heavily to electeds' campaigns must also come before local community boards to win approval for their projects.

City Council members nominate board members for two-year terms, and borough presidents appoint them to the boards - and can choose not to re-appoint them, as Diaz recently did with 13 members of Community Board 9 in Soundview, where he has been wrangling with the district manager there.

The Board 11 vote was to fill the seat of longtime chair Dom Castore, who died in November after a lengthy battle with illness that left the board without a chair for two years. Vitaliano had filled in as acting chairman of the board, which covers Morris Park, Pelham Parkway, Van Nest, Eastchester and Allerton.

Under board proce-

dures, each candidate spoke for three minutes, highlighting their strengths, followed by a question-and-answer segment, with nominees given one-minute response times to member questions.

Each candidate was also asked one question by each member of the board and were given one minute response times.

Questions varied from how each nominee thought they would be able to improve education in the district to how they will manage the chaos that can sometime consume board meetings.

Although nominees differed opinions on a number of issues, they all agreed they want to see an end to the chaos that has often marked fractious meetings at the 48-member board.

Board chairpersons, an unpaid position, work as liaisons between board



Photo by Bob Kappstatter

Candidates gather after vote for new chairman of local Community Board 11. (l-r) Al D'Angelo, Irene Rukaj, winner Anthony Vitaliano, and Joe McManus.

members and the district motions the board passes. ears of the neighborhood for manager, who executes any They are also the eyes and quality of life issues.

Board 9 district mgr. escapes ax

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office to run the Bronx Puerto Rican Day Parade. At the Dec. 20 general board meeting, two-year member William Rivera initially put the "out of the blue" removal request to a vote.

Among other complaints, Rivera protested Gonzalez's non-binding approval of liquor licenses to eateries, along with the lack of an operable website.

The board covers Soundview, Parkchester, Castle Hill and Unionport.

But the motion fell short by just two votes, as abstentions and nayers prevailed.

Among those defeating the motion was Angel Miranda, a newly-appointed member who spoke in support of Gonzalez. "He can give great years to the community board," he told the Bronx Times.

But despite Gonzalez's latest victory, he's still under investigation from the city Department of Investigation for allegedly running the Bronx Puerto Rican Day Parade non-profit, which lost its 501(c)(3) status after not paying taxes for six

years.

Chairwoman Cheryl Marrow shed light on the investigation for the sake of other CB9 members during the meeting, a point Gonzalez's attorney argues violated his privacy rights.

"I can assure you," Gonzalez told The Bronx Times, "at the end of the day, the Bronx Puerto Rican Day Parade documents can prove the parade hasn't done anything wrong."

The motion to remove Gonzalez stretches back over a decade, with the latest attempt last in May after Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. axed fifteen CB9 members, including longtime chairman Al Heyward, with Diaz failing to re-appoint them.

Miranda charged that Diaz told newly appointed members that he wanted them to dump Gonzalez.

"Diaz Jr. said they were bringing in new members because they feel the need to remove Gonzalez," said Miranda, adding that Tom Lucania, the BP's director of community boards, and General Counsel Al Rodriguez were on hand at the Borough Hall meeting.

Gonzalez has had bad blood with Diaz Jr. and his senator father Ruben Sr. for years, according to former CB9 member Ken Padilla.

Padilla was chosen for the board in 2002 and claims Diaz Sr., then Councilman for the 18th district, picked him with the stated goal of staging a coup against Gonzalez.

That never came to light. Padilla soon changed sides, saying he became convinced Gonzalez was an effective leader, and the animosity against him was simply "personal and political."

Gonzalez's fate mirrors former Community Board 7 district manager Fernando Tirado, who survived an ouster attempt at a September general board meeting. He later resigned to take a job at a Long Island charity.

Felicia Contreras, another pro-Gonzalez member, said she expects another attempt at removing Gonzalez at the next CB9 general board meeting Jan.17.

"I'm sure it's not over, but this is causing the board to be divided," she said. "We're losing sight of what we're really here for."

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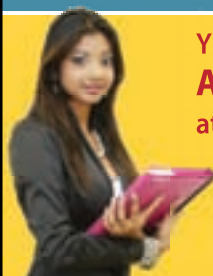
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX EASTERN SAVINGS BANK, FSB, Plaintiff against SHELDON FRANCIS a/k/a SHELDON M. FRANCIS, et al Defendant(s).
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HOWARD B. BERG, ESQ., Referee.
KRISS & FEUERSTEIN LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 360 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1200, New York, NY 10017

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, Plaintiff against PARKVIEW AVENUE ESTATES, LLC, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated September 25, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 14th day of January, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate. Ivina and beina

in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, as map #1087 and as and by Lot #765 and 766 in Block 18, which said lots when taken together are more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Tremont Road as laid down on said map and the westerly side of Gainsborg Avenue as laid down on said map; being a plot 100 feet by 50 feet by 100 feet by 50 feet. Block: 4177 Lot: 28. Said premises known as 1701 PARKVIEW AVENUE, BRONX., NY. Approximate amount of lien \$ 59,868.50 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380487/10.
ROBERT I. GARDNER, ESQ., Referee.
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs against JACQUELINE MCLEAN; JAMES A. ALEXANDER, et al Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on August 20, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 14th day of January, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of The Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 4944 and Lot 83 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map. Said premises known as DYRE AVENUE, BRONX, NY. Approximate amount of lien \$ 8,006.10 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380784/10.
WARREN L. COHEN, ESQ., Referee.
Phillips Lytle LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs
1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY 14614

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS Collateral Agent And Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiff against JOSEPH PENNYFEATHER, ALTHEA PENNYFEATHER, et al Defendant(s).
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GERALD LEONESCU, ESQ., Referee.
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX NYCTL 2004-A TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2004-A Trust, Plaintiff against INES DIANA MONTI, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated July 24, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 7th day of January, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 4192 and Lot 52 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map. Said premises known as 2865 BUHRE AVENUE, BRONX, NY
Approximate amount of lien \$ 16,367.46 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 15191/06.
HARRY FORMAN, ESQ., Referee.
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NYCTL 2009-A TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2009-A Trust, Plaintiff against MAX LEYVA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated August 8, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 14th day of January, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 2292 Lot 24 on the Bronx County land and tax map as it presently exists. Said premises known as 422 EAST 148TH STREET, BRONX, NY
Approximate amount of lien \$ 80,242.04 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380622/10.
DENISE MIRANDA, ESQ., Referee.
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP. 2005-OPT1 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-OPT1, Plaintiff against CLINTON FORBES; DAN FORBES; LENNY FORBES; SUZAN FORBES, et al Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 14, 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 7th day of January, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
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Tax account number: SBL #: 2-12.
Approximate amount of lien \$ 343,838.72 plus interest and costs.
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Index No. 15852-07. Peter Rosato, Esq., Referee.
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PETROMELIS, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 160 Pilot Street, Apt 422; Bronx, New York 10464, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$6,101.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$3,050.50 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$3,050.50 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as Counsel to the Public Administrator be allowed; that the Administrator be allowed her statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that the possible claims of Verizon, Park Avenue Medical Assoc, PC, Consolidated Edison and Bio Scrip Pharmacy all be disallowed in their entirety for a failure to substantiate; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the unknown distributees of the decedent; that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent’s distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted.
Dated, Attested and Sealed, November 27, 2012. (L. S.) HON. LEE L. HOLZMAN, Surrogate, Bronx County, Michael Hausler, Chief Clerk. This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney at law appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner’s attorney. Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925 9100 (Manhattan) & 1-718- 992-1428 (Bronx) Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

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So, why is anybody surprised that they laundered money from Al Qaeda and Communist China?

X-rayed His Head And Found Nothing

I've long been a proponent that the NFL was morphing into a "Powder-Puff" group, but something HAS TO change. The increased size, speed, and

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Mount St. Michael pulls win over Xaverian

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Mount St. Michael held the decisive advantage both in the score and foul situation. Clinging to a one-point lead after a turnover, the Mountaineers had just one foul called against them all second half. It set up an unusual end-game scenario.

Coach Tom Fraher told his club to keep fouling Xaverian players with 14.9 seconds left in the game and the Clippers controlling the ball. They only had to do it once. K.J. Riley ended up stealing the ball from Xaverian guard Lamel Faison and was fouled. The Clippers, who has just two team fouls at the time, couldn't only foul twice more before time expired on a 52-51 home win in CHSAA Class AA boys basketball Thursday.

"We were going to foul him again," Fraher said. "Then he dribbled it off his knee and we got a break."

The Mountaineers (4-3, 2-2), who trailed 12-4 early, grabbed a 48-44 lead with 2:38 to play thanks to a corner 3-pointer from star Andrew Utate, who had 11 points. Things went back and forth until Xaverian's Joey Dello Russo hit his third trey of the game to make it 52-51 with 47.4 second left. Utate praised his coach's strategy down the stretch.

"That was actually smart of him," he said. "We had many fouls to give. They didn't go to the free throw line."

One of the biggest reasons for Mount's win was the play of 6-foot-9 senior center Stefan Chong, who scored 10 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. He had two thunderous two-handed slams that left Fraher joking about what happens then he finally catches the ball. Chong also gave his team a decisive advantage



Priyanka Katumuluwa

Mount St. Michael's Stefan Chong slams the ball home with two hands.

on the defensive glass, limiting Xaverian's second chance points. Faison led Xaverian (4-1, 2-1) with 13 points.

"Those two dunks really got my confidence going," Chong said.

Chong wasn't the only one who showed Fraher something,

but the entire team as well. Six games in and after a loss to Holy Cross into the season the coach said he was starting to have his doubts about this club, something he only told them after the win. He got a decisive answer as they battled the Clippers wire to wire and came away with a need-

ed win.

"He wasn't sure if we were tough enough and we had that toughness," Chong said. "We showed him today that we are going to play tough from the beginning... I think that showed he doesn't have to have any doubts."

Ferguson, St. Ray's fend off Molloy in overtime

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

St. Raymond and its inexperienced players had endured enough to break most teams.

The Ravens saw host Archbishop Molloy erase an 11-point fourth quarter deficit and send

the game to overtime with a banked in 3-pointer by Gabe Kilpatrick with two seconds left in regulation. Still first-year coach George Lopez felt it hadn't affected his club.

"I still knew we had some

fight in us," he said. "These guys showed me they can close games out, unfortunately it was done in overtime."

Troy Ferguson completed a big second half by sinking two free throws with 3.3 seconds

left to seal St. Ray's 81-79 win in CHSAA Class AA boys basketball Friday night. The junior guard finished with 17 of his 22 points after halftime to go along with four assists.

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St. Ray's fends off Molloy



Photo by Robert Cole

St. Raymond's Jaquan McKennon drives in for layup during the CHSAA "AA" basketball game between St. Raymond's and Archbishop Molloy. Photo by Robert Cole

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"I like the pressure," Ferguson said. "I felt comfortable."

The Ravens seemed in control after a 5-0 run to start the fourth quarter thanks to a Ferguson trey and an ally-oop finish from sophomore center Luis Santos to go ahead 56-45. Ferguson, who attacked the paint and connected on three 3-pointers was trying to get points in the flow of the game as Lopez instructed him.

"I just listen listened to coach, score when I can," he said.

The Stanners (6-3, 0-2) responded by rattling off

10 straight points behind Chaz Watler, who scored a game-high 32 points and Jason Cethoute to get with in 56-55 with 3:51 remaining in the game. The Ravens (3-1, 2-1) went back up 67-60 with less than a minute to play, but turnovers, untimely fouls and two treys from Kilpatrick let Molloy get back in.

"I told them what it was going to be like," Lopez said. "I told them it was going to be a crazy environment, I told them we weren't going to get any calls here."

A major bright spot is the continued improvement of the 6-foot-8 Santos.

He dominated the game inside for three quarters scoring 27 points and hauling in 13 rebounds. Jaquan McKennon added eight points and five assists.

"He's settling down," Lopez said of Santos.

It appears the Ravens are as well, picking up a second straight win despite making things difficult. It's and experience they will only going to allow them to grow."

"It's going to help a lot," Ferguson said. "We are going to have a lot of tough games later on during the season. This is probably a good experience for us early."

Merry Christmas from the Zodiacs

BY WINSTON DINKINS

The Zodiacs family would like to thank and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Zodiac's educational coordinator noted that the children needed Community Services for school and therefore organized a function to have Zodiac's children sang Christmas carols to the residents of Bay Park Nursing Home in Co-op City. They stated that it was a wonderful sight to see the smiles on the sick and elderly faces and to give them some holiday cheer. The children noted that they felt more joy seeing the smiles on the resident's faces, than winning a medal. The following children that participated were Giovanna Tolbert, Taylor Douglas, Keelan Thomas, Kasim Thomas, Josephine Kendall, Jacqueline Kendall, Jordan Ingram, and Tyron Ingram.

On Sunday, December 16, the Zodiacs traveled to New Jersey City to compete in the NJ City Youth Classic. The competition was hard; some of the best teams from the tri-state area were there. Only the top 3 in each age group and division earned awards. The following athletes that medal were: Adaria Reaves, Kendra Todd, Samantha Archer, Jaylen Evans, Desiree King, Pearl Webster, Tiara Williams, Nasir West, Julian Caldwell, Jordan Ingram, Joseph Webster, Jordan Samuels, Ralph Escobar, Kendall Todd, Alex Scott, Keelan Thomas, Shem Spencer, Darius Gordon, Taylor Douglas, Tyron Ingram and Dontae Lindo,

On Saturday, December 22, the Zodiacs competed in the Armory Youth Classic at the 168th St Armory in NYC. The competition there was intense. Especially for the girls division,

due to it was the final meet before the start of the Women Colgate Games. Only the top three in each age group and division earned medals. The following athletes that earned medals were: Jacqueline Kendall 2nd long jump, Tiara Williams 1st 55m, Sukanya Wade 2nd 55m, Adaria Reaves 3rd 55m and 1st in the 200 meter. Shem Spencer 2nd in the 400 and 1st in the 200 meter, Samantha Archer 1st Shot put and Micah Johnson 2nd 55 meter race.

The Zodiacs compete all year round in multiple events in cross country, in-door and out-door track and field meets. The children learn how to balance sports and education. For additional information visit www.Zodiacstrack.org or contact president Thomas Francis at (718) 679-2060 or co-president Winston Dinkins at (914) 441-6196, email WATCLT@AOL.COM.



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The Bronx continues to be one of city's strongest football boroughs

Fordham Prep in the CHSFL Class AA semifinals
Mt. St. Michael and Cardinal Hayes had strong seasons

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Bronx continued to show its one of the city's stronger football boroughs. Fordham Prep fell in the CHSFL Class AA semifinals, while Mt. St. Michael and Cardinal Hayes had strong seasons. John F. Kennedy, despite losing to DeWitt Clinton during the regular season, produced a second straight year of .500 or better.

Player of the Year
Anthony Cruz
Kennedy

The dynamic junior quarterback is a game changer, living up too much of the preseason hype. Cruz can run people over and has an accurate arm. He threw for over 700 yards and tossed seven touchdowns. Cruz also rushed for more than 600 yards and nine scored for the Knights, who went 5-4

Coach of Year
Mario Valentini
Mount St. Michael

There aren't many coaches who get more out of their players than Valentini. His Mountaineers club was decimated by graduation. Still they hung tough in the CHSFL Class AAA league and beat rival Cardinal Hayes on Thanksgiving. Mount hasn't had luck with play-offs opponents, losing to eventual AA champ Xavier in the quarterfinals.

Football First Team
OL/DL Mamadou Bah,
Cardinal Hayes

Hayes has produced some of the city's top running backs Bah was a big reason why. The senior was a force on both sides of the ball, opening up whole for his players and closing them on opponents

LB Khalil Collier
Cardinal Hayes

The senior was a force to be reckoned with. His combination of speed and size made his him a

nightmare for quarterbacks. Collier recorded six sacks and recovered three fumbles

RB Malik Crossdale
Fordham Prep

Crossdale, a junior, came into his own as the season went along. The elusive back rushed for 1,043 yards and seven touchdowns and also added a receiving score. He has a change to be one of the best to play for the Rams.

WR George Dawson
Cardinal Hayes

Dawson is a big play waiting to happen. He can take a screen to the house or beat his man down field. He caught 36 passes for 662 yards and seven touchdowns for Hayes.

WR Jimmy Drago
Fordham Prep

Coach Pete Gorynski couldn't help, but sing the praises of the sure-handed Drago throughout the season. The CHSFL's leading receiver caught 77 balls for 1,045 yards and six touchdowns.

WR/DB Tim Jones
Kennedy

The Cardinal Hayes transfer made himself right at home in the PSAL, forming quite a duo with quarterback Anthony Cruz. Jones recorded 737 yards of total offense with eight touchdowns.

RB Haleem Livingston
DeWitt Clinton

The senior was a workhorse for the Governors. Livingston carried the ball 111 times for 658 yards and eight touchdowns. The power back is extremely hard to bring down in the open field.

OL/DL Jacob Mackey
Fieldston

The 6-foot-6, 235-pound senior was the anchor on both lines for the Eagles. He was a major force on the defensive pressuring the quarterback and recording seven

sacks.

QB Isaiah Martir
Mount St. Michael

Martir filed in nicely for the graduated Najae Brown. He had a touchdown in the air and on the ground in a win over Fordham Prep and rushed for four scores in a play-off loss to eventual Class AA champions Xavier.

QB James McHale
Fordham Prep

McHale showed why coach Pete Gorynski is so high on him and formed a big-time connection with Drago. McHale threw for 1,341 yards, including 298 against Xaverian, to go along with nine touchdowns.

RB Albert Sutton
Mount St. Michael

The junior emerged as the Mountaineers top running back. He had monster games in two of Mount's biggest wins. Sutton ran for 162 yards and two touchdowns in a win over Holy Cross and 221 yards and two scores versus Hyaes.

Honorable Mention

QB Kyle Benjamin
Cardinal Spellman
WR Joshua Edwards
DeWitt Clinton
RB/DB Jared Chester
Mount St. Michael
RB Matthew Evora
John F. Kennedy
LB Robert Harris
Cardinal Hayes
QB Sam Healy
Fieldston
RB Patrick Heumengi
Cardinal Hayes
RB Jake Margolis
Riverdale
OL Michael McGrane
Fordham Prep
RB Jake Schneider
Fieldston
DL Itua Udebo
Fordham Prep
LB Demetrius Wade
John F. Kennedy
RB Mark Walsh
Riverdale
DB Malik Wilder
Mount St. Michael
RB Armani Williams
Truman

Pipe Dreams: Mellow Melo; in defense of Lance Armstrong

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strength of today's players have created a demolition-derby type of game. The concussion-contingent has grown to such a large number that it seems as though it's now a contest to see who can run head-first into a cement wall the hardest and still be able to run back to the bench.

Donald's Trump
Worth Retelling

Dwight Perry (Seatle Times) passed along this Jimmy Fallon bit, "Donald Trump mistakenly called New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick Bob Belichick then he said, 'I apologize to the entire Patriots organization, and their quarterback, Jan Brady.'"

Take That, Prestone
Dwight also passed this along, "Circus trainers in Russia say they saved two of their elephants — temporarily forced outside after their transport trailer caught fire — from the deadly Siberian cold by giving them 2 ½ gallons of watered-down vodka. 'This is news?'" asked one veteran Packers fan."

Brad Rock
(Deseret News) Told Us

"BYU football coach Bronco Mendenhall on reports linking him to the Colorado vacancy: 'I didn't express any interest, haven't been contacted, didn't interview and didn't know I was a candidate. Other than that, I guess I'm a finalist, from what I've been told.'"

Mellow Melo

I think that the biggest explanation for Carmelo Anthony's superior type of play this season is that the time he spent with Coach K and Assistant-Olympic Coach Jim Boeheim (Anthony's college coach at Syracuse). They preached the team-game style of play, where Anthony was in the second wave of Olympic stars playing in the game

and it has made Anthony a different and better player this season.

Big East Re-wind

The Big East was formed in 1979 as a basketball conference. Now seven of the schools (G'town, SJU, Seton Hall, Providence, 'Nova, DePaul, and Marquette) who are b-ball proponents, are splitting away to form their own group. Don't feel badly for Syracuse, a founding B.E. school, not being among the group because they, along with Pitt (who joined the B.E. in 1982), jumped to the ACC for their football associations and money. Those seven schools feel that b-ball is just as relevant as f-ball and just remember that the Big East became the ONLY conference to have three of the final four teams in the same final four of the NCAA Tournament (1985).

The Physics Of
A KO Punch

Scott Ostler had this explanation of the punch that knocked out Manny Pacquiao cold: "Then came Manny's unmanful explanation of the KO punch.

'He just got lucky with that punch. ... He threw the punch without looking,' Pacquiao said. 'He was surprised.'

Pacquiao used physics to explain that the punch carried devastating force because his face was moving forward.

That's right, Pacquiao is basically saying he should get credit for the KO, since he ended the fight by punching Marquez in the fist with his face."

Scott also named Pacquiao as his knucklehead of the week.

In Defense Of
Lance Armstrong

Sally Jenkins DID write a couple of books with Lance Armstrong but still said, "Maybe I'm not angry at Lance because I don't understand those people who are bitterly angry to discover

that he is not Santa Claus, while ignoring the very real and useful presents he delivered. Not toys, not hagiography, but the simple yet critical lesson that a third medical opinion can save your life. Or that the more educated a sick person is about their disease, the greater their statistical chance of survival. Who not only preached those lessons, but built an organization through which anyone can get the information and education about cancer for free that he was fortunate enough to be able to afford. And who put his money and incalculable amounts of time where his mouth was, raising \$500 million for research and donating \$7 million of his own fortune.

Maybe I'm not angry at Lance because the guy I know lost his head to celebrity and ego at times, but he always, always kept his head on straight about cancer. 'You don't beat it,' he said. 'You get very lucky and survive it. I don't want anyone to think I beat cancer because I'm special.' And because I never once saw him too tired to engage with a cancer sufferer, or too vain to pull out his driver's license and show the picture of himself bald, with no eyebrows, and two half moon scars in his scalp from brain surgery to remove tumors. Or because he once said this, and I got to be the person who wrote it down and deliver it to others: 'If children have the ability to ignore all odds and percentages, then maybe we can all learn from them.'

When you think about it, what other choice is there but to hope? We have two options, medically and emotionally: give up, or Fight Like Hell." Let me make something clear: I don't just like Lance Armstrong for that. I love him for it.

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A petition having been duly filed by THERESA FLEMING, who is domiciled at 5440 Netherland Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471.
YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, Room 406, on February 20, 2013 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of MARY CONNOLLY lately domiciled at 2975 Independence Avenue, Bronx, NY admitting to probate a Will dated December 17, 1997, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of MARY CONNOLLY deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: THERESA FLEMING
Dated, Attested and Sealed
December 17, 2012
HON. Lee L. Holzman
Surrogate
Michael Hausler
Chief Clerk

Michael L. Taub, Esq. Worby Groner Edelman LLP
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heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown, and if he or she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his or her executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained; and
The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of NELLIE G. FISHMAN, if living, or if deceased to their respective heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown, and if deceased subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained.
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Dated, Attested and Sealed: December 5, 2012

HON. Lee L. Holzman
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A petition having been duly filed by Loretta Y. Jones, who is domiciled at 156-20 Riverside Drive West, Apt. #3E, New York,

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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's attorney.
Attorney: Herbert Moreira-Brown, Esq.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Index No. 260952/12
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned, being a majority of the trustees of the PATMOS FELLOWSHIP, INC., a religious corporation, will on the 20th day of February, 2013, apply to the Supreme Court of the State of New York at Part 15, Room 702, to be held in and for the County of Bronx, at the Courthouse at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, at 9:30 in the forenoon thereof or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for an order decreeing the dissolution of the said PATMOS FELLOWSHIP, INC., and for that purpose ordering and directing the sale and conveyance of any and all property belonging to said corporation and after providing for the ascertaining and payment of the debts of said corporation and the necessary costs and expenses of such sale and proceedings of such dissolution, so far as the proceeds of such sale shall be sufficient to pay the same, ordering and decreeing that the balance to be transferred to THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, located at 61 South Third Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York 10550.
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BY DR. WILLIAM WOLFSON
When Does A Child
Need A Dentist?

In fact, the infant Oral Healthcare is a very important thing, even more than you probably realized. Each month, your baby reaches new milestones in their growth, including oral growth. But experts are increasingly concerned about the treatment in infants' oral health.

In most cases, your child will begin to grow teeth at any time between four and nine months. You probably know when your baby starts teething, when saliva is more copious than ever before. In addition, when the baby hand, or anything moveable and small enough is more often put in the mouth. A teething baby will chew just about anything.

The first baby teeth that appear are the two bottom front teeth followed quickly by the upper front. Use a damp cloth or 2X2 gauze to clean the gums and teeth twice a day until your child about a year. There are several brands of toothbrushes that are available for infants, all with a very soft texture brush. Choose

Dental Diary

a baby toothbrush that has a small head, but a handle large enough to fit in your hand. As for tooth paste, select one with no fluoride in it because babies will often swallow the paste, and fluoride is not to be ingested. You can switch to fluoride paste when your child learns to spit. There are many flavored infant pastes that are ok if swallowed.

By the time your baby is one year old, it is time to schedule regular check-ups with the dentist. Teeth will be counted and gifts given, but no x-rays will be taken and no treatment performed until the child is older. Again, even by taking the child to the office you are creating a habit and introducing another fun activity. If you have a lot of fear, it is a good idea to have someone else (aunt, sibling, friend) take the child. of course if you are a real fraidy-cat, never take the child when you are hav-

ing treatment! Parental fear is highly contagious!

By age 1, you can brush baby teeth gently on the two surfaces, inside and out, twice a day. Do not forget to brush the tongue to ward off bacteria that can cause bad breath even in babies. Immediately replace a baby toothbrush after brush was beginning to look untidy.

Good habits formed early on by giving proper attention to oral health, will create a lifetime of oral health. Children are often

fussy and lazy about tooth brushing. As a parent, you certainly should not give in to the situation. Make it a family affair, with parent and child doing it together at least twice a day. It's good for both of you! Remember, if left unchecked, the accumulation of plaque, even on baby teeth, will cause health problems in the mouth.

Finally, there is one more vitally important item you should consider, namely, baby bottles. Baby bottles, even with milk

or formula, contain loads of sugar (Lactose.) Fruit juices are even worse, as they contain both sugar (fructose) and acids (citric acid.)

A child put to bed with a bottle containing anything other than water is a cavity waiting to happen! There is even a name for the rampant decay this causes, "Nursing bottle syndrome." This is far more common than most people think because many parent's don't realize the hazard caused by sleeping

with a bottle in the crib. We have seen toddlers with rampant decay requiring crowns and root canals because of a simple, avoidable and all too common parental mistake. Maintain your baby's teeth now, and save in the long run, when your children are grown. Its a win-win situation.

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

Schervier's Values in Action" Award Winner

Bon Secours New York Health System, Schervier Nursing Care Center, located in the Riverdale section of The Bronx, is proud to announce that Rose Marie Brown is the November 2012 Values in Action award winner.

The Values in Action award is given to employees who embody Schervier's core values and who consistently provide the highest quality of service to residents and the community. Brown, a valued member of Schervier's housekeeping department, has earned the respect of residents and coworkers alike for going above and beyond her call of duty, and was selected for the award based on nominations from her peers, for her commitment to excellence and the positive impact she makes daily.

"Rose Marie has be-

come a staple of our housekeeping department," said Stephen Kazanjian, director of Mission at Schervier Nursing Care Center. "She has been influential in the training of new housekeepers, and has been successful in instilling a level of confidence in new employees that has truly benefitted everyone at Schervier. She takes pride in what she does and makes everyone around her better at what they do. Rose Marie embodies the reasons we created the Values in Action award. It is dedicated people like her who make Schervier a family."

Brown was recognized as November's Values in Action award recipient at a ceremony held on Friday, November 30, 2012.

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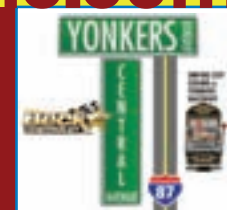
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