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## School in future for Pel. Grand

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO  
AND DAVID CRUZ

The owner of the struggling Pelham Bay Grand is reported in negotiations to sell the building to the city for new school space.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca said the School Construction Authority is in talks with billionaire Moujan Vahdat's East 110th Street Realty LLC to buy the former Pelham Bay General Hospital at 1870 Pelham Parkway South at St. Paul

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Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## ART EXHIBIT AT ST. RAYMOND'S

Traci McLean, a seventh grader at St. Raymond's Elementary School, shows off her mosaic owl at the 3rd Annual Art Exhibit on March 10..

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# RUSTY STABLE AUCTION

Judge orders tax lien sale of property

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ  
AND DAVID CRUZ

There soon may be no more horsing around at the Pelham Parkway stables.

The rundown stables at 1680 Pelham Parkway South are going up for public auction after owner MOL Realty Co. failed to pay

nearly \$20,000 in back taxes owed to the city for the several years.

Bronx state Supreme Court Justice Stanley Green ruled the property is now up for grabs to the highest bidder.

Unless the current owner pays the back taxes, it's likely that

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# Bronx GPO officially on the market

## Neighbors now have 30 days to object to sale of historic building

BY DAVID CRUZ

The Bronx General Post Office is a step closer to the history books.

The massive Melrose landmark has been officially put on the market, days after officials with the United States Postal Service closed the month-long comment period that began Feb. 6, considered by many to be a perfunctory move to comply with federal regulations.

But a formal appeal from city and federal lawmakers is underway, bent on blocking the sale of the iconic post office.

### The Appeal

"We're going to appeal, it's a wrong decision," objected John DeSio, spokesman for Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., who received a March 14 letter from USPS explaining the sale.

Notices were plastered

onto the lobby doors of the GPO, explaining the public has another 30 days to sound off on the decision, a second or perhaps first for many given a barely publicized public hearing where community input was virtually missing.

"Trying to figure out the logic of the post office will drive you crazy," said Chuck Zlatkin with the postal union, labeling the hearing as "secret."

"They do this traditionally to sneak this through by doing the bare minimum," said Zlatkin. "What would stop this was an outpouring of people."

Congressman Jose Serrano was equally baffled by scant word of the public input forum, where only elected officials and postal unions spoke on the community's behalf.

In a letter written to Postmaster General Patrick



The Bronx GPO could be a thing of the past after postal officials moved forward with a sale. Photo by David Cruz

Donahue, Serrano blasted postal officials for fast tracking a decision to put the building on the market even as there were little to no concrete plans in finding

an alternative post office for neighbors - "Other than a vague promise that there will be a new postal location opened in the neighborhood," read Serrano's

letter.

### What's at stake

Much of the worry stems from the lack of a nearby post office, particularly for the elderly who rely on the

service for its retail end.

But preservationists are concerned about the fate of 13 Depression-era murals authored by Ben Shahn and partner Bernarda Bryson, unprotected from legal preservation.

The latest sale is part of a years-long trend from USPS to fix the troubled agency's finances, which showed it was over \$15 billion in the red last year.

But Zlatkin considers the cry for poverty a "manufactured crisis" crafted by federal policy that forces the agency to shift profits to its benefit coffers for future employees. He's hoping electeds pressure the post office to renege on the sale.

Anyone looking to appeal the decision must write to: United States Postal Service, Vice President Facilities, 2 Congress St, Room 8, Facilities Implementation, Milford MA 01757.



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by David Cruz

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### Birthday

Dear Danielle Medici, happy Sweet 16. May all your dreams come. Love you lots, Grandma and Grandpa Medici.

On Tuesday, April 23, Lena Trippardella will



LENA TRIPPARDELLA

be celebrating her 103rd birthday. Lena was born in Manhattan and moved to the Bronx in her early teens. Lena volunteered for St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Yonkers for 40+ years,

Lena recently retired at the age of 102 and decided to live in the facility where she devoted so many wonderful years. She's an inspiration to many and we are blessed to have her. We wish Lena a happy birthday and many



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### Benefit

Friends of Kenny Kijewski need your help. Kenny was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor and will have surgery on March 26th. He may need further treatments and more surgeries in the future. Medical insurance does not cover all costs. Friends are asking you to stop by for a fundraiser at McGee's Tavern at 3809 E. Tremont Ave. Sunday, March 24 at 3pm for food, drink, prizes and raffles. Tickets are \$10, though more donations are welcomed. Contact Jenn Nuccio 917-533-4707.

### Woman's Suffrage

Toby Liederman of City Island went to Washington D.C. to draw attention to women's history as part of the New York delegation of the National Women's History Project. She attended a commemorative march honoring women's suffrage march that drew thousands of women to Capitol Hill on March 3rd, 1913. The march was organized Delta Sigma Theta, a black sorority that had 22 members at the original 1913 march.

# Preston works with IBM



Students Maria Argyros and Alyssa Garcia tackle IBM project.

For the eighth consecutive year, a team from IBM visited Preston High School to inform the young women about opportunities available in engineering and to engage them in experiments to give them a better understanding of the different roles engineers can play.

Students, who worked in teams, designed and built towers from uncooked spaghetti and marshmallows.

The experiment introduced engineering concepts

and challenged the girls in putting those concepts to use. The group that was able to build the highest tower, without it falling, received a prize.

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# New sparkle for historic subway station

BY DAVID CRUZ

History has made a comeback at a northeast Bronx subway station.

Community groups, and MTA brass cut the ceremonial ribbon for the rehabilitated East 180th Street subway station, where riders take the No. 2 and 5 subways daily.

"This beautifully renovated station is a tribute to the Bronx," said MTA Acting Chair Fernando Ferrer, the former Bronx Borough President who visited his old stomping ground for the Mar. 15 celebration.

Ferrer remembered the building as a ramshackle structure where dim lighting along its first-floor corridors made for a "relatively unsafe" visit.

Joining Ferrer was current BP Ruben Diaz Jr., remarking on the refreshed transit hub as one that's sure to "be appreciated by the thousands of commuters who use this station."

The MTA spent \$66 million over the past two years

for a top-down restoration of the century-old landmark that sits at the nexus of three neighborhoods - Van Nest, West Farms and Morris Park.

The building, akin to an old Italian villa, features a red terra cotta-styled roof, balconies and arches. Inside, mosaic glass artworks by MTA artist Luisa Caldwell are embedded within the tile

work.

A new clock was also added to the restoration, re-installed on a plaque decked with the head of Mercury, the Roman god of transportation.

Contractor Citnalta donated the clock after company head and history buff Mike Gargiulo was convinced the building needed it.



East 180th Street subway station.

"...[We] thought it completed the look," said Gargiulo. "Making a great renovation just a little bit nicer."

But exterior work wasn't the only part of this restoration. Funds were also earmarked for rehabbing subway platforms, canopies and track beds.

A new pathway was also installed for wheelchair-bound staphangers who use the station, which is also a transfer point for riders going to and from the local No. 2 and the No. 5 express.

Decades ago, the building was originally owned by the New Haven Railroad, built to serve as a Grand Central Terminal for Bronxites. But the company soon folded, and the city took over the building.

The project came just as Van Nest and Morris Park neighbors celebrate the century-plus anniversaries of their neighborhoods.

"Consider this a present," quipped Ferrer.

Reach David Cruz at 718-742-3383.



Glass artwork by MTA artist Luisa Caldwell.

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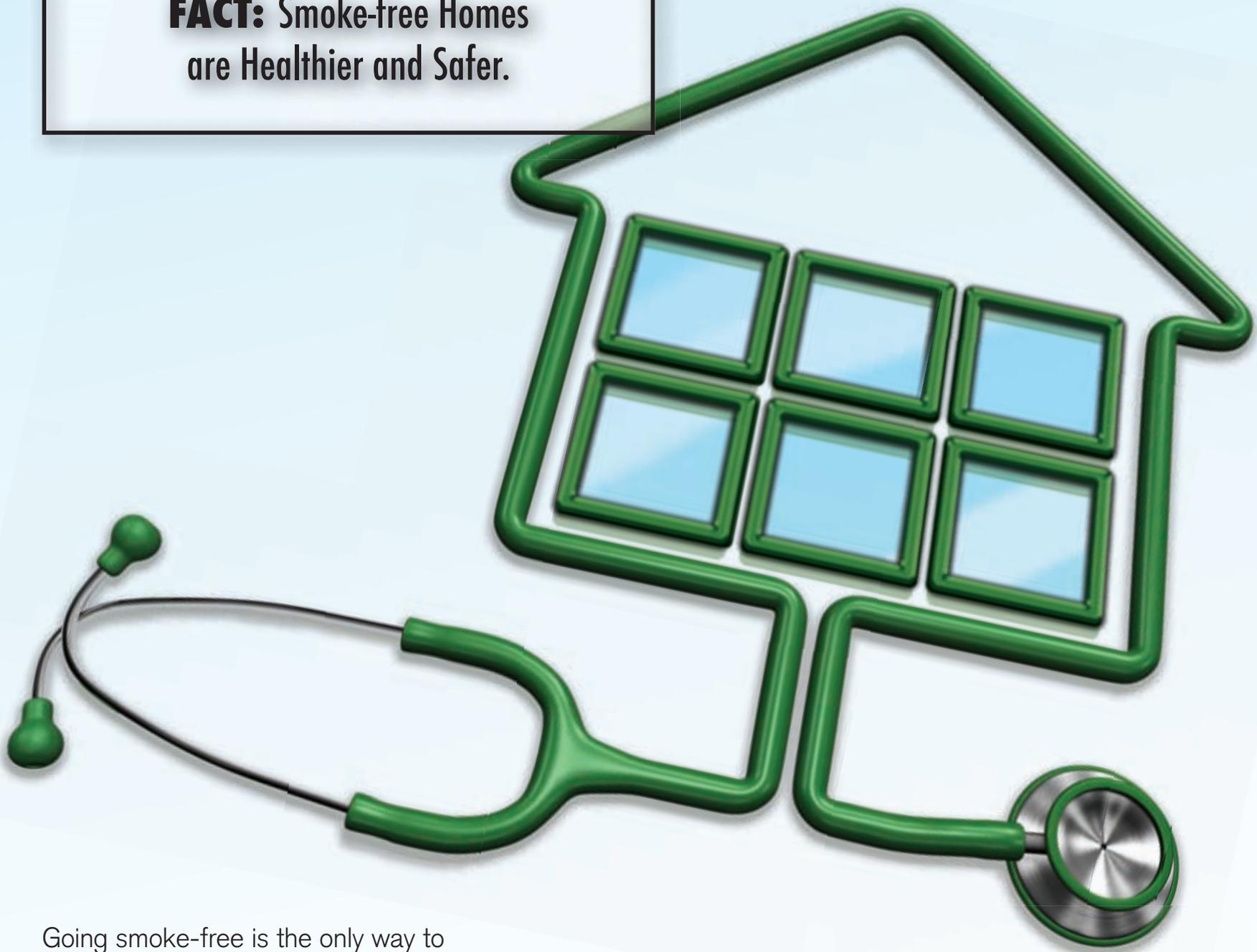
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## SHOWIN' THE MONEY

It looks like as if those financial filings with the city Campaign Finance Board for the hot race in the central Bronx' 15th Council District could be changing the playing field.

One leading contender wound up at the bottom of the seven declared and one undeclared challengers for bucks in the bag, while another posted an \$8,000 contribution from himself to boost his braggin' rights.

That would be **William "Willie" Rivera**, who included the donation on a campaign filing showing him with \$35,300 in his warchest as of March 15.

The top earner was **Richie Torres**, who reported \$61,438 in campaign donations. The 24-year-old candidate has the heavy backing of Councilman **Jimmy Vacca**, for whom he's worked - as a volunteer, then staffer - since he was 16.

Surprisingly, **Albert Alvarez**, who has the backing of local term-limited Council Majority Leader **Joel Rivera**, came in at the bottom of the pack, showing only \$18,163 raised.

Meanwhile, 86th Assembly District female leader **Yudelka Tapia**, who owes the CFB \$47,774 in penalties and \$59,930 in unexplained expenditures from a previous race, is hopefully awaiting a favorable court ruling to clear up that little matter. She filed a fresh intake of \$22,760.

Other candidates and their campaign dough are: **Joel Bauza**, \$28,036; **Joel R. Rivera** (no relation to the councilman), \$19,975, and **Cynthia Thompkins**, \$1,035. Undeclared candidate **Raquel Batista** filed \$31,450 in campaign bux.

The importance of the filings is that depending on certain factors, candidates can reap 6-1 matching funds on a goodly amount of the money raised.

Willie Rivera boasted in a news release that his second place rank was "achieved without union support or explicit support from electeds."

That obviously was to counter Torres' endorsements from three heavyweight unions - the New York Hotel Trades Council, the 70,000-member 32BJ SEIU, and UFCW local 1500, which represents

over 30,000 local supermarket workers and retail food workers.

Vacca, who wouldn't turn down Torres support for Council Speaker should Torres win, also wrangled local Assemblymen **Mike Benedetto** and **Mark Gjonaj** to throw their support his way.

## MAYORAL MOVES

First it was Council Speaker **Christine Quinn**, and Sunday, March 17 it was Comptroller **John Liu's** turn to make the rounds of the boroughs to officially announce a mayoral run, hitting two coffee klatches in Riverdale among his stops.

And a mystery quote (bet savvy political folks can guess the source) on Quinn's current polls showing her pulling 36 percent of the primary vote: "Think about a souffle..."

## COP VIDEO BRAWL

This cop wasn't smiling for the camera - and neither was **Ed Garcia Conde**, who writes the Welcome 2 Melrose blog, after a Sergeant **Angel Delgado** from the Operation Impact team in the 40th Precinct had the cuffs slapped on him after Conde started videotaping a con-

frontation with a volunteers outside the Bronx Documentary Center Thursday evening, March 14.

Conde's video looks more like the cop was interfering with Conde than the other way around. It wound up with Conde hauled in to the stationhouse and slapped with two summonses, one for an open container (a broken beer bottle Conde claims was in a plastic bag and being thrown out), the other for attempting to create a dangerous situation (getting the sergeant's bad profile?). Conde's now working with his lawyer to file a complaint with the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

## KA-CHING!

The City's law department is hiring nearly 30 new lawyers to fight back against a string of lawsuits filed against the police department - with the largest number of suits in the Bronx, according to a Reuters report.

Bronx juries traditionally love to give a payday to plaintiffs in civil suits involving cops, with the city usually pushing for a small settlement rather than going to trial in the Boogie Down.

## FUTURE LEADER?

Bronx Democratic Party leader **Carl Heastie** proudly posting pix on Facebook of three-year-old daughter Taylor seated at his desk in the state Assembly chamber in Albany. Wonder if she met "Uncle Shelly?"

## COME ON DOWN

Bronx Beep **Ruben Diaz Jr.** wants to see the East Bronx meet the rest of the Bronx - at Yankee Stadium.

His Second Annual "Borough President's Cup" Tournament, co-sponsored by his office, AT&T and the New York Yankees, drew a healthy turnout of other Bronx Little League teams, leading up to the championship game at the new Yankee Stadium in September. But nary a team from the east Bronx joined in the tournament.

Last Wednesday, he and **Marrissa Shorenstein**, president of AT&T New York, handed out equipment grants to the participating teams, whose members must maintain a B-average in school, 90 percent or greater school attendance and a demonstrated commitment to community service.

## COP CORNER

•**NYPD GREEN** - It was corned beef and arroz con gandules at Bronx Homicide Lt. **Sean O'Toole's** famous annual St. Patrick's luncheon (with big help from Mrs. O'Toole) as squadies, bosses, retirees (including former Homicide Lt. **Tony (The V) Vitaliano**, now chairman of Morris Park Community Board 11) and other guests showed up Thursday, March 14 in the squadroom at Bronx Detective HQ in the old 41st Precinct "Fort Apache" stationhouse on Simpson Street. And of course, the traditional bagpiper.

## •BELATED CONDOLENCES

- To family of Lt. **Steven Cioffi**, 40, a lifelong resident of Throggs Neck, who died recently of cancer. All signs point to the sudden and rapid disease being a result of his having worked at Ground Zero after 9/11, so we hope there's a finding to help his wife and two young children with benefits.

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**40th PCT.**

WED, MARCH 6th, 1:35 p.m. – 470 Jackson Ave. A school safety officer was taken to a Manhattan hospital after being injured by a student. The city employee was struck in the head by a student who has a metal plate in their head.

FRI, MARCH 8th, 3:45 p.m. – East 140 St. and Bruckner Blvd. Police took a 39 year old man into custody after he was found with a gun. Local undercover police officers nabbed the man who was in possession of a 9-mm pistol. The weapon was vouched pending the court appearance.

**41st PCT.**

WED, MARCH 6th, 1:05 a.m. – 541 Coster St. A 41 year old Hispanic male was taken into custody after being found in possession of a gun. Taken away from the man was a 40-caliber pistol. The handgun was vouched as evidence for the pending trial.

WED, MARCH 6th, 8:50 a.m. – 1030 Longfellow Ave. A 29 year old Hispanic male was taken off of local street after being found in possession of a gun. Upon checking police found out that the man failed to obtain the proper license to own a gun in NYC. The man can be facing three years in jail pending the outcome of his court appearance. A 9-mm pistol was vouched as the evidence.

**42nd PCT.**

TUES, MARCH 5th, 1:15 p.m. – 1269 Hoe Ave. A search was conducted for a male who fired a gun. The gunman apparently fired the weapon at another male, but missed the intended victim. Police officials at the scene requested the services of personnel from the Emergency Service Squad and a K-9 unit to assist with the search that resulted with police officers recovering a gun and arresting a suspect.

WED, MARCH 6th, 9:30 a.m. – Police investigators are looking into reports of a sexual assault that occurred at a public school. It's reported that a male teacher is accused of touching an 8 year old girl and possibly several other students. Investigators from the Bronx Special Victim's Squad are assisting with the inquiry.

**43rd PCT.**

FRI, MARCH 8th, 5:00 a.m. – 1440 Story Ave. Authorities are looking for the persons who broke into the IS # 123 school. The break-in was discovered early in the morning. Officials indicated that the culprits made off with over one-hundred lap tops computers.

FRI, MARCH 8th, 9:15 a.m. – 1025 Morrison Ave. Police officials received a tip that a student had brought a bomb to a neighborhood school. Police officers responded and conducted a search with the assistance of Emergency Service Squad officers. Authorities were unable to locate any suspicious devices.

**POLICE  
BLOTTER****47th PCT.**

MON, MARCH 4th, 10:10 p.m. – Paulding Ave. and East 221 St. A 23 year old black male was arrested by Bronx undercover police officer. The man was charged with illegal possession of a weapon. Taken away from the suspect and vouched as evidence was a 380-caliber pistol.

THURS, MARCH 7th, 6:15 p.m. – 4324 Wickham Ave. Investigators are looking into a shooting that occurred during a home invasion. A 34 year old black male was found suffering from a bullet wound to the shoulder area. As the victim was being transported to Jacobi Medical Center, police officers were busy trying to gather evidence and information about the incident. Officials indicated that there were looking for three males who had been wearing ski masks.

**48th PCT.**

MON, MARCH 4th, 3:00 a.m. – 4419 Third Ave. A search is underway for a male who walked into an officer building early in the morning. Authorities were informed that a lap top computer was missing from a third floor office. The inquiry is underway as officials look for a black male, about 5 foot 5 inches high.

WED, MARCH 6th, 4:45 a.m. – Hughes Ave. and East 181 St. Authorities are looking for the culprit who robbed a livery cab driver. The thief at knifepoint robbed the driver of forty-dollars after the driver transported the passenger to the destination. Once there, the male passenger slashed the driver's hand. The injured man was provided with medical care at St. Barnabas Hospital.

THURS, MARCH 7th, 1:25 a.m. – 1924 Webster Ave. An inquiry was launched after officials learned that a 45 year old man had been stabbed. Detectives from the Night Watch team were requested after officials learned that a black male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital suffering from a stab wound to the neck area.

THURS, MARCH 7th, 3:00 p.m. – Southern Blvd. and East 179 St. A 33 year old Hispanic male ended up getting into trouble for displaying a special agents badge. The male also displayed a parking permit. The incident is under review by officials.

FRI, MARCH 8th, 9:25 a.m. – 1794 Clinton Ave. An inquiry was lunched after the body of a Hispanic woman was discovered. The victim, believed to be in her twenties, was found lying on a bed. Near-by authorities found

pill. Officials are hoping that the Medical Examiner will be able to provide them with additional information.

**49th PCT.**

WED, MARCH 6th, 10:15 p.m. – 1730 Taylor Ave. Police officers responding on a domestic dispute ended up making an arrest in the Morris Park community. Police officers at the scene were granted permission to conduct a search of the basement apartment. To their surprise the officers recovered an 'AK-47' automatic weapon which lead to an arrest.

FRI, MARCH 8th, 7:00 p.m. – 665 Arnow Ave. Another teenager was arrested by police after being found with a gun. Taken away from an 18 year old black male was a 38-caliber revolver. The handgun was vouched as evidence.

FRI, MARCH 8th, 7:35 a.m. – 744 Allerton Ave. Officials were notified that a store had been robbed by an armed male. The unidentified black male appeared at a neighborhood shoe store with a knife in hand. The man fled with sixty-dollars. Additional police officers were deployed into the area to help search for the culprit.

**50th PCT.**

TUES, MARCH 5th, 1:00 p.m. – 3410 Kingsbridge Ave. Authorities are looking into the death of a middle aged man. The body of a 36 year old Caucasian male was discovered. Police officers who were called to the scene started the inquiry. Detectives are waiting for the results of the Medical Examiner's autopsy to determine if there is any criminality connected to the death.

THURS, MARCH 7th, 8:30 a.m. – 5210 Broadway. An inquiry was started after the body of a man was discovered inside a NYC Housing Authority building. The body of a 60 year old Hispanic male was found in the stairwell on the 15th floor. The death was deemed non-suspicious authorities indicated.

**52nd PCT.**

SUN, MARCH 3rd, 4:45 a.m. – Davidson Ave. and West Fordham Rd. Authorities are looking into an incident where two males had been stabbed. The two victims apparently passed comments to a person passing-by that lead to the attack outside a building where there was a party in progress. The injured males were transported to St. Barnabas Hospital and reported to be in stable condition.

TUES, MARCH 5th, 7:05

p.m. – Davidson Ave. and Evelyn Pl. Local sleuths are looking into a shooting that sent a teenager to St. Barnabas Hospital. The 19 year old black victim was suffering from bullet wounds to both legs upon arrival at St. Barnabas Hospital. Additional police officers were dispatched into the area.

**HOUSING**

TUES, MARCH 5th, 4:10 p.m. – 2819 Schley Ave. A male was taken into custody after holding two hostages during a stand-off in the Throggs Neck community. The man was apparently holding his wife and a child against their will. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad were requested to respond. Additional officers responded to assist Truck 3 personal besides Hostage Negotiators and the highly skilled officers of the Technical Assistance Response Unit. Once in custody the male culprit was arrested and will be facing criminal charges.

TUES, MARCH 5th, 12:30 p.m. – 1881 Schieffelin Pl. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 8 are looking for the person who damaged a vehicle at the Edendale Residential community. Officials indicated that the vehicle belongs to an employee of the agency. Detectives from the 47th Pct. Squad have been assigned to the investigation.

WED, MARCH 6th, 1:25 p.m. – 737 Melrose Ave. Authorities indicated that a black male turned himself into police officers at Housing's PSA # 7. The 45 year male was wanted in connect with a sexually assault on a four year old girl that occurred earlier this month.

THURS, MARCH 7th, 5:00 p.m. – Lafayette Ave. and Leland Ave. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 8 arrested a young teenager. A 15 year old black male was taken into custody after being found in possession of a 32-caliber handgun. The weapon was vouched as evidence.

**FIRE LOG**

MON, MARCH 4th, 8:15 a.m. – 1511 Adee Ave. Engine 38 upon arriving at a fire in a two-story vacant building near Eastchester Rd requested additional assistance. The alarm level increased ensuring the response of four engine companies, three ladder companies, a squad company, a rescue company, besides three chiefs. Ladders crews started to conduct their searches of the structure checking for any person who still might be inside and also for the spread of the fire. Meanwhile engine crews teamed up to stretch the first hose line and to get water onto the flames. Battalion 15 indicated that all the fire companies at the scene were being put to work. Within minutes the fire was starting to darken down as the flames were being extinguished.

TUES, MARCH 5th, 4:35 a.m. – 2090 Valentine Ave. The original call indicated that there was a fire on the first floor spreading to the second and third floors

of a dwelling. Upon arrival firemen found a fire in the kitchen in the rear of the first floor. The blaze had extended into the walls and was traveling to the upper floors. At 4:52 a.m., Division 7 ordered the transmission of a second alarm which increased the response of units to the fire. Additional hose lines were deployed within the structure before the fire was brought under control.

TUES, MARCH 5th, 6:00 a.m. – 3230 Cruger Ave. Firefighter arriving at a six-story apartment house near Burke Ave. found a working fire on the 4th floor. Ladder crews started their procedures which resulted with them finding a person who was in need of assistance. Engine crews stretched a hose line which was able to contain the spreading flames. By 6:15 a.m. it was reported that the main body of fire had been darken down and that no additional help was needed.

TUES, MARCH 5th, 12:15 p.m. – 3039 Wilson Ave. Fire units were dispatched to a reported structural fire near Adee Ave. Upon arrival firefighters indicated that they were faced with a working fire in a private home. The original calls indicated that the fire was in the basement spreading to the first floor. Battalion 15 requested an additional engine company and ladder company to respond to the four story high structure since there were window bars around the basement area of the entire building. The chief confirmed that they were faced with a basement blaze and a hose line was being stretched. Once the water was flowing, the main body of fire started to disappear. Ladder crews started to conduct their searches. Once the fire was totally extinguished and the searches completed, the incident was declared under control.

TUES, MARCH 5th, 11:50 p.m. – 1571 Undercliff Ave. A fire was reported in the West Bronx, off of West 174 St. Firefighters confirmed that they had a fire on the 5th floor of the six-story high apartment house. The crews from Engines 43, 42, 68 and 92 were assisted by Ladders 59, 49, and Tower Ladder 44 personnel. Rescue 3 and Squad 41 responded to assist. These units were able to contain the fire saving other apartments from being damaged.

FRI, MARCH 8th, 6:56 a.m. – 2280 Grand Ave. Smoke-eaters were needed in a six-story apartment house just north of West 183 St. Battalion 19 commanded Engine 75, 43, 48, and 42 crews who will be assigned with the task of getting water onto the fire while personnel from Tower Ladder 33, with ladder 59 will perform search and rescue assignments. The crew from "33" worked on the floor where the fire is located and "59" crew will proceed to the above floor. Battalion 19 requested additional assistance and Ladders 56 and 38 along with Engine 88 responded to assist.

# Expect Success!

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Students from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade are now taking classes aligned to the Common Core Learning Standards. You may have noticed that your child's course work and assignments are more challenging. This spring, for the first time, State English language arts and math tests for students in grades three to eight will reflect the new standards. These tests may be harder than exams students have taken in the past. Speak with your child over the next few weeks about the Common Core and changes in his or her classroom. Here are some things to think about before you talk with your child:

## What should I say to my child about the new standards?

- Begin by asking your child about what he or she is doing in school. What subjects or assignments are most interesting? Which ones seem harder this year? What feels different from the work she has done in the past?
- Let your child know that all students in New York City are being challenged this year to complete more difficult work in class. The work is getting harder because it is intended to prepare students to be successful in college and careers.
- Let your child know that when he faces school work that seems really hard, it is important to keep trying and not give up. Reassure him that it is okay to struggle and that you believe he can rise to this challenge. By continuing to work hard, he will be prepared to do this more difficult work and be successful in life.
- If your child is still learning English, tell her that her teachers will support her to learn English as well as the content so that she is ready for the new tests.

## How can I help my child do his or her best on test day?

- Acknowledge that taking tests makes a lot of students feel anxious. Ask your child how he feels about taking the tests and listen to his concerns.
- Make sure your child has a healthy dinner and a good night's sleep the night before the test and a nutritious breakfast that morning.
- If your child has an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) that includes testing accommodations, reassure your child that the accommodations will be in place to help her succeed.
- Tell your child that if he feels nervous during the test, he should remember that you believe in him and that you know he can take on this challenge.

## What should I say to my child after the tests?

- Ask your child how she thought the tests went. Ask which types of questions were easy, which were difficult, and why. Use questions like, "What did you learn?" "What surprised you?" "Was any of it tricky to read?"
- Share what you learn through this conversation with your child's teachers. Ask how you can continue to help your child at home.
- Remind your child that the tests are meant to help his teachers support his learning, and that you will also support him.
- If the test results, combined with your child's class work, demonstrate that your child needs extra help, reassure your child that you will work with her school to come up with a plan to get her the support she needs to be successful.

For more information, search NYC.gov for Common Core Parent Resources.



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## Citywide ELL Parent Conference: Dream, Believe, Succeed!

Parents and guardians of English Language Learners (ELLs) and former ELLs in New York City public schools are invited to this year's 10th annual citywide parent conference, *Creating Pathways to College: Dream, Believe, Succeed!*

The conference takes place Wednesday, May 15, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Jacob K. Javits Center in Manhattan (11th Avenue between West 34 and 38 Streets).

For the registration flyer

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Closing of WSMC

Dear editor,

The closing of Westchester Square Medical Center has had a significant impact on our community.

Change is always difficult, and the uncertainty surrounding patient care services, and job opportunities for the displaced employees, was of concern to many of us in the community, myself included.

In addressing these concerns I just want to be sure that I did not send the wrong message, because I want to be very clear that I have the utmost respect for Montefiore Medical Center.

It is a wonderful organization, that is a major teaching facility, and provides high quality patient care services.

I look forward to future collaborations with Montefiore Medical Center in addressing the health needs of our community.

**Deborah Hunt, RN**  
Assistant Professor of Nursing,  
The College of New Rochelle

## We are not a tarmac

Dear editor,

The steady blast of jets flying in an endless tandem over our heads more than ever before should be completely unacceptable to all of us who live here. From 6 am to 11 pm and later, one is compelled to have this roar over them. This has dramatically worsened in recent years.

After 9/11 jets to and from LaGuardia airport were directed away from Manhattan, with much of the air traffic going over the Bronx.

Planes which once flew straight west, now fly north first, and then make a gradual left turn toward Jersey and the west. One can see this clearly over the Botanical Garden which is riddled with these flights.

To make matters worse, the airlines, as part of their attempt to save on fuel costs, began having pilots lower their flaps to give a more gradual climb to the planes, effectively resulting in extended takeoffs over our area.

Formerly, planes climbed faster at a steeper angle, out over the water and on just entering the Bronx, so they would be reasonably high above us, but this evidently takes more fuel. They land in a similar, extended low altitude manner.

I watched massive jets gliding in over my neighborhood, Pelham Parkway/Morris Park the other day such that I could see every mechanical detail and read the lettering clearly.

Besides the increase in horrific noise and air pollution, with literally hundreds of flights just over one segment of the Bronx, sooner or later there will be a disaster.

Having so many flights over our area adversely affects our environment, comfort and peace and puts us at much greater risk of a disaster.

A single jet coming down can easily take out an entire block.

I find this situation intolerable and unacceptable and urge my community and the people of the Bronx to start making an issue over this with our elected officials.

**George Zulch**

## PB Red Hat Divas "I Love NY" card party fundraiser in memory of John Tognino, Jr.

The Pelham Bay Red Hat Divas are busy coordinating their "I Love New York" Card Party. It will be held on Friday evening, April 26th at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Amere Avenue.

Complete dinner, beer, wine and soda will be arranged by International Catering.

Tickets: \$35 per person, reserved seating.

All proceed are for pancreatic cancer in memory of John Tognino Jr., only child of John and Donna who passed away at the age of 43 on April 13, 2011.

Anyone can donate a gift or monetary donation, which will be used to purchase gifts for our raffles.

A check in memory of a loved one can be made to pancreatic cancer fund. Many thanks to committee volunteers: Mickey and Roseann Masell, Patty Marsibilio, Mana Dallacqua, and Carole Miccarelli.

Call: Fran Arico at 718-828-5073 or Elaine Robinson 718-542-2681.

## Childhood obesity

Dear editor,

The growing epidemic of childhood obesity is a national public health concern as well as a major threat to the wellbeing of the youths of New York State.

According to a 2011 CDC study, obesity has reached epidemic proportions in New York State. Currently, one-third of New York State children are obese or overweight, which puts a heavy economic burden on our health care system and costs New York state residents more than \$7.6 billion annually to treat related illnesses and conditions.

Obesity is a major risk factor for many serious health conditions, including Type 2 diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and certain cancers. As a nurse practitioner with 14 years of experience working in the Fast track of the emergency department (ED) at a major teaching hospital in the Bronx, I treat a large population of childhood obesity and the related conditions these children endure.

JM, a 10-year-old African American male, 5'2" and 230 pounds, has had multiple ED visits and missed school days over the past year for complications related to obesity. He states that his school has no physical education (PE)

programs. He lives in the housing projects in the south Bronx and fears being bullied if he goes outside to play, so he watches television and plays video games when he is home from school.

JM's scenario is not atypical. It leaves us to think, how we can expect to combat childhood obesity when children are fearful of being stigmatized, and the school system does not provide any form of physical education for them.

According to the Bronx borough president's office, Bronx students aren't getting enough exercise during school hours because the city's Department of Education (DOE) is failing to provide them with access to proper facilities and programs.

The lack of physical education facilities and programs is compounding the borough's obesity problem, which is the worst in New York City.

A report from the DOE shows that nearly one out of every four elementary school child in the Bronx is obese, meaning they are extremely overweight and Bronx residents suffer from the highest rates of diabetes of any borough in the city due to obesity. New York State requires 2 hours of PE classes each week, but a recent audit found only 6% of schools in New York City came anywhere close to offering the required amount.

Parents, educators, school board officials, local and state legislators have a responsibility to work together proactively as effective advocates for physical education in our schools and exert pressure on Congress to support programs such as the Carol M. White Physical Education Program, which gives PE grants to local school districts. Funding from these types of programs would help support PE programs in our schools such as the Bronx.

We must also urge the DOE to help alleviate childhood obesity by providing PE in all Bronx schools. Children such as JM deserve the opportunity to become health literate, and understand the benefits of a physically active lifestyle.

If we do not act, childhood obesity rates could spiral out of control, and related costs could bankrupt NY State.

**Lyn Boreland**

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# Fire engulfs City Island building

## Local firefighters on inspection first to spot two-alarm blaze

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

City Island businesses inside a warehouse and office facility are picking up this week after a major two-alarm blaze tore through the building.

It could have been worse but for a lucky turn of events, fire officials said.

The fire, whose cause was still under investigation at press time, was spotted by firefighters from local Engine 70/Ladder 53 who were performing inspection work near the Fordham Street building on Thursday, March 14, said FDNY spokesman Jim Long.

The firefighters spotted smoke coming from the building about 1:30 p.m., said Long, with a second alarm being declared within 20 minutes.

The fire spread through part of the second floor of the building at 225 Fordham Street before firefighters were able to contain it.

All told, 15 units and



Black smoke rises over Fordham Street on March 14. KBH Pictures

125 firefighters responded "from across the city," to fight the fire, said Battalion Chief Keith Cartica.

One firefighter suffered minor injuries, said Cartica.

"There was no 911 call," Cartica said at the scene. "One of our fire department units was actually doing a building inspection and came upon it. If we had to wait for John Q. Public to call us, this fire would have been more involved."

Long said the fire spread rapidly because of combustible materials inside.

The fire was focused largely in an environmental lab, with a sign outside identifying it as QC Laboratories, officials said. Island Nautical Canvas, a sail maker occupies another side of the building, but was not damaged, said a person answering the phone there.

Ladder 53 has been repeatedly been named as or presumed to be one of 20 fire



Firefighters battle the two-alarm blaze at 225 Fordham Street on City Island on Thursday, March 14. Local firefighters came across the fire while performing building inspection duties nearby. KBH Pictures

companies the mayor has called for cutting in preliminary budget negotiations over the past five years - as it might be again in this year's budget talks to hammer out a final budget by June 30.

Fordham Street resident Roberto Soto said that over

4,000 taxpayers and residents on the island deserve to have a ladder company on their geographically isolated community.

"The reason why it is here is that it is needed," said Soto. "Thank god we have Ladder 53 that can respond right away."

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# Borough welcomes Pope Francis

BY DAVID CRUZ

Mary Jane Helmrich, principal of St. Francis of Assisi School received a text about it. Fordham University Theology Professor Father Joseph Lienhard witnessed it on television with two of his priest pals.

These two Bronx Catholics were just some of the millions who heard the news that circled the globe

-- a new pope had been elected.

Pope Francis, formerly Archbishop Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina, was elected pontiff to lead the Catholic Church, in turmoil given its shrinking followers and the smear of the sex-abuse scandal rocking the institution.

His ascension to the pa-

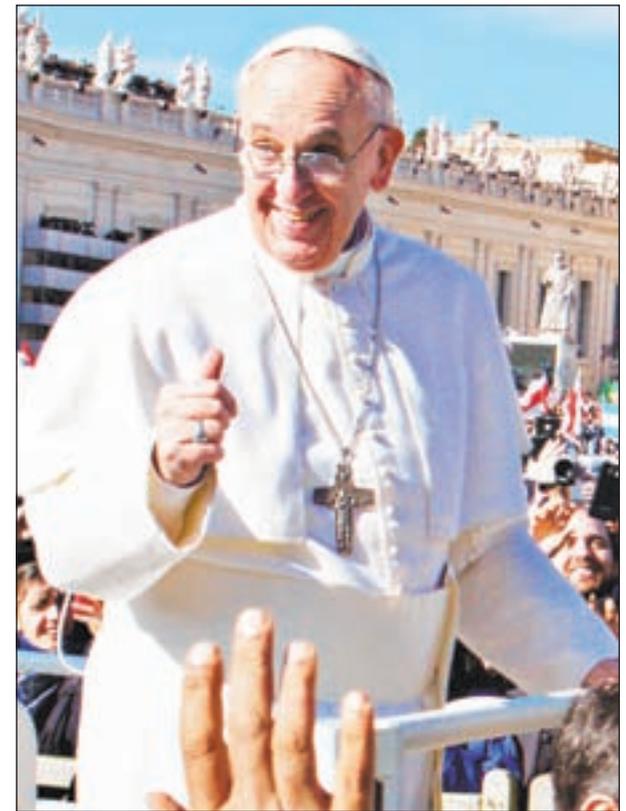
pal throne was certainly a Catholic curveball, said Father Joseph, surprised to see the College of Cardinals elect a Spanish-speaking Jesuit from Argentina as Pope.

Equally surprising was the adoption of the name Francis, a nod to St. Francis of Assisi, a 12th century saint who gave up his

wealth at a young age to help the poor.

But picking the name seemed to make sense for Lienhard, given Pope Francis' own "history in Argentina and concern for the poor."

"Pope Francis has a lot more interaction with the people," said Fr. Joseph. "Anyone who wants to ride a bus to work and lets peo-



Pope Francis gives thumbs-up to faithful as he arrives for his inauguration Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Tuesday, March 19.  
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ple call him Father Jorge is eager to have contact with working class people."

Helmrich of St. Francis of Assisi School agreed. "Our pope is going to be the people's pope," she said, happy her school has bragging rights over the name.

Fordham University, a Jesuit school, shared in the bragging rights, thrilled to see the new pope was an Jesuit archbishop.

"We have a Jesuit Pope," said Fordham President Joseph McShane. "One whose work with and concern for the poor and disenfranchised is of a piece with Fordham's mission and ideals."

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., extended his

well-wishes for Bronx Catholics.

"The Catholic Church plays an important role in the social and civic fabric of the Bronx," said Diaz, praising the Catholic community "on this history-making decision."

For now, Fr. Joseph thinks Pope Francis will change the direction of the Catholic Church with less focus on doctrine and more outreach, namely such hot-button issues as gay marriage and abortion.

"Abortion, in his mind, is a violation of Divine Law," said Fr. Joseph. "And you can't re-write the Ten Commandments -- thou shalt not kill."



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# Bronx business growth on a roll

## Thinktank finds incorporation filings soared 300% over 20 years

BY DAVID CRUZ

When Geri and John Sciortino opened Bronx Design Group in 1991, the married business pair made it known they were proud to be in the Bronx.

Little did they realize they'd someday become part of a statistic about a booming Bronx.

They illustrated their borough pride by intentionally adding "Bronx" to their mom and pop venture, a symbolic stamp of approval to a once-blighted borough.

"We were making a statement that we were proud to be here and be part of the resurrection," recalled Geri, president of the thriving print shop, with clients that include the borough president's office, Bronx Chamber of Commerce and even out-of-towners.

"When we started it

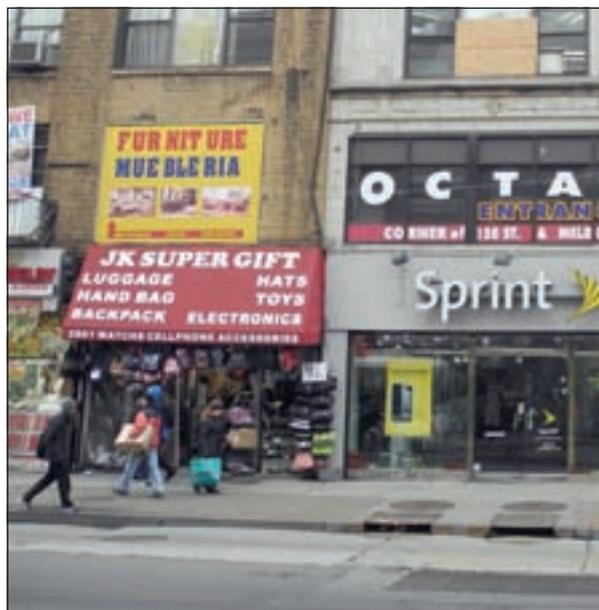
was just the two of us, now it's seven" said John, sitting as vice president of the small business firm where daughter Danielle, a company officer, works on putting BDG on the digital map.

Their family-owned business, having survived a recession, helped contribute to a 300% spike in established business ventures over the past twenty years, the fastest rise compared to other boroughs.

"The Bronx is on a roll," said Jonathan Knowles, executive director for the Center for an Urban Future, a nonprofit thinktank that commissioned the report.

Overall, the borough saw 1,159 incorporation filings in 1991 to 4,690 in 2011, according to the report.

It's not specified, however, whether these companies are small or large



More stores like these on Third Avenue helped the Bronx see a 300% rise in incorporation filings over the past 20 years. Photo by David Cruz

businesses nor whether they actually succeeded after their first year, considered a harbinger for any business looking to succeed.

Still, Knowles points out business owners have taken a chance on the Bronx thanks to a steady crime drop, and business-minded immigrants eager to try out the American Dream.

"We find immigrants more entrepreneurial for businesses," said Knowles, who suggests small-time merchants saw the Bronx as an "untapped market."

"I think you've seen an explosion in neighborhood retail and local services business," said Knowles, dubbing this time as the Age of the Entrepreneur.

The rise in businesses is certainly seen by Lenny Caro, president of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, helping businesses thrive in the borough through workshops and networking nights.

"In 2013 alone, the chamber has grown to 130

new members," said Caro. "All business owners from small business to big business."

Sciortino of Bronx Design Group has been a chamber member for the past seven years, also sitting as an executive board member.

"I get many new customers because I network a great deal," she said, "so the Bronx Chamber is a great resource for doing business."

As for whether the Age of the Entrepreneur will continue, Knowles believes it will.

"I think that more people than ever are considering entrepreneurship as a career option," said Knowles. "I never seen this kind of activity before."

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# Mixed grades for Bronx Parks

Report card on five local green spots flunks St. Mary's, Seton Falls

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Three Bronx parks are getting praise for improvement, while two others aren't making the grade.

According to a new report by New Yorkers for Parks—a non-profit organization that graded 43 of the New York City's large parks— Soundview Park, Crotona Park and Claremont Park have all improved since the last survey was done in 2010, with Calremont's grade jumping from a D to a B.

But, it wasn't all good news for the borough.

St. Mary's Park in the heart of the south Bronx, declined from a score of 89 in 2010 to 78 in 2012, while Seton Falls Park in Eastchester crashed from the top spot in the city in 2010 to second from the bottom in 2012.

Overall, a greater share of parks citywide earned

A's and B's in 2012 and the average score climbed from 85 to 88, even as the Parks Department's budget has been cut.

In the Bronx, the average park score was 81, with four of its five graded parks confined to the bottom quarter of the ranking and none achieving the citywide average score.

The survey did not cover parks larger than 500 acres or certain types, such as golf courses, beaches or ones undergoing big capital projects.

Claremont Park, once riddled with excessive litter and unmaintained paths, fields and courts, is now in much better condition thanks to lots of help from volunteer organizations.

"The low score in the 2010 Report [Card] gave us more incentive to focus on areas that needed improvement throughout the park.



Seat-less bleachers align a neglected baseball field at St. Mary's Park in Mott Haven. Photo courtesy of New Yorkers for Parks

Taking that report to various community meetings, I think that helped us. We were able to show strong evidence for why Claremont Park needs more maintenance staff," said Debra Myers, Friends of Mt. Eden

Malls & Claremont Park.

"More volunteers must be recruited to continue to maintain Claremont Park," she added. "In 2012 alone, we had Ernst & Young, NY Cares, and Friends of Mt. Eden

Park—we had many different groups that came out, with the support of the Bronx Parks staff, which really helped."

Although St. Mary's and Seton Falls Parks did have lower scores compared to the other three large parks in the borough, the scores can vary widely among parks even in the same borough, based on factors such as park terrain and help from the surrounding community.

For example, although Seton Falls park earned a lower ranking than the other parks, it is also harder to maintain, due to its location and the natural areas and pathways.

The park's ranking declined because surveyors found broken glass, used condoms, drug paraphernalia and graffiti along the park's paths and natural areas during last year's sum-

mer inspections.

Soundview Park, a 205-acre waterfront park with \$25 million in ongoing restoration projects, earned a B, as did Crotona Park north of Morrisania, with a lake.

Most of St. Mary's challenges come from its hilly terrain, whose erosion requires extra care, but also from lack of community volunteerism.

But the park also suffers from a larger, citywide problem, the report states.

The Parks Department has had to do more with less, as its budget has decreased from \$367 million in fiscal year 2008 to \$338 million in the current fiscal year, leading to job cuts.

Some of those positions may soon return, as the mayor's preliminary budget for next fiscal year calls for 414 new parks employees, mostly in maintenance.



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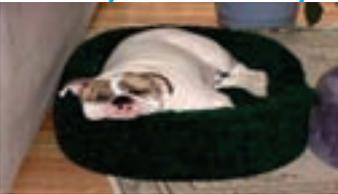
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# A century-plus at 105 and 106

These two CenterLight residents celebrate really BIG birthdays

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

It's getting a little crowded in the over-100 club.

Max Berger and Mavis Davidson were among 30 residents honored last week for marking their 90-plus birthdays at the Center Light Health Systems Wallerstein facility. Berger celebrated turning 106 years young, while Davidson celebrated reaching 105 years of life with cake, family, friends, and dancing on Fri. March 15 at the facility on White Plains Road.

The two oldest residents there were named outstanding citizens and given proclamations by Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj.

Born in Richmond, Hannover, Jamaica on February 20 1909, Davidson has been a Center Light resident for 17 years.

Davidson moved to the Bronx in 1928, at the age of 19, where she opened a grocery store and married husband Isaac.

The 105-year-old raised four children and watched eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren grow up.

Davidson's husband is now deceased.

Grandville Davidson, Mavis's second youngest son, said he wishes he knew his mother's secret to a long life.

"I think she would probably say it was her faith," Davidson said of his mother, who has trouble hearing and speaking due to her age.

"She has very strong will power and a very strong memory. She knows what she wants," Grandville said. "I would say it is in our genes. Her father

lived a very long life as well."

Berger was born on February 24, 1907 in Czechoslovakia, one of one of six children, with two brothers and three sisters. Berger and his sister Ella, 95, who lives in Miami, Florida, are the only two siblings still living.

Berger served in the Czechoslovakia/Hungarian Army, and it was during that time that he met his wife, Marilyn Neuman, while she was living in Prague. They married in 1934.

Shortly after, they joined Berger's mother, already living in the U.S.

Berger and his wife moved into an apartment building on Olinville Avenue.

They raised two children—Melivin and Joseph—and have two grandchildren and three great

grandchildren.

Berger and his wife were married for over 50 years, before she passed away in 1996.

Berger's son Max said he thinks his father's long life and good fortune may just be a "roll of the dice."

"If I knew what his secret was, I would tell you," said the son, speaking for his father. "He has no vices. He never drank or smoked, he keeps his weight low. Stress doesn't play a very large role in his life."

Berger said he dad likes watching baseball—the Yankees— and occasionally soccer.

"I think he was just blessed with longevity," Berger said. "I think it's being surrounded by people you love that has kept him going this long."



Mavis Davidson, 105 years old, and Max Burger, 106 years old, admire the certificates they received at their birthday celebration.

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Thank you to Laurie Galioto, the Line of March Chairman, who helped guide the marchers, and for your tireless work on the journal and other important endeavors.

Thank you to Captain James R. McGeown of the 45th Precinct, the officers of the 45th Precinct and the NYPD for their hard work to make sure everyone was safe during the Parade. We also want to thank 45th Precinct Community Affairs Officers AnneMarie Morrison and Diane Beato.

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Thank you to the thousands of people who lined the Parade Route to cheer on the marchers and provided an amazing atmosphere! This Parade is always held

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# It's his magic carpet ride

## From salesman to proud owner

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

After 40 years in the flooring business, Jimmy Lanzetta finally has a place to call his own.

The Morris Park business owner has lived in Morris Park for 25 years, working for another floor store there — until the store closed and the opportunity presented itself for him to open his own store and become his own boss.

Lanzetta said he was tired of working for other people and wanted to work for himself.

Before ownership was taken over by Lanzetta, the store was known in the neighborhood as Morris Park Floor Covering.

The new store, Morris Park Flooring, at 1008 Morris Park Ave., sells everything from laminate, hard wood, and carpet to window treatments and blinds, said Lanzetta.

Lanzetta is devoting his time and business acumen to his store, working there daily from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday

through Saturday.

"I started working here, when it was owned by another fellow I was working with and about two years ago, he decided to close down," Lanzetta said. "That's when I decided: 'I am 60 years old, and it's time to open my own place.' So he closed in November and by January of this year, I was open."

"Customers just need to come in and take a look for themselves," he said. "Our prices will floor you."

Lanzetta said since there are no other retail flooring stores in area, he thinks it is a perfect location.

"There are a lot of corner stores and nail salons, but there is nothing like this around here," he said. "I think we should keep business in the neighborhood. If people are looking for flooring, they should be able to have somewhere in Morris Park they can go to. I've lived in the area for a long time, so I like to see people staying here for what

they need."

Lanzetta said that as of right now it is just him working in the store, along with two installers.

"The guys I deal with are great," he said. "They do beautiful work, and they are very professional. I want their work to reflect me as a business owner. When I walk down the street, I want people to say hello to me and know what I do and who I am, I don't want to have to hide my face."

Lanzetta said he is excited about the new store and the new opportunity.

"I really think this will be a great fit in the neighborhood," Lanzetta said. "People just need to come in and see what I've got to offer, I think they will be impressed."

(Right) Jimmy Lanzetta, owner of Morris Park Flooring, shows off one of his area rugs in his showroom.

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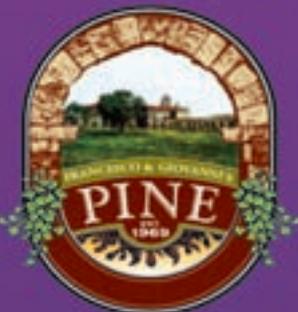
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# Bronx neighbors

PROFILE

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Helping veterans get their hard-earned benefits from Uncle Sam is part Johnnie Williams' mission to bring awareness to the plight of combat veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and others disabled with physical ailments.

PTSD never goes away, Williams said of his own case. It takes patience and time to work through the flashbacks that come back to him in his dreams, back to battles fought in the jungles of Vietnam during the Tet Offensive in 1968, when he served with the Army's 199th Light Infantry Brigade.

Williams helps veterans from Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan obtain federal benefits for their wartime service, particularly disabled ones not easily mobile, confined to wheelchairs or on crutches.

"Everything is in place for you to get your benefits," he said. "But now you have a choice: you could either die waiting for your benefits or go after them yourself. But if you have disabilities, how are you going to go after it yourself?"

That's where Williams comes in, driving veterans to VA offices where they can register and get what they've earned.

He makes contact with vets at James J. Peters Veterans Administration hospital in Kingsbridge Heights, as well as through his website [johnniehwiliams.com](http://johnniehwiliams.com).

The Allerton resident also has an office at 199 Lincoln Avenue in Mott Haven for veterans to come in for help navigating the veteran benefits system.

Williams has a passion and talent for computers. He helped to organize a massive computer fair at Hostos Community College in 1997 when he was a student there. Williams eventually graduated with honors, earning an Associate Degree, and is now working his way back to Lehman College to complete a degree in computer science.

It gives him a great deal of fulfillment when he is able to help a homeless veteran get housing, or a returning Iraqi veteran a job.

"Everything here is about hiring a veteran," said Williams. "It is not about me, it is about what we do. There is no job that a veteran cannot do. A vet can do any job because they are trained."

Williams is also the author of four inspirational books entitled "Help is on the Way", "Help is on the Way 2," "The Mustard Seeds," and "When Change Comes, Good or Bad, Will You be Ready?" The books include anecdotes from his life, along with his own reflections, and are available on sale on his website.

He also brings veterans to schools to speak to children about the sacrifices the women and men in uniform make to keep the country strong and free.



Johnnie Williams

**BIO BITS**

**FAMILY:**

wife Anna and daughter Christina.

**FAVORITE PLACE IN THE**

**BRONX:**

Morris Avenue, where he grew up

**FAVORITE AUTHOR:**

himself

**FAVORITE BOOK:**

Norman Vincent Peale's The Power Principle, and Power of Positive Thinking

**MOST INFLUENTIAL**

**PERSON**

his mother, Minnie Mae Williams

**FAVORITE QUOTE:**

"Help is on the way"

# Klein kicks off Teen Health Awareness

Padma Lakshmi, host of Bravo TV's Top Chef and co-founder of the Endometriosis Foundation of America, joined Senator Jeff Klein (D-Westchester/Bronx) and members of the Senate's Independent Democratic Conference on Wednesday, March 13 to kick-off a Teen Health Awareness Campaign.

The campaign focuses on reducing adolescent obesity, educating students about the health consequences of short and long-term alcohol and substance abuse, and raising awareness among young women and health professionals about endometriosis, an often undiagnosed but debilitating disease. March is Endometriosis month.

Klein was joined at the press conference by seventh graders from JHS 141 in Riverdale, who later received a private tour of the Capitol.

As part of the awareness campaign, the Independent Democratic Conference launched a new online survey, [www.TeenHealthNY.Com](http://www.TeenHealthNY.Com), which encourages young New Yorkers to "weigh-in" on how much they know about these important health issues.

[TeenHealthNY.com](http://TeenHealthNY.com) will provide policymakers with input straight from the source about where additional educational resources may be needed.

Additional educational resources for these three health areas will be provided through a newly created Healthy Teen Awareness and Education Fund.

The IDC, which included the Fund as part of this year's Senate budget resolution, is hoping to raise as much as \$1 million for the Fund's programs through voluntary taxpayer donations, beginning next year.

If enacted in the state's final budget package this year, the Healthy Teen Awareness and Education Fund will appear as a "check-off box" on all

future state income tax forms. The check-off box will enable New Yorkers to make donations directly on their tax form.

"Focusing on our teens' health is critical to New York's future," said Klein. "By learning more about where our current health education is lacking, we can more effectively and efficiently distribute these additional resources."

"The purpose of the Teen Health Fund is simple -- we want to give kids the tools they need to make smart choices about their health. By creating this fund and directing resources where they're needed, we can ensure that New York students are being given a full spectrum of health education."

Padma Lakshmi, co-founder of the Endometriosis Foundation of America and award winning author said, "We must educate our children in a broader, more comprehensive manner. If we are to prepare our youth for a bright future we must ensure their physical and emotional well being is addressed before we can raise their academic levels and intellect."

"This focus on health should include sex education that openly speaks about issues such as endometriosis to both genders at a critical time in a young person's life. The value of such education helps not only these adolescents but whomever their lives should touch."

Soundview Assemblyman Marcos Crespo, who joined the group session, welcomed Klein's "relentless work on chronic illnesses now taking a heavy toll on our residents and stressing our health care delivery system."

"To combat alarming rates of obesity, asthma, cardiovascular diseases, and substance abuse we must focus our efforts on problems which can no longer be ignored for the sake of our families, as well as to protect the financial stabil-

ity of our health care system," said Crespo, member of the Assembly Standing Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

"I'm proud to join Senator Klein in his effort to reshape healthcare in New York."



Senator Klein, Padma Lakshmi, Senator Carlucci and Senator Savino pose with seventh graders from JHS 141 in Riverdale following the Teen Health Awareness campaign announcement. (From L to R): Senator David Carlucci, Padma Lakshmi, Senator Klein and Senator Diane Savino.

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# Bronx beat

## Come get your free trees

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Through partnerships with local, eco-minded community organizations, these giveaways allow New Yorkers to take part in the MillionTreesNYC goal of planting one million new trees by 2017. It is the largest municipal tree giveaway program in the country.

The Bronx giveaways are the following:

Saturday, March 30, 10 am to noon. Partner: Sustainable South Bronx. Location: Hunts Point Riverside Park, Lafayette Ave., Hunts Point

Saturday, April 6, 10 am to noon. Partner: New York Botanical Garden. Location: River Garden, East 180th St. and Devoe Ave.

Sunday, April 14, 9 to 11:00 am. Partner: Woodlawn Cemetery. Location: Entrance at Jerome Ave. and Bainbridge Ave., Woodlawn.

Sunday, April 14, 11 am to 1 pm. Partner: Friends of Van Cortlandt Park. Location: Van Cortlandt Park, Moshulu Ave. and Broadway, Kingsbridge Heights.

Sunday, April 28, 9 to 11 am. Partner: Wave Hill. Location: Visitor Parking Lot, 249th St. and Independence Ave., Fieldston.

Aside providing cleaner air, planting trees has many benefits, including enhanced curb appeal, offsetting of climate change, cooler temperatures, among others.

Here's how the giveaways work:

- An NYRP representative on site will explain how to plant and care for the tree.
- Participants take their trees home to plant in a yard, garden, commercial property, community garden, etc.
- Participants must agree to the following terms:
  - Plant in one of the five boroughs.
  - Keep trees properly watered and maintained.
  - Do not plant the tree along streets, in city parks, in containers, terraces, balconies or on roofs.

**Bronx House School for Performing Arts** is currently accepting registration for its spring session. Music and dance classes for children, teens and adults are offered on Mondays through Saturdays, begin the week of April 6th and run for ten weeks. Group music classes include Toddler Music

for children ages 18 months to 2.5 years, pre-school music appreciation and pre-instrumental classes in piano and violin; and beginner piano or guitar for ages 6 and up. Ongoing registration is also available for private instruction in piano, guitar, voice, violin, drums, and other instruments. Dance classes offered include Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Flamenco, Bellydance and Latin Dance for Kids and Adults.

All classes are held in a state-of-the-art 7,000 square foot wing that includes soundproof and sound enhanced music rooms and dance studios. The school offers scholarships to students who qualify for financial assistance as well as instruments available for loan, free of charge.

Additional information can also be found at the upcoming Bronx House Kids Day Open House on Saturday, March 23rd from 11am - 3 pm.

Bronx House is located at 990 Pelham Parkway South. For more information or to register call 718-792-1800 ext. 235, or check the website at [www.bronxhouse.org](http://www.bronxhouse.org).

In conjunction with Bronx House, City Councilman Jimmy Vacca is sponsoring a free **tax Preparation Day** on Saturday, March 30th from 10 AM until 4 PM at Bronx House, located at 990 Pelham Parkway South.

Tax preparers are IRS-certified and can help you with all your tax-related questions.

Those who are eligible must make \$50,000 or less in income and have dependents, or \$25,000 or less in income and have no dependents.

Space is limited, so those interested in attending must call to make an appointment as soon as possible.

You must also bring with you photo identification, social security cards for everyone on the return, W2 and/ or 1099 statements for all jobs held in 2012, last year's income tax return, and documentation and care provider tax ID number if you are claiming child care expenses.

To reserve a seat, place call 718-792-1800, extension 226.

Over the last month or so, residents of both the **49th** and **45th Precincts** have been concerned over mysterious individuals posing as Con Edison, Verizon, and other workers who claim they must enter your home for "necessary repairs."

Both precincts are currently working on this sudden spike in these crimes and have made some arrests. However, they advise all res-

idents to not answer the door to any suspicious looking men and women in Con Edison, Verizon, or other uniforms unless you have an appointment with any of the companies.

If there are any concerns, Vacca said to call Vito in his office at (718) 931-1721. For any emergencies, call 911.

**The Council of Senior Centers and Services (CSCS)** Bill Payer Program offers a free service in the Bronx to help low-income seniors and people with disabilities manage the tasks of monthly bill paying.

Compassionate, trained volunteers meet once or twice a month at the client's home or at an agency site to write checks for the client's signature, balance their checkbook, organize bills, help the client safely access cash (if needed), and review bank statements to prevent fraud and/or financial abuse.

The AARP Foundation safeguards protect each client and volunteer.

For more information or to register, please contact CSCS at 718-858-2360.

The **49th** and **45th Precincts** are offering excellent programs to help keep residents and their property safer than ever.

Operation I.D., a free of charge program courtesy of the NYPD, involves registering the serial number of valuable portable electronics along with the owners name and contact information.

These items, such as iPhones, iPads, and other cell phones and electronics, can also be engraved with a uniquely identifiable serial number prefaced with the letters NYC.

To register for this program, please visit your local precinct.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca will have an immigration lawyer on every last Thursday of the month until June at his office, at 3040 E. Tremont Avenue Room 104, offering free legal assistance to constituents seeking immigration information.

This program is a partnership between the New York City Council and CUNY Citizenship Now.

The lawyer will be here on that day between 10 AM and 5 PM. Those who are interested must make an appointment.

Constituents who are seeking advice on any other immigration issue can walk in on that day for a consultation when the lawyer has time.

For more information, you can contact Vicki at his office at (718) 931-1721.

## ST. CLARE'S VARSITY CYO BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

The Saint Clare's School girls varsity basketball team is celebrating a Catholic Youth Organization championship. The team won the title in a game against Saint Luke's 43 to 42 at Villa Maria Academy in Country Club on Sunday, March 3. Daniela Zirpolo completed the exciting victory in a hard fought game for Saint Clare's by hitting a free throw with three seconds left. Pictured with the trophy the Morris Park elementary school took home are (c) coach Kelly Bautista, and players (back row, l-r) Gabriela Adorno, Sabina Guzman, Annamaria Evers, Oliva Calabro, (front row, l-r) Sophia Lopez, Milena Ciacia, Daniela Zirpolo, and Ashley Nova.



Photo courtesy of St. Clare's School



## THROGS NECK URGENT CARE RIBBON CUTTING

Elected officials and staff of Throggs Neck Urgent Medical care held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the new clinic at 3594 E. Tremont Avenue on Tuesday, February 26.

Pictured from (l-r) are Linda DiLorenzo; Congressman Joseph Crowley aide, Thomas Messina; co-owner Dr. Mitch Strand; Stephen Whitlock; Lauren Acosta; co-owner Dr. Anthony Ruvo; and Nathan Pangborn.

Photo by Alex Belisle

## NEW AGE ADULT CENTER HOLDS GRAND OPENING



The New Age Social Adult Day Care Center held a ribbon-cutting event on Thursday, March 7 at 2287 Jerome Avenue, just a few blocks from the Grand Concourse in the Fordham and University Heights communities. The new center provides a "social model" adult daycare service program for senior citizens. It will offer comprehensive services as well as a recreational and educational activities including nutritious meals and snacks.

(Above) Live music was part of the grand opening celebration.

(Right) Many of the seniors, like these, enjoyed dancing at the grand opening. Photo by Alex Belisle



## ART SHOW AT ST. RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL



St. Raymond's held its third annual Art Exhibition in the elementary school's gym at 1700 Purdy Avenue. Students from the boys and girls high school as well as the elementary school students displayed their paintings, drawings, sketches, and mosaics.

Showing off their pics are St. Raymond High School for Boys students Anthony Esprella and Francis Reynon, standing with Justin Perez and art teacher Ed Mouzon. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## VACCA PRESENTS CITATION TO P.S. 14 PRINCIPAL

Councilman Jimmy Vacca joined faculty and parents recently at the first ever morning meeting of the P.S. 14 Parent-Teacher Association at the school, located at 3041 Bruckner Boulevard. Vacca presented a New York City Citation to school principal Ira Schulman in honor of Schulman's continued success at the school.

Pictured are P.S. 14 principal Ira Schulman and Councilman Jimmy Vacca.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Jimmy Vacca's office



## BRONX COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AWARDS PRESENTATION



The Bronx Council on the Arts held a check presentation ceremony on Wednesday, March 6 for 20 local artists who are recipients of the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs Greater New York Arts Development Fund grants. BCA executive director Deidre Scott gave out the checks at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos College. They came from all over the borough and represent all different kinds of arts. Pictured is Scott (third from right) with the award winners.

Photo by Alex Belisle

## CUB SCOUTS BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET



The Morris Park Cub Scout Pack 162 held its annual Blue and Gold Banquet, recognizing their fellow scouts while celebrating the Boy Scouts 103rd anniversary. The Cub scouts participated in a "Fellas Bake Off," where scouts baked camping-themed cakes with ONLY the help of their dads.

(Above) Pictured from left to right are the scouts with their dads Jaden Rivera with dad Julio Rivera, Matthew and dad George Febles, and Lucas with his dad Dan Diaz. Photo by Josiane Bauke



## P.S. 36 HOLDS READING FORUM

PS 36 students, parents and teachers played host to some very special visitors who celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday and Read Across America Day at Friday, March 1. Among the visitors to the Castle Hill school were Councilwoman Anabel Palma and Timothy Behr, Superintendent of District 8, who came to read and speak with students in various grades. The day was filled with many fun literacy activities.

(Above) Councilwoman Annabel Palma reads a Dr. Seuss book to the kids in the library. Photo courtesy of PS 36

(Below) Mr. Timothy Behr is seen here reading to fifth grade students at PS 36. Photo courtesy of PS 36



## COMMON CENTS FREE LITERACY WORKSHOPS

Assemblyman Marcus Crespo helped teach his constituents some financial common cents. The assemblyman held a financial literacy workshop at James Monroe High School on Saturday, March 9. The event was sponsored by Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, Bethex, Popular Community Bank and the Hispanic Federation.

(Below) Pictured (clockwise) are Pres./CEO American Credit Alliance Alan Franklin, Assemblyman Marcos Crespo, Dahiana Polanco, Frederick Gonzalez, Mathew Shuffler, Evelyn Rodriguez, and Loutrez Asante.

Photo by Josiane Bauke



# Irish Heritage Month Leadership Luncheon



Nine Bronxites were certainly proud to be Irish at this event hosted by the Bronx Chamber of Commerce. The group paid tribute to these men and women of Irish descent at the Irish Heritage Month Leadership Luncheon on March 11th at the F&J Pine. Leaders from civil service, military and city agencies were honored at the afternoon event.

(Top) Proud to be Irish, these nine hold up their awards in celebration. Bronx Chamber President Lenny Caro stands with honorees holding up their Eagle Awards. They include (l-r) Jim McQuade head of the Schuyler Hill Funeral, Democratic state committeeman Joe McManus, Congressman Joe Crowley, Joe Kelleher, FDNY Bronx Borough Commander Kevin Butler, News 12 the Bronx Kevin McCabe, Larry Hickey with Fresh Direct, and Commissioner Robert Walsh with the NYC Department of Small Business Services. The two proud Irish ladies in the front are Virginia Gallagher of Pilot Cove and Rear Admiral Wendi Carpenter with SUNY Maritime College. Joe Kelleher (fifth from left) stands with the honorees.

Photo courtesy of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce

(Far left) A Virginia Gallagher with Pilot Cove smiles humbly as she awaits to pick up her award.

Photo courtesy of The Bronx Chamber of Commerce

(Left top) (l-r) Making a grand entrance are FDNY Bronx Borough Commander Kevin Butler and News 12 The Bronx's Kevin McCabe waving to the crowd.

Photo courtesy of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce

(Left bottom) Chamber President Lenny Caro shares a moment with Rear Admiral Wendi Carpenter.

Photo courtesy of The Bronx Chamber of Commerce

(Below) The Eagle Awards, nine in all await to be flown to their recipients.

Photo courtesy of The Bronx Chamber of Commerce



# THROGGS NECK St. Patrick's Day Parade

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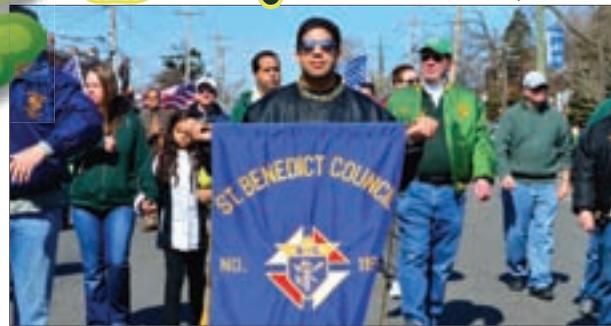
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# THROGGS NECK St. Patrick's Day parade

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## ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Hut, hut! Peewee players part of the Warriors Football Club were the guests of honor at the 61st annual Awards Dinner at Villa Barone Manor. Twelve teams and their coaches stopped by the yearly venue where awards were handed to its most valuable player, most improved player and it's undefeated team.

(Top left) The kids were not the only ones honored at the awards venue. Chris Kandell, a seasoned referee and former player, received a honorary plaque for dedicating 25 years to the Warrior program.

Photo by Alex Belisle

(Top right) The Rams certainly rammed their way to the top, going undefeated in the Warrior Football League's Peewee Division. Ron Hoina led the team to a perfect season.

Photo by Alex Belisle

(Middle left) Go team! The Blue Devils were red hot this season, going undefeated in the Warrior Football League's Junior Peewee Division. They were led by head coach Ed Esposito Sr.

(Above) Like father, like son. Chris Kandell (r) stands with dad Dennis, a longtime administrator to the Warrior program.

Photo by Alex Belisle

(Above) Here's to Damien Thorne of the Black Knights, the Warriors Most Outstanding Player for the Peewee Division. He wears the number 13. Guess it's his lucky number!

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# New Bronx HQ for Children's Aid Society

## Features state-of-the-art health center to serve 4,000 kids

The Children's Aid Society has opened its new 40,000 square foot Bronx headquarters.

The new site, at 910 E. 172nd St., features a state-of-the-art health center that will provide more than 15,000 visits per year to an estimated 4,000 children, nearly doubling the capacity of the organization's current medical, dental and mental health services in the South Bronx.

The new site will accommodate health care referrals from all Children's Aid programs in the South Bronx, and will provide comprehensive health and social services for children and adolescents from foster care programs at Children's Aid. Enrollment counselors will also be onsite to connect children and their families to the New York State-sponsored public health insurance system.

"Integrating our primary health care and child welfare services under one roof is essential to serving Bronx families and some of New York City's most vulnerable children," Children's Aid President and CEO Richard Buery said at the grand opening on Wednesday, March 13. "We know that children in poverty and those in foster care have complicated health and social needs, and that coordinating service delivery will lead to better lifelong outcomes for the children in our care."

The new headquarters will also house a medical foster care program for children with chronic medical conditions and severe disabilities who cannot be cared for by their parents.

The program, pioneered by Children's Aid and other providers in the late 1980s to support infants born to crack-addicted moth-



New Bronx headquarters for Children's Aid Society

ers, places medically fragile children in nurturing foster homes while on the path back to their families or adoption.

The project was financed in part by Primary Care Development Corporation, a nonprofit lender that provided a \$7 million loan through its New Markets Loan Program. The program offers below-market, long-term fixed rate loans to

expand primary care in low-income communities.

Over the last 12 years, Children's Aid has built a network of coordinated services for underserved children and families in targeted South Bronx neighborhoods, where poverty and unemployment rates are high, college graduation rates are under 10 percent and health indicators—obesity, teen births, and access

to care and insurance—rank among the worst in the country.

In 2000, Children's Aid opened the Bronx Family Center – providing foster care services and preventive care aimed at keeping families together – and in 2002 a full-service community school brought much needed health and mental health services, after-school enrichment and parent engagement programs to Community School 61.

Today, the organization serves children and families through nearly a dozen Bronx locations, including four community schools, a center for disconnected youth, and nutrition, pregnancy prevention and leadership training programs at partner schools.

In addition, Children's Aid College Prep, the agency's first charter school, opened in August 2012 to

serve children who are English language learners, at risk of academic failure or currently involved in the child welfare system.

"As we focus on our goal of creating a cradle through college pathway for vulnerable children in the South Bronx, we open this center in recognition of the vital role that health and parent engagement play in student success," said Maria Burgos, director of the Bronx Family Center.

The Children's Aid Society is an independent, not-for-profit organization established to serve the children of New York City. Founded in 1853, it is one of the nation's largest and most innovative non-sectarian agencies, serving New York's neediest children. Services are provided in community schools, neighborhood centers, health clinics and camps.

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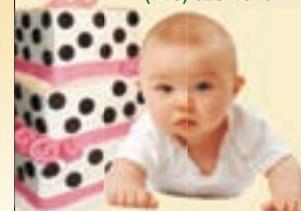


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# Morris Park builder, employees busted

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman announced the arrest and arraignment of the owner of Morris Park construction company and two of his employees for failing to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in wages to his workers at a Bronx project.

Hired to complete a restoration project in the Bronx financed and overseen by the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), Mohammad T. Riaz, the owner of Applied Construction Inc., and his two employees on the project are charged with scheming to avoid prevail-

ing wage laws by underpaying workers with cash payments, failing to provide supplemental benefits to workers and directing some workers to return portions of their wages.

They face felony grand larceny charges and up to 15 years in prison.

"Contractors who work on affordable housing cannot ignore New York State's labor laws," Schneiderman said. "My office will bring charges, including criminal cases when appropriate, against companies that violate these important worker protections. These defendants broke the law and will be brought to justice."

Applied Construction Inc., based at 677 Morris Park Avenue, and its owner, manager and foreman were required by law and by their contract with the city to pay prevailing wages to workers on an affordable housing project located at 2865 Kingsbridge Terrace in the Bronx between November 9, 2011 and August 30, 2012.

Rather than pay the workers at the legally-required hourly rates, Riaz, Mohammad Arshad and Zbigniew "Ziggy" Lakomic paid the workers a fraction of the lawful rate and did not provide supplemental benefits.

To conceal their scheme, the men underpaid some of their workers by paying them in cash and excluding those workers on certified payroll reports submitted to HPD as a condition of payment.

In addition, some workers who were listed on the reports were given the amount of money as listed on the certified payroll reports but were then required to return a portion of their wages to the defendants each week.

The defendants are: Mohammad T. Riaz, 34, owner, of Westbury; Mohammad Arshad, 39, manager, of Hicksville, and Zbigniew

"Ziggy" Lakomic 58, foreman, of Brooklyn.

All of the defendants are charged with Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, which carries a maximum term of 5 to 15 years in prison.

Riaz is also charged with three counts of Money Laundering in the Second Degree.

Other charges include Scheme to Defraud, Falsifying Business Records, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing and Violation of Workers Compensation Law.

The men were arraigned in Bronx Supreme Court in front of Justice Richard Lee

Price on Wednesday, March 6.

The project, funded in part with taxpayer dollars, was administered by New York City's Department of Housing Preservation and Development and was subject to prevailing wage requirements.

This case was investigated by New York State Office of the Attorney General Associate Auditor Percy Corcoran and Investigator David Negron.

The charges are accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

## Adath Israel of Riverdale receives UJA Federation award

Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale (CSAIR) was one of three synagogues to receive this year's Synagogue Inclusion Awards, presented by UJA-Federation's Caring Commission in recognition of CSAIR's ongoing efforts to create a welcoming and inclusive Jewish community

for people with disabilities.

CSAIR will use the award money to further improve its inclusive programming which helps adults and children with special needs learn academically and interact in a Jewish environment.

"No child from the Riverdale area, whether a

member of our shul or not, should be denied a Jewish education," says CSAIR Rabbi Barry Dov Katz. "It's really important for these families because it's so easy for them, since they are so overwhelmed with so much else, to just drop out of Jewish life."

"We are all created in the

image of God," says Rabbi Katz, but it's a "belief that often only gets tested when we come across people who

are different."

For more information about programs at CSAIR, call the Synagogue office

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Founder and Artistic Director of DanceBrazil, Jelon Vieira and the late Loremil Machado were the first artists to bring traditional Afro-Brazilian dance and Capoeira to the United

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# Run for elephants' lives at Bronx Zoo

## Signup underway for annual Wildlife Conservation Society run

The Wildlife Conservation Society is celebrating the fifth anniversary of the WCS Run for the Wild – this year dedicated to elephants.

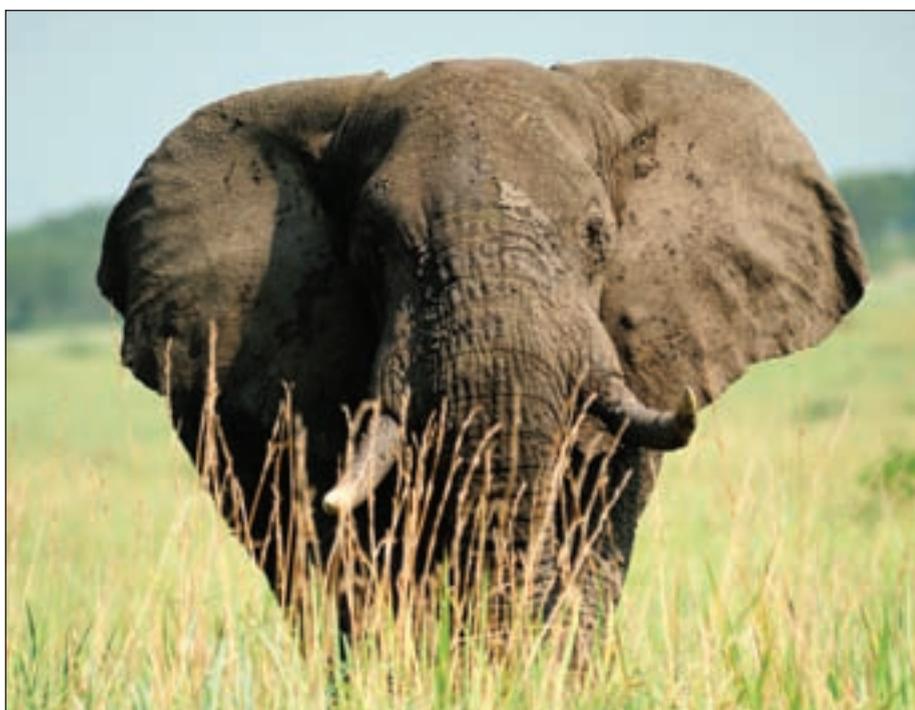
Wildlife supporters, runners, and walkers are all invited to participate in the annual 5k run and family fun run at the Bronx Zoo.

This year, WCS is introducing WCS Run for the Wild: World – allowing people who cannot be in New York for the Bronx Zoo event to participate and fundraise from anywhere in the world.

The fifth annual 5k-run/walk takes place on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at the Bronx Zoo and is dedicated to saving elephants, their habitat, and other wildlife.

Since its inception in 2009, more than 23,000 people have participated and \$2.6M has been raised through donations, registration, and sponsorship.

“Each year we dedicate the WCS Run for the Wild to a different animal species in need of conservation, said John Calvelli, WCS Executive Vice President of Public Affairs. “The decision to dedicate this year’s event to elephants was made out of necessity. The illegal wildlife trade is now a multi-billion dollar industry that threatens thousands of species around the world. Elephants have been



particularly hard hit with 2011 considered the worst year since 1989 for the illegal poaching of elephants for their ivory.”

WCS’s Run for the Wild registration is now open at [www.wcsrunforthewild.org](http://www.wcsrunforthewild.org).

Registration for the run is \$35 for adults, \$25 for children (3–15), and \$25 for seniors (65+).

Participants are encouraged to seek individual sponsors for their run, and all adult (and senior) participants are required to raise a minimum of at least \$30 in order to participate. Registration includes park-

ing and general admission to the Bronx Zoo following the event.

Participants can choose from two different events. The 5k run for individual runners will begin at 8 a.m.; casual runners and walkers can take part in the Family Fun Run/Walk at 8:45 a.m.

After the run, participants are invited to stay and enjoy the zoo and its animal residents for the rest of the day.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the Bronx Zoo’s famous Wild Asia Monorail where they can see Asian elephants, tigers, rhinos,

the Bronx Zoo’s Wild Asia Monorail; \$3,000 earns a special Bronx Zoo animal experience. Each incentive level achieved includes all prizes from the levels below.

The new WCS Run for the Wild: World engages wildlife enthusiasts from around the globe and allows them to make tracks for elephants from wherever they are.

“Virtual” participants can run on their own, start their own team, support teams or participants at the WCS Run for the Wild event at the Bronx Zoo, or even create their own fundraising event to contribute to WCS’s work to save this iconic species.

Those who are unable to attend the 5k run/walk at the Bronx Zoo can visit [www.crowdrise.com/WCSRunfortheWild](http://www.crowdrise.com/WCSRunfortheWild) to start a team, organize a local run or another fundraising event, or donate to help WCS save elephants.

Said Calvelli: “The addition of WCS Run for the Wild: World allows wildlife supporters from around the globe to do their part to save wildlife – including areas that are on the front lines in the fight to save elephants. We welcome the participation and support from around the world and anticipate another successful event in New York.”

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says that the il-

legal wildlife trade is now a multi-billion dollar industry that threatens thousands of species around the world. Both Asian and African elephants are threatened by habitat loss and poaching for their ivory.

The Wildlife Conservation Society works in Africa and Asia and across the elephant’s native range to save wildlife and wild places. WCS has a proven track record of keeping elephants safe in countries across Asia and Africa and has been instrumental in many of the places where elephants thrive.

Conservationists work in partnership with governments to establish parks, enforce anti-poaching laws, and monitor and track elephant populations. The Niassa National Reserve in Mozambique, the Ituri Forest in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bukit Barisan Seletan National Park in Indonesia, and Nagarahole National Park in India are a few of the places where WCS is working with elephants.

This event is expected to sell out, so register early.

For more information, to register, or to sponsor a runner/team, visit [www.wcs.runforthewild.org](http://www.wcs.runforthewild.org).

To sign up for WCS Run for the Wild: World, visit [www.crowdrise.com/WCSRunfortheWild](http://www.crowdrise.com/WCSRunfortheWild).

ITEM: Bravo to the Judge who halted the Soda ban! Is common sense making a comeback in society? I hope so. This is a big step in the right direction. In the meantime please eat and drink with healthy responsibility but do so in a free society where you can make your own private choices.

OVERHEARD IN A BRONX BAR: “That guy is a human reality show!”

ITEM: Ray DeSerio is a singer/songwriter and musician. He is also one of the nicest guys in the Bronx. Ray’s new album is coming out and Rock on the Bronx

will be following the story! I recently grabbed an interview with Ray. Q: How long have you been playing guitar? “Well I have a photo of me playing guitar at age 3 or so, but I started to take it seriously at 14 or 15 years old. I actually started playing drums first; John ‘Bonzo’ Bonham and Keith Moon were my drum mentors. I could feel the guitar growing as my main instrument and when we lost Bonzo and Moon it was time to switch as I just felt the wind go out of my sail. Songwriting was taking center stage as my writing and guitar playing

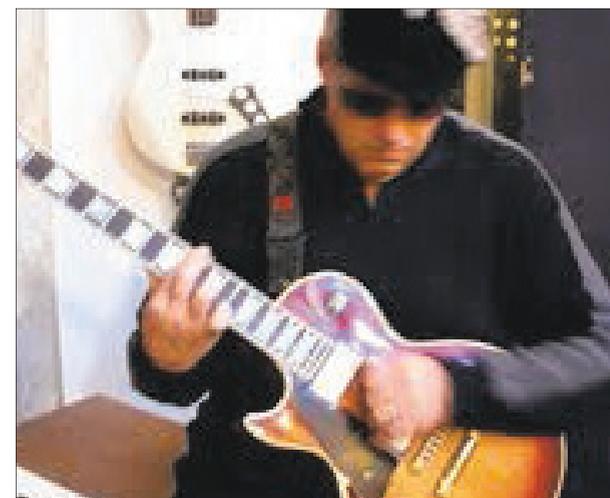
## rock on the bronx

by Fish Altieri

continued to grow. Jimmy Page, Pete Townshend and Joe Perry were my guitar mentors so for 10 years I simply played and recorded all the instrument on my songs. Q: Can you tell us about the new CD? “The CD is going to be called ‘Ray DiSerio Songs for Sale Vol. 1’ It was originally going to be a 5 song EP, however I started writing some acous-

tic songs as well as a fusion song and decided to make it a complete CD. The CD will have various types of Rock Songs. ‘Tights Skirts’ is a country rocker with an edge while ‘One Minute in Hell’ and ‘Days Gone By’ are straight forward rockers. Thanks Ray. More on this Bronx musician soon.

ITEM: Catch me doing my solo acoustic thing every Sunday at the popular Jimmy Ryan’s starting in April. Jimmy Ryan’s is becoming the place for great Live Music! Check their schedule. Rock on! Rock out!



RAY DESERIO

# First to cross Throgs Neck Bridge were on bicycles

BY BILL TWOMEY

It was a cold and blustery morning long before sunrise when John McNamara Sr. awoke his fourteen year old son, Johnny, telling him to get ready for an adventurous trek across the East River.

They both dressed appropriately and coated their faces with Vaseline as they set out on their bicycles. John Sr. was on what he referred to as his "plasma bike" because he paid for it over a period of time by selling his blood.

It was a 1953 Armstrong with four speeds and his son pedaled his 1958 three-speed Humber. They winked as they passed the guard shack where arrangements had already been made for the sentry to be looking the other way as they passed quietly and quickly into the darkness.

The privilege of being the first to cross the new span was to be a memory of a lifetime. The sun still wasn't up and no one was

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

about to watch as the two lone cyclists pedaled their way to Queens, the first to cross the Throgs Neck Bridge.

The spelling of Throggs Neck, by the way, always had two g's until the bridge was built and one g was lost. That's why the Throggs Neck Houses (projects) and the local United States Post Office branch use two g's. Both were here long before the bridge along with a host of businesses that have retained the original spelling.

The date was January 11, 1961 and that year would hold other memories for Johnny as he was deployed to Vietnam on January 11, 1968 and returned stateside on January 11, 1969. Both he and his father, by the way, served in the First Army and both were in the Pacific.

John Sr. served in the Philippines during World War II and had some fascinating tales to tell.

When father and son returned from their trip across the bridge and back, they noticed that the workmen were just setting up for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. One of the Clinton's, a local family, is believed to have snapped a picture of the father and son team still smeared with Vaseline as they journeyed back to Edgewater Park.

When they arrived home Johnny was delighted that he'd miss a day of school and his father simply said "why?" that it was still very early and he had plenty of time to get ready for school. He was crestfallen as a day off from classes was a key part of the grand adventure.



The late Ron Schliessman took this photograph of the opening of the Throgs Neck Bridge on January 11, 1961. The large white building on the right is the Bronx Beach and Pool. Notice the long line of cars waiting to be among the first to cross the new span and create a life-time memory and a few bragging rights. Only John McNamara and his son, Johnny, however, could claim to be the first to cross the new bridge hours before it officially opened.

John Sr. went off to work and John Jr. went off to school and both had a story to tell of a once in a lifetime adventure.

Many locals were already lined up waiting to be among the first group to

drive across the new bridge. Angelo and Mamie Mastrarigo were celebrating their wedding anniversary on the 11th so it was a good way to begin the day with a fond memory that would last a lifetime.

Only two lone cyclists, however, could boast of the grandest of experiences by being the first to cross the new 13,400' suspension bridge on that cold blustery morning.

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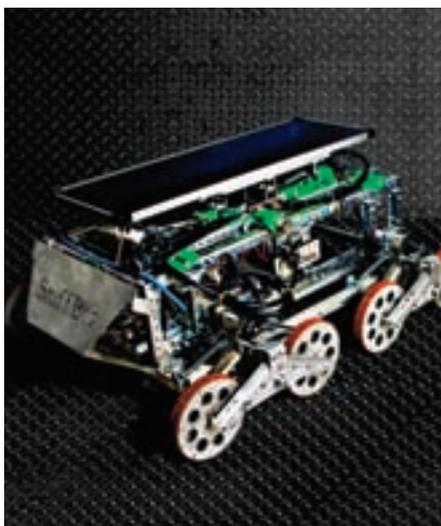
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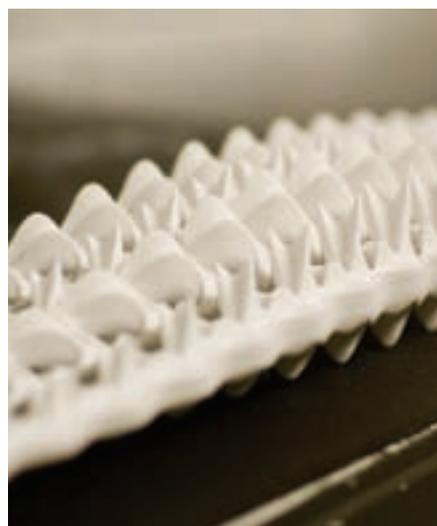
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BY LYNN GERBINO

It was a great day for the community last Sunday when the 15th Annual Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade took place on East Tremont Avenue. Beautiful weather, smiling faces and wonderful bands made the day a beautiful gift for all. Congratulations to Grand Marshals Joseph McManus and Rosemary Lombard and Honored Clergy Father Stephen Norton, pastor of St. Benedict's Church who led the marchers! You made us all proud!!!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 26th, at 7:30 p.m. at the beautiful Villa Barone Manor.... Our guest speakers will be Bob Kapstatter, editor of the Bronx Times Reporter;

Chrys Napolitano of the Locust Point CSA; and Effe Ardizzzone of NYC DEP to explain about its new program, which will defray costs for fixing sewer and water lines in exchange for a monthly fee paid by you.

Community News....  
School Crossing Guards play a vital role in making our communities safe for children throughout the school day. Not only do they help children safely cross busy intersections on their way to and from school, but they control traffic flow around schools in the morning, at lunch time, and at the end of the school day. At this time, the NYPD is interested in recruiting School Crossing Guard candidates for all Precincts, including the 45th and 49th Pre-

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cincts! These part time positions include good pay at \$9.88 per hour to start, and \$12.90 per hour after three years of work. Positions also include health benefits with 20 hours or more of work per week. If you are interested in applying for a School Crossing Guard position, you can visit your local precinct, or visit [http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/careers/school\\_crossing\\_guard.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/careers/school_crossing_guard.shtml).

The filing deadline for taxes is quickly approaching! In conjunction with

Bronx House, Councilman Vacca is sponsoring a free tax preparation day on Saturday, March 30th from 10 AM until 4 PM at Bronx House, located at 990 Pelham Parkway South. Tax preparers are IRS-certified and can help you with all your tax-related questions. Those who are eligible must make \$50,000 or less in income and have dependents, or \$25,000 or less in income and have no dependents. Space is limited, so those interested in attending must call to make an appointment as soon as possible. You must also bring with you photo identification, social security cards for everyone on the return, W2 and/or 1099 statements for all jobs held in 2012, last year's income tax return,

and documentation and care provider tax ID number if you are claiming child care expenses. To reserve a seat, place call 718-792-1800, extension 226.

From Councilman Vacca: A very important warning!

Over the last month or so, residents of both the 49th and 45th Precincts have been concerned over mysterious individuals posing as Con Edison, Verizon, and other workers who claim they must enter your home for "necessary repairs." Unfortunately in the past, I have had constituents burglarized as a result of these imposters who distract home owners and steal money, jewelry, and other valuable products. Both precincts are cur-

rently working on this sudden spike in these crimes and have made some arrests. However, they advise all residents to not answer the door to any suspicious looking men and women in Con Edison, Verizon, or other uniforms unless you have an appointment with any of the companies. If there are any concerns, please call Vito in my office at (718) 931-1721. For any emergencies, call 911.

Senator Jeff Klein is sponsoring his 18th annual Easter Bunny Breakfast and Magic Show on Saturday, March 23 from 8:30 to 10:am at the Villa Barone Manor. Registration is required so please call 800-718-2039. The first 300 children registered will get to make their own bunny.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

The level of wishful thinking about America's safety expressed by both government officials and media pundits alike is both ridiculous and dangerous.

Recently, there have been numerous foolish comments from both Washington and the press praising China for publicly criticizing North Korea's nuclear threats against the U.S., and agreeing to U.N. measures in response.

China is Pyongyang's (North Korea's capital) main benefactor. If Beijing didn't want North Korea to be belligerent against America, it could stop them from doing so in the amount of time it

takes to make a phone call. China's agreeing to U.N. sanctions or criticisms is little more than a smokescreen for their continuing support of their client state's actions.

Both private companies and the Department of Defense have issued dire warnings about China's ongoing hostile actions against the U.S. government and corporations.

Former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, discussing Beijing's hostile espionage and computer attacks on the U.S. stated that the United States faces a "cyber Pearl Harbor...This is a pre-9/11 moment...the attackers are plotting."

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has recently released a report providing proof that recent assaults against American corporate, civilian, and military computer systems were the direct work of a secretive segment of China's army known as "Unit 61398," Based in Shanghai. The report details the systematic theft of "hundreds of terabytes" of data from at least 141 organizations.

In the past several months, computer systems

used by the White House and the Strategic Command were attacked, fortunately without success, by Unit 61398.

National Security Agency chief General Keith Alexander called China's espionage efforts "The greatest transfer of wealth in human history" as the result of decades of research and billions of dollars by companies, the Pentagon, and other portions of the U.S. government were lost to China via internet-related cyber-theft. The loss is far greater than that taken by Soviet agents during the Cold War, since the internet was not as prevalent during that period.

Observers have noted that much of the technology that has allowed China to advance its forces to superpower status have come from information hijacked through computer espionage, including nuclear warhead technology for ICBM use and stealth fighter technology, among other items.

Recently, Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Va.) has criticized NASA's Langley Center for hiring Chinese nationals and allowing them to bring advanced technology data back to Beijing.

Early last summer, General Alexander emphasized that the U.S. was woefully unprepared to both repel

internet-carried assaults or to defend against computer espionage.

Arrayed against this threat is CYBERCOM, a branch of the Department of Defense established in 2010. But with its limited resources, CYBERCOM can only accomplish so much. Bipartisan legislation introduced in the House of Representatives, and executive orders promulgated by the White House, will seek to add to America's arsenal of response.

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BY TONY SALIMBENE

Wow! Too sick for a meeting or even a beer on Saint Pat's but I'm managing to type away!

March 10th, our 15th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade down the avenue was a big success and the beautiful day, I believe, was sent to us as something special from above. We had a nice showing and the Korony Post Color Guard was fantastic. I remember doing it years ago and I'm so happy to see us back on the right track. Green ascots and agulettes for the day - nice touch!

On March 15th, 1919 a group of concerned veter-

ans met at what was known as the Paris Caucus and picked the name American Legion for their service organization. Later to become the largest and one of the most powerful grass roots movement in history, the American Legion is not always remembered for formulating what would be called the GI Bill of Rights and many vets don't realize it was started by our organization. Other veterans organizations were actually against this form of aid to returning vets. Happy 94th Birthday! \*Hand Salute\* to all of us!

Don't forget these two important and traditional

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functions; March 22nd, the Department of NY Commander will visit down-state posts, culminating in a dinner at the Turner Club @7pm. The cost is \$35.00 per person. And April 12th is the National Commander's visit to NY with a big formal dinner at Antun's in Queens, reservations required. Look sharp people!

Our 3rd Sunday meeting will be on April 21st at 11am at ATNY, the Turner

Club. Coffee, snacks, etc.

Until Next Time: Another statistic, the amount of young troopers committing suicide is beyond unacceptable. Let's get with it and see how we can, as a small post in a big system, help out. The wife

and I stopped to recruit a member and just say Hi and were told the person's significant other couldn't join the Legion because he had killed himself, and one friend's son was in such fierce combat, he may never be the same! We have a lot

of work to do and it requires us to look outside the box of traditional Legion activities and be the creative Korony Post we have always been know to be. We are constantly evolving in our service mission, can we do it? I know so!



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BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Our sympathies and condolences go out to the family of Hector Raven who recently passed away. Hector was a member of this Post and a Korean War Vet.

Here is some more notables in uniform info: Paul Newman served in the Pacific with the Navy. Ed Mc Mahon was a Marine Corps pilot also in the Pacific. Walter Matthau was a radio man/gunner with the Army Air Force. Charlton Heston also served in the Brown Air Force and rose to the rank of Sergeant. Jack Lemmon served in the Navy as an Ensign in WWII. Montel Williams and Jonathon Winters both served in the Marines. Johnny Carson

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## Samuel Young Legion Post 620

served in the Navy. Charles Bronson flew 25 missions as a tail gunner in the Air Force. Alan Alda not only played a Korean War M.D. but served a six month hitch as a gunnery officer in the real conflict. More to come. This was contributed by long time Post 620 member Clorindo Nieves.

There is a new phone tree at the V. A. Eye Clinic. After dialing the main number, dial extension 6482 or 6483 and a bunch of press this or that to connect to the dis-

pensary, contact pharmacy, make, cancel or reschedule appointments, etc.

A Second Annual Bake Sale is being held Friday, April 2, 2013 from 5:30-9:30 at the Throgg's Neck Memorial Post 1456. All Proceeds go to the Autism Speaks. So, go on out and lend a hand.

Trivia Time!!

On March 11, 2011, The earthquake and tsunami hit Japan.

The Girls Guides ( Now the Girl Scouts) was founded on March 12, 1912.

"Uncle Sam" debuted as a cartoon on March 13, 1852.

Julius Caesar was killed on the Ides of March 44 BC.

Keep the troops in your prayers, hug a vet and God bless.

BY EDITH BLITZER

On March 12th, the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association (PPNA) had our third General Assembly meeting of 2013, as always at Bronx House at 990 Pelham Parkway South. At the meeting we were proud to announce our 2nd Annual Fundraiser.

Our first fundraiser was a huge success for us, and the individuals who were honored by us were more than deserving of the honor.

This year is no different, as we honor three important members of our community. Our honorees are New York Senator Jeff Klein, 49th Pct. Council President & Chairman of the White Plains Rd. B.I.D. Joseph Thompson, and community Activist Sonny Vataj.

All three of these men are important visible members of the Pelham Parkway community and we are proud to honor such individuals.

The fundraiser will be at Maestro Catering on 1703 Bronxdale Avenue on Thursday May 16, from 6 to 11 p.m. For further information, including pricing per person, please contact us at 718-863-8552. Please respond before May 1st as seating is limited.

As anyone who has attended one of our meetings know one of the major concerns that get brought up repeatedly is the justice system in the Bronx, particularly as it concerns repeat offenders and criminals who seem to 'get a slap on the wrist'.

It is with these thoughts in mind that we invited our two guests, the Hon. Douglas E. McKeon, who is the

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Administrative Judge of Bronx County and his cohort the Hon. Robert Torres, who is the Deputy Administrative Judge of Bronx County. Both men have many years of experience in the Bronx's courts and as such had a lot of information to impart to our assembly.

We were also happy to have an unplanned guest the 49th Precinct's Captain Johnson, who provided info on some recent police doings in our community and provided auxiliary info, to give the police side of our justice system.

One of the issues that the Judges addressed early in the meeting was an issue that is dear to the heart of our Chairperson Mrs. Edith Blitzer and that is graffiti. In particular we are always displeased when young kids get community service for committing this crime (usually cleaning up graffiti) and must perform this service in other communities.

We feel that the community service should be performed in the community that was vandalized, with an emphasis on cleaning up the particular graffiti that was done by the individual whom committed the crime.

The Hon. McKeon seemed receptive to this idea and assured us he would be willing to put together such a program

with political support. We hope to have some info in the future about this, and will provide updates.

The main theme of the meeting had to do with backlogs in our court system.

As both Judges asserted the Bronx County courthouse is the busiest in America.

However the Judges made a point to say that this backlog does not necessarily indicate that crime is higher in the Bronx than other places, but merely was due to administrative issues, that have allowed cases to fester in the system for years.

The Judges informed us of the ways they are battling this issue.

They bought in a judge to handle negotiations and pleas, are working overtime, and are working more hours since the 1st of this year to complete this backlog.

Overall the meeting was very informative and in fact went over our allotted time. The Judges obviously know their profession and gave us information about our court system that we either didn't know or were misinformed about.

We touched on many issues, but not all and with this in mind we would love to have both judges back at some future date. Speaking of future dates, our next meeting will be April 9th.

We do not have information on our guest yet but we will let the community know as soon as we do.

Keep up with us on our Facebook page (simply search for our page on Facebook) for further information.

## Seder at Temple Hatikva

Temple Hatikva's community Passover Seder will be held this Sunday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the synagogue. There will be a reading of the special Temple Hatikva Hagaddah, along with a full, Kosher Passover meal. The cost for the Seder is only \$25 per person, and reservations must be made immediately!

To reserve your seat(s), call (718) 792-1109 right now, or send e-mail to Temple-Hatikva@aol.com. Seating is strictly limited and reservations will now be ac-

cepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

All Jewish households are required to "sell" their non-Passover food (chometz) prior to the holiday. Temple Hatikva has made arrangements for all households to "sell" their chometz.

To fulfill the commandment of only having Passover food for this holiday, you may store all your non-Passover items separately in your home.

Send a payment of \$18 to Temple Hatikva, 1526 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx,

New York 10461, and we will insure that your "chometz" is sold in the traditional manner and that you may again utilize it after the Passover holiday. Call immediately at (718) 792-1109 to make the appropriate arrangements, as time is short. No chometz may be owned after the morning of March 25.

Temple Hatikva is located at 2440 Esplanade. If you need more information, call Temple Hatikva at (718) 792-1109 or e-mail Temple-Hatikva@aol.com

## City Island Library March events

March Programs at the City Island Library:

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS- MARCH 2013

Read Aloud Story Time  
Read aloud picture books: Every Thursday, at 3:30 P.M. Ages 4-10.

Dr. Seuss Rollicking tales The program includes: "Green Eggs and Ham", "The Cat in the Hat", "Horton Hatches An Egg" and "Yertle the Turtle" all brought "to life with props, puppets and lots of audience participation. Presented by award-winning storyteller

LuAnn Adams. For ages 4 to 6 years old. Friday March 29th at 3:00 P.M.

YOUNG ADULT PRO-

GRAMS-MARCH 2013

"Yu-Gi-Oh" Every Wednesday at 3:30 P.M.

Sneak-A-Snack, This will include a variety of different activities. Every weekday after school.

ADULT PROGRAMS- MARCH 2013

Introduction to the Internet: Ongoing Tuesday mornings from 10:00 A.M.-12:00 noon. Please pre-register.

Resume Writing Workshop / On-Line Job Search Ongoing Wednesday mornings from 10 A.M.-12:00 noon. Please pre-register. A flash drive to save your work is highly recommended.

SPECIAL EVENT: Ms Gail Hitt Presents: How to

Write Your Memoirs. A First for the City Island Library. Memoirs are very popular topics for reading. Just check any biography section in a library or book store and there are always some books on the best seller list. Why not write your own experiences? This creative writing workshop will give you ideas and tools to create a unique memoir of your life, in the form of a lively story. Saturday March 23rd at 2:00 PM.

ASPCA SPAY & NEUTER VAN: WED., MARCH 27th

All programs are free. The library is at 320 City Island Avenue and Bay Street.

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# Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY KENNY AGOSTO  
AND DONAL HOLWAY

All over America, gun violence preoccupies a nation.

GET THE GUNS OFF THE STREET! That is the bold message B.P.E.C.A. sent elected officials and police. As our representatives in government debate ways to get a tougher grip on gun control while finding a balance between public safety and the Second Amendment. 81 community members surrounding Bronx Park East braved a chilly Friday evening, gathered to hear a large diverse panel of experts, elected officials, clergy, police, and community leaders discuss all the facets of gun violence with an array of community generated potential solutions.

Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson explained how he is changing the way his office prosecutes gun cases and answered many questions. Professors John Small and Edgar Tyson of Monroe College School of Criminal Justice enlight-

ened us with fresh perspectives on the causes for the proliferation of guns in the hands of our youths citing criminal and mental health research. Bronx Christian Fellowship's pastor, Reverend Que English, founder of The Bronx Clergy Round Table, cited sobering statistics involving gangs and guns and need for parents to be more involved with their children. N.Y.C.H.A. Bronx North Council Chair, Herma Williams spoke eloquently of the need for civic engagement and more unified community entrenchment.

Our keynotespeaker, New York State Senate President Pro Tempore, Sen. Jeffrey Klein thoroughly explained the provisions of New York's Safe Gun Control Act, which he sponsored. Sen. Klein answered questions from the audience and other panelists on issues such as gun magazine capacity. Council Member Jimmy Vacca expressed his support for law enforcement. The panel was also joined by Assembly Mem-

ber Mark Gjonaj, Lieutenant Luis Torres of 1 Police Plaza, and Captain Lorenzo "Andy" Johnson, Commander of the 49th Precinct who vigorously defended the way to properly apply the "Stop and Frisk" tool.

Gary Axelbank star of Bronx Net's "Bronx Talk" moderated the discussion skillfully bringing in each panelists' comments and keeping audience questions/comments brief and to the point. Raphael Schweizer and Kenny Agosto, chair and vice chair of B.P.E.C.A. spoke of the many planned beautification and cultural projects of the organization. They led the final hour to opening up the microphone for a lively and goal oriented discussion of solutions with all present. "This was our first forum, but it certainly won't be our last." Raphael said.

B.P.E.C.A. would like to thank D.A. Johnson, Sen. Klein, and all the panelists for their participation. We also thank the staff and residents of CenterLight for



Bronx D.A. Robert Johnson explains active gun prosecution policy to (l-r) Bronx Talk's Gary Axelbank; B.P.E.C.A. chair, Raphael Schweizer, vice chair, Kenny Agosto; Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj; and NYPD Captain Lorenzo Johnson.

hosting this ground-breaking forum in their space; Professors Tyson & Small, and Monroe College School of Criminal Justice for their co-sponsorship; Ann Larrier and the Office of Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson for providing crucial logistical support; Gary Axelbank for graciously moderating the

event; and Team B.P.E.C.A.: Hazel Miura, Donal Holway, Francine Ruh, Cecilia Smoker, Ralph and Nadeara Dunniehigh for all their hard work.

For a link to download an audio recording of the forum, please email B.P.E.C.A. AT: BxParkEast@gmail.

com. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11th at 7:00pm at Centerlight Healthcare Center located at: 2401 White Plains Road at Waring Avenue. For more information call or text B.P.E.C.A. at: 347.654.7044.

Until then, stand up and speak up for your community!

BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

I indulged my gardening desires by spending a morning with my garden journal, sketching out this year's plan, noting where things have been planted in the previous years so that I can make sure I am rotating my "crops". I reviewed my seed packages and found that this year I don't need to buy any. Instead, I ordered some root stock to expand our asparagus bed. I'm not growing eggplant this year because it never does well and we get plenty from the CSA. We don't get asparagus from the CSA, so it seemed like a good gardening investment.

Being a member of a CSA is great way to have access to many seasonal, local vegetables and fruit, but there are some things we don't get from the Kavakos Family of Stoneledge Farms. For example, besides asparagus, we don't get corn, sweet potatoes or mushrooms. Well, until recently you could not get mushrooms. Deb from Stoneledge let us know last week that they are adding an optional mushroom share to the other optional

shares of fruit and coffee. Once we have the details, I'll fill you in, but in the meantime, don't forget to go to [www.stoneledgefarmny.com](http://www.stoneledgefarmny.com) if you'd like to join the Locust Point CSA.

If you were a member of the CSA in 2012, don't forget to sign up for this year. Last year was our first year and it was quite a success. However, while many members have told me that they can't wait for the first distribution in June, I have heard from two members so far that said that while they enjoyed the CSA, it "just wasn't for them". It's true, for some people, joining a CSA is not the best option. With a CSA, you must pick up your share of produce at a specific time every week and you get what the farmer has harvested. For some families, their schedule during the summer is not consistent and getting to the distribution was a problem for some and we frequently had to pack up their share, make phone calls to remind them and hoping they collected their produce from my front porch the next morning.



If you can work within the framework of how a CSA operates, it's great. If you can't, then the next best thing is having access to a local Farmer's Market. Just like how the best part of a CSA is the "Community Support" part, the key to a successful Farmer's Market is community too. At Brooklyn's East New York Farms, the community not only represents the people who purchase from this very successful market, but they are the growers too. In 1998, the area of East New York was the epitome of urban blight, high crime, high unemployment and disaffected youth but with a plethora of community gardens. And so they combined their efforts and created East New York Farms which uses a variety of outreach methods to reach all ages, an attempt to achieve social justice through the

growing of food.

By providing a safe green space for elderly adults and for children to use the market's first objective was to bring community together. Combined with programs for teenagers that teaches them not only how to grow food, but important business and entrepreneurial skills they accomplished other goals as well. They started in 1998 with two gardeners and now their farmer's market includes three regional farmers, 11 local vendors and 23 local gardeners - a network of backyard and community gardeners that grow and sell produce - they not only offer economic opportunity to community members, but access to some very hard to find items like Caribbean specialty crops such as karela, bora and callaloo. According to the 2012 Five Borough Farm Study, these local gardeners earn an average of \$4,000 per year at the market, which serves over 14,000 people. I don't know about you, but \$4,000 is nothing to sneeze at.

I am however, tired of hearing about all the won-

derful adventures in urban agriculture that are happening in Brooklyn. Not only markets such as East New York Farms, but rooftop farms and artisanal providers abound there. The Bronx needs to step it up!

For those of you who live in or frequent City Island, you may have stopped at the fledgling Farmer's Market that started last year. I know we did and we struck up a conversation with the proprietor, Paul Prilucik for quite a while. He was thrilled to know that I was an avid gardener and local food advocate, so he walked us over to the back area of the market and introduced us to his chickens. He said he wanted to create a market that sold local produce and was very interested in working with backyard farmers like me. A few weeks ago, I spoke to Jamie, a very nice woman who will be running the market for Paul this year.

The City Island Farmer's Market starts on March 30 will be open seven days a week. They are actively looking for vendors and want to work with local

suppliers. Please contact Jamie at [jmaeliiec@yahoo.com](mailto:jmaeliiec@yahoo.com) and "Farmer's Market" in the subject line when you send the email. If you are a beekeeper, if you have backyard chickens (both activities are legal in NYC) give them a call. If you have a huge fig tree or pear tree and you never can eat all the fruit, consider selling it to the market instead of letting it go to waste. If you are an avid home cook and have ever thought about starting your own small food business, here's the perfect opportunity and market to give it a start. If nothing else, stop by the market one day and see what they have on offer.

If you have any questions about the CSA or any other issues I've discussed, feel free to contact me at [cnapolitano@netzero.net](mailto:cnapolitano@netzero.net). We will be out and about promoting the CSA in the coming weeks. We will be at the Throggs Neck Homeowners Association meeting on March 26 and at the Waterbury LaSalle Health Fair on April 11. Hope to see you there!

**BY MARCIA PAVLICA**

Have we seen the last flurries of Winter? And now they are forecasting more flurries and showers...

Last week many of us remembered the Blizzard of '83", now 30 years ago, when we didn't see a City plow for 4 days, when mild weather followed immediately on the fifth day, and the roofs of

our snow forts caved in and snowman shrunk to a floating puddle of red carrot, top hat and wet stringy scarf. Puddles became rivers and house pumps replaced the sound of snow blowers. We greeted Spring as we will again this year..."Hurry up, Spring, come for real."

Our meeting dues for 2013 are now all squared

**civic center****Country Club Civic Association**

away with renewals, those welcomed back from other years, and new members who have just joined.

With special thanks to

Anne De. for keeping track of this annual income, and of our expenses. The numbers have a special magic to them in Anne's capable hands and her end of the year report has all the i's dotted and all of t's crossed. I sure wish she could help me with my IRS tax forms!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,

March 27 at 7:30 p.m. Our guest speaker will be our own New York State Assemblyman Mike Benedetto, on "Spring Break" from the sessions on Albany. If you have questions and concerns about our community and our State, please join us for the evening. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria of the Villa Ma-

ria Academy, 3335 Country Club Road, the one story building on the left as you enter their campus.

To our members, Happy Passover, Happy Easter, and we hope Happy Spring!

And as always, Your home extends beyond your property line. Take pride in your community.

**civic center****Waterbury LaSalle Community Assoc.**

Your polite insistence may save your life. Make sure to wash your own hands after touching your meal tray, the rails on your bed, the phone, the light switch in the bathroom, etc. Bring your own container of wipes and clean everything that you come in contact with.

If you need to have an in dwelling catheter for your hospital stay, make sure it is changed every week. Also, make sure that it is attached to your bed rails and

never placed on the floor!

Of course, the best way to avoid these super bugs is to stay out of the hospital. At our Health Fair we are going to try to help you do just that. We will present interesting ways to stay healthy. You will find out how, where and when is the best time to take your blood pressure. You will learn how to perform the Heimlich maneuver on yourself and your loved ones. Do you drink diet soda? After you attend this meeting, I bet you'll think twice before guzzling another diet Pepsi! Have you heard that you are what you eat? Well, Socrates said, "Let food be thy medicine." We will show you how to combat ailments

with food instead of medicine. You will also learn how to make smoothies that will give you energy and help you lose weight.

Don't miss this informative and fun meeting. Mark April 11th on your calendar and please invite your friends to this meeting.

We will also be sharing old-fashioned home remedies with you. Many of these remedies are tried and true. We have been doing research and found many remedies that even doctors say are worth a try. If you have any remedies that were passed down in your family, please let us know and we will include them in our column.

Here are two that I know

to be very helpful. If you have a urinary tract infection, combine 1 tsp. of olive oil and 1 tsp. of garlic juice in a small glass of cranberry juice. Drink it 3X a day before each meal until the symptoms go away.

If you have high blood pressure one way to lower it is to practice deep breathing. Close your eyes, relax and breathe in through your nose as deeply and slowly as you can then slowly release the breath through your mouth. Do this for at least 10 minutes 2X a day.

We'd love to share your tried and true old fashioned remedy. Bring it to the next meeting, call us or e-mail us. Let's learn and have some fun!

**BY MARY JANE MUSANO**

Our next meeting will be on April 11 at 7:30 p.m. at P.S. 14. We are planning a Health Fair. With the changes in our healthcare system it is even more important that we learn ways to keep ourselves healthy and out of the doctor's office and certainly out of the hospital.

Did you ever hear the saying, "The hospital is no place for a sick person."? That's particularly true when it comes to drug-resistant superbugs that cause deadly bacterial infections. Recently, federal officials reported an alarming rise in hospital infections from a rare, almost untreatable microbe.

This new superbug is

called CRE and it is resistant to nearly all last-resort drugs. It is very difficult to treat and those who are infected with it can need treatment for a year until they test negative to the bacteria. Of course, there is still MRSA and other bugs that you would want to avoid.

Yes, it's scary and that is why we must be informed. There are steps we can take to protect ourselves and some are very simple. If you are in the hospital you must insist that anyone touching you washes their hands first. Do not take their word that their hands are clean. Insist that their hands be washed in front of you. Don't be embarrassed.

**civic center****Pelham Bay Taxpayers Assoc.**

the Marriott hotel. As I look out my window, I can no longer view the beautiful fire red sunset me and my neighbors enjoyed looking at. Progress- & ^# \$^\* @??? Pelham Bay is beginning to look like downtown Manhattan.

Our Borough President Diaz is gung ho on the Metro North Train making stops at Co-op City and Morris Park Ave. However, I was speaking to friends in Westchester who ride Metro North to Manhattan and could not believe what they pay to ride the Metro downtown. A lot more than the

subway. \$22.00 round trip at peak hours and \$15.00 off peak. However, I'm sure it will be less from Co-op City and Morris Park.

Many who attended our meeting were from St. Paul Avenue and voiced their concerns about the mentally challenged adults living at the Pelham Grand.

Dr. Ades and his great staff are continually monitoring their clients and giving them great care and being quick to address any concerns from our community. Dr. Ades informed us that work is continuing forward at the former residence of the SUS clients which was destroyed by an 8 foot surge by hurricane Sandy.

He also sent a letter to Ken Kearn of Community Board 10 informing the board that the building is

equipped with 24-7 security from 8 A.M to 8 P.M. Also, the owner of Pelham Grand, checked out everyone of the groups who were interested in occupying the building and found that SUS was the best deal for him and the community. SUS has been at Rockaway for 18 years and no one from the community was ever harmed.

Blink our eyes and it will be six, seven months later and the clients will happily be back at

Rockaway When SUS leaves, who will be the next tenant??? If I read correctly, Simone Construction will be building at the former Pathmark store, a building to house medical students studying at Montefiore Hospital. For our community, we would have preferred if Montefiore would have rented or purchased

the Pelham Grand for the medical students. We are still hoping that it will be assisted living clients moving in.

We are upset that QUALITY DINER in our community will soon be closing down. We are glad that Florsheim has moved into the former Catania shoe store. We wish the new owners lots of success

Our next Pelham Bay Taxpayers meeting will be held at St. Theresa's cafeteria. Date and time will be listed in Joe Oddo's column next week. Your dues of \$10 that include the Bronx Times Reporter mailed to your home can be paid at our April meeting or mailed to Pelham Bay Taxpayers & Civic Association, Post Office Box # 610233, Bronx, N.Y. 10461

**BY ANITA VALENTI**

On Thursday, March 14, Pelham Bay Taxpayers & Civic Association held our meeting at the former Pelham Bay General Hospital on St. Paul Avenue. Both Michael of Senator Kleins office and Elaine of Assemblyman Benedetto's office attended our meeting. Michael informed us that in January, Senator Klein was elected as Co-President PRO-Temp and shares the leadership of New York State with Republican Senator Dean Skelos giving them great power in Albany. Hopefully, His very successful graffiti removal will begin soon>

We want to thank Michael Grubiak for taking over the duties of John Doyle. We miss John but know that he will be very successful in his new ca-

reer. We also wish Dana Carraturo good health, success and joy in her new duties in Albany. Assemblyman Benedetto is Chairman of Veterans Committee.

I will be calling Elaine to confirm that the Metro Van will be in front of Chase Manhattan Bank every week. I will confirm the time because as I was coming out of Chase Manhattan Bank a woman said she was in front of the bank but no metro van. However the van was there and left at 3 p.m. The woman had gotten there shortly after 3 p.m.

As the huge buildings rise higher and higher on the former swamp by the Huthinson River Parkway we have been informed that the 911 Center will be complete within three to four years with the addition of

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Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Name: Ocean Towers Investor Group LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York ("SSNY") on 1/31/2013. N.Y. office location: Bronx County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Ocean Towers Investor Group LLC, c/o Proto Property Services, LLC, 3601A Fieldstone Road, Bronx, NY 10463. Name/address of each member available from SSNY. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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**Notice of Formation** of 500 Trinity LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/28/13. Off. loc.: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 500 Trinity Ave., Bronx, NY 10455. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Goldberg Family I LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/27/12. Office location: Bronx County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Michael Goldberg, 5600A Broadway, Bronx, NY 10463, principal business address. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of I Am God LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/12. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to princ. bus. loc.: The LLC, 675 Walton Ave., #4G, Bronx, NY 10451, Attn: Edward DeLaRosa. Purpose: Any lawful act permitted by applicable law.

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Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company, (LLC).Name: Bayfund Holding LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/4/2013. Office Location: Bronx County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: The LLC c/o Roy Maus, 4120 Hutch River Parkway E., 16F, Bronx, New York, 10475. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of Formation of My Two Diamonds Day Care LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on January 3, 2013. NYS Office location: BRONX County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O 563 Van Nest Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Shimoff Family LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/27/12. Office location: Bronx County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Robin Shimoff, 5600A Broadway, Bronx, NY 10463, principal business address. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Tiebout Green LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 7/31/09. Office location: Bronx County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Fordham Bedford Housing Corp., 2751 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10468, principal business address. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket Number: HD12D1699DR  
Divorce Summons By Publication & Mailing  
Maria Iboy Arias, Plaintiff (s) v.  
Elias M. Arias, Defendant (s)  
To the above named Defendant:

A complaint has been presented to this Court by Maria Iboy Arias, plaintiff, seeking Divorce.

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

You are required to serve upon - Maria Iboy Arias - plaintiff - whose address is c/o Atty Charles R. Casartello Jr., 1145 Main Street, Suite 308, Springfield, MA 01103, your answer on or before May 22, 2013. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Springfield.

Witness, Anne M. Geoffrion, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Springfield, this twenty-fifth day of February, 2013.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a license, Ser. No. 1269552 for an On-Premises liquor license has been applied for by the undersigned to sell alcohol in an establishment under the Alcohol Beverage Control Law at 726 Astor Ave, Bronx, NY 10467, Bronx County, for On-Premises consumption.

/S/ AGRON RESTAURANT Corp  
d/b/a Zymi Bar & Grill

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on February 27, 2013, bearing Index Number NC-000049-13/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name

of (First) Diane (Middle) Sharon Charlene Monique (Last) Davidson. My present name is (First) Diane (Middle) Charlene (Last) Monique AKA Diane Charlene Monique Davidson AKA Diane Davidson AKA Diane C Davidson. My present address is 1227 Union Ave 1st Fl, Bronx, NY 10459. My place of birth is St Johns Antigua West Indies. My date of birth is September 24, 1962.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on February 28, 2013, bearing Index Number NC-000062-13/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Shaydul (Last) Hassan. My present name is (First) Shaydul (Middle) Hassan (Last) Halim AKA Shaydul H. Halim AKA Shaydul Halim. My present address is 2220 Newbold Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is May 11, 1988.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Public Sale  
Secure Self Storage will be holding a Public Lien Sale located at 4268 Third Ave Avenue, Bronx NY 10457. The sale will be held on Thursday April 11, 2013 at 10:00am. The Contents of the units will be sold for cash to the highest bidder. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. For more information call 718-294-1111.

**Unit Number Name Items:**

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NY, 633 Michelle Rosa, 654 Vertina Taylor, 659 Bianca Carpio, 727 Noel Correa, 737 Willie Boyd, 742 Pat Zuriff, 759 Barbara Singleton, 100c Martha Levin, 404v Waldy Feliz, 406v Barbara Singleton, 509V Marsha McCormick, 523v Michael Seabrook, 526v Alcala/Padilla, 539v Debra Snell, 546v Hamidu Harunah, B037 Evelyn Stevens, B041 Abigail Nixon.

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# Judge orders tax lien sale of Pelham Parkway Stables property

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the two horses currently housed on the property will have to be moved.

## Where's Rusty?

That includes Rusty, the famed steed that became a symbol of alleged animal cruelty, with neighborhood activists demanding owner Buster Marengo take better care of the horse. But the ASPCA checked Rusty out and found him just fine.

These days it's unclear whether Marengo gave up the horse. He hung up when a reporter phoned him, and his attorney, Aniello Grimaldi, did not return repeated phone calls.

As of last week two horses remained on the property in a trailer attached to the condemned small white brick stable.

Court-appointed attorney Edmond Pryor will conduct the future auction, to take place on any given Monday at 2 p.m. inside the Bronx County Courthouse.

Buyers need to hand over a 10% deposit at the auction,

though MOL Realty Co. can keep ownership if they pay the tax lien in full on the auction date.

## Legal notices

Legal notice ads will be posted in the The Bronx Times Reporter and The New York Law Journal two weeks before the auction. Bank of New York, which holds the tax lien certificate from the City of New York, can buy the property itself or auction it off to the highest bidder.

Once a winning bidder is picked, they will assume ownership of the property that sits next to two empty lots owned by Pelham Parkway Towers LLC. The company had planned to build a seven-story, 91-unit housing complex dubbed Pelham Parkway Towers, but that plan is now dormant.

Neighborhood activists contend efforts to relocate the horse were just a ploy related to expand the towers.

## Bad History

The property was a thriving horse academy in the

1980's, dubbed Cy's Pelham Parkway Riding Academy. It was owned by Peter Ciaffa, who since passed away.

Ownership was then transferred to Marengo, who has since hired a lawyer and refused to talk to the press.

The stables drew major media attention in September, 2012 when elected officials and animal rights groups rallied to get "Rusty" out of the condemned stable and moved to a better home.

"It's a sad day that we no longer have the stables," said Joanne Rubino, Community Board 11 member, who said it was "hard to sit through all the allegations that were made from people who were for the stable or against the stable."

"If the stables could be run by someone who can manage them and have a viable business, then it will be a viable thing to the neighborhood," said Rubino. "Is that going to happen? No. Could it happen? I don't know."



Two horses remain in a trailer attached to the run down stables at 1680 Pelham Parkway south, their fate unknown.

# School may be possible future for Pelham Bay Grand

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Avenue.

Several incarnations of the building were considered but never took off, including a senior living facility and luxury apartments.

These days the building functions as a temporary supportive housing facility for Superstorm Sandy-ravaged residents from Queens.

But now a city Department of Education spokesman confirmed that discussions are underway, while Vacca added that they are still in the preliminary stages, with no deal "signed" or "sealed" just yet.

"The SCA is now in serious discussion with the owner of the Pelham Bay hospital building to use the building as an elementary school to relieve overcrowding at PS 71," said Vacca. "These discussions have been taking place for several months. They are still

discussions, and there are no conclusions."

The purchase would be consistent with a city DOE five-year capital plan that calls for adding 375 new school seats in the Pelham Bay and Throggs Neck area, said Vacca.

He suggested the site to DOE and SCA officials about a year ago, but other locations around the area were also looked at, including some closer to PS 71 and PS 14, he said. In recent years, overutilizing of PS 71 has led to a reduction in enrollment for some kindergarten classes to accommodate upper grades.

But don't expect to see any school at the building anytime very soon, said Vacca.

"They cautioned that if this does happen, it is not going to happen overnight, because the building would have to be totally renovated," said Vacca. "So you could be looking at two to

three years until a school is brought in there."

DOE's interest in the Pelham Grand was news to Dr. Yves Ades, head of Services for the UnderServed, the nonprofit currently housing five dozen supportive housing tenants in the seven-story building while their Hurricane Sandy-damaged residence in Far Rockaway, Queens is being repaired.

Ades has said SUS expects to return to their newly repaired Queens residence as late as September this year.

"We're still within the timeframe," said Ades, adding it's been relatively quiet since SUS settled into the Grand back in January.

A community advisory board has been formed to establish a conversation between the neighborhood folks and SUS staffers.

Initial reaction from community leaders to the idea of an elementary school

at the location was cautious but positive.

"In this case, when [Councilman Vacca] said a grammar school, we said yes," said Andrew Chirico, the nonprofit currently housing five dozen supportive housing tenants in the seven-story building while their Hurricane Sandy-damaged residence in Far Rockaway, Queens is being repaired.

Chirico said the community needs the school

seats and this could alleviate pressure at PS 71, where mobile classrooms now take up part of the schoolyard.

Both he and Pelham Bay Taxpayers president Anita Valenti said that the idea of a school - as long as it is not a high school - would be a good choice for the location, as would senior housing.

"I think that an elemen-

tary school would be less of a problem than a high school," said Valenti. "Someone will always object to anything that goes into that building. It is there and we have to deal with it."

Valenti added that her first choice for the building would be senior housing, but a close second would be an elementary school.



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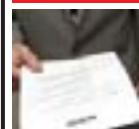
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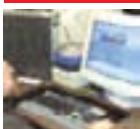
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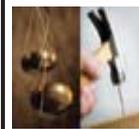
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### LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 662A-2006/A CITATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: NYC Department of Social Services; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of ANNABELLE TRUITT also known as ANNABELLE GIST TRUITT and ANNIE BELL SCOTT, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on April 11, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., why the Court should not grant the following relief: that the account of the Public Administrator

of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of ANNABELLE TRUITT also known as ANNABELLE GIST TRUITT and ANNIE BELL SCOTT, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 314 East 169th Street; Bronx, New York 10456, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$7,267.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$3,633.50 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$3,633.50 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Carl Lucas, Esq. 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 claim of the NYC Department of Social Services in the approximate amount of \$727,028.65 be allowed; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to the NYC Department of Social Services on account of its allowed claim; 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, February 25, 2013.

(L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ, 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: Carl Lucas, Esq. Tel. No. 1-718- 992-1428 Address: 851 Grand Concourse, Room 336; Bronx, NY 10451

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File No. 761A-2006/A  
SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of ELPIDIO BRITO also known as ELPIDIO B. BRITO, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries,

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absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the net cause of action proceeds 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; and that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, March 12, 2013. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ 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) Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013



## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

### A Man And His Glove

Bruce Jenkins (SF Chronicle) brought back some memories: "Do you remember the first time? Working that brand-new glove until the pocket felt just right? Perhaps you still have it, stashed in a closet somewhere. If a cherished glove ever became part of your life, you have a connection with countless big-leaguers who play a little kid's game.

It's the glove that reveals the innocence. Ask a ballplayer about the opposing team, a controversial incident or even his neighborhood, maybe he backs off a little. Mention the glove and you've gone straight to the heart.

Duane Kuiper, a flashy and acrobatic second baseman when he played for the Cleveland Indians, used the same Wilson 2000 glove throughout his 12-year career. "If somebody told me at 2 o'clock I'd have to use a new glove in the game that night, I wouldn't have played," he said. "That glove was like my life. One night around 1977-78, about five minutes before we took the field, somebody on my team hid my glove. I went out there with someone else's, and as the baseball gods would have it, I kicked the first ball hit to me.

"I was so pissed, nobody had the nerve to tell me who did it. But when I got back to the dug-out after that inning, the glove was there waiting for me."

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# Fannie Lou Hamer captures first ever PSAL hoops crown



Fannie Lou Hamer HS PSAL 2012-2013 Boys Basketball "B" Champions.

Photo by William Thomas

#### BY MIKE MORTON

Fannie Lou Hamer experienced devastating losses in the PSAL Class B playoffs the last two years and was not about to let that happen again this season.

The Panthers jumped out to an 11-point lead midway through the third quarter only to see Wingate shrink it to just two heading into the final frame. The question coach Marc Skelton posed to his players before the fourth quarter was simple.

"Do you want to lose?" he asked.

They did not and would not.

Fannie Lou senior Michael Castillo converted a key 3-point play early in the fourth to regain momentum for his team. The top-seeded Panthers never looked back

after that on its way to a 63-58 victory over No. 19 Wingate to bring home the school's first ever PSAL B division city championship Sunday at St. Francis College.

"They were coming back," said Castillo, who scored 15 points. "They weren't going to give it to us. That was an important basket."

The Panthers (28-3) were led by a group of upper classmen that has seen the team go through hard times in recent years. They were upset in the second round last year and the third round the year prior.

"I've been waiting three years for this," said junior Isaih Thomas, who scored a game-high 19 points and was named the most valuable player. "Three years. Last year

upset, year before, upset. It just feels good now to take it now."

Skelton said he was so distraught by losing in the first round of the PSAL championships on a buzzer-beater to New Explorations last season that he devised a plan to overcome that disappointment.

The Panthers didn't touch a basketball all preseason or work on conditioning, he said. Instead they watched film of the playoff loss relentlessly.

"If you ask the guys, they don't want to see that film again," the seventh-year coach joked.

Skelton said the difference between this year's Panthers team and the teams of years past was the leadership of his seniors, who have experienced such tough losses in the past.

"We've always been a top team, and to finally break the barrier, it's amazing," said senior Jimeek Conyers, who scored 11 points.

Timothy Benn scored a team-high 18 points for Wingate, including eight points in the fourth quarter, but his effort wasn't enough to keep his team in it. Jean Joseph tallied just 11 for the Generals, and was held to just two points in the second half.

The Panthers will now head to the Federation tournament in Albany next weekend and take on Watervliet 11:45 a.m. in the semifinals at the Times Union Center. No matter what happens the senior's legacy is already set at Fannie Lou.

"This is history," Conyers said.

# Fordham women's hoops fall

## Foul leads to loss of NCAA tournament berth

BY MIKE MORTON

The Fordham women's basketball team was in control of its NCAA tournament fate, or so it seemed.

The Rams had the ball down a point with less than 30 seconds to play, but a questionable offensive foul call led to Fordham falling 47-46 to St. Joseph's University in the Atlantic 10 title game at the Barclays Center Saturday night.

Fordham had designed an isolation play for guard Erin Rooney on the final possession. Shortly after the inbounds, the play broke down, leaving Rooney to look for an open teammate. Forward Samantha Clark began backing down her defender and was called for an offensive foul that Fordham disagreed with after the game.

"Not to sound bad, but I didn't see a foul at all," said

graduate student Marah Strickland, who scored a game-high 16 points in the loss. "We were all pretty shocked and disappointed. We just tried to stay focused on finishing the game out strong, but it was a tough call."

The foul sent the Hawks' Chatil Van Grinsven to the free throw line with just six seconds remaining in the game. She missed both, but with only 3.8 seconds left and no timeouts, the Rams' surprising run to a championship was over.

"I've never lost a game like this," said second-year Fordham coach Stephanie Gaitley, who has taken numerous programs to the NCAA tournament. "I always believe it should be the kids to determine the outcome, and that's what is so disappointing. Let the kids determine that outcome"

Fordham jumping out to

a fast start in the first half only to see things change quickly after the break. The Ram (24-8) carried an eight-point lead into the half, but trailed for the first time in the game with 12:06 remaining in the second half.

St. Joseph's (23-8) went a 12-0 run in the second half, which spanned over six minutes, giving the Hawks a 34-32 lead with 10:21 left in the game. Natasha Cloud scored 10 of her team-high 15 points in the second half, en route to being named the most outstanding player of the tournament.

"They started off really cold," Gaitley said. "They're not a 21 percent shooting team, so I think it was a matter of their shots starting to drop."

Rooney had the chance to tie the score at 47 with 30 seconds left in the game at the free throw line. After

having a poor performance there in Fordham's first game against St. Joseph's, her struggles continued as she failed to convert on her second free throw attempt.

"I went up to the line completely confident that I was going to hit them, and I didn't," she said.

This season marked a historic turnaround for the Rams even in defeat. In 2007-2008 Fordham was historically bad, finishing the year 0-29. Just five years later, and in only Gaitley's second season, the Rams were playing for a championship, something no one saw coming.

"To be preseason ranked No. 11 [in the conference] and to be able to do what we did, said an emotional Strickland trying to fight back tears. "The girls worked so hard to turn around Fordham women's basketball. I'm really proud,"



Marah Strickland takes a jumper for Fordham. Photo courtesy of Fordham Athletics

## Riverdale, Scanlan set for Bronx battle at Federation tournament

BY MIKE MORTON

It's been a memorable, and improbable, season for two Bronx high school boys basketball teams.

Monsignor Scanlan and Riverdale are now meeting in the state Federation Class B semifinals March 23 at the Times Union Center in Albany, NY.

Scanlan (16-6) advanced to the Federation by defeating St. Mary's (Buffalo) 44-42 on March 9, to win the CHSAA state title. The Crusaders find themselves matched up against Riverdale, which earned a berth in the tournament by beating Poly Prep 67-63 on March 3 in the NYSAIS title game. Fellow Bronx school Fannie Lou Hamer will compete in the other semifinal.

Scanlan coach Dwayne Mitchell, who has experienced coaching upstate as an assistant with Rice, admits that playing a fellow Bronx school in the Federation tournament is exciting. Still he has cautioned his team to remain focused

and prepare for the game as if it was any regular contest.

"We just have to come ready to play," Mitchell said. "Whether they're from the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, we just have to be motivated to play regardless."

This matchup is made even more special based on the fact that no one expected either team to reach Albany at the beginning of the season.

Scanlan, which went winless last season in CHSAA play, won their first state title in team history with their win over St. Mary's. Just one week before that, the Crusaders won their first city crown since 2002. The Crusaders rely on the play of their seniors, led by John Dewey and Greg Wilkinson.

The biggest difference between the last season's winless Scanlan squad and this year's team is the addition of Mitchell. He said the success he experienced at Rice has motivated him

to duplicate that success at Scanlan.

"I just tried to come over and try to build something special over here," he said.

Riverdale is also enjoying an unlikely run. The Falcons won their first NY-SAIS Class B championship in school history with their win over preseason favorite Poly Prep. Riverdale also won a share of its first Ivy League title since 1985 this season.

"This is my eighth season at Riverdale," coach Andy Marinos said. "The last few years looking at the banner saying 1985 was driving me crazy."

Led by senior co-captains Kyle Friedman and Joshua Wetzler, the Falcons enjoy continuing to prove everyone wrong.

"I really did think we would be better than people thought we would be," Marinos said. "I'm not going to lie, I never expected this though. As the season went on, we really started to realize [our potential]."



Riverdale's Thomas Ryan will lead his team against Scanlan in the state Federation Class B state tournament. Photo by Steven Schibbe

# Pipe Dreams: NCAA Madness; Nike curse

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Kuiper still has that glove, and, like Krukow, he loves everything it represents. "Stays exactly the same," he said. "My kids, my wife, my car, everything in my life changes - but not the glove. There's a certain amount of love involved there."

It seems that when the Loma Prieta earthquake rocked Candlestick Park during the 1989 World Series, Gallego and about 15 A's teammates were in the visitors' locker room. "The whole place starts shaking, and someone yells, 'Get the hell out of here! This place might be comin' down!' So it's total chaos. There was only one door and the power went out, so everyone's scrambling toward that little patch of light. People bumping into chairs, crash-

ing into each other, just panicking. "I got about halfway to that door when I stopped, turned around and headed back to my locker," Gallego recalled. "People were like, 'What the hell are you doing?' But it was just a beeline. I got to my locker, started feeling around in the dark ... got the glove."

"That's when I knew it was OK to run out of there. I figured if that glove was going down in the clubhouse, I was going down with it."

It's a story of loyalty, of an athlete best friends with a piece of leather, a man feeling quite like a kid with his very first glove. A story that captures the essence of the game."

## Cano Takers

Andrew Marchand (ESPNny.com) had these two suggestions:

"LOS ANGELES DODGERS: The Dodg-

ers have already become Yankees West, supplanting the Bombers with the largest payroll ever. If their blueprint works this season, it seems very reasonable they may just pluck another star into their system. Yankees pride versus Dodgers green is an emotional East Coast-West Coast bidding battle that Boras would love.

**NEW YORK METS:** The Wilpons are broke, you say. Well, they only have guaranteed deals with David Wright and Jon Niese for 2014. The Mets could very well be involved, and the Yankees have to take that seriously.

That said, the Wilpons are experts at winning silver and bronze medals in free agency. Sandy Alderson isn't the type to go eight-to-10 years on a 31-year-old second baseman, but the threat of the Mets is a tool I'm

sure Boras would enjoy using."

## Head Ache

Last season, when he was an Oakland A, pitcher Brandon McCarthy was hit in the right temple by a ball hit by Angle Erick Aybar and suffered brain contusion and hemorrhage as well as a skull fracture.

When he was asked if he would ever wear a protective face mask, he answered- "Not Happening." I remember, NY Rangers goalie, Gump Worsley said the same thing but wound up wearing one.

All it's going to take is one big name to start wearing a mask and it'll become an accepted practice. I think it'll be a long time if ever before anyone does wear one.

## NCAA Madness

Bob Molinaro (Hamp-tonRoads.com) talked about game changing moments. "Speaking

of moments that decide games, why won't college refs call a foul a foul? Instead - and we can expect more of this in the tournament - they permit what is euphemistically called 'physical play,' otherwise known as fouling. It uglies up the sport as much as the anemic shooting percentages."

The Sports Curmudgeon said, "Reports say that Yankees' first baseman, Mark Teixeira, will be out for 8-10 weeks with a sprain of the ECU tendon in his right wrist. Who knew that there was a tendon named after East Carolina University?"

## Nike Curse

Scott Ostler (SF Chronicle) told us to be careful. "Let's start worrying about the Nike Curse. Oscar Pistorius was a Nike guy. Also Tiger Woods, Lance Armstrong, Joe Paterno and

Alex Rodriguez. Rory McIlroy has struggled since inking to swing Nike clubs and said recently, "It doesn't make a difference what deal or what clubs I play." There's your new slogan, Nike."m,

## No Choice At All

The NHL that protective visor use in games is a player's choice (today 73% of players use a visor). It still seems that a few players won't wear one, saying it cuts down their range of vision increasing their chance of injury. This is similar to the NFL players who didn't want to wear a face mask attached to their helmets because they felt that face masks diluted their game. However, the consensus of players felt that not using a mask was crazy. The last NFL not to wear a face mask in a game was "wacky" Tommy McDonald of the Eagles.

## Info Tech sees season end to Jamaica in PSAL Class B semifinals

This year's team caught them by surprise

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Odaly Aponete said this year's team caught her by surprise.

The Info Tech girls basketball coach graduated the majority of last year's team that reached the PSAL Class B quarterfinals. The current roster was the bench on that club. They stepped up and pushed the program to new heights by getting it to the semifinals for the first time.

"This year the girls really want to go farther than the team that I had before," Aponete said. "Their goal was to make it to the championship."

A chance to play for a title was not to be as the No. 14-seeded Panthers fell to No. 18 Jamaica in the semifinals last Tuesday at York College. Tanysha Campbell, who Aponete said eats and

sleeps basketball, led Info Tech with 22 points. Raheemat Onafuwa 12 and Crystal Lawrence chipped in six.

This group hold a special place for the coach, who has watched them come up together through the middle school at the ? school.

"They should be proud," Aponete said. "They made history at the school."

Her team trailed 25-22 at the half after Marie Albino ended the frame with a 3-pointer. Jamaica got off to a hot start in the third, but the Panthers rallied to within 33-30 on a Campbell jumper with 2:11 left to play in the quarter.

The Queens school put the game away with a 6-0 run early in the fourth when a jumper by Laquasia Berry, who

scored a game-high 16 points. Core Valentine added 14 points for Jamaica, which advanced to play top-seeded Scholars in the final. Jamaica forwards Valentine and Parvene Kissoone made a big difference on the defensive end in Aponete's mind.

"The girls ran out of gas and they were a little intimidated going inside the paint," the coach said.

Aponete feels the bar continues to raise for the program, but so does the challenge of meeting it. Info Tech loses five more seniors from this year's group.

"I am going to be having the same thing that happened this year," Aponete said. "I'll now have the bench have to step up."

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SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. EMIGRANT MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., Plff. vs. YVETTE M. FALZONE a/k/a YVETTE M. FALZONE-TORRES, et al, Defts. Index #381322/09. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Feb. 8, 2013, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Apr. 8, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. prem .k/a 1974 Powell Ave., Bronx, NY. Said property located on the southerly side of Powell Ave. as legally opened distant 313.46 ft. westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the said southerly side of Powell Ave, and the westerly side of Pugsley Ave. as legally opened; being a plot 25 ft. x 103.06 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$395,871.95 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. PATRICK WYNNE, Referee. ISABEL L. BECKER, LLC, Attys. for Plff., 49 Maple Ave., PO Box 796, New City, NY (845) 634-3696. (File No. 5596) #82357

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Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated July 9, 2010

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at THE BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NEW YORK 10451 on April 8, 2013 at 2:00 PM, premises known as 1848 CROSS BRONX EXPRESSWAY N/K/A 1339 LELAND AVE, BRONX, NY 10472.

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 3879 Lot 34  
Approximate amount of lien \$ 510,801.81 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 381762/2008  
DEIDRA R. MOORE, ESQ., REFEREE  
STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., AT-  
TORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF  
ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113  
CARLE PLACE, NY 11514  
DATED MARCH 4, 2013  
FILE # SUNTRUST-CN 50748

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF  
BRONX, HDHJ GROUP, LLC, Plaintiff, vs.  
BETTER HOMES DEPOT, INC., ET AL.,  
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on March 01, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 22, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 3826 Orloff Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 03263 and Lot 0167. Approximate amount of judgment is \$394,282.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381266/09.

Daniel A. Padernacht, Esq., Referee  
Lawrence & Walsh, P.C., 215 Hilton  
Avenue, P.O. Box 1200, Hempstead, NY  
11551-1200, Attorneys for Plaintiff

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT  
COUNTY OF BRONX DB50 2007-1 Trust,  
Plaintiff, against Danielle Mouzon, et al.,  
Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2/7/2013 I,  
the undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at the Bronx County Courthouse,  
Room 600 at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx,  
New York on 04/01/2013 at 2:00PM,  
premises known as 333 Concord Avenue,  
Bronx, NY 10454 All that certain plot piece or  
parcel of land, with the buildings and  
improvements erected, situate, lying and  
being in the Borough and County of Bronx,  
City and State of New York, Block 2573 Lot  
32. Approximate amount of judgment  
\$545,164.52 plus interest and costs.  
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of  
filed Judgment Index# 381055/07. Joseph  
Strasburg, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro &  
Barak, LLC 250 Mile Crossing Boulevard,  
Rochester, NY 14624 Dated: February 22,  
2013 1021783 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 03/22/2013

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF  
BRONX, CENTRAL MORTGAGE  
COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES MILLS, ET  
AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure  
and Sale duly filed on January 30, 2013, I,  
the undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at the Bronx County Courthouse,  
Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY  
on April 08, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., premises  
known as 1031 Rev. James A. Polite  
Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot,  
piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and  
improvements thereon erected, situate, lying  
and being in the Borough and County of  
Bronx, City and State of New York, Block  
2691 and Lot 130. Premises will be sold  
subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index  
# 381676/08.

Moshe S. Neiss, Esq., Referee  
Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy &  
Fenichel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza,  
Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF  
BRONX, AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC  
601 FIFTH AVENUE SCOTTSBLUFF, NE  
69361, Plaintiff, vs. JOAN MCKOY-MARTIN,  
ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure  
and Sale duly filed on July 30, 2009, I,  
the undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at the Bronx County Courthouse,  
Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY  
on April 15, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., premises  
known as 916 East 217th 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 4687 and Lot 40.  
Approximate amount of judgment is  
\$566,721.23 plus interest and costs.  
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of  
filed Judgment Index # 380957/08.

Michael P. Amodio, Esq., Referee  
Knuckles, Komosinski & Elliott, LLP, 565  
Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523,  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

## LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2013-178  
Administration Citation  
SURROGATE'S COURT-BRONX  
COUNTY

CITATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW  
YORK

By the Grace of God Free and  
Independent

TO: Adele Campsen, nee Toebelmann,  
an alleged absentee whose last known  
address is 2860 Creston Avenue, Bronx  
County, New York.

A petition having been duly filed by Henry  
A. Toebelmann who is domiciled at 105-40  
92nd Street, Ozone Park, NY 11417..

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW  
CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx  
County, held at 851 Grand Concourse, Room  
406, Bronx, New York, 10451, on April 16,  
2013, at 9:30 O'clock in the forenoon of that  
day, why a decree should not be made in the  
estate of Adele Campsen lately domiciled at  
2860 Creston Avenue in the County of Bronx,  
New York, granting Letters of Administration  
upon the estate of the decedent to Henry A.  
Toebelmann or to such other person as may  
be entitled thereto.

Judicial Declaration of Death Pursuant to  
EBTL 2-1.7(a)

Dated, Attested and Sealed,  
Feb. /2013  
(Seal)  
Hon. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez  
Surrogate  
Michael Hausler  
Chief Clerk

Name of Attorney for Petitioner: Ragano  
& Ragano, Esqs.

Address of Attorney: 95-09 101 Avenue,  
Ozone Park, New York 11417

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## LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 291A-2001/A

CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW  
YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE  
AND INDEPENDENT TO: The Attorney  
General of the State of New York; Michael D.  
Robertson; Household Credit Services; and  
Harry L. Robertson, whose whereabouts are  
unknown, if living or if dead, to his respective  
heirs, legatees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries,  
assignees, successors and creditors in  
interest, whose names are unknown and  
cannot be ascertained after due diligence;  
Send Greeting: A Petition and Account  
having been filed by Public Administrator of  
the County of Bronx, having offices at 851  
Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451,  
YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW  
CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the  
State of New York, County of Bronx, at the  
Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand  
Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York  
10451, on April 4, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., why  
the Court should not grant the following relief:  
that the account of the Public Administrator  
of the County of Bronx, a summary of which  
will be served therewith, as Administrator of  
the Estate of ARLENE ROBERTSON, also  
known as ARLENE J. ROBERTSON,  
deceased, who at the time of her death was  
a domiciliary of 2331 Cambreleng Avenue;  
Bronx, New York 10458, be judicially settled;  
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 rejected  
claim of Household Credit Services be  
disallowed its entirety for a failure to  
substantiate; that the decedent's husband,  
Harry L. Robertson, having failed to provide  
support for the decedent and abandoned the  
decedent in or about November of 1957, and  
said failures having continued until the  
decedent's death, be disqualified as a  
surviving spouse and distributee of the  
decedent pursuant to Section 5-1.2 of the  
New York Estates, Powers and Trusts Law;  
that, in the absence of anyone appearing and  
filing objections hereto, the entire net estate  
be paid to the decedent's distributees as  
follows: 100% to Michael D. Robertson, as  
and for his distributive share; and that such  
other and further relief as the Court may  
deem just and proper be granted.

Dated, Attested and Sealed, February 19,  
2013. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-  
GONZALEZ Surrogate, Bronx County,  
MICHAEL HAUSLER, Chief Clerk. This  
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# Dental Diary

BY DR. WILLIAM WOLFSON

The more severe form of gum disease is called periodontitis. When you reach this stage, your gums begin to pull away from your teeth. Pockets form between your teeth and gums. These fill with germs and pus, and deepen. When this happens, you may need gum surgery to save your teeth. If nothing is done, the infection goes on to destroy the bone around your teeth. The teeth may start to move or get loose. Your teeth may fall out or need to be pulled. For the nearly 26 million Americans who have diabetes, many may be surprised to learn about an unexpected complication associated with this condition. Research shows that there is an increased prevalence of gum disease among those with diabetes, adding serious gum disease to the list of other complications associated with diabetes, such as heart disease, stroke and kidney disease.

Uncontrolled diabetes can make periodontal dis-

ease worse. Emerging research also suggests that the relationship between serious gum disease and diabetes is two-way. Not only are people with diabetes more susceptible to serious gum disease, but serious gum disease may have the potential to affect blood glucose control and contribute to the progression of diabetes. Research suggests that people with diabetes are at higher risk for oral health problems, such as gingivitis (an early stage of gum disease) and periodontitis (serious gum disease). People with diabetes are at an increased risk for serious gum disease because they are generally more susceptible to bacterial infection, and have a decreased ability to fight bacteria that invade the gums. Untreated periodontal disease can make it difficult to control a diabetic's blood sugar. Now, for the first time, a study has shown that moderate to severe periodontal disease increases the risk of diabetes later in life. Researchers

from Columbia University School of Public Health did the study. They used information from a national survey done between 1982 and 1992. The study included information on 7,168 adults. They all had at least one tooth and did not have diabetes in when first observed

in 1982. Of these adults, 53% had some form of periodontal disease. They were divided into five groups, based on how severe their disease was. The researchers then looked to see which adults were newly diagnosed with diabetes between 1982 and 1992.

Compared with people who had no periodontal disease:

People with no or mild periodontal disease were not at risk of diabetes.

People with moderate

periodontal disease were more than twice as likely to be diagnosed with diabetes.

People with more severe periodontal disease had an increased risk of diabetes. However, the risk was not as high as it was in the moderate disease group.

People who lost a lot of teeth during the 10-year period were more likely to be diagnosed with diabetes than people who lost fewer teeth. Experts say that diabetics are more likely than non-diabetics to get peri-

odontal disease. People with diabetes are more prone to infections. Periodontal disease is a bacterial infection. Medical experts see periodontal disease as a complication of diabetes. This study shows that in some cases, periodontal disease may be a risk factor for diabetes.

*Dr. Wolfson is director of Morris Park Dental Associates, 960 Morris Park Ave. Call 718-377-6453 for info.*

## Con Ed efficiency stars

Con Edison today honored building owners, property managers and contractors who led the way in 2012 in making energy- and money-saving efficiency upgrades in multifamily buildings.

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"Our multifamily energy-efficiency program is at its most successful when owners and managers work with our installation contractors to upgrade to modern lighting, HVAC and other equipment," said Gregory Elcock, manager of Con Edison's multifamily program.

Winn Residential of Boston was named Property Owner of the Year for improving the efficiency of a 38-building housing complex in the Bronx.

The electrical contractors in the Bronx that delivered the most electric energy savings were Riverdale Electrical Services of the Bronx, which saved an estimated 825,000 kilowatt hours.

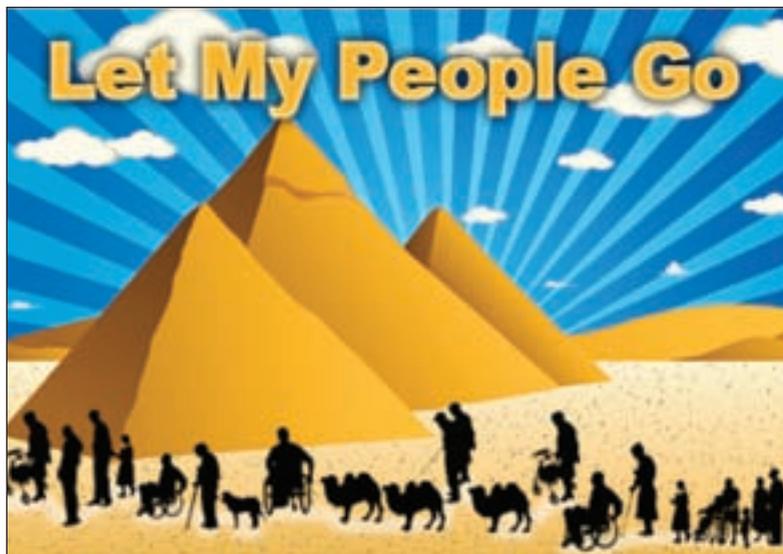
The gas contractor that provided the most savings in the Bronx was Calray Gas Heat Corp. (70,500 therms).

Con Edison named the New York City Housing Authority the Public Partner of the Year for completing a massive energy-efficiency project in public housing units in Manhattan, the Bronx and Brooklyn.

The other Bronx winners were:

Diego Beekman Mutual Housing for 673-675 East 140th St.. This building had more savings through gas efficiency work of any building in 2012.

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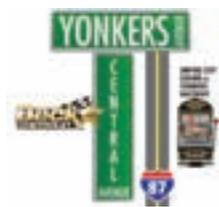


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