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Eyes on bribe centers

LOCALS ESCAPE BOSTON TERROR

BY DAVID CRUZ

After a day of social activities there, Hector Delacruz walked out of the New Age Social Adult Daycare, at the center of a major corruption scandal involving As-

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Boro runners recall marathon horror

BY DAVID CRUZ

Laura Rodriguez of Throggs Neck didn't realize she was running for her life at the Boston Marathon.

Neither did her fellow runners at the Van Cortlandt Track Club, recalling the moment they came close to death at the scene of a bloody terror bombing on Monday afternoon, April 15.

For Rodriguez, it was simply a day to test her endurance.

A medical assistant at Montefiore Medical Center, Rodriguez crossed the finish line at 3 hours and 4 minutes, roughly an hour before two explosions detonated on Boylston Ave., killing three and injuring 176.

Walking out of the Marriott Hotel on Exeter Street with her husband and a friend, Rodriguez was jolted by the explosion.

"It was the loudest thing I ever heard," she said. "Then like 12 seconds later, there was a second blast that went off and people just started running."

They also started screaming,

sprinting for their lives as a flood of ambulances jammed Boylston Avenue, stumbling onto a bloody scene of death and blown off limbs.

"It just brought 9/11 back again," said Rodriguez. "Like the feeling of not being safe and not knowing what's going to happen."

Rodriguez quickly tried to call her teammates from the track club, Bronx runners who practice year-round to qualify for the prestigious Boston Marathon. But cell phone service was down.

"I kept trying to text them 'please don't come to downtown Boston, you have to get out of here,'" recalled Rodriguez.

Good fortune was on the side of club president Bette Clark, who decided the day before not to go to the finish line.

Instead, she was riding the T-line near Heartbreak Hill at mile 21, about 5 miles from the finish line, spending the early afternoon cheering runners on.

The subway halted two stops

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Photo by Walter Pofelct

CRAZY EASTER HAT CONTEST

Terry Bents (l) and Helen Kunda show off their colorful headgear at the Santa Maria Belated Easter Party April 5th. Seniors stopped by the festive event, taking part in the Crazy Easter Hat Contest.

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Sniper kills dog

Throggs Neck neighbor charged

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A Throggs Neck family was mourning the murder of their beloved pet dog, while their neighbor was facing criminal charges for allegedly shooting it.

The Lopez family lost their beloved Spike, a Maltese who was an important part of their family for eight years, when neighbor Donald Savino, 73, allegedly shot the small dog with a pellet gun around 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, according to court documents.

Marco Lopez, 49, was standing across the street from his home on Emerson Avenue looking at repairs on his wife's car and was verbally giving instructions to Spike, who was standing near the sidewalk in front of Savino's home at 272 Emerson Place, when he heard a "whoosh" sound, he said.

"I saw my dog just jump up in the air," said Lopez, "and I heard him scream really loudly in pain, and I



Daniel Lopez is seen here with Spike. Courtesy of the Lopez family

knew he had been shot."

Lopez said that he looked up and saw Savino standing in an upper floor window with a rifle.

"I screamed, 'why did you shoot my dog?'"

Police called to the scene found a Crosman Arms .22 caliber air rifle with a hunting scope in Savino's basement, according to the court documents.

Spike staggered back into the family home, where Lopez realized that the pellet had gone through his body and come out the other side.

He called the police, and his wife brought Spike to a late-night veterinarian clinic in Forest Hill, Queens, where the family was told that the pellet had torn through vital organs, said Lopez.

"He was a tough little dog," said Lopez. "He was in pain, and he was not reacting well...he was getting worse and worse by the minute, and we had to make a decision."

Video of Spike's last moments shows one of Lopez's son, Daniel, 13, crying and saying to Spike, "I love you so much."

According to a complaint report, Savino admitted shooting the Lopez family's dog.

"Ok, I did it," Savino stated to police. "I didn't



The night of Spike's death was an emotional time at the vets.

courtesy of the Lopez family

mean to kill the dog. I just wanted to shoot it in the butt and scare him."

The complaint report states that Savino told police that over years he talked to his neighbor about the dog being off the leash.

Lopez said Savino had also complained about the dog urinating on a tree on his property.

Lopez wants to make it clear that Spike was not on Savino's property when he was shot.

Savino was arrested and arraigned in Bronx Criminal Court, charged with felony aggravated cruelty to animal and four misdemeanors, including criminal possession of a weapon, criminal mischief, firearms and torturing and injuring an animal.

He was later released.

"Spikey was part of the family," said Lopez. "We got him when he was a puppy, and since we got him, he was part of us. We gave him

a lot of love and had a lot of care for him."

Lopez also said that Spike had been shot once before with a pellet, but the shooter was unknown. To ease the pain, the family has adopted another dog, Lex, a cockapoo. They are also interested in adopting a dog that looks like Spike.

"I want people who love animals to know about this," said Lopez. "It is terrible."

With additional reporting by David Cruz

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around town

by David Cruz

The Bronx Times Reporter will publish your announcements. Send announcements along with photo to: Bronx Times Reporter, 900 E. 132nd St., Bronx, NY 10454, or Bronxtimes@aol.com.

Birthday

I would like to congratulate my husband John Gaffney of Parkchester on his birthday 4/22/13. My dear husband, you are the best, I love you. Happy birthday. From your wife Maria.

Birth

Jack and Peggy Harnett, originally from Parkchester, are delighted to announce the birth of their grandson, Declan James Santana on January 25 to their daughter and son-in-law Lisa and Jacob Santana. Declan weighed 7lbs. 2 oz. at birth and is a blessed addition to the family.

Congrats to Dancer Dream Makers Performing Arts is excited to announce that we have hosted several Master Classes this

past month featuring the Dance Captain from Mary Poppins, Mitchell Kelly from season 8 "So You Think You Can Dance," National and International choreographers Tom Richardson and TOKYO. Every teacher that walks into DMPA cannot get over our students professionalism and talent level. TOKYO and Tom Richardson were so impressed with our students that they were booked to perform in a video shoot, directed by the world famous TOKYO. Victoria Chimenti represented DMPA in Los Angeles as the reigning Senior Miss National Title Winner of Dancer's Inc. Competition. Vicki was granted an all-expense paid trip for the week, dance classes in LA, treated as VIP at the TV show "Dancing with the Stars," assisted teaching top choreographers and auditioned for Toyko Disney. Tokyo Disney loved her and she was given a call back for their NYC au-



DREAM MAKERS PERFORMING ARTS

ditions. Vicki is also being featured in National Dance magazines. I can not express the pride and love I have for

my students and studio. If you are interested in being a part of DMPA, our summer registration starts April

21st! Please call or email the studio at 347-691-3177 or dreammakerspa@aol.com. Lisa Maietta-Rybacki

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

Last call for the "I Love New York" Card Party. It will be held on Friday evening, April 26th at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Ampere Avenue.

Complete dinner, beer, wine and soda will be arranged by International Ca-

tering.

Tickets: \$35 per person, reserved seating; no payment at the door.

All proceeds 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. For tickets call Fran Arico at 718-828-5073.

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Morris Park: We want middle school!

Parents don't want to send kids out of neighborhood

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

The push is on for Morris Park to get its own junior high school.

With parents and community association members claiming they've become somewhat of a forgotten neighborhood, Morris Park Community Association president and Community Board 11 vice chair Al D'Angelo has been leading the charge to get the community its own junior high school.

D'Angelo met earlier this month with Monica Major, director of education & youth for Borough President Diaz, to discuss the issue.

"Basically, the students in District 11 have no place to go once they graduate from fifth grade, other than the other side of the parkway," D'Angelo said. "This is something that parents around here don't want.

They would rather have a school in this community."

Morris Park currently has two middle schools that accommodate 6th through 8th graders – P.S. 83 and Van Nest Academy— not nearly enough to accommodate the hundreds of graduating students from P.S. 108 and 105.

"When students graduate from 108 and 105, there is no place on this side of the parkway to go," D'Angelo said.

Because of overcrowding in neighborhood schools, students and parents were forced to use a lottery system last year, with the losers sent to schools at the far end of the school district near the Westchester County line.

Department Of Education officials admitted at a meeting last July with Councilman Jimmy Vacca and D'Angelo that were

not enough nearby middle schools to accommodate local graduating students.

The DOE is now claiming community District 11's need—which includes Morris Park and Van Nest—is at the elementary school level. A DOE spokesperson said the department is currently working on creating seats to meet the need.

Adding to the crunch, another K-5 school set to open on Lydig Avenue this year.

"What the DOE seems to keep doing is building schools in our area that are not serving the needs of our community," D'Angelo said.

One possible solution, he noted, would be to use the vacant lot on 180th street where the old ASPCA building once stood.

"We've proposed that to the DOE many times," D'Angelo said. "No one gets

back to us. We need a neighborhood school. That is one thing everyone in the com-

munity agrees on."

D'Angelo said the DOE has said – on more than one

occasion – that "they are looking into all possibilities."

Bronx Community College 35th Annual Hall of Fame Run

Bronx Community College will host its 35th Annual Hall of Fame 10K and 5K run in the west Bronx at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 4.

The run, held along with the Michael Steuerman Two-Mile Fitness Walk and the USA Track and Field NY 10K Road Championship, will take place in the streets surrounding the school's 2155 University Avenue

campus.

The 35th annual event is being organized with assistance from Roscoe Brown, the founder of the Hall of Fame Run and a World War II Tuskegee Airman, and Joe Kelleher, chairman Bronx Chamber of Commerce and the chairman of Run the Bronx.

Pre-entry is \$15, except for BCC students who can get into the race for \$7 with valid identification. Special

rates apply for elementary and high school students who can take part in the event for \$5.

Registration the day of the race registration is \$30. Registration on May 4 is from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

For more information, please call the 10K hot line at (718) 289-5877 or go to www.bcc.cuny.edu/10krun.



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BOROBEAT



by Bob
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Bronx Assemblyman **Nelson Castro**'s resignation after his involvement in a bribery scandal has created political fallout in both his west Bronx district and the City Council one just east of it.

For those just back from another planet, Nelson was formally charged with bribery this month after wearing a wire for the feds since 2009 and allegedly ensnaring Morrisania Assemblyman **Eric Stevenson** in a bribe scheme.

Cut to the local chase: **Yudelka Tapia**, Nelson's female district leader in the 86th A.D., who's been eyeing a run for term-limited Council Majority Leader **Joel Rivera**'s central Bronx seat, tells us she's now ready to go for Nelson's now vacant seat.

And why not? She has her own 400-member political club, what she predicts will be a \$35,000 campaign kitty by May, and a majority of the district's state committee members when the Bronx Democratic Party holds its nominating convention to back a candidate for the seat.

That and the fact she is Dominican in a heavily Dominican district, and expects support from northern Manhattan's Dominican electeds in a race that generally only pulls out 2,800 or so voters.

Yudelka still owes the city Campaign Finance Board over 100Gs in unaccounted for funds and fines from a previous race, and is awaiting a court ruling on that one.

But as one Bronx political operative put it, "If Yudelka can adjudicate that little problem with the CFB, she has a strong shot at it."

To which a Bronx elected added: "She could raise 10Gs and send out two mailers and call it a day in a special election there."

And that's even if **Gov. Cuomo** waits to fold the special election into either the September primary or November general election.

The cash-strapped city Board of Elections would love to save its \$350,000 cost by piggybacking it. The downside, of course, is the district will be leaderless for five to eight months.

As for that crowded City Coun-

cil race, if Yudelka does pull out, it could leave two of the leading candidates going head to head – **Richie Torres**, who's backed by Councilman **Jimmy Vacca**, and Joel's longtime chief of staff **Albert Alvarez**.

The 15th Council District covers Bathgate, Belmont, Crotona, Fordham, East Tremont, Van Nest and West Farms.

Whoever brings the most campaign bus and union backing to the table is most likely to get Dem Party backing, just about guaranteeing a win, which at the moment would seem to be the 24-year-old Torres.

COP CORNER

We know we're entering a lion's den with this one involving **Amadou Diallo**, but here goes:

With that lawsuit in federal court accusing the NYPD's Stop-and-Frisk (whatever happened to the "Question" part?) being more of a numbers-driven game targeting minorities, we had an interesting conversation with a high-ranking boss.

They suggested that besides fine tuning Stop-(Question)-and-

Frisk, AND re-emphasizing the department motto of "Courtesy, Professionalism and Respect," you might actually get a ton of guns off Bronx and other streets by beefing up the department's narcotics and warrants units.

They also bit a political bullet, cautiously suggesting it also might finally be time to bring back the city-wide Street Crime Unit.

Yes, THAT unit, the one that was disbanded after the tragic chain of events that night on Wheeler Avenue 14 years ago that left **Amadou Diallo** dead and a city outraged.

When it was working – and before it was expanded too rapidly with less training for its cops – the SCU worked, and worked well. As lotsa cops have told us, those guys "could smell a gun."

Okay, start beating us up....

SNOOKIE SIGHTING

Recently defeated Morris Park Assemblywoman **Naomi (Snookie) Rivera** spotted at the NYS Assembly/Senate Puerto Rican & Hispanic Task Force recent SOMOS (We Are) winter conference in Albany.

She was being escorted by boytoy - and Brooklyn council seat wannabe – **Tommy (Tommy Tune) Torres**, a supposed former part-time staffer with Snookie while teaching in Brooklyn.

Wonder what ever happened to those supposed investigations....

MANGIA

Mayor Bloomberg recently spotted dining with two friends at **Mario's Restaurant** on Arthur Avenue, a favorite with top chefs, including **Mario Batali**, when THEY'RE off-duty. Owner **Joe Migliuicci** said he baked some of his famous pizza for starters at Hizzoner's table, with Mayuh Mike enjoying pasta with marina sauce and pignolia nuts.

LIBRARY CUBS

River and **Dale**? Is that the best NY Public Library Prexy **Tony Marx** could pick out of 15 finalists' submissions for the two new lion statues standing guard outside the Riverdale branch library?

The branch pulled in 300 entries, some from as far away as England and Australia, to name the

stone lions who stood guard since 1998 outside Loew's Regency Hotel until recent renovations. The lions' library elders, **Patience** and **Fortitude**, still stand watch outside Manhattan's Fifth Avenue main branch.

PASSINGS

•Condolences to family of **Jerry Lange**, vice president of security at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital and former Patrolmens Benevolent Association Bronx trustee, with roots at the 47 Precinct. A gentleman and a good guy. RIP.

GAMERS

No doubt between serious business in the state Assembly, we are happy to report that Bronx Dem Party Boss and Assemblyman **Carl Heastie** reports on his Facebook page that he's "completed Level 21 in Candy Crush Saga."

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Then again, former east Bronx Councilwoman **Madeline Provenzano** reports on HER Facebook page that she's a gamer too.

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40th PCT.

THURS, MARCH 28th, 2:50 a.m. — 647 East 149 St. A 20 year old black male was taken into custody after being found in possession of a gun. The male failed to obtain the proper NYC permit to own a handgun within NYC. Vouched as evidence was a 22-caliber revolver for the pending court hearing.

MON, APRIL 1st, 4:25 a.m. — Bruckner Blvd and East 138 St. Officers from Highway 1's Accident Investigation Squad are looking for a vehicle that struck and killed two male pedestrians on the lower roadway. Authorities indicated that the vehicle speeded away from the accident scene leaving the two dead victims who were apparently homeless and worked as day laborers behind. The investigation is ongoing.

TUES, APRIL 2nd, 5:00 p.m. — St. Ann's Ave. and Bruckner Blvd. Police officers took a 20 year old Hispanic male into custody. The culprit was charged with illegal possession of a gun. Taken away from the culprit was a 25-caliber semi-automatic pistol. The gun was vouched as evidence for the pending trial.

TUES, APRIL 2nd, 8:50 p.m. — 373 East 154 St. Detectives are looking into an incident where shots had been fired. The bullets penetrated a bedroom wall officials indicated. No injuries were reported.

41st PCT.

SUN, MARCH 31st, 1:35 a.m. — 850 East 164 St. Police officers were able to remove two more handguns from Bronx streets. This time a loaded 22-caiber besides a loaded 9-mm pistol were vouched as evidence.

42nd PCT.

SUN, MARCH 31st, 12:30 a.m. — 818 East 173 St. A 31 year old black male was transported to a nearby hospital after being shot. The male victim was suffering from a bullet wound to the buttocks area. The man was provided with medical care at St. Barnabas Hospital as investigators started looking into the incident.

TUES, APRIL 2nd, 12:05 p.m. — 1164 Simpson St. Police officers were summoned after the body of a 24 year old woman was discovered. Relatives concerned about the welfare of the young woman contacted authorities. A search lead to the discovery of the woman's body. Investigators are waiting for the Medical Examiner's report to see if there was any criminality connected to the woman's death.

43rd PCT.

THURS, MARCH 28th, 4:20 a.m. — Leland Ave and Cross Bronx Expwy. An investigation was launched as authorities looked into the shooting of a young male. The victim, a 20 year old Hispanic male, was suffering from a bullet wound to the right leg when he arrived at



POLICE BLOTTER

Jacobi Medical Center. Officials indicated that the young victim was in stable condition.

THURS, MARCH 28th, 4:45 a.m. — Gleason Ave. and White Plains Rd. Police searched the area for three Hispanic males. The trio apparently was responsible for committing a robbery. Officers at the scene requested the response of an ambulance whose crew provided medical assistance to the victim.

44th PCT.

FRI, MARCH 29th, 12:55 p.m. - 1380 University Ave. **Authorities are looking for four persons who invaded a home in the Highbridge section. One of the four culprits was described as a female and the other three were reported to be males officials reported. The culprits fled with camera equipment and a thousand dollars in cash. Detectives are conducting the follow-up inquiry.**

SAT, MARCH 30th, 9:35 p.m. — Findlay Ave. and East 167 St. A 21 year old black male was arrested after he was found in possession of a hand gun. Police were able to voucher a 38-caliber revolver which was in the young man's possession.

SUN, MARCH 31st, 2:30 a.m. — 1065 Summit Ave. Authorities are looking into an incident where a two year old Hispanic boy was injured. The two year old boy was taken to the Pediatrics Section of Lincoln Medical Center suffering from slashes to the facial area. The injuries were received apparently during a domestic dispute.

TUES, APRIL 2nd, 7:40 p.m. — 1454 Grand Concourse. A dozen people were taken into custody by police officers called to an apartment. Those taken into custody are facing charges involving weapon possession and drug possession. Recovered was a 38-caliber revolver. The handgun was vouched as evidence.

TUES, APRIL 2nd, 10:30 p.m. — 45 Elliot Pl. Local police officers were faced with a barricade situation. Experts from the Emergency Service Squad and Hostage Negation Team were requested to respond to the scene. After the stand-off, two occupants were taken into custody without any injuries being reported.

45th PCT.

SUN, MARCH 31st, 1:45 a.m. — Authorities are looking into a report that a Hispanic woman was sexually attacked. The unconscious 22 year old woman was found inside a neighborhood hotel under a bed suffering from neck and facial

bruises. The inquiry is ongoing.

TUES, APRIL 2nd, 8:50 a.m. — Hutchinson River Pkwy. Police officers were summoned to the parking near Bartow Ave by motorists. Arriving officers found the remains of a deer that had been struck and killed by a passing vehicle. Highway 1 police officers requested the respond of Highway Dept. personnel to remove the corpse from the roadway which had created a safety problem.

46th PCT.

THURS, MARCH 28th, 10:40 p.m. — 2463 Creston Ave. An investigation was launched after officials learned that a store had been robbed. Two black males armed with a shotgun walked out of a Kennedy Fried Chicken store taking the cash register with them after they were unable to open the money draw. Detectives have been assigned to conduct the inquiry.

FRI, MARCH 29th, 2:05 p.m. — 2024 Jerome Ave. First responders were alerted that there was a smoking package inside the neighborhood post office just south of Burnside Ave. Initial reports indicated that the package was inside the building, but a postal employee carried the smoking package out of the building attempting to prevent possible injuries to his fellow workers. Fire officials requested the response of the Haz-mat company that is stationed in Queens, while police authorities ordered Emergency Service Squad units and also the Bomb Squad to the scene. Officials moved onlookers away from the possible device while local stores were evacuated until experts were able to obtain a closer look at the package. It was later determined that the package contained a defective battery.

SUN, MARCH 31st, 10:00 p.m. — 25 West Tremont Ave. Police officers were alerted that a robbery had occurred near Grand Ave. North. Two males apparently followed a 12 year old boy into the building's lobby. Investigators apparently obtained a video tape that shows the culprits going through the victim's pockets before they flee.

TUES, APRIL 2nd, 5:25 p.m. — Tiebout Ave. and Eat 184 St. A 24 year old black male will be facing a judge after being arrested on gun possession charges. The black male was nabbed while in possession of a 32-caliber semi-automatic pistol. The handgun was vouched as evidence.

47th PCT.

SAT, MARCH 30th, 4:30 a.m. — Police investigators are looking into a report that a teen had

sex with an older male. A 14 year old black girl informed investigators that she had sex several times in the past few months with a thirty year old man. The investigation is ongoing.

SUN, MARCH 31st, 9:00 a.m. — 3060 Barker Ave. Authorities are looking into the death of a two month baby. The infant was found lying unconscious in his crib. He was transported to North Central Bronx Hospital where officials indicated that the baby had expired. Officials indicated that the infant apparently choked on his milk.

48th PCT.

THURS, MARCH 28th, 7:45 p.m. — 624 East 180 St. Police officers searched the area for two Hispanic males who had invaded a home at knifepoint. The weapon was placed next to the neck area of a female resident, before demanding money and other valuables. The thieves made off with a video camera and also an I-phone.

THURS, MARCH 28th, 8:20 p.m. — Hughes Ave. and East 187 St. Authorities are looking for the culprit who used a knife to rob their victim. Local sleuths are handling the inquiry.

49th PCT.

THURS, MARCH 28th, 6:35 p.m. — 788 Morris Park Ave. Police officers were summoned to the scene of a weapon discharge. Officers investigating the reported incident discovered the body of a male who apparently took his own life with a bullet wound to the head. The Medical Examiner's office will determine if there was any other criminality connected to the incident.

SUN, MARCH 31st, 12:15 a.m. — 2857 Barker Ave. Investigators who were looking into the death of a 28 year old male made an arrest charging the suspect with murder. A black male who was identified as Craig Brewington had been shot once in the neck area officials indicated expiring while still at the crime scene. Detectives arrested 43 year old Thea Curley several days after the incident. It's charged that the woman killed the man in her home during a dispute over money.

SUN, MARCH 31st, 7:45 p.m. — 2730 Fenton Ave. Several units from the Emergency Service Squad were needed to handle a barricade situation. A male with a psychological history decided to keep police officers at bay. Hostage Negotiators and members of the Technical Assistance and Response Unit were requested to respond. Once in custody the individual was transported to Jacobi

Medical Center.

50th PCT.

THURS, MARCH 28th, - 251 West 230 St. Emergency personnel responded to assist an elderly motorist whose vehicle jumped a sidewalk near Kingsbridge Ave. Firefighters carefully removed the 80 year old man from the vehicle turning him over to the staff of an EMS ambulance whom treated the elderly injured man prior to transporting him to a near-by hospital.

FRI, MARCH 29th, 3:30 a.m. — Major Deegan Expwy and West 233 St. An arrest was made by police officers handling a vehicle accident on the interstate roadway. Police officers arriving at the scene of a rear-end accident saw the driver of a vehicle still sitting behind the wheel. Upon approaching the motorist to check for injuries the police officers saw a beer bottle in the passenger's seat. The motorist actions led police to take the 24 year old man into custody. He was transported to Jacobi Medical Center, and later on arrested.

FRI, MARCH 29th, 6:25 p.m. — 3854 Bailey Ave. Police officers who handled an auto accident made an arrest. Officials indicated that the vehicle accident resulted in injuries, but police officers arrested a motorist who had a driver's license that was revoked.

52nd PCT.

THURS, MARCH 28th, 10:45 p.m. — 3220 Decatur Ave. Police investigators started to look into an incident where a person apparently jumped from a building. First responders assisted the injured person who was transported to an area hospital by an EMS ambulance crew.

SUN, MARCH 31st, 6:00 a.m. — Authorities are looking for a male who sexually attacked a 40 year old Latino woman. The woman was with her uncle when a knife wielding man demanded money. The uncle was able to flee to safety. The culprit raped the woman and fled with one hundred dollars. Investigators from the Special Victim's Squad are handling the inquiry.

SUN, MARCH 31st, 8:30 p.m. — 2431 Jerome Ave. Police are looking for the person who fired a gun several times at a restaurant. Officers were informed that at least three bullets were fired at the window and also the front door. One person was injured by flying glass, but they refused medical assistance. Authorities recovered evidence at the scene which could be helpful to investigators. The inquiry is ongoing.

MON, APRIL 1st, 4:05 a.m. - West Fordham Rd. and Davidsson Ave. **They may have been hungry, but police officers took three males in to custody that were inside a fast food restaurant after it closing. The three culprits were found inside the McDonalds restaurant and are being charged with burglary.**

Transit

FRI, MARCH 29th, 2:45 p.m. — Jerome Ave. and 176 St. First responders were needed at the IRT train station after a person was struck by an IRT train on the number four line. For nearly an hour rescue worker from the fire and police departments worked together at track level to remove the injured person. Once freed, the victim was transported to the trauma center at St. Barnabas Hospital. Police officers from Transit District # 11 are assisting with the inquiry.

Housing

FRI, MARCH 29th, 2:20 p.m. — 1330 Webster Ave. Police from Housing's PSA 7 are working with detectives as they look for the culprit who fired a bullet into an apartment. A bullet was recovered by investigators that was found in the apartment's kitchen. The weapon discharge caused property damage only authorities indicated.

FRI, MARCH 29th, 5:45 p.m. — Morris Ave. and East 143 St. An inquiry was started by police after learning that a teen had been shot. A 15 year old black male was found suffering from a bullet wound to the neck area. Detectives from the 40th Pct. Squad are working with Housing PSA 7 officers.

SAT, MARCH 30th, 5:15 a.m. — 520 E. 156 St. Police officers from Housing's PSA 7 arrested a 38 year old Hispanic male. The suspect was charged with sexual abuse.

SAT, MARCH 30th, 1:35 p.m. — 281 East 143 St. Police officers responded to the Patterson Houses after receiving a report that shots had been fired. Arriving personnel found two black males who had been shot in their legs. Both victims were transported to Lincoln Medical Center where they were reported to be in stable condition.

SUN, MARCH 31st, 11:00 p.m. — Police officers from PSA # 8 are looking into an incident was recorded, a tape of the incident appeared on Facebook. The recording shows a man beating his 14 year old daughter. The teen was transported to Jacobi Medical Center and reported to have minor injuries. The inquiry is ongoing.

TUES, APRIL 2nd, 7:30 p.m. — 608 Castle Hill Ave. A male teenager was taken to Jacobi Medical Center after being attacked. The Hispanic teen was suffering from slash wounds to the left side of the abdomen. The teen was reported to be in stable condition.

FIRE LOG

FRI, MARCH 29th, 10:10 p.m. — 66 West Gun Hill Rd. Smoke-eaters arriving at the scene of an apartment house found a fire on the second floor of the six-story dwelling. Battalion 27 reported that all responding units were going to put to work and requested an additional engine company and ladder company to respond. Over five-dozen firefighters were on scene before the blaze was totally extinguished within 30 minutes.

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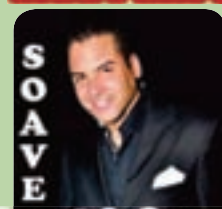


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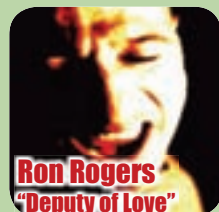


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Political scandals

Dear editor,

Unfortunately, this past week New Yorkers were once again subjected to the turmoil of corruption allegations.

More unfortunate are the consequences these political scandals will leave behind for our community and our government.

As an elected official whose three predecessors violated the public's trust, I have experienced firsthand the consequences that develop in a community which has lost faith in the system.

I have worked tirelessly to rebuild their trust and encourage them to participate in the process. Nevertheless, every time a political scandal erupts, that trust is once again challenged and the public is once again discouraged, further dissuading them even from participating in the political process.

Instead of allowing these disgraceful and dishonest actions to create a greater divide, I hope they will serve as a call to action to become more involved in the political process.

According to a study by George Mason University, only 35 percent of New Yorkers voted in 2010. It is even worse in New York City.

A study by the New York City Campaign Finance Board found fewer than one in five New Yorkers of voting age cast a ballot in the 2009 general election for mayor. In the November 2010 federal midterm and New York state elections, only 28 percent of city residents voted.

Too often, political scandals sour voters to the whole political process. If these scandals were to, instead, motivate the public to become more involved in the political process - and in the issues and decisions that elected officials are tasked with handling - it would lead to them being more accountable.

A more active, engaged and informed public has a better understanding of the role and purpose of government, more of an ability to voice dissatisfaction, more power to make change and leaves less room for corruption to flourish.

Senator Gustavo Rivera

Council Speaker Quinn

Dear editor,

Council Speaker Christine Quinn has been getting some negative press recently that has focused on her bad behavior, her bullying temper tantrums, threatening to castrate people regardless of gender, and her questionable policies.

She says that the criticism is sexist and would not be made against a man in a similar position. This is a manipulation of identity politics gone bad and is not true.

Former Congressman Anthony Weiner's often disagreeable personality alienated many and was reported in the media.

Quinn's behavior is vindictive and vengeful, punishing certain council members because they did something she did not like.

Additional articles have addressed the 2008 slush fund scandal that was swept under the rug; extending term limits for her own benefit; and bringing to light how member items, or lulus, are addressed.

Quinn forgets that she was not elected by

Sign of the times



It's official! Locals, and commuters on the Bruckner and Cross Bronx expressways and Hutchinson River Parkway on their way to work on April 1, saw three new billboards replace a familiar piece of the borough's skyline. The billboards, seen here, announce that the current space of the Whitestone Cinemas is the future home of Paragon Outlets NYC. Whitestone Cinemas is open.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

the people but only by her fellow council members, whom she rules like a dictator as Council Speaker.

She controls about \$400M in funds that get allocated to Council members and this is how she controls them.

Those in disfavor often lose valuable funding to projects in their districts.

This kind of bullying, dictatorial behavior is not a quality we want in our next mayor. She needs to be voted out of office, not promoted.

Marie Richardson

Volunteer

Dear Editor,

Since 1974, National Volunteer Week has focused attention on the impact and power of volunteerism and service. From April 21 to 27,

it's a time to celebrate the people and organizations that do amazing work through service.

Volunteers are the bread and butter of non-profit organizations like ours, Breakthrough New York. Over our 14-year history, we've been fortunate to receive the help of countless people who've walked through our doors to help our students.

On behalf of our organization, I want to say "Thank you" to the wonderful, passionate, creative, diligent, caring, and compassionate volunteers who've mentored, tutored, shepherded and elevated our students.

So, let's spread the love on this occasion in these ways:

Lend a hand - Find a project in your community where you can devote time. At Breakthrough, we just completed two Interview Days - a feat that could not have been accomplished without dozens of volunteers who questioned more than 200 students.

Lend an ear - Listen to the needs of others - and respond. Many of our students have potential but need more guidance and support. Often, they need to talk with someone who understands the help they need.

Lend a heart - By showing others that you give selflessly and thoughtfully, they become motivated as well. That's why many of our Breakthrough students volunteer during high school to tutor and mentor our middle school kids.

To mark National Volunteer Week, I encourage join in. Together, we can engender a longstanding commitment to help others achieve a world of success.

Rhea Wong, executive director
Breakthrough New York www.btny.org

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Expectations Rise for Students *New era for teaching and testing*

CHANGES REFLECT PARENT CONCERNS

Scores will Reflect New Emphasis on College and Career over Basic Skills

There's something uncommon taking place in the city's public schools.

New York is implementing a far richer curriculum called Common Core. The lessons, and the exams that go hand in hand with them, have students writing more, thinking critically, defending their ideas, and working in teams to solve real-world problems.

The new coursework is harder, and the state exams students in grades 3-8 take this month will be different and more challenging, too. Test scores

will reflect that at first. But this year's scores will not be comparable to scores from previous years. This is a new baseline.

We're no longer satisfied with just teaching your child basic skills. We're aiming higher, because we want all of our 1.1 million students to graduate from high school ready to succeed in college, their careers and beyond.

Search NYC.gov for Common Core Parent Resources.



Straight Talk from the Chancellor

Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott responds to parents' questions

Why are my child's tests getting harder? As a parent, I'm tired of hearing that this is going to be great for my kid.

Let's be honest. Tougher tests aren't the problem. The real problem is that too many of our kids aren't prepared to succeed in college or flourish in a career. We're not doing them any favors if we don't challenge them. It's time we raised the bar.

The new curriculum demands that your kids engage their creativity and intellectual curiosity. The goal is

to take them beyond the pages of their textbooks and prepare them for the real world.

The new tests will reflect that richer—and more challenging—coursework. When you set a new goal for yourself that feels out of reach, you work harder to meet it. This will be no different. And that's a good thing.

Why am I hearing that my child's test scores are going to drop?

There's no way to know how your child will do until he or she takes the test. But we're now measuring based on completely different, and tougher, criteria. The last tests measured basic skills. The new tests measure your child's ability to get into college or learn a skill after high school graduation.

Some states that have adopted the Common Core have seen lower test scores of over 30 points at first. We have

set new benchmarks in the past and our students have always risen to meet them and we think that over time they will do the same with these new standards.

I'm struggling to support my children with their homework. How can I help my child master the more challenging coursework?

We get that. We've worked hard to develop vast parent resources for you. They include sample questions similar to those that your children can expect to see on the new state tests, and "webinars" that I've hosted which explain the transition to the Common Core (for more information, search *NYC.gov* for Common Core Parent Resources).

If your child is struggling and needs extra help, talk to his or her teacher or to your school's parent coordinator. It's a new era in teaching and testing. I'm committed to helping your child succeed.



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Push for Country Club traffic fix

Community leaders call on city DOT to change traffic flow

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Country Club drivers are standing up for their right - to turn.

They say they've been hit with a ticket blitz at a key right-turn only street into their community.

Community leaders are pushing for a fix to that and other traffic problems in the quiet, residential enclave, and have asked Community Board 10 to request the city Department of Transportation study three problem locations there.

Under consideration is whether to keep the approach to the Country Club Road/Jarvis Avenue overpass the same as traffic reaches it or to change the right lane to let drivers cross into Pelham Bay or make a right turn onto McDonough Place.

Other concerns are:

- having "no standing" signage on all three sides of the Greenstreet triangle Rawlins and Kearney Avenue, up from two-sides now



Parking along one side of the Greenstreet triangle at Rawlins and Kearney avenues can block visibility for some drivers who want to continue traveling northbound on Kearney Avenue. Photo by Patrick Rocchio

- improving traffic flow at a sharp turn at Siegfried Place and Country Club Road

"The board has asked that I send [letters] to the DOT to do a traffic study, and I will," said CB 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns. Kearns added: "It will take 90 days."

Kearns said the board's

municipal services committee heard Marcia Pavlica, president of the Country Club Civic Association, and her husband Richard, its community improvement chairman, at its April 9 meeting.

Richard Pavlica, who drew detailed maps of both the Greenstreet area and the Country Club Road/McDonough Place (Bruckner

Expressway service road), said that during the morning and evening commute, many Country Club and Spencer Estate drivers are receiving tickets when they go straight onto the viaduct while in the right lane of Country Club Road at McDonough Place.

"A police officer sometimes sits in a car on the viaduct and tickets drivers who go straight ahead in the right-turn-only lane," said Richard Pavlica.

He added that having only one lane of lawful traffic crossing over the Country Club Road/Jarvis Avenue overpass is creating backups on Country Club Road. He would like to see an right-turn arrow traffic light at the location, if he had his way.

"Logan Avenue and Bruckner Boulevard would be the precedent," said Pavlica. "They have a timed arrow traffic light."

But if the traffic arrow idea does not work, he suggested that DOT could also



Country Club Road, as drivers approach McDonough Place going west, allows only one lane of lawful traffic to go forward across the viaduct.

install new signage and road markings allowing the right lane of traffic to turn right or go straight.

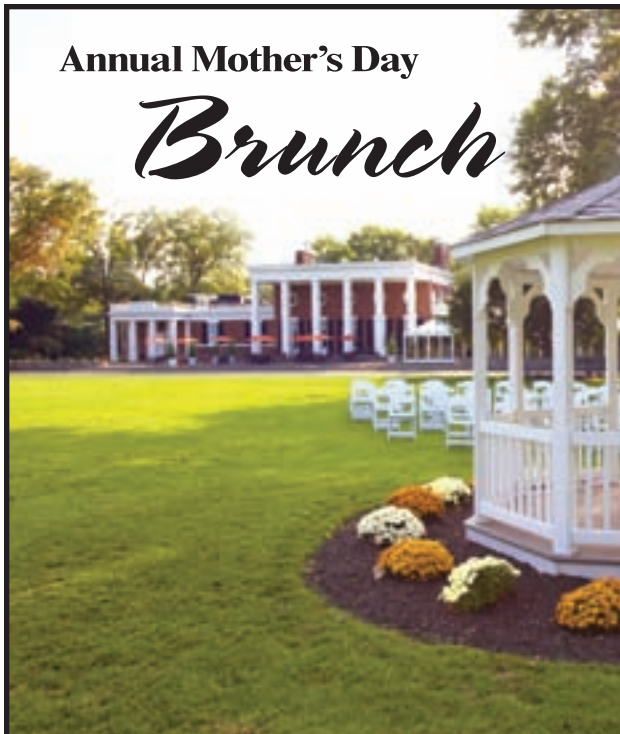
On Rawlins Avenue, installing a third "no-standing anytime" sign at the Greenstreet triangle would increase driver visibility for those making a sharp left turn to continue traveling north-bound on Kearney Avenue, said Pavlica.

Downed signage at the location could also be replaced, they both said.

While it would require the loss of one or two parking spaces at the Greenstreet triangle, Marcia Pavlica said avoiding any other loss of parking spaces in the community, where parking is at a premium, should be avoided.

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Seek advisory board for Montefiore Square

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Community leaders and elected officials are waiting for Montefiore Medical Center to bring what a majority of other Bronx hospitals already have to its new Montefiore Westchester Square facility - a community advisory board.

With the borough's medical giant scooping up the assets of the bankrupt Westchester Square Medical Center earlier this year, Community Board 10 called several community leaders to ask if they would be interested in sitting on such a board.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca has expressed hope that Montefiore will establish such an advisory board at some point soon, calling it "an important link between them and the community."

"It might behoove Mon-

tefiore to take advantage of the residents' knowledge and expertise if it wants to maximize its contribution to the neighborhood," said Vacca.

Such boards already exist at other local hospitals and medical facilities, including Jacobi Medical Center, North Central Bronx, Einstein, and Lincoln Medical Center, as well as separate boards for two of Lincoln's satellite clinic facilities.

The Health and Hospitals Corporation requires all city hospitals to have CABs, said a source familiar with CABs, adding that they are not mandatory for most medical facilities, and do not have direct control.

Since the new Montefiore Westchester Square facility opened, Montefiore has declined to say either way whether it plans to name an

advisory board for its new facility, which includes New York State's first free-standing Emergency Department and same-day surgery unit.

"We are not committing to a community advisory board" Monte spokeswoman Mariann Caprino responded in an email.

One of the community leaders contacted by CB 10 about sitting on any Montefiore CAB was Westchester Square Civic Association founder Lou Rocco.

When asked about an MWS advisory board, Rocco said he wondered how much influence it would actually have.

"It is their facility, and we are going to go along for a ride," said Rocco. "The only thing to do is to have a good relationship with Montefiore."

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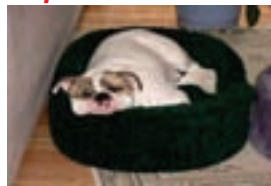
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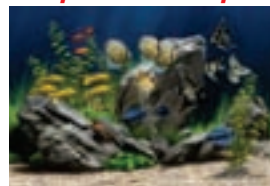
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Mother of crime victim holds fundraiser in son's memory

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

After the murder of her son, Joanne Cicero has found peace in helping crime victims.

Cicero knows all too well the pain and loss associated with crime.

Her 17-year-old son, Paul Cicero Jr., was stabbed to death on June 20, 1995 on Hering Avenue, as part of a meaningless dispute with a ruthless gang.

The Indian Village resident has since dedicated her life to helping those who have become victims of abuse and crime through an organization she founded called Crime Victims Support Services of the North Bronx.

The organization provides counseling and emergency services to victims of all kinds of crime and abuse. Victims of crime are referred to the program through police precincts in the area and the medical examiners office.

Cicero, executive director of the organization, said she opened the Neill Avenue office in 2005 after North Bronx -Westchester Neighborhood Restoration Association, a similar crime victims support program she was involved with, lost its state funding.

Cicero said she ran a local assistance program for crime victims as an outgrowth of other programs already operated through the NBWNRA.

"I didn't want to give up this program, so I went and got my 501-c3, and I changed the name and this is mine now," Cicero said.

This year, the organization will host its first Paul Cicero Jr. Memorial Fundraiser, a bingo game, to help increase the program's dwindling funds.

"We desperately need money," she said. "We are funded through the federal government filtered down through the state, but we also need matching money. We have to match like \$35,000. It's going to be a struggle."

Cicero said this is the first year the program has needed to hold a fundraiser.

"We do get donations, but we usually get them from the state legislature," Cicero said. "But this year, they have no money to give us."

The fundraiser will be held on Friday, May 3 at the Morris Park Community Association, at 1824 Bronxdale Avenue from 7-10 p.m.

Admission is \$10 per person and includes one bingo card, a goodie bag, one free ticket for a door prize drawing and complimentary coffee and cake.

Cicero said the organization, which has helped 400 victims over the past year is an important part of the community.

"This makes me feel

good that I can help people," Cicero said. "When they come in here, I can tell them I know exactly how you feel."

For tickets and donations call Joanne Cicero at Crime Victims Support Services: (718) 823-4925. Tickets must be bought in advance.



Joanne Cicero with photo of her son Paul Cicero, Jr., who was murdered in June 1995. Cicero will hold a fundraiser in May to benefit her organization, Crime Victims Support Services of the North Bronx.

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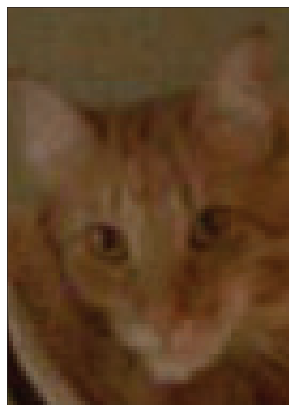
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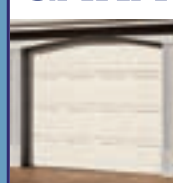
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The Risk is Real

TNCAP launches new campaign

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A Throggs Neck organization dedicated to preventing teen drinking and drug use has launched a website to help parents talk to their teens about the harmful effects.

The website, theriskisreal.org, was developed as part of a grant given to the Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership and 10 others similar groups by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.

It was developed specifically for the Throggs Neck area based on a survey of parents and teenagers by TNCAP in 2011, said Fran Maturo, executive director of the Archdiocese of New York Drug Abuse Prevention Program, sponsor of TNCAP.

"We are often led to believe that underage drinking is a right of passage," said Maturo, "but research shows that youth who start drinking before the age of 15 are *four times* more likely to have alcohol dependency."

Maturo said the goal of "The Risk is Real" campaign, which also includes posters in local schools, churches, and businesses, is to encourage parents to talk to their kids about the dangers of teen drinking and act as role models.

"We want parents to talk to their teens early



TNCAP launches new campaign.

and often, and this campaign helps parents learn the risks and how to avoid them," she said.

The web site includes a mix of videos and narratives from teens and parents, with helpful hints for parents on how to best to approach their adolescents.

"They are hearing from real parents about what they observe in their children," said Maturo. "There are also conversation starters that go along with the video that parents can use as a guide. Sometimes parents may be interested in watching a video on the site with their own children, and they can use it that

way."

The website features links to social media such as Facebook and Twitter, and plenty of videos that feature real parents who were in the dark about drinking and drug abuse of their teens.

The social marketing campaign was developed by the instructional media company "Connect with Kids."

Maturo said that ADAPP/TNCAP may follow up with another survey in the coming months to determine the effectiveness of "The Risk is Real" campaign.

She said it was a big step forward for TNCAP, founded in 1998.

Janet Bliss, the organization's coordinator of community programs, said ADDAP/TNCAP's 2011 survey found:

•Drinking increases from 9th grade at 22% to 11th grade at 51% of teens drinking alcohol.

•The majority of 11th grade youth surveyed said they did not think their parents saw their drinking as a problem.

"This is just unacceptable," said Bliss. "Our goal is to educate parents and teens about what really happens as a result of youth drinking, and teach them to 'think before they take a drink.'"



The announcement launch of "The Risk is Real" took place at TNCAP meeting at its Schurz Avenue headquarters on Wednesday, April 10. Seen here are some of the representatives of coalition members.

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Bronx Academy for Software Engineering opening fall 2013

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

The city Department of Education is looking to keep up with the fastest-growing technology sector in the country by opening a software engineering school in the Bronx.

The Bronx Academy for Software Engineering, a four year career and technical education (CTE) high school, will be opening this fall.

The school is set to open with 115 ninth graders at the Grace Dodge Career and Technical High School campus at 2474 Crotona Ave., near Fordham University.

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The curriculum calls on students to engage in creative, solution-orientated problem solving, with all of the learning revolving around the context of community.

Students' senior projects will involve taking on an issue directly related to a community they care about, and then using design thinking and software engineering to work toward a meaningful solution.

There is no screening process, and any eighth grade student can apply to be accepted, according to the city Department of Education.

During their four years in the CTE program, students will build portfolios to showcase their skills,

helping to ensure they will be ready for college or to enter into the industry.

Ben Grossman, the school's principal, started his career in education at a transfer high school in the Bronx. He joined a Children First Network in 2010 as an achievement coach and later as director of achievement, providing instructional support to a network of 30 NYC public schools.

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PROFILE

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Dr. Sheldon Teperman helps victims of major trauma like gun shot wounds survive.

Now he is on a mission to push for tougher gun-control laws in the wake of the Newtown, CT school shootings that left 26 dead last December.

The 52-year-old Riverdale native became a doctor at Jacobi's Level 1 Trauma Center when he was just 22 years old, just as the crack epidemic of the mid-80s and its gun violence soared.

"If you were a trauma surgeon in the Bronx, you got to be an expert in penetrating trauma, particularly gun shot wounds," he said.

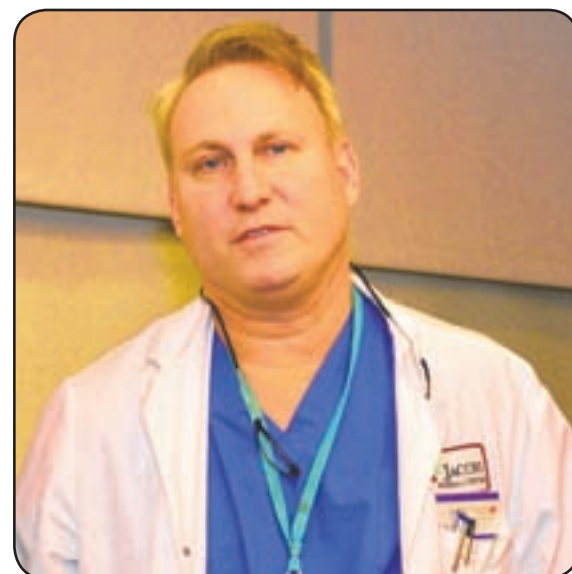
"I was too young when I graduated medical school, and I think a lot of this was like a hydrant hitting me," he said. "It was all I could do to get the medicine right and the horror of it all was just was sort of blasting past me, because my job was basically putting my finger in the dyke of all this blood."

Several incidents broke through the wall that Teperman and other doctors like him put up during their daily routines at busy, urban trauma centers.

One was a shot teenager Teperman lost to cardiac arrest after being saved from wounds.

Another was a gang execution where the victim, shot in the head, lived, but had part of her face blown off.

A third was 92-year-old



Dr. Sheldon Teperman

Phot by Alex Belisle

Sadie Mitchell, shot in her Williamsbridge home by a stray bullet from a street fight outside in 2009. Teperman, who had met Mitchell previously, said he was literally holding her heart when she died.

It all led Teperman to become an activist in the war against gun violence, fighting for tougher gun regulation.

"I used to say that I am the 'patron saint of lost causes,' because I have been tilting at this windmill for 13 years," he said, "and it was literally nothing up until Newtown." Teperman, a board member at New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, is now lobbying to get Congress to close a loophole that allows people to buy firearms at gun shows without a background check.

He and his staff were recently inundated with protest calls from gun owners and even a National Rifle Association

official, he said – "People like to remind me that I piss off people who own guns."

He said the resistance in the fight to ban assault weapons is "all about the money made by the civilian gun industry, about \$12 billion a year."

"This is all and only about money. It always has been," he said. "This is not about the second amendment, and it never has been."

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City envisions major changes for Webster

Bronx institutions in line to anchor "main street" look

BY DAVID CRUZ

A major Bronx corridor crisscrossing a spectrum of naves is set to rebrand itself as a key economic player.

Officials with the Economic Development Corporation announced what they termed a "Vision Plan" for a portion of Webster Avenue, specifically along the neighborhoods of Norwood and Fordham Road.

It's there where the city envisions a sort of "main street," complete with more small businesses, cultural amenities and a hallmark business incubator intended to provide an economic shot in the arm to a borough with the worst jobless rate in the state.

A Request for Proposal is now available until Apr. 19 to operators looking to run the incubator, part of the Leveraging Innovations and our Neighborhoods in the Knowledge (LINK) Entrepre-

neurship Program.

The program will provide 30 aspiring Bronx-based merchants with business loans, incubator space, and meet and greet opportunities with already established institutions such as The Bronx Zoo, Fordham University, The New York Botanical Garden and Montefiore Medical Center.

The quadrant of groups make up the Four Bronx Institutions Alliance, considered the economic bait to the lofty endeavor intent to drive up tourism.

"The vision plan for Webster Avenue provides a roadmap," said EDC head Seth Pinsky. "Not only for connecting great Bronx neighborhoods, but for integrating historic Bronx institutions with new business and residential development."

The Vision Plan comes just two years after the City Council voted to rezone



Map of "Vision Plan" for Webster Avenue.

80 blocks of Webster Avenue, between Woodlawn and Fordham Road. The

changes okayed an extra 430,000-square-foot of business space and 950 more

residential units to an area flanked with empty lots, mechanic shops and residential buildings.

The area, mostly within the Bedford Park/Fordham area was also known for its late-night drag races, car wrecks and fatal shootings.

These days, with crime in the downswing, businesses have been bullish on the Bronx, buying up property

along the strip while prices are still low.

Recently, the Stagg Group purchased \$2.25 million worth of property in the Bedford Park/Fordham Area.

Meanwhile, other major projects like the Fordham Road Reconstruction project are underway, helping to ease congestion to the already crowded nexus of travel.

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E. Fordham rezoning hearings

BY DAVID CRUZ

With a long stretch of Webster Ave. primed for development thanks to rezoning, city officials are ramping up similar efforts for a neighboring strip.

East Fordham Road, long considered the stepchild to its more bustling west end, will be the subject of several upcoming public hearings outlining the Department of City Planning's rezoning campaign.

Under the proposal, twelve blocks will be rezoned between Bathgate Ave. and Southern Blvd., allocating space for more affordable housing, offices and businesses to complement the medical offices, gas stations and auto body shops already settled into that stretch of road along the Fordham/Belmont strip.

City officials intend to strike a balance between the nabe's current and future look, grandfathering in established shops while boosting the economic upside.

"Everybody benefits," said David Rose, owner of Automotive Realty Corp., a 65-year-old

business with six lots falling within the rezoned territory.

The area has been largely viewed as underutilized, given its closeness the Bronx Zoo and New York Botanical Garden, which officials argue are greatly impacted by the diminished foot traffic.

"A lot of the businesses had to move because the city took away their parking," said Community Board 6 District Manager Ivine Galarza. "Then they came with the Select Bus Service to make it worse."

Public Hearings

But before anything's approved, officials have outlined seven areas that could pose a health hazard from the rezoning plan should it move forward.

They run from noise pollution to how much shadows are cast by any new buildings.

Officials plan on finding solutions that could ease those issues, with help from neighbors participating in the public hearings.

They want folks to stop by at One Fordham Plaza for a

10 a.m. meeting April 30.

Galarza will be attending, having waited months on any movement to this plan.

"We haven't had a meeting about this for over a year," said Galarza, who envisions a "cosmopolitan" makeover for the area housing Fordham University.

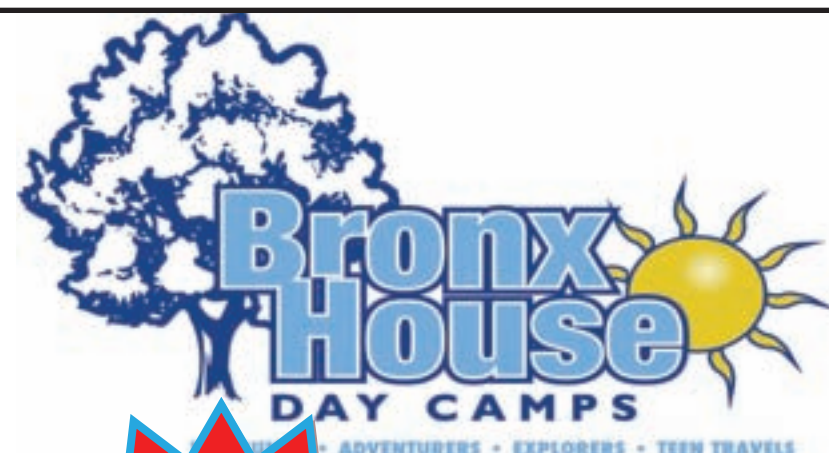
Galarza said she has sensed a shift in tone from the Bloomberg administration, now pushing for this plan with greater urgency.

"This leads me to think it's going to go forward fast," said Galarza.

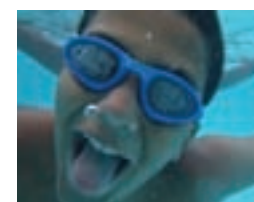
Following the April meeting, CB6's Planning Committee will hold a May 2nd public hearing at 6 p.m. on the rezoning effort, with planning officials expected to make a presentation, to be repeated at the board's May 8th general meeting.

If CB6 votes in favor of the rezoning, it will then go through the lengthy Uniform Land Use Review Process (ULURP), followed by a full vote by the City Council.

Reach reporter David Cruz at 718-742-3383



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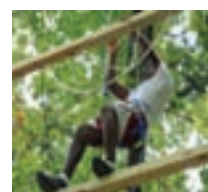
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The Jewish Association Serving the Aging held its annual senior spring dance on Saturday, April 6 at 1705 Schley Avenue. Seniors were treated to a fun afternoon of dancing and refreshments.

Richard Mely, Nicky Marrero, Andy Gonzalez, George Delgado, and Willie Rodriguez play Latin jazz music for the audience. Photo by Edwin Soto

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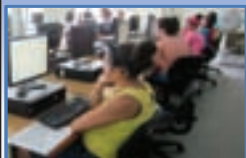
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Bronx House recital

The **BronxWorks** aquatics program is now accepting applications for its Spring/Summer 2013 classes, which will be held from May 15th to July 6th, at the 60-foot indoor pool at the BronxWorks Community Center, 1130 Grand Concourse, the Bronx.

Classes are scheduled for beginner to intermediate swimmers under the supervision of American Red Cross-certified water safety instructors.

Youngsters were such enthusiastic and eager participants that BronxWorks was even able to field a swim team from the 45 now proficient swimmers, the Blue Waves, which competed quite respectably at various swim meets through the year. Ms. Towey says she sees champions in the making!

For applications to participate in classes and further information, please contact Eileen Towey at 718-

508-3071.

The fee is \$90 for seven classes.

In addition, the aquatics program reserves time at the pool for recreation and exercise sessions.

The pool is also open for lunchtime lap swimming on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. for \$3 per session. Otherwise the pool is open to all for recreational swimming on Fridays from 6:15 to 7:30 P.M. and Saturdays from 1:45 to 3:00 P.M. for \$3 a session. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Bronx House School for Performing Arts invites members, friends and community residents to its annual faculty recital on Sunday, April 21st at 2:00 p.m. in the Bronx House auditorium.

The concert will include a variety of music from classical and con-

temporary repertoire and diverse dance styles.

Admission to the program is free with a suggested \$5 contribution to benefit the Heilbrunn Music School Scholarship Fund.

The concert will be followed by a reception for the performers and audience.

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The New York Metropolitan Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violence held a job fair at their new location at 1176 Franklin Avenue on Thursday, March 28. The purpose of the job fair helped Bronxites find work and develop skills employers seek. Among the organizations and businesses there were the NYC Fire Department, New York State Police, and BJ Wholesale Club, as well as SUNY Bronx Educational Opportunity Center and the North Bronx Center for Career Counseling and Outreach offering applicants opportunities to acquire education and skills needed to get a good job.



(Above) Claudia Nisbett of the Metropolitan MLK Jr. Center (4th from r), is seen here during the job fair with staff of SUNY Bronx Educational Opportunity Center: (l to r) Karen Wilson, Frank Munoz, Cliff Kazier, Ivy Brown, Kofi Anapansah, S. Smith, Alex Ansah, and (seated) Evelyn Poole. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

(Below) Alvin Green (l) reviews his application with the help of Jean Leandre, a case manager for SUNY North Bronx Career Counseling and Outreach Center. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



SANTA MARIA SENIORS "BELATED EASTER PARTY"

Senior members of Santa Maria Church, at 2352 St. Raymond's Avenue, held a belated Easter celebration on Friday, April 5. The seniors celebrated by holding a "crazy hat contest." Photo by Walter Pofeldt

NYRP SPRING 2013 FREE TREE GIVEAWAYS



The New York Restoration Project, part of the One Million Trees program, held its spring 2013 free tree giveaway on Saturday, March 30.

Executive director of Sustainable South Bronx, Michael Brothcher, along with director of development Nina Sander and community manager of the New York Restoration Project Mike Mitchell assisted Chris Morris as he picked up his River Birch and Serviceberry trees to be planted in Country Club. Photo by Josiane Bauke

LIVING IN SEQUENCE EXHIBITION: CLOSING RECEPTION



Living in Sequence, a comic book exhibit celebrating Poe Park's place in comic history, closed after a successful run at the park's visitor center on Saturday, March 30. The art exhibit showcases the borough's and the park's place in the "Golden Age" of comic books when Bob Kane, Bill Finger and Jerry Robinson created Batman, Robin and the Joker while sitting on a park bench in Poe Park. It follows up through the borough's place in comic books today.

(Left) At the event are (l-r) Andrew Davis Feliz who will play Batman, Roberto Williams and his wife Zida Williams. In the background are life-sized sculptures of Batman and Robin. Photo by Patricio Robayo

(Right) Life-sized sculptures of Batman and Robin showcase the dramatic possibilities. Photo by Patricio Robayo



YOUTH ON THE MOVE APPRECIATION BREAKFAST



Youth on the Move held an appreciation breakfast for those that helped the youth organization make a bus trip to Albany to visit with legislators and spend time at the capital during a major gathering of minority lawmakers in February. The breakfast was held at the Christopher Columbus Campus at 925 Astor Avenue on Friday, April 12. Among those honored was Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj who purchased tickets for the teenagers to attend the New York State Black and Puerto Rican, and Asian Caucus dinner.

Seen here as the assemblyman gets an award from Youth on the Move are (l-r) Fatoumata Camara , Siaree Alvarez , Gjonaj and Liliana Prifti.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



NEVER FORGET FOUNDATION HOSTS PARTY



The Never Forget Foundation hosted a luncheon at Engine 90 and Ladder 41 on Saturday, March 23 in Van Nest for the families of soldiers serving in Afghanistan and elsewhere overseas. The event was a celebration of Pass-over and Easter, an effort to make sure that the families did not feel alone during this time of year. Engine 90 and Ladder 41 was chosen as the site because several fire-fighters from there are in the Armed Forces.

(Above) Families of Soldiers from Ft. Hamilton Army Base serving in Afghanistan are seen here with members of the "Never Forget Foundation", Engine 90/Ladder 41 members, "Nam Knights", and other veterans. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

Emma Ulloa is delighted to help perform a magic trick.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER HOSTS CARD PARTY

Eye-catching lollipops, families and clergy members were in order at St. Francis Xavier's annual card party. The yearly fundraiser drew several folks to the party at Villa Barone Manor, attracted by the large lollipops and jewelry/cash raffles.

(l-r) Stopping by the party are friends Karen Gilbert, Andrea Monaco, Patricia Coughlin, Roe Mondello, Eileen Lynch, Terry Fitzpatrick and Teresa Carozza.

Photo by Ken Carozza

COUNCILMAN VACCA SPONSORS FREE TAX PREP



Councilman Jimmy Vacca Sponsored free tax preparation help for qualified constituents at Bronx House on Saturday, March 30. The event was sponsored by Signature Bank, Ariva, and Bronx House. Tax preparation help was provided by volunteers who worked through Ariva.

(Above) Councilman Jimmy Vacca and Adele Green, who came to Bronx House for help with her tax return.

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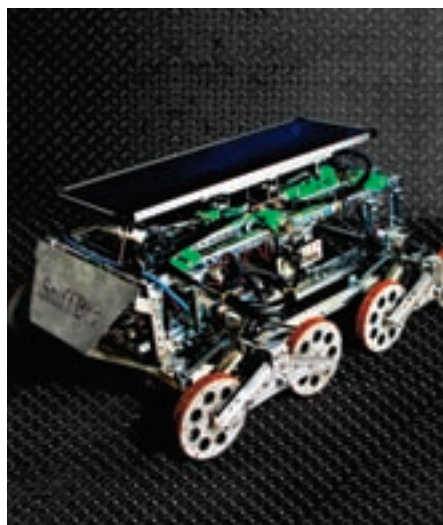
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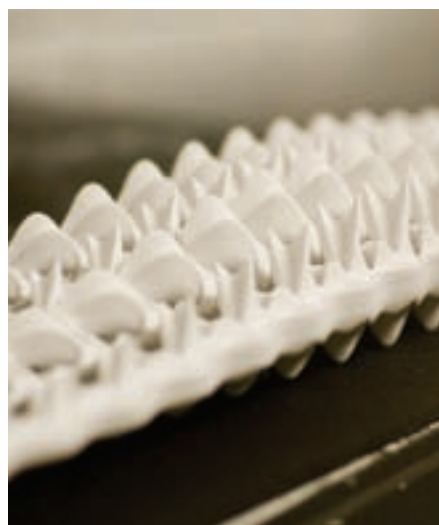
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BP Diaz Jr. Holds Hands Across The Bronx



Thousands of Bronxites became one Bronx on Sunday, April 14. It was then Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. held the first-ever "Hands Across the Concourse," calling an end to gun and domestic violence. Families brought pictures of loved ones who died from domestic or gun violence, holding hands between W. Kingsbridge Rd. and Mosholu Pkwy as drivers passed along the major thoroughfare. Along with the BP's office, Bronx Renetry Task Force and the Bronx Clergy Criminal Justice Roundtable helped produce the event.

(Top) Decked in white t-shirts, Bronx residents line Grand Concourse for the anti-gun demonstration, drawing attention to drivers and pedestrians. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

(Above left) With a "One Bronx" shirt and raised hands, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. joins the solidarity chain for the afternoon call to action. Photo courtesy of the Borough President's Office

(Above right) But white t-shirts weren't the only way to carry out the anti-gun message. Here, demonstrators show off signs detailing the impact gun violence has made in their lives. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

(Left) (l-r) Sisters Kiha and Kahari Perrington join "Hands Across the Grand Concourse," spreading awareness on the dangers of gun and domestic violence. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

(Right) Longtime anti-gun advocate Gloria Cruz unloads boxes of white t-shirts emblazoned with the One Bronx motto. Cruz has been a gun advocate since 2005, after her niece was shot to death. Photo by Walter Pofeldt



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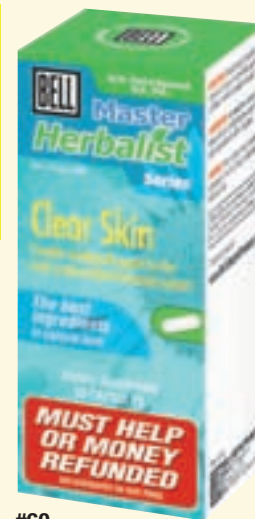
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Celebrate Arbor Week at Wave Hill

With spring about to burst out there, it'll be Arbor Week coming up at Wave Hill, Saturday, April 20 through Sunday, April 28.

Trees are an iconic feature of Wave Hill's landscape, lining the trails of the woodlands, adding color in the fall and providing the perfect shade on a sunny day.

Take in a week-long series of free events to celebrate Wave Hill's beloved collection of trees.

All programs are FREE with admission to the grounds.

Arbor Week at Wave Hill, at West 249th St. and Independence Avenue on Saturday, April 20—Sunday, April 28, 2013, rain or

shine!

Sat, April 20 - 10AM
Family Art Project: Flags and Kites for Earth Day.
2PM Best Trees for the Small Garden, a garden walk with a Wave Hill garden interpreter.
3PM Lecture & Book Signing of New York City of Trees with photographer Benjamin Swett.

Sun, April 21 - 10AM
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Thu, April 25 - 1PM
Great Trees of Wave Hill, A View from the Top with Assistant Director of Horticulture Brian McGowan.

Sat, April 27 - 10AM



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Bronx Music Heritage Center spring season

The spring season of the **Bronx Music Heritage Center** Lab's acclaimed series **Bronx Rising!** Music, Film & Spoken Word of the Borough continues in April. Curated by folklorist Elena Martínez of City Lore and Grammy-nominated musician Bobby Sanabria, the series showcases the breadth of arts about the Bronx, by Bronx artists or significant to the Bronx Community.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 for each performance. The BMHC Lab is located at 1303 Louis Niñé Blvd. in the Bronx. Take the 2 or 5 train to Freeman Street.

Music: The Mariachi Academy of New York led by Ramón Ponce, Sr. & Ramón Ponce, Jr. of Mariachi Real de Mexico

Thursday, April 18, 7:30pm - 9:30pm

The mariachi – a hundred year tradition – has been widely considered the quintessential Mexican folk-derived musical ensemble. It is largely kept alive by Ramón Ponce, Jr. and his father Ramón Ponce, Sr., both of whom are members of the band the Mariachi Real de Nueva York. Together they founded the Mariachi Academy of New York (MANY), a community-led not-for-profit organization devoted to preserving the rich heritage of mariachi to youth in New York.

Film: The Golden Age of Mexican Cinema in Bronx Theaters presented by Paulina Suarez-Hesketh
Friday, April 19, 8:00pm - 10:00pm

During her presentation, Paulina Suarez-Hesketh will be showing clips from Mexican films and offering insights into their significance in the Canon of Mexican Cinema.

Palabras/Words: Rock & Read - Return to the Bronx with author and musician Larry Kirwan

Saturday, April 20, 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Larry Kirwan provides lead vocals and lead guitar for the Irish rock band Black 47, which has been recording music and performing together for over 20 years. He is also the author of several books and plays. His latest novel, *Rockin' the Bronx*, tells the story of a young Irish immigrant who finds himself facing the turmoil of the 1980s Bronx.

Sanabria, whose name graces a Bronx street in recognition of his contributions to music and the arts, adds "Bronx Rising looks to our roots and our future; for a few

months, it will make the BMHC Lab an epicenter for some of the always-swirling creative juices of the Bronx."

Bronx Rising! is cosponsored by CityLore.

Bronx Arts Ensemble presents **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK** at the Whitehall Club Ballroom at 3333 Henry Hudson Parkway (between 232nd and 235 Streets in the

Bronx) on Sunday, April 21 at 1 & 3 pm. Appropriate for ages 3 - 10. All tickets \$6. **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK** is a new twist on the exciting adventures of Jack and the magic beans! A new production by Dante Albertie and the Children's Theatre Company at Lehman, with musical arrangements for oboe, clarinet and bassoon by William Scribner. For info and tickets, visit bronxartsensemble.org or call 718 601-7399.

On May 3, the **City Island Theater Group** will present "Boeing Boeing," the classic farce written by French playwright Marc Camoletti and translated by Beverly Cross. "Boeing Boeing" was first staged in London in 1962, coming to Broadway in 1965 and again in 2008.

The setting is a flat in Paris in the 1960s. Swinging bachelor Bernard seems to have it all as he is engaged to one French airline stewardess, one American airline stewardess and one German airline stewardess.

With the reluctant assistance of Bertha, Bernard's housekeeper, none of the stewardesses know about each other.

His life becomes more complicated when his friend Robert comes to stay with him and when a speedier Boeing jet is introduced, throwing off all of Bernard's careful planning and scheduling. It is not long before all three stewardesses arrive in Paris simultaneously.

Returning to CITG's stage for this production are Christina Drake, Jay Langkamp, Susan Rauh, Liza Reid and Lindy Tabano. The group is pleased to welcome Brad Cassini to his first work with the group.

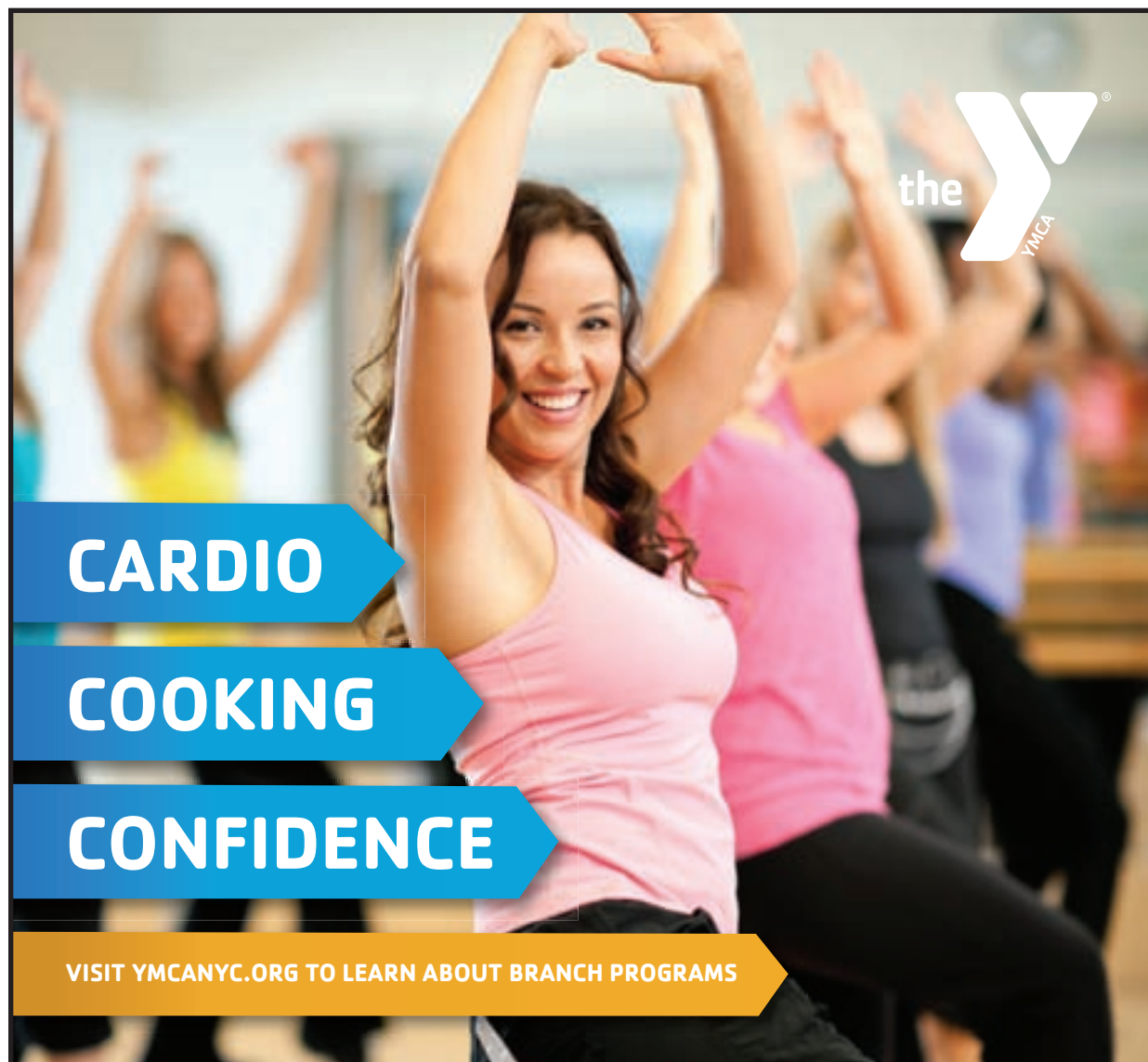
The play will be directed by CITG's president, Nick Sala, who says, "I couldn't be happier than to work with this great team of funny performers to bring this fantastic farce to the CITG stage. Our goal is to make uproarious laughter take

flight. Buckle up your seat belts!"

Production dates are Friday, May 3 and Saturday May 4 at 8PM, Sunday, May 5 at 3PM as well as Thursday, May 9, Friday, May 10 and Saturday May 11 at 8PM.

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Pratt sculpture resides at the Huntington Free Library

The Huntington Free Library at 9 Westchester Square is like a museum. Even the material that it is constructed of seems to be born of antiquity.

Created by famed architect Frederick C. Withers, the same person who along with Calvert Vaux designed the Jefferson Market Courthouse on Sixth Avenue at 10th Street in Greenwich Village which was much later taken over by the New York City Public Library, still attracts many tourists as well it should for its overall beauty both inside and out.

The Huntington Free Library, too, has been toured by many who admire the work of the architect. His personality seems steeped in its rugged stone walls and arched rib ceiling.

Walking into the building is like stepping back in time and the first thing that attracts one's attention is the bronze relief of Collis P. Huntington, the library founder. Sculpted by B. L. Pratt in 1911, it was a later addition to

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

this wonderful old building, but one that sets the tone for visitors by advising them of the structure's genesis.

It is actually one of two such sculptures. The other adorns a wall at the Hispanic Society of America, an organization established by Collis P. Huntington's step-son, Archer Milton Huntington, in 1904. It is located at Audubon Terrace off 155th Street and Broadway in Washington Heights and is home to a vast array of art work and books attracting visitors from around the globe. The reliefs are both the same size: 105.5 centimeters high and 74.2 centimeters wide, and bear the inscription on the bottom: "This building is dedicated to the memory of Collis Potter Huntington" in bold lettering and both are signed by the artist.

The one at the Huntington Free Library holds a special place of honor as it is just inside the front door and can't be missed when entering the building.

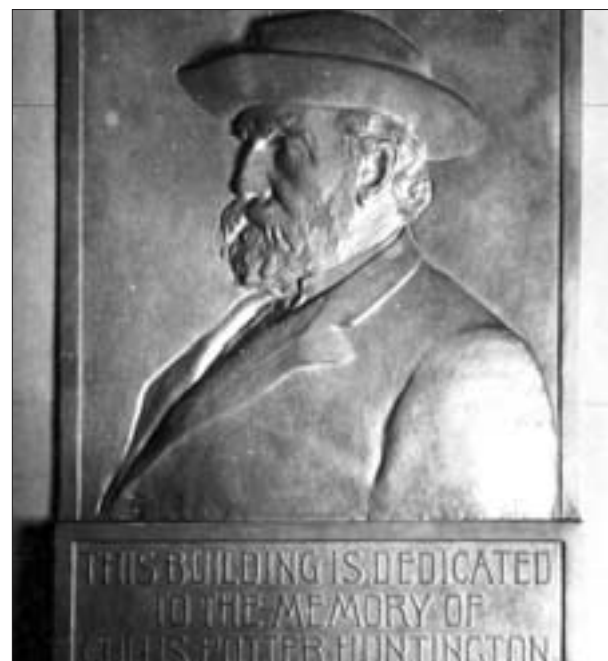
The library attracts numerous visitors as it also offers a host of research material on the history of the Bronx and displays numerous other works of art by noted artists such as an 1893 portrait of Collis Potter Huntington painted by William Edgar Marshall, a leading portrait artist of the day. Other Marshall works at the library include rare early prints of his engravings of presidents Washington and Lincoln.

Bela Lyon Pratt (1867-1917) was born in Norwich, Connecticut and educated at Yale University after which he attended Ecole des Beaux

Arts in Paris. Upon returning to America, he went to work for Augustus Saint Gaudens creating a number of museum quality pieces along with sculptures for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

That same year he became the professor of sculpture at the Boston Museum School of Fine Art, a position he held until his death 20 years later. Numismatists know him as the designer of the two and a half and five dollar gold coins in 1908 that were once so popular in America and still hold a place of special interest to that group due to their intricate design.

His sculptures can be found throughout the nation and his portrayal of Nathan Hale from 1914 seems to be among his most popular. It is located at Yale University and a copy is at the CIA. A good number of his works can be found at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston but before traveling to find some outstanding examples of his



The Hispanic Society of America provided this photograph of the bronze relief that graces their Washington Heights premise. An exact copy is also found at the Huntington Free Library, but the darkened patina makes it difficult to make out details in a photograph. Both sculptures are signed by Pratt.

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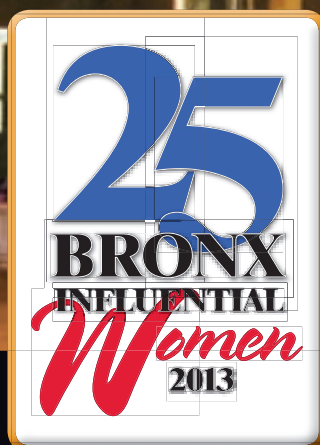
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YMCA volunteer honors

Geri Sciortino, President of Bronx Design Group and Tia Drummond, 15, of Castle Hill were recognized as the volunteers of the year by the Bronx YMCA at the YMCA of Greater New York's 161st Annual General Assembly and Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the Grand Hyatt on Wednesday.

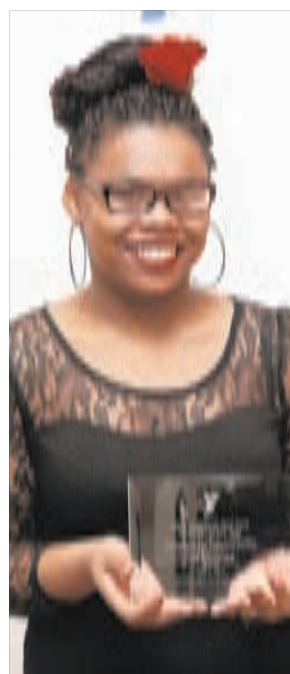
A native of the Bronx, Geri has long been involved in community building and currently serves as a member of the Bronx Y's Board of Managers and Chair of its Fund Development Committee. She is also Co-Chair of the Bronx YMCA Strong Kids Campaign and a devoted member of the Bon Appétit Committee. Geri has also been named one of the "25 Most Influential Bronx Women" by the Bronx Times Reporter.

Tia shares her time with the Bronx Y as a member of the Bronx Board of Managers and as a participant in a number of programs including Youth and Government,



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a sense of security to all who seek it," said Jack Lund, president & CEO. "We're proud to honor Geri Sciortino and Tia Drummond, and we express our thanks for their invaluable contributions of time and talent to help their Y grow stronger in service to others."

Volunteers have been the lifeblood of the YMCA of Greater New York. 3,500 volunteers contribute their personal time and energy, helping the YMCA of Greater New York to carry out its mission of building strong kids, strong families, and strong communities. As the largest youth-serving organization in New York, the YMCA had prided itself on attracting the most talented and caring individuals from all walks of life to help deliver much-needed services to communities throughout New York.

For more information, please contact Sharlene Brown at 718 792-9736 or sbrown@ymcanyc.org



Dr. Bales-Kogan, DMD, MSD addressing participants at the "Beyond Shots, Forms and Colds" session at Fordham University on April 6

Bronx Health Summit

Union Community Health Center (Union) providers presented Beyond Shots, Forms and Colds: The importance of routine adolescent health care at the Bronx Health and Wellness Summit on April 6, 2013.

Held at Fordham University's Rose Hill Campus and sponsored by Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., the Health Summit covered multiple issues including health disparities, community health, chronic diseases, behavioral health, childhood and adolescent health, and health careers. Union providers lent their expertise and led one of the adolescent health sessions.

The Beyond Shots, Forms and Colds session, led by Union providers Dr. Uri Belkind, MD, MS, Dr. Tahshann Richards, DO, MPH, Dr. Ariel Bales-Kogan, DMD, MSD and Caroline D. Davis, MA, tackled a variety of adolescent health care issues. Participants were offered a comprehensive look at teen wellness and health with discussions on adolescent medical, sexual, dental health, and effective communication between teens and parents. Participants also were invited to discuss the ways primary care providers, teenagers and parents can build strong relationships to help address common issues and were provided information about resources available to Bronx teens.

"It is very important for parents, as well as teenagers, to understand that engaging in routine health care not only allows the health care provider to identify illnesses, but it also

helps build strong alliances between patients and the health care system that will open the doors to a healthier adult life," said Dr. Uri Belkind, MD, MS, Director of Adolescent Medicine at Union Community Health Center. "Comprehensive routine care, in which each patient is seen as an individual with relationships, problems, and successes can be a very satisfying experience for the patient and their family."

"The Bronx Health and Wellness Summit was a great forum to discuss the topics that concern and affect Bronx residents, including the importance of adolescent health care," said Dr. Douglas L. York, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, Union Community Health Center. "Union Community Health Center providers are dedicated to not only providing quality healthcare, but also increasing awareness about relevant issues and the resources available to address them."

The Teen Health Center at Union Community Health Center offers confidential, comprehensive quality care to adolescent patients. Services include routine medical check-ups, eating disorder treatment, LGBTQ healthcare, obesity treatment and many other services are available to patients. Specialized services such as STD and HIV testing, emergency contraceptives and birth control also are offered in a safe, confidential setting. Additionally, Union offers a full spectrum of dental and orthodontic services, including dental exams, cleanings, and braces.

Zeppieri & Sons specialty cakes

Zeppieri and Son's Italian Bakery, a local neighborhood favorite for breads and Italian desserts, is producing gourmet style cakes similar to the TLC reality hit Cake Boss, right in our playground of New York City.

Bakeries have been the latest trend on reality TV networks TLC and the Food Network with hits like DC Cupcakes, Ace of Cakes and Cupcake Wars. Carlo's Bakery, from the show Cake Boss, takes the cake (pardon the pun) for his incredibly realistic desserts and larger-than-life displays.

Zeppieri and Son's is following this trend and providing similar style cakes that are 100 percent edible to the Bronx and neighboring communities. While Zeppieri's is known for taste and freshness, they are developing a reputation for creative and artistic fondant cakes. From NFL football jerseys to Louis



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Vuitton pocket books and four-tier wedding cakes, Zeppieri's is helping local customers indulge on the cakes of their dreams.

A virtual portfolio is available online at the bakery's website, displaying the custom cakes. If you have an idea or image in mind for a special occasion, Carmine Zeppieri is



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incredibly accommodating to new cake designs and can help bring your dream cake to life. For more information, visit the website at www.zeppieriandsonsbakery.com or check them out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/zeppieriandsons.

Established in 1968, Zeppieri and Son's Bakery

has been producing quality Italian goods for over 50 years. Rich in history and tradition, Zeppieri and Son's is a family owned and operated business in Pelham Bay of the Bronx. They provide their customers with a full menu of Italian breads, desserts, cakes and treats, all made with the freshest ingredients.

Union Community holds Occupational Therapy Month

Union Community Health Center (Union) kicked off National Occupational Therapy Month by providing free Occupational Therapy screenings at Union's 260 East 188th Street location on April 5.

Participants were screened for physical problems with their hands and joints, and provided information regarding the benefits of Occupational Therapy. Union's Occupational Therapists also demonstrated how special taping can help facilitate better joint alignment with exercise and performance of activities of daily living. This taping method, often used by athletes as seen during the recent Olympics, helps relieve muscle pain and promotes mobility.

"This is an excellent service!" said longtime Union patient Ivette Arias, who has been suffering from wrist and elbow pain for many months. "The taping really works. I'm going to make an appointment as soon as possible!"

National Occupational Therapy Month observes the various therapeutic or occupational approaches individuals with mobility issues and injuries can take to improve their functionality through the use of everyday activities. Occupational Therapists work to develop, maintain and restore a patient's optimal mobility, achieve maximum functional movement, and address pain relief to enable patients to enhance their independent function-

ing, health and well-being. Individuals who suffer from common injuries and conditions, including shoulder injuries, Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, Tennis Elbow, and many others may benefit from Occupational Therapy.

"Patients come in seeking to go back to their prior level of function and independence," said Josephine Dolera, PT, Director of Physical Rehabilitation Services at Union Community Health Center. "We provide them a multi-layered, systematic treatment plan that is customized to the patient's needs and goals. We do that by looking at the whole person and not just one aspect of the person's life."

As one of only twelve Certified Hand Therapists in the Bronx, Tony Cheng, MA, OTR/L, CHT, Occupational Therapy Supervisor at Union Community Health Center, has seen his fair share of injuries and has helped many patients recover. "It is rewarding to make a difference in a person's function and life," said Tony. "To help them reach a point where they can live a meaningful and purposeful life is very gratifying."

"National Occupational Therapy Month is a great way to highlight the benefits of Occupational Therapy," said Dr. Douglas L. York, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, Union Community Health Center. "Union Community Health Center strives to provide the comprehensive services that our



Union Community Health Center patients received OT screenings on April 5.

patients need, including Occupational Therapy, which can help them return to work or otherwise improve the quality of their lives."

Union's Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy offers intensive physical rehabilitation services to pediatric, adolescent, adult, and geriatric patients. Therapists evaluate and identify a patient's treatment options according to their lifestyle and individualized needs. Therapy interventions are then personalized according to injury and based on a patient's challenges and personal goals. Treatment options range from exercise and cognitive training to electrical stimulation and joint manipulation. Other specialized services such

hand therapy, lymphedema, pediatric, wound management and stroke rehabilitation also are available at Union's Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy. A healthcare provider must provide a referral to receive Occupational or Physical Therapy.

Union Community Health Center is a not-for-profit Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike with four locations in the Bronx, which serves more than 25,000 individuals each year. Union provides a full range of primary care, adult medicine, adolescent, pediatrics and dental care services, as well as needed specialty services. To learn more about Union Community Health Center, visit www.uchcbronx.org.

Marian Day celebration at St. Lucy's Church

The Northeast Bronx Vicariate 31st Annual Marian Day Celebration will be held at St. Lucy's Church, located at Bronxwood and Mace avenues, on Sunday, May 5, at 4:30 p.m.

The event will feature Benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the rosary.

Msgr. Edward M. Barry,

regional vicar of the Northeast Bronx and pastor of St. Barnabas, will be the main celebrant of the service.

The service will be followed by an outdoor procession, and crowning of the Blessed Mother in the parish's Scala Sancta grotto.

For further information call St. Lucy's Church (718) 882-0710.

Israel birthday celebration at Temple Hatikva Apr. 19

Happy Birthday Israel! Yom Ha'atzmaut, or, as it's known in English, "Israel Independence Day", will be celebrated by Temple Hatikva this Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The Temple will have its Shabbat Services and a very special Oneg Shabbat, dedicated to the Israel's founding and independence directly after the Services.

Israel will be celebrating its 65th birthday and all are invited to take part in this wonderful birthday celebration!

The Temple will be doing everything the "Israeli" way on the 19th, and the entire community is invited to this free event.

It's a great way to spend a Friday evening and to start enjoying the warmer weather with your friends, family and neighbors.

Enjoy a slice of birthday cake and wish "Happy Birthday" to Israel!

This Sunday, April 21, at 10 a.m., Temple Hatikva will hold the final session in its current adult education program.

The program is sponsored by the Shalom Jewish Funeral Home, and includes a free breakfast for all participants.

The subject is "Understanding the Shabbat Prayerbook", and is led by Cantor Kyle Cherry and Rabbi Harry Hertzberg. Join in for a really interesting discussion and a satisfying breakfast as well.

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

Neighborhood Builder Program

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation has recognized East Side House Settlement as part of its Neighborhood Builder program.

The recognition awards high-performing nonprofits that have made a significant impact in the community working in the bank's priority funding areas of housing, jobs, and hunger relief.

The Neighborhood

Builder program is a strategic investment that pairs leadership training with a \$200,000 unrestricted grant so leaders gain valuable skills while applying funding where it is most needed.

It offers a comprehensive network of programming that enables people to reach their full potential, including programs that focus on helping participants earn GEDs or enroll

in college.

"Bank of America's longstanding commitment to the people of the South Bronx is commendable and has a real impact on increasing the life chances of the young people we serve," said John A. Sanchez, Executive Director, East Side House Settlement.

In New York City alone, the bank has invested more than \$3.6 million through the program to date.

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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

The stunning wave of the most recent corruption charges that have hit New York politicians barely scratches the surface. Unfortunately, practices long considered legal, but which are utterly immoral, have become the norm, and they have virtually destroyed the integrity of the State's electoral and governing processes.

Back in the heyday of Tammany Hall, bribes, graft and corruption were standard operating procedure. The organization began in the 1790s, and from the 1854 election of Mayor Fernando Wood to the 1932 election of John O'Brien, that group, (named after the Lenape Indian chief Tamanend), was the city's leading power. Mayor Jimmy Walker, who left office in disgrace over corruption, became its most famous symbol. The great political cartoonist,

Thomas Nast, rose to fame with his scathing criticism of Tammany's practices.

Tammany Hall-style corruption didn't end with the elimination of its influence. As has been seen in the most recent series of indictments against Democrat elected officials and several New York City Republican Party leaders, it merely changed form.

Today, something far more insidious assaults the integrity of New York's government, and the honesty of our electoral process. It has less to do with practices that are officially illegal, and therefore indictable, and far more to do with politicians rewriting the rules to benefit their own careers in ways America's Founding Fathers would have clearly rejected.

In 1947, State Senator Irwin Pakula, and Assembly Member Malcolm Wilson (who eventually went on to become governor) intro-

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duced a new law that mandated that candidates not registered in the political party whose endorsement they were seeking had to secure the permission of party leaders to run. There were and are a number of valid reasons for the concept, but it also opens the door for some corrupt political bosses to demand illegal compensation in return for their support.

The disruption of the electoral process also continues in, ironically, what was meant to be a reform movement: the implementation of campaign finance laws. Again, there were many with good intentions who introduced the concept in an effort to reduce the in-

fluence of dollars. Unfortunately, in practice, the idea has become a major pillar of party boss strength, and an opportunity for illicit money making. Regulations and compliance practices that make the IRS Code look like child's play insure that only those with the right connections to political bosses (and their in-tow legal staff), or those who are wealthy enough to hire a whole battery of lawyers and accountants with particular knowledge of the field, can successfully navigate the process. Frank Capra's "Mr. Smith" will never get to Washington (or Albany, or City Hall) in this environment.

In the most recent revelations, Democrat State Senator Malcolm Smith is charged with bribing two Republican leaders to get their OK to run on the GOP line. That's an illegal act. But what about Mayor

Bloomberg's "generosity" to two political parties in return for their support of his elections? A review of Mr. Bloomberg's extremely liberal pre-mayoral contributions certainly doesn't point to an affinity with those parties' beliefs. Legally, that slips under the wire, but morally, it's difficult to tell the difference. Plain and simple, he bought the endorsements.

Sheldon Silver, the speaker of the State Assembly, has presided over one of the most corrupt legislative bodies in the nation, and has engaged in numerous activities that are clearly a conflict of interest. Yet, his reign continues.

Unfortunately, the public is not blameless. Many involved and active citizens belong to wonderful community organizations, groups which, of course need funds to operate. Thanks to the concept of "member items,"

discretionary funds from state or local governments which are distributed at the direction of local elected officials, members of the City Council, State Assembly and State Senate can provide those necessary dollars—with the unspoken understanding that no matter how otherwise odious that elected official is, the beneficiaries of his or her largesse will nevertheless ask their members to provide votes or volunteers in the next election cycle.

The apprehension of crooked politicians for violations of the law is a step in the right direction. But the job will not truly be done until illicit, but still legal, forms of electoral abuse are outlawed.

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BY MARCIA PAVLICA

Dear Friends,

The next meeting of the Country Club Civic Assoc., Inc. will be held on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Villa Maria Academy, 3335 Country Club Road, in the Cafeteria (the one story building on the left as you enter the campus).

Our guest speaker will be NYS Assemblyman Mike Benedetto. If this possibly sounds like something you've read before, it is, because unfortunately the assemblyman was unable to be with us in March as scheduled due to being called back to Albany.

The New York State Budget had not been resolved; the late meeting of the minds allowed the vote for its passage to be taken, but left us without a speaker!

What were the items immediately affecting us which were cut? What do we have to look forward to now that the budget has been voted on?

If last year's budget was described as a "mixed bag", we are anxious to know how he will describe this year's budget.

Having just tidied up and submitted our own income taxes, as homeowners

and taxpayers we are very conscious of our personal finances.

Please join us with your questions.

At our March meeting, there were complaints regarding the delivery of mail to our homes. A new postmaster for 10465 and the retirement of several key postal employees at the Throggs Neck branch seem to have allowed for some problems to arise.

The banding of mail into carrier routes is now being done at a distribution center far from the observing eyes of our favorite longtime carriers and the use of fill ins from other post offices indicates mail is not being visually scanned by the all knowing carrier. Mail to 31xx is being delivered to 32xx.

When approached, the visiting postal carrier instructs me to just leave the wrong mail on top of the mailbox and it will be collected the next delivery day and taken back to the P.O. for re-boxing.

One homeowner had four letters wrongfully delivered to him, his address on a different street name, a block away.

A registered letter was returned to the sender one month before the "fi-

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nal notice" appeared in the individual's mailbox. Please let us know if you are having problems with delivery so that we can properly approach the new postmaster.

Those traveling along Country Club Road (CCR) from the east to MacDonough and wanting to access the overpass towards Jarvis have experienced the problem of being ticketed by NYC Police as some drivers use a "turn only lane" to drive straight.

There is also a problem with the traffic exiting I95, merging on MacDonough and then trying to turn left onto the overpass.

The problem was presented to Bronx NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) which asked that the situation be presented to Community Board 10's Municipal Services Committee.

No problem, except that the committee was scheduled and then cancelled and we had to wait

one more month for our day in court.

We asked that our two DOT items be calendared as definite listings rather than as "new business". Three calendars listed us in place for our two presentations.

Then, a Co-op City item appeared on the agenda and then a sewer project was added to the agenda, so our CCR item moved farther and further down the list to be discussed. It was a long evening!

Now, following CB 10's procedure, the item and our suggestions have finally be given for consideration to NYC Bronx DOT.

The replacement of traffic signage on a green-

street at Kearney and Rawlins was also submitted. The original signs were removed by parties unknown, thus allowing for illegal parking which caused visibility problems at the merge point of the two streets.

Both items have now found their rightful place in the hands of Bronx DOT for resolution. !!!...

"Don't you want the money your saved?" a young man with a badge hanging around his neck approached my neighbor.

Supposedly, he represented a different gas and electric supplier other than Con Ed and what he wanted was my neighbor's Con Ed account number, and then he would be

able to receive that saved money.

A red flag unfurled. A nice ruse, for the bait and switch game.

If you have decided you don't want to switch to a different supplier, then call Con Ed at 212-243-1900 and ask that a block be placed on your account so that you can't be switched without your knowing it. Wait on the telephone menu until you can speak to a representative. The block only takes a minute to do.

See you all on Wednesday, April 24. And as always, your home extends beyond your property line.

Take pride in your community.

FIAME 29th annual dinner dance April 19

FIAME, the Forum of Italian American Educators, will hold its Twenty-Ninth Annual Awards Dinner Dance on Friday, April 19 at Villa Barone Manor,

737 Throggs Neck Expressway, with a cocktail hour that begins at 6 p.m., followed by a full course dinner.

Tickets are \$90 and can

be bought through April 10.

Mail check to: FIAME DINNER DANCE, c/o Josephine De Pace, 2531 Westervelt Avenue, Bronx, New York 10469.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello All!

Ruben Diaz Jr. and the Bronx President's Veterans Advisory Council invites you to attend the Bronx Veterans' Appreciation Day Breakfast on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Maestro's Caterers at 1703 Bronxdale Avenue.

All past and current service men and women are invited to attend this special salute honoring their service to our country. A special commemoration will be made to honor the 50th anniversary of the Viet Nam War and those Bronxites who served. Call 718-590-3914 to reserve your seat. Seating is limited and RSVP is required.

The George T. Davis Funeral Home is sponsoring a trip to Calverton National Cemetery on May 29, 2013. There will be a light breakfast before boarding the bus and a box lunch will be provided. Call Megan Gaffey at

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the Funeral Home at 914-632-0324 for info and seating.

This is the second trip that has appeared in this column. The first came from State Senator George Bell of Brewster. Gee, maybe our State Senator can put together a trip. Just sayin' Jeff. Kidding, State Senator Klein does a lot for the Vets.

Ping Golf Company came in as part of the discharge process of wounded war vets and fitted them with clubs, a bag and three day of golf instruction. You didn't hear of this anywhere. Ping is quiet, the products are American Made (in Arizona) The Vets are happy. Bottom Line!

The time for BBQ's are coming upon us. The Post

will be having a Memorial Day BBQ in May, so the Sons of the Legion should be preparing now. We will be heading out to the VA Hospital at Kingsbridge soon for a BBQ for the shut-ins.

Trivia Time!!

The Last Automat closed on April 8, 1991. It was at 42nd Street and 3rd Avenue.

The Civil War ended on April 9, 1865.

Marion Anderson Sang at the Lincoln Memorial on April 9, 1939.

The Civil War started on April 12, 1861.

On the same date in 1961, Yuri Gagarin was the first man in space.

President Lincoln was assassinated on April 14, 1865. He died on the 15th. How important do you have to be to be assassinated and not murdered?

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

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Firemen have lost their lives and still the DOB will not enforce the law. We live in hard economic times and we are all struggling to pay the bills but doing something illegal and dangerous is not the answer. Those of us that do follow the law are impacted negatively by those that choose to disobey the law, and the DOB will not protect the law abiding citizen.

Zero lot line homes are an example of city government turning their back on the people. It's happened too many times in our community and it absolutely must stop! It's just plain unacceptable for a structure to be built so close to an existing house that the gutter or the side of the house cannot even be repaired. We need a minimum of three feet between every building. This is the only thing that makes sense.

How sad it is that in our community you can buy a home and then in an instant your whole life can change. You can't even open a window on one entire side of your home and let the sun and fresh air in. It's an out-

BY TONY SALIMBENE

So remember, come by early to the next post meeting on Sunday, April 21st, 10am, for a live viewing of the National American Legion Oratorical Contest Finals. These young folks will really amaze you! It's what we do. We, as always are at American Turners NY - the Turner Club on Clearance Ave. Intermission with coffee and buns

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as always, regular post meeting starts at 11am, then complimentary appetizers and cash bar after the meeting around 12 noon in the Turner's club room.

No other stuff to report right now, prepare now for a busy Memorial Day Weekend!

Until Next Time: Hope to see some new regular members, Sons and Auxiliaries at the meeting, why don't you ask a few eligible folks to join us? And it's officially springtime, so get those flags washed up and flying from your home and job!

Medicaid Planning Seminar at St. Patrick's Home Apr. 27

St. Patrick's Home Rehabilitation and Health Care Center will host a Medicaid Planning Seminar at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 27.

The elder care facility, located at 66 Van Cortlandt Park South near Moshulu

Parkway, is holding the educational seminar that explains changes to Medicare and how to protect assets.

The guest speaker is elder care lawyer Vincent Mancino.

Topics will include ir-

revocable trusts, personal needs trusts, promissory notes, and guardianship/durable power of attorney.

RSVP by calling (718) 304-1849 by Wednesday, April 24.

BY MARY JANE MUSANO

Our next meeting will be on May 9th at 7:30 at PS 14. It will be a public hearing on zoning and we will be hosting it for the entire community at large. Please tell your friends in Pelham Bay, Country Club, Throggs Neck and all of the smaller communities that they should attend this hearing if they have any concern that relates to zoning.

And who doesn't have a concern! Are you driving around looking for a parking spot when you shop in our commercial areas? It's maddening that we must waste time and gas to shop in our own community. We need municipal lots in our commercial districts and they are long overdue.

Are you wondering where all of the one family homes are going? Well, they are being gobbled up by larger homes with smaller yards and the city gives a tax incentive to do this! Does anyone in city government think about the consequences of making our community so dense? Our schools are bursting at the seams. We can't park in front of our homes or even on the same block! What about the infrastructure! What are they thinking?

We have apartment buildings. We have two and three

family homes. What we don't have are one family homes with yards, garages and enough space to comfortably raise a family. And young couples are leaving our area to find those one family homes. If our community is to remain viable, we must keep our young families here. We should be giving tax abatements for what we need in this community—decently sized one family homes. Instead we give tax abatements for what we have too much of—multi-family homes, and all it does is squeeze us in like sardines and make our lives miserable! City Planning is not responding to the needs of this community nor has it planned our commercial areas well.

We have laws that make absolutely no sense and those laws negatively impact our quality of life. More importantly, they are dangerous! But no one seems to care, even when the lives of our firemen are taken because the DOB just refuses to enforce the laws that do make sense!

Many residents in our community have illegally converted apartments. They are dangerous to the people who live in them and the firemen who will come to save them if a tragedy strikes.

rage!

Why is it that the Board of Standards and Appeals always seem to be on the side of the builder? Who's watching out for our rights? In the last downzoning Schuylerville was lucky enough to have our required lot width expanded to 30 feet. But the BSA will allow two houses

to be built on a lot of 55 feet. One house on the 30' lot and instead of requiring the additional 25' to be the yard of that house, they allow another house to be built. The width of 30' should stand in all circumstances.

City government and our politicians work for us. We must let them know that the

zoning must change. We fought for downzoning in 2008 and 2009 and we won. We can do it again. We must speak in one unified voice and we must stand together. Please put the May 9th public hearing in your calendar and ask your friends and neighbors to attend. Together we can!

Weekly Health Update by David Kaseman, D.C.

Mental Attitude: Video Games and Happiness? Older adults who play video games are more likely to be happier and have better emotional health. Those who played video games (even those who said they just played occasionally) reported a greater sense of well-being. The seniors who did not play video games reported more negative emotions and a likelihood toward increased levels of depression. - *Computers in Human Behavior, March 2013*

Health Alert: Dementia Death Rate Soars! Dementia and Alzheimer's disease have risen from the 24th leading cause of death in the United Kingdom to the 10th in the last 20 years. Dementia is now one of the top 10 (and fastest rising)

causes of death. Not including the untold human cost, dementia costs the UK economy £23 billion a year. - *The Lancet, March 2013*

Diet: Heart Healthy Lifestyle Also Lowers Cancer Risk. People who adhere to 6 out of the 7 factors from The American Heart Association's "Life's Simple 7 Steps" to reduce heart attack risk also reduced their risk of cancer by 51%. Those who followed at least four of the 7 factors decreased their cancer risk by 33%. The seven factors include: being physically active, keeping a healthy weight, eating a healthy diet, maintaining healthy cholesterol levels, keeping blood pressure down, regulating blood sugar levels, and not smoking. - *American Heart Association March, 2013*

Exercise: Exercise and Sleep. Light, moderate, and vigorous exercisers are more likely to experience restful sleep than non-exercisers (67% vs. 39%). If you are inactive, taking a ten minute daily walk could improve your likelihood of a good night's sleep. - *National Sleep Foundation, March 2013*

Chiropractic: Don't Wait. While patients with chronic (>3 months) low back pain generally report good outcomes following chiropractic care, patients with acute pain (<4 weeks) recover faster. - *Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics, July 2012*

David Kaseman, D.C. is located at 3505 East Tremont Avenue. For further information call (718) 597-6400.

Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY RAPHAEL S.
AND KENNY AGOSTO

The Bronx Park East Community Association meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. And until our next monthly Community Meeting, EACH weekend we will be conducting our Thwaites & Olinville "Love Your Block" Beautification project, with activities for the youth and adults alike to participate in. It will all culminate into our June 22nd Block Party Extravaganza on Thwaites Place between Barker and Olinville Avenues!

Cultivating Community

So, join us this Saturday, April 20th as we do some tree care on Olinville Avenue, and then watch one of our neighborhood artists start the first of many art-pieces on the graffitied roll-down gates on the Thwaites Place small-business strip.

The last two weekends have featured painting activities to contribute towards our neighborhood's Spring Renewal: We painted over the graffitied walls of

our neighborhood grocery store on Sunday the 7th, and then gave a fresh coat of blue and green to our mailboxes on Saturday the 13th.

We're making our block pristine and brand new, baby, prepping it for the ultimate makeover: Frames for our Natural Arboreal Wonders and Art Pieces within the Frames of our Stores' Roll-down gates.

So, the first thing we'll be doing this Saturday is cleanup and cultivation.

As per the MillionTrees NYC standard, we'll be cleaning, then weeding, cultivating, and mulching the tree-bed soil that is so vital to the health of our street trees. We'll be beautifying the tree bed, forming an up-to-par "mulch donut", that will benefit the trees, and not to mention the Parks Department, in many ways:

1. Mulch (commonly referred to as wood-chips) adds vital nutrients and protection to the tree's soil, which is often contaminated with cigarettes and other toxic substances from

the urban environment.

2. It helps the tree's soil retain water, lessening evaporation during the scorching summer months.

3. It also helps the tree attain water, if the tree stewards form a proper "mulch donut" which guides rainfall into a 24 inch "bowl" around the trees' roots.

4. And finally, Mulch is beautiful! Putting a fresh layer of these wood-chips really makes our street trees, and thus our blocks, so much prettier and attractive.

And not to mention, mulch smells wonderful! You don't often get to experience that aroma in the stuffy city, so come by and experience it. We'll be helping the Parks Department, as they are burdened with "Cities" of mulch, due to the damage done to NYC's Canopy by Hurricanes Irene and Sandy. So, like many things in life, it'll be mutually beneficial, for both the Community and for the Parks Department.

They need to use it, and

we need to use it!

An Artistic Renaissance

We'll also be doing something that's both revolutionary and common sense: Transforming the often-graffitied metal roll-down gates of Thwaites Place's businesses into an artistic promenade of varied, visual masterpieces, created by artists that reside in our area.

I mean, why should we paint these 9 gates plain grey? Just so they can get graffitied in another month or two?

No. Let's be both preventative and practical.

If we replace a plain grey gate with say, a portrait, a landscape, or any other type of visual masterpiece (which there is precedence for), it is MUCH less likely that it will be scrawled or tagged in the coming months.

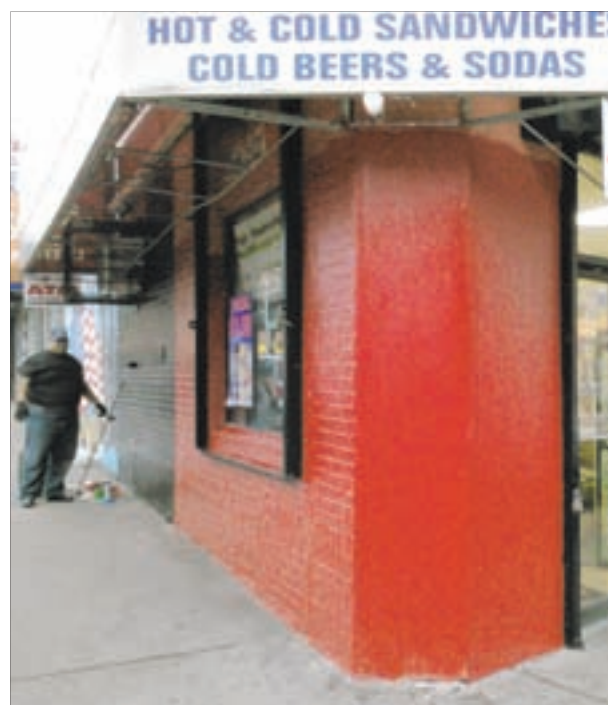
And above all, it'll be something that everyone on our block will take PRIDE in. WE painted over the graffiti, and WE also created something unique.

Like I said, revolutionary and common sense. Sometimes common sense is indeed revolutionary.

If you come for the activity Saturday, or any other weekend day in the coming weeks, and can't find us, call (347) 654-7044 and you'll get someone to guide you to the right place.

We're on Facebook

If you'd like to view pictures of the first two weeks of our Love Your Block efforts, which included the painting of Williams Deli-Grocery on Thwaites & Olinville, as well as the painting of 8 mailboxes in our



On Saturday April 7, Bronx Park East Community Association vice-Chair Kenny Agosto (l), Joey Smartschan (r), Andre Rivera, Sebastian Flores of the Pelham Parkway CCC, Rafael Lebron, and B-PECA chair Raphael all painted Williams Deli-Grocery as part of the "Love Your Block" beautification project on Thwaites Place and Olinville Avenue. B-PECA is conducting these activities each weekend, including this Saturday, April 20. Call (347) 654-7044 for more information!"

Community, you can go to our Facebook group page at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/BxParkEast>.

And a big thanks to Joey "Teamwork" Smartschan, Rafael Lebron, Andre Christopher Rivera, Sebastian Flores, Francine Ruh, Kenny Agosto, Norma Lopez, Pauly, Lee Hyung-Lee, Cecilia Smoker, and the new youth, Carla and Lia, for taking part in these two activities!

And a SUPER HUGE Thank You to Joe McManus for providing us with supplies and guidance to implement our beautification efforts with class and sophistication. YOU THE

MAN, JOE!

Until next time, feel free to contact us at (347) 654-7044 or join our email list by emailing BxParkEast@gmail.com (It's Bronx Park East without the "ron" and without spaces).

See you at our next Community Meeting on Thursday, May 9th at 2401 White Plains Road (near Waring Avenue) or at our weekly "Love Your Block" activities, made possible by a \$1000 grant from Citizens Committee for New York City.

Commence the Spring Renaissance.

STAY POSITIVE, AND FEEL THE MUSIC! OH YEAH!!!

Listen To Me at Kingsbridge Heights

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center and Ping Chong + Company will stage 2 performances of Listen To Me: Stories of Child Sexual Abuse Survivors & Those Who Help Them on April 23.

Both performances will take place at 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace.

This production is not recommended for children under 12 years old.

Listen To Me is a 40-minute production produced by KHCC and Ping Chong + Company.

It will be directed by Jesca Prudencio (PCC), and written by Jesca Prudencio and Ireen Ninonuevo (KHCC), in collaboration with Sara Zatz (PCC). Therapists from KHCC will share their own stories, as well as give voice to the experiences of child survivors who have gone through KHCC's child sexual abuse prevention and treatment program.

This production is part of Ping Chong + Company's Secret Survivors National Initiative.

The Changing Futures Program at Kingsbridge Heights Community Center participated in Ping Chong + Company's Summer Training Institute, an intensive week-long workshop exploring the innovative community-based performance and documentary theater practices behind Ping Chong's award-winning Undesirable Elements series.

For free tickets to this production, visit www.khcc-nyc.org.

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Immigration and citizenship workshops

The Kingsbridge Heights Community Center will host a series of free workshops in April related to the immigration and citizenship process as well as financial literacy.

The citizenship workshops will take place on April 29 (10am-12pm) and April 30 (6pm-8pm).

This month's citizenship focus will be on immigrant

rights within the New York City healthcare system and the resources available to immigrants.

These two workshops were made possible through a partnership with One NYC One Nation, an initiative of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs.

The financial literacy workshop will take place on April 24 (10:30am-12:30pm)

and will focus on taxes, debt management, and loans. Both programs will be conducted in English and Spanish.

In addition to these events, KHCC also offers free tax filing for low-income families through a partnership with Food Bank for New York City.

All events will be at 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace.

BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

I started my tomato seeds yesterday, six of each type of twelve varieties. Why so many? Different varieties prosper or fail depending on each year's weather conditions. One year I won't get any Green Zebra's but the next year, I get plenty. Blossom rot will infect the Opalka Paste and nothing else. One year, I planted two Pink Brandywine next to two Black Krim and they must have cross pollinated because I ended up with four of the same tomato.

From tomatoes to potatoes...In Peru, where the potato was first cultivated on the steep slopes of the Andes, they grew over 500 different types in a rainbow of colors and sizes. The rocky, mountainous terrain created individual microclimates that allowed these early agriculturalists develop this myriad selection so that if the crop of blue potatoes that grew on the south facing mountain failed, the crop of red potatoes that grew on the west facing slope would probably not.

When the potato was introduced in Ireland, it was a boon to their diet. The potato was perfectly suited to the environment and when combined with milk, it provided the proper nourishment to help the Irish population prosper and grow. However, they only planted one type of potato, the "Lumper". Beginning in September of 1845, an airborne fungus attacked the fields and destroyed the potato harvest. Unlike previous crop failures that had been mostly limited and regional, this failure infected the whole country and led to the huge crisis called the Irish Potato Famine.

Had we known then about the perils of monocrops, a variety of potatoes would have been grown and we would have found what the ancient Peruvians knew all along – crop diversity is the best bet against crop failures. Beautiful diversity, just like in humanity, where we are each equal and yet unique. Why eat the same potato day in and day out when there are over 500 varieties? Why eat the same

pretty but bland "vine ripened" tomato when you can indulge in a platter of tomatoes that resembles the rainbow of yellow, orange, red, green, pink, ruby, burgundy and blood red. Why eat food that uses salt, fat and sugar as it's only "seasoning" when you can eat food that is seasoned with nutritive herbs and spices?

Is it a good thing that when you buy a fries at a fast food place in NYC it tastes exactly the same as the fries from the same chain's outpost in LA? Marketers appeal to us by promoting this homogenous industrial food as "comforting" and "convenient". We fall prey to food trends, like "low fat", "low carb" and "natural". I noticed the recent trend is adding "Greek Yogurt" in everything. In cereal? Come on folks, you can't possibly believe that's real and has the same benefits of eating true yogurt. Back in the 70's, my mom and I learned how to make "Greek Yogurt" from the nice Greek lady that moved next door to us. That science experiment in a cardboard box, that's not real food...but more about that later.

Why preach to you about the dangers of the monocrop? Why go around trying to get people to join a CSA? Because the industrial food system is killing our planet and I could write article after article about it's dangers, citing facts, figures and statistic to substantiate this. But I'd rather entice you with the idea of gardening, the joys of composting and the taste experience of good, pure, simple food. Do I care that you start reading books like "Diet for a Hot Planet", "In Defense of Food" and "This Organic Life"? Of course I do. Does it matter if you watch documentaries like "Carbon Nation", "Food Inc" or "The Weight of the Nation"? Of course it does. But you need to get there on your own.

And so, with tongue planted firmly in cheek, I offer the following: Whether it be through the feed used for the animals that feed us or through the science experiments that have processed it into thousands of food additives, corn makes up a huge part

food for thought

of our diet (check out the documentary "King Corn" if you'd like to find out for yourselves). Native Americans used corn as part of the "Three Sisters" in combination with beans and squash. Corn provided them with carbohydrates and the beans provided the protein. The combination of the two provided all the essential amino acids and squash provided vitamins. Squash seeds provided oil, rounding out the major nutrients as fat.

They also knew to add slaked lime, or calcium hydroxide, when preparing corn so that the niacin in corn can be absorbed. Having calcium in your diet is important because if your body can't absorb the niacin in corn, you end up with a disease called pellagra. In "Wicked Plants", Amy Stewart tells the tale of how after corn was introduced to Europe in the early 18th Century, it became the primary source of food for many poor people. Soon enough, these people began to show the symptoms of pellagra, which were known as the four D's: dermatitis, dementia, diarrhea and death. It's also believed that these "ghastly symptoms" inspired the myth of vampires. It also caused sleepless nights and digestive problems.

Of course today, corn is considered a healthy part of a balanced diet when eaten with other foods. But what if you take into account all the corn we don't realize we're eating? Could that be the reason we see so many ads for sleeping medications and heartburn pills? Is our country suffering from a national case of low grade pellagra? Does this explain the "dementia" of a nation that feeds itself on a diet of fake food to the point where we have more people overfed than underfed? And what happens if a disease comes along and destroys the corn crop for two or three years, as we saw in Ireland with the po-

tato?

I'm just saying...Now let's get back to that "Greek Yogurt" recipe. You will need an instant read thermometer, a heating pad, a quart of whole milk, two tablespoons nonfat dry milk powder and two tablespoons plain yogurt. Back in the 70's, it was reasonably easy to find regular Dannon yogurt, but with a market filled with Yoplait, Activia and "non fat" varieties filled with artificial sweeteners, finding plain whole milk yogurt may take some doing. I've never tried making this with non fat milk and non fat yogurt, but if that's

your thing, give a try I guess. Mix the milk and the milk powder in a heavy saucepan and bring to a boil (212 degrees) stirring constantly over a low heat. Pour the mixture into a warm pyrex type bowl and let it cool until 80 to 85 degrees. Whisk in the yogurt until smooth and pour into four clean 8-ounce glass jars with lids.

Using a glass baking dish large enough to accommodate the jars, line the bottom with a cloth dishtowel and arrange the jars on the towel. Fold the heating pad into a "c" shape and drape over the jars. Drape another towel on top

and turn the heating pad to the lowest setting. The yogurt should thicken to the consistency of thin custard in about 5 to 6 hours. Refrigerate. NOTE: Always save a few tablespoons to make the next batch!

If you would like to join the Locust Point or the City Island CSA through Stoneledge Farm, go to www.stoneledgefarmny.com. If you have any questions regarding the CSA, or would like to be on the list of people looking for share partners, contact me at cnapolitano@netzero.net. Until then, be the change you want to see in the world.

Jeanne Jugan needs donations

Jeanne Jugan Home for the Aged, located at 2999 Schurz Avenue, is always need of brand new items that can be sold in their gift

shop and annual Christmas Sale.

These items include costume jewelry, gift sets, electronic items, toys, specialty

items, collectibles, tagged clothing and a Grandfather clock for the premises.

Contact Joanne at -347-329-1800

Drug trafficking crews charged

Twelve alleged members of drug trafficking crews based around the Allerton Avenue Co-ops and the Parkside Houses have been slapped with additional charges, federal and local officials announced.

As alleged in a superseding indictment returned Wednesday, April 10 and other documents:

From 2006 through February 20, 2013, undercover NYPD officers made hundreds of significant street level quantities of crack cocaine buys from drug dealers there.

In addition, members of the drug trafficking organization used firearms, threats of violence, and violence to secure and enforce their drug territory.

That included the 2010 murder of Lequan Jones, the 2010 murder of Carl Copeland, and the 2011 murder of Shameek Young. An innocent bystander was critically wounded when Young was killed.

In the new superseding indictment, 11 of the 12 defendants were charged with conspiracy to distrib-

ute crack cocaine, and possessing, brandishing and discharging firearms in connection with, and in furtherance of, the charged crack cocaine conspiracy.

In connection with the crack cocaine conspiracy, Armani Cummings was charged with the January 2010 murder of Lequan Jones, and the June 2010 murder of Carl Copeland in the Bronx.

Bryan Rhodes was also charged with Copeland's murder.

Jose Munoz was charged with the December 2011 murder of Shameek Young in the Bronx.

Munoz, Cummings and Rhodes all face potential death penalties if convicted, though it's unlikely. The other all face up to life in prison.

In addition, Jessie McCollum was charged with a non-fatal, drug-related shooting that same day. Munoz was also charged with conspiring and participating in an armed robbery.

Nine of the defendants are already in custody in connection with charges

from previous federal indictments related to the investigation, which led to the arrests of 63 individuals as a result of a combined federal, state, and local law enforcement operation.

Two of the defendants were released on bail following their arrests in December 2011. One of the defendants remains at-large.

The defendants were arraigned Friday, April 12.

"The charges in this indictment once again put the nexus between drugs, guns, and fatal violence into stark relief," said Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara. "Through patient and painstaking work, the investigators and prosecutors targeted violent drug operations, charged drug crimes at first and eventually were able to charge drug-related murders, shootings and other violent crimes, which might have gone otherwise unaddressed. The law enforcement drumbeat will continue until we clean up the streets of our communities once and for all."

BY JOSEPH ODDO

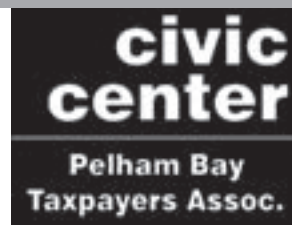
Reminder: The Pelham Bay Taxpayers And Civic Association will hold its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2013. The meeting will be held in the Cafeteria of the Saint Theresa School located at the corner of Saint Theresa Ave. and Pilgrim Ave. The room will open at 7:00pm for coffee and cake with the meeting starting at 7:30pm. The speakers will be Senator Klein who will update us on the new state budget, and Councilman James Vacca who will address transportation issues and community relations. Please make it a point to attend this very important meeting. And as always please bring your questions and comments along with one or more of your friends.

This past Tuesday The Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association held its meeting for the month of April. Our guest speakers Chrys Napolitano from Locust Point and Angela Molinini from Fig Leaf Wellness presented us with an assortment of information that we all can use to develop a healthier way of life. Through Chrys we can all participate in the purchase of fresh organic fruits and vegetables from the Locust point sponsored Community Supported Agricultural program. This program allows us to purchase our produce directly from a locale New York State Farmer. Angela discussed with us the many options that we may choose from in order to introduce into our lives enhanced nutrition and stress reduction techniques that have been proven successful in control-

ling hypertension, diabetes and other chronic conditions. Both ladies may be reached via their respective Facebook pages.

Mike Grubiak from Senator Klein's office extended the Senators best wishes to our membership and community. Prior to the start of the meeting Mike also expressed the Senators availability to attend our May meeting and discuss with us the States new Budget and how it will impact our communities. He also spoke on the need under the 2013-14 State Budget for home owners who are receiving a Star real estate tax reduction to reapply in order for the deduction to be continued. This recertification is necessary so that the State may more effectively and efficiently weed out individuals who may be receiving a Star tax reduction on more than one property. The reduction has always been intended to be granted if eligible to a taxpayers primary residence. Sorry vacation homes were never eligible for this program.

After Mike's presentation Anita Valenti brought to the attention of Councilman Vacca's representative, Stacy, the dire need to address the traffic congestion that plaques our highways and locale streets. We were advised that people are aware of this problem and they were studying it. A number of our members intensely pressed the issue further. There was and is a very strong sentiment that the need for traffic enhancements should have been addressed prior to the respective start of construction on the 911 call center to be located near Stillwell Ave.



and Pelham Parkway, the new mall to be located on the grounds of the Whitestone Movie Theater Complex, the Targets Mall to be located on the grounds of the Post Office distribution Center near Brush Ave and the Macy's Mall to be located at Co-op City.

In addition within walking distance of the Call Center, Target, and the Whitestone Mall a Marriott Hotel is being built at Waters Place along with two additional office towers within the Metro Center. And lets not forget that within the next five years the Metro-North Stations at Co-op City and Morris park will also be opening. There is a very high level of concern and frustration that once these projects are completed the traffic jams will be unbearable. Not only will our ability to travel in safe and timely ways be impaired but the financial viability of these commercial ventures will be challenged.

It is most important to the property owners and citizens of our communities that these commercial ventures be of the utmost success. It is imperative that the thousands of employees of these new ventures and the tens of thousands of customers and visitors who will use their services be able to travel in a safe and timely way to and from their destination. As for the citizens of our communities who live,work, go

to school and travel along the streets and highways that are impacted by these developments our quality of life and wellbeing must not be jeopardized.

It is unreasonable to expect that we sit quietly, and wait, and wait, and wait for someone to eventually address our abundance of traffic problems and lack of clean air. Air pollution is known to be the number one cause of heart disease and lung cancer. It is also a major player in most chronic diseases such as diabetes and asthma. It has also been shown to impair the learning abilities of young children. And a car, truck, or bus that is idling is a much more efficient polluter that a vehicle that is in motion. The traffic on our highways must be made to move. The traffic jams which we are plagued with are totally unacceptable!

Hutchinson River Parkway is all to often standing still in both directions for hours on end. The Bruckner Expressway at dead man's curve near PS 14 is anything but an expressway. And, 95 by Co-op City going into Bartow Avenue lets just say that at times you would think that you would have to leave by labour day to pick up your purchases and make it back home in time to wrap your gifts for Christmas. None of this can be allowed to stand. Improvements are needed and they are needed as of yesterday.

In recognition of the fact that almost all of us are not traffic engineers, I suggest that we look to the recent experience of the Big Dig up in Boston for guidance. The Big Dig during its time was the

biggest highway construction project in the country. It called for taking traffic off the streets of downtown Boston and redirecting it underground into a series of new tunnels and across new bridges that take the traffic out of Boston. Sounds good, well it was plagued by one problem after another. Cost overrun after cost overrun, and after it was finished and being many billions of dollars over budget some of the tunnel ceilings began to fall down onto the traffic below. The tunnels were taken out of service for days, and their ceilings redesigned and replaced.

Well, lets just say there were many questions that needed to be answered. It was at this junction that NASA (the National Space Administration) an impartial organization with many billion dollar projects in its portfolio decided to take a look at what went wrong with the Big Dig. They were eager to learn from Boston's mistakes. NASA set out to do a forensic management audit. Their findings were pretty simple. What they found was that when all stake holders were involved from the very beginning in the preplanning, planning, plan preparation, bidding, construction and remediation of unforeseen problems things went well. The craftsmanship was of a high quality. The unforeseen problems were minimal. And, the cost overruns were minor. When all the stake holders were not involved from the very beginning the craftsmanship was poor, unforeseen problems were high. And, cost overruns were high and

unpredictable.

On that note it suffices to say that from the very beginning of any project, the Community Board, Members of the impacted Communities, Department of Transportation Representatives, Elected Officials all need to be involved in the preplanning, planning, and implementation of a project / development. It should be a given that no segment of our community whether they be Members of the Community Board or Members of impacted Communities can be marginalized.

It is respectfully suggested that the following recommendation be implemented as soon as possible. That the Department of Transportation solicits from the Community Boards and members of impacted communities input prior to deciding to approve or disapprove a change to our streets, avenues, signage, or traffic calming device.

Furthermore it is recommended that the State of New York find the means to install an exit and entrance off the Hutchinson River parkway going directly to and from the Metro Center.

As to the traffic problems concerning the Malls, our Community Board with the assistance of our impacted communities is well equipped to advise on proposed solutions that should be implemented prior to the opening of the Malls.

The Pelham Bay Taxpayers And Civic Association can be reached at P.O. Box 610233, Pilgrim Station, Bronx New York 10461. Meetings are open to all.

BY LYNN GERBINO

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 30, and we will have Ray Webb, General Manager of the Throggs Neck and Whitestone Bridges to talk about the ongoing project on the Throggs Neck Bridge and what we can expect during the summer months in terms of noise, etc. Also, please bring any questions you have about the new DEP program for our water and sewer lines that is being run by private contractor American Water Resources. I spoke to the general manager for our area who is working our of Mt Laurel, NJ, who said he could

not make it to our meeting but to get all of your questions together and he would answer them. If that didn't suffice, he would try to make one of our subsequent meetings...wasn't happy that he would not make the meeting, so let's see if we can get answers to all of the questions we had at the last meeting. Write all of your questions down!

Please don't forget to mail your dues! Send your \$10 check to: Throggs Neck Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 25, throggs Neck Station, Bronx, New York 10465.

There is a new NYC Department of Transportation



program, which will allow certain streets or group of streets to have the the speed limit lowered from 30 mph to 20 mph. One of our members, Alan, would love to see Pennyfield Avenue added to that program, so we will go over the program at the meeting to see if Pennyfield fits the criteria. We have to submit our requests from May 5th to May 30th so we will have

to see where we can recommend.

Here is a little bit about the program:

Neighborhood Slow Zones are a community-based program that reduces the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph and adds safety measures within a select area in order to change driver behavior. The ultimate goal of the Neighborhood Slow Zone program is to lower the incidence and severity of crashes. Slow Zones also seek to enhance quality of life by reducing cut-through traffic and traffic noise in residential neighborhoods.

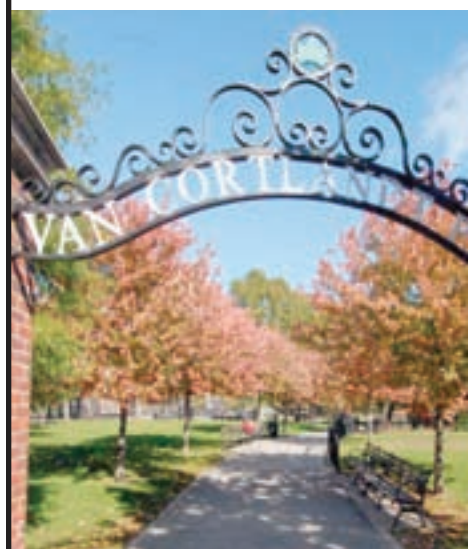
Neighborhood Slow Zones are established in small, self-contained areas that consist primarily of local streets. Gateways announce the presence of a Slow Zone. A gateway is a set of signs and markings at an intersection to alert drivers to the reduced speed limit. An average of one or two parking spaces are typically removed to construct each gateway.

The zone itself is a self-enforcing, reduced-speed area with speed bumps, markings and other traffic calming treatments. Slow Zones are implemented in areas with low traffic volumes and minimal through traffic, where

reducing the speed limit will not cause traffic congestion.

Applications may be submitted by local Community Boards, civic associations, business improvement districts (BIDs), elected officials, or other community institutions such as schools or churches. The Slow Zone application period is open from March 5, 2013 to May 31, 2013. Approved Slow Zones will be implemented in 2014. Applications must be submitted via email toslowzones@dot.nyc.gov.

See you on April 30th..... You can contact us at 718-823-0327.



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Notice of Formation of HMB Pharmacy (III) Management, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/22/12. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The PLLC, 508A E. 156th St., Bronx, NY 10455. Purpose: practice the profession of pharmacy.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license, Ser. No. 1269362, for a Restaurant Wine liquor license has been applied for by the undersigned to sell alcohol in an establishment under the Alcohol Beverage Control Law at 622 East 187th Street, Bronx, NY 10458, Bronx County, for On-Premises consumption.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given than an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on April 2, 2013, bearing Index Number NC-000129-13/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) Sakinatu (Last) Jamal Deen. My present name is (First) Sakinatu (Last) Abdoulai (infant). My present address is 1103 Sheridan Avenue, Apt 1C, Bronx, NY 10456. My place of birth is Kumasi, Ghana. My date of birth is May 16, 2004. Assume the name of (First) Sualah (Last) Jamal Deen. My present name is (First) Sualah (Last) Abdoulai (infant). My present address is 1103 Sheridan Avenue, Apt 1C, Bronx, NY 10456. My place of birth is Kumasi, Ghana. My date of birth is January 10, 2007.

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Tyreece Rashawn Powell AKA Tyreece Powell AKA Tyreece Joyner AKA Tyreece R. Powell. My present address is 730 East 166th Street, Apt 9H, Bronx, NY 10456. My place of birth is Manhattan, NY. My date of birth is March 03, 1982.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SELL SUDS LLC and GALSTER FUNDING LLC v. 2565 COLDEN AVENUE REALTY CORP., et al. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated March 8, 2013, bearing index no. 380019/12, I will sell at public auction on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 2:00 PM at the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, Room 600, at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451 the premises known as 2565 Colden Avenue, Bronx, New York (Block: 4446, Lot(s): 47). Premises sold subject to filed Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Terms of Sale. Judgment amount \$1,483,924.34 plus interest and costs. Harry Forman, Esq., Referee. Harry Zubli Esq., attorney for plaintiff (516) 487-5777.

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO THE NYCTL 2008-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Pltf. vs. FRANK DEROSE, et al, Defts. Index #300926/11. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Mar. 15, 2013, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 1177 Sackett Ave., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 04089, Lot 0023. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$24,580.62 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale and the right of the United States of America to redeem within 120 days from the date of sale as provided by law. ROBERT I. GARDNER, Referee. SHAPIRO, DICARO & BARAK, LLC, Attys. for Pltf., 105 Maxess Rd., Melville, NY. (631) 844-9611 File No. 11-006838 - #82508

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY CitiMortgage, INC.; Plaintiff(s) vs. DANA WHITE; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit

Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about January 23, 2013, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 600 of the Courthouse located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451.

On May 6, 2013 at 2:00 PM
Premises known as 1561 UNIONPORT ROAD, MH, BRONX, NY 10462
Block: 3937 Lot: 2372

The Unit known as Apartment No. NH (hereinafter called the “Unit”) in the Building known as No. W3 a/k/a 144 and by the Street No. 1561 Unionport Road in the Borough and County of the Bronx, the City and State of New York, designated The Parkchester South Condominium (hereinafter called the “Property”). Together with an undivided .0122 percent interest appurtenant to the Unit in the common elements of the Property (hereinafter called the “common elements”)

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

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

Approximate amount of judgment \$110,732.34 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 381426/10
Mary V. Rosado., Esq., REFEREE

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN OF THE NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST; Plaintiff(s)

vs. BESSIE BROWN; et al; Defendant(s)
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about September 25, 2012, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY 10451.

On May 20, 2013 at 2:00 PM
Premises known as 2845 DECATUR AVE, BRONX, NY 10458
Block: 03284 Lot: 0045

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

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

Approximate amount of judgment \$26,123.50 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 14523-06
Henry Adler, Esq., REFEREE

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

HUDSON VALLEY BANK, N.A,
Plaintiff,
Against
DCRA DEVELOPMENT LLC; SAMMY CHUNASAMY; et al,
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 2/6/2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 5/6/2013 at 2:00pm premises known as 712/714 East 214th Street, Bronx, New York 10467.ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being

Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York. Block 4661 Lot 12.

Approximate amount of lien \$1,406,893.60 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 381194/10

Kim Ramos, Esq., Referee
LYNCH & ASSOCIATES ATTORNEYS

AT LAW, 462 Seventh Avenue, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10018

Dated: 3/22/2013 File Number: 048.082
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THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE GE-WMC ASSET- BACKED PASS THOUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-2,

Plaintiff,
Against
CARMEN CALVO; et al,
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 5/10/2011, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 5/13/2013 at 2:00 pm premises known as 944 Castle Hill Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473.

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 3694 Lot 8

Approximate amount of lien \$432,888.82 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 381630/09

Dennis E Krolian, Esq., Referee
Kozeny, McCubbin & Katz, LLP, 395 North Service Rd., Ste 401, Melville, NY 11747 Dated: 3/22/2013 File Number: 12611 gs

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Local runners escape Boston terror

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away from Boylston Ave. Mutters of a terror attack soon engulfed the subway car. “An explosion,” Clark remembered hearing.

And as cell phone towers and subways came to a halt, so did fellow VCTC runner and Norwood local Manlio Mondo, a mere mile away the finish line when the bomb went off. He couldn’t finish the race following the explosion.

“We couldn’t go in that area,” said the 66-year-old four-time Ironman triathlete and Korean War vet, recalling that terrorism sprang to his mind that day, enraging him that some “mother muckers” set off a bomb that killed an eight-year-old.

Meanwhile, back at the Marriott, VCTC teammate

Kyle Hall of Pelham Parkway was recuperating from a successful run, finishing 90 minutes before the blast went off.

“We could see the smoke coming from where the public library is,” said Hall.

When stepped out to meet other teammates at a nearby restaurant, “You saw dozens of ambulances, more than I ever seen or heard, just rushing to the street in all different directions,”

Survivor Guilt

Teammate Jamie Kyei-Frimpong of Riverdale, a nurse-practitioner at Bellevue, said she didn’t sleep well that night, thinking she could have done more to help victims.

“I’m really struggling to think I wasn’t there,” she said. “Had I been down there I would’ve been more

involved, but it was more about being safe in the hotel.”

She’s also been plagued by the “game of what if,” playing out different scenarios that could have left her among the dead or wounded “had I run a lot slower...or what if my teammates were on the finish line instead of Heartbreak Hill.”

Hall has also found it difficult coming to grips over the tragedy, himself wishing to help the fallen who high-fived him at the finish line.

“I think of all of them and that’s what makes it so bad,” he said, “because those are most of the people injured.”

Mondo, however, thanks “the man of upstairs” for giving him his “nine lives.”

“I’m still on this earth because he wants me to



Runners with the Van Cortlandt Track Club form a circle of solidarity in the wake of the Boston Marathon terror attack. Several members took part in the race. Photo by Alex Belisle

serve the people and the community.”

Circling Together

As in moments following a tragedy, the VCTC huddled in a solidarity circle Tuesday evening back

in Van Cortlandt Park, observing a moment of silence for victims.

“We’re truly a family, and we’re truly blessed,” said VCTC coach Ken Rolston.

Despite the tragedy, Hall said every runner intends to go back next year, “If for no other reason, just for principle to support the memory of those who fell this year.”

No agencies keeping watch over New Age Social Center for Adults

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semblyman Eric Stevenson, and former Assemblyman Nelson Castro.

He didn’t know who they were. He didn’t care. All he knew was the facility’s “the

best thing that’s happened to this neighborhood.”

“We never had something like this in the neighborhood,” said Delacruz, a 30-year senior citizen concerned over the Fordham Heights center’s future.

Dina Ely, another New Age attendee, wrote a review of it on the company’s website, declaring the facility to be “a perfect place for me to spend my time...Thank you for opening this place in our neighborhood.

New Age is still open, but it’s founders are embroiled in the Stevenson scandal, with the Morrisania pol accused of taking \$20,000 in bribes to fast track opening the building while drafting a bill to put a three-year hold on future competing adult centers.

But the center’s uncertainty, its operators and source of funding are a mystery itself, given the lack of oversight from any city or state agency on such centers.

New Age, for instance, is considered a for-profit social daycare center, an alternative to full-scale nursing homes and adult day care centers that DO require city or state licensing and monitoring.

Such “social” centers have raised red flags within the health care community, concerned they are glorified entertainment facilities that can ultimately lead to fraud.

A sign outside the New Age center shows the facility offers free meals, door-to-door transportation and movies, and even manicures and pedicures.

Social Centers

After the Medicaid re-

forms by the Cuomo administration in July to off-load budget drains on the state coffers, social centers were allowed to directly receive contracts with a health insurer’s Managed Longterm Care provider (MLTC), an umbrella health plan directly funded by Medicaid.

These underground adult daycare centers, opening in record numbers since the reforms, have now jumped on the “Medicaid gravy train,” as one unnamed adult daycare provider put it.

They suggested MLTC’s often look at the number of clients before drafting a contract with any center.

Months before New Age opened, staffers reportedly launched an aggressive recruiting campaign, luring as many Medicaid-covered residents as possible, with the promise of hot meals and entertainment.

The adult daycare provider suggested the strength in numbers would draw MLTC providers into drafting contracts with New Age.

The center, situated in the heart of an immigrant-dominated community, officially opened March 7.

Inside on a recent day, large groups of neighbors circled roundtables, others playing dominoes or shooting pool.

There was no indication the club-like facility was at the heart of a federal bribery probe.

Health agencies have now spotted a major spike in the number of these unlicensed centers, particularly in immigrant communities, pointing to why New Age operators Igor and Rostislav Belyansky, Igor Tsimmerman and David Binman allegedly asked Stevenson to draft a bill gagging any other centers to open.

Tsimmerman and Igor Belyansky had been accused of fraud two years ago by Allstate Insurance, charging the pair filed more than a million dollars in bogus claims through their unlicensed acupuncture service.

A spokeswoman for the state Office of the Medicaid Inspector General would not confirm or deny the launching of an investigation into the center.

New Age did not respond to repeated requests for comment. On its website, the section on how it admits clients was blacked out.



The New Age Social Center for Adults appears to offer a multitude of services other than healthcare. (Inset) A list of services include free food, transportation, movies, pedicures, manicures, parties, dancing, and billiards. Photo by David Cruz

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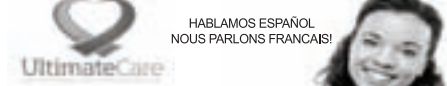
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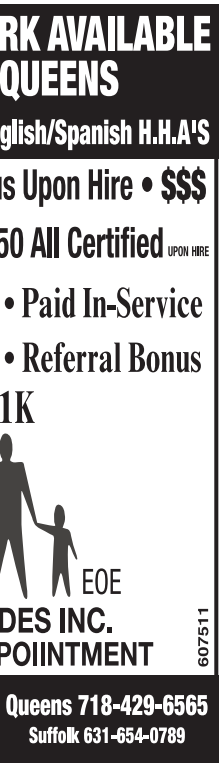
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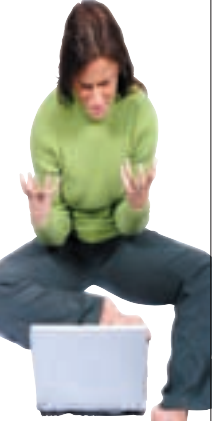
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Sealed bids for the Rehabilitation of the Existing Baseball Field at Roberto Clemente State Park, Bronx, New York, will be received by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) - New York City Region at the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building at 163 West 125th Street – 17th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10027 until 2:00 p.m. local time, May 15, 2013 when they will be publicly opened and read. Each bid must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a certified check, bank check, or bid bond in the amount of **\$30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars)**

This project involves one lump sum contract for the project as generally described below:

General Construction (D004350): Work of this contract generally includes the following: Demolition, installation of soil erosion protective measures, earthwork/grading, placement of new underground irrigation and drainage system, installation of infield clay surfacing, installation of new turf (sod and seeding operations), construction of new dugouts, installation of new backstop and perimeter fencing, rehabilitation of existing outfield turf areas, relocation of existing water fountain, installation of scoreboard (as provided by OPRHP) and installation of field accessory items and site furniture. Refer to technical appendix, drawings, and specifications for limits of work. All work to be performed at the existing Baseball Field at Roberto Clemente State Park. .

Contractors should closely read all the technical specification sections, particularly the Summary of Work section. Liquidated damages in the amount of \$500.00 will be assessed for each day of delay on the contract.

OPRHP is committed to providing Minority and Women Owned Business (MWBE) equal opportunity to participate in business enterprises on this project. The Office has established the following goals for the participation of minority and women-owned business enterprises on this project. Reports showing the participation of various business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers on the contract will be required.

Goals for this project shall be

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The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Bond in the statutory form of public bonds required by Sections 136 and 137 of the State Finance Law, each for 100% of the amount of the Contract.

The completion date for this project is **270 days** after agreement has been approved by the NYS Comptroller's Office.

The Bidding and Contract Documents may be examined free of charge and obtained in person or by mail from Yuriy Khodosh (212-866-3494) at the New York City Regional Office for NYS OPRHP at the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building, 163 West 125th Street – 17th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10027 for a non-refundable fee of **\$49.00 (per set)** and a shipping and handling charge of **\$8.50 (for those sets that need to be mailed)**., Make checks payable to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

In accordance with State Finance Law, Section 139j, the following agency staff has been designated as contacts for this contract:

David Brito, Deputy Regional Director	(212-866-2794)
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Please note that contacting any other agency staff regarding this contract may be a violation of State Finance Law, Section 139j, resulting in a determination of contractor nonresponsibility.

There will be a pre-bid meeting on **May 2, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.**, at the Roberto Clemente State Park Baseball Field. **All RFI's are due on May 6, by 2:00 p.m.** (RFI's received after this date will not be processed).

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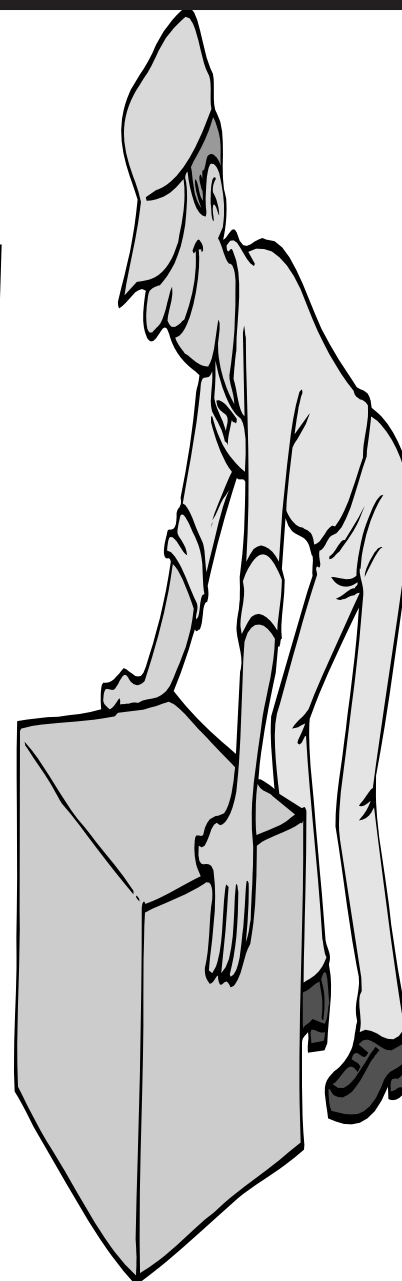
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MORTGAGE LOAN TRUSTS 2006-FF15,
MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF15,
Plaintiff -against- MIRLANDE VIL, ET AL.,
Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly entered
FEBRUARY 1, 2013, I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction at the
BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM
600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX,
NEW YORK on the 6th day of MAY, 2013 at
2:00 P.M. Premises known as 683 EAST
224TH STREET, BRONX, NY 10466, further
described as follows:

BLOCK: 4826, LOT: 16
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of
land, situate, lying and being in the Borough
and County of Bronx, City and State of New
York, bounded and described as follows:

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or place of BEGINNING.

Approximate amount of lien \$694,017.08
plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold
subject to provisions of filed judgment and
terms of sale. Index Number 08-381221.

HOWARD VARGAS, ESQ., REFEREE
DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
-against-
ABDUL L. MOHAMMAD A/K/A
A. MOHAMMAD, ET AL.,
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 May 6, 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 provi-
sions of filed judgment Index # 381762/2008
DEIDRA R. MOORE, ESQ., REFEREE
STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P.,

ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF
ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113
CARLE PLACE, NY 11514
DATED: MARCH 27, 2013
FILE # SUNTRUST-CN 50748

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

US BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff
-against-
MANUEL IMBERT A/K/A MANUEL J.
IMBERT, ET AL.,
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and
sale duly dated JANUARY 8, 2013

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at
public auction BRONX COUNTY COURT-
HOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CON-
COURSE, BRONX, NEW YORK on May 6,
2013 at 2:00 PM premises known as 922
EAST 212TH STREET, BRONX, NY 10469.

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

Block 4682 Lot 48
Approximate amount of lien \$591,101.80
plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provi-
sions of filed judgment Index # 381496/10
GERALD SHEIOWITZ, ESQ., REFEREE
STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P.,
ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF
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DATED: March 27, 2013
FILE# FUSB 53624

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX, EMIGRANT MORTGAGE
COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff, vs. ELRIDGE
KING, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale duly filed on March 08, 2013, I, the
undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at the Bronx County Courthouse,
Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY
on May 20, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., premises
known as 1384 Burke 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 and State of
New York, Block 4759 and Lot 17. Approximate amount of judgment is
\$311,996.69 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of
filed Judgment Index # 381392/08.

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

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF BRONX U.S. BANK
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE
FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET
INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST 2006-4,
Plaintiff, against ANESIA JORDAN, et al.,
Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11/26/2012
I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at the Bronx County Courthouse in
Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of
Bronx, NY on 05/06/2013 at 02:00PM,

premises known as 873 UNION AVENUE,
Bronx, NY 10459 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 2668
LOT 49, FORMERLY PART OF LOT 50.
Approximate amount of judgment
\$687,405.05 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of
filed Judgment Index# 380474/08. George B.
Smith, Esq, Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans,
Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville,
NY 14068 Dated: March 11, 2013 1024992

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF BRONX DEUTSCHE BANK
NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS
TRUSTEE FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY
TRUST 2006-15, Plaintiff, against RITA D.
MARKS, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a
Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly
dated 3/27/2012 I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction at the Bronx County
Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand
Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 05/20/2013
at 02:00PM, premises known as 4155
WILDER AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10466 All
that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with
the buildings and improvements erected,
situate, lying and being in the Borough of
Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of
New York, BLOCK 5021 - LOT 67.
Approximate amount of judgment
\$478,443.80 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of
filed Judgment Index# 382903/09. Heddyeh
P. Broumand, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy
& Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540,
Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: April 3, 2013
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC BANK USA,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE
FOR THE HOLDERS OF DEUTSCHE ALT-A
SECURITIES, INC. MORTGAGE LOAN
TRUST, SERIES 2005-6, Plaintiff, against
TAHAMINA AKTHER; MD. IMAM HOSSAIN,
et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment
of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated
9/23/2011 I, the undersigned Referee will sell
at public auction at the Bronx County
Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand
Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 05/06/2013
at 02:00PM, premises known as 115 WHITE
PLAINS ROAD, Bronx, NY 10473 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
3443 LOT 52. Approximate amount of
judgment \$409,038.79 plus interest and
costs. Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index#
382041/09. Youngik Yoon, Esq, Referee
Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for
Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068
Dated: March 13, 2013 1026918

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS
COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN,
Plaintiff(s), vs. CHAO YING XU, YUN FEI
CHEN, ET AL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure

and Sale duly filed on March 05, 2013, I, the
undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at the Bronx County Courthouse,
Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY
on the 6th day May, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.,
premises known as 674 Courtlandt 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
2400 and Lot 5. Approximate amount of lien
is \$14,958.86 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of
filed Judgment and terms of sale. Index #
380817/10.

Deidra Moore, Esq., Referee
Phillips Lytle LLP
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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS
COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN,
Plaintiff(s), vs. QUARRY CROTONA
HOMES, INC., ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale duly filed on March 15th, 2013, I,
the undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at the Bronx County Courthouse,
Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY
on May 06, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., premises
known as 748 East 182nd Street, Bronx, NY.
All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land,
situate, lying and being in the Borough and
County of Bronx, City and State of New York,
Block 3097 and Lot 32. Approximate amount
of lien is \$37,806.29 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of
filed judgment and terms of sale. Index
Number 300897/11.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH
CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit
owners of the Parkchester South
Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - MARIAM
PETERS, et al., Defendants. Pursuant to a
Judgment dated February 21, 2013, I will sell
at public auction on May 20, 2013, at 2:00
p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County
Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx,
New York, the Condominium unit in the
Parkchester South Condominium known as
apartment 11A, in the building known as E-9
a/k/a 73, and by street address 1650
Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, and
designated as Tax Lot 4576, in Block 3943 of
Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of
Bronx, together with an undivided .0109
percent interest in the common elements of
the Parkchester South Condominium. The
amount due under the Judgment is
\$10,608.58, with interest, costs, etc. Sale
subject to terms of sale and provisions of the
Judgment herein. Index No. 380740/11.
ANNE M. LITWIN, ESQ., Referee, ROY,
MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO,
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LEGAL NOTICE

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

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM,
on behalf of the unit owners of the
Parkchester North Condominium, Plaintiff,-
against - PATRICK WITTER, et. al.,
Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated
January 24, 2013, I will sell at public auction
on May 20, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600
of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand
Concourse, Bronx, New York, the
condominium unit in the Parkchester North
Condominium known as apartment 7C, in the
building known as N-1 a/k/a 86, and by street
address 1 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, New
York, and designated as Tax Lot 1123, in
Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of
the Borough of Bronx, together with an
undivided .0365 percent interest in the
common elements of the Parkchester North
Condominium. The amount due under the
Judgment is \$24,390.03, with interest, costs,
etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and
provisions of the Judgment herein, including
being subject to a mortgage held by Home
Owners Funding Corporation of America, in
the original principal sum of \$17,595.00 with
interest. Index No. 381295/09. ANNE
LITWIN, ESQ., Referee, ROY,
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF
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THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH
CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit
owners of the Parkchester South
Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - GEORGE
R. RYAN, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a
Judgment dated November 20, 2012, I will
sell at public auction on May 6, 2013, at 2:00
p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County
Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx,
New York, the Condominium unit in the
Parkchester South Condominium known as
apartment 4H, in the building known as E-6
a/k/a 62, and by street address 2125 St.
Raymond Avenue, Bronx, New York, and
designated as Tax Lot 3736, in Block 3943 of
Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of
Bronx, together with an undivided .0098
percent interest in the common elements of
the Parkchester South Condominium. The
amount due under the Judgment is
\$8,542.32, with interest, costs, etc. Sale
subject to terms of sale and provisions of the
Judgment herein, including being subject to a
mortgage held by JPMorgan Chase Bank,
N.A., in the original principal sum of
\$84,000.00 with interest. Index No.
382167/10.

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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

Alvarado-Rios

The 3/30 broadcast of HBO Boxing After Dark had a match for the interim WBO Light Welterweight title that turned out to be one of this year's top-ten. There was action from the opening bell until the final bell.

Rios began by staggering Alvarado with a jab, an uppercut, and a hook. Alvarado's corner changed tactics, to slow down Rios by having Alvarado switch stances from left to right leads, which allowed Alvarado to win seven out of the final ten rounds.

Scored it 115-113 for Alvarado. But if Rios took the final round it would have been a draw. During the post-match interviews Rios looked almost unmarked while Alvarado was pretty lumped up and cut. It made you wonder who won?

Boras Morass

"Super Agent" Scott Boras complained that the new MLB free agent system was unfair. I read this and said to my writing partner, Duffy T. Dogg, "Is he kidding? What's the name of the planet on which he lives?" ESPN.com news service reported: "Scott Boras has routinely made millions for his clients in free agency, but a change in the compensation rules this year has the super agent questioning the fairness of the system."

Under compensation rules instituted this offseason, Major League Baseball teams had the option of offering \$13.3 million

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Future uncertain for Shane Rector after Rutgers falls out

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Shane Rector knew what was coming when it came to former Rutgers men's basketball coach Mike Rice and the controversial video of his extreme practice behaviors.

Rice called the former St. Raymond star, a Scarlet Knights commit at the time, to warn him about what was on the video released to the public by ESPN earlier this month. It showed Rice, who was later fired by the school, hurling basketballs at players, placing his hands on them and using homophobic slurs.

"I wasn't surprised when I saw it," said Rector, who played at South Kent (CT) last season. "The whole country, the reaction was crazy."

He called the last two weeks hectic and decommitted from Rutgers last week. Rectors has been fielded calls from other interested schools and now holds offers from Missouri, Butler Texas A&M, Western Kentucky and Seton Hall. He has said in the past he could still end up at Rutgers, which appears set to hire Los Angeles Lakers assistant Eddie Jordan, after the name a new coach.

"In a way I'm starting over, but the recruiting process is definitely going faster because there is not that much time left," Rector said. "It's not such along process."

He was happy to come home and show off his talents at the Jordan Brand Classic regional senior All-Star game at the Barclays Center on April 13. Rector had 12 points and dished out eight assists in New York City White team's 114-102 win over the Metro Area Black team.

"Sometime when you go away people forget about you," Rector said. It was good to get a chance to comeback and play in front of my hometown."

Another Bronx native come home that signed in the game was Dayshon Smith, a Dayton committed, who plays his high school



Dayshon Smith shoots jumper during the Regional Game of the 2013 Jordan Brand Basketball Classic, played at the Barclay Center in Brooklyn, New York on Saturday April 13, 2013.

Robert Cole

ball at Putnam Science Academy (CT). He's prided himself on being able to showcase his skills as a pass first point guard. He had been know as a scoring guard until playing with the NY Lightening last travel ball season

Smith did a little bit of everything, scoring 11 points to go along with 11 assists and six rebounds for the Black team. He had a numerous dished for ally-ops slams and sweet over-the-shoulder feed for bucket while

falling out of bounds in the fourth quarter.

"I just gave the ball to open players and ended up with 11 assists," Smith said. "I was trying to beat the record for 14, but it didn't work to good."

Fordham Prep lacrosse falls to Iona Prep in overtime

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Jack Lee didn't mince words on where the blame lies for Fordham Prep's overtime loss to rival Iona Prep.

The Rams didn't allow a goal from more than 17 minutes of game time until Billy Trizano scored off a feed from Michael McHugh with 15 seconds to play in the extra session to give the host Gaels a 5-4 win in CHSAA Class AA boys lacrosse last Thursday. Fordham Prep's defense did its part, but its offense's last goal came when Lee lofted a shot over the goalie off a feed from Eamon Coughlin with 9:05 left in the third quarter.

"It's on our offense for sure," said Lee who scored twice. "We played phenomenal defense. Letting up five goals there is nothing wrong with that. We had shots. We just have to capitalize on those opportuni-

ties."

Fordham (4-3, 0-1) was not without chances as Lee said. The Rams, who are inexperienced at attack and midfield, all too often grind out long, ball-control possession without getting a quality shot or turning it over. Williams Randell added two assists. Fordham coach Len DeLucia would like to see his team move without the ball more and be more aggressive on offense.

"If the kid is up here dodging the rest of the team is standing still," he said. "It's not going to work. They need to be more lacrosse savvy."

His team hung in the game thanks to the play of its stellar defense led by Logan Williamson, Robert Whelan, Nolan Fearon, Patrick Coughlin and keeper James Werner. The junior goalie made 12 saves and gave Fordham Prep

new lift when he stopped Trizano with his leg from point blank range early in overtime.

"I just saw the ball and thought, 'If I don't save it this is it,'" Werner said. "I've got to keep my team in, give my offense another chance."

The Rams didn't make good on the opportunity, as Iona defenders forced turnovers on its next two possessions. It gave Trizano, who had two goals, a chance at redemption. He came dashing across the crease, caught the pass, leapt and scored the winner.

"It was a great pass," he said. "I just had to drill it."

Iona (3-1, 1-0) picked up a win in the first of three meetings between the two schools to move closer to ensuring home field when the two meet for the NYCHSAA Class AA title in May. The Rams forced



Fordham Prep's William Randell (l.) dished out two assists in a loss to Iona Prep.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

not discouraged because of their youth, but know they need to get their offense on track if they are going to

prevail.

"We got a lot to work on," DeLucia said. "Next time we see them hope-

fully my offense will be better and it won't even be a game, my defense will play just as well."

Kennedy's Ahmed looking to expand game, college interest

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Bahir Ahmed is use to being overlooked by now.

The New York City boys basketball landscape is filled with big names like Hassan Martin of Curtis, Christ the King's Jon Severe and Lincoln's Isaiah Whitehead. Ahmed a senior at John F. Kennedy's isn't exactly on the tip of peoples' tongues despite continually proving with is strong play he is in the class with the city's top talent. Ahmed led the PSAL Class AA division in scoring last season by averaging 24.2 points per game and even hauled in 12 rebounds a contest.

"I feel like I'm underrated," he said.

Ahmed was given another chance to prove himself at the Mayor's Cup game that pitted the PSAL's best seniors against their Catholic League counterparts at Baruch College on April 5. He didn't disappoint, scoring 20 points on a series of athletic drives and long-range jumpers.

Ahmed was in the running for the game's most valuable player award, which was ultimately given to Martin following the PSAL's 148-136 overtime victory.

"He's a problem," PSAL and Bayside coach Cory Semper said. "Bashir is athletic, he can handle, he's probably a legit 6-6, his arms are on the ground. He's a problem."

Ahmed, after leading Kennedy to a second-place finish in the Bronx A division, said he will attend prep school next year to get his academics in order so he can qualify to play in college and further raise his stock amongst prospective colleges. He is unsure where he will land, but said he is looking at Believe Prep and Brewster Academy.

"I know it's going to give me a better chance to qualify," Ahmed said.

He said he has a scholarship offer from Norfolk State and he has interest from St. John's, Siena, Providence and Iona. He



Kennedy's Bashir Ahmed led the PSAL 'AA' boys basketball division in scoring last season.

Photo by William Thomas

will play with New Heights on the travel ball circuit during the spring evaluation period to try attracting more colleges and of-

fers. Ahmed is looking to work on his pull up jumper to add to his already quick first step.

Semper called Amed's

game fun to watch and makes it go 'Wow' at times, especially when Bayside faced Kennedy early in the season.

"I was busy watching him instead of coaching the game," Semper said. "Bashir is good, he's very good."

Pipe Dreams: Brittney Griner; Speaking Of Just Rewards

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qualifying offers to any of their pending free agents who spent the entire 2012 season with that team. If a player declined the offer and signed with another team, the player's new team would have to forfeit its highest draft pick (except top-10 picks, which are protected) and the signing-bonus allocation slotted to that pick.

"When you have a system that does not reward performance, you know we have something corrupt in the major league process," Boras told FoxSports.com. "You cannot have that in the major league system, because it's not rewarding performance." TWO Cleveland Indians signed free agent deals worth \$104MILLION (Swisher 56m and Bourn 48m).

Brittney Griner

6'8" Brittnty Griner from Baylor has been getting a lot of ink in recent days about the possibility of being the first fe-

male NBA-draftee. Greg Cote (Miami Herald) commented: "The loquacious Dallas Mavericks owner said this week he might select Griner, of Baylor, in the second round of June's NBA Draft. It registered as a look-at-me publicity stab dressed in the refined clothing of championing equal opportunity.

It served its purpose. It shone a light on Cuban as pro-woman, as an innovator. It did not, however, serve Griner or women's basketball particularly well. Quite the opposite, it threw open the doors on a generally taboo subject in sports, which is that women cannot compete with men and dare not try when the sport involves physicality. This is not sexist. It is reality.

Speaking Of Just Rewards

The Sports Curmudgeon pointed out that the head b-ball coaches from UCLA and Minnesota (Ben Howland, Tubby Smith)

were let go. Towson University discontinued its intercollegiate soccer and baseball programs.

Let's look closer- Howland in his 10yrs. at UCLA has taken his teams to the NCAA's seven times; he also has won 69% of his games. Minnesota is in a conference where 5 of the 12 teams (Indiana, Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State and Wisconsin) are very good just about every year. Two other schools (Illinois and Purdue) are sometimes very good and always good." The nexus of money and college athletics is always an interesting place to encounter pragmatism, greed and enlightened self-interest. One of the latest examples of all three of those qualities may be found at Towson University in Baltimore. The Towson Tigers will drop baseball and soccer as intercollegiate sports and devote the resources previously allocated there to basketball and football.

In their five home games, they drew a total of 43,457 fans. The average attendance for home football games was 8,691 folks.

The Homecoming Game drew 9828 fans; that was the second largest crowd of the season demonstrating how important a football game is to the alums at Towson.

Winter Forecast

Gerry Greene (Orlando Sentinel) was thinking of vacationing at an Olympics and wrote, "Definitely choosing Brazil over Russia as a vacation spot. Areal worry is that there won't be enough snow on the ground for the Winter Olympics- so Mother Russia is spending \$8m to store snow now. There are packing 450,000cubic meters (which means nothing to me but sounds like a lot) in case the white stuff is needed at the Sochi games. Sure would make one great snowman."

Orange Is Blue

I'm sorry- well not really- that I can't feel that

sorry for Syracuse B-Ball coach Jim Boeheim because his team dropped the NCAA Semi to Michigan, 61-56.

He's a good coach based only on his won-loss record (920-313) which is the root of my displeasure. His teams have beaten my SJU Red Storm so often the look like they were an old rug.

Boeheim is a good recruiter and molds those young men into teams. Even keeping this in mind, he still annoys me.

New SC Science

This Comes from the Sports Curmudgeon: "I want to explore a new "science" - actually one I just made up about an hour ago - and I will call it Nomenclology. The fundamental precept of Nomenclology is that what you name something or someone has a profound effect on the future of that thing or that person.

Let us dispense with our own little name-calling exercise right now. You can call me an idiot and I will respond by call-

ing you a non-believer and we can move on from there. If anyone takes this seriously enough to take offense, then my name for them would be Tommy Tightbutt. Nomenclology would point out that the future of many of the tournament participants is already cast in concrete.

Consider:

Austin Chatman - Creighton - ESPN studio host

Steven Pledger - Oklahoma - annoying guy on PBS twice a year

Terry Brutus - Ole Miss - backstabber

Jamal Crook - Western Kentucky - hopefully not ...

The "Trumpster" Isn't That Bad

Greg Cote (The Miami Herald) told us that the, "Doral's Blue Monster (Golf Course) is undergoing a \$200million renovation. Hmm. Anybody else notice that owner Donald Trump did not seek a referendum or public funds?"

Goldstick leads big day for Fordham Prep at Mayors Cup

BY MIKE MORTON

Fordham Prep's Michael Goldstick is use to wowing people with his javelin toss.

The Fordham Prep senior set a CHSAA record in the event earlier this season with a throw of 190 feet 6 inches. He nearly duplicated that result on Saturday afternoon at the Mayor's Cup meet at Icahn Stadium. Sailing through the air for what seemed like an eternity, his javelin finally pierced the grass 189-11 later, giving Goldstock a first place finish.

"It just shows all my hard work," he said. "I started off two years ago, and just keep building up from there. It shows how I've stayed determined throughout all three years of throwing."

Goldstock picked up the javelin for the first time in his sophomore year after failing to make the Rams' baseball team. After throwing shot put in the winter, his coach suggested the transition to the event.

"My coach just said, 'you look like you have a strong arm, so let's get you with a spear out there,' and I just kept going from there," Goldstock said.

Fordham Prep junior Terrence Corbett also had a nice day in the javelin, coming in second place with a throw of 165-09. The dominance by the Rams in the event had Goldstock excited for their potential.

"We have a really strong program coming in for the next couple years," he said. "I think we're going to see more 1-2s."

Teammate Sean McAvoy took first in the pole vault by clearing 15 feet. Fordham Prep's Christian Doherty won the 110 high hurdles with a time of 14.90, which was a personal best. Doherty was surprised by how well he ran.

"I had a good start," he said. "After one hurdle, I felt like I just flowed it."

The boys 100 meter dash may have been the most exciting race of the after-

noon. Cardinal Hayes' Robert Harris blazed down the track in just 11.02 seconds, narrowly defeating Ernest Agyeman of DeWitt Clinton by three one hundredths of a second to win gold.

"I knew it was going to be a good race, but I just have to put in that effort to win it, and the results showed it," Harris said.

Evander Child's Takira Solomon added a gold medal in the girls pole vault by clearing eight feet. Anton Porter of Mount. St. Michael won the boys 200 with a time of 21.75.

Lehman's Fillan Lee also took home a first place finish on Saturday in the triple jump with a leap of 43-6. Lee felt he could have done better and hopes to use this weekend to continue to improve.

"I'm not too happy with my performance," he said. "I feel like I could have done better. By the end of the season, I'll be better."



Michael Goldstock from Fordham Prep took first place in the boys javelin throw at the 2013 NYC Mayor's Cup held at Icahn Stadium on Randall's Island on Saturday.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

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LEGAL NOTICE

REFEREE’S NOTICE OF SALE AND FORECLOSURE
STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
INDEX NO. 381129-2010
DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, as successor to the Facilities Development Corporation, Plaintiff

vs. NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES, INC., et.al., Defendants

Pursuant to the judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about February 27, 2013 and filed with the Bronx County Clerk on March 8, 2013, I, the undersigned referee duly appointed in this action for this purpose, will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 600 of the Bronx County Supreme Courthouse located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 2:00 P.M., the premises known as 4135-4137 Third Avenue, Bronx, New York, New York, Tax Map Designation: Section 11; Block 2923; Lots 27 & 30, and as more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. The real property will be sold as one (1) parcel subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in the judgment of foreclosure and sale and the terms of sale. Approximate amount of the judgment is \$2,473,260.84, plus interest and costs.

CARL LUCAS, ESQ., Referee. BOND, SCHOENECK & KING, PLLC, Richard L.

Weber, Esq., Attorneys for Plaintiff, One Lincoln Center, Syracuse, NY 13202.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS. Index No. 380836/11.

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

EVERBANK, Plaintiff, -vs.-
JAMES L. PARRISH, if living and if he be dead, and all persons who wives, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributes, successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributes, and successors in interest all of whom and whose names and places are unknown to Plaintiff; JEAN CORT; CHARLES CORT A/K/A CHARLES GENTLES; CAPITAL NATIONAL BANK OF NEW YORK; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE-PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU CITY COLLECTOR & BRONX REDEMPTION CENTER; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; “JOHN DOE” AND “JANE DOE” said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants.

Mortgaged Premises: 907 EAST 226TH STREET, BRONX, NY 10466.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff’s attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be

taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that there is a deficiency in the sale proceeds, a deficiency judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON

THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

That this action is being amended to add the unknown heirs of James L. Parrish, as he cannot be located. This action is also being amended to add United States of America and New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for any possible estate taxes against James L. Parrish. That this action is also being amended to remove Samuel Clarke as Executor of the Estate of George Cort as a necessary party as said party has no interest in the property to be foreclosed.

BRONX County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises.

Dated: January 29, 2013.

/s/

Mark K. Broyles, Esq.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Office and P.O. Address
28 East Main Street, Suite 1800
Rochester, New York 14614
Telephone No. (585) 232-7400
(BLOCK: 4862, LOT: 47).
NATURE AND OBJECT OF ACTION

The object of the above action is to foreclose a mortgage held by the Plaintiff recorded in Liber 523 of Mortgages at Page 1704, in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX on November 25, 1983, said mortgage was then assigned by Intercounty Mortgage Corp. to The New York Guardian Mortgage Corporation by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 26, 1986, and recorded in the BRONX County Clerk’s Office on April 15, 1986, in Reel 644 of Assignments of Mortgage at Page 1458, which mortgage was further assigned to ITT Residential Capital Corporation, a California Corporation by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated April 13, 1993, recorded in the BRONX County Clerk’s Office on May 28, 1993 in Reel 1166 of Assignments of Mortgage at Page 2486, which mortgage was further assigned to Leader Federal Bank for Savings, a federal bank by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 19, 1995, and recorded in the BRONX County Clerk’s Office on March 7, 1996 in Reel 1374 of Assignments of Mortgage at Page 1678, which mortgage was further assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated March 11, 2003, and recorded in the BRONX County Clerk’s Office on March 4, 2004 in CRFN 2004000130555, said Mortgage was then assigned to Plaintiff, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage executed July 11, 2011 and sent for recording to the BRONX County Clerk’s Office on July 21, 2011.

TO THE DEFENDANT, except JAMES L. PARRISH, the plaintiff makes no personal

claim against you in this action.

To the above named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Ben R. Barbato, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of N.Y., dated February 28, 2013 and filed along with the supporting papers in the Bronx County Clerk’s Office. This is an action to foreclose a mortgage. The premises is described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly side of East 226th Street distant 55.01 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of East 226th Street and the easterly side of Bronxwood Avenue; being a plot 110.10 feet by 25 feet by 110.10 feet by 25 feet. Premises known as 907 East 226th Street, Bronx, N.Y. 10466.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,

Plaintiff against RAMY BARCHAK, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 20, 2011, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 6th day of May, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly line of College Avenue, said point being distant southerly 637.50 feet from the intersection of the said westerly line of College Avenue and the southerly line of East 170th Street; being a plot 92.50 feet by 18.75 feet by 92.50 feet by 18.75 feet. Said premises known as 1321B COLLEGE AVENUE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 520,065.80 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380049/09.

GERALD S. LEONESCU, ESQ., Referee.
Sweeney, Gallo, Reich & Bolz, LLP
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95-25 Queens Blvd., 11th Floor Rego Park, NY 11374

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX EASTERN SAVINGS BANK, FSB,

Plaintiff against CLAYTON STONE, ICYLIN STONE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 27, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 20th day of May, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of East 218th Street, distant 148 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of East 218th Street and the easterly side of Paulding Avenue; being a plot 109.33 feet by 48.56 feet by 109.33 feet by 48.56 feet. Block: 4700 Lot: 40 Said premises known as 1016 EAST 218TH STREET, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 428,994.28 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380970/09.

CARL LUCAS, ESQ., Referee.
KRISS & FEUERSTEIN LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiff against SOUTHERN BLVD.

CONTRACTING CORP., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated February 27, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 13th day of May, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York. Block: 2940 Lot: 40 Said premises known as 1779 SOUTHERN BLVD, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 7,782.34 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 309066/10.

DAVID LEISCH, ESQ., Referee.
Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102, 156 W 56 Street, NY 10019

LEGAL NOTICE

New York City Department of Transportation

Notice of Public Hearing

The New York City Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at 2:00 P.M., at 55 Water St., 9th FL., Room 945 on the following petitions for revocable consent in the Borough of the Bronx.

#1 Consolidated Edison Company of NY, Inc.- to construct, maintain and use additional improvements. The improvements consists of antennas equipment boxes and conduits and related appurtenances on the tops and sides of The Department of Transportation street lights poles, in the five (5) Boroughs of the City of New York.

#2 Evergreen Gardens, Inc. -to continue to maintain and use a tunnel under and across Evergreen Ave., north of Story Ave.

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Fillings, crowns, and other restorations. Tooth-colored fillings and resin composite materials used in dental restorations (crowns, veneers, bonding, bridges) do not whiten. Therefore, using a whitening agent on teeth that contain restorations will result in uneven whitening -- in this case, making the teeth without restorations appear lighter than those with restorations. Any whitening procedure should be done prior to the placement of restorations. Individuals with numerous restorations that would result in uneven whitening may be better off considering bonding, veneers, or crowns rather than a tooth whitening system. Ask your dentist what strategy is best for you.

Unrealistic expectations. Individuals who expect their teeth to be a new "blinding white" may be disappointed with their results. Smokers need to be aware that their results will be limited unless they refrain from continued smoking, particularly during the bleaching process. A healthy guide to is to achieve a shade slightly whiter than the whites of your eyes.

Darkly stained teeth. Yellowish teeth respond well to bleaching, brownish-colored teeth respond less well and grayish-hue or purple-stained teeth may not respond to bleaching at all. Blue-gray staining caused by the antibiotic tetracycline is more difficult to lighten and may require up to six months of home treatments or several in-office appointments to successfully lighten. Teeth that have dark stains may be better candidates for another lightening option, such as veneers, bonding, or crowns.

Your dentist can discuss the options best suited for you.

Risks Associated With Teeth Whitening

The two side effects that occur most often with teeth whitening are a temporary increase in tooth sensitivity and mild irritation of the soft tissues of the mouth, particularly the gums. Tooth sensitivity often occurs during early stages of the bleaching treatment. Tissue irritation most commonly results from an ill-fitting mouthpiece tray rather than the tooth-bleaching agent. Both of these conditions usually are temporary and disappear within one to three days of stopping or completing treatment.

If you do experience sensitivity, you can reduce or eliminate it by:

Wearing the tray for a shorter period of time (for example, two 30-minute sessions vs. two 60-minute sessions).

Stop whitening your teeth for two to three days to allow teeth to adjust to the whitening process.

Ask your dentist or pharmacist for a high fluoride-containing product, which can help remineralize your teeth. Apply the fluoride product to the tray and wear for four minutes prior to and following the whitening agent.

Brush teeth with a toothpaste made for sensitive teeth. These toothpastes contain potassium nitrate, which helps soothe the teeth's nerve endings.

Whitening Product Safety

Some whitening products dispensed through dentists' offices as well as professionally applied (in-office) bleaching products have received the American Dental Association (ADA) Seal of Acceptance, which indicates that the product has met ADA guidelines for safety and effectiveness. Currently, only dentist-dispensed home-use products containing 10% carbamide peroxide and office-applied products containing 35% hydrogen peroxide have received the ADA Seal of Acceptance. Over-the-counter bleaching products are not endorsed by the ADA, because the organization believes that professional consultation is important to ensuring safe and effective use. No whitening products using lasers are

Dental Diary

Teeth Whitening Part 3

on the ADA's list of accepted products. Several whitening toothpastes that are available in drugstores have received the ADA Seal of Ac-

ceptance. For a list of specific toothpastes that have gained the ADA's Seal of Acceptance, visit www.ada.org.

It should be noted that not all manufacturers seek the ADA's Seal of Acceptance. This is a voluntary program that requires considerable expense and time on the part of a manufacturer. Just because a product does not have the ADA Seal of Acceptance does not necessarily mean that the product is not safe and effective. You can be assured, however, that prod-

ucts that do carry the seal meet the ADA's standards for safety and effectiveness when used as directed.

Teeth whiteners are not drugs and therefore are not regulated by the FDA.

Tips When Choosing Over-the-Counter Kit

Try to select a teeth whitening kit that allows some customization of the mouthpiece. Some kits come with a mouthpiece that can be molded to some degree. These are better than others that come with a standard

mouthpiece.

Try to gain the opinion of others who may have already tried the kit you are considering.

If at any time you experience a prolonged change in the color of your gums or an increased tooth sensitivity to hot or cold foods and beverages, stop wearing the mouthpiece and see your dentist immediately.

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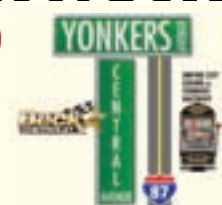


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