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Board 7 rink review underway

BY DAVID CRUZ

Community Board 7's finally got the bundle it's waited on for months – papers for the public review portion of the Kingsbridge National Ice Center project.

"It's a big bundle," said newly-appointed chairwoman Adaline Walker, longtime board member already backing what's billed to be the world's largest skating rink

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Photo by Laura Stone

GLOWING AT NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

Taking back the night with glow sticks are Pelham Parkway pals Gerardo Martinez, and brothers Albino and Jonathan Victorio, swing by the 49th Precinct's National Night Out Against Crime event. More photos can be found on pages 28-29.

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GRANT \$ RESCUES TNVAC

50G transfusion for Throggs Neck Ambulance Corps

BY DAVID CRUZ

With an eleventh hour cash transfusion, the Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corps. has made it off life support – and intends to stay that way.

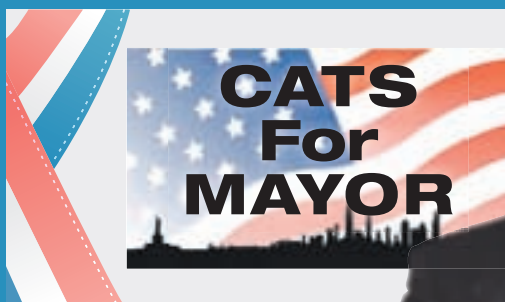
A \$50,000 no-strings grant from City Council Speaker Christine Quinn will keep its ambulances rolling through most of 2014.

At the same time, the 34-year-old group now has the free services of a professional fundraiser to cobble together funds for next year.

"They're going to teach us how to write grants, how to appeal for money," said Bill Heaney, TNVAC chair, who's been with the group
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'Bus-napped' victim out for revenge

Driver ignores disabled woman's pleas to let her off at stop

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Lucille Martinez wants the Metropolitan Transportation Authority tell THIS driver STOP means STOP.

The 58-year-old Throggs Neck resident and frequent rider of the Bx40 bus, said there was nothing out of the ordinary on Thursday, July 25 as she rode home from Westchester Square to her stop at E. Tremont and Baisley Avenues — until she tried to ring the bell to get off.

"As we start to get closer to my stop, I start ringing the bell and ringing the bell, but it is not working," Martinez said. "The driver sees me continue to try and ring the bell frantically, but doesn't pay any attention, so I start to say 'Sir, please stop the bus, and he doesn't answer me."

Martinez takes the bus at least four times a week

to volunteer as a bereavement counselor at Calvary Hospital.

As the driver drove past Martinez's stop, she said he told her she did not ring the bell, and she would have to walk back to her usual stop.

"He heard me say several times that the bell was not working prior to the stop, yet he continued to ignore me as he approached and refused to let me off, forcing me to have to walk further," said Martinez, who uses a cane after losing most of the use of her leg during a botched surgery.

Martinez said she then asked the driver to stop across the street from a Hess gas station a block down from her usual stop.

"That wouldn't be bad, because I would only have to walk back a little bit," Martinez said. "But he

told me 'we don't let people off here. Tough. You didn't ring the bell, you have to go to the next stop.'"

Martinez was forced to stay on the bus and get off at E. Tremont Avenue and Bruckner Boulevard — about a half hour walk from her home, in the rain with a bad leg.

As Martinez exited the bus, she told the bus driver she was going to report him, to which he replied back to her with a string of expletives.

"At this point I was so upset, but I didn't want to start anything because I was alone and I didn't know that man or what he could do," she said. "As I got off he refused to even lower the step for me, someone getting on the bus had to help me off. I was in total shock."

The fed up straphanger has since contacted the

MTA to file a formal complaint against the driver as well as contacted multiple city agencies and elected officials.

"Will there be big rallies and Italian-Americans singing my praises all over the United States? I doubt it very much," Martinez said. "Will the President go on TV and state that if his mom was alive this could have been her? I doubt it. What I do know is that I will pursue this matter until justice is served. I will see to it that bus driver will not be allowed to bully anyone as he did me."

A spokesperson from Assemblyman Michael Benedetto's office said they have also contacted the MTA on Martinez's behalf to file a complaint.

As of press time, MTA did not return calls for comment.



Lucille Martinez waits for the Bx40 bus at E. Tremont and Baisley Avenues.
Photo by Kirsten Sanchez








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by David Cruz

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TAYLOR CHRISTINE MAIDHOF

Baby Birth

Toni Ohle of Pelham Bay and Pat and Bill Maidhof of Morris Park are delighted to announce the birth and christening of their granddaughter, **Taylor Christine Maidhof**. Taylor was

born on March 29, 2013 and baptized at Our Lady of the Assumption on July 7th. A big celebration followed at Rory Dolan's in Yonkers where proud parents Allison and Bill Maidhof had met 12 years ago. Big sister, Ava, charmed the crowd with her dancing. May God bless Taylor Christine!

Guest Speaker

The Bronx Rotary Club welcomed guest speaker **Tony Morante**, Director of Stadium Tours at Yankee Stadium. Morante spoke on the intertwining history of baseball and politics during the early 19th century.

The Bronx Rotary Club thanked Morante for his baseball insight.



TONY MORANTE

Benedetto sponsors Driver's Safety Program

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto will be sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety course on Saturday, September 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This course is a CLOSED class with AARP.

Space is limited. Registration for this class begins on Monday, August 12, at

9:30 a.m. No reservations will be accepted prior to that date and time.

To reserve a seat, call (718) 892-2235.

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Motorcycle noise rankles City Island

BY DAVID CRUZ

In the years Barbara Dolensek has lived on quiet City Island, wild motorcycle noise has been part of the summer's daily soundtrack.

"I think the noise has gotten worse," said Dolensek, head of the City Island Civic Association, who also happens to have difficulty hearing.

It's affected slice of life events in the community, including performances by the City Island Theater Group, which once held outdoor performances at Hawkins Park.

"They can't do it because it's too noisy," said Dolensek.

Like tourists paying a stop to the nautical neighborhood over the summer, scores of cyclists frequently aim their hogs for the east Bronx isle, their souped up mufflers shattering the still tone often linked to the low key community.

A recent YouTube video showed one cyclist documenting his road trip to City Island with two friends, explaining to viewers their ride is part of a yearly ritual kicking off the summer.

"We probably do six or seven rides easy," said the narrator, dubbed Bronx 48. He abided by all traffic rules.

In many cases the sound has been deafening, including dogs who bark at cyclists rushing down City Island Ave., the main commercial strip.

It's also home to the Kaleidoscope Gallery, where store clerk Nicole Nielson compares the influx as part of a seasonal trend.

"They come in packs of maybe 20 to 30 people," said Nielson, 29. "Even when there's car traffic, they ride on the fire lane. They don't care how fast they go."

Many cyclists are simply weekend warriors, part of groups like the Bronx Motorcycle Club, who use



Weekend warriors bring unwanted motorcycle noise to City Island, a constant gripe for locals. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

social media and their official websites to spread word of a run to the isle. "They have websites and

I believe that some City Island restaurants advertised on those sites," said Dolensek, adding many shoot down to eateries such as Johnny's Reef Restaurant. Before that, many cyclists parked their bikes at Tony's Pier, until it was knocked out from an electrical fire caused by Hurricane Sandy.

Ever the detective, Dolensek sought answers to this often annoying quality of life issue, eventually meeting an avid cyclist who offered an explanation.

"She said, 'If it really bothers you, you have nobody to blame but yourself, because once you re-did the roads and made them, it's a great place to ride,'" recalled Dolensek. "'It's your fault.'"

Along with paved roads, a lack of traffic lights at City Island, particularly at its south end, inspires many cyclists to hit their engines at full throttle.

After midnight, Dol-

ensek can hear drag races touch off well after police from the understaffed 45th Precinct have left for the night.

"They do wheelies," said Dolensek. "Depends on how much they're drinking or showing off to their girlfriends."

Residents have urged the Four-Five to step up crackdowns, which they have, though manpower has been scant for the precinct, geographically the biggest in the city.

Four-Five Capt. James McGeown said banning cyclists from City Island is not an option.

"We can't tell vehicles you can't go in unless there's a law limiting traffic," he said. "We'll get more officers so we can delegate or have a steady patrol."

A truck driver unloading supplies at the Lickety Split Ice Cream shop mentioned the cyclists are "here to spend money. So let them spend money."

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NO \$\$\$ FOR YOU!

Along with city Comptroller John Liu's mayoral campaign, the city's Campaign Finance Board turned into Seinfeld's Soup Nazi Monday, Aug. 5 with a bunch of Bronx wannabe's, telling them "NO MATCHING FUNDS FOR YOU!"

The CFB denied Liu's campaign \$3.5 million, citing evidence of pervasive campaign finance law violations, but it gave no reason for denying Assemblywoman **Vanessa Gibson, Councilwoman Maria del Carmen Arroyo** and a bunch of other City Council candidates 6-1 matching funds.

They have at least two more chances to submit their applications and survive CFB audits. But with clock ticking down to the Sept. 10 primary, it doesn't give them much time to get the money to cover their expenses.

"It basically means at least a two-week delay in getting your mailings and other campaign material out to the voters," said one Bronx campaign manager.

"And by then," they added, "voters' mailboxes will be stuffed full

of campaign mailings from all the citywide races."

Gibson and Arroyo - With a slew of outside challengers eyeing the seat, Vanessa's been carrying Dem Party Boss Carl Heastie's flag to keep party control of term-limited Councilwoman Helen Foster's seat in the 16th C.D., covering Highbridge/ConcourseVillage. With ten - count 'em, ten - candidates in the race there, the CFB turned down Vanessa and five others.

It's no great loss for Vanessa to give up her Highbridge assembly seat for the Council, with a bigger salary and no more schleps to Albany.

And Mott Haven's Arroyo has her own particular problems with her nominating petitions riddled with fraudulent signatures that could very well knock her off the ballot.

Crowded 15th - Meanwhile, in that crowded 15th Council District race in the central Bronx, the CFB turned down matching funds for **Joel R. Rivera** (NOT the real current term-limited Councilman

Joel Rivera), **Albert Alvarez** and **Raquel Batista**. **Richie Torres** got his full 87Gs and **Cynthia Thompkins** got 31Gs in matching CFB funds.

CFB press secretary **Matt Solars** declined to cite a specific reason for the turndowns, instead citing five potential reasons:

"Candidates need to satisfy a two-part fundraising threshold (for City Council it's 75 contributors within the district and \$5,000 in matching claims). Candidates also need to be on the ballot, have an opponent on the ballot, and demonstrate compliance with the City's Campaign Finance Act."

DARK HORSE

While much of the talk has been focusing on the three potential leading candidates for disgraced Assemblyman **Nelson Castro's** west Bronx seat, there's a buzz going around that a potential dark horse in the race could emerge the winner.

Longtime local political wannabe **Haile Rivera**, who made his bones as an Obama campaign operative, has been receiving atten-

tion in the 86th Assembly District's African-American community.

"He's been invited to speak at the local black churches, where his Obama connections are looked upon favorably," said one local political source not connected to any races there.

Even with the majority of the district Dominican, there are still serious questions about just how many of them vote, as opposed to a strong African-American voter turnout.

Split vote - Three of the leading candidates are Dominican-American: Former district leader **Hector Ramirez**, current female district leader **Yudelka Tapia**, and **Victor Pichardo**, who's being backed by Bronx Dem Party Boss **Carl Heastie**. Castro-backed candidate **Kenny Nunez** is also Dominican, but not expected to pull any significant votes.

But with the three leading contenders potentially splitting the Dominican vote, the African-American vote could be the key to winning for fellow Dominican **Haile**, especially with mayoral wan-

nabe **Bill Thompson** expected to bring out a large turnout of Bronx black voters. Quien sabe? (Who knows?).

BATTING AVERAGE

Boy, getting our facts wrong really sucks - as Party Boss **Carl (The Silent) Heastie** put it - about our recent column on the race for **Nelson Castro's** seat, with Heastie griping about three - count 'em three - mistakes.

Carl and Hector Ramirez did get into a shouting match, but not over Hector accusing him of being behind his firing at the city Board of Elections. Hector has since clarified that one, saying it was over Carl picking Senator **Gustavo Rivera** staffer **Victor Pichardo** to run for the seat.

Carl also noted that Hector did not run for district leader the year he challenged Castro.

Oy! So many races, so many candidates to remember!

As to Castro "clobbering" Hector, despite Carl's backing, hey, a hundred votes is still losing, especially when the almighty party is behind you.

So we'll take heat for two out of three goofs on that one.

ROBOCALL GRANNY

South Bronx Assemblywoman **Carmen (Granny) Arroyo** raised eyebrows at the state Joint Commission on Public Ethics with her filing claim that she won \$28,000 "casino gambling."

Now someone who doesn't like the ethically-challenged Arroyos is making robocalls.

Introducing himself on the recording as **Albert Molina**, he asks call recipients who have dirt on Granny to call Gov. Cuomo's Moreland Act Commission on political corruption at 518 485-8477.

Molina's ax to grind, we hear, is that he was backing **Ralina Cardona** against Councilwoman **Melissa Mark-Viverito** in the 8th Council District in East Harlem and the South Bronx before the Arroyos got her kicked off the ballot.

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40th PCT.

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41st PCT.

THURS, JULY 4th, 11:50 p.m. — 906 Simpson St. Authorities are looking into a report where shots had been fired. Police officers arriving at the scene indicated there was no reported personal injuries, but a mini-van was damaged. Local sleuths are handling the inquiry.

FRI, JULY 5th, 6:35 p.m. — Leggett Ave. and Fox St. A 17 year old Hispanic male who was suffering from a bullet wound was transported to Lincoln Medical Center. The teenager was shot in the right calf. He was reported in stable condition.

SAT, JULY 6th, 7:15 a.m. — Bronx River and Bruckner Blvd. First responders came to the aid of a person who was spotted swimming in the river. Police and fire rescue person responded on land and also aboard marine units to the scene in order to be able to safely remove the swimmer from the water. Rescue workers attempted to communicate with the man, but he refused to reply. The swimmer once removed to land was transported to Lincoln Medical Center.

42nd PCT.

THURS, JULY 4th, 1:55 p.m. — 764 East 169 St. Police officers were able to remove an additional gun off of local streets. This time the weapon was described as a 22-caliber pistol. The gun was vouched as evidence.

FRI, JULY 5th, 12:05 a.m. — Police officers were informed by a teenager that she had been raped. Officials indicated that the 15 year old girl described her attacker as a Hispanic male. The teen was transported to Lincoln Medical Center. The incident is under investigation.

FRI, JULY 5th, 11:00 p.m. — 975 Tinton Ave. Homicide investigators are looking into an incident that cost a 33 year old male his life. The black male crime victim had been shot in the chest officials indicated. The victim expired at Lincoln Medical Center at 11:20 p.m.

SUN, JULY 7th, 6:05 p.m. — Police officers arrested two males for raping a young teenager. The Hispanic male culprits were charged with raping a 14 year old Latino girl.

43rd PCT.

FRI, JULY 5th, 12:45 a.m. — Bruckner Blvd. and Rosedale Ave. Investigators are looking into a reported shooting. Authorities were called to the emergency room at Jacobi Medical Center after a male appeared at the hospital seeking aid for multiple bullet wounds.



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The Hispanic male had been shot in the toe and also the lower right leg. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

SUN, JULY 7th, 11:40 a.m. — 575 Castle Hill Ave. Police were alerted to a shooting. Responding police officers found an intoxicated male who was suffering from a bullet wound to the leg area. Upon conducting the inquiry, it was learned that the male had been shot in Queens. Law enforcement officials on the other side of the bridge were alerted. The injured man was taken to Jacobi Medical Center and reported to be in stable condition.

SUN, JULY 7th, 3:00 p.m. — 1929 Bruckner Blvd. A search is underway for a male who robbed a gas station. The thief removed an unknown amount of money from the Shell Gas Station at gun point. No injuries were reported.

44th PCT.

FRI, JULY 5th, 3:00 a.m. — Grand Concourse and East 174 St. First responders came to the aid of a Hispanic man. The 28 year old crime victim was stabbed in his side officials reported. The injured man was treated at a local hospital as detectives started to look for the attacker.

FRI, JULY 5th, 7:05 p.m. — Clay Ave. and East 174 St. Law enforcement officials are looking to question the operator of a red colored vehicle. The vehicle left an accident scene where a 23 year old Hispanic male was seriously injured while riding a dirt bike. Police officers from Highway 1's Critical Investigation Unit were summoned to the scene as the young male victim was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital.

SAT, JULY 6th, 3:15 p.m. — 773 Concourse Village East. Help was needed by local police officers after finding a teenager threatening to take his own life. The 19 year old black male was on a ledge official reported. Several units from the Emergency Service Squad were dispatched to the scene in order to gain control of the emotional teen. Once in custody, the teenager was transported to Lincoln Medical Center.

SAT, JULY 6th, 5:45 p.m. — 1011 Ogden Ave. Investigators are looking for two black males. The unknown armed pair entered a bodega to commit a robbery. The culprits fled with six-hundred dollars in cash from the store's register.

45th PCT.

FRI, JULY 5th, 10:50 p.m. — 2069 Mayflower Ave. A police officer responding on a priority call to

help a stabbing victim was transported to a near-by hospital. The police officer was responding to a reported stabbing where a 22 year old Hispanic male was the victim. The injured victim was transported to Jacobi Medical Center in critical condition. Meanwhile one of the responding police vehicle was struck by a vehicle driven by an off duty city bus driver who was charged with driving while intoxicated.

SUN, JULY 7th, 11:10 a.m. — Silver Beach area. A dispute brought police to the tiny garden community. A person informed responding local law enforcement officers that a federal officer had pulled a hand gun on them. The inquiry is ongoing.

46th PCT.

SAT, JULY 6th, 4:15 a.m. — 2255 Creston Ave. Two suspects were arrested as medical experts assisted two female victims of a slashing. The victims, both Hispanic women in their twenties, were slashed in the facial area by another Hispanic woman apparently using a razor blade. The two injured women were transported to St. Barnabas Hospital.

SAT, JULY 6th, 5:20 p.m. — 30 Richman Plaza. Police officers arriving at the high-rise building requested Emergency Service Squad officers to respond. Authorities were faced with an emotional disturbed person who was threatening to jump from the building's roof. Several units from the elite Emergency Service Squad were summoned to the scene before authorities were able to gain control of the person. Officials also requested a harbor unit to respond so vessels passing in the near-by Harlem River would keep moving.

47th PCT.

THURS, JULY 4th, 2:30 p.m. — East Gun Hill Rd. Con Edison crews responded to a reported power outage in the area of Barnes Ave. Officials estimated that over thirteen hundred people were without power on the holiday. Once the problem was located and isolated power was restored to the community.

FRI, JULY 5th, 12:35 p.m. — 1945 Bartow Ave. A search is underway by detectives after a gas station was robbed. Two black males entered the gas station displaying a knife as a bank deposit was being prepared. The two unknown culprits made off with twenty-seven thousand dollars.

FRI, JULY 5th, 5:05 p.m. — Rombouts Ave. Police officers responding to a reported burglary ended up arresting two suspects

after a foot chase. Officers arriving at the residential building chased a black male and a younger female. They entered the tracks of the near-by Dyre Ave train line hoping that police would not follow. Train traffic was halted as police conducted a search including requesting an aviation unit to assist. A fifty year black male and a 31 year old Hispanic female were taken into custody. The male suspect was transported to Jacobi Medical Center and provided with treatment for a minor injury.

FRI, JULY 5th, 5:10 p.m. — 3846 Bronxwood Ave. Officials indicated that a block area was without electrical power. Con Edison crews were dispatched into the trouble area and had power restored within two hours.

FRI, JULY 5th, 6:05 p.m. — Givan Ave. and Boston Rd. Police were summoned to Jacobi Medical Center after being called by hospital officials. A black male walked into the hospital after being shot. The 29 year old man was suffering from a bullet wound to the left thigh. Local detectives will handle the inquiry.

SUN, JULY 7th, 12:25 a.m. — Laconia Ave and East 225 St. Officials are conducting an inquiry into a shooting that sent a teen to Jacobi Medical Center. A 16 year old black male was suffering from a bullet wound to the left ankle. The young boy was reported to be in stable condition.

SUN, JULY 7th, -6:00 a.m. — A suspect was arrested by police officers looking into a reported attack on a woman. The female victim was sleeping when the unidentified male entered her residence by climbing through a window. The male culprit placed one hand around the woman's neck and the other hand on her crotch. The woman was awoken as the man started to choke her and she was able to fight him off. Police took the suspect into custody.

48th PCT.

THURS, JULY 4th, 5:45 a.m. — 1956 Crotona Pkwy. Authorities are looking into an incident where a male fell five stories. A 49 year old Hispanic male apparently fell from a 5th floor window. Officials indicated that the victim was in critical condition at St. Barnabas Hospital.

SUN, JULY 7th, 4:15 a.m. — 1973 Southern Blvd. An inquiry was started as officials looked into a slashing. A 33 year old Hispanic male was slashed on the neck while at a club. The injured man was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital where he was reported to be in stable condition. Detectives from the Cross Bronx Expwy Squad are

handling the inquiry.

SUN, JULY 7th, 6:35 a.m. — Additional police officers were dispatched into the East Tremont community. Authorities received a report of a sexual assault upon a female. A search of the area was conducted for a black male who fled prior to the arrival of police. A police helicopter crew and a K-9 team also assisted with the search.

SUN, JULY 7th, 1:30 p.m. — 730 Oakland Pl. Authorities are looking into a reported attempted home invasion. Police collected information for the victim and passed the information on to local detectives. Additional police officers were deployed into the community to search for the culprit. The inquiry is ongoing. No injuries were reported.

SUN, JULY 7th, 8:10 a.m. — 1026 East 180 St. Police officers received a report of a shooting. Upon arriving at the scene, police found a 42 year old Hispanic male who had been shot in the shoulder. The injured man was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital and reported to be in stable condition. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

49th PCT.

SUN, JULY 7th, 4:40 a.m. — Palmer and Stillwell Aves. An off duty corrections officer was arrested after leaving an accident scene. The accident apparently had previously occurred, but a witness recognized the government worker. Officials reported that there were no injuries, but the incident did produce property damage.

SUN, JULY 7th, 6:15 p.m. — Authorities are looking into a criminal incident that sent a young man to Jacobi Medical Center. A 24 year old Hispanic man was stabbed in the left knee officials indicated. The male victim was reported to be in stable condition at the hospital. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

SUN, JULY 7th, 11:30 p.m. — Pelham Pkwy and Matthews Ave. A 39 year old man died after being involved in a motorcycle accident. The man was driving the motorcycle when he attempted to pass a vehicle that was in front of him. The 'bike' struck a mirror on the vehicle causing the bike operator to lose control of the two wheel vehicle. The critically injured man was transported to Jacobi Medical Center where he expired. Police officers from Highway 1's Critical Investigation Unit are handling the inquiry.

50th PCT.

SUN, JULY 7th, 12:30 p.m. — Police investigators are busy looking into a report made by a young woman. Authorities were informed that a 21 year old Hispanic woman was taken to a motel. Apparently the young woman black-out while drinking. The victim woke up inside a motel room in the Riverdale area. The woman received medical assistance at North Central Bronx Hospital. Detectives are handling the inquiry.

52nd PCT.

THURS, JULY 4th, 2:45 a.m. — Hull Ave. and East Mosholu Pkwy. Police investigators were summoned to the emergency room at Albert Einstein Hospital after a male appeared there seeking medical assistance. A 21 year old Hispanic man was suffering from stab wounds to the lower abdomen area and also the chest. Detectives assigned to the Webster Ave. Pct. are handling the inquiry.

FRI, JULY 5th, 9:25 p.m. — Decatur Ave. and Oliver Pl. Police officers were able to remove another gun off of local streets. This time the weapon's 25 year old Hispanic owner was arrested for failure to have the proper permit to own a gun within NYC. Vouched by police was a 44-caliber handgun.

FRI, JULY 5th, 10:30 p.m. — Bainbridge Ave and East 198 St. Authorities are looking into a shooting that sent a black male to St. Barnabas Hospital. The 26 year old black male had been shot in the right hand and was listed in stable condition by medical officials. Local detectives are heading the inquiry.

SAT, JULY 6th, 4:45 a.m. — East Bedford Park Blvd. and Webster Ave. The real police are searching for a police impersonator. An unknown Hispanic male told his victim that he was a police officer as the victim was being robbed of personal identification papers.

Housing

FRI, JULY 5th, 3:45 a.m. — 3444 White Plains Rd. Authorities are looking into a shooting incident. Police officers arriving at the crime scene indicated that no one was injured, but several bullets had been discharged. One of the bullets entered an apartment. Evidence was recovered at the scene.

SUN, JULY 7th, 7:50 p.m. — 1350 Manor Ave. Police officers from Housing Bureau's PSA's 8 are working with members of the 43rd Pct. Detective Squad on a reported robbery. At gun point a black male removed a cell phone from an 11 year old child.

Fire Log

THURS, JULY 4th, 12:00 p.m. — Park Ave. and East 175 St. Train traffic was halted as power had to be removed from two of the three Metro North commuter railroad lines that run out of Grand Central Terminal. A train moving northbound loaded with passengers trying to leave the city for the holiday caught fire after a mattress became wedged under the train's carriage. Fire and police personnel evacuated the remaining passengers off of the train while finding other passengers wondering around the energized roadway causing first responders to have power removed from all the tracks. Only one person was reported to be injured. The incident was declared under control at 12:41 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parks workers

Dear editor,

As you may know, this years City Budget was much more generous to the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation than in previous years; and with good reason.

The last 5 City budgets had left our Parks in a dire state of affairs. But thankfully this year's budget enabled NYC Parks to hire 414 new full-time Employees.

However, where those employees were placed has left the Bronx, the borough with the HIGHEST percentage of parkland, with less than a fair share.

The Bronx, which contains more than 24% of all City Parkland, has ONLY received 17% of the 207 City Park Workers (CPW's) that were allocated to parks in all five boroughs; a mere 35 employees.

This means that the borough with the MOST amount of parkland in the City, and home to Pelham Bay Park, the largest park in the city, only received 35 of these desperately needed Maintenance & Operations employees.

What is even more disturbing is that Parks Districts 11 and 14, under the care of great supervisors and managers such as Clinton Johnson and Arnyce Foster, received a total of only 1 of these 35 CPW's. That's right: One.

This means that Parks District 11, a staff responsible for over 57 Parks, Playgrounds and Green spaces in our area, including Pelham Parkway, Loreto Park, Zimmerman Playground and part of Bronx Park East, only has a crew of EIGHT full-time employees to take out garbage, man the parks and perform other important duties.

There are many issues when it comes to the upkeep and maintenance of the Parks in the Allerton/Pelham Parkway area: Litter, Barbecuing, Pruning, Permit Issuance, Sign Installation.

And the list goes on and on.

The inability of the Parks District 11 team to install adequate signage notifying people of "No Barbecuing" areas on Pelham Parkway, is a perfect example of how desperate the staffing situation truly is.

While the addition of 16 Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) Officers to the Bronx will certainly improve the safety of our Borough's Parks, the Maintenance & Operations teams that are crucial when it comes to keeping our playgrounds and ball fields clean and in good repair, are the ones that are truly suffering!

Thus, the Bronx Park East Community Association, representing the Allerton, Bronxdale & Pelham Parkway North neighborhoods of Bronx Community Board 11, urges our Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Councilmen James Vacca and Joel Rivera, and other elected officials, to work with NYC Department of Parks & Recreation Commissioner Veronica White and Borough Commissioner Hector Aponte on reconsidering the placement of these 207 new Parks employees and doing JUSTICE to the Borough which houses such magnifi-

cent green spaces as Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx Park and Pelham Parkway.

Our Borough deserves a Fair Share.

After all, the borough with the most green needs a big enough team to maintain it!

Long live the trees. And long live our Parks.

Raphael Schweizer
Chairman – Bronx Park East Community Association

TN Volunteer Ambulance

Dear editor,

There are approximately 42,000 residents in the 10465 zip code.

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Do what you can whatever just do it!

Tom Hansen

Letter quality

Dear editor,

Judging from the quality of the letters to the editor printed in your August 2 issue, a reader might conclude that very few letters were submitted for this

edition of the Bronx Times Reporter.

Hopefully more subscribers will write in the future, so that you will not feel compelled to print not one, but two letters written by Ken Reynolds, whose voice is as abusive, abrasive and shrill as it is unrepresentative of the positions and values held by

most Bronxites.

Calling fellow Bronxites, "selfish, spoiled and opportunistic citizens" and using sophomoric nicknames for those who do not share his "vision" should have

disqualified Mr. Reynolds' letter which was captioned "Crowley React", but you chose to print it.

This letter clearly does not meet the criteria for civil discourse, yet it was accepted by your publication.

Are there no journalistic standards in place at the Bronx Times?

Pasqual Pelosi

Re: Crowley

Dear editor,

Mr Reynolds, let me begin by saying your ignorance is astounding.

Now, to set the record straight: I have never received money from Congressman Crowley, nor have I ever applied for any. You may check with his office to confirm this.

In addition, our 23 years of programs have been funded (about 99%) out of our own pockets (that is, largely mine from my employment as an editor, so I won't even respond to your "factionalism" assertion) with very few exceptions.

As for our "pet projects"; they consist of activities and programs for children and in Raphael's case, street and community beautification.

But I don't need to justify anything to you.

I have seen you sharpen your poison pen many times over the years on many issues and groups of people.

However, the fact that you find it necessary to sharpen it on people whose only goal is to do good in their community is very sad.

Sandi Lusk
WSZIO

Thanks for Klein

Dear editor,

I would like to acknowledge Senator Jeff Klein and his staff for their continued support of the community

and my family.

I would also like to personally thank and acknowledge Dana, Rob, and Yasmine.

Whenever I reach out to them for an issue, they respond immediately, and go above and beyond to offer their assistance.

It is really nice to have representatives, along with their teams who put the needs of the community and constituents as their main priority.

I think we are very lucky to have a group of dedicated and hard-working representatives in our area.

Councilman Vacca and Assemblyman Benedetto are also very supportive of this community.

Thank-you all for your service, and all the hard work you do to strengthen our community.

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Deborah Hunt

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Senator Jeff Klein in a gunfight

Funds 250G for local anti-violence program

BY DAVID CRUZ

A local state senator hopes to rid the high rates of Bronx shootings Chicago style.

Sen. Jeff Klein earmarked \$250,000 for his anti-gun initiative dubbed Operation SNUG, a play on the word guns.

The initiative, operating in other city and state counties, is the first for the Bronx.

"SNUG was a reoccurring item in the budget," said Klein. "The problem was the Bronx never had it."

It is modeled after the "CeaseFire Chicago" program, which saw a dramatic drop in shootings during its first year.

Much like the Chicago program, SNUG takes aim at stopping gun violence by taking the pulse of the neighborhood to identify troublespots.

"It's more of a prevention

tool than a crime fighting tool," said Klein.

Mediators – typically reformed gang members hired by a community-based organizations – will fan out to several hotspots to settle any impending beefs that could rise a gun violence.

Operating during the evening hours when gun violence is more likely to occur, these agents will share their experience on the life-changing dangers of pulling the trigger.

The earmarked dollars will come to the Bronx sometime in the fall. Klein has appointed community activist Joe Thompson, head of the 49th Precinct Community Council, to lead SNUG.

"The first job is to find people with the right character and who have changed their lives around," said Thompson, a retired NYPD detective, who will person-



At the 49th Precinct's National Night Out Against Crime, Sen. Klein teamed with community council president Joe Thompson in implement Operation SNUG, an anti-gun program. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

ally go out and talk to troubled young people.

SNUG will be implemented throughout various portions of the Bronx, though hotspots are still unidentified.

Klein's 34th Senate District covers a range of both poor and well-to-do neigh-

borhoods, with gun violence a major issue.

The NYPD's mid-year crime figures show nine of the twelve Bronx precincts ranked in the top 22 of the NYPD's 76 precincts when it came to shooting victims. Ten of the twelve Bronx precincts ranked in the top 23

citywide for shooting incidents.

Statistics show the 46th Precinct in University Heights/Mt. Hope as the most troubled precinct for Bronx shootings, with 18 victims as of June 30, followed by the 40th in Mott Haven/Melrose with 16 vic-

tims. Also in the top 23 citywide were the 42nd, 47th, 43rd, 44th, 49th, 48th and 52nd.

The 49th Precinct, in the heart of Klein's district, saw 13 shooting victims.

Overall, mid-year crime data shows the Bronx made strides in combatting gun violence. The borough saw 132 shooting incidents at the mid-year point, a 29% drop from the same time a year ago. So far, 146 people have been shot, a decrease of 39% from the same time in 2012.

Much like Ceasefire, anti-gun programs have been adopted in known hotspots.

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Weiner brings media circus to C.I. Civic Association meeting

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

It's big news locally when the City Council Speaker attends a meeting of the City Island Civic Association, as was the case with Speaker Christine Quinn at its July meeting.

But what really drew a crowd – and a phalanx of TV cameras and reporters there July 30 was the evening's final speaker.

The swarming media hoard was there to catch the bizarre media spectacle of mayoral contender Anthony Weiner.

The candidate gave them what they came for, responding to CICA president Bill Stanton's question of whether he was fit to govern, given his online-relationships with three women *after* he resigned from Congress over a lewd messaging scandal.

"These are things in my personal background,



Mayoral candidate Anthony Weiner defends his controversial life at CICA meeting defended his continuing his campaign for mayor.

Photos by Alexander Belisle

that occurred in my personal life that became very public," responded Weiner. "That is the price I pay as a public official. I don't wish it on any of you – I don't wish any of you having everything about your background come back to haunt you."

He also admitted that

he violated the trust of his wife. But he felt that New Yorkers should be given the chance to vote for him, and that they could decide at ballot box whether he should be mayor or not.

Weiner admitted he was an "imperfect messenger" for his platform, emphasizing helping the struggling

middle class of the city, and the small businesses like many on City Island that are "getting crushed," not accidentally, he said.

"Slowly but surly we are losing...stable middle wage jobs that supports a family - jobs with benefits," Weiner said, adding that jobs are being added by firms in the city are often either high-wage or low-wage jobs, with much fewer middle-wage jobs created.

But he also seemed to stopped short of blaming the Bloomberg Administration by name for what he sees as city's problems several times during his remarks.

He said that the people of City Island are not asking much from the city, and said they wanted simple things, referencing an ongoing campaign to save the island's Ladder Company 53 as one of those simple



Anthony Weiner (l) faces cameras and the public as he talks to the City Island Civic Association on Tuesday, July 30.

things that most City Islander want.

For her part, Speaker Quinn, thanked the CICA for reaching out to her office on a plan the organization opposes for an assisted living facility (proposed by the Italian Hospital Society).

She noted that the Board of Standards and Appeals, to which the IHS has applied for a zoning variance, has responded favorably, at least initially, to the concerns raised by the civic organization.

"I understand something's happened that is

almost miraculous," said Quinn. "The Board of Standards and Appeals, at least in this [one instance,] has listened to the voice of the community. That is good news, the kind of thing you will see more on when they are Quinn appointees on the BSA. But right now, it is a surprise."

She also pledged that if elected mayor, the plan to replace the characteristic City Island Bridge with a controversial modernist cable-stay bridge would be a priority in her administration.

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He's got tunnel vision

Bronx activist calls for L.I. to Rye tunnel to cut Bronx traffic

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Joe Oddo has tunnel vision.

The Pelham Bay civic leader is looking to resurrect a plan to build a tunnel from Syossett, L.I. across Long Island Sound to Rye in Westchester County.

If the dream ever became a reality, he says, it could ease Bronx traffic jams.

The idea for such a tunnel was first proposed by developer Vincent Polimeni in 2007, building his idea on an earlier proposal by city master builder Robert Moses, who proposed a bridge from Oyster Bay to Rye.

Moses' proposal, however, was scrapped in the late-1960s after community opposition. Polimeni's proposal also suffered the same fate on both sides of Long Island Sound.

Nevertheless, Oddo

believes building a public tunnel from near the northern-end of the Seafood-Oyster Bay Expressway (Route 135), to Rye, would ease Bronx traffic jams.

"The plan is to steer traffic away from the city and Bronx roads so that the local roads are not so crowded," said Oddo. "That crossing would take traffic either going to or from Long Island or New England and steer it away from the city."

Currently, the traffic jams not only slow down commutes for everyone in the Bronx and those coming to and from suburbs, but have been scientifically proven to increase asthma and learning disabilities in children, he said.

Oddo, who has researched previously proposed plans, said the bridge proposed by Mo-

ses was defeated by about 100 families in 1969. That was something of a double standard, he said, because 20,000 Bronx families were displaced and holes torn in communities when Moses built the Cross Bronx Expressway.

But now with the roads around the Bronx packed with traffic, new destinations being built in the east Bronx, and residents suffering from much higher rates of respiratory infections, Oddo's propelled forward.

"You have a major new mall opening at I-95 and the Hutchinson River Parkway, you have the redevelopment of the golf center and the MTA facility in that same area, and the new 911 Call Center near Pelham Parkway," Oddo said of several new projects taking shape near Pelham Bay. "All of this

means more traffic."

At a meeting with Council Speaker Christine Quinn at the City Island Civic Association on Tuesday, July 30, Quinn answered Oddo's question about a tunnel by recalling growing up in Glen Cove, L.I., with her father supporting the Oyster Bay Bridge plan.

"He was the only guy on the island in favor of the bridge," Quinn said.

The mayoral hopeful added that she would want to address the idea by getting a majority of appointments on the MTA board - IF she became mayor.

"We are not asking that a tunnel be completed in the next three years," said Oddo, "but we are asking that the state Department of Transportation have a feasibility study conducted by an outside consulting agency."



Joe Oddo believes that creating a tunnel from Nassau county to Westchester county would ease traffic congestion on Bronx highways like the Bruckner Expressway, leading to a decrease in air pollution.
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Community Board 11 becomes diversified

Hires bring new perspective to CB 11

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

As district demographics continue to change in Community Board 11, so has its staff.

For the first time in the history of CB 11—covering Morris Park, Al-lerton, Van Nest, Pelham Parkway and Pelham Gardens—two immigrants have joined its staff.

Albanian born Chris Kirka and Guyana native Bharati Kemraj joined the board last year as community associates.

Kirka, 42, was born in Albania in 1970, and came to the U.S. in 1991.

After graduating from Lehman College in the Bronx as a political science major, he worked for Borough Presidents Fernando Ferrer and Adolfo Carrion

for nine years before moving onto the U.S. Census Bureau.

In addition to Albanian, Kirka also speaks Spanish and Italian—a major asset in the diverse area the board covers.

“The demographics that CB 11 covers has changed over the last 20 to 30 years,” Kirka said. “There has been a big influx of Albanians that have come and basically concentrated in this area. I think the diversifying of the board staff enables us to help more of the community.”

Kemraj, 30, came to the U.S. from Guyana when she was seven.

As a daughter of a Hindu priest, Kemraj said she feels she brings a unique

perspective as a staff member of CB 11.

“Our board is very diverse, so having a diverse staff really represents our district,” said Kemraj, who speaks Creole and a little bit of Hindi. “I think the fact that each of us is from a different background makes the community look up to us and the fact we all speak different languages helps the community too.”

The board’s district manager, Jeremy Warneke, said although Kirka and Kemraj were not hired because they are immigrants, it is definitely a true reflection of the district and how it has changed, as all staff that previously worked for the board were of Italian and Jewish decent.



CB 11 staffers Albanian born Chris Kirka and Guyana native Bharati Kemraj with district manager Jeremy Warneke.
Photo by Kirsten Sanchez

“I think it’s great, it’s what we need here,” Warneke said. “And although we did not hire them for this reason, it is certainly beneficial.”

The new hires come at an interesting time, as there has been a major in-

flux of Albanians in the Morris Park area as well as an Albanian assemblyman elected, Warneke also noted.

“In many ways this is unique,” Warneke said. “The district hasn’t always been as large as it is, it nev-

er used to include many areas it now does. The district was much smaller prior to 1975. According to the 1970 census, 96.6 percent of the district was white, I am sure you can imagine those numbers are much different today.”



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Real estate steady in 1st half of 2013

BY DAVID CRUZ

Steady real estate investment has arrived in the Bronx, though it's slower than last year's blockbuster second half.

A mid-year analysis by a property investment firm found the number of deals on multi-family, commercial, office, special purpose and development sites rose a total of 17% in the first half of 2013 compared to the same time last year.

Ariel Property Advisors reported 112 transactions completed by June 30th, compared to 106 exactly a year ago.

But investors weren't as generous in their price offers this year since total dollar value of sold properties shrunk to \$407.5 million from the \$467 million it saw the same time last year.

were looked at.

Analysts ranked development sites as the most active when it came to transactions, shooting up 81% by mid-2013, thanks to the Webster Ave. rezoning and the sale of Westchester Square Medical Center to Montefiore Medi-

cal Center.

But the number of deals wasn't as high when stacked next to the second half of 2012, which saw 21% more transactions, a 25% drop in sold properties and a 59% skid in dollar volume.

Scot Hirschfield, vice president of Ariel Property Advisors, considers the recent figures an indicator the Bronx is moving towards firmer financial footing.

"Pricing metrics were strong for all property classes, especially in terms of price per buildable square foot and price per unit," said Hirschfield. "There seems to be an appetite to build more apartment buildings."

Bolstering those figures were low interest rates, easier construction financing and several major private and public Bronx projects now underway. These projects are often a vote of confidence for future developers priced out of boroughs like Brooklyn and Manhattan.

Keeping the trend in a positive flow are rezoning efforts by the city. It's already rezoned Webster Ave., a west

Bronx corridor tweaked to make room for more commercial and residential development.

"There were some trades on Webster Ave. where you see the numbers for buildable square foot to be higher," said Hirschfield. "They're also trying to incentivize people to open businesses."

City agencies are in the middle of rezoning E. Fordham Rd., a tiny stretch serving as a nexus for several major Bronx institutions.

"That little stretch there is so right for some new development," said Hirschfield, adding the area by The Bronx Zoo, The New York Botanical Garden, Little Italy and Fordham University would benefit from a hotel.

The Dept. of City Planning will issue its recommendations later this year.

As for later this year, Hirschfield predicts a steadier increase for real estate deals.

"There was a little bit of a lull in the first quarter, but the second quarter started to pick up," said Hirschfield. "So it's going to continue."



Real estate investment held steady in the Bronx in the past six months. This was helped by activity on Webster Ave., rezoned for more business and residential strips.

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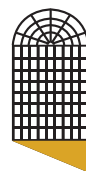


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Specs and the City opens in Throggs Neck

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Martha Colon is looking to bring Bronxites specs in the city—affordably.

The 34-year-old optician officially opened the doors to her new eyewear store, Specs and the City, at 3604B E. Tremont Avenue, in early June.

“I took the name because I love Sex and The City,” Colon said of her new store. “I thought it was a great play on words. I love it.”

The Throggs Neck resident has been in the business since she was 18 years old.

Before she could begin working, Colon said she had to complete a two-year course and pass a test before she got her license.

After working for a similar store in Manhattan for nine years, she decided it was time to open a place of her own.

“My old boss was selling

his store, so it was either I stayed there under the new ownership, or pursue something of my own,” she said. “I just felt the next step in this industry is to own your own place, so that’s what I did.”

The store provides a wide variety of prescription eye glasses, sun glasses as well as contact fitting.

For now, Colon said she has not hired an ophthalmologist, but that is something she will look into in the near future.

“Right now I don’t have an eye doctor but that is my next step—to have one here full time and accept all insurances,” Colon said. “Coming into this, my first goal was to just have a store that you can buy designer eye wear for an affordable price.”

“It’s been slow, but I have a lot of my customers from the city that have followed

me, so that’s been helping,” Colon said. “I don’t know if it’s because it is the summer time or what, but I think July and August in the city was the same thing— just really dead.”

Colon said she decided to bring her business to Throggs Neck because she wanted to provide an experience that larger eye wear stores may not be able to.

“I’m very passionate about my business and my career,” she said. “I want to provide one on one customer service to all of my customers. You’ll never walk in and see a bunch of different faces, it will always be me, and I always remember people by name. That’s the kind of family atmosphere I want to have here. It’s different from a Lenscrafters or a Cohen’s. I want people to know me and being that I live in the neighborhood, I want to serve people from



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After-school program on last legs

Successful in helping kids, West Bronx program is out of funds

BY DAVID CRUZ

For the past few years, Robert Whetstone has been shouldering the burden of keeping a day camp/after school program alive with no funds.

"This has been my life," said Whetstone, the long-time executive director of the Featherbed Lane Improvement Association (FLIA), dying a slow death since 2011.

The only Morris Heights program, FLIA's operated without state funds since then, leaving Whetstone to rely on his Social Security check and volunteers to stay afloat.

Now comes word the center's last few weeks are closing in.

"It's just a shame it's going to close because of funds," said Whetstone, an educator and Community Board 5 member overseeing

the facility rent-free thanks to landlord Bronx Pro Management.

But owner Peter Magistro hinted his firm simply couldn't waive the \$5,000 rent any longer.

"We're not bringing in that kind of revenue to pay that monthly rent anymore," said Whetstone, also behind on his electric, gas and corporate credit cards.

"I'm being hounded every day," he said.

The program opened in 1965 on the eve of the drug abuse epidemic sweeping the Bronx.

The state's Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) earmarked \$360,000 every three years for the program, beginning in 1985. Funds went to drug prevention services, a teaching curriculum and educational field trips.



Robert Whetstone is at the end of his rope trying to keep the Featherbed Lane Improvement Association open after it lost critical state funds two years ago.

Photo by David Cruz

"We took them to Albany, Washington D.C., Philadelphia," said Whetstone. "All of them with an educational component."

The program has been a boon to the low-income

community, producing well-rounded kids that have gone on to become police officers, doctors and teachers.

"Featherbed Lane teaches kids what parents or schools haven't taught,"

said Courtney Scullark, 29, a full-time volunteer and FLIA alum. "This place needs to stay open for the community."

Lincoln Salmon, a parent volunteer for Feather-

bed, saw the benefits to the program thirteen years ago after enrolling his son, now military bound.

"You have one thing correcting the drug problem in the community," said Salmon. "And it's going to be taken away?"

Dr. Catherine Barksdale, another volunteer, has applied for grants on behalf of FLIA, having gone nowhere with them.

In its Golden Age, FLIA held six-dozen slots. These days, the center's only able to cover 18 kids.

Despite months of pleas to his fellow representatives, Whetstone has had no luck in finding definitive help. He's even asked OASAS if funding could be restored.

"I'm hoping to get in by January 2014," said Whetstone. "But I don't know if I'm going to be here."

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PROFILE

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Sal Conforto says he is driven by a personal commitment to give back to the Bronx and his Morris Park community, leaving both a better place than when he first got there almost 40 years ago.

It was after the passing of his 22-year-old daughter Maryann of a brain aneurism in 1990 that Conforto, 70, dedicated himself to serving his community.

"Every since that day, I have tried to do good works in my daughter's memory," said Conforto.

Those good works include four years as treasurer of the Morris Park Community Association, being a frequent visitor with the Morris Park Kiwanis to Calvary Hospital for patient birthday parties, serving as a legal guardian to an incapacitated neighbor, and a co-founder of the Americans Civics Institute which holds an on-going food drive for local food pantries and those in need, as well as providing educational programming to local youth.

Another reason for his good-works, he said, is that after raising four children here with his wife Sun Hee, he feels that his efforts are best dedicated in the borough, even though he spends time elsewhere, including South Korea, where his wife is from originally.

Sal emigrated from Italy when he was 13-years-old and was later drafted into the U.S. Army.



Sal Conforto

"I am very proud of serving my country," he said. "I was a Green Card Resident Alien when I served, later becoming a citizen."

As treasurer of the MPCA, Conforto found ways to save money, citing purchasing, instead of renting communications equipment used by the MPCA community patrol and for the Bronx Columbus Day Parade, saving thousands of dollars.

Conforto also got involved with helping an incapacitated man on Pierce Avenue who was duped into selling a house he owned for \$10 in 2006. It took three years, but the house was returned in 2009, thanks to Conforto, who rallied community support for the legal fight.

Conforto is also one of the organizers for a Thanksgiving turkey and food-drive by the Morris Park Kiwanis at St.

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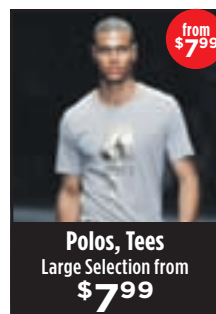
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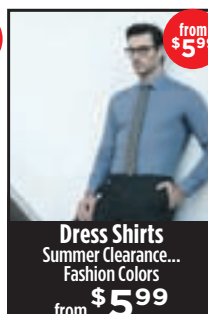
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Students may register 7 days a week online via www.tachsinfo.com or by telephone from 8 AM to 7 PM at 1-866-61TACHS (1-866-618-2247).

Early applicants have a better chance of being assigned to a TACHS test site of their choice.

Registration materials will also be available starting August 26th at Catholic elementary and high schools, religious education offices, parishes at select private and public elementary schools and at public libraries throughout the Archdiocese.

A TACHS examination fee of \$52.00 will include application materials, a student handbook, test materials, and the reporting of scores to the applicant's three high schools choices.

The TACHS deadline for receipt of paper registration is October 9, and for internet and telephone registration, October 21.

Information about TACHS and Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of New York will be available at four regional high school fairs:

•Cardinal Hayes High School - Bronx. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

•Cardinal Spellman High School - Bronx. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

•Xavier High School - Manhattan. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM.

•St. Joseph Seminary - Westchester. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

The TACHS examination will be given on Friday, November 8th, 2013 at test sites in Manhattan, the Bronx, Staten Island, Westchester and Dutchess Counties. The test is designed to measure school aptitude and scholastic achievement in reading, mathematics and language.

For further information about the TACHS process, please visit www.tachsinfo.com.

New York music fans are joining Budweiser, Anheuser-Busch employees and the **Bronx River Alliance** on Saturday, August 10 to clean up the Bronx River.

The cleanup will run from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Muskrat Cove, with the entrance to the park north of E. 233rd St. on Webster Ave.

The watershed project is part of the national Budweiser America Made Better platform, which supports water conservation and inspires volunteerism by rewarding volunteers age 21 and over with tickets to their local Budweiser Made in America party.

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New York party takes place on Wednesday, August 14, and will feature bands Wolfgang Gartner and The White Panda.

For more information, visit www.budweiserrsvp.com.

This summer, Budweiser is inviting consumers to make a splash in communities across the country by participating in a series of cleanup events, in select cities, aimed at preserving and protecting lakes and rivers.

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In addition to New York, America Made Better cleanup events are taking place in the following cities: Cartersville, Ga.; Houston; Los Angeles; Denver; San Francisco; Chicago; St. Louis; Columbus; and Philadelphia. This year, Budweiser is donating \$150,000 to River Network to facilitate the majority of America Made Better cleanups across the country and to support the organization's annual operations.

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KLEIN SWEARS IN MP COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Some old and new faces were sworn in as the executive committee for the Morris Park Community Association. Sen. Jeff Klein (second from right) swore in (l-r) Silvio Mazzella, Chris Alessandro, Gabrielle Pacino, new MPCA president Tony Signorile and Al D'Angelo (not pictured: Ostacio "Lefty" Negron). The next meeting after the summer break is Wednesday, September 4th at MPCA headquarters at 1824 Bronxdale Avenue.

Photo by Bob Kappstatter

LEE MAZZILI VISITS MULLALY POOL



Former New York Yankee and Met ball-player Lee Mazzili visited Mullaly Pool in Highbridge on Wednesday, July 10 to share nutritious meals with kids their enjoying their summer vacations from school. The visit was arranged by the Yankees, the American Dairy Association & Dairy Council, the city Parks Department, Share Our Strength, NYC Coalition Against Hunger, and NYC School Food. Mazzili passed out lunches and held a drawing for Yankee game tickets and merchandise to reward kids for making healthy choices.

(Above) Seen here are (l-r) Jeremy Volquez, 12, Mazzili and Jordanie Minaya, 12, having a few laughs while enjoying the free lunch.

Lee Mazzilli is seen here handing winners Nia Dickerson, 11, and brother Jalin Hutchinson, 4, New York Yankee tickets.

Photo by Josiane Bauke

SHCA HOSTS ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL

Schuyler Hill Civic Association hosted it's annual Children's Carnival on Saturday, July 15th. About 40 children participated in the festivities which included a waterballon toss, sand art competition, ring toss, three-legged race and sponge relay. Balloons, cotton candy, popcorn and face-painting were also a part of the event. Elsie from Miss Ella the Goffins Cockatoo came and put on a fabulous parrot show for all the children and parents. She brought 4 different birds with her. Here is a group photo from the event.

Photo courtesy of Fernando Justiniano



WORKSHOP OF ALCOHOL AND MEDICINE ABUSE AMONG SENIORS

The Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership held a workshop on the harmful effects of alcohol and misused medicine on senior citizens on Tuesday, July 16 at the Northeast Bronx Senior Center in St. Benedict's Church. The event included a fun workshop and karaoke.

(Above) TNCAP executive director Frances Maturo speaks to the group about the dangers of senior drinking and medicine drug use.

TNCAP's Janet Bliss (seen in the center) talks to the seniors about avoiding the dangers of alcohol and medicine abuse.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

Across the Bronx, thousands of locals took to the streets for the 30th anniversary of National Night Out Against Crime, a nationwide initiative where good neighbors band with cops to stand up against crime. Twelve borough precincts and two Police Service Areas scheduled carnival-like events for families while spreading the message that cops are there to work with the community.



(Background) From late afternoon to the early evening hours, hundreds of residents set up blankets and chairs by Section 5 of Co-op City for the 45th Precinct's National Night Out Against Crime event. Informational tables, clowns, movies and of course officers from the Four-Five canvassed the sprawling complex for a chance to meet and interact with the public.
Photo by Alex Belisle

(Far left) The 45th Precinct Community Council was out in full force with Four-Five officers, among them Captain James McGeown (c) and council president Bob Bieder (far left).
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(Far left bottom) Plenty of brass and dignitaries stopped by the 46th Precinct's NNOAC event at Grand Concourse between East 181st and 182nd streets. (l-r) Standing together are NYPD Bronx Borough Command Chief Carlos Gomez, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Mayor Mike Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Ray Kelly. The Four-Six had been picked this year to host city officials.
Photo by Walter Pofeldt

Joseph Colon clowns around with this clown at the 45th Precinct's NNOAC venue.
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Cendall Carranza of Pelham Parkway looks up to a smiling Four-Nine Aux. police officer Nicolas Guareno during NNOAC.
Photo by Laura Stone

Staying National Night Out strong is volunteer Kay Pinto-Cardona of Pelham Parkway.
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Left top) Clown Abby Damaris sports a color costume as she entertains the kids at the NNOAC gathering within the 46th Precinct.
Photo by Walter Pofeldt

Officer Chris Traumer spends time with Morris Park kiddies Ashley Serrano, Mia Pena and Ayana Singleton.
Photo by Laura Stone

(Right) Face painting, bouncy castles and police officers were on hand at the 49th Precinct's National Night Out Against Crime event at the Pelham Parkway North Lawn. Community groups set up informational tables while cops took time to chat with the public. One of the big centerpiece was the horse rides for the kids.
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SPRINT'S NEW 4G LTE SERVICE HITS THE BX



On Wednesday, July 24, Sprint hosted an interactive lunch with regional vice president Karen Paletta, to celebrate the Bronx becoming one of the first NYC boroughs to enjoy Sprint's all new 4D LTE network.

Pictured from (l-r) at store at 900 Morris Park Ave., manager Uy Lam, market performance manager Omar Hernandez, regional vice president Karen Paletta and regional account manager Michael Kelly.

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LGBTQ PRIDE AND HEALTH FAIR



The Bronx LGBTQ Center recently held the annual Bronx LGBTQ Pride & Health Fair in Crotona Park. Multiple agencies were on-site to provide health care services, including rapid HIV testing, mammography screening, blood pressure & glucose screenings, STD testing, vaccinations, and mental health screenings. Jesse Vega performs his dance routine for a crowd during the event.

Photo by Patricio Robayo

MOVIE NIGHTS AT FORDHAM PLAZA



The Fordham Road Business Improvement District (BID) launched its first ever series of outdoor movie nights at Fordham Plaza this summer. On Saturday, July 27, movie goers were treated to the animated film Megamind.

Fordham Road Business Improvement District intern Silvia Little promotes "Free Summer Movie Series" hosted by the BID.

Movie watchers enjoy animated film Megamind.

Photo by Alex Belisle



MOVIES UNDER THE STARS



Joyce Kilmer Park on the Grand Concourse and Walton Avenue in Highbridge played host to "Movies Under the Stars" on Friday, July 19, sponsored by the Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.'s office and Community Board 4. Families brought out blankets and chairs for the movie, which Dr. Suess' The Lorax. Popcorn was provided by the sponsors.

(Above) Freddy Perez Jr., of FPJ Amusements, serves popcorn to adults and children at the movie night.



Children Noah, Issa and Kayli Rodriquez, and Rhyana Cruz, enjoy the show. They were there with Evette Mateo and Iris Mateo.

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Boro Prez spreads \$24 million budget

Biggest piece of capital funding goes to parks

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There's a lot - and a little something - for almost everyone in Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.'s new budget.

His office will dish out almost \$23 million in capital funding to worthy Bronx organizations as part of his FY2014 capital budget allocations.

In total, Diaz has provided \$22,924,000 in capital funding to organizations across the Bronx, focusing on areas of education, housing, economic development, parks and other areas.

"The 'New Bronx' is rapidly changing and our economy is growing. What better way to continue positively enhancing our Borough than by awarding our worthy organizations the funds to improve the lives of residents from all corners of the Bronx," said Diaz. "These funds will help towards our common goal of making the 'New Bronx' the epicenter of economic progress and prosperity, beautifying our borough and building new infrastructure in the process."

The largest portion of this year's budget allocation—roughly 31 percent of the budget for a total of \$7.1 million—went towards funding Bronx parks.

This includes funds

for the Phase I Lower Plaza construction at Roberto Clemente State Park, reconstruction of the basketball and handball courts at Millbrook Playground, funds towards an exercise station at the playground at Pelham Parkway, the installation of a new fence at Joyce Kilmer Park and money towards Phase II reconstruction at Playground 52.

Diaz also threw a significant portion of his funding—23 percent—to the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). This includes nearly \$5.3 million towards seven public housing developments in the Bronx.

Projects include the renovation of the senior center at the Monroe Houses and security enhancements at the Eastchester Houses, McKinley Houses, Ft. Independence Houses, Marble Hill Houses, Middletown Plaza and Bailey Houses.

"The safety and security of our residents is of great importance to me," he said. "Enhancing security at our public housing developments is a tool that can deter crime and improve the quality of life of NYCHA tenants."

Diaz also funded 26 projects related to the borough's education institutions, providing funding for smart

boards and computer equipment at P.S./I.S. 224, for technology upgrades at the Bronx Academy of Health Careers, laptop computers for The Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx and smart boards for P.S./M.S. 279, among other public school projects.

He also funded several important higher education projects, including the construction of the new Allied Health & Science Building at Hostos Community College, HVAC replacements at Bronx Community College as well as iCloud services at Lehman College.

"Education at all levels remains an important focus of my administration, and my office will continue to provide the necessary funding that Bronx students at all levels need to succeed," said Diaz.

Borough libraries, health providers and other important institutions in this year's capital budget also saw funding, including the restoration of the Reptile House at the Bronx Zoo, a transformative, mixed-income housing development at 810 River Avenue, construction at the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center and computer upgrades in libraries across the Bronx.



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Future two-tons of fun at Bronx Zoo

Aw, lookit the cute baby! All 120-plus pounds of him!

With a royal baby in the news these days, this one is making a local splash - into a mud bath at the Bronx Zoo.

A greater one-horned rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*), or Indian rhino calf, born at the zoo has made its public debut in Wild Asia, drawing oohs and aahs from the crowd..

The gestation period for an Indian rhino is 16 months. The female calf weighed around 120 pounds at birth on April 6 and will grow to approximately 4,000 pounds as an adult. Her mother and father are Penny and Sanjay. She is the 13th Indian rhino born at the Bronx Zoo since 1986. Exhibit times for the

calf will be intermittent and will vary day-to-day.

Including this recent calf, there are 56 Indian rhinos in Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accredited North American zoos. This birth is part of the AZA's Species Survival Plan, a cooperative breeding program designed to maintain genetic diversity in zoo populations of threatened and endangered species.

Indian rhinos are native to the grasslands and swampy areas of northern India and southern Nepal. Fewer than 3,000 are estimated to remain in the wild, with nearly 70 percent of the population living in Kaziranga National Park in India. They are generally soli-

tary animals except when mating or when females have young offspring.

The rhino's horn is made of compressed keratin fibers, the same substance that makes up hair and fingernails in humans. Rhinos are illegally hunted for their horns, which are used in traditional medicine or used for dagger handles. Rhino populations are increasing in India due to strict regulations, but numbers are still on the decline in many areas of Nepal and Northeastern India.

Indian rhinos are designated as "vulnerable" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and as "endangered" by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



Check out this new baby Indian rhino at the Bronx Zoo.

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City Island Theater Group auditions

The City Island Theater Group will hold auditions for The Laramie Project & The Laramie Project: 10 Years Later, by Moisés Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project, directed by Elizabeth Paldino, on Friday, August 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grace Hall, 116 City Island

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Laramie, Wyoming is a pleasant town that was thrust into national attention following the 1998 murder of gay student Matthew Shepard. The story draws from a series of interviews conducted by members of the Tectonic Theatre Project with the people of Laramie

and explores the reactions of the inhabitants to the events surrounding them. Ten years after Shepard's murder, members of Tectonic Theater Project returned to Laramie to conduct follow-up interviews with residents featured in the play.

The group is seeking additional young females ages

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I always said that longevity is the key to owning a bar, meaning, the longer you own the bar the better chance you have on being successful. It's true. I believe that.

Congratulations go to my good friend Vivien of Vivienne's bar in Pelham Bay. This past week Viv has celebrated her 14th year as a successful bar owner, not only is Viv a great bar owner she's also a super bartender, and she should be she's been behind the sticks for a long time, bartending in a lot of our neighborhood bars. Viv is truly a Bronx Tavern gal, back in the day she use

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to be the main attraction over at Bills Portside. Congratulations on your first 14 years... good luck on the next 14, it gets easier

On Fri. night Vivienne's hosts DJ karaoke with Marie and on Sat. night join the fun with DJ Roy. Look for the End of summer Bash at Vivienne's on Sat. 8/24

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by Fish Altieri

ITEM: I don't drink soda but thankfully common sense and liberty have prevailed because appeals courts have upheld the striking down of the so-called soda ban in NYC. Score one for personal choice and privacy. This was clearly government overreach and Rock on the Bronx is ecstatic it was halted. It was never about carbonated beverages and everything about controlling the masses.

Hopefully this will send a message to local leaders in the future that attempting to micromanage citizen's into one perfect mold comes off as a smoke screen against tackling the big, important (and yes, boring) issues of budgets and roads and energy and more. Don't tell us what to drink when we can't even visit a friend in Queens and come home without paying 15 dollars to go over a bridge.

Don't tell us what to drink when young and old

alike are still afraid to walk in peace after dark. Don't tell us what to drink when every single system that runs NYC could use a complete top to bottom reboot in efficiency and budget. Not even a millisecond or dollar of time and money should be spent on the soda issue, or non-issues like it, for that is time and hard earned money taken away from genuine concrete problems.

If banning soda could actually cause the weight problem to disappear that would be awesome but it's just so unsystematic in its approach.

Why soda? Why not big tubs of ice cream? Why not jugs of syrup? Why not donuts? Why is it just soda and who makes up these rules?

You can't have one set of rules for one thing and an-

other set of rules for something else of equal.

It is at this point the social engineers would argue that change "has to start somewhere" but who is to say the next leaders, propped up by the same arguments that bolstered a soda ban, would take the battle of weight to its next logical step or instead opt for a dangerous turn into banning things that have nothing to do with beverage and pass even worse liberty busting laws? Look at it like this:

The current Mayor has his sights set on soda-the next Mayor may not like pizza or kitchen knives or cats or dogs. Get it? Voters need to start asking all potential leaders, from the minute they enter the public arena, about their stand on social engineering.

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Noted Hungarian composer called Bronx home

Bela Bartok, the noted Hungarian composer and pianist, immigrated to America in July of 1940 and went to work at Columbia University in November under a fellowship. World War II had broken out and life in Eastern Europe was not what it used to be. His task at Columbia was transcribing the Millman Parry collection of Croatian and Serbian folk recordings. His translations can be found in the Butler Library at Columbia.

Bartok, himself, had begun collecting Hungarian folk music early on and his first publication on the subject was in 1906 with his friend and associate Zoltan Kodaly. Thereafter collecting folk music of various genres became his driving passion. While at the college, he also translated a number of Hungarian textbooks into English while also teaching and giving piano recitals to augment his income.

He moved to 3242 Cambridge Avenue south of

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

235th Street in the Bronx to be close to his work and allow him to do some private tutoring. Later he would briefly relocate to 309 West 57th Street on the third floor. A plaque was later placed on that building to mark the site for admirers and tourists. He and his wife, Ditta (nee Pasztory), continued to give piano recitals, including a duet at Carnegie Hall with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra in 1943.

Bela Bartok was born in the small town of Nagyszentmiklos in Hungary (now with the shifting borders in Eastern Europe, it is Sannicolau Mare, Romania) on March 25, 1881. He was a child prodigy and would grow up to become the most famous Hungarian composer of the 20th century. He could play the piano with fluency by age four,

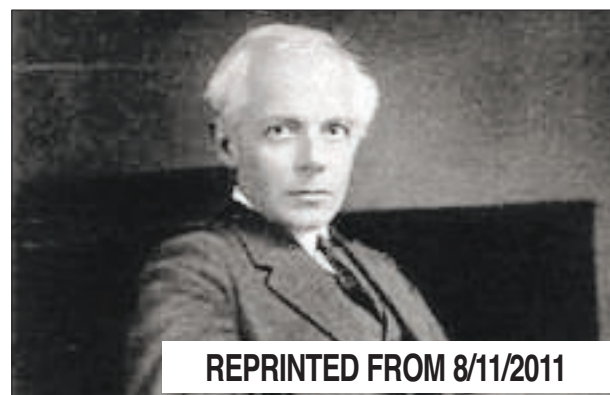
could write his own music by age five and gave his first public recital by about age seven. His strong grounding in composition, however, came from his studies at the Royal Academy of Music in Budapest. It was here that he met Zoltan Kodaly who would become a lifelong friend and collaborator. They shared a passion for folk music which would last a lifetime.

Some Bartok enthusiasts would consider me remiss if I didn't mention his one-act opera, "Prince Bluebeard's Castle," which he wrote in 1911 in Hungarian. It lasts only about an hour and wasn't first performed until 1918. It has since been reconfigured numerous times. He also wrote two ballets, "The Wooden Prince" and "The Miraculous Mandarin," as

well as a variety of choral works and piano music. He collaborated with his wife, an accomplished concert pianist, on some of the latter. Suffice it to say that he was a multi-talented composer and pianist who also helped preserve tomes of folk music, not only from Hungary, but also from other ethnic areas including Romania, Turkey, Croatia, Slovakia and even Algeria.

Bartok was diagnosed with leukemia in 1944 and passed away on September 26th of the following year at West Side Hospital in Manhattan at age 64. He left his wife, Ditta, and two sons, Bela Jr. and Peter. Peter came to America with his parents and enlisted in the U. S. Military while Bela Jr. remained in Hungary where he later became a high-ranking government official. Bartok was interred in Ferncliff Cemetery in Hartsdale.

Many years later his sons were instrumental in having his remains re-



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Bela Bartok, the noted Hungarian composer and pianist.



This 1983 1000 forint banknote bears the portrait of Bela Bartok. The changing economic status of European currency has made the note valueless except as a collector's item.

turned to Hungary. A state funeral was held on July 7, 1988 by the Hungarian government and Bela Bartok was interred in Farkasreti Cemetery, plot parcel number 470, beneath an impressive monument not far from his friend Zoltan Kodaly. Bartok is considered a national treasure and his gravesite in Budapest is somewhat of a shrine to his greatness.

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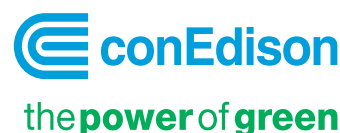
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There will be plenty of food, music and great company to mark this truly auspicious event. And, we extend a heartfelt invitation to all of our congregants, friends

and neighbors to join us for this "simcha" (happy event). It's completely FREE, and we want you to be a part of this celebration.

Rabbi Harry Hertzberg and Cantor Kyle Cherry will be on hand to greet everyone. Rabbi Harry noted: "When we started Temple Hatikva three years ago, we never imagined that we would be as successful as we are today and that we would be serving so many congregants. We are truly grateful to everyone for their support."

Cantor Kyle added: "If you've never been to Temple Hatikva, then this is the perfect opportunity for you to come on down and check us out — while enjoying a great party!"

For more information about Temple Hatikva, please call (718) 792-1109 or e-mail Temple Hatikva at Temple-Hatikva@aol.com. Temple Hatikva is located at 2440 Esplanade, Bronx, 10469.

\$1.9M grant for new Kingsbridge Heights Community Center building

The City of New York allocated \$1.9 million for Kingsbridge Heights Community Center's (KHCC) Capital Campaign. With this gift, the center has now raised 81% of its \$2.4 million construction cost.

The critical funding will help the settlement house build a new structure for its rapidly expanding programs. It will be located on the center's Kingsbridge Terrace campus and add roughly 6,000 square feet of services, which will house Early Childhood, Child Sexual Abuse Treatment & Prevention, and Special Needs programs.

Changing Futures, Early Childhood, and Special Needs serve nearly 800 participants a month, yet each program has a long waitlist due to lack of space and resources. The new facility will add capacity for approximately 200 families and new services, including different therapeutic models and new services for special needs participants, particularly autistic children and young adults.

The Child Sexual Abuse Treatment & Prevention program is the only one of its kind in the Bronx, offering free and long-term services. Special Needs participants will receive music therapy, literacy, sports, computer, art, and mainstreaming programs. KHCC will be able to expand Early Childhood services with more center-based opportu-

nities to many children at the new facility.

"I applaud our Bronx officials and representatives for supporting KHCC's innovative, unique, and quality services. Special thanks to our 'capital champion' Oliver Koppell and his wife Lorraine Coyle," said Executive Director Giselle Melendez-Susca. "They've been involved since day one and helped us establish and incorporate the organization."

A Bronx delegation of the NYC Council, consisting of Councilman Fernando Cabrera and Councilman G. Oliver Koppell, allocated \$1,435,000 for KHCC's new building. "Kingsbridge Heights Community Center goes above and beyond to deliver the best services possible. Top-notch programs meet the needs of many families; I'm glad to support this capital investment that is going to impact and change positively the lives of many more," said Council Member Fernando Cabrera.

City Council Member G. Oliver Koppell said "Expanding the capacity of KHCC's vital program to help children who have been the victims of sexual abuse receive the critical mental health services they need for healing was a top priority of mine. I believe this project will have dynamic and far-reaching effects on service delivery for children and families in the community for years to come. I am

extremely pleased that we were able to allocate this funding to provide crucial services for our most vulnerable children."

"The Kingsbridge Heights Community Center has been a key service provider in the northwest Bronx for decades, and I am proud to support this organization with capital funding," said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. The Bronx Borough President allocated \$410,000 for the new building.

"I have long been a staunch supporter of the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center because I know of the incredible work they do. They provide services to thousands and thousands of families, not only in Kingsbridge Heights, but in other communities throughout the Bronx as well. I am particularly pleased to have been able to support the efforts to raise the capital money to construct the early childhood, child sexual abuse treatment and prevention, and special needs programs. Having grown up in the Kingsbridge Heights community, and having seen this center from day one grow into the incredible organization that it is today, strengthens my resolve to always be supportive of KHCC," said State Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz. Assemblyman Dinowitz allocated \$100,000 for KHCC's Capital Campaign.

Weekly Health Update by David Kaseman, D.C.

"I promise you nothing is as chaotic as it seems. Nothing is worth your health. Nothing is worth poisoning yourself into stress, anxiety, and fear." ~ Steve Maraboli

Mental Attitude: The Future You and Smoking. Smokers in their early twenties who viewed a simulation of what they would look like after 20 years of smoking were more likely to have negative views of smoking and were more willing to try to quit. - *University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, June 2013*

Health Alert: Painkillers and Heart Attack! High doses of some of the most common painkillers, including ibuprofen and diclofenac, can increase the risk of heart problems by 30%. Of all the NSAIDs analyzed, "Naproxen" didn't appear to increase major vascular events or vascular deaths. - *The Lancet, June 2013*

Diet: Artificial Sweeteners? The artificial sweetener sucralose can change the body's insulin response. When study participants drank sucralose, their blood sugar peaked at a higher level than when they drank only water before

consuming glucose. Insulin levels also rose 20% higher. This could be detrimental because when people constantly secrete high levels of insulin, it can lead to type 2 diabetes. - *Diabetes Care, June 2013*

Exercise: Active Commuting? Active commuting (physical exercise, such as bicycling or walking, as a way to travel to and from work) is one way to help adults integrate activity into their daily routine. People who walk or bike to work are likely to influence their co-workers and partners to do the same. 80% of American adults do not meet government guidelines for aerobic and muscle-strengthening activities. The US Department of Health and Human Services recommends at least 2.5 hours of moderate-intensity aerobic activity a week or one hour and 15 minutes of vigorous-intensity activity a week. - *American Journal of Health Behavior, June 2013*

Chiropractic: Cost Effectiveness. According to a study that analyzed data from 85,000 Blue Cross / Blue Shield beneficiaries

over a 2-year span, low back pain treatment initiated with a Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) saved 40% on health care costs when compared with care initiated through a Medical Doctor (MD). The study population had open access to MDs and DCs through self-referral, and there were no limits applied to the number of MD/DC visits allowed and no differences in co-pays. Researchers estimated that allowing DC-initiated episodes of care would have led to an annual cost savings of \$2.3 million. - *Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics, December 2010*

Wellness/Prevention: Sunscreen Use. Daily sunscreen use slows skin aging. After a 4 year study, the daily sunscreen group showed 24% less skin aging. The skin-saving effect of sunscreen was observed in all daily-use participants, regardless of age. - *Annals Of Internal Medicine, June 2013*

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BY AL BELFIORE

Greetings everyone! It has been a few weeks since my last article, so I'll try to bring everyone up to speed. The work on the civic building is still progressing. We have not seen the interior in, at least, a month. The tool shed (visible from the outside), has been completely rebuilt from the ground up. Efforts to get in touch with

DCAS have been unsuccessful at this point. I will continue to try this week.

I will address a few issues that have come up on, of all things, our facebook page. First of all, Locust Point does NOT own the civic building, so therefore, we have little say in the reconstruction phase. If anyone has any problem with the way things are going

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(or not going), you are more than welcome to #1-- pay your dues, #2--attend meetings and #3--offer your VOLUNTARY services (as all of us on the board do) when

the time comes. Right now, we are not paying any rent (since Hurricane Sandy), so we are not even allowed access to the property. All the locks have been changed. Instead of making uninformed comments on a social media page, why not just email me directly at abelfi361@aol.com. I will be happy to answer any or all of your questions. If I

don't know the answer, I'll find out for you. We on the Locust Point Board of Directors are committed to constantly improving life in our beautiful community. We welcome ALL comments. If you think things should be done differently then, by all means, join the organization or, better still, serve on the Board.

On another note, remem-

ber, that we do have many species of animals here, such as raccoon, possum, rabbit and other furry creatures. Please teach your children not to approach them, especially at night. They are still wild animals and WILL bite. Keep the garbage inside the cans or inside the house. Enjoy your summer!

BY ANITA VALENTI

The Pelham Bay Taxpayers & Civic Association do not hold meetings during July and August. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday September 10th at St. Theresa's cafeteria. Read our next issue for who our guest speaker will be at our September meeting.

July is gone and August is already here. Everyone

enjoyed St. Theresa's annual feast. A very lucky person won a Mercedes Benz car. Before we realize, we will be preparing to send our children off to school in September. Blink our eyes and we will be sitting proudly as they receive their diplomas from college.

What is going on with college?? Far too many of our children are paying way

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beyond what the average family can afford. Loans are charging high interest, for example Sallie is charging 8.65% on all student loans,

I know this because that's what they are charging my grandsons. Shame on our government and banks to rip off our young students to pay off their student debt at such high rates when we are giving billions of dollars to countries that hate us. Decades ago, students graduated from college with little or no debt. What has happened from graduating

with no debt to graduating with strangling debt??

On another note, still seeing daily stand still traffic on the Hutchinson River Parkway, north and south. When will construction begin to open exit and entrance lanes???. We need a full stop sign at the Hutchinson River Parkway service road that intersects with Mayflower Avenue.

Too many accidents have happened over the years because drivers are speeding off of the Hutchinson Parkway Exit 3 E and destroying parked cars and landscape. Let's be vigilant and make our streets safe by reminding the D.O.T. and State Officials for Slow Streets to keep our children and seniors from being run over.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Well, Post members George Amato and Clorindo Nieves took a portable table and camped outside of The Food Town Super Market at the corner of Crosby Avenue and Bruckner Blvd last Saturday. All of this to get the word out about The American Legion and this Post in particular. They were looking for new members, but were also letting folks know what the Legion

is and does. A special thank you goes to Barry, the Food Town Manager. He, like many people in The Bronx Times Reporter Land care about Vets and the Troops already in harm's way.

After the Food Town spot, The Dynamic Duo went over to Bay Plaza and set up shop there by Pathmark. They were cordially greeted by the Manager there and did the same. Thanks to George and Clorindo and both Managers.

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Samuel Young Legion Post 620

Now to the opposite end of the Americanism spectrum. Jane Fonda wore her Hanoi Jane T-Shirt to promote the movie "The Butler". I'm not watching this movie in which she portrays, of all people, Nancy

Reagan. Too bad, as I like Forrest Whittaker and Oprah. In April, Hanoi responded to Vets boycotting her appearance at another event by telling them to "get a life".

You may remember, during the Viet Nam War she went over to the other side and was photographed sitting on an Anti-Aircraft gun helping out the bad guys.

I put her response to the Vets in the same refuse con-

tainer as Hillary Clinton's answer "what difference does it make?" in response to the Benghazi debacle where four lives were lost. I think she should play Hillary in her next movie which I will ignore.

The Post face lift is coming along well. There will be new libations at the bar, so it's just not paint.

Trivia Time!!

Happy Birthday to the Coast Guard. August 4th.

On that date in 1892,

Lizzie Borden took an axe... well you know the rest.

On the same date in 1929, Jones Beach opened.

On the same date in 1944, Ann Frank and family were discovered.

The first use of the electric chair happened on August 6, 1890. The seated was W. Kemmler and no I don't know what he did.

Keep the Troops in your prayers, take a Vet to lunch and God Bless.

Salsa Month at Bronx Music Heritage Center

The Bronx Music Heritage Center Lab's acclaimed series Bronx Rising! Music, Film & Spoken Word of the Borough continues in August with three nights of

"Salsa Month" programming. Curated by folklorist Elena Martínez of City Lore and Grammy-nominated musician Bobby Sanabria, the on-going series show-

cases the breadth of arts about the Bronx, by Bronx artists or significant to the borough's community.

August Bronx Rising! Events, Music: Ray Mar-

tínez and Cuerda y Tambo: Thursday, August 15, 8 p.m. A prominent bassist/arranger in the contemporary Latin and Salsa music scenes with a percussive style that is both melodic and hard-driving, Ray Martínez has composed, arranged, recorded, and performed with Latin jazz legend Mongo Santamaria. He has also recorded and performed with Tito Puente, Celia Cruz, Ray Barreto, Johnny Pacheco, and others. As the leader and creator of his own salsa band, Conjunto Tipico Criollo, Martínez has produced three albums. Additionally, he has participated in recordings with Paul Simon and has performed in two world tours with David

Byrne.

Film: Our Latin Thing and Q&A with director Leon Gast, Friday, August 16, 8 p.m. Academy Award winner Leon Gast (When We Were Kings, 1996) presents his 1972 documentary featuring the sounds of New York's top Latin bands in the 1960s and 1970s. Paying tribute to the legendary Fania All-Stars, the film presents an assortment of the group's biggest hits from artists such as Ray Barreto, Willie Colón, and Johnny Pacheco, which helped popularize the genre to a wide-scale audience.

Palabras/Words: Reading from Mambo Diablo: My Journey with Tito Puente by author Joe Conzo, Saturday, August 17, 7:30 p.m. As Tito's

confidant and chronicler for nearly 40 years, Joe Conzo has put together a comprehensive biography replete with captivating anecdotes from their lengthy friendship. Along with journalist David A. Pérez, Mambo Diablo: My Journey with Tito Puente details both the public persona of the widely popular and sometimes combative King of Latin Music, while also highlighting many deeply personal moments of Puente's rise to fame from the East Harlem barrio. Conzo will conduct a Q&A and a book signing as part of the event. There is a suggested donation of \$5 for each performance. The BMHC Lab is located at 1303 Louis Niñé Blvd. .

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Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY RAPHAEL SCHWEIZER

Bronx Parks Fair Share!

This week, the Bronx Park East Community Association was proud to have submitted a letter to NYC Parks Commissioner Veronica White and First Deputy Commissioner Liam Kavanaugh detailing our disappointment with the amount of Parks employees that our borough has been given.

Out of 207 newly-hired City Parks Workers that were assigned to parks and playgrounds in all 5 Boroughs, only 35 were given to our Borough.

That means that our Borough, which has the MOST green space in the city, containing 24% of all city parkland, was ONLY give 17% of these desperately needed City Parks Workers.

The letter was signed by B-PECA Board Members Raphael Schweizer, Kenny Agosto, Donal Holway and Hazel Miura; valued B-PECA Executive Council members Norma Lopez, Keith Davis, Angela Roker and Valerie Babb; and CCC Co-Founder Violeta Valentino. It was also submitted to our Borough President, NYC Council members and State Elected Officials.

Hopefully leaders of other Community Organizations around the Bronx who are reading this column can follow the lead and submit their own letter to Commissioner White and our Elected Officials in order to advocate for our borough's parks. There is power in numbers.

Remember how the Bronx was about to receive just 8 of the 81 newly-hired Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officers? Then the people spoke up. Then the Community Boards of our Borough spoke

up.

And now we have 16 new PEP officers coming to our borough's Parks starting in September.

Advocacy and outspokenness works!

If you're interested in learning how to submit the letter, contact your local Community Board, email BxParkEast@gmail.com or call (347) 654-7044.

Boston Road Dangers

On Sunday, yet another near-fatal accident occurred on one of the most precarious roadways in our area: The treacherous highway that is Boston Road.

At 11:00 am on Sunday August 4th, a motorcyclist and another motor vehicle collided outside of the parking lot of "Harbor Freight" hardware, located on Boston Road between Waring and Mace Avenues, near Cruger Avenue.

This accident was yet another example of the need for the Bronx Department of Transportation (DOT) to step in and find ways to address the dangerous conditions that exist on Boston Road between Pelham Parkway and Allerton Avenue.

During B-PECA's May Community Meeting, Bronx DOT Commissioner Connie Moran was gracious enough to come and listen to our community's concerns. The location where the accident occurred was one spoken about at-length by B-PECA Executive Council Member, and Cruger Avenue resident, Norma Lopez. And with good reason.

The passageways to the parking lot for the Harbor Freight and Salvation Army stores have NO signs telling drivers which is an entrance and which is an exit,

which may have lead to Sunday's collision. Cars just arbitrarily go onto whichever ramp they choose to, which is a recipe for disaster.

In addition, the curb cut on the corner of Boston Road and Cruger Avenue is so low that drivers use the two wheelchair ramps on this corner as yet ANOTHER entrance to this troubling parking lot.

Add this to the speeding that occurs on the downhill-sloped Cruger Avenue and it's only a matter of time before an innocent life is lost.

Our borough has an extremely caring and capable DOT Commissioner in Connie Moran. However we need DOT to complete their study of this area of Boston Road SOON and come up with concrete solutions that will protect drivers and pedestrians and give Bronx residents one less thing to worry about during their hectic daily routines.

This is a perfect example of how government can work to improve the quality-of-life of the citizens of this borough and add peace of mind to pedestrians and drivers alike. And this peace of mind is needed NOW.

Summer Beautification Camp Events

It's August: Ahhh. No more blistering heat. Just cool summer nights with the window open and a fan humming.

And now there's no excuse for you not to participate in Summer Beautification Camp! Wink-wink.

Every week, the B-PECA team wheelbarrows through the neighborhood and comes to a neighborhood near you to perform block makeovers by means of cleanups, tree-guard building and graffiti

removal, all in the company of good music, refreshments and smiles.

Since our last column two weeks ago, we've gotten a lot done:

We built two tree-frames around the newly-identified (thanks to Morgan Powell's "Tree Appreciation" walk) DawnRedwoodTreeson Waring and Olinville Avenues; Completed the 4 "Tourist-Attraction" tree-frames on Pelham Parkway North; Assisted our neighbors in Van Nest in watering Hunt Avenues newly-planted Maples; and most enjoyably, came to Britton Street and conducted a mini-Block Renaissance with the help of Sharon and other Allerton Coops residents by constructing two sleek tree-frames complete with "Oops is no excuse, This is our Coops: Keep It Clean" laminated signs. But we're nowhere near done:

Saturday, August 10th: "Garfield Can Dance"

Join Bernadette and our Van Nest brethren for another exciting day of tree-frames and spoken-word art. Meet at Van Nest Avenue and Garfield Street between 1 and 6pm for the beautifying, and at Van Nest Park between 6 and 8pm for the poetry and percussion performance.

Saturday, August 17th: Allerton Cleanup Part Two"

Join the Department of Sanitation's "Touch-a-Truck" to learn all about how a garbage truck operates and sit inside its cab! Then come help us permanently revitalize Allerton Avenue with brooms, muscle and love. Meet at Allerton and Olinville Avenues between 1 and 4pm for the Touch-a-Truck. The cleanup will last until 8:30pm. Call (347) 654-7044 to find the cleanup crew.



On Saturday, August 3, history was made as longtime community boundaries were broken. The Allerton Coops were given their fair share as part of Bronx Park East Community Association's "Summer Beautification Camp". Keith, Angela, Raphael & the rest of B-PECA helped showed some love to Britton Street.

Sunday, August 18th: "Fine, Fare & Fabulous"

Help care for Barnes Avenue's majestic trees by being a part of the team that builds two glorious tree-frames that will be seen by thousands of Boston Road drivers each day. Perhaps instead of naming them, these tree-frames should say, "Slow Down". Meet at the corner of Barnes Avenue and Boston Road between 1:00 and 8:00pm.

Thursday, August 29th: "Morgan Powell's 2nd Tree Appreciation Walk"

Join Bronx River Sankofa, and Allerton resident, Morgan Powell for his final neighborhood journey detailing all of the fascinating natural and historical details of our area's blocks and green spaces. The first walk on July 25th was quite enchanting, with 23 people in attendance. As last time, meet at Bronx Park East and

Waring Avenue at 7:30pm Sharp.

If your organization would like to be a part of Bronx Park East Community Association's "Autumn Beautification Camp" brochure, a follow-up to our "Summer Beautification Camp", please email BxParkEast@gmail.com (no dashes) or call the phone number above. It'd be a pleasure to detail your group's art, nature or community event for thousands of Bronxites to view.

All events and activities must take place between September 1st and November 30th. Let us know before August 15th so you can be included!

Hopefully, you have been motivated to attend one of B-PECA's summer activities, and to become more active in advocating for your greenery and community.

BY LYNN GERBINO

It is a mirage? I am happy to report that we now have double yellow lines on Pennyfield Avenue from Harding to Maritime!! We have waited a few years for this and we can't be happier! Thanks to all who made this happen!

Social Security Online Access has been success. Almost 45% of Bronx residents who are signing up for

the first time are using the online sign-up!

Social Security's popular new online service, my Social Security offers access to several important services for people who establish their online account. Among them is the ability for people to view their own Social Security Statement online and print it, if desired, to share with a financial planner, for ex-

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If you or your client has tried unsuccessfully to create an online my Social Security account, and you still want to get your State-

ment, we have good news to share: If you fail the online authentication process, you can now request that we mail your Statement to you. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount to create your online account. And if you are not successful creating your account, follow the links to get help and request your Statement.

Citizens Police Academy, Fall Session

If anyone is interested in participating in the Citizens Police Academy this year, the program starts on September 18, with registration starting at 1800 hours (6 p.m.) where you will receive program information and company assignments. Those attending from the Bronx will meet on Tuesday evenings. If you are nominated for the Citizens Police Academy, you must commit

to the 14 week course and it is preferred that you attend all classes for the duration of the course.

If you are interested, please call the TNHOA phone at 718-823-0327 asap as the deadline for application is fast approaching.

We hope you are all enjoying the summer...I can't believe it is August already!! Stay cool and call us if you need us...718-823-0327.

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SPARC program is a hit again

With support from the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) and the Department for the Aging (DFTA), the Bronx Council on the Arts completed the 2013 season of Seniors Partnering with Artists Citywide (SPARC), having organized eight talented Bronx artists who were given the task of delivering arts programming to Bronx seniors in seniors centers across our borough. These local artists provided a fun and interactive atmosphere for seniors to acquire creative skills, ranging from ceramics to acting to Bomba dancing and more.

A collaboration among DCA, DFTA and the city's local arts councils, SPARC matches artists with senior centers throughout the city. The program provides artists with a stipend and access to workspace in exchange for the creation and delivery of arts programming. This year, nine projects in the Bronx brought joy to seniors and unleashed their untapped talents.

This was evident in filmmaker Ruben Dario Cruz's project at BronxWorks Morris Innovative Senior Center. Seniors discovered their acting abilities by starring in an original production titled "Bronxerella." The story of Cinderella living in the Bronx was a playful spin on the familiar classic that turned into a true community effort. Cruz filmed the piece in various senior centers and enlisted Council Member Fernando Cabrera for a cameo role. With each project concluding in a public event, Cruz added to the cinematic thrill by showing "Bronxerella" on the big screen at Bow Tie Cinemas in Parkchester.

Two returning SPARC artists incorporated the theme of cultural history into the genre of Bomba music. In "Generation to Generation" at BronxWorks Heights, "Dr. Drum" Jose Ortiz preserved Puerto Rican tradition with the aid of folkloric drum, song and dance. At Neighborhood SHOPP Casa Boricua, Mil-teri Tucker taught dances

inspired by Puerto Rican poets and playwrights. These projects ended in lively public events, with seniors dressed in traditional Bomba skirts and taking turns dancing to the drum.

Music and dance were front and center at Co-Op City Senior Services. Toni Renee Johnson took seniors on an exploration of American jazz from the 1930s through the 1970s. She taught moves to various dances through the decades as well as dance-partnering concepts. At the center's public event, seniors demonstrated how to choreograph by combining short dance sequences. They additionally performed a rendition of Jelly Roll Morton's "The Crave" from 1934. Many seniors praised the program as a fun way to exercise while making new friends at the center.

Other projects exercised the imagination through visual arts. Laura Alvarez showed seniors at Neighborhood SHOPP Leon Senior Center how to create "Inkblot Magic." The group drew folkloric masks and other colorful shapes that resembled faces and various forms of life. They also wrote fictional stories that explained their drawings. "My project was to help improve fine-motor coordination skills, but also understanding that there's no right or wrong in art," Alvarez said. "Once the seniors understood that, they were free to create."

At Kips Bay Castle Hill, Josie Gonzalez revived the center's long-lost ceramics workshop in which seniors applied the basics of hand-building, glaze techniques and clay portraiture to create their own cups, jars, plaques and sculptures. "You didn't have to be an artist to be part of this project," one participant said. "Whatever work you made, Josie would show you how to make it beautiful."

Lisa Kahane's project at PEP for Seniors was a photography and autobiography workshop. Through field trips and hands-on instruction, seniors acquired technical skills and

learned how photography could validate both past and future experiences. At a public event in the center's garden, seniors shared new photos of nature and local surroundings as well as old photos taken from their trips around the world. They discussed how the project opened their eyes and changed how they see the world.

Two more projects in the Bronx centered around storytelling. Gina Clark conducted "The Wealth of Elder Wisdom" at Sister Annunziata Bethel Senior Center. She used video and written documentation to preserve stories of old. Seniors proudly shared memories of childhood, their families and personal experiences such as war stories. "The most important thing I learned is that seniors appreciate when someone shows real interest in their lives and talents," Clark said. "Given the chance, they shine like diamonds."

Meanwhile, seniors at RAIN Boston East shared "Stories from Near and Far." Guided by expert storyteller (Oriolla) Mary Wedgeworth-Maakheru, they passed on personal and cultural histories in a public event forum. Poetry, song, dance, collage and fabric painting were some of the ways they expressed their stories. (Oriolla) Wedgeworth-Maakheru offered this variety in order to engage as many seniors as possible. "I had to come up with different projects to gain the interest of those who were hesitant to participate," she said.

Fresh off the success of these projects and others throughout the city, the 2013-14 application process is now in development. A call for applications is expected to be released on September 3, 2013. It will be available on www.bronxarts.org for all artists interested in working a SPARC project with a senior center in the Bronx.

Check the SPARC page of the Bronx Council on the Arts, www.bronxarts.org/sparc.asp, for highlights of completed projects and a schedule of remaining events

Mayoral Spin Cycle *by Tom Allon*

Like the old saying goes: "Those who do not understand history are destined to repeat it."

This is true in local politics as it is for broader social issues. And in this year's mayoral campaign, it may be more instructive to rewind the tape not 12 years (to 2001), but rather 36 years (to 1977).

In 2001 and 2005, just like in 1989, there were four leading Democratic mayoral candidates in each primary. In each of these three cases, the supposed front-runner a year before the primary did not actually emerge victorious when all the votes were counted.

In each of these three campaigns, two candidates near the end of the race became embroiled in a battle for the top spot, while the two others badly sank to the bottom.

In 1989, Edward Koch, the three-term incumbent was seen as a prohibitive favorite a year before the primary. His challengers — Manhattan Borough President David Dinkins, Comptroller Jay Goldin, and former MTA Chairman Dick Ravitch — all sensed that Koch had overstayed his welcome.

Dinkins emerged as the racial healing alternative to Koch and he beat the beleaguered incumbent by a margin of 49 percent to 42 percent, while the highly intelligent Ravitch and Goldin fought a race for the bottom, drawing 5 percent and 4 percent, respectively.

In 2001, Alan Hevesi (the same Hevesi who was recently released from jail) was the frontrunner a year before the primary, but his fortunes and those of popular City Council Speaker Peter Vallone both dropped precipitously as Latino candidate Freddy Ferrer and former Public Advocate Mark Green duked it out for the top spot. The final percentages in that campaign were: Green 31, Ferrer 35, Hevesi 12 percent, and Vallone 19 percent.

Green won a racially bruising run-off with Ferrer, but his pyrrhic victory then reaffirmed that old maxim: "Don't win the battle but lose the war." Green was narrowly defeated by



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political neophyte Mike Bloomberg in the general election.

In 2005, when Bloomberg ran for re-election, the Democratic field included Freddy Ferrer again, popular City Council Speaker Gifford Miller, Manhattan Borough President Virginia Fields, and a feisty Brooklyn Congressman named Anthony Weiner.

The final result of that primary was similar to 1989 and 2001: two at the top, Ferrer at 40 percent and Weiner at 30 percent, and two near the bottom, Fields at 15 percent and Miller at 10 percent.

So, we see a pattern emerge: in four-way races, two candidates break out of the pack and then the other two, who fail to get traction, drop to the single digits.

But in 2013, there are seven contenders for the Democratic nomination and to paraphrase the old song, it feels like 1977 all over again.

That year, there was also a seven-person field, and the primary result had four finishers all below 20 percent and within five percentage points of each other. Here was that primary finish: Koch 19, Cuomo 18, Beame 18, Abzug 17, Sutton 14, Bar-dillo 11, Harnett 2.

So, could this year's Dem primary have a similar result to 1977 where there were five people in

double digits or will it be more like 1989 and 2001, when only two candidates reached above the single-digit mark?

It would be too easy to say that frontrunner Christine Quinn is this year's version of the 1977 frontrunner, Bella Abzug, but they do have a lot of issues and style in common besides both being brash women.

Is Anthony Weiner this year's Edward Koch, the glib and fast-on-his feet outsider who had some sexual ambiguities that made him a curiosity but did not impede his path?

Is Bill DeBlasio the Mario Cuomo of this race, the smooth-tongued progressive who ultimately stumbled in a close race?

And will Bill Thompson be like Percy Sutton, the likable and smart candidate who fell short because he failed to ignite passion for his candidacy?

It's hard to draw exact parallels between 2013 and 1977, but when it comes to mayoral politics, it sure feels a lot like the "Saturday Night Fever" days of the late '70s.

Tom Allon, a former public school teacher, is the president of City & State media and a former Liberal Party-backed candidate for mayor. Questions or comments? E-mail tallon@cityandstateny.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Notice of Formation (LLC). Name: HONGS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State on 5/02/2013. Office location: Bronx County. NY DOS shall mail copy of process to: 520 CRAVEN STREET, BRONX, NEW YORK, 10474. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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NOTICE is hereby given per court order in the matter of Rodney Kumassah vs. Cherie Snape, Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division - Family Part, Bergen County, Docket No. FM-02-002324-13, of entry of final judgment of divorce incorporating terms set forth in Notice of Proposed Final Judgment served on defendant in accordance with applicable court rules.

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on July 18, 2013, bearing Index Number NC-000305-13/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) Koreena (Last) Rivera. My present name is (First) Koreena (Middle) Elvira (Last) Mella AKA Koreena E. Mella AKA Koreena Mella. My present address is 1547 Bassett Avenue, 2nd Floor, Bronx, NY 10461-2305. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is September 02, 1974.

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF10, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF10, Pltf. vs. AKINTOYE SHOETAN, et al, Defts. Index #381410/08. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated May 22, 2013, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Sept. 09th, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 4423 Mundy Lane, Bronx, NY a/k/a Section 17, Block 5100, Lot 11. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$547,817.50 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. DONALD M. ZOLIN, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. (File No. 48302) - #82904

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s)
vs. TIRSO ALVARADO; INET MOLINARY; 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 April 23, 2013, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY 10451.

On August 26, 2013 at 2:00 PM
Premises known as 2758 MORGAN AVE, BRONX, NY 10469

Block: 4532 Lot: 32
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with building and improvements thereon, situate and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York.

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

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

Approximate amount of judgment \$ 263,844.79 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 381250/10
Heddyeh P. Broumand, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
EVERHOME MORTGAGE COMPANY;
Plaintiff(s) vs. RUKMINIE D. RAMLALL, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SURVIVING JOINT TENANT OF BAMAN RAMLALL; KAMALCHAND KUTAYIAH, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SURVIVING JOINT TENANT OF BAMAN RAMLALL; 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 July 6, 2010, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY 10451.

On August 19, 2013 at 2:00 PM
Block: 3774 Lot: 29

Premises known as 1246 BOYNTON 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.

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 \$210,317.97 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380290/09
Lorraine C. Corsa, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, EMIGRANT SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff, vs. DAVID N. COOPER, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 20, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on August 26, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2712 Tenbroeck 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 of Bronx, County of Bronx City and State of New York, Block 4524 and Lot 3. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380085/10.

Robert M. Brill, 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, SERVICIOS PQP, INC., AS SERVICING PROVIDER FOR ACM PATRIOT LN IV B, LLC, AS ASSIGNEE OF THE PATRIOT GROUP, LLC, AS ASSIGNEE OF ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS CREDIT, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. SADIE MONTANEZ, MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC., ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on June 6, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on September 09, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.,

premises known as 1138 Metcalf 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 of the Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3747 and Lot 109. Approximate amount of judgment is \$450,393.85 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381094/11.

Moshe Neiss, Esq., Referee
Rosner Nocera & Ragone, LLP, 110 Wall Street, 23rd Floor, New York, NY, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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 -

ROMA ROSARIO, et. al., Defendants.
Pursuant to a Judgment dated May 11, 2010, I will sell at public auction on September 9, 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 3A, in the building known as 109, and by street address 2120 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 2752, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0282 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$19,893.73, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by EMC Mortgage Corp., in the original principal sum of \$116,000.00 with interest. Index No. 302538/09.

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

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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Along East Tremont Avenue, an increasingly motley crew of panhandlers has become a fact of daily life. In our once safe and quiet residential streets, a rising tide of disorder and drug dealing is threatening to diminish what is one of the best neighborhoods in all of New York into something far less. In many cases, complaints of very obvious acts of drug dealing and illegal narcotics use are not timely responded to by a local police force that works diligently to protect us but is far too understaffed and underequipped to fulfill their duties in a prompt manner.

Recently, a group of deeply concerned homeowners on a local residential street cornered an individual caught in the

act of attempting to con a local senior citizen. Acting legally and with great restraint, they informed the perpetrator that they would not tolerate this behavior in their community. The offending individual resides in a house that has been known to be a locale of drug abuse. It is on a quiet block lovingly maintained by its inhabitants, but that has suffered in the past from drug dealing often reported but barely addressed by the overwhelmed 45 precinct.

The failure to provide adequate police protection in the Throggs Neck/Country Club area is becoming increasingly acute. For far too long, the 45 has been tasked with the impossible responsibility of guarding the largest geographical precinct in the City, with an utterly inadequate ration

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of officers and equipment. To include a quiet suburban-like community in the same coverage area as Co-op City simply makes no sense, especially without the proper numbers of personnel and squad cars. Each neighborhood is unique with their own types of benefits and needs. Each requires more specialized attention. It is unacceptable that this situation has been tolerated for so long.

While the basic requirements of communities like the Northeast Bronx are ignored, the politicians and pundits speak in grand terms of billions of dollars. Many times,

elected officials see themselves as consumer affairs commissioners, eager to criticize local businesses but reluctant to clean up their own misdeeds.

At City Hall, our mayor concerns himself with his pet peeves concerning sugar, "streetscapes" for the Manhattan elite, bicycles for tourists, and the like. He sends his deputies to Europe to speak about global warming and across the United States in his fetish to abolish the Second Amendment. While feeling free to spend taxpayer dollars on these issues that clearly are not in his job description, he begins the budget process year after year by proposing to cut the size of the police force and close fire houses.

The City Council seeks to diminish the rights of citizens by attempting to give aliens the vote, and

make New Yorkers less secure by finding new and innovative ways to handcuff not criminals but the Police. It continues to support giveaway programs, undeterred by scandals such as those recently reported involving the illegal transfer of, literally, barrels of goods purchased with taxpayer dollars to non-Americans in foreign lands.

It is difficult to distinguish the current government of the City of New York from an occupying foreign regime. The concerns of the citizens of our community go unmet, and excessive attention is devoted to collecting taxes, fines, and fees. It seems that a city government that can certainly send large amounts of personnel to issue parking tickets and harass local merchants can find the staff to

provide adequate cops and keep firehouses open.

Of course, city officials will reply that business inspectors and parking meter enforcers bring in revenue. But when is enough cash enough? Since the current mayor and other elected officials took office, property taxes, water bills, and other revenue rates have soared. The reality is, our urban government is like an alcoholic; the more funds it gets, the more it will spend on non-essentials. As we noted in our prior column, Detroit is a warning sign for our own future.

It's time for city government to get back to the basics.

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BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

List of things growing in my compost pile: one tomato plant, four unidentified squash-like vines and an avocado tree sapling. I'm pretty sure the tomato plant will turn out to be an Egg Yolk Cherry Tomato, a prolific golden yellow cherry tomato that has strewn many little seedlings all over my yard. In my neighbor's backyard, I've let them grow along the 36" high chain link fence that borders a neighbor's garden. He and I agreed I should let them grow along the fence as long as I nip them at the top to keep them below the height of the fence, so we don't crowd out the sun from his garden.

The squash vines are definitely not zucchini and the flowers seem larger than a cucumber. I'm left to assume it is some sort of pumpkin or winter squash. We received all of these in our CSA last year and I composted all the seeds. I've never been lucky growing any of these, so I'm wondering if nature will do a better job than I do.

The avocado sapling was a surprise, another agricultural endeavor that has never been successful. I was weeding the pile and pulled it out, immediately

exposing the large seed. I put it right back, safe and sound, in its home in the pile. If it survives the summer, I'll transplant it into a good sized pot and let it spend the winter in my kitchen window with our other fruit trees: dwarf lemon, ruby grapefruit, blood orange and a persimmon.

The lemon tree has been around for almost ten years, a \$10 plant I bought from the back of a magazine. It was only two years old when it was almost destroyed by a freak hail storm and even my best efforts could not help it look like anything other than a "Citrus Charlie Brownicus" for years. It survived though, and finally, two years ago it started to flower. The first year, abundant flowers wafted a beautiful scent in the kitchen, but did not fruit. The next time it flowered, I read up on how to self-pollinate a dwarf citrus tree. My efforts paid off and we had nine golf ball sized green lemons on our tree by the end of the summer.

In the fall, we brought the tree in to our kitchen and the lemons continued to grow and ripen, astonishing friends and relatives who visited and mistook the tree for a plastic

food for thought

fake. Right after Christmas, the lemons were ripe and we photographed our harvest operation.

We made tea and squeezed in juice from the first lemon and realized that this was way too pedestrian a use for these homegrown Meyer Lemons. I had heard of Preserved Lemons and knew they were used in Moroccan cooking. I little research on Google and we found a recipe that looked easy enough.

You'll need 6 Meyer Lemons (plus one extra), ½ cup of salt (you may not need it all), 1 cinnamon stick, 3 cloves, 5 to 6 coriander seeds, 3 to 4 black peppercorns, a bay leaf and a sterile (run it through the dishwasher and dry completely with a paper towel) one quart mason jar. Use a shallow bowl to catch the juices and quarter the lemons from the top to ½ an inch from the bottom, allowing it to stay intact. Sprinkle salt on the exposed flesh and set aside. Add 1 tablespoon salt to the bottom of the jar and pack

in one lemon, carefully squeezing it into the salt with the end of a wooden spoon. Continue this process with all the lemons, interspersing the spices between layers. When you are done, the lemons should be submerged in the salty citrus brine. If it is not, add more freshly squeezed lemon juice from the extra lemon. There should be air space when you seal the jar shut. Let the lemons ripen in a warm place, shaking the jar every day to distribute the flavors and after 30 days, they'll be ready.

While we waited for the Preserved Lemons to be ready to eat, I did some more recipe research and found one for Clay Pot Chicken with Green Olives and Preserved Lemon. I had purchased a clay pot at a yard sale a few years before and it sat on a shelf in my pantry since. Finally, we were ready to crack open the jar of lemons and gave the recipe a shot.

I'm not sure what was more delicious - the meal or the whole endeavor which I shared with my husband. Growing food, cooking and sharing a meal is one of the great pleasures of my life and the fact that I share this experience with him makes it so gratifying. While he isn't out there

weeding with me (someone has to have a job afterall!) or buying groceries, he is always more than happy to join in or sometimes simply take over the work in the kitchen. "I procure and he prepares" is a saying we often employ.

I recently saw an interview with Michael Pollan in which he was asked to defend some statements he'd made that apparently upset some feminists (a group I recently found out I am a "militant" member of). It came from an observation he'd made about the connection between our current diet of processed foods and the emergence of women in the workplace. Allowed to explain himself, he expressed how American MEN had missed the chance to step up to the plate. Most women, faced with the prospect of holding a job and still having to handle the household chores, chose to use "convenience" and "fast" foods as a way to save time.

Men, he felt, missed an opportunity to make a great contribution by taking over in the kitchen or at least, being more involved in the act of cooking. My husband's mom always encouraged him to help her in the kitchen and this has stayed with him

to this day. There are certain skills he brings to the table like knife skills - he is much better at butchering a whole chicken than I am (he says it's because I'm manginare, or left handed, and don't know how to hold a knife). He's always happy to prep the vegetables and takes directions well. Of course, when it comes to cooking meat on fire, he is right there at the grill.

Some of the best chefs are men - think Anthony Bourdain, Eric Ripert, Tom Collichio. So I encourage all the other militant feminists out there to invite your significant others into the kitchen with you - and the kids too! Cook food with your family. If that is the only message I can get out there then that is a great thing. By eating fresh, real, local food, we say no to the big corporations that control our lives. We say no to the industries that have taken over our economy and our government. We say no to practices that have poisoned our air, depleted our soils and changed our environment. But most importantly, we bring our families together; we get healthier and happier when we eat good food.

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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 - JEAN PAUL SANCHEZ, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated May 8, 2013, I will sell at public auction on August 19, 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 1G, in the building known as N-9 a/k/a 116, and by street address 2240 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 3192, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0272 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$11,532.52, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for HSBC Corporation (USA), in the original principal sum of \$163,900.00 with interest.
Index No. 380631/11. SANFORD B. GLATZER, ESQ., Referee
ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS., Attorneys for Plaintiff
828 South Broadway, Suite 100, Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 591-7722

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-HL1 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HL1, Plaintiff against
VENUS SANTIAGO, et al Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on April 15, 2010.
I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 9th day of September, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. premises Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Washington Avenue, distant 235.52 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Westchester Avenue with the said easterly side of Washington Avenue as laid down on said map, which point is also the southwesterly corner of land conveyed by the party of the first part to Jane E. Henderson; being a plot 101.26 feet by 35.26 feet by 101.26 feet by 35.26 feet.
Said premises known as 1354 Herschell Street, Bronx, N.Y. 10461.
Tax account number: SBL #: 3848-111.
Approximate amount of lien \$ 597,485.59 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.
Index No. 381706-08. Yolanda Castro-Arce, Esq., Referee.
Fein Such & Crane, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
747 Chestnut Ridge Road
Suite 200
Chestnut Ridge, N.Y. 10977
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Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney."

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiff against ESTATE OF MARTHA LOCHARD, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 22, 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 26th day of August, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of 4th Street, distant 355 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of 4th Street and the easterly side of Avenue "G"; being a plot 108 feet by 25 feet by 108 feet by 25 feet. Block: 3694 Lot: 63 Said premises known as 2235 QUIMBY AVENUE, BRONX, NY
Approximate amount of lien \$ 26,561.09 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380405/10.
LEROI J. ANDREWS, ESQ., Referee.
Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102, 156 W 56 Street, NY 10019

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 ALONZO CAMPBELL, LORAL L. CAMPBELL, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated July 24, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 9th day of September, 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 side of Barnes Avenue 100 feet wide formerly Fourth Street, distance 20.98 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of said Barnes Avenue and the northerly side of East 221st Street; being a plot 105.14 feet by 18 feet by 105.14 feet by 18 feet. Block: 4669 Lot: 009 Said premises known as 3853 BARNES AVENUE, BRONX, NY
Approximate amount of lien \$ 31,185.73 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380939/09.
ROBERT GARDNER, ESQ., Referee.
Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiff against AMBU TRANS HOLDING CORP., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated April 17, 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 9th day of September, 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 northeasterly side of Home Street, distant 240 feet northwesterly from the point of corner formed by the intersection of said northeasterly side of Home Street with the northwesterly side of Westchester Avenue; being a plot 50 feet by 100 feet by 50 feet by 100 feet. Block: 3006 Lot: 11 Said premises known as 1071 HOME STREET, BRONX, NY
Approximate amount of lien \$ 9,722.97 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 382383/09.
STEVEN BAKER, ESQ., Referee.
Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102, 156 W 56 Street, NY 10019

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
NYCTL 2011-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs against GAJENDRANAUTH ABRAJA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on July 17, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 9th day of September, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 3290 and Lot 0001 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map. Said premises known as 2766 BAINBRIDGE AVENUE, BRONX, NY
Approximate amount of lien \$ 9,115.54 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 307878/12.
HARRY FORMAN, ESQ., Referee.
Phillips Lytle LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs
1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY 14614

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File No. 2012-1768/A CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: Nina M. Bonito; Joseph A. Spinella; Maryann Murphy; Carmella Calabrese; Frank Meo; Anne Marie Moschello; Thomas Moschello; NYC Department of Social Services; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of ANTONIO T. MUSARRA also known as ANTONIO MUSARRA, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names

and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451,
YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on September 17, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., why the Court should not grant the following relief: that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of ANTONIO T. MUSARRA also known as ANTONIO MUSARRA, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 660 E. 183rd Street; Bronx, New York 10458, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$5,607.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$2,803.50 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$2,803.50 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as attorneys for the Public Administrator be allowed; that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); that the commissions calculated

pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that the claim of the NYC Department of Social Services in the approximate amount of \$118,837.55 be allowed; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to the NYC Department of Social Services on account of its allowed claim; that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, July 11, 2013. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ Surrogate, Bronx County, Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk.
This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney at law appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C.
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TNVAC receives Quinn grant

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since the beginning. "Everything from this point on is about moving forward."

Corps. members met August 7 to hash out a fundraising strategy that keeps them ahead of the game and not squeezed at zero hour.

Like any volunteer group, finding funds has been the toughest challenge for TNVAC, opened since 1979 at a time when volunteer ambulance groups were abundant in the east Bronx.

TNVAC has outlasted RiverBay Ambulance Corps. in Co-op City and the City Island Volunteer Ambulance Corps. as monies for those groups dried up.

The corps. prides itself in having started medical careers, giving enough experience to hundreds of emergency medical technicians who've moved on to become full-fledged EMT's.

With a current foster of five dozen volunteer EMTs, Heaney sees the corps. as

a vital training ground for folks who intend to start a medical career.

"Some of them go on to be doctors or other things," said Heaney, adding the corps. responds to 300 calls a year, ranging from life-threatening injuries to simple cuts and bruises.

Depleted Finances

A bad economy made it rough for TNVAC to scrounge up enough cash to cover its yearly overhead, which includes skyhigh insurance, fuel for its vehicles and equipment costs.

State funding has also dwindled in the last few years, after Gov. Cuomo tightened the belt on member items, vetoing projects that ran into the millions.

With a bad economy and little public funds, TNVAC realized it could close as early as Labor Day.

But longtime member David Hochhauser, on the board of directors, spent weeks working the phones to get lawmakers to chip in funds.

While local pols pitched in as much as they could, with Councilman Jimmy Vacca earmarking his regular \$8,000 this year, the large chunk of money came from Council Speaker Quinn, a mayoral candidate who used discretionary funds to cover TNVAC.

After getting the documents, Hochhauser rushed to the E. Tremont Ave. depot to give his fellow EMTs the news.

"I said 'now the ball's in your court,'" said Hochhauser, thrilled to see a happy ending for his plight.

He was quick to point out the donation came with no strings attached, dismissing pundits suggestion her donation was purely political pandering.

"We are not endorsing Christine Quinn," emphasized Hochhauser.

For her part, Quinn simply saw the gesture as part of the job.

"...We are glad to be able to step in and help this vital group continue to protect



Joe Balaez, Bill Heaney and Angel Acevedo, EMTs for the Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corps., can keep saving lives thanks to a lifesaving donation from City Council Speaker Christine Quinn that keeps TNVAC's doors open. Photo by David Cruz

the residents of the north-east Bronx," she said.

Hochhauser was just as

thrilled to see TNVAC get past its financial trouble and focus on the job.

Of the financial rescue from the electeds, he said "They saved our lives."

Community Board 7 launches review of Kingsbridge ice rink

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to be built inside the massive Kingsbridge Armory.

Several scenarios can play out for the next half of the year, as agencies could deliberately rush or slow down the review process, depending on whether they want this project approved by the time the Bloomberg Administration leaves office.

As part of the lengthy Uniform Land Use Review Procedure, the city Planning Dept. forwarded the KNIC papers on July 25th, with the official 60-day review process beginning July 31st.

The community board has until September 30th to pour over the \$275 million proposal, with the Land Use & Zoning Committee getting first dibs on offering an opinion.

They will study the traffic and environmental impacts by the new project, housing nine ice skating rinks, a 5,000-seat arena

and after-school hockey programs.

The four-member panel will then pass their recommendations to the entire board for a non-binding vote next month.

Though purely advisory, CB7's vote can sway public opinion on a project that could serve as a flash point for gentrification in the low-income neighborhood.

Approved or not, the review will move to Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., who has 30 days to okay the project.

Diaz came out early in support of the project after eco-friendly developer Kevin Parker okayed a \$10/hour living wage for its 260 employees and a promise not to draw business away from the Fordham Rd. shopping district.

A Community Benefits Agreement brokered by the developer and local community groups calls for, among other things, 50,000-square-

feet of community space inside the 575,000-square-foot structure.

After Diaz, the City Planning Commission will then have 60 days to render a decision.

Should the BP and CB7 decide to chew up their entire time, the planning commission member vote could be pushed to November or December, the last full month for the Bloomberg Administration, which backs KNIC.

Final approval will rest with the City Council, which generally will go along with the wishes of Councilman Fernando Cabrera, who represents the Kingsbridge area.

Cabrera hasn't committed to the project yet, though he's leaning to the KNIC plan, calling it the "new Yankee Stadium of skating."

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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX
Index No.:381623/2010
Filed: 8/20/2010
SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated.

Matrix Financial Services Corporation,
Plaintiff,
-against-
George J. Lambert, Esq. as Temporary Administrator for the estate of Marlene Browne, her respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, Lloyd Bridgman as heir to the estate of Marlene Browne and his respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, Colin Bridgman as heir to the estate of Marlene Browne and his respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in the

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Defendants.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

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The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

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Dated: Bay Shore, New York
July 17,2013
Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Veisman & Gordon, LLP
BY: Todd Falasco
Attorneys for Plaintiff
20 West Main Street
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631-969-3100
Our File No.: 01-032274-FOO

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GORDON COUNTY - STATE OF GEORGIA
Civil Action File No. 13-10
William Squires, Petitioner
In Re: Alexa Williams
DOB: November 3, 1995
Maxwell Williams
DOB: November 7, 2001
Adriana Williams
DOB: December 12, 2002
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TO: Marvin Williams, 820 Jackson Avenue, Apt 1-A, Bronx, New York 10456-7753:

By Order of the Court for notice by publication dated July 2, 2013, you are hereby notified that on April 19, 2013, William Squires filed a Petition to Adopt minor children, to-wit: Alexa Williams, Maxwell Williams, and Adriana Williams, the children of Margarita Squires and Marvin Williams, in the Superior Court of Gordon County, Georgia.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to law of any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and file with said Court within (30) days of the filing of publication.

This 2nd day of July, 2013.
Grant Walraven
Clerk, Gordon County Superior Court
Cherokee Judicial Circuit
Prepared by:
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Dated: 7/11/2013
BY ORDER OF THE COURT
s/Michael J. Williams
Clerk of the Court

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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

Integrity

I hope "Uncle Bud" Selig uses the "Integrity Of the Game" clause to stop Alex Rodriguez from making a mockery of MLB rules with his appeals processes. Banning him would be a fair and reasonable action. The only question in my mind is the length of such banishment.

The AP told us that, "Three-time MVP Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees stands to receive the longest suspension. While 50 games is the standard for a first offense, the stiffer penalties for some players are tied to other alleged violations, including not being truthful to MLB investigators." He reportedly will be joined by Texas outfielder Nelson Cruz, San Diego shortstop Everth Cabrera and Detroit shortstop Jhonny Peralta, Oakland pitcher Bartolo Colon, Toronto outfielder Melky Cabrera, San Diego catcher Yasmani Grandal, Yankees catcher Francisco Cervelli and Seattle catcher Jesus Montero.

"The Yankees expected Rodriguez to be accused of recruiting other athletes for the clinic, attempting to obstruct MLB's investigation and not being truthful with MLB in the past when he discussed his relationship with Dr. Anthony Galea, who pleaded guilty two years ago to a federal charge of bringing unapproved drugs into the United States from Canada."

Just What Miami Needs

Greg Cote (Miami Herald) told us that the Heat was look-

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Brown set for big finish to Manhattan hoops career

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Rhamel Brown never stops improving and adapting and by doing so has a chance to become a household name.

The Brownsville native and former East New York Transit Tech star entered Manhattan College as a primarily a premier defender with a raw offensive game. He's set to leave there as a complete package and arguably the best player on Jaspers team that is the preseason favorite to win the MAAC conference and reach the NCAA tournament.

"I think he is at a different level than he's been at during his career," Manhattan coach Steve Masiello said.

The coach can't put his finger on exactly why the 6-foot-7 Brown isn't better known across the local area and college basketball. He understands Manhattan winning more will help, but feels his shot blocking and rebounding ability put him on par with the rest of nations front line players.

"There is no reason why he isn't one of the better bigs in the country," Masiello said.

The soft-spoken Brown proved that last year with leading scorer George Beamon out for the season with an ankle injury. He reluctantly became a bigger part of the offense. He watched the double doubles pile up and the idea of him making a run at the NBA being to surface. He will have to change again this coming season with Beamon and his 19 points per game average back in the lineup. Brown is just fine with that.

"It's all about adjusting," he said at an open practice last week. "That ability to score is always going to be there, but I'm not going to be called upon as much to score."

Brown, the two-time conference defensive player of the year, averaged 11.4 points and 7.2 re-



Forward Rhamel Brown is looking to build off his best season in a Manhattan uniform. Photo courtesy of Manhattan Athletics

bounds to help lead Manhattan to the conference title game last year. He was named to the conference's All-Second team. Brown is fueled by his first team snub.

"It just serves as motivation to just keep going and prove people wrong," he said.

Brown has always been more comfortable in the background, always more focused on defense

than offense. It is getting harder not to notice him as he enters his final college season in the best shape of his career.

Still it's not enough. Brown feels the Jaspers need to work they are the worst team in the country in order to reach their potential. The same applies to himself.

"I'm pretty much in the best shape, but I can get in even better

shape," Brown said.

His ever-present drive to improve will be the key to him building off his finest season in a Jaspers uniform. Brown got people's attention with his play last season. Now he can earn their complete respect.

"I just don't think people realize how good he is," Masiello said.

Bronx-native Gomez puts perfect boxing record on the line

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI
 Eddie Gomez doesn't back away from a fight even when he thinks his opponent isn't up to par with him.
 The Bronx native is unbeaten through the first 14 fights of his young boxing career after turning pro as an 18-year-old. Gomez will look to continue that run when he faces Steve Upsher Chambers at 150-pound catch weight on August 19 at the Best Buy Theater in the co-main event of the inaugural broadcast of "Golden Boy Live!" on Fox Sports 1. Upsher, who is 24-2 (6 KOs), is coming of a unanimous decision loss to Brooklyn's Luis Collazo back in October. That didn't matter to Gomez.
 "They texted me his name and I said let's take the fight," he said. "If he's the one in the way of me getting to where I want to be, you got to knock him down. You have to

take him out of the way. You have to clear that path."
 The 28-year-old Chambers expressed his confidence at a press conference to announce the fight at Planet Hollywood in Times Square on July 23. The Philadelphia native said he was happy to be a part of the launch show on Fox Sports 1, but felt it was unfortunate it had to be against Gomez.
 "I'd like to see him keep winning, but it's time for him to go down," Chambers said.
 Gomez isn't impressed with Chambers resume and feels his opponent will see a chance to beat an undefeated fighter as a reward. He said Chambers hasn't fought anybody noteworthy outside of Collazo. Gomez turns 21-years-old the week of the fight and said Chambers isn't going to spoil his present. He wants to prove Chamber is ex-



Undefeated Bronx native Eddie Gomez takes on welterweight contender Steve Upsher Chambers at Best Buy Theate on August 19.
 Photo courtesy of Will Hart Hoganphotos/Golden Boy Promotions

actly what he says he is.
 "I just want to prove that he's a nobody," Gomez said.
 He's sees this fight as another step to him prov-

ing he is a worthy title contender. Gomez, who is known for his punch-

ing power, proved he could go the distance and win when he earned an eight-round unanimous decision against Louis Hernandez at the Barclays Center in April. To him Chambers is just another person in his way to stardom.
 "Little, little I'm only 20 years old," Gomez said. "They chose them and I beat them."
 Golden Boy Live will be a bi-weekly boxing show that will air 24 times during the year. The company sees it as a way to promote younger fights like Gomez, who prefers to fight at welterweight. Brooklyn native Danny Jacobs headlines the card in a middleweight title fight against Giovanni Lorenzo. Gomez hopes to put on a show to do his part to get the program started off right and put Chambers behind him.
 "He's not going to beat me," Gomez said.

Cardinal Hayes hoop star Newkirk picks St. Joe's

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI
 Shavar Newkirk planned on committing to college a week early, but wanted to gives schools one last chance to jump in late as he was playing with his Team SCAN travel basketball team this summer.
 Despite the extra time the Cardinal Hayes point guard already knew where his heart lied. Newkirk had developed a special relationship over the years with legendary St. Joseph University men's basketball coach Phil Martelli and his staff. Martelli has been watching Newkirk play for years. He earned his trust and then his verbal commitment as Newkirk, a rising senior, agreed to suit up for the Philadelphia school. He picked St. Joe's over Providence, Towson and St. Louis.
 "I felt comfortable,"

Newkirk said. "The coach called me and my family every day and I established a relationship with [Martelli]. I like the way they play and I feel like I can fit in that system."
 Martelli's teams are known for their up-tempo guard play and he's done an excellent job developing undersized guards during his career. Jameer Nelson and Delonte West among others have made it to the league. The Hawks style of play made St. Joe's a great destination for Newkirk. Team SCAN coach Terrence "Munch" Williams believes Newkirk will thrive under Martelli.
 "They have a system that fits his skill set, which is being able to attack in the open court and get to the basket and doing a lot of driving and kicking," Williams said.

The 5-foot-11 Newkirk spent the summer working on being a better point guard and floor general, according to Williams. He tried to improve his rebounding, clock management and being able to control the tempo of the game. He knows Martelli will be expecting all those things from him.
 "I feel like everything goes through their guards," Newkirk said. "They put a lot of responsibility on their guards. I'm ready to take that responsibility."
 Until then he is responsible for trying to lead Cardinal Hayes to a CHSAA Class AA city title after two straight appearances in the semis. Newkirk, the Bronx Times' reigning borough player of the year, scored 28 points in a quarterfinal win over Archbishop Molloy. He is look-



Cardinal Hayes guard Shavar Newkirk verbally committed to play basketball at St. Joseph's University.
 Photo by Robert Cole

ing forward to playing his senior season without the pressure of the recruiting process. His sole focus can be winning.
 "It makes it easier of me to just play and not worry about having something to prove," Newkirk said. "I can just go out there and play for my coach and do what he wants me to do."

Pipe Dreams: Run On Sentence; MLB-HOF Induction

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ing to get 7 foot Greg Oden from the Portland trailblazers. The cost will probably not be very much because remember they were the team that drafted Oden one spot ahead of Kevin Durant in 2007. They are also the team that passed on Michael Jordan to draft Sam Bowie in 1984. Greg wrote, "I suspect Riley's vision might have included Oden, whom he has long coveted, when he said, "When 2014 hits, we'll be ready to deal with that. We'll be prepared for anything." Every current Heat player will be eligible for free agency next summer. An Oden who is completely healthy then could be a huge asset in convincing LeBron to re-sign long term, the club's absolute imperative. A healthy Oden also would be a hedge against possibly losing Chris Bosh or others in free agency. Oden's immense potential can hardly be overstated. He

was a No.1 overall draft pick. He still is only 25, and a very low-mileage 25, after playing only one season at Ohio State and then parts of two NBA years equating to one full season.

He is 7 feet and 275 pounds, and he is medically set to be cleared for full contact in August and to be ready for the start of somebody's training camp. "Oden" and "knee surgeries" have been the word-association game for so long, it is easy to forget, and bears remembering, that in 82 career NBA games — the equal of one full season — he has averaged 9.4 points, 7.3 rebounds, 1.4 blocks and 58percent shooting in only 22 minutes per game. His productivity has never been an issue, when healthy. That continues a massive "if" until proved otherwise, but, for Miami, right now, that's a calculated, smart gamble."

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Run On Sentence
Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) quoted baseball pa-

riah, Pete Rose, on the Dan Patrick Show, on Ryan Braun's suspension, "In my eyes he ought to feel fortunate he only got 65 days. I got 23 years."

MLB-HOF Induction

Greg Cote (Miami Herald) reported from Cooperstown: "Baseball's Hall of Fame weekend culminates Sunday with the induction of three new members. Cooperstown visitors be warned, though: Not a great autograph opportunity, as all three inductees have been dead at least 70 years."

Hoo-ha Hula

I feel that all of the back-and-forth with A-Rod is him trying to position himself for a medical retirement (with pay) before MLB issues its decision that may contain a lifetime suspension (with no money) for A-Rod.

It's Best To Remember

Don't believe anything anybody says about A-Rod's woes.

I was trying to remember if A-Rod had a lively

bat during his recent time in A and Double-A. He might be getting too old to swing a big bat.

Ian O'Connor (ESPN.com) said, "Mix-ups? Alex Rodriguez is a living, breathing mix-up."

Your Serve

Dwight Perry reported (Seattle Times), "Two Thai badminton players — and former playing partners — got into a fistfight during a change of ends during the championship match at the Canada Open. In other words, during the shuttle, one got coldcocked."

Molinaro Marinara

Bob Molinaro (Hamp-tonRoads.com) wrote:

"Alex Rodriguez is hurt. He's not hurt. Who cares? The A-Rod-Yankees saga is the worst reality show ever."

It's a sign of the times that two of the happiest words in college and pro football are 'charges dropped.'

It's at least mildly suspicious when North Caro-

lina basketball player P.J. Hairston is cleared of all charges related to his June 5 arrest, but what's more fishy is UNC hasn't been hit with anything yet by the NCAA for its academic scandal. The bluebloods seem to have a way of escaping scandal."

They Said It

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times)- "A 22-year-old in Beaverton, Ore., made the mistake of using a baseball bat and a knife to rod a store- a store named Discount Gun Sales.

The owner merely pulled out some of his inventory, ordered him to drop his weapons and held him until police arrived.

Gabe Kapler (ex-outfielder) tweeted that Buster Olney (ESPN) said to Dustin Pedroia (Bos 2nd baseman) that (Curt) Shilling wants to know why you're not hitting more HR's.

Pedroia: 'Because I'm not facing him.'

R.J. Currie (Sports-Deke.com) on Carly Rae

Jenson's off target ceremonial toss before a Rays game: 'You'd think a singer would have better pitch control.'

Quick Quiz

The Sports Curmudgeon sent along this quiz: "Which is the greatest number: A. The number of Wall Street financiers to be indicted by the Obama Administration after 8 years in office?

B. The number of good ideas that have come from Michelle Bachmann in the last 6 months?

C. The ESPN ratings for WNBA games?"

In A Galaxy

Far, Far Away

The Sports Curmudgeon said that, "Dwight Perry ruminated on the Miami Marlins place in the cosmos recently in the Seattle Times:

'Scientists have discovered a planet 300 light years from Earth.

Or roughly the same distance between the Marlins and playoff contention.



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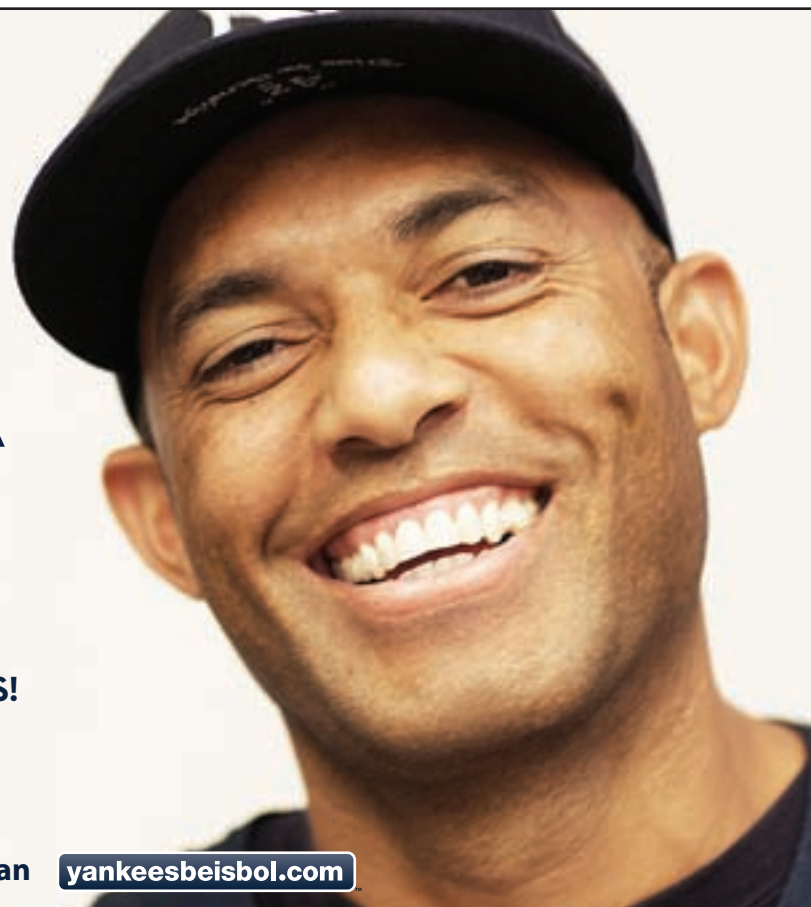
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