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Organic recycling program

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Add another garbage can to the trash and recycling ones.

The Sanitation Department has rolled out an organic recycling/composting pilot program over the past few weeks in a number of east Bronx nabes.

The agency is focusing on heavily residential areas of Community Board 10 - includ-

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Haunted Pumpkin Garden

Mariella Jose plops by a grave full of several faceless pumpkins at The New York Botanical Garden's Haunted Pumpkin Garden. Check out the highlights on page 47.

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SUBWAY REHAB MESS

Riders brace for #6 line upgrades

BY DAVID CRUZ

Your commute on the No. 6 subway line is about to get *rail* hectic.

Major work on the east Bronx line will translate to major service disruptions for everyday straphangers at the Castle Hill Avenue and Middletown Road stations starting Oct. 5th. And two more stations will be next.

It's all part of the MTA's two-year, multi-million dollar facelift on four stations that'll force riders to pack their patience, extra time and perhaps aspirin.

Work will later begin on the Buhre Avenue and Zerega avenue stations following the completion of the first two.

With subways skipping the two stations, local buses will shuttle commuters to the near-

est station as crews with Yonkers Contracting Company renovate platforms, upgrade stairs and replace tilework at the elevated stations, with a May 2014 deadline.

"I give it to maybe October 2014," said Robert Gardner, expecting to add an extra half hour to his commute. "This is terrible."

Marcia Green, a regular rail rider, expected the transit tailspin after MTA employees handed out closure notices. "They gotta do what they have to do," she shrugged.

Cheryl Taylor seconded that, taking the extra ten-minute walk to the Parkchester station in stride so long as the station's fixed. "If you see the other side, the stairs are falling down."

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City, spare those Parkway trees!

Community rallies over city adding Pel Parkway sidewalk

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Pelham Parkway tree furor is still not over.

Elected officials and community activists took to the streets Saturday, Sept. 28 to protest potential city plans.

They marched from Stillwell Avenue to Williamsbridge Road, rallying at Peace Memorial Plaza, where they called on the city not to build a sidewalk along the park side of Pelham Parkway North during its upcoming reconstruction.

Plans for the Pelham Parkway North are expected to be finalized shortly by the city Department of Design and Construction.

March and rally organizers Pelham Parkway Preservation Alliance, successfully sued the city to protect as many mature trees as possible during the multi-year reconstruction of the parkway and its service roads.



The PPPA's Joseph Menta leading the protest along Pelham Parkway North. by Patricio Robayo

"We are concerned that they are going to alienate parkland because in some spots the road on the north service road is just too narrow to put a sidewalk next to it," said PPPA co-organizer Joe Menta.

He said he has heard once the plans are finalized construction could begin in

four months.

Fellow PPPA organizer George Zulch is concerned that a sidewalk on the greenway would damage tree roots.

He spoke at the rally of the greenway giving the community rare "vistas" and providing a beautiful and historic place for the community.

The PPPA and a group of activists were joined by elected officials and community leaders, including Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Councilman Jimmy Vacca, Community Board 11 chairman Anthony Vitaliano, 80th Assembly District State Committeeman Joe McManus, Morris Park Community Association president Tony Signorile, and 49th Precinct Community Council president Joe Thompson, among others.

Klein told rally attendees that the trees on the parkway are what makes

Pelham Parkway.

Gjonaj called the mall on Pelham Parkway the Central Park of the Bronx.

There is already a walkway near the center of the greenway that is poorly maintained, he noted, and that it does not make sense to give the City another sidewalk to maintain.

After his negotiations with the mayor's office, Vacca said that he and the PPPA were able to protect scores of mature trees along the parkway during the entire duration of the reconstruction project.

The protest march and rally, he noted, was more of a preventative measure to show City Hall that the community will remain vigilant as plans are finalized for the reconstruction of the north side of the parkway.

DDC spokesman Craig Chin responded in an e-mail that his agency would work with the PPPA as it



Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj rallies the attendees at Peace Plaza on Sept. 28. by Patricio Robayo

has done in the past.

"Once we have a completed design proposal, we will present it to the local community board for comment," stated Chin, adding: "...during the reconstruction of Pelham Parkway

South, we worked with the Pelham Parkway Preservation Alliance to preserve the Parkway's canopy of mature trees. We will exercise similar care and cooperation as we rebuild the north side of the Parkway."

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around town

by David Cruz

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Birth

Nelson and Jenifer Nunez of Throggs Neck are the proud parents of **Christian Alejandro Nunez**, born September 16th. Baby Christian came into the world weighing 8lbs 2 oz.

Brandon Anthony Cruz II is another fellow September baby, coming into the world September 14th to parents Astrid Brandon and Vanessa Cruz.



PETER SCHUHMAN



CHRISTIAN ALEJANDRO NUNEZ

Good luck to the Cruz family.

Birthday

Wishing a very special birthday to **Margaret Annunziata** who celebrates her special day on October 6. Mom, we wish you the best on your birthday and through the years. We love you very much! Love, Donna, Jimmy, Jessica, Jimmy, Tommy, Laura & Sal.

Happy birthday to **Peter Schuhmann**, who turned a whopping 107 years old. His birth name is Pius Schuhmann born September 28, 1906 in Germany. He immi-

grated to the US in 1929. He got his first job 3 weeks after his arrival with the Accurate Metal Weatherstrip Co. He stayed with this company until he retired when he was 65 years old. During WW2 he served at a defense plant in Brooklyn for 4 years. He is living in the same Bronx address for the last 60 years which is in Throggs Neck. He was married for over 50 years until his wife died in 1988. He has two sons, one which he lives with. He started coming to the center in 1989 and used to come in everyday to play pool with the guys. We at the center

celebrate his birthday each year since he was 99 years old. It is a big day because all of my seniors like to come in and just take a look at him because they are amazed he is still here and looks that good. It gives each one of them hope so maybe they can live that long.

Retirement

The Regional Aid for Interim Needs gave a proper sendoff to Executive Director **Louis Vazquez**, retiring after devoting 20 years to RAIN, overseeing the lives of the borough's aged. "Mr. Vazquez will be greatly missed and the Board of Di-



LOUIS VAZQUEZ

rectors wish him the very best in his retirement. Now it's Mr. Vazquez's turn to live out his golden years.

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East Bronx traffic in a jam



Councilman Jimmy Vacca stands in a hive of traffic, as drivers take chances while cruising Bronx Park East and Southern Boulevard. The intersection along with Pelham Parkway are in need of a traffic agents, says Vacca.
Photo courtesy of Councilman Jimmy Vacca's Office

BY DAVID CRUZ

Zigzag. Break. Slow. Repeat. And don't forget a dash of patience.

That's the recipe for cruising through two east-west Bronx roadways clogged with bumper-to-bumper traffic on most days.

The congestion has provoked the ire of Councilman Jimmy Vacca, who is calling for help from Police Commissioner Ray Kelly in hopes of securing permanent traffic agents. Vacca recently toured the traffic hotspots -- the intersection of Bronx Park East and Southern Blvd. in Allerton, along with both sides of Pelham Parkway and Boston Rd.

"Those are major east-

west crossings," said Vacca. "I want the police department to put them on their radar screen."

Much of Pelham Parkway's backups often involve disjointed traffic light patterns, disrupting the flow of traffic that's worse during the morning and evening rush.

For example, Vacca said the moment the Pelham Parkway/White Plains Rd. light shifts green, the following light at Boston Rd. suddenly flips to red. The parade of cars are forced to hit the brakes, with many stuck in the middle of the road, blocking oncoming vehicles.

Meanwhile, traffic underneath the elevated No. 2 subway at White Plains

Rd. converges onto Pelham Parkway, keeping drivers jammed in a sea of vehicular chaos.

Vacca thinks mass transit options running east-west are lacking, leaving many to get behind the wheel.

A burgeoning health-care network has also contributed to daily snarls with employees from the largest sector employer contributing to a swath of drivers, according to Vacca. The problem could likely worsen in the coming months as the renovation work by the city Dept. of Design and Construction gets underway on Pelham Parkway.

The major re-construction project, one year behind schedule, will focus on

upgrades to Pelham Parkway North, diverting more drivers to its main road.

North in Allerton, much of the traffic tieups there are caused by drivers on both sides of Bronx Park East simultaneously turning onto Southern Blvd./Mosholu Pkwy, a single-lane that snakes toward the northwest Bronx.

"You can't navigate your

way because the intersection's full of cars," said Vacca.

But hectic traffic is not exclusive to those sections. Residents shuttling into City Island are already accustomed to backups, particularly during holidays, where traffic edges beyond the island and to Shore Rd.

Vacca convinced the city to dedicate traffic agents to

City Island Ave. during its peak summer season of visitors, easing traffic flow for City Islanders.

"We can modify a light here, a stop sign there. I don't think those are going to address the problem totally," said Vacca. "I think we have to use traffic agents like they would in Manhattan at major intersections that are problematic."

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Lawsuits growing over hep A scare

BY DAVID CRUZ

The hepatitis A outbreak at the New Hawaii Sea Restaurant in Westchester Square has spawned an outbreak of lawsuits.

Still closed, the longtime popular eatery at 1475 Williamsbridge Rd. faces two separate suits by patrons who dined there between Sept. 7th and 19th, the time that five customers and one worker contracted the virus.

Papers were filed in State Supreme Court by Paul Nunes, an attorney with Underberg and Kessler LLP, seeking unspecified damages against New Hawaii owners.

They charge that owners were negligent in improperly screening workers who may have been hep A carriers.

"It looks like an employee, we allege, at New Hawaii was infected with the virus," said Nunes. "And as a result had no business

coming in contact with food that would be served to the public."

Vaccinations

Nunes suggested owners should have obligated employees to be vaccinated for hep A.

Bronx resident Lisa Imperati, a customer who frequented the restaurant, approached Nunes about the case, followed by several dozen. He soon enlisted the services of Bill Marler, a popular Seattle-based litigator who won a major case against a Jack-in-the-Box restaurant in 1993.

"Bill Marler is the top food-borne illness attorney in the country," said Nunes, having worked with Marler on many "serious food-borne cases in the state."

Meanwhile, the phones of Throggs Neck lawyer Steve Kaufman have been ringing off the hook, as nearly two dozen customers have enlisted Kaufman's help in taking on New Hawaii.



Owners for the New Hawaii Sea Restaurant face a number of lawsuits following a hepatitis A outbreak that started in the Asian-fusion eatery.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

Kaufman said he will seek punitive damages against New Hawaii owners after customers suspected New Hawaii knowingly served up hep A-tainted food despite a visit by the city Health Department on Sept. 19th

to investigate the eatery. "You can ask for punitive damages if New Hawaii knew they were doing something wrong and still kept doing it," said Kaufman.

Shut Down

The city Department of Health forced the closure of

New Hawaii Sea Restaurant shortly after the agency dispatched a team to investigate claims of hep A.

Notices were soon distributed, alerting customers of possible exposure to the non-life threatening virus, known to cause a jaun-

dice appearance, diarrhea and skin rashes.

Nearly 2800 customers soon lined up outside Lehman High School during a three-day period, with the school's lower level converted into a vaccine clinic.

The restaurant is no stranger to unsanitary conditions, given a B letter grade the DOH gave it after a May 13th surprise inspection.

Investigators found an array of issues that included nagging flies in the kitchen area and several holes large enough for rats and roaches to inch through.

Despite that, customers continued to dine and praise the Asian-fusion dishes such as the spring and avocado rolls.

DOH has since cleared the restaurant to re-open following treatment.

It remains closed for "modest renovation" work unrelated to the outbreak.



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But we get word from Albany she could face tough going in the Republican-controlled Senate, first in front of its Judiciary Committee, then for a full Senate vote.

Foster, as we and others in the media have been flogging her in ink, spent a lackluster 12 years in the council, with no particular legislative accomplishments.

She will officially be departing the council Jan. 2 with THE single worst attendance record, showing up for council meetings only 60% of the time in 2012, and pretty much maintaining her Missing In Action record for the Fiscal Year 2013.

Maybe that's because she's been double-dipping, with her "part-time" \$112,000 a year

council job while working "full-time" as a \$109,800-a-year "special assistant" at the Human Rights Division.

That state salary is the "book value" of the job, since the folks at the commission declined to officially dish on their *potential* new boss.

Assemblywoman **Vanessa Gibson**, who won the Sept. 10 primary with backing from the Dem Party machine, is expected to easily win the Nov. 5 general election to fill Foster's council seat.

WABBIT UPDATE

Looks like former state Senator **Pedro (The Wascally Wabbit) Espada** is locked up in a new hutch.

The U.S. Bureau of Prisons inmate locator has him moved from Brooklyn's Metropolitan Detention Center to the Schuylkill Federal Correctional Facility in Pennsylvania, where the 59-year-old former Bronx elected has joined former City Councilman Larry Seacrook - er, Seabrook, doing

time for milking phantom non-profits.

Pedro's sentence for milking funds from his now defunct Soundview Healthcare chain runs to Oct. 2017, while the 62-year-old Larry's final release date is July 2017.

Meanwhile, Pedro's 39-year-old son, former City Councilman **Pedro Gautier Espada**, now ensconced in the Brooklyn federal lockup for similarly looting papi's clinic, will breath free air by March, 2014.

SPLITSVILLE

Longtime Borough Haller **Camilla Pinckney-Price** and Boro Prez Ruben Diaz Jr. have parted ways after 17 years, going back to when she was working for him when he was a Soundview assemblyman.

Camilla, who handled constituent services and a program for returning inmates at the BP's office, told us she's none too happy over getting her walking papers via email while sitting in her doctor's office - being treated for

stress migraines.

"I've helped thousands of people over the years, and it would be nice to continue," she told us. "I'm weighing my options."

FACE OFF

Looks like the Bronx Democratic Machine can't handle a little criticism.

Case in point: **Haile Rivera**, one of the losing candidates in that dirty little election for the 86th Assembly District where a virtually unknown party-backed candidate squeaked by with 72 votes.

Rivera complained on his Facebook that he was tossed off the party's Facebook page @Bronx Democratic County Committee.

"The fact that I disagree with how the elections of the 86th Assembly District were handled," he wrote, "does not mean I am no longer a proud Democrat, who lives in the Bronx. Wow!"

Party flack Patrick Jenkins responded that Rivera "constantly posted negative material to our closed page. We like to focus on

the positive (Read that OUR candidates)."

When we asked Rivera about it, he told us "I guess I was being a pain in the ass."

COP CORNER

Welcome aboard. To former Bronx hand, Deputy Inspector **Nilda Hoffman**, moving up from command of East Harlem's 25th Precinct to new C.O. at the Five-Two, covering Bedford Park, Fordham, Kingsbridge, Norwood and University Heights.

Hoffman's last Bronx command was as exec at the Four-Two in Morrisania, along with other prior Bronx assignments.

The Five-Two's former C.O., Inspector **Joe Dowling**, moving up from the Webster Avenue stationhouse to adjutant at Bronx Borough Command.

Congrats. To **Felix Ramos** at the Four-Eight detective squad and **Rob Rentas** at the Four-Three Squad, "makin' the money," upped to Detective Second Grade.

Beefed up. Bronx Robbery

Squad beefed up with five new detective specialists.

LONGEVITY

Our buddy, **Gary Axelbank**, the Energizer Bunny of Bronx talk show hosts, celebrating the 19th anniversary of Bronx-Talk over at BronxNet public TV on Monday, Oct.14 with his guest former NY Ranger hockey great **Mark Messier**, now CEO of the Kingsbridge National Ice Center in the old Kingsbridge Armory - if approved by the City Council.

Gary and longtime show producer **Jane Folloro** will be doing the 900th edition of Bronx-Talk on Oct. 28, guest yet to be named.

BRONX BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 10 - Retired NYPD sergeant, unofficial department historian **Mike Bosak** - and burr in PC Ray Kelly's saddle with his daily cop newsletter.

Oct. 10 - **Artie Ramos** of SideStreet

Oct. 12 - Daily News politigal blogger **Celeste Katz**

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Gas ban call for illegal bikers

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. fighting rowdy riders

BY DAVID CRUZ

Filler up? Not!

Those annoying, ear-splitting motorcycles blasting through Bronx streets could be running on empty.

That's if Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. gets his way, pumping up support for a bill he's drafted that would cut off illegal dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles from Bronx gas stations.

Should a cyclist use a credit card as a way to activate the pump, an attendee could simply de-activate it from the computer screen.

Diaz would have a member of the Bronx City Council delegation officially introduce the bill.

The proposal comes after a summer long attempt by the Diaz administration and Bronx police commander Assistant Chief Carlos Gomez to curb the number of dangerous speed-

sters cruising through Bronx streets, often seen in Port Morris, Hunts Point and City Island where long thoroughfares serve as a playground for thrillseeking bikers.

"There is a time and place for bikes," said Diaz. "And that's on dirt, not the city's streets."

Many times, cyclists flaunt their antics on social media sites like YouTube, where channels such as Bronx Life feature large groups of cyclists popping risky wheelies, surrounding cars, and taking over highways.

In some cases, riders completely skirt traffic rules as they blow through red lights on populated streets without helmets or license plates, putting the public on edge while jarring their eardrums from noisy mufflers.

Police have been study-



A parade of cyclists mob a gas station in Mott Haven over the summer. A bill by BP Diaz seeks to cut off illegal riders from gas. Photo courtesy of the Borough President's Office

ing videos to detect any known spots where roadsters are likely to park their vehicles unnoticed.

Diaz penned a letter to NYPD top cop Ray Kelly, demanding officers stage a crackdown on cyclists.

It's likely the only move the police can make since current NYPD policy forbids officers from chasing

cyclists, seeing a greater danger to the public as a result.

Borough cops were successful this past summer with "Operation Flat Tire," led by Bronx Borough command Inspector Kevin Harrington, seizing 241 motorbikes and ATVs, issuing 192 summonses in the Bronx, an over 60% jump from 2012's take.

The bill comes days after two cyclists linked to a large mob, menaced a man for miles while driving on the West Side Highway, beating and stabbing him in front of his wife and two-year-old child in Manhattan's Washington Heights.

"What happened...shows that these incidents are dangerous to bike riders and the public-at-large," said Diaz. "And we cannot tolerate more New Yorkers, and for that matter more bike riders, to be hurt."



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Bronx 'Welcome' sign an eyesore

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The signs they are a'changing - hopefully.

Locals say a "Welcome to the Bronx" sign atop a billboard is falling apart and an eyesore on civic pride.

The billboard, visible to drivers on the Bronx-bound Robert F. Kennedy Bridge, has also been empty of ads.

The 20-foot by 80-foot billboard and the Bronx sign above it are owned by New York-based City Outdoor USA.

Chief Operating Officer Chris Carr said that the billboard has been there since the 1950s.

The company is in the process of getting a new permit from the Department of Buildings so they can place ads on the billboard.

"Basically [the permitting process] has not been completed yet because it takes a bit of time," he said, noting that the billboard has had steady local and regional ads from the 1950s

through the 1970s.

But the Bronx sign atop it has been a victim of the slow recovery in media companies after the recession, he said, as well as the permit issue and stiff competition for ad dollars from other billboard locations.

"When it is all legally permitted and such, we will begin reselling the board," he said. "It is a really good board as a feeder to the Bronx - to Yankee Stadium, the Bronx Zoo...car dealerships, restaurants, and the whole local community. That is probably where it will have its greatest impact."

Throggs Neck resident Anthony Susi, who uses the RFK bridge five days a week, called the Bronx sign "an eyesore to say the least."

"To those of us who live here, it certainly is an embarrassment," Susi stated in an e-mail. "It's unfortunately the first impression



Some borough boosters are saying this billboard on the Bronx approach from the RFK bridge is an eyesore and needs to be rented now.

that people get of the Bronx, and in a time where first impressions are just about everything, this sign certainly misses the mark."

Bronxites need to take some pride in where they

live and "welcome" a change, he added.

John Bonizio, Westchester Square Business Improvement District chairman and local businessman, has also no-

ticed the sign was in poor condition and an eyesore.

"Somebody of means who is in the Bronx and concerned about the image of the Bronx should make sure that something like this

never happens," he fumed. "This is an image problem - which is the problem of the Bronx in general."

He said the sign needs to be painted because some of the lettering is missing from the word "available".

A spokesman for the Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. said that he is already involved in making this space look more becoming.

"Our office has reached out to the billboard owner several times, and we have not heard back," said spokesman John DeSio. "We would like to start a conversation with the owner. It is the first thing people see when they come to the Bronx, and we want it to look nice."

If anyone is interested in the available billboard, they can call City Outdoor USA at (718) 292-6080. It normally is rented out on a month-to-month basis.

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40th PCT.

THURS, AUG. 22nd, 10:45 a.m. — St. Ann's Ave. and East 150 St. Officials were alerted that a body of a male had been discovered. A 40 year old Hispanic male's body was found lying on the old railroad right away for an old freight line. Investigators believe that the man might have died from a drug overdose but a waiting for the Medical Examiner's autopsy report before saying that the incident is not suspicious.

SAT, AUG. 24th, 8:30 p.m. — Authorities were alerted that an elderly woman had been sexually assaulted. Police officers conducted a search for the unknown male culprit who raped a 73 year old woman. The woman was transported to Lincoln Medical Center for specialized care.

SUN, AUG. 25th, 5:30 p.m. — 526 Morris Ave. A police supervisor was forced to use a Taser on a person. Authorities report that the Taser was used to gain control of an emotionally disturbed person who was acting violently while in the street. Once in custody, the person was transported to Lincoln Medical Center.

TUES, AUG. 27th, 9:05 p.m. — 308 East 145 St. Two police officers required medical attention. The officers were injured by a suspect who was in custody. The injured officers were transported to Jacobi Medical Center where they were provided with the needed medical care.

41st PCT.

MON, AUG. 26th, 12:30 a.m. — Members of the Bronx Special Victim's Squad are looking into a report that a young teenage girl had been raped. The victim, a 14 year old girl, was reported raped by a male believed to be 29 year old.

42nd PCT.

FRI, AUG. 23rd, 5:35 p.m. — 1176 Hoe Ave. Detectives were notified that a male had been shot. Responding police officers found a 48 year old Hispanic male who had been shot in the head. The man in critical condition was transported to Lincoln Medical Center and expired around 6 p.m. Bronx Homicide Detectives are handling the inquiry along with local detectives.

SAT, AUG. 24th, 2:45 a.m. — 750 East 163 St. Police sleuths are looking into a shooting that sent a 26 year old black male to the hospital. The male victim was suffering from two separate wounds. The man had been shot in the shoulder and neck area officials indicated. The staff at Lincoln Medical Center treated the injured man.

43rd PCT.

SUN, AUG. 25th, 8:00 a.m. — 1998 Bruckner Blvd. An inquiry began when investigators learned that an elderly male had been attacked. An 84 year old man was struck in the



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head, knocking him unconscious. Police officers indicated that nothing was reported taken during the attack. The injured man was transported to Montefiore's Einstein Hospital. The inquiry is underway.

TUES, AUG. 27th, 8:10 p.m. — Seward Ave. and White Plains Rd. Police officers from the Critical Investigation Unit were needed at the scene of a serious accident. A woman who had been struck by a vehicle was transported to Jacobi Medical Center. Despite efforts to assist the victim, she expired around 8:40 p.m. The inquiry is ongoing.

44th PCT.

THURS, AUG. 22nd, 9:25 p.m. — 1055 Findlay Ave. Authorities are looking into an incident that cost a 17 year old boy his life. The black male teenager was transported to Lincoln Medical Center after falling from a building's roof. He died despite the medical effort to save him shortly before 10 p.m.

SAT, AUG. 24th, 4:30 a.m. — College Ave. and East 165 St. A stabbing brought police officers into the Morrisiana community. A 25 year old black male had been stabbed in the abdomen officials indicated. Once on the scene, an ambulance crew transported the injured man to St. Barnabas Hospital as police officers searched the crime scene for any evidence.

SAT, AUG. 24th, 6:20 a.m. — 1140 Anderson Ave. Authorities are looking into the death of a male. Apparently the male had jumped from the rear of a building in the Highbridge section. The male's body then fell down a cliff officials indicated. Medical officials indicated that the victim had expired.

SAT, AUG. 24th, 12:30 p.m. — Morris Ave. and East 165 St. A search was conducted for the culprit who robbed a senior citizen. The unknown culprit preyed on a 94 year old black woman. The thief took the woman's gold chain by pulling her to the ground. The woman received a minor injury to her elbow but refused medical aid. Detectives are looking for the culprit.

SUN, AUG. 25th, 12:50 a.m. — 155 West 162 St. Police were summoned to the Highbridge area after learning of a home invasion. Apparently two Hispanic males pushed their way into an apartment. Taken during the incident were an I-pad and also an I-phone. Detectives are looking into the incident.

SUN, AUG. 25th, 9:50 a.m. — 1065 Ogden Ave. A year old Hispanic

male was fighting for his life officials reported. The baby boy was found by a relative not breathing. After arriving at Lincoln Medical Center officials indicated that the infant was in critical, but stable condition. Authorities indicated that there were no signs of visible injuries.

SUN, AUG. 25th, 10:30 p.m. — 1012 Nelson Ave. Police officials were faced with a barricade situation. Additional police officers from the Bronx Task Force were requested at the scene in addition to members of the Emergency Service Squad. Officials also requested members of the Technical Assistance and Response Unit besides Hostage Negotiators. Once the Hispanic male was in police control, he was arrested.

MON, AUG. 26th, 1:25 p.m. — Sheridan Ave. and East 172 St. Responding to a report that a gun had been discharged, authorities arrested a suspect. Police officers were able to recover a gun that still had a bullet in its chamber. Also found at the crime scene was evidence indicating that at least two other bullets had been fired. Detectives are still looking for another culprit who fled.

45th PCT.

FRI, AUG. 23rd, 7:05 a.m. — Hutchinson River Pkwy. and East Tremont Ave. It took authorities some 40 minutes to clear the parkway after a tractor-trailer collided with an overpass. The commercial vehicle which is not permitted to be traveling on the roadway north of the Bruckner Traffic circle was traveling south when it was unable to clear the span. Police officers from Highway 1 were dispatched to the scene. The highway had to be shut down so that the vehicle could be safely removed. No injuries were reported and by 7:45 a.m. the roadway was totally reopened.

46th PCT.

THURS, AUG. 22nd, 12:05 a.m. — 1535 University Ave. Officials launched an inquiry after learning of a shooting. A black male was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital after being shot three times in the torso area of the body. Local detectives are handling the investigation.

THURS, AUG. 22nd, 10:30 p.m. — 1501 Undercliff Ave. Additional police officers were dispatched into the West Bronx after authorities received a report that a 23 year old male was abducted. After conducting a search of the area, the inquiry was turned over to detectives for the follow up investigation.

SUN, AUG. 25th, 3:45 a.m. — Anthony Ave. and East Tremont Ave. Police investigators are looking into an incident where a male had been shot. Suffering from a bullet wound to the leg, the injured male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital.

SUN, AUG. 25th, 6:40 a.m. — Creston Ave. and East 184 St. A search was conducted for three males whom robbed a man who was enroute to work. A Hispanic man was walking to work when the three unknown culprits approached him. The male victim was stabbed in the right forearm as the trio robbed the victim. The culprits fled empty handed. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

MON, AUG. 26th, 1:15 a.m. — 1895 Grand Concourse. Authorities are looking into a home invasion where the unknown culprits said that they were police officers. Apparently two males yelled that they were the "police" ended up forcing their way into a home besides pushing the victim inside. The pair was armed with a gun the victim stated to officials. It was unknown what property the two male culprits fled with.

MON, AUG. 26th, 8:00 a.m. — Police officials were trying to figure out what had happened. Investigators learned that there was an attempt to rape a high intoxicated 14 year old girl. The teen was transported to North Central Bronx Hospital meanwhile authorities arrested 6 persons including the victim's mother.

47th PCT.

THURS, AUG. 22nd, 3:10 a.m. — 3700 White Plains Rd. A 35 year old black male was reported to be in stable condition after being shot. The injured man was transported to Jacobi Medical Center in stable condition. He was suffering from a bullet wound to the right hip.

THURS, AUG. 22nd, 2:00 p.m. — Katonah Ave. and East 236 St. An off duty police officer was transported to Jacobi Medical Center. The officer had been struck by a vehicle in the Woodlawn section. Medical officials indicated that the officer was suffering from a fractured arm.

TUES, AUG. 27th, 10:00 p.m. — Boston Rd. and East Gun Hill Rd. Ambulance person assisted nine injured persons including two police officers. All nine persons were injured in a vehicle accident involving a police vehicle. The two officers were treated for back and neck injuries. All injured were reported in stable condition.

48th PCT.

THURS, AUG. 22nd, 10:30 p.m. — 2404 Bathgate Ave. Detectives were alerted that a teenager had been shot. A black 19 year old male was suffering from a bullet wound to the left foot. The boy was treated at St. Barnabas Hospital for the injury. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

MON, AUG. 26th, 7:20 p.m. — 2031 Hughes Ave. Police investigators are looking into a report that a home was invaded. Officials were told that three black males forced their way into a home at knife point. The thieves removed an unknown amount of medication from the home.

TUES, AUG. 27th, 6:25 p.m. — 482 East Tremont Ave. Three black males decided to rob a neighborhood phone store. The unknown trio fled with seven hundred dollars in cash besides several phones. Additional police officers were dispatched into the area to help search for the culprits.

49th PCT.

FRI, AUG. 23rd, 10:00 p.m. — 2865 White Plains Rd. Police were summoned to a local hospital. A 45 year old black male walked in to Montefiore Hospital seeking care for a stab wound. The man had been stabbed in the left leg officials indicated. An inquiry is underway by local detectives.

50th PCT.

TUES, AUG. 27th, 2:20 p.m. — Broadway and West 251 St. An investigation was launched by local detectives after a body was discovered. Police officers came aware of a body that was found inside Van Cortlandt Park western area. A 22 year old black male apparently took his own life authorities believe. Investigators will wait for the official report from the Medical Examiner's office before stating that the death was a suicide.

52nd PCT.

SUN, AUG. 25th, 1:40 a.m. — 3521 DeKalb Ave. First responders were alerted that a person had fired a gun out of a window. Arriving police officers were faced with a person who had fired a gun out of a window. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad with their specialized equipment were summoned to the scene to assist local police officers. Once in custody around 2:15 a.m., two arrests were made by authorities including a 25 year old female from Manhattan. The second culprit was described as a 29 year old male.

SUN, AUG. 25th, 8:45 p.m. — West Fordham Rd. and Major Deegan Expwy. Police arrested the culprit who assaulted a victim of a vehicle accident at the busy intersection. The culprit was charged

with assault.

MON, AUG. 26th, 7:00 a.m. — 373 East Fordham Rd. Authorities were alerted that another pharmacy was broken into. Detectives are waiting to review video security tapes and also for a list of missing item. Meanwhile the inquiry is underway.

MON, AUG. 26th, 10:00 a.m. — 40 Mosholu Pkwy. Police officers were called after a body was discovered. Authorities were waiting for the autopsy report so that they determine how the 35 year old black man died. Once all the test results are returned, the Medical Examiner will release the report and their findings.

TUES, AUG. 27th, 12:20 a.m. — 2290 Andrews Ave. Police investigators are faced with a homicide that occurred near West 183 St. A 35 year old Hispanic male was found suffering from two separate bullet wounds. The man has been shot once in the side and also once in the chest area. He was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital in critical condition where he expired a short time later.

Fire Log

SAT, AUG. 24th, 12:15 a.m. — 2622 Chesebrough Ave. Firefighters were met by a heavy smoke condition as they arrived at a working fire near Blondell Ave. The blaze was reported in an auto repair shot. The incident commander ordered that two house lines be placed into operation pouring hundreds of gallons of water onto the flames each minute. Ladder crews checked the roof checking to see if the flames gained possession of that area of the building. At 12:35 a.m. an additional engine and ladder company were requested. Within minutes progress was being made and the incident commander indicated that the status of the situation was upgraded to "probably will hold" before declaring the incident under control.

MON, AUG. 26th, 10:00 p.m. — 3104 Wilkinson Ave. Firefighters from several stations were dispatched to a reported fire in a four-story dwelling near Bruckner Blvd. Battalion 20 upon arrival at the scene requested additional help. Engine crews were able to get water quickly on the flames cut off their spread. Within minutes Battalion 20 was able to have some of the additional units return to their previous assignments.

TUES, AUG. 27th, 12:30 p.m. — 2219 Virgil Pl. A fire was reported in the Castle Hill community. Firefighters arriving at the scene near Havemeyer Ave. found the fire outside the private home. The blaze was at the carport which was attached to the home. Ladder 47 upon arrival indicating that they were faced with a working fire. Engine companies quickly arrived and were able to get water onto the fire, knocking it down.

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Dear editor,

Bronx Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 11 would like to thank Bronx Times Reporter Patrick Rocchio and photographer Patricio Roboyo for taking the time to cover our 2nd Annual CERT Awareness Event on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at Loreto Playground.

I realize you must receive numerous requests. So it means that much more that you did cover our event. Your paper has helped our team educate our community on emergency preparedness.

I always enjoy reading your articles and am happy to be a part of it. Thanks again.

Stay Safe,

Janet Portuallo

Bronx Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 11 Secretary

Boro crime

Dear editor,

In my research about Bronx crime and safety, I found David Cruz's January 15th article titled "CompStat: 49th Precinct Safest in BX" in the

Bronx Times' website.

In it, Mr. Cruz cites the 49th Precinct ranks as the "second safest precinct in the five boroughs".

A quick search of 2012 CompStat numbers show that not only is that statement not correct, the 49th Precinct isn't even the safest precinct in the Borough of The Bronx.

The safest precinct in The Bronx in 2012 was the 50th Precinct.

There were 1,571 major crimes in the 49th Precinct in 2012. The 50th Precinct had 994 major crimes in 2012.

Please give the credit where credit is due. The Bronx Times should do the right thing and correct this.

Those officers in the "Five-Oh" deserve the praise and accolades for their hard work.

Below you'll find links to the CompStats:

49th Precinct CompStat: http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/downloads/pdf/crime_statistics/cs049pct.pdf.

50th Precinct CompStat: http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/downloads/pdf/crime_statistics/cs050pct.pdf.

Una Fortunado

Hate crimes?

Dear editor,

I agree with Ken Reynolds' sentiment that classifying some crimes as "hate crimes" is nonsense.

If only Mr. Reynolds had ended his letter after making that point!

However, the letter continued, like a runaway train, as Mr. Reynolds found a new boogey-man, a new, imagined threat ---dah-dah-dah---the

ominous threat posed by "the curse of multiculturalism".

Reynolds fears diversity because it results in a populace, "less white, less Christian and

less English speaking"; he has difficulty accepting, as equals,

people that do not look like him, speak as he speaks or worship as he worships.

Following Ken's "logic", non-white, non-Christian non English speaking residents are not worthy of respect, due to their "otherness", due to the fact that they

are not mirror images of himself.

Reynolds protested when an earlier letter pointed out that his views could be viewed as racist, yet his own words support this opinion.

While ever quick to criticize, Mr. Reynolds offers no solution to solve the purported problem of multiculturalism.

Perhaps Reynolds advocates that America return to the good old days when unfair quotas limited immigration from Southern Europe, or a return to the shameful era when the Chinese Exclusion Act excluded all souls from that country.

Shall we establish quotas for immigrants from "less desirable" (non-white, non-Christian) countries, in order to limit their numbers?

Diversity is what made America the strong vibrant country that we know; decrying multiculturalism reveals alack of common sense or judgment.

Reynolds, my friend, I suggest that you break the habit of getting your opinions ready-made, shaped by Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh, and instead do some independent reading.

A good starting point would be 'Thomas Jefferson - The Art of Power,' by Jon Meacham.

Better yet, examine the Declaration of Independence, arguably the most important American document ever written. You will find absolutely no support for your exclusionary mindset in this seminal document.

Pasqual Pelosi

Ducking debates

Dear editor,

Democratic Party Mayoral candidate Bill de Blasio is following the infamous Rose Garden Strategy of ignoring underdog Republican challenger Joe Lhota and refusing to participate in a series of public debates between now and election day.

De Blasio is stalling by claiming there is plenty of time to work out a schedule of de-

bates.

In the meantime, he has time daily to roll out endorsements from fellow Democrats on the steps of City Hall.

He is running out the clock in negotiations between the two with the goal of agreeing to a handful of debates knowing full well that his election is already preordained.

Republican Lhota has challenged him to a series of five debates, one in each borough. de Blasio has only agreed to three debates to date.

Leading up to the September Democratic Party Primary starting in January, de Blasio participated in over 100 forums and debates on a daily basis with Quinn, Thompson, Liu, Weiner and Albanese.

If Bill De Blasio refuses to participate in series of debates with his underdog Republican challenger Joe Lhota, he should be subject to critical newspaper

editorials. He should forfeit any chance of endorsements by media outlets.

Larry Penner

Vet internet resource

Dear editor,

Recently I became aware of an internet resource that easily accesses the Viet Nam Wall Memorial virtually. It contains the names, bio's, pictures and other info of all those who paid the ultimate price during that endeavor. The web site is: WWW.VIRTUALWALL.ORG. Click the state then New York, New York regardless of the borough of birth. This brings up the names, bio's and so on. Those who remember that era, or perhaps lost friends or family can look them up on this site.

In many ways the war was divisive which fueled the unjust treatment of those fortunate enough to return home safely.

Many were scorned, called vicious names and it seemed that our leaders of the day completely ignored and/or were indifferent to them and their sacrifice.

It was as if they did something wrong by dutifully serving their country with honor and on numerous occasions with heroic valor. I find this indifference of their sacrifice a profoundly sad chapter in America's history.

May God walk with all those who silently returned home safely and most of all for those distinguished Americans on the wall.

James Cronin

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Bad news, good news on job front

Borough's jobless rate 12% while 12G jobs added to its workforce

BY BEN KOCHMAN

The Bronx remains far and away New York's most unemployed county, but the borough picked up 12,000 new jobs over the last year, according to the latest State Department of Labor report.

Around 493,300 Bronxites currently have jobs, a 12,000 jump from the tally in August 2012, according to the report. The new jobs appear to have largely not displaced existing positions, as the unemployment rate has stayed steady at 12%, compared to 12.8% last year at this time.

The growing raw number of employed people in the Bronx is an encouraging sign for the borough, said Elena Volovelskaya, a state labor economist.

"The fact that more people are coming to the Bronx and the unemployment rate has not gone up is impressive," she said.

Bronxites have lagged behind in employment for as long as such statistics have been kept, Volovelskaya said. The borough enjoyed a brief respite from the No.1 spot in April 2013, when tiny Hamilton County topped the unemployment rate list.

But Hamilton, with a population of under 5,000 and an extremely seasonal economy, is statistical chump change compared to the Bronx. In the winter, the jobs in the chilly Upstate town evaporate, causing volatile upticks in the unemployment rate, said Anthony Hayden, a State labor economist in the region.

Then in the summer the area is flooded with visitors, and nearly the entire workforce finds a job. Case in point—the latest DOL statistics have Hamilton going from worst to first, now ranked as the best county for employ-

ment in the State, with only 4.2% unemployment.

In the Bronx, the unemployment problem is more consistent. Healthcare and retail remain the borough's largest hirers, while an inability to speak English and an embattled education system remain the borough's major roadblocks, Volovelskaya said.

But a laundry list of retail developments in the pipeline has economists and politicians hoping that the borough's unemployment rate can continue to sink. The 12% of unemployed Bronxites remains over 3% more than the city-wide rate of 8.6%, according to the DOL's report. The next most unemployed county behind the Bronx is Brooklyn, or Kings County, which ranked at 9.6%.

City officials broke ground last week on a \$35 two-building complex in

the Hub that promises to bring 200 permanent jobs to the borough. A plan to convert the vacant Kingsbridge Armory into a massive ice skating rink calls for 200 local jobs, and the grocery

delivery company FreshDirect has promised hundreds of Bronxite jobs as a result of its relocation to Port Morris, which is partly funded by \$87 million in subsidies from the city's Industrial

Development Corporation. "The business development and new retail projects are a good sign. They just have to continue with the work they have been doing," Volovelskaya said.

CERT TRAINING HELD FOR EMERGENCIES

The Bronx Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was trained for emergencies on Saturday, September 14 in Morris Park. The group, created by the Ready New York Initiative, helps prepare responders and police in the case of a natural disaster or other pressing events. Area hospitals and a nonprofit creating children's ID cards were also on hand for the event, which lasted from 11 a.m to 4 p.m.



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Free Wifi for Fordham Road

Internet hotspots coming to shopping district

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Fordham's Business Improvement District (BID) has netted an online upgrade.

The city announced plans to install free Wi Fi access starting this December in the buzzing commercial stretch of East Fordham Road from Grand Concourse to Arthur Avenue.

Internet hubs will be installed along the shopping district in phases over the next three years, but a precise timeframe is not yet in place, said Wilma Alonso, executive director of the BID.

The program will be set up in a series of online access points sponsored by the Spanish company Gowex, which already hosts 1,953 hotspots in New York and recently teamed up with San Francisco to install 450 "smart zones" in the Golden

Gate City.

The added Wi Fi connectivity is also coming to downtown Brooklyn, Manhattan's Flatiron District, Queens' Long Island City and to Staten Island's St. George's shopping district, announced Mayor Bloomberg Monday, September 30 at a press conference at Brooklyn's Metrotech building.

The total cost of the project is \$4.6 million, with the city footing \$900,000 and rest shouldered by private company sponsors.

The first wave of Bronx Wi Fi access zones is not yet set in stone, said Alonso, but BID shoppers or students trickling down from nearby Fordham University will be able to get online both outside and in local businesses, who will have a chance to opt into the service, Alonso said.

"We're happy that



The Fordham Road Business Improvement District.

through the mayor's office we can tap into something like this," Alonso said. "It's very important for our businesses to have internet connectivity."

Mayor Bloomberg heralded the initiative as a boon to would-be internet entrepreneurs.

"If New York City is going to remain competitive in the global economy, we must find ways to support the entrepreneurs who are driving technological advances and creating jobs," he said.

But the Fordham BID is not exactly Silicon Val-

ley. The 300 shops that line the district run the gauntlet from 99 cent shops to upscale jewelry stores, and many do not currently even have a website, Alonso said.

Shops in the BID will be able to upload coupons onto a BID homepage as a mar-

keting tool, she said.

"The challenge will be to engage the small businesses, but as soon as they know how easy it will be, they will be inclined to participate," Alonso said.

Gowex will use city property such as bus stops to house the networks, said Alonso, and will also install devices known as repeaters that magnify the Wi Fi signals.

The city's contract with Gowex runs for three years, she said, during which time she hopes that smartphone-bearing visitors will be able to check out the latest deals in BID shops on their devices.

"Who doesn't walk around with a phone with internet these days?" she said. "To walk down a commercial district and be connected and interacting with the businesses will be exciting."

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Palminteri to perform at Lehman

BY DAVID CRUZ

On the 20th anniversary of Chazz Palminteri's "A Bronx Tale," the Belmont native is taking his solo show where it all began.

For the first time, Palminteri will perform his one-man show in the borough, gracing Lehman Stage's Lovinger Theater Oct. 17th at 7 pm for "A Bronx Tale."

The semi-autobiographical memoir tells the story of a young Bronx boy befriend- ing a local gangster.

The tale began as an off-Broadway show Palminteri penned in 1989, later adapted into the feature film directed and co-star- ring Robert DeNiro. The show was revived on Broad- way in 2007, receiving criti- cal acclaim.

"It has a message of wasted talent, fathers and sons, racism," said Palminteri, chosen as this year's Bronx Columbus Day grand marshal. "It has those hot- button issues that people can connect to. These are the

themes that have been hap- pening in mankind since mankind was here."

Palminteri's gone on the road with his one-man show for years, sharing a glimpse of his life growing up in working class, heavily Ital- ian Belmont.

He's still a regular there, dining at several restau- rants and hitting the neigh- borhood shops.

He's also a regular on the silver screen and television, appearing in shows "Blue Bloods" and "Modern Fam- ily."

But despite the 855 solo performances of his play, Palminteri still has to re- member his lines for his 856th show, morphing into a dozen characters in 90 min- utes. It doesn't take much for Palminteri to learn his lines, he said, just a couple of trips to the treadmill to jog his memory.

Palminteri, reminding locals he's still indebted to a borough that catapulted him to stardom, will not accept a

nickel for his performance at Lehman, but rather give all proceeds to the Child Reach Foundation, his nonprofit with a two-fold goal -- fund- ing research for pediatric diseases and grants to law enforcement families that have children with special needs.

"We have raised over a million dollars for thalas- semia and for officers with a special needs child," said Palminteri, who chairs the foundation with wife Gianna and lifelong friend Phil Fo- glia.

Grants have so far gone to the New York State Police In- vestigators Association, De- tectives Endowment Asso- ciation and the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

"There's such a great need out there, and we're working really hard," said Gianna.

Theatergoers can go to www.brownpapertickets.com for tickets to the Leh- man show. Sponsorships for the playbill are also avail- able.



Chazz Palminteri will perform "A Bronx Tale" in the Bronx, taking to the stage at Lehman Stage's Lovinger Theater Oct. 17th at 7 pm. Photo by Aracelis Batista

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School fight over Icahn Charter HS

Opposition to new school merging with two middle schools

BY DAVID CRUZ

A push to cram a charter high school into a Pelham Parkway middle school building has met resistance by educators, concerned over creating tensions and overcrowding.

Two meetings hosted by the city Education Dept. will decide whether the new Icahn Charter High School (ICHS) should be co-located into Junior High School 144, a turnaround school on the brink of succeeding.

The school at 2545 Gunther Ave. sits in District 11, which already has four of the borough's seven Icahn schools.

JHS 144 already shares the four-story building with the highly-praised Pelham Gardens Middle School, bringing total occupancy to 65%.

Emily Giblin, a JHS 144 teacher, worried "co-locat-

tion would bring a fight for space, a fight for resources, tensions among leaders and things we shouldn't have to deal with at this moment."

Icahn charter schools end at the sixth or eighth grade. ICHS would serve as a way to retain its graduating eighth graders, continuing the same high-level of education.

The proposal echoes the DOE's 2008 decision to co-locate the Sports Professions High School into the campus, resulting in classes taught inside trailers parked in the schoolyard.

The DOE has now backpedaled on prior assurances that guaranteed the building would no longer serve the high school.

"We were told no high school would be returning to 144," said Councilman Jimmy Vacca. "So obvi-



Community Board 11 education committee chairwoman Diane Norris (center) raises objections on the proposal to co-locate the Icahn Charter High School with JHS 144. Photo by David Cruz

ously DOE's word means nothing."

Vacca, along with Sen. Jeff Klein, have also joined

the fight to prevent the co-location.

Community Board Hearing

Community Board 11 officially opposed the plan following a Sept. 26th hearing, where members heard from educators.

"We're not opposed to the charter high school," said Pamela Johnson, head of the Community Education District Council 11. "We don't want them mixed up with the middle school."

Members were also concerned middle school students in the neighborhood would have little chance to even apply for ICHS since officials will matriculate students who've graduated from Icahn's middle school.

If approved, roughly 40-50 ninth graders from the Icahn system will attend in 2014, with the DOE adding another grade each year until it reaches capacity during the 2017-18 school year.

Harry Hartfield, a spokesman for the DOE, stood by the agency's bid to co-locate the school, citing it's decade long policy that's "delivered historic highs in graduation rates, lowered drop-out rates by half, and given parents more school options than ever before in city history."

"Our strategy has worked," said Hartfield. "And with this new school, that progress will continue."

Co-location would take effect in the 2014-15 school year should the Panel for Educational Policy vote in favor of it at an Oct. 15 public meeting.

DOE officials will hear from the public at a separate hearing slated for 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7th at 2545 Gunther Ave.

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Klein funding helps schools initiative

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Thanks to a \$700,000 state budget allocation secured by Senator Jeff Klein, three more Bronx schools will become part of the NYC Community Learning Schools Initiative, receiving such services as dental and vision care and a plethora of after-school and enrichment activities.

The schools can also use the money on programing school officials feel will help the students and their families.

"As elected officials, we have a duty to ensure our children receive a first-rate education," said Senator Jeff Klein, who secured the funding and was joined by United Federation of Teachers union president Michael Mulgrew in announcing the funding at a press conference at P.S. 83 in Morris Park on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

"Community Learning Schools take this one

step further, by providing schools with the resources they need to help students and their families meet the tough challenges outside the classroom," said Klein. "These schools will be able to provide college counseling, tutoring, cultural programming or even health services, allowing the school community to decide which services best fit their needs."

Besides P.S. 83, P.S. 14 in Waterbury-LaSalle, and the International School for Liberal Arts in Kingsbridge Heights will be added to an existing program run by educational advocacy organizations and the United Federation of Teachers.

"The way to make an impact on students' lives is to put the services that can make a difference – things like health and dental care, social services, support for families – where children and their families can take advantage of them, in city



Students from P.S. 83 give a thumbs up as Senator Jeff Klein presents a ceremonial check for the community schooling program on Wednesday, Sept. 25. Photo by Patrick Rocchio

schools," said Mulgrew.

He thanked Klein for securing the funding for expanding the number of CLSs schools, and also thanked Gov. Cuomo for having the vision to advocate for the

CLS initiative.

Mulgrew noted that at six schools where the CLS program began last year, the vision services provided to children learned that 40% of children tested

could not see properly.

"It was only because we said we needed the service that we found out," he said. "You have to put that in the context of a child sitting in a classroom who could not

see properly and no one had detected that before."

Schools are ideal places for families to be able to come to and get needed help, Mulgrew added.

P.S. 83 will be able to maintain after-school programing it has had for 10 years, after a foundation's grant ran out, said principal Brandon Muccino.

The programing covers theatrical productions, arts, tutoring programs, social media group, sports, and a school philanthropic organization for students.

"There was an after-school program for almost every student in the school," he said. "If you had an interest in something, we had an activity for you. This program will hopefully allow us to continue that."

The school also plans on adding vision screening and a healthy cooking program that can help fight obesity, he added.

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Captain Ed Sadler street co-naming

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A City Island community activist and life-long islander is being honored with the co-naming of the street corner just steps from his home.

The corner of City Island Avenue and Schofield Street will be named in honor Captain Ed Sadler in a ceremony at noon on Saturday, October 5. Councilman Jimmy Vacca got the street co-named "Ed Sadler Way".

"Ed Sadler was a true student of the history of City Island and a man who knew what it meant to work hard and give back to the community that he called home for over 90 years," said Vacca.

Sadler worked as an FDNY fireboat captain on New York harbor for 35 years. During that time, he was granted a permit from the FDNY to operate the Hell Gate Pilot - steering ships from Long Island Sound to New York Harbor.

He passed away in November 2011 in the same Schofield Street house where he was born some 95 years earlier. That house was built by his grandfather, and is next door to City Island's firehouse.

He was lifelong parishioner at Trinity United Methodist Church and served a trustee there for many years. He was also a trustee of the Pelham Masonic Lodge for 12 years, and member for 67 years.

When he passed away, he was president of the City Island Historical Society, which runs the island's Nautical Museum.

As a member of the City Island Civic Association, he was a tireless advocate for fire safety on City Island, making the case for keeping Ladder Company 53 open at several town-hall meetings and rallies since the Bloomberg administration proposed closing it in the aftermath of Wall Street's financial crises and the ensuing recession.

"He was until his last days the essence of a community activist," said friend Roberto Soto. "He was a man who stood for what he believed in and one of the issues I saw him get very much involved in was making sure that Ladder 53 was kept intact and available for City Islanders. I think part of it was because he was a fire boat captain and he knew the importance of having firefighters nearby to

keep the community safe."

One of Ed's sons, Dick Sadler, said his father would be very honored by the recognition and respect that the City Island community and the city has given him.

"He loved the people of the City Island community, and the maritime history on the island," said Dick Sadler, adding it is "a honor to be his son when you realize all that he has accomplished."

In the height of the controversy over the possible closure of Ladder 53, Ed Sadler recalled something his trainer had told him when he was a probationary firefighter in 1939. He repeated it at numerous meetings, saying, in effect, that the no engine company is worth its salt unless the ladder company that proceeds it does the forcible entry and search & rescue while the engine company does the pumping and spraying of water.

His son said that his father was arguing that breaking up the team of Engine Company 70 and Ladder 53 because it would be like breaking up a team and would diminish the effectiveness of fire fighting on City Island.



Captain Ed Sadler is seen here in a documentary made by local filmmaker Erik Spink about the potential closing of Ladder Company 53 on City Island. Sadler was one of many who successfully fought the potential closure for about four years.
by Erik Spink

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PR moonshine in Port Morris

New distillery bringing island brew to borough

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Ralph Barbosa and Billy Valentin have tossed back glasses of the local drink pitorro at family gatherings in the lush mountain towns of Guayama, Puerto Rico for decades.

Now the childhood friends are inviting Bronxites to join the party.

The duo, along with Ralph's brother Jerry, unveiled New York's first Puerto Rican moonshine-specific distillery in Port Morris in mid September.

At Port Morris Distillery (PMD) at 780 E. 133rd St. between Walnut and Willow avenues, the co-owners share a shot of their heritage as part of a burgeoning Bronx booze scene. They've set up shop just a block away from Tirado Distillery on E. 134th Street, which distills a Puerto Rican moonshine product among its many rums and whiskeys.

"It's one of those products that everybody enjoys," Valentin said. "You're tasting something fine like a wine, but then it hits you, and you get the full effect of it."

In Puerto Rico, pitorro, a moonshine crafted from fermented sugarcane, is the festive booze of choice.

The tastiest stuff on the island is known to be the product of illegal home brewing. No pitorro is alike: popular variations include curing the booze in a jar of cherries or burying it underground in the hollowed-out eye of a coconut.

The Port Morris version — 100% legal — is based on a recipe from Barbosa's "Tio," the Spanish word for uncle.

Barbosa convinced his tio to leave the island for the Bronx to oversee the production of his beloved beverage, which is also known



Billy Valentin (left) and childhood friend Ralph Barbosa show off their Puerto Rican moonshine in front of their new distillery in Port Morris.

in Puerto Rico as canita (sugar cane) or lagrimas del monte (mountain tears).

"Tio had never used a measuring tool before, he does the whole thing on feel," Barbosa said. "He's a master."

PMD currently crafts two varieties of the Puerto Rican moonshine out of its industrial Port Morris warehouse. A pearly clear classic version is brewed from sugar, corn, apples, and honey, and rings in at a

whopping 92 proof.

The team also offers an 80 proof pitorro aged in wood barrels that, like an aged rum or tequila, bears a golden tinge.

The entire production takes place in one loft-like

space. The mashed ingredients rest for 2-3 weeks with yeast in 55-gallon plastic barrels. Then the mixture is transferred into a sparkling copper still flown in from Germany, where it is boiled, steamed, filtered and ultimately transformed into moonshine.

Visitors can taste the end result in a high-ceilinged tasting room next door, with walls painted in the bright pastel palette of an Old San Juan villa.

PMD is holding tasting hours Tuesdays and Thursdays 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. and will give tours of the space on Fridays from 4 p.m. - 9 p.m., Barbosa said.

"We want to educate people on our history, and invite them down to taste what we do," Barbosa said.

Bronxites, he added, can expect to see PMD's pitorro popping up at local bars in the coming months.

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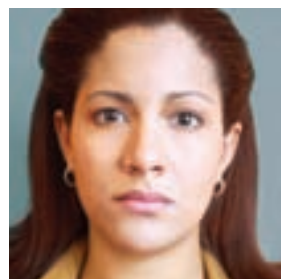
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New complex coming to Hub

College campus, stores to open in Jan.

BY BEN KOCHMAN

The Bronx Hub is officially getting another face-lift.

Some 88,000 square feet of gravel parking space at E. 149th street and Brook Avenue will be transformed in 18 months into the two-building \$35 million Triangle Plaza Hub, city officials announced at a groundbreaking Thursday Sept. 26.

The Hub's center is the intersection of E. 149th Street and Third, Melrose and Willis avenues in the South Bronx. The new development, called the Triangle Plaza Hub, will be installed one block east, across the street from the Opera House Hotel.

The developer, Triangle Equities, partnered with investment bank Goldman Sachs to finance the project, which will bring a Fine Fare supermarket, a complex for Metropolitan College and a slew of restaurants and shops to the busy Bronx shopping district.

Officials expressed relief that the development had finally come to fruition. The project had been delayed since last fall amid financing concerns, according to published reports. Legal Services NYC Bronx had been originally connected with the development but dropped out amid the delay, clearing space for Metropolitan College to enter the project.

The specifics of the final deal call for Triangle Equities chipping in around \$3 million, with Goldman Sachs shouldering much of the remainder of the cash load. A key component to getting the deal done were tax credits from federal government agencies that will subsidize over \$10 million of Goldman Sachs' investment over the next seven



Designs for the Triangle Plaza Hub include a supermarket, MCNY campus and various retail shops. The project will be done by January 14, city officials said. Photo courtesy of Triangle Equities

years.

The development will also include an 8,000-square-foot public plaza at E. 149th Street and Bergen Avenue.

The project should bring around 200 permanent jobs and 150 construction jobs to the area, according to city officials.

Community leaders at the groundbreaking praised the plan as a shot in the arm to the local economy and a sign of the borough's growth.

The Hub, a retail juggernaut since the early 1900s, had been a symbol of urban decay for decades.

"As a young boy, I walked these streets. I saw and experienced the not so good things about this area, when the Hub was thought of as something else," Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. said. "The fact that a big company like Goldman Sachs wants to in-

vest here is incredible."

Local Councilwoman Maria del Carmen Arroyo is excited about the supermarket coming in, and said she was particularly happy that Metropolitan College will be able to use the space.

"I just knew that if we stayed on it, it would happen," she said. "The access to quality food is great, and I'm happy to see our higher education goals being met."

Officials at Metropolitan College, which will occupy a first-floor reception center and a large portion of the second floor, were similarly excited to announce their expansion.

"This is a long-term commitment to provide enhanced educational opportunities for residents of the Bronx and adjacent parts of the city and suburbs," said the college's president, Dr. Vinton Thompson.

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Bronx Salutes Vets in Crotona Park East

6th Annual Bronx Veterans Parade

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Bronx veterans marched down Southern Boulevard in Crotona Park East on Friday, September 27 as part of a parade honoring those who served this country, and who now live right here in the borough.

The event, the Bronx Veterans Parade Committee (BVPC) parade, soldiered on in style for the sixth straight year.

The BVPC parade—not to be confused with the Bronx Veterans' Day Parade, which will step off for the 29th time in November—kicked off at 11 a.m. at E. 175th street and Crotona Parkway.

The group worked its way along Southern Boulevard to E. 180th street and took a right turn to The Old West Farms Soldiers Cemetery on Bryant Avenue, where a memorial service was held.

The parade wrapped up as usual with a barbeque in Vidalia Park between Vyse and Daly avenues.

"It did turn out to be a success," said Delores Steele, chairperson of the BVPC. "The community allowed us to be on Southern Boulevard for the first time, and that went well."

The event is designed to raise community awareness and funding for veterans in need of help.

Steele founded BVPC in 2008 after watching her father, a veteran, struggle with drug addiction and homelessness.

Steele formed BVPC through the Gethsemane Baptist Church on Fairmount Place and has organized the parade with support from Community Board 6 and local politicians ever since.

The memorial service was, as always, an emotional moment, Steele said. Wreaths and American flags adorned the headstones of fallen soldiers from four different wars.

The cemetery itself is



Senator Ruben Diaz helps raise an American flag at the 6th annual Bronx Veterans Parade Planning Committee parade.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

nearly 200 years old and memorializes soldiers dating as far back as the War of 1812, which pitted the U.S. against Great Britain in a 32-month conflict that tackled unresolved issues from the American Revolution.

The cemetery also includes graves from the Civil War and the Spanish-American war that took place in Cuba and Puerto Rico for ten weeks in 1898, sparked by the sinking of the U.S.S. Maine in Havana Harbor. There are also headstones from World War I.

The veterans were joined by a slew of area politicians who paraded with them,

including Assemblyman Marcos Crespo, State Senator Ruth Hassell Thompson and Senator Ruben Diaz.

The fundraising for the event totaled about \$5000, Steele said. Members of the community also donated hot dogs and burgers as well as utensils and cooking supplies to the afternoon barbeque, she said.

The food was well received, said Gregory Phillips, who served in Vietnam and is now treasurer of the BVPC.

"The cookout was outstanding," said Phillips. "I love feeding the community."

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Bullies beware at St. Catharine Academy

School launches program targeting cyberbullying

BY BEN KOCHMAN

In a world where daily activities are shifting more and more online, bullying on social media can be just as dangerous as a fight in the schoolyard.

St. Catharine's Academy in Morris Park is fighting back against this new world of bullying with a new no-tolerance policy aimed to end online harassment.

The all-girls private Catholic school launched a \$15,000 anti-bullying campaign Monday October 1.

Over 600 students packed the gym on Williamsbridge Road, where they were handed packets of information defining bullying and detailing the disciplinary process for those deemed guilty of bullying.

The packets, designed by the anti-bullying firm OLWEUS, lay out a clear mandate: those found guilty of bullying, whether in per-

son, through text message or on a social media site, will be expelled.

"We have no tolerance for fighting. If you fight someone, you're out," said Tracy Keelan, the school's dean. "We've reached that point with cyberbullying as well. If you do it, you're done."

The school is not messing around. One student has already been expelled for cyberbullying and a few for physical fighting in the last year, Keenan said, even before the official policy was put into place.

Bullying is not a huge problem at St. Catharine but lurks under the surface, said high school senior Thessaly Ovalle, who was emceeding Monday's event.

Cyberbullying—which the distributed packets define as "using technology to harass, threaten, spread



Dean Tracy Keelin (left) and a group of students at St. Catharine Academy are excited about a new anti-bullying program . Photo by Ben Kochman

gossip or even impersonate someone"—is especially dangerous because students often do not take it seriously, she said.

"People don't understand, they think it's regular stuff," she said. "They think that because they don't say it to her face, it's

not bullying, or that because she's not crying, it's not bullying. It's still bullying."

The funding for the program comes from a \$15,000 grant from the school's governing body Sisters of Mercy.

The money covers a

school-wide student survey to be taken in homeroom, training for students and administrators, and the cost of peer mediators who will come in and work with students over the next few weeks.

Students will put on bullying-themed skits later

this month and sign an anti-bullying pledge that will hang from their locker, Keelan said.

At Monday's kickoff event at the gym, the students heard the results of a bullying survey conducted at the school last March. The majority of students said that they had not been bullied, and there were a few nervous laughs during a musical slideshow in which students held over their faces up cards bearing mean labels.

The program may take a while to sink in with the student body, said Ovalle.

"It might take some time because we walk the walls with these girls, we sit in class with them, and we see that they're okay," she said. "We don't see that they are hurting inside. It's going to take time for them to realize what we are trying to say."



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Aging can impair driving ability

The number of drivers 70 and older is predicted to triple in North America during the next 20 years. Research indicates that the older a person is, the higher the risk of driver accident or fatality. The risk posed by older drivers and the inevitable increase in older drivers on the road in the next two decades have sparked debate as to whether or not such drivers should be re-examined to ensure safety on the road.

In 2003, an 86-year-old man unintentionally killed 10 people and injured more

than 70 when he drove his car through a crowded farmer's market in Santa Monica, Calif. In 2010, a 72-year-old Connecticut man faced vehicular manslaughter charges for allegedly striking and killing a motorcyclist. In 2012, an elderly man in Buffalo, N.Y. caused an accident resulting in three fatalities when he traveled in the wrong direction on the New York State Thruway. Very frequently, the local news is peppered with reports of elderly drivers causing serious accidents. Some wonder if more

stringent requirements for elderly drivers would help the situation.

Thirty-three states presently have legislation in place to ensure drivers can retain driving privileges once they reach a certain age. It's important to note that, according to the National Safety Council, drivers over the age of 75 account for only 3.3 percent of accidents in the United States. Drivers age 25 to 34 account for the largest number of accidents, at nearly 20 percent. Some argue that these findings do not paint an

accurate picture because senior drivers spend far less time behind the wheel and log fewer miles than younger drivers, reducing the chance for accidents.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration notes that aging can affect drivers in a number of ways. The physical and mental changes that accompany aging can have a profound impact on a person's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. Reaction times may be slower, hearing and vision loss may affect driver awareness, loss of muscle

strength and flexibility can make steering more difficult, and medication can impair focus or concentration.

Many senior centers and organizations offer programs that allow elderly drivers to brush up on their skills behind the wheel. Drivers also can contact their insurance companies to see if there are any sponsored classes they can take to reassess their skills and possibly lower their insurance premiums. AAA offers a driver improvement course and suggests

seniors find a car they can safely and comfortably operate. It also offers Roadwise Rx, a free online tool that provides confidential, individualized feedback about medication side effects and how these drugs may impact drivers on the road. AARP also offers a driver safety course.

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What you know about Medicare rehab can get you great care

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

Medicare offers several wonderful health benefits free of charge, but, unfortunately, many people do not benefit from these services because they do not know about them. This is particularly true of Medicare-covered rehabilitation services. Here are some facts to know:

- Medicare Part B can pay for up to \$3,700 of physical, occupational, and speech therapy in your home.

- Medicare Part A pays for up to 100 days for rehabilitation in a skilled nursing facility.

- Rehab through Medicare A and B can be extended to maximize your recovery — if you understand the proper procedures.

Medicare pays for rehabilitation services for the elderly and disabled. This includes physical, occupational, and speech therapy. Physical therapists work on the lower half of the body, and work on balance, walking, and transferring from one surface to another. Occupational therapy works on the upper body and tasks such as buttoning clothes, bathing, combing hair, cooking, etc. Speech therapy focuses on swallowing and some talking issues.

Rehabilitation can be conducted in a skilled care

facility (usually a nursing home), an outpatient clinic or medical office, or in the patient's home. Medicare Part A pays for nursing home rehab while Medicare Part B covers outpatient and in-home treatment. Each Medicare has different requirements for continued coverage.

Medicare Part A pays for up to 100 days of skilled nursing home rehab. It pays 100 percent of the cost for the first 20 days of therapy, and 80 percent for the remaining 80 days. The other 20 percent payment comes out-of-pocket or through a secondary health insurance plan. Once the time cap is reached, Medicare stops all payment and any additional therapy must be paid privately or through a secondary healthcare plan.

This does not mean a person is guaranteed 100 days of rehab. The rehab staff is required to periodically assess each recipient and determine whether he is still eligible for treatment under Medicare guidelines. If the therapist determines the patient is no longer benefiting, treatment will cease and the patient is discharged.

Medicare Part B pays for outpatient and in-home therapy and has a financial cap for its services. After paying a yearly deductible,

Medicare pays 80 percent of cost, and a secondary health insurance plan pays the remaining 20 percent. A therapist must periodically assess the client's progress and can continue services until the client reaches a monetary cap of \$1,900 for physical and speech therapy (combined) and another \$1,900 for occupational therapy. If more therapy is needed, this cap can be raised to \$3,700.

On Jan. 24, the U.S. District Court for Vermont approved a settlement agreement that declares that nowhere in Medicare's policy is there a written statement that requires a person to stop therapy once he ceases making progress. In fact, therapy should continue as long as the recipient continues to maintain his current status or if it shows deterioration.

This new ruling has come as great news for individuals who are faced with chronic disabilities such as multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases. Now, as long as a person can prove that the therapy is maintaining his current level of function, or that it is preventing deterioration, he has grounds to continue.

Joanna R. Leefer works with seniors and their families. For more information, www.joannaleefer.com.

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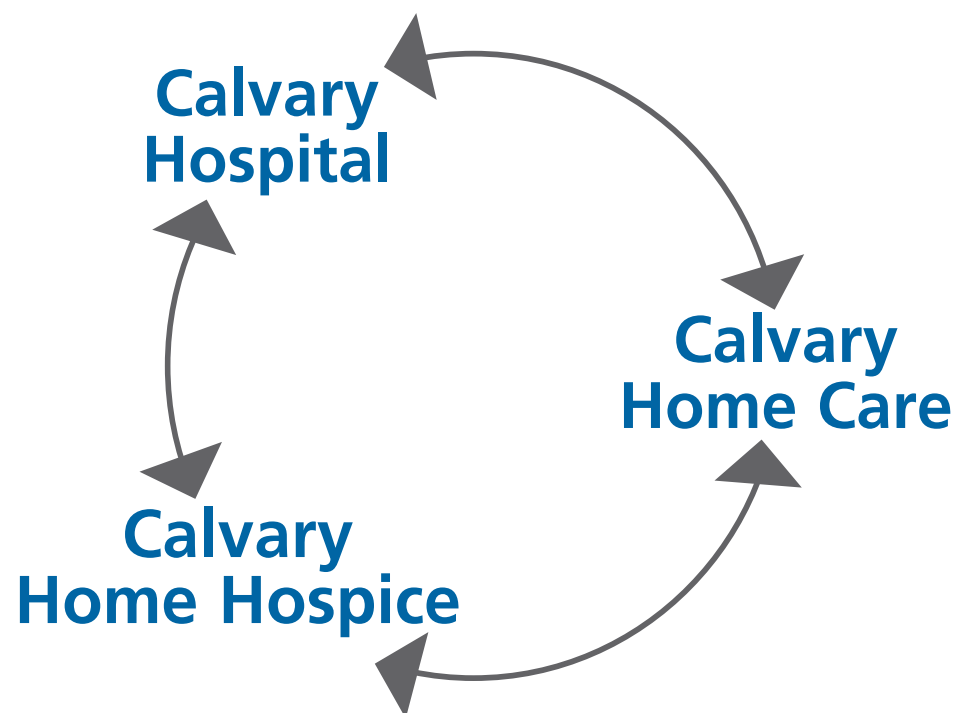
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For more information, call (718) 518-2300 (Inpatient) or (718) 518-2465 (Calvary@Home). To learn more, support the Calvary mission, or sign up for the e-newsletter, Calvary Life, please go to www.calvaryhospital.org.



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Adolescent suicide focus of forum

Councilwoman Annabel Palma and Comunilife Inc. host workshop

BY DAVID CRUZ

Not much was ever made about the Soundview girl who hung herself on Father's Day. She was twelve. Grief counselors were dispatched to the victim's school at P.S. 196, yet the acrimony soon fell quiet.

The girl, who's name is being withheld for this story, is among the rare cases of adolescent suicide within that age, though the warning signs transcend all demographics. A forum touching on the subject was held recently at the Parckchester

public library to identify risk factors that can lead to suicide. "It's a combination of stresses--no assistance in the school, lack of family structure," said Beatriz Coronel, program director for Comunilife Inc., a Bronx-based nonprofit ser-

ving at-risk youth. In many instances, the program is seen as a refuge for would-be victims to be open "about their struggles and learn different skills they can use during a moment of crisis." Though their doors are open to all age groups and backgrounds, Comunilife Inc. specializes in bringing young women back from the brink of death. Statistically, they pose the highest risk in committing suicide, with young Latina women ranked the highest ethnic group to think suicidal thoughts.

The group partnered with Councilwoman Annabel Palma to host the suicide prevention forum, targeting those who have contemplated suicide before. "Suicide is such a complicated and emotionally-fraught issue," said Palma.

"But I wanted to have an honest conversation about it."


We can't change their harsh world overnight.
Beatriz Coronel

Well over 100 people attended the workshop, learning how to catch suicidal warning signs, particularly those found on social media, which has become a breeding ground for cyber-bullying. The forum also served to spotlight Comunilife Inc., which conquers depression through a creative arts therapy approach. "It's almost like healing



through the arts," said Coronel, adding many outlets include art, dancing and dramatic acting classes. By incorporating those activities, adolescents will likely be more open to express their strife rather than internalize it. "Right now, we're working on masks," said Coronel. "That's another form of expression. Sometimes you see a lot of darkness, a lot of emotion." The success rate has been strong, with many uplifting stories coming out of the program. Coronel soberly understands it could take years before a client is out of a depressive spell. "We can't change their harsh world overnight," said Coronel. "But we try to implement skills that help carry them through that."

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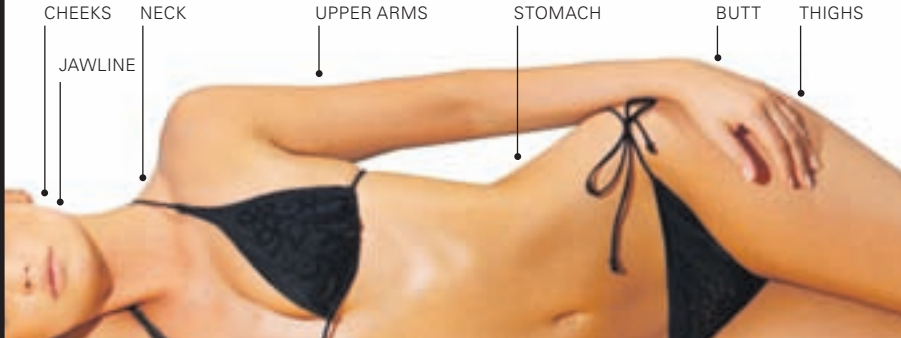

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Bronx beat

Crowley's online healthcare info

Congressman Joe Crowley has announced the launch of his new online resource dedicated to providing New Yorkers with information about the new health care law, answers to common questions and the tools necessary to see if they will qualify for financial assistance.

The information center can be found on his official website at: <http://crowley.house.gov/healthcare>.

Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care will offer free medical screenings and information for women at the 6th Annual Dr. Edward S. Greenwald Breast and Cervical Screening Event Saturday, Oct. 5., from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

at Montefiore Medical Park Outpatient Medical Oncology, 1st floor, at 1695 Eastchester Road.

For more information, call (718) 920-7265.

For individuals with a medical need for supportive services, inquiries for the newly constructed University Avenue Assisted Living residence are being accepted now. The building, located on the Bronx campus of **Jewish Home Lifecare**, will open within the next few months.

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A spook-tacular Haunted Pumpkin Garden is this month's main attraction at The New York Botanical Garden. Bronxites far and wide stopped by the exhibition on September 21, featuring an array of professionally carved pumpkins re-shaped into orangey sculptures. The display is part of a month-long presentation of other Halloween-themed events, including an Oct. 19-20 carving show by Master Carver Ray Villafane.

(1) Jamie Michaels and daughter Emily (l) cross the arch of pumpkins at the Haunted Pumpkin Garden.

(2) (l-r) Bronx pals Brandon, Phillip and Justin stylize their pumpkins with help from carver Theresa Hioki (far left).

(3) Mariella Jose plops by a grave full of several face-less pumpkins.

(4) Promising puppeteer Joey Armati gives a show to guests at the Haunted Pumpkin Garden.

(5) A pumpkin hut enlivens the kids, part of the garden's many attractions.

(6) A pumpkin transforms into pale face, just some of the many carvings at the Haunted Pumpkin Garden.

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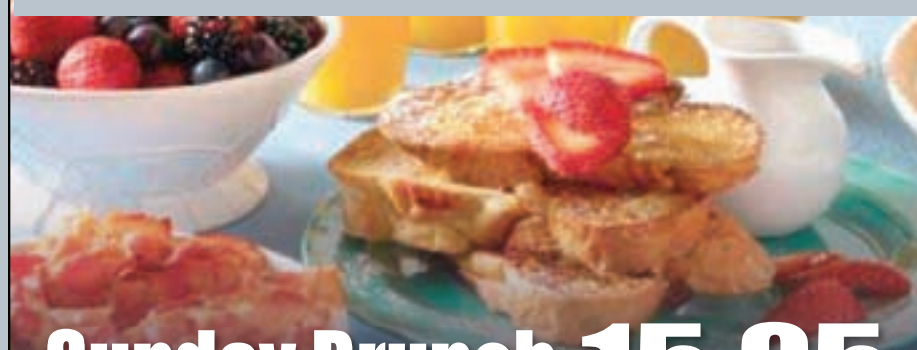
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Columbus Day Parade Dinner Dance



With the Bronx Columbus Day Parade just around the corner, organizers to the second largest Columbus Day Parade in New York honored several Bronxites at the annual dinner dance on September 22nd at Maestro's Caterers. An Italian princess, Hollywood auteur, business man and high school principal were honored for highlighting the strengths of Italian-Americans. The Bronx Columbus Day Parade steps off on Sunday, October 13th at noon.

(Top left) Songstress Giada Valenti delivers a beautiful rendition of the American and Italian national anthems, drawing a large round of applause.

(Top Mid) (l-r) Local businessman Joseph Milone and Bronx Columbus Day Parade honorary marshal Lisa Maffei-Fuentes stand with parade grand marshal Chazz Palminteri. The trio received several accolades and citations during the presentation.

Top right) Boosters, community groups and local dignitaries flooded Maestro's Caterers, hearing presentations from organizers.

(Left) Giuliana Izzo was crowned this year's Bronx Columbus Day Parade Princess. Her grace received a \$10,000 scholarship courtesy of David Anthony Pope (l).

(Above) Bronx Columbus Day Parade royalty graced Maestro's. They include past parade princesses Lovedana Calce and Cristina Iannarino, scholarship sponsor David Anthony Pope with this year's princess Giuliana Izzo, retired princess Kristen Caea and lead parade organizer Tony Signorile.

All photos by Aracelis Batista

MPCA MEMBER HONORED DURING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



Octacio “Lefty” Negrón, the coordinator of the all-volunteer Morris Park Community Association civilian patrol, was honored for his outstanding contributions to the community by Councilman Jimmy Vacca. Vacca presented Negrón with a certificate at the MPCA meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 18. At the presentation are (l-r) Vacca, award winner Octacio “Lefty” Negrón, his sons Octacio Negrón Jr. and Daniel Negrón, and MPCA president Tony Signorile.

VAN NEST ALLIANCE CLEANUP DAY



On August 30, the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance ended its summer beautification program with a bang. Neighbors installed a small fence around a tree at Van Nest and Hunt Avenues. Then at night the group celebrated with musical performances and poetry from Bob McNeil.

(Above) Drummer Fred Simpson bangs away in front of a group of fans.

Falin Marquez, 9, breaks ground at the Van Nest cleanup day.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



TN GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE CLOSING DAY CEREMONY

An intrepid young softball player scrubs down a car at the closing day ceremony for the Throggs Neck Girls Softball League.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

BOROUGH PRESIDENT DIAZ JR. HONORS 9/11 VICTIMS



Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and the New York State Courts held the Bronx’s official 9/11 remembrance on Friday, Sept. 13. The ceremony took place outside of the municipal building at Grand Concourse and East 161st Street, and was followed by a reception.

(Above) A group of bagpipers play.

Theresa Noel sits with pictures of her son Curtis Noel.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



Join Team Benedetto

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto is calling for volunteers to join him in the American Cancer Society's annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk which will take place on Sunday, October 20 at Orchard Beach beginning at 10:00 am.

This will be the eighth year that Assemblyman Benedetto has participated in this important event and the seventh time that he will

be sponsoring a team. "Everyone joining together and giving a little will make a large impact and in the end the proceeds will be used towards much needed research, prevention, early detection and support programs," said Assemblyman Benedetto. "It is also the 100th birthday of the American Cancer Society."

Anyone interested in signing up for "Team Benedetto" can do so by either

calling his district office at (718) 892-2235 or registering in person at his office located at 3602 East Tremont Avenue, Suite 201.

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto is asking all "Team Benedetto" members to make a minimum donation of \$20. With their \$20 contribution each participant will receive a personalized "Team Benedetto" polo shirt.

Temple Hatikva Shabbat Services

For the first time in over three years, Rabbi Harry will not be at the Shabbat Services on Friday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m. The theme of the services is: "Where In The World Is Rabbi Harry?", and a terrific Oneg Shabbat will follow.

Cantor Kyle Cherry will be in charge and promises that: "Our Shabbat on October 18 will be truly wonderful. While Rabbi Harry

has his way of doing things, I have my own style which I'm sure everyone will love! I promise you that by the end of our services, you'll forget all about Rabbi Harry!"

Temple Hatikva also reminds everyone that its Adult Education program will begin on Sunday, October 13 at 10 a.m. This year's theme is: "Everything You Wanted To Know About Judaism But Were Afraid

To Ask". It's a two-hour monthly course and a free breakfast is served to all participants. The Adult Education program is sponsored by the Shalom Jewish Funeral Home and the entire community is invited to participate in this free informative program. Materials provided, including the breakfast!

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Boo at the Zoo Halloween treat

It's time for Boo at the Zoo, with an added bonus this year. By popular demand, Dinosaur Safari has been extended through November 3 to join the ghosts and ghoulies of Halloween-themed entertainment and activities. Boo at the Zoo festivities will run for five weekends, beginning Saturday, Oct 5, and running through Nov 2-3.

Dragons and Dinosaurs will also feature the Bronx Zoo's newest animal exhibit – komodo dragons – which open at Zoo Center just in time for the Halloween season.

All attractions and activities embrace the spirit of the season while highlighting wildlife and con-

servation.

Annual favorites including a haunted walk-through adventure – The Museum of UnNatural Mysteries – headline the festivities and have been enhanced for this year's Dragons and Dinosaurs theme.

Visitors will enjoy magic shows, musical performances, and costume parades in addition to traditional guest favorites including the hay maze, extinction graveyard, and seasonal craft workshops.

Among the entertainments:

- Costume Halloween Parade, with hand-made puppets and props built by master costumers as participants march through the

zoo alongside an array of characters from the Alice Farley Dance Company.

- Hay Maze, where youngsters can get lost at the zoo with a Halloween maze filled with sudden starts, stops and lots of adventure.

- The Museum of Un-Natural Mysteries, created by Dr. B. Zarre, houses a remarkable collection of fantastic examples mysterious creatures, evidence of how the dinosaurs were destroyed, and anomalies collected from earth and space.

- 3-D Carved Pumpkin Demonstrations by professional pumpkin carvers from Sand Sculpture USA demonstrating their skills.

- Live Music with Gigi

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and the Lend me a Hand Band leading zoo audiences on a musical adventure with the Gigi's Dino-mite Prehistoric Party. Audiences will be invited to participate in animal-themed musical performances, songs and dances, and games.

All Boo at the Zoo activities are included with the price of admission with the exception of Dinosaur Safari and The Museum of Un-Natural Mysteries which are included with the Total Experience Ticket.

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Exhibit at Poe Park

A new historic photo and postcard exhibit at the **Poe Park Visitor Center** celebrates the borough's park history.

The show, called Greener Pastures, is being presented by NYC Parks, highlighting the 125-year history of the Bronx Parks system and its rich and varied features and programming.

It opens Saturday, Oct. 12 and runs through Nov. 16, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturdays in the visitors center at 2640 Grand Concourse.

The opening of this exhibition coincides with New York Open House Weekend, in which many of New York's public and private spaces of historical and aesthetic interest are opened to the public, free of charge. The exhibition is organized by Parks' Director of Art & Antiquities, Jonathan Kuhn.

The Bronx Documentary Center is presenting

Refugee Hotel, an exhibition of photographs by Gabriele Stabile that chronicles refugees during their first night in the United States and their lives in resettlement.

For six years Stabile worked in coordination with the International Organization for Migration and other resettlement organizations around the country to photograph refugees from Cuba, Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East as they set foot on American soil.

Customarily, their first nights are spent at a string of airport hotels in major US metropolises.

Stabile also captures his subjects' as they adjust to small-town life in Fargo, North Dakota; Charlottesville, Virginia; Erie, Pennsylvania; Amarillo, Texas; Tulsa, Oklahoma. Resettlers face the practical and existential challenges of earning a living wage, adjusting to new communities, learning a foreign lan-

guage, adopting or rejecting new cultural attitudes, and sorting through memories and traumas of the past.

The exhibition is based on the book *Refugee Hotel*, by Gabriele Stabile and Juliet Linderman, (2012, McSweeney's/Voice of Witness, San Francisco).

Gabriele Stabile is a New York City-based photographer. A steady contributor to *The New Yorker* magazine, his work has been published in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Le Monde*, *The Fader* and on many other fine publications. *Refugee Hotel* is his first book.

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BY TONY

I guess the word has gotten out, I'm happy to say that more and more people are reading Justabout Taverns. They're reading about the taverns, the people, the entertainment... they're staying in the Bronx to party. Thank you
Saturday night found me

ITEM: Reading this in Time? Boomerang will be at Jimmy Ryan's, Saturday night October 5th from 8pm to 11pm playing the top hits of the 60s and 70s.

ITEM: I promised you some important Bronx local rock news and here it is! Back in the late nineties one of my very first columns, and many more after that, were devoted to the career of the very popular original band Red Vianna (Tony, Tom, Steve and Chris!). Well Red Vianna is back for one show! One night only!

This column is hearing that the band is doing a special one-off Halloween weekend show November 1st at the well-known studio Primetime in Mount

at PBQ bar restaurant, the old Turtle inn. This place has changed hands many times, due to one reason or another but I hope this time its here to stay. It has a really cool décor inside and a well stock bar, owner Pete is a friendly host. I think with a little entertainment for the diners it will give a bit of a

rock on the bronx

by Fish Altieri

Vernon with special guests "Downtera" and "Chemically Controlled Children". I asked the always quotable lead singer and Bronx personality Chris Hendon for his thoughts on Red Vianna 2013: "Its been thirteen years brother! We decided it would be fun to bring this circus together again for one night and have some fun.

I think I've gone through puberty the last few years so I hope I can sing those songs and give them a fighting chance to sound at least

just about taverns

dinner club atmosphere, hey who wouldn't like a little Sinatra during dinner.

Finally made my way over the Pelham Bay to pay a visit to Bar Pelham. This too was a place that changed owners many a lot, this time

'good'! It should be a really fun night. Just to be on a stage with my brothers again is gettin' me squirly." Here's hoping this first Red Vianna show in over a decade is not the last. I think the band probably has a lot of new things to say, and using their combined musical powers, a lot of new ways to say them! I've noticed many bands forming lately; covers and originals.

Red Vianna would be leaders among the new. Everything gets a little more exhilarating when these men combine their talents. I even think my writing for this column is a little more powerful this week! Welcome back Red Vianna! Rock on. Rock out.

they renovated the whole place, it appears they put some money into it. There were a few people at the bar, along with a guy smoking a hookah pipe and annoying me. It stopped immediately! Anyway, I ordered my scotch and soda and received seven dollars change from a twenty. What? I asked the bar tender how much was the drink, she told me seven dollars. I informed her how it works, if a drink is seven dollars you take the customers money and deduct or minus seven dollars from what they gave you, then you return

the change. She giggled and said the music was too loud. O.K.

After this I need a good drink, and I know exactly were to get one. I stopped by to see Tammy and Vivienne of Vivienne's. Always something cool going on at Vivs, a nice crowd and two bar tenders who really know what they're doing. Thanks girls.

What the hell. Let me run into area 98 for a drink. One of Matty Taltys old joint, this place rocks on the weekends with a very different kind of crowd. I forgot the bar tenders name but she was doing

a great job.

I feel that I need to explain something to my readers; it may appear that I'm head-hunting bar tenders... I'm not. I respect bar tenders, I was a bar tender, and bar tenders are my friends. But, it really annoys me when I see people who don't belong behind a bar, they give veteran bar tenders a bad name. Hey owners... wake up! Hey bar tenders... pay attention! Put the cell phone down while you're working and serve the customers, and every now and then give the correct change.

Metro Van schedule stop

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto announces that the MetroCard Mobile Van will visit Throggs Neck on Friday, October 11, from 1 to 3 p.m.. The van will be parked at the curb in front of the assemblyman's office located at 3602 E. Tremont Avenue.

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WW II ship beaching

John Robben was reading an old copy of "The Alarm," published annually by the Edgewater Park Volunteer Hose Company, and came across a story about a Norwegian tanker named the Thorden that drifted ashore during World War II at Alden Park at the border of Edgewater Park's A Section in the winter of 1944. He still has a photograph of the stranded vessel.

Fortunately, John was a stickler for exactness and wrote the details on the reverse of the picture including the name of the ship, the date, time, and photographer. His notes indicated that Otto Woerner snapped the picture at 12:40 a.m., Wednesday morning, October 27, 1943 and listed the name of the vessel as the Thordis. These notes make the photo historically significant.

His detail varied from the account in the "The Alarm" and the most important detail had to do with

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

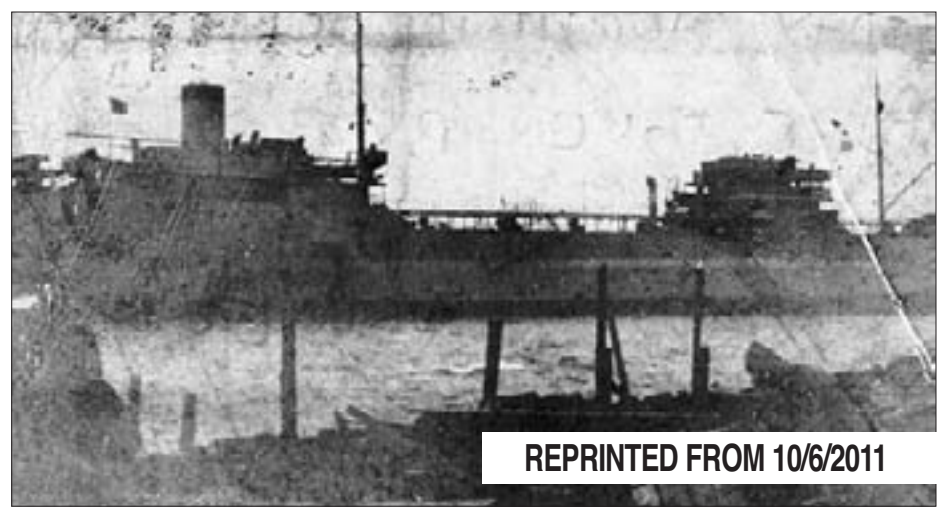
the name of the ship and the date it was beached. This discrepancy was easily resolved by going to Tom Nye, an expert on ship matters concerning City Island. Tom was able to confirm that the correct name of the vessel was the Thordis and that it did break loose from its City Island mooring on October 26, 1943 and drifted across Eastchester Bay beaching itself. The picture in John's possession was snapped an hour of so thereafter.

All accounts agree that it was a cold stormy night and that it perpetrated a great deal of fear for local residents. The sudden appearance of lights on the shoreline and the sound of the ship's bells along with the shouts in a foreign tongue awoke the residents causing quite a stir. We

have to remember that this was during World War II when blackout restrictions were still in place.

Residents were required to use black shades and no lights could be visible from their homes. This made the sudden appearance of light all the more disconcerting.

It turned out to be a Norwegian tanker that was ensconced on a sandbar about a hundred feet off shore and the first person on the scene just happened to be Norwegian, so residents were relieved that it was not a German ship and the Norwegians were gratified that someone spoke their language and could tell them where they were. Chatty conversations ensued and numerous friendly trades were made with the



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This picture of the Thordis looks a bit hazy because it was taken on a stormy October morning during World War II at approximately 12:40 am. The ship had beached itself on a sand bar just off the coast of Alden and Edgewater Parks in the Throggs Neck Section of the Bronx.

crew throwing down tins of salmon and Norwegian cigarettes and the residents sending up containers of draft beer (cans weren't in common use yet) and American cigarettes.

That was, of course, until the military security personnel arrived and cordoned off the area. The military allowed the captain and first mate ashore to make some necessary phone calls and purchase a few provisions. Some of the locals had al-

ready abandoned their seaside view for the safety of the firehouse but many were still riveted to the scene of all the action especially after the military arrived.

Robert Robben and I did a cursory review of the ship's records and found that its movement around the world from January to March of 1943 was very well documented. It included ports of call in Bombay; Bandar Abbas; Abadan; Portland, Vic.; Tasmania,

and Melbourne, Australia and there the record ends on March 23, 1943.

The remainder of her voyages is cloaked in secrecy and there is no official record of its mysterious visit to the Bronx.

Eyewitnesses to this intrusion on our shoreline will one day fade away so we can thank John Robben for his adherence to good record keeping in preserving this important morsel of history.



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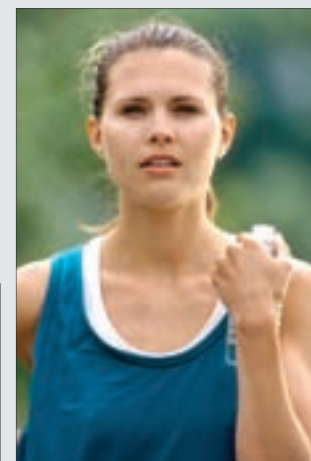
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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.
 Our children are being taught to despise the values that have made America the greatest nation in world history. Further, they are being denied training in the very qualities of freedom and self-reliance that this nation desperately needs to survive and prosper.

Adding to this terrible fact is that those values have been academically replaced by a philosophy that condemns common sense, individual rights, and the economic system that has allowed the United States to progress beyond other civilizations.

The evidence for this can be found in statistical studies, curriculum review, the actions of university administrators, and even anecdotal reports through visits to local schools.

A clear example comes from California, where the National Association of Scholars found that "coursework in American

history and institutions have been dropped, that writing courses often stress writing far less than tendentious political topics; that prescribed books are frequently no more than journalistic presentations of a simple political message instead of the more complex writings appropriate to an academic context; and that faculty teach what to think rather how to think; that is, they demand correct attitudes and beliefs of students more than they require independent reading and thought."

COMACTA previously reported that numerous studies have found that knowledge of American History and civics is at stunningly low levels. The 2010 National Assessment of Education Progress found that only 35% of 4th graders know the purpose of the Declaration of Independence. Overall, only 20% of 4th graders, 17% of 8th graders, and 12% of 12th graders were proficient in history. A

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Brennan/Princeton survey revealed that "New Yorkers, like most Americans, know very little about their Constitution and government." The study indicated that only 42% of New Yorkers know basic information about the three branches of government.

According to the U.S. Education Department, "Nearly two-thirds of Americans cannot name all three branches of government. ...Less than half of the public can name a single Supreme Court justice. And more than a quarter do not know who America fought in the Revolutionary War." The Intercollegiate Studies Institute's (ISI) American Civil Literacy Project conducted a survey revealing that a stunning

71.4% of those polled lack an adequate knowledge of American history and basic civics.

What's being taught instead of traditional history and civics? Well, in Washington, D.C. schools, "The People's History of the United States," a Marxist view of the U.S., has been used as a text. In Tucson, Arizona, "Occupied America," written by the radical Rodolfo Acuna, is prescribed. The book recommends the conversion of the Southwestern U.S. into a "Chicano Nation" and advocates the killing of whites "if necessary."

While recommending these extremist views, mainstream thinking is virtually ignored, or worse. On September's "Constitution Day," a college student, Robert Van Tuinen, passing out copies of the Constitution, was informed by campus authorities that he could only do so in a spot known as a "free speech zone."

Part of the disturbing trend is the deification of certain incumbent elected officials. In 2009, students at one grammar school were taught to sing songs in praise of President Obama, just like children in North Korea sing songs in praise of their "dear leader." A New Jersey school had children singing a song, adapted from a religious hymn called "Jesus Loves The Little Children," also praising Obama.

A trip to Lehman High School's cafeteria is a great illustration of how a picture is, indeed, worth a thousand words. The walls of the cafeteria notably had no portraits of Washington, Lincoln, or other U.S. history greats, but there were large campaign-style posters of Cesar Chavez and Hillary Clinton. Whatever one thinks of those two figures, having their pictures up while excluding great historical figures is highly questionable.

We have the right to

expect that academic institutions, particularly those funded with our tax dollars or tuition money, provide factual instruction in American History and civics, and that they do not use their influential position in the lives of our young to indoctrinate them into supporting specific politicians or extremist views.

LOCAL TOPIC: Initial reports about the so-called "composting pilot program" are negative. The foodstuffs start to smell and could easily attract rats and other vermin. The City Hall suggestion to put the remains in the refrigerator are unsanitary and, candidly, disgusting. Let City Hall know your thoughts by calling 311, and also let your local councilmember know as well.

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BY JOSEPH ODDO
 Reminder: VOTE! Vote on Election Day November 5, 2013. The last day to register to vote for this election is October 11, 2013.

The Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association meets on the second Tuesday of the month. The meeting takes place in the Saint Theresa School Cafeteria located at the corner of Saint Theresa Ave and Pilgrim Ave. The room opens at 7:00pm and the meeting

begins at 7:30pm. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Lisa M. Pesante, from the metro New York Developmental Disabilities Services Office.

The Hot topic for this issue is really the most important topic for any true democracy. A democracy by definition is not a true democracy if its citizens do not vote. We here in Pelham Bay do not really support our community when we do not vote. And yes it is true that to many of us feel that

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the choice of candidates is not always the best, but we still have to vote. If you can't stand to vote for anyone, write in the name of someone whom you would have liked to have seen on the ballot. The total voter

turn out is a measure of the community's interest in it's civic affairs. To not vote is to tell the world and all who would listen, don't worry my needs and how I think our government is functioning is not all that important. It's okay just keep doing what you have been doing all along.

In voting and in supporting your community organizations you are letting our government know

that you take personal ownership of our government agencies and that you are setting the standards of performance that all officials must adhere too. As a voter you are the boss. How our government functions is up to you. So vote!

And, come to our Pelham Bay Taxpayers And Civic Association meetings. In due time you will be glad that you did. Our meetings are open to all. The young and not so young, the new

members of our community and the more seasoned and mature members of our community, and the retired person along with the young professional or craftsman we all have something we can contribute.

We all would love to see you. Our new mailing address is Pilgrim Station PO Box 610124, Bronx, NY 10461. Our dues is ten dollars and may be paid at the door or mailed to the above address.

BY TONY SALIMBENE
 Here's a list of events for our veterans and the community:

October 4, 5, and 6 the Hawkins Post on City Is Ave will have their Annual Pumpkin and Mums Sale. Please make your seasonal purchases there and help our local veterans.

Correction! On the 5th of October, Saturday, we will host a Free Woman and Seniors Self Defense Course at Bronx Martial Arts. Contact Sensi George at 347-909-1469. At 9am on the 6th we have the Legion 1st District Legislative Breakfast at the Turner Club. The Colum-

bus Day Parade steps off on the 13th, form up with the Korony Post Color Guard at 11am, White Plains Rd & Morris Park Ave.

On Sunday, October 20 there will be a Cancer Stride - walk for the cure at Orchard Beach, sign up at 8am for a very worthy cause.

We also have the Korony Post regular meeting at the Turner Club at 11am on th 20th. The 26th of October, there will be an old fashioned yard sale as a fund raiser for the Bronx Shore Civic Assoiation at 2850 Schurz Ave by Marina Del Ray.

Whew! Now for Novem-

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ber. There will be a veterans appreciation event organized by Gene at Sanz (previously Geno's) on Gun Hill Rd in the Allerton section. The 5th is Election Day - Please vote, every vote counts! November 8th is the combined Military Ball and Commander's Visit at Villa Barone Manor.

November 10th is our neighborhood Veterans

Day Parade down Tremont Ave. November 11, of course, is Veterans Day.

The Ladies Auxiliary Holiday Gift Shop at the Bronx VA Hospital will be held on December 7th at 10am. All Posts - contact Joan Wadman at 718-548-3552 for donation informa-

tion. And on the 8th we have our own Christmas Luncheon at the hospital's nursing home section.

Until Next Time: Slight corection to my buddy Dr. Paul: Although 10th Mountain Division is coming home, we (that's Cathy P, Colleen and Lisa) will be

collecting gift box items for the troops, "Until we can't do it anymore, or they all come home"!

St Benedict Rectory will accept comfort items marked "Cathy - Troops" We thank them for their support.

Community Board 10 Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of Public Hearing, Tuesday evening, October 8, 2013, 7:30 PM at Bronx Community Board #10, located at 3165 East Trem-

ont Avenue, Bronx, New York 10461, concerning the conversion of one block of Schley Avenue (currently a two way street between Throgs Neck Expressway

and Ellsworth Avenue), into a one way street with angle parking in the former westbound lane, and the removal of the BX8 Bus Stop at Ellsworth Avenue

\$1 million grant to Monte-Einstein

Rubina Heptulla, M.D., a prominent physician-scientist at The Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) and Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, has been awarded a \$1.1 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to investigate the potential for an existing Type 2 diabetes medication to effectively control after-meal blood sugar levels in patients with Type 1 diabetes. The

grant (1DP3DK101078) will support Dr. Heptulla's work for two years and is part one of a three-part protocol to compare therapies for blood sugar regulation.

"Rather than patients having to monitor their levels before and after meals and adjust their insulin dose accordingly, our goal is to have a once-per-day oral medication that would work in conjunction with insulin to regulate the blood sugar levels ap-

propriately and eradicate the need for blood draws and self-testing numerous times throughout the day," Dr. Heptulla said.

Millions of new cases of diabetes are diagnosed each year. As incidences of both Type 1 and Type 2 continue to increase, it is vital that effective therapies are available to help patients take control of and successfully manage their condition.

"This grant is a tribute to Dr. Heptulla's dedication and reputation in the field," said Judy Aschner, M.D., physician-in-chief, CHAM and professor of pediatrics, Michael I. Cohen, M.D. University Chair Albert Einstein College of Medicine. "The Montefiore and Einstein communities look forward to the day when Dr. Heptulla's innovative research changes the treatment options and improves the quality of life and long-

term outcomes for children and adults with diabetes throughout the country and the world."

Dr. Heptulla is chief of the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes at The Children's Hospital at Montefiore and Einstein. She is also professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at Einstein. Dr. Heptulla joined Montefiore and Einstein faculty in April 2010. An internationally recognized pediatric endocri-

nologist, she is an expert in diabetes, thyroid, growth, puberty and adrenal disorders, and leads research in these areas. She oversees six pediatric endocrinology and diabetes clinics that receive nearly 200 patient visits each week in locations across Westchester and the Bronx. Dr. Heptulla has received numerous grants and awards for her work and has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals.

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Parkchester Chorus rehearses on Monday evenings from 8 to 10 PM at First Presbyterian Church at Throggs Neck, 3051 East Tremont Avenue, across from Lehman High School.

The entrance to the parking lot and our rehearsal site is on Dudley Avenue. You can travel to the Church by the #40 or #42 bus, and/or the #6 train

line. Parkchester Chorus' 74th annual Christmas Concert is Sunday, December 8, and the program theme is "Christmas Classics and Holiday Harmonies", featuring works by Bach, Holst, and de Victoria. The concert includes traditional holiday offerings and some new works by Ivo Antognini, Kevin Boesiger, and Lloyd Larsen.

Parkchester Chorus is a

member of the Bronx Council on the Arts and performs at least two annual outreach concerts. Parkchester Chorus has performed with The Bronx Orchestra and Riverdale Chorus. Semester dues are \$30 for individuals, \$45 for couples and \$25 for students. Please visit our website for more information, <http://www.parkchester-chorus.org/> or call 718-320-2790 and leave a message.

Autumn, the season of harvest, has officially arrived

BY KAREN SMITH-HAGMAN, RN, MSN

The season of harvest has officially commenced. Many of us will spend the coming weeks thinking of ways to best honor the vibrancy of colors in nature, the cooler, yet more comfortable temperatures, and the abundance of options for outdoor fun.

The countryside offers many seasonal activities such as hayrides, apple picking and pumpkins. But for a scrumptious treat that can be enjoyed in the comfort of your own home, consider visiting your local farmer's market to reap in nutritional satisfaction through the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Carrots, for example, not only offer color and pizzazz to your plate, but they are also highly nutritious and delicious.

An orange root vegetable, carrots contain more than

100 percent of the recommended daily allowance of vitamin A in just a half-cup serving. They also contain beta-carotene, vitamins C and K and are a good source of fiber.

Beta-carotenetransforms into vitamin A in the body and acts as an antioxidant to help fight free radicals. Free radicals can cause cell damage and are suspected in cardiovascular disease as well as cancer.

Vitamin A supports vision and eye health, and benefits the immune system and skin.

Mint leaves, which are often thought of as a garnish, can be eaten whole and offer many health benefits.

They can have a soothing effect on the digestive system and relieve stomach pain.

In addition, mint leaves can also promote good oral health, which is evident in the abundance of dental products produced which

such flavoring. They can inhibit the growth of harmful bacteria in your mouth and kill germs.

Available at your local farmer's market, carrots and mint leaves, when combined with raisins, water and spices, make for one nourishing treat.

Tasty and in shades of autumn, this easy-to-make recipe will leave you feeling healthy and satisfied:

Sautéed Carrots With Raisins

Ingredients:

1 pound carrots, thinly sliced
2 tablespoons water
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons raisins
½ teaspoon ground cumin
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
¼ cup mint leaves, finely chopped
1 teaspoon olive oil
Preparation: Heat oil.

Add onion and sauté until translucent. Add carrots, raisins, water, sugar, salt and spices. Cook for about 5 minutes. Add mint leaves and toss to combine. Latin Caribbean Variation: Omit cayenne and replace mint with cilantro.

By selecting fresh fruits and vegetables at the peak of their flavor, you can in-

vigorate your senses and turn healthy eating into an exciting activity. Because it just turns out that healthy eating, when combined with daily exercise, is at the root of living a long, healthy life and you might as well enjoy it!

Karen Smith-Hagman, RN, MSN, is Vice President, Medical Management at Em-

blemHealth where she oversees initiatives that improve the health and well-being of New Yorkers. EmblemHealth is a sponsor of Harvest Home Farmer's Market, which provides access to locally grown fruits and vegetables and cooking demonstrations at the West Harlem, East Harlem and Metropolitan farmer's markets.

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APP FOR AUTH for ARS INVESTORS II 2012-1 HVB, LLC App for Auth filed with SSNY 08/14/2013 LLC. Registered in Delaware on 03/27/2012 Off. Loc.:Bronx Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, c/o Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Avenue, Suite 100, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

EBER REALTY, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 02/12/2013. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 1200 Zerega Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

GORDON WAY MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 09/10/2013. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 4129 Baychester Avenue, Bronx, NY 10466. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

MAX TAX II LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 05/31/2013. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, C/O David Jennings, 571 Westbrook Drive, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 2035 Bartow Quickserve LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/23/13. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 555 South Columbus Avenue, Ste. 201, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Crotona Park North LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/23/13. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 660 E. 183rd St., Bronx, NY 10458. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DM TAX ASSO-CIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/16/13. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Diana Mastrocola, 1662 Yates Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Fuzzy Annie Cleaning Services LLC a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 6-14-2013. NY Office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to C/O Martine laguerre 2932 E 194 street bronx ny 10461. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HotSpot Global Marketing, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on September 3, 2013. NY Office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to C/O Andrea Faulk, 63 Beacon Lane, Bronx, NY 10473. Purpose: On-line Retail Sales.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Live Love Liquor, LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on November 02, 2011. NY Office location: Bronx County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O 3491 Boston Road, Bronx, NY 10469. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NQ MELROSE SITE C-2 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/10/13. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o We Stay-Nos Quedamos, Inc., 754 Melrose Avenue, Bronx, NY 10451. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Project Management Capital Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 9/18/13. Office location: Bronx County. Princ. bus. addr.: 1809 Paulding Ave., Bronx, NY 10462. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Sima Can Help, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the NY Dept. of State on 8/13/2013. Office location: BRONX County. NY DOS is the agent upon whom any process against it may be served. NY DOS shall mail a copy of any process against it to: 392 E. Tremont Ave #14, Bronx NY 10457. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on September 27, 2013, bearing Index Number NC-000408-13/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) Mia (Middle) Sofia (Last) Contreras. My present name is (First) Mia (Middle) Sofia (Last) Tejada AKA Mia S. Tejada AKA Mia Tejada (infant). My present address is 2185 Valentine Avenue, Apt 5K, Bronx, NY 10457. My place of birth is Manhattan, NY. My date of birth is May 15, 2009.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on August 22, 2013, bearing Index Number NC-000370-13/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) Meriluz (Last) Rosario. My present name is (First) Meriluz (Last) Almonte (infant). My present address is 1791 Grand Concourse, Apt 6G, Bronx, NY 10453. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is December 07, 2011.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 9/26/2013, bearing Index Number NC-000403-13/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) Anthony (Middle) Lee (Last) Brown. My present name is (First) Anthony (Last) Lee AKA Anthony Lee Brown AKA Anthony L. Brown AKA Anthony Brown. My present address is 3250 Third Avenue, Apt 6G, Bronx, NY 10456. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is September 12, 1950.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on Sept. 24, 2013, bearing Index Number NC-000421-13/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) Vivian (Middle) Yvonne (Last) Maclara. My present name is (First) Viven (Last) Maclara AKA Vivian Maclara AKA Vivian Maisonet AKA Vivian Y. Maisonet AKA Vivian Yvonne Maisonet. My present address is 1957 Gildersleeve Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473. My place of birth is Manhattan, NY. My date of birth is January 23, 1952.

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NOTICE OF SALE
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 161 shares of stock of WAKEFIELD COOPERATIVE CORP. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 745 E 231ST ST, Apt. 5E, BRONX, NY 10466. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on October 28, 2013 at 01:00 PM on

the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein.

The sale is subject to any conditions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner, Auctioneer, License # 1224356

ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Secured Party
Fishkill Office 2 Summit Court
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Fishkill, NY 12524
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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY.
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2005-07, Pltf. vs. MARLENE CARTER, et al, Defts. Index #17073/2007. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated April 1, 2009 and order ratifying judgment of foreclosure and sale and order appointing referee to compute dated July 19, 2013, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, on Monday, Oct. 21st, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 1953 Gildersleeve Ave., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 3457, Lot 4. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$289,560.53 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. FLORA EDWARDS, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. (File No. 24663) - #83109

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HARBOUR POINTE AT SHOREHAVEN HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION I, INC., Pltf. vs. ARCHIE WASHINGTON, et al, Defts. Index #381707/09. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated May 24, 2013, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Oct. 28th, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 3 Starboard Court, Bronx, NY. Said property Beginning at a point to following two courses and distances from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of Bolton Ave. (60 ft. wide) with the northerly side of Cornell Ave. (68 ft. wide); 1) Thence northerly along the easterly side of Bolton Ave., 181.00 ft. to a point; 2) Thence easterly at right angles to the last mentioned course, 50.00 ft. to the point or place of beginning; being a plot 75.00 ft. x 19.83 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$4,683.32 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. FRANCIS THOMAS ALBERTS, Referee. JAY L. YACKOW, Attys. for Pltf., 1400 Old Country Rd., Ste. 309, Westbury, NY. #83150

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY.
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, A NATIONAL BANK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF WAMU COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2007-SL2 COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE SERIES 2007-SL2, Pltf. vs. HAVILAND ESTATES LLC., et al, Index #380700/09. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Feb. 20, 2011, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Supreme Court, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Oct. 28, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 2250 Haviland Ave., Bronx, NY. Said property located on the southerly side of Haviland Avenue, distant two hundred fifty four and seven-one hundredths feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the said southerly side of Haviland Avenue with the westerly side of Havemeyer Avenue as the same are legally open; and Running thence southerly on a line which forms an angle on its westerly side with the southerly side of Haviland Avenue, eighty-nine degrees fifty-seven minutes and part of the way through a party wall, one hundred three and six hundredths feet; Thence westerly parallel with the southerly side of Haviland Avenue, thirty-five feet; Thence northerly on a line which forms an angle on its westerly side with the southerly side of Haviland Avenue, eighty-nine degrees fifty-seven minutes one hundred three and six hundredths feet to the southerly side of Haviland Avenue; Thence easterly along the southerly side of Haviland Avenue, thirty-five feet to the point or place of beginning. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$999,714.07 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. HON. JOHN PERONE, Referee. JASPAN SCHLESINGER LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 300 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY. #83107

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
HUDSON VALLEY BANK, N.A, Plaintiff,
Against
DCRA DEVELOPMENT LLC; SAMMY CHUNASAMY; et al, Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 2/6/2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 10/21/2013 at 2:00 pm premises known as 712/714 East 214th Street, Bronx, New York 10467.

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York.

Block 4661 Lot 12

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

Kim Ramos, Esq., Referee

LYNCH & ASSOCIATES ATTORNEYS AT LAW, 462 Seventh Avenue, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10018

Dated: 9/5/2013 File Number: 048.082 MNH

Mayoral Spin Cycle *by Tom Allon*

There are only three months left in the Bloomberg era, and the folks at the Tweed Building who work for the Department of Education are probably dusting off their resumé and thinking about their next gig.

The conventional wisdom is that Bill de Blasio will be New York's next mayor and he will put his own stamp on the future of public education. (All bets are off if Joe Lhota wins, because he is likely to continue a lot of Bloomberg's policies, but that's a topic for another column).

Looking at de Blasio's campaign promises, it is easy to glean that his administration will make a very sharp break from the Bloomberg-Klein-Walcott era, and we should expect to see a steep reversal of course in 2014.

First of all, de Blasio's main emphasis during the campaign was on the importance of universal pre-K, and he said we should fund that through a tax on those

making more than \$500,000 annually.

He is absolutely correct in pushing for universal pre-K. The achievement gap in our city is such that minority kids are one grade level behind non-minority kids by kindergarten, and universal pre-K should help alleviate most of that disparity.

What de Blasio will not likely get is the tax increase because it requires the approval of the state Legislature and 2014 is an election year in Albany. It is highly unlikely that Gov. Cuomo and the Legislature will push a tax increase on anyone as they prepare to face the voters in November.

Another flash point in a de Blasio administration will be the future of charter schools. De Blasio has said in the past that charter schools should be charged rent, and he does not seem to be a fan of former Councilwoman Eva Moskowitz, the head of the fastest-growing chain of charter schools in

the city, the Success Charter Network. Moskowitz, a very controversial figure when she was in office, has decided to close her schools Oct. 8 and call for a march of her students and their parents across the Brooklyn Bridge to send de Blasio and his team a message that charter schools have widespread support, particularly among minority parents.

It will be very interesting to see how this plays out; there are more than 100 charter schools in the city and they have become a growing part of the fabric of our education ecosystem. It will be hard for de Blasio to dismantle them, but he is likely to halt their growth in his first term.

Another area de Blasio is likely to reverse course on is the use of high-stakes testing in determining student progress and curriculums. So much of public school learning is now geared to driving up test scores that it will be challenging for de Blasio and

his new chancellor to undo this. This will certainly take time, and it is not clear that he will be able to do this seamlessly in a first term.

During the campaign, de Blasio often spoke about the need to bring parents back into the education system and in decision-making and to stop the top-down management by the department leaders at Tweed. This is one of those "mom and apple pie" ideas, hard to argue with, but also hard to envision how it will be executed. In principle, de Blasio is correct. The only way education succeeds is when there is a three-way partnership between student, parent, and teacher working together to ensure children succeed.

There is also the question of how de Blasio will handle the teachers in this city, a group like all other public sector unions that has gone without a raise for almost four years. It is very likely that de Blasio will be fair, and perhaps even generous, with



TOM ALLON

the teachers and their union. As a progressive leader who has strong ties to the labor movement, it is safe to predict that he will work hard to give city workers as much as the city budget allows.

Let's hope that in addition to pay increases, de Blasio focuses on intense teacher training, both before they get into the classroom and then relentlessly when they are full-fledged teachers. Professional development and men-

toring of our teachers is the single greatest way we will improve our city's education system in the short term. Everything else is a very distant second to this incredibly urgent need.

Tom Allon, president of City & State NY, was a Republican and Liberal Party-backed mayoral candidate in 2013 before he left to return to the private sector. Reach him at tallon@cityandstatenyc.com.

BY FATHER RICHARD F. GORMAN

WE Are The Enemy!

It is Tuesday, the first of October. Summer is gone, at least as far as the calendar tells us. The weather, though, says otherwise. It is sunny, warm, and pleasant outside. Autumn? What's that? It is already here?

It is also Primary Day, Round II. Today, Democratic voters in the City of New York are supposed to be voting in a run-off election in order to choose their Party's candidate for the Office of the Public Advocate for the City of New York. Say what? HELLLLLLOOOOO! Remember my column last week on the twenty percent (20%) who voted in the initial round of the primaries? I suspect that even most of those voters will probably not be showing up at the polls today. When "YOURS TRULY" voted at 9:05 A.M. this morning across the street from my residence at Cardinal Spellman High School, I was only the fifth voter -- YES, VOTER NUMBER FIVE (5)! -- to cast a ballot in my Election District. Amazing! Scary, too!

Of course, perhaps one

of the reasons why folks are apparently not coming out to vote is that they figure it really does not matter who is making Government work for us. Well, as a matter of fact, as of Midnight early this morning, a good portion of our Federal Government is not working for us! It is not working. PERIOD! Too many of our alleged servants of the people in Washington, D.C. are too busy and far too interested in serving special interests and hidden agendas to agree on how to fund our Federal Government so that it can work! So what if multitudes of our Federal civilian employees are not paid? So what if vital Government programs are shut down? Is there a problem with citizens being denied the services of Government that they actually need? Need anyone wonder why so many voters are too disgusted or disheartened to bother to vote? Why vote for leaders who lead us to the catastrophe of a Government that has no money to govern? At least our men and women in uniform are not failing us. The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen of our United States Armed

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Forces are still on watch along the wall, protecting us and guarding the freedom of their fellow citizens, including the ostensible freedom of some of them to mess things up, even to the point that they get paid and many others go without!

How did we arrive at this state of affairs? Is there something amiss in our system? Maybe, the Framers of our CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES did not establish a viable, workable system of Government. Why the need for a separation of powers? Was it necessary to ordain a mechanism of checks and balances? Is not two houses of Congress one too many? Might it not have been better to streamline the structure? Could power be more concentrated in fewer rather than dispersed among so many political actors?

Fortunately, our Founders believed in reason. Yes,

they were individuals of deep-rooted values and firmly held beliefs. They held fast to principles that they would not bargain away. They stood strong in stances and outlook even to the point of pledging "their sacred lives and fortunes." Nevertheless, they were rational, sensible people. They were also men guided by moral precepts. They respected one another. They did not selfishly arrogate to their own self rights and privileges that they arrogantly denied their comrades. They were religious and spiritual men. Yes, some did not seek or have membership in any particular organized religion or congregation. I suspect that many never darkened the door of any house of worship. Yet, I am confident that all of them believed in God. I trust that they all believed in the worth and the dignity of the human person. I would argue that they paid allegiance to and practiced "THE GOLDEN RULE." They were capable of disagreeing without being disagreeable. They were willing to listen, to give one another the benefit of the doubt, and to have enough respect for others to grant that,

just maybe, the other person had a legitimate point of view by which others could benefit. Moreover, they never confused or substituted partisan, personal, or petty interests for the public welfare or for love of God and Country. They never failed to differentiate between their own voice and vox populi, the voice of the people.

So what is amiss in our civic leaders of today? Are they not up to the task? Are they not of the same caliber and individual integrity as those of old? No, I think not! I am afraid that what we see in contemporary times in the halls of Government is a reflection of us, the people who they represent. Indeed, they represent only too well how we -- YOU AND I! -- conduct ourselves. We are horrified by what we so frequently observe as of late in the Congress, the State Capitol, and at City Hall because what we are really seeing is a mirrored reflection of what we too often are being ourselves. Think of what I say the next time one screams about parking placards for public officials but feels free -- and, worse yet, ENTITLED! -- to park

one's motor vehicle in front of one's neighbor's driveway. Think of what I say the next time that one defames with derogatory and/or untruthful remarks another who disagrees with him/her, the fount of all wisdom! Think of what I say the next time that one does nothing to pitch in on a project or to participate in a process but criticizes those who, so it is said, are living off of the sweat and the labor of others. Think of what I say the next time one criticizes those purportedly pigging out "at the public trough" but has no problem with him/herself partaking of "what is (hypothetically) owed to him/her by the Government." Think of what I say the next time, in a public forum, one complains about the failure of Government to act but sees no problem with one's reluctance to get off the seat of one's own pants and to participate in civic affairs. Get the point?

As William Shakespeare has Cassius says so succinctly and pointedly in his masterpiece, JULIUS CAESAR: The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves... "Here endeth the lesson."

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY.
THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE
FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS
CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-11, Pltf. vs.
ADA I. MORALES, et al, Defts. Index
#16755/07. Pursuant to judgment of
foreclosure and sale entered Aug. 19, 2010,
I will sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand
Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Oct. 21,
2013 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 1484 Vyse Ave.,
Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 2995, Lot 13. Said
property located on the easterly side of Vyse
Ave., 300 ft. northerly from the corner formed
by the intersection of the easterly side of
Vyse Ave. with the northerly side of Jennings
St., being a plot 25 ft. x 100 ft. Approx. amt.
of judgment is \$532,081.34 plus costs and
interest. This is a First Mortgage. Sold
subject to terms and conditions of filed
judgment and terms of sale. EDWARD L.
KOESTER, Referee. DRUCKMAN LAW
GROUP, PLLC, Attys. For Pltf., 242 Drexel
Ave., Westbury, NY. File No. 17688 -
#83093

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
LoanCare, a Division of FNF Servicing,
Inc.; Plaintiff(s)
vs. DONALD L. MILLER JR; SU WANG-
MILLER; 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 17,
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 November 4, 2013 at 02:00 PM
Premises known as 1650 MELVILLE
STREET, BRONX, NY 10460
Block: 4023 Lot: 1
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of
land, situate, lying and being in the Borough
of the Bronx, County of the Bronx, City and
State of New York, designated on the Tax
Map of the City of New York, for the Borough
of the Bronx as said Tax Map was
04/28/1882 in Block 4023, Lot 1.
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
\$561,340.07 plus interest and costs.
INDEX NO. 380058/2012
Jeanette Westphal, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX
HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE
TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED
NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME
EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-3
Plaintiff(s),
Against
SONIA FIGUEROA PACHECO,
ROBINSON PACHECO; et al,

Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and
sale duly entered 8/2/2013, I, the
undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851
Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on
10/21/2013 at 2:00 pm premises known as
936 Balcom Avenue Bronx, NY 10465.
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 of
New York and State of New York.
Section 18 Block 5537 Lot 104
Approximate amount of lien \$567,919.87
plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold
subject to provisions of filed judgment Index
380671/2011
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the
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 Mortgagees
attorney.
Miriam Breier, Esq., Referee
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80
Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY
10504
Dated: 8/19/2013 File Number:
103153516 MNH

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX
U.S BANK N.A., IN ITS CAPACITY AS
TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED
HOLDERS OF MASTR ASSET BACKED
SECURITIES TRUST 2005- WMC1,
MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES,
Plaintiff(s),
Against
RUBEN ORTIZ; et al,
Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and
sale duly entered 9/4/2013, I, the
undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851
Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on
10/28/2013 at 2:00 pm premises known as
1509 Popham Avenue Bronx, NY 10453.
ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of
land, with the buildings and improvements
thereon erected, situate, lying and being in
the Borough of County of Bronx, City and
State of New York.
Section Bronx Block 2877 Lot 199
Approximate amount of lien \$454,784.12
plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold
subject to provisions of filed judgment Index
380184/11
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the
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 Mortgagees
attorney.
William F. Mackey, JR., Esq., Referee
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80
Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY
10504
Dated: 9/11/2013 File Number:
34148890 MNH

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT- COUNTY OF
BRONX
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS
TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN
MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF15
MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH

CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF15,
Plaintiff -against- ZACARIA LEDESMA, ET
AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly entered MARCH
5, 2013, together with Order Amending
Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, Nunc Pro
Tunc entered 7/17/13 I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction at the
BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM
600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX,
NEW YORK on the 21ST DAY of OCTOBER,
2013 at 2:00 P.M., premises known as 276
GRAFF AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10465,
further described as follows:
Block: 5596, Lot: 35

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of
land, situate, lying and being in the Borough
and County of Bronx, City and State of New
York, bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at a point on the easterly
side of Graff Avenue, distant 153.50 feet
southerly from the corner formed by the
intersection of the easterly side of Graff
Avenue and the southerly side of Miles
Avenue;
RUNNING THENCE easterly parallel with
Miles Avenue, 100 feet;
THENCE southerly parallel with Graff
Avenue, 23.50 feet;
THENCE westerly again parallel with
Miles Avenue and part of the distance
through a party wall, 100 feet to the easterly
side of Graff Avenue, and;
THENCE northerly along the easterly side
of Graff Avenue 23.50 feet to the point and
place of BEGINNING.
Approximate amount of lien \$567,232.45
plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold
subject to provisions of filed judgment and
terms of sale. Index Number 380253/08.
CARLOS M. CALDERON-HOMS, ESQ.,
REFEREE
DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
100 Cummings Center
Suite 225D
Beverly, MA 01915

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX, NYCTL 2011-A TRUST AND THE
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS
COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN,
Plaintiff(s), vs. PRESTIGE REALTY CORP.,
Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale duly filed on August 30, 2013, I, the
undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at the Bronx County Courthouse,
Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx,
New York on November 4, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.,
premises known as 2717 Kingsland Avenue,
Bronx, New York. All that certain plot, piece
or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in
the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City
and State of New York, known and
designated as Block 4537 and Lot 44.
Approximate amount of judgment is
\$13,031.77 plus interest and costs. Premises
will be sold subject to provisions of filed
Judgment and Terms of Sale.
Index Number 308412-12
Mario Biaggi, Jr., Esq., Referee
Phillips Lytle LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs
1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY
14614

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF BRONX Deutsche Bank
National Trust Company, as Trustee for
GSAA Home Equity Trust 2006-15, Plaintiff,
against Rita D. Marks, et al., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and
Sale duly dated 3/27/2012 I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction at the
Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851
Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on
11/04/2013 at 02:00PM, premises known as
4155 Wilder Avenue, Bronx, NY 10466 All
that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with
the buildings and improvements erected,
situate, lying and being in the Borough and
County of Bronx, City and State of New York,
Block 5021 - Lot 67. Approximate amount of
judgment \$478,443.80 plus interest and
costs. Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index#
382903/09. Heddyeh P. Broumand, Esq.,
Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney
for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY
14068 Dated: September 26, 2013 1062368

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS
COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN,
Plaintiff(s), vs. M.O.L. REALTY INC., ET AL.,
Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale duly filed on March 4, 2013, I, the
undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at the Bronx County Courthouse -
851 Grand Concourse, Bronx NY in Room
600 on November 4, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.,
premises known as 1680 Pelham Parkway
South, Bronx, New York. All that certain plot,
piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and
being in the Borough of Bronx, County of
Bronx, City and State of New York, Block
4223 and Lot 39. Approximate amount of
judgment is \$19,686.28 plus interest and
costs. Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of
Sale. Index # 381645/10.
Edmond J. Pryor, Esq., Referee
Phillips Lytle LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs
1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY
14614

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX
NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE
Index No. 381744/10
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff,
-vs-
FREDDY M. GARCIA;
NEW YORK CITY PARKING
VIOLATIONS BUREAU;
CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF
NEW YORK;
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW
YORK BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
TAXATION AND FINANCE;
VELOCITY INVESTMENTS LLC;
NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL
CONTROL BOARD;
4 SONS HARDWARE AND
QUAAS INTERNATIONAL,
Defendants.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:
In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment
of Foreclosure and Sale duly granted by this

Court in the above entitled foreclosure action,
dated January 30, 2013, and entered in the
Bronx Clerk's Office on February 8, 2013,
Carl Lucas, Esq., the Referee named in said
Judgment, will sell at public auction to the
highest bidder on October 21, 2013 at 2:00
p.m., in Room 600 of the Bronx County
Courthouse, Bronx, Bronx County, New York,
the premises described in the Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale as set forth in
Schedule A annexed hereto,

Subject to and together with all
covenants, easements, and restrictions of
record affecting the above described
premises as recorded in the Bronx County
Clerk's Office and subject to the provisions of
the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale.
Said premises is commonly known as
3066 Jerome Ave., Bronx, NY 10468.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: The Judgment
amount is \$588,016.76, with interest thereon,
plus plaintiff's costs and disbursements in the
amount of \$1,640.00 and attorneys' fees in the
amount of \$2,238.50, plus advances
made by the plaintiff until the date of the sale,
pursuant to said judgment.
DATED: August 28, 2013
Carl Lucas, Esq., Referee
HIISCOCK & BARCLAY, LLP
Jennifer M.S. Byrne
Attorney for Plaintiff
Office and Post Office Address
One Park Place
300 South State Street
Syracuse, New York 13202-2078
Direct all inquiries to:
Beth A. Ceparski, Paralegal
Phone no. (315) 425-2714

SCHEDULE "A"

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of
land, with the buildings and improvements
thereon erected, situate, lying and being in
the Twenty-Fourth Ward of the City of New
York, County of the Bronx, State of New
York, and bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at a point on the easterly
side of Jerome Avenue distant 95 feet
southerly from the southeasterly corner of
Jerome Avenue and 204th Street;
RUNNING THENCE easterly at right
angles to Jerome Avenue 98.63 feet to lands
formerly of the Jerome Park Railway
Company;
THENCE southwesterly along lands of
said company as it curves 119.33 feet to the
easterly side of Jerome Avenue; and
THENCE northerly along the easterly side
of Jerome Avenue 66.86 feet to the point or
place of beginning.

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice
Kings Harbor Multicare Center began its
community Sharps Program in 1996 which is
still an active and free service provided by
the facility. The community can bring
containers of home generated needles,
syringes and lancets to 2355 Ely Avenue,
Bronx, New York 10469 Manor Building.
Drop off Sharps containers is on the last
Friday of each month from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00
p.m. All containers must be secured with a
screw top and labeled "Contains Needles" or
"Biohazard." Keep containers safely secured
and away from children.
Thank you.
For additional information on The Sharps
Program please contact: Director of
Housekeeping at Extension 521.



BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

First off, our condolences and sympathies go out to the family of Roy Sapienza a long time member here. Commander George Brins, George Amato and I attended his wake last Monday where we held our Legion Ceremony. Roy was an Army Vet who, along with deceased member Vito Cupertino took part in there Anzio Landing, went up the Boot to Rome and I'm told captured Mussolini. (I'm not too sure of that last part) In any event, he will be missed.

New York State Senator, Ruben Diaz and The Bronx Council For Veterans Organization, Chaired by Leroy A. Archible, invites all to A Bronx Forum on Veterans Affairs. This takes place on Friday, October 4, 2013 from 9 AM-12 Noon at the Lincoln Medical and Mental Center Audio-Visual Conference Center 234 East 149 Street, Bronx, NY. For more info, contact Mrs. Leila Mar-

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**Samuel Young
Legion Post 620**

tinez at 718-991-3161 or at lmartine@nysenate.gov

I attended the Drunken Volley Ball Tournament at the Redwood Club last Saturday. This event is put on by Chip Hiney and Patty Doherty of Paddy's on the Bay. There was a great turnout, with plenty of food, drink and two amazing bands. Fortunately they played one at a time. All proceeds are going to Calvary Hospital.

Legion and Sons of the Legion dues are due.

There will be a Legion Meeting on Saturday, October 5 at 1 PM. All legion members, please show up.

Don't forget the pumpkin sale at the Hawkins Post from October 4-6 from 10 AM -6 PM.

The Marine Corps

League is still meeting here on the second Wednesday of each month.

Trivia Time!!

October 1, 1903, saw the first World Series Game. More on this later as soon as my Triviologist, Joe Cusimano fills me in on participants, scores and venue. (that means where it happened.)

On the same date in 1962, James Meredith attends the University of Mississippi.

The Nazi's crushed the Warsaw Uprising on October 2, 1944.

O.J. Simpson was found "Not Guilty" on October 3, 1995.

The Brooklyn Dodgers won the World Series on October 4, 1955.

Two years later on the same date, Sputnik was launched.

Chief Joseph stopped fighting on October 5, 1877.

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

BY LYNN GERBINO

I would like to thank everyone who attended our meeting last week. It was a great start to our meeting schedule. We had 15 more families join that evening! Welcome to them all!!

Thanks also go out to Haley Rogers from the New York City, Department of Sanitation Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling Program who explained to us about the pilot organics recycling program, which is being held east of East Tremont Area from Pelham Bay Park to the water. If your address is within the pilot area, a brown recycling can with a small recycling can for your kitchen counter will be delivered to your door. An explanation of the program will be included with the materials. This program was already initiated in Staten Island and has been expanded to our area. Right now the program is voluntary, but will be made mandatory in the

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Home Owners Assoc.**

future.

Our thanks also go out to Keith Schiller, Director of Security for the Trump organization, and his cohorts who visited us and conveyed their intentions to be good neighbors to us when the golf course opens...and, of course, we will be good neighbors to them. I had a tour of the golf course a week ago and it is becoming a fabulous lush greenway that will be the envy of all. One of the last holes has been seeded, but it takes a while for the seeds to take. There is no opening date yet, but in the spring we will revisit to see what progress has been made. We are getting closer to the finish line.

Also, thank you to Cap-

tain James McGeown of the 45th and his Community Affairs officers Morrison and Schrouder for attending as well.

If you need guidance on the STAR program, please come to our next meeting on Tuesday, October 29, at 7:30 at the Villa Barone Manor. We will go over everything with you and put you in the right direction. My also thanks go out to Pat Caruso of Community Board 10 who helped us out with STAR at our last meeting.

Our guest speaker at our next meeting on Tuesday, October 29th, will be Assemblyman Michael Benedetto. Assemblyman Benedetto is the chair of the New York State Assembly Veterans Committee. The assemblyman will be able to keep us in the loop on what is happening with veterans affairs, as well as what is going on in Albany.

Of course, if you need us, please call us at 718-823-0327. Enjoy the week!

BY IRENE GUANILL

Why is it important to support our Pelham Bay Merchants Association?

Support the Pelham Bay Merchants Association because working together as a team is productive for us all. Bronx Community Board 10, is always available to help navigate the red tape of city agencies in helping to solve the merchants' problems. CB 10 has been the only government agency that has been at all the PBMA meetings and it will validate what we do to others and to the Board. Join the Pelham Bay Merchants Association today.

Currently two new malls are being added to our area and one mall is being expanded. The new Whitestone Mall and Throggs Neck Mall will be opening in 2014. The new indoor Macy's Mall by Coop City will be the largest indoor mall in the Northeast. The Ferry Point Golf Course will be opening soon. We need to unite our business community now. Working together benefits all of us, the merchants and the residents will experience the advantages and the results will be our business will grow. Lets' keep Pelham Bay residents shopping

locally. Contact Sherry Spiers-Scanlon of Pelham Bay Home Center at 917-887-1411 if you have not paid your annual dues. We need 100% co-operation to offer the results you are expecting, it cost money to plan events, activities and promote the Pelham Bay Merchants. The PBMA dues are currently \$300 per year, less than \$1 a day. The dues cover the following planned events and advertising for 2013-2014 and holiday lights.

The new PBMA decal: link your FaceBook, Twitter and Yelp sites to #PelhamBayMerchants. We are encouraging residents to do the same. Join your page to the Pelham Bay Merchants page and watch your business grow. Bronx Chamber of Commerce and the NYC Small Business Services are available to offer merchants FREE business support for online Marketing. The Online Marketing Class is being offered on Thursday, October 3 at 12:30 to merchants. Attend a FREE workshop about Online Marketing at 1200 Waters Place, on the 1st floor, call to RSVP: 718-828-3900.

• The maintenance of the www.PelhamBayMerchantAssociation.org website. If

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**Pelham Bay
Merchants**

you do not have a website and want to add advertising to the Pelham Bay Merchants website you may as a member of the PBMA. You may also advertise job openings, coupons, notices on our merchant website. The page is there for your use, take advantage of the site.

• 1st Annual October Festival scheduled for Saturday, October 26th, 2013 which includes a continental breakfast for Parade participants, Music and activities and sidewalk fair. Our parade participants will meet at Confetti Party Place located at 3190 Westchester Avenue. Connect on Facebook @PelhamBayMerchants to RSVP for the Halloween breakfast and parade. First priority is you our Pelham Bay Merchants if you are interested in reserving a space at Keane Square please RSVP on our FB Event page. Restaurants, Bars and stores that want to participate in our FIRST October Festival may host a table outside of your business, but not blocking walking

traffic. You can cook food outside your restaurant, you may use a charcoal grill, no gas grills are allowed. Give our residents a true experience of all we have to offer. If you have questions or concerns please contact Irene Guanill of Meet the Sellers Realty.

• Business Card Advertising on Place mats is currently in production for all paid PBMA members, deadline Oct 18th.

• March of Dimes "Jeans for Babies", is our charity of choice this year. \$5.00 from each participating merchant dues will be donated to March of Dimes for premature babies. All merchants can wear the March of Dimes button, PINK SHIRTS and JEANS on November 9th, 2013 in support of November Prematurity Awareness Month.

• Veterans Luncheon at a local Pelham Bay Merchants Restaurant, if you are interested in hosting this event please contact Irene Guanill of Meet the Sellers Realty at 917-767-8291. We would like to have the restaurant reserved by November 1st. If you are a veteran and are available to participate the Pelham Bay Merchants would like to thank you for

your service.

Pelham Bay Merchants Plan: Additional information available on our website and FaceBook site

Business Card Advertising on Place Mats for all paid members

March of Dimes "JEANS FOR BABIES" is our charity of choice.

Create Pelham Bay Merchant Magazine Annual Book:

GOING GREEN BAGS Pelham Bay Merchants POINTS SYSTEM:

Pelham Bay Merchants Certified with the SBA

Walk in Veterans Parade, St. Patrick's Parade and Columbus Parade

Sponsor a FLAG: Advertise your business on a PBMA FLAG from the Lamp Post

PBMA Summer Youth

Program: Junior Achievement Program for our teens

Holiday tree lighting and Santa. Holiday lights and Permits for Events are included in the annual dues..

Any merchant who wants to support Vito's Deli in their annual turkey giveaway please contact Vito of Vito's Deli at 718-828-9600. Please join me in thanking Pruzzo's Deli for donating our annual Christmas tree, thank you both for all you do for our community. Many of our merchants donate their time and money for many causes.

Our next Pelham Bay Merchants Networking meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24, at 6:30pm

Irene Guanill, Meet the Sellers Realty, PBMA - 347-810-5800

Public Notice

On Wednesday, October 9, 2013, Bronx Community Board #10 will be conducting a Public Hearing with respect to Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Priorities.

The Public Hearing will take place at the Bronx

Community Board #10 Office at 3165 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx New York 10461. The Public Hearing will commence at 7:30 PM.

Please contact the Board Office at 718 892-1161 with any questions.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff,
-vs-
VERONICA MEIKLE,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
IN FORECLOSURE
Index No. 309121-08
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly granted by this Court in the above entitled foreclosure action, dated May 8, 2013, and entered in the Bronx Clerk's Office on May 15, 2013, Alberto Torres, the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder on November 4, 2013 at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, Bronx County, New York, at 2:00 PM, the premises described in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale as set forth in Schedule A annexed hereto,

Subject to and together with all covenants, easements, and restrictions of record affecting the above described premises as recorded in the Bronx County Clerk's Office and subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale.

Said premises is commonly known as 2460 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10469.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: The Judgment amount is \$652,976.19, plus plaintiff's costs and disbursements in the amount of \$1,495.00 and attorney fees in the amount of \$2,236.00, all with interest, plus advances made by the plaintiff until the date of the sale, pursuant to said judgment.

DATED: September 19, 2013

Alberto Torres, Referee
HISCOCK & BARCLAY, LLP
Jennifer M.S. Byrne
Attorney for Plaintiff
Office and Post Office Address
One Park Place
300 South State Street
Syracuse, New York 13202-2078
Direct all inquiries to:
Deborah J. Little, Paralegal
Phone no. (315) 425-2848
SCHEDULE A

All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and county o Bronx, City and State of New York, known and described as Lot Number 68, on a certain map entitled "Map of 920 Lots, belonging to Louis Gold and Company, located at Pelham park North, Williamsbridge Road, Mace Avenue, Young Avenue and adjacent Streets and Avenues, Borough of Bronx, N.Y.C.", and filed in the Office of the Register of the County of Bronx, on the 20th day of November 1923, and known as Map 747, which said lot is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Williamsbridge Road, 80 feet wide, distant 201.87 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Mace Avenue with the said easterly side of Williamsbridge Road; running thence easterly parallel with Mace Avenue, 82.27 feet; thence southerly on a line forming an interior angle of 93 degrees 50 minutes 39 seconds with the southerly side of the last mentioned course, a distance of 25.06 feet; thence westerly again parallel with Mace Avenue, 80.59 feet to the easterly side of Williamsbridge Road; and thence northerly

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiff against J.A.D BELMONT AVENUE INC., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated August 14, 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 4th day of November, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the County of Bronx, Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated on the City of New York Tax Map as Block 3081 Lot 17. Said premises known as 2113 BELMONT AVENUE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 62,659.07 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 304221/11.

LORRAINE C. CORSA, ESQ., Referee.
Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102,
156 W. 56 ST. NEW YORK, NY 10019

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

ONEWEST BANK FSB, Plaintiff against
EVELYN M. ANYAOGU, et al
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 20, 2013.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 4th day of November, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 1019 Duncan Street, Bronx, N.Y. 10469.

Tax account number: SBL #: 4637-5.
Approximate amount of lien \$ 455,854.37 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381580-09. Mary Foreman-Harris, Esq., Referee.
Fein Such & Crane, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
747 Chestnut Ridge Road
Suite 200
Chestnut Ridge, N.Y. 10977

"If the sale is set aside for any reason, the 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."

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff
against
WURAOLA ODUSOTE, et al
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on July 1, 2013.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 28th day of October, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 658 East 223rd Street, Bronx, N.Y. 10466.

Tax account number: SBL #: 4824-67.
Approximate amount of lien \$387,627.71 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 382276-09. Deidra R. Moore, Esq., Referee.
McCabe Weisberg & Conway
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210
New Rochelle, New York 10801
(914) 636-8900

LEGAL NOTICE

At an IAS Part 59 of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of New York at 71 Thomas Street New York, New York, 10013 on the 29th day of August, 2013.

Index No.: 157493/2013
Present: Hon. Debra A. James, Justice
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK
In the Matter of the Application of
SUBGAR REALTY CORPORATION,
Petitioner

For a Judgment Discharging an Ancient Mortgage on the Premises known as 698 2nd Avenue, New York, New York

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
Upon the Verified Petition, verified by Steven Landy, Esq., on August 14, 2013, the Affidavit of Norma Garbus, sworn to the 9th day of August 2013, the Affirmation of Steven Landy, Esq. dated August 14, 2013, the Exhibits (including the official mortgage chain search) attached thereto, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the clerk of New York County, New York, and all other persons interested show cause at an IAS Part 59, Room 103 of this Court to be held in and for the County of New York, in the courthouse located at 71 Thomas Street, New York County, New York on November 19, 2013, at 9:30 am in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard why an order should not be made herein discharging of record a certain mortgage for Thirteen-Thousand (\$13,000.00) Dollars between Subgar Realty Corporation, as mortgagor, and Mae Goodman, Jacob Goodman, Celia Feinstein and Irving Feinstein, as mortgagees, which said mortgage was recorded on April 3, 1947 in the clerk's office of the County of New York, in Liber 4898 MP 269 which mortgage was satisfied decades ago and which mortgage is now improperly a lien on the property designated as Lot 60 in Block 00943, on the Land Map of the County of New York, and commonly known and referred to as 698 2nd Avenue, New York, New York and it is further:

ORDERED that service of a copy of this Order, together with the Verified Petition, Affidavit of Norma Garbus and Affirmation of Steven Landy, Esq., upon which it is based, be made, on or before the 1st day of November 2013, upon the clerk of New York County together with proof of service by publication of the contents of this Order in Bronx Times Reporter, 900 E. 132nd St., Bronx, New York 10454 newspaper for 4 weeks which shall be deemed good and sufficient service upon all who may have an interest in the Ancient Mortgage, the Property and/or this proceeding.

Oral Argument Directed
ENTER:
Debra A. James
J.S.C.
Dated August 29, 2013
TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE ANCIENT MORTGAGE,

THE PROPERTY AND/OR THIS PROCEEDING: The foregoing Order to Show Cause is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of Honorable Debra A. James, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated August 29, 2013, and filed with the supporting papers in the New York County Clerk's Office, and, as set forth in the above Order, you are to show cause why an order should not issue directing the discharge of the Ancient Mortgage. Venue is based on location of the Property.

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2012-2938/A
CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: Donald Starling; Lawrence Starling; 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 WILLIAM MYCEL, 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 December 3, 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 WILLIAM MYCEL, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 3530 Wayne Avenue; Bronx, New York 10467, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$7,428.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$3,714.00 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$3,714.00 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 \$519,972.86 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, September 26, 2013. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ Surrogate, Bronx County Chief Clerk. This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney at law appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full

account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925 9100 Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

LEGAL NOTICE

Probate Citation
File No. 2011-2816
Surrogate's Court - Bronx County

CITATION
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TO: Edward Rockey, Joan Bruggerman,
William Rockey,
The Attorney General of the State of New York,

The Public Administrator for the Bronx County, And to the unknown heirs at law, and next of kin of Charles Rockey, deceased, if they be living, and if they are dead, to their Executors, Administrators, Creditors, and Lienors, their husbands, or wives of successors in interest.

A petition having been duly filed by Walter Heath, who is domiciled at 5621 Netherland Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, NY 10451, New York on October 29, 2013, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Charles Rockey lately domiciled at 5621 Netherland Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471 admitting to probate a Will dated October 4, 1995 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Charles Rockey deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Walter Heath

Dated, Attested and Sealed
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Teresa M. Grant Stoeth
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BY MARY JANE MUSANO

On Saturday, October 5th, we will be having our Fall Tree Giveaway. It will begin at 10:00am in the yard of the First Lutheran Church on Hollywood and Baisley Avenues.

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We need volunteers to remove trees from the trailer on the morning of October 4th at approximately 9:00am. If you can volunteer on the 4th, you can take your tree on that day. Please call me at 718 792-6385 if you can help us out or if you have any questions.

Next Meeting

Our next membership meeting will be on October 10th at 7:30pm at PS 14. Our guest will speak about the new regulations for the STAR exemption program. Forms will be available.

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BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

In the last few weeks, I have attended meetings at Community Board 10, Throggs Neck

Homeowner's, Country Club Civic and Locust Point Civic Association to hear the Department of Sanitation speak about the organics recycling pilot program. I went to the meeting as a Master Composter to support the New York Compost Project and the DOS in this very important initiative. I went with other members of the Locust Point Board as well, both

Al Belfiore and Marguerite Allard attended meetings with me in an effort to make sure we are all as informed as possible about how this pilot program will work.

As with many municipal initiatives that cause fear and consternation in the public, I saw a common thread through all groups. At each meeting, there was someone who insisted that the practice of recycling organic waste, specifically kitchen scraps, was a disgusting and unsanitary practice. The DOS reps handled these questions with as much grace as possible and hope to remember their answers if and when I am ever confronted with the same attitude. When we started recycling plastic, glass and paper people thought it was

going to cause problems but now it should be second nature to us all. The NYC Recycling

Program has also proven to be a program that have saved the city money and has helped to alleviate the amount of waste that goes to landfills.

As a community that is still dealing with the environmental and health effects of the

Pelham Bay Landfill, we are all too familiar with the consequences of this form of waste management. Currently, the city spends over \$300 million per year to transport waste to landfills in New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and South Carolina. There is no guarantee that these sites will stay open forever and so it is imperative that we find ways to utilize this "waste" in more sustainable ways. For example, a small percentage of this organic waste will be turned into renewable energy.

It's environmentally responsible that we try to support these initiatives. 17% of US methane emissions are from landfills. Methane is the second most prevalent greenhouse gas after carbon dioxide and accounts for 9% of the greenhouse gases produced in this country. However, since methane is more effective at trapping radiation, it's

food for thought

affect on global warming is pound for pound twenty times greater than carbon dioxide.

It is financially responsible that we also figure out ways to turn this waste into an income stream and not an expense. We've removed all glass, plastic, paper and cardboard from the landfills and now we have an opportunity to reduce what's left by at least one third. That is the purpose of this pilot program - to see if New York City can divert 30% of its waste and send it to facilities that will turn these materials to compost that will be used in city gardens, given away to community groups and sold to landscapers.

Since it is a pilot program, nothing is written in stone and the city will adapt to the situation. So for example, if the amount of organic waste diverted from the landfills creates a dramatic reduction in the amount of "garbage", then the city will adapt their collection schedules to suit demand. The new pails lock and are rodent proof, but we need to give the city feed-

back if the pails are broken into by very intelligent raccoons or badly mangled by DOS trucks. The counter-top containers do not close easily - a point I intend to make by calling 311 - and the bags provided don't open easily and are tough to fit into the pail. But I do like the flip top lid and the compostable bags I have fit better. If you have any questions about this program, feel free to email me at cnapolitano@netzero.net. You can also call 311 and ask to be connected to the DOS Organics recycling program where you can lodge your complaints and comments directly. Feedback from the community will be very important, so be proactive. Complaints are as important as kudos.

As a local food advocate, I have written about the importance of eating at least one "meatless meal" per week. Since we are both unapologetic carnivores, this can be a tricky task in our house. I shoot for once a week, hope for twice a week, but with my hours cut by my boss who finally retired, I thought it was worthwhile trying a meatless week to save some money in groceries and really make use of everything we received from our half share of CSA veggies. This week, I managed to pull this off for five days straight!

On Monday night we had Goya Bean and Cheese Burritos, which I found in the Foodtown on

Bruckner. Not bad for \$6, the ingredients list was not too bad and with some chopped jalapeno on top, they were pretty tasty! Tuesday night was Spaghetti with Arugula which utilized the wild arugula I have growing in my garden and pasta from the pantry. While the pasta boiled, we gave the greens a quick saute in olive oil and then added the pasta to the pan after it was drained. A little sprinkle of grated cheese and dinner was served. Wednesday night was a stir fry of CSA veggies that included a Japanese eggplant, assorted peppers, bok choy, carrot and broccoli over brown rice. We cooked it in a little sesame oil and freshly grated ginger, added a little hoisin sauce and red pepper when it was done and it was really good. Thursday was stuffed portobello mushrooms with parsley, hazelnuts and gorgonzola served over pan fried polenta. Friday was a bit of a cheat, I used homemade chicken broth, but the mixed bean and eggplant tagine was pretty delicious served over a batch of pan fried acorn squash.

Without a single complaint from my husband, I intend to try this again

soon. It took some strict menu planning and self control to use what I had on hand instead of running to the store. And I wasn't too strict. Those Goya burritos could be considered processed food, which we try to avoid, but they were in the freezer...so why waste them? I guess what I'm trying to say is that there is always some wiggle room.

On October 12, the Locust Point Civic Association is hosting a Clean Up Day. Thanks to a grant from the Citizen's Committee for New York City, we have purchased brand new gardening supplies, top soil and mulch plus have money left-over for food and beverages - all we need are volunteers. This is a great opportunity for high school students that need volunteer hours, we are not a 501c3 but we are a non profit community organization and can write letters for these volunteers. All are welcome - not just teenagers - we need avid gardeners and anyone else who doesn't mind getting their hands dirty! The gates open at 10am, please come down to lend a hand. You can email me if you have any questions or if you want to volunteer.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF BRONX
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NYCTL 2011-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 2011-A TRUST, Plaintiffs - against- OLGA R. MORERA ALVAREZ, HERIBERTO RUIZ, CATALINA RUIZ, and all of the respective heirs, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of HERIBERTO RUIZ and CATALINA RUIZ, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, all of whom and whose names and places or residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, THE NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, THE NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION

BUREAU, THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-INTERNALE REVENUE SERVICE, and "JOHN DOE No. 1" through "JOHN DOE No. 100" inclusive, the names of the last 100 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said, defendants being unknown to plaintiffs, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the lien premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or a lien upon the lien premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title, or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1153 HOE AVENUE, BRONX, NY, BLOCK: 2745 LOT: 39.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to

answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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THE OBJECT of the above entitled action is to foreclose a tax lien for the amount due and interest, recorded in the office of the Register/Clerk of the County of Bronx on the 25th day of November, 2011 and bearing City Register File Number ("CRFN") 2011000410515 covering premises described as follows:

ADDRESS: 1153 HOE AVENUE, BRONX, NY
BLOCK: 2745
LOT: 39
COUNTY: BRONX
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final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the tax lien described above. Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the county where the Property being foreclosed upon is located.

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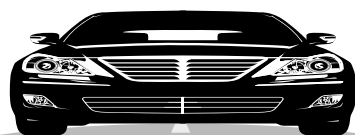
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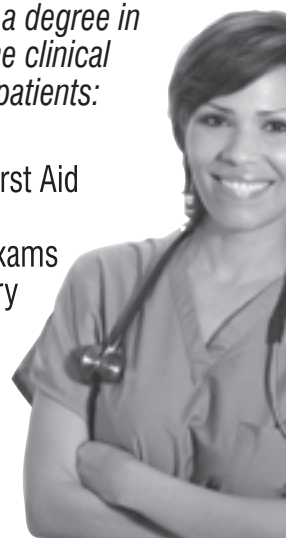
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Rehab of No. 6 line stations causing concern for merchants, residents

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The Bx4 bus will be available to Castle Hill riders to travel to and from the neighboring Parkchester station. Those transferring between the Bx4 and Bx22 will have a free transfer to the No. 6 train at the Parkchester station.

At the Middletown Road station, riders could take the Bx8 or Bx24 bus to travel to and from Westchester Square-East Tremont Avenue station.

Business Derailement

Extensive work on the line has forced crews to section off parking spaces at two corners of Castle Hill Ave. and Westchester Ave. to store their heavy-duty equipment.

But they've now placed heavy barriers in front of a strip of stores, knocking out spaces for customers on the go.

"I wish they put it down the block instead of my store, but then the other guy would be affected," said Frank Fiorentino,

longtime owner of a Castle Hill Avenue deli, though he welcomed renovations. "The station's ready to fall down."

Blockades were originally placed on both sides of Westchester Avenue between Glebe and Castle Hill avenues until merchants griped to Sen. Ruben Diaz Sr. about a business plunge. Diaz soon pressured the city Transportation Department, demanding the agency shift the no-parking zone elsewhere.

"This is no way to help businesses," wrote Diaz. "The damage to the local economy cannot be overlooked."

Small business owners near the Middletown Road subway station dealt with an inconvenient business pinch as concrete barriers at the station also cut off customers from parking spots.

It was especially hard for handicapped patients visiting the dental offices of Dr. Kathleen Szanto.



Barriers will impede customers from relying on spots along Westchester Avenue between Purdy and Castle Hill avenues as the MTA works to renovate two stations.

Photo by David Cruz

Some of them, relying on Access-a-Ride, were forced to be dropped off a block

away since the entrance was limited. Local Councilman

Jimmy Vacca stepped in and talked the MTA and contractors into replac-

ing the barriers to neighboring Hutchinson River Parkway East.

Sanitation launches new recycling initiative in East Bronx

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ing parts of Throggs Neck, Country Club, Spencer Estate, Edgewater Park, and Silver Beach - to be one the city's first areas to take part in recycling food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard waste.

The program is currently voluntary, but if successful, could be expanded boroughwide, said a DSNY spokeswoman, with about a two-year timetable.

So far, local reaction has been mixed, said Community Board 10 chairman John Marano.

He sees both pros and cons with the new pilot program, adding that so does the community.

"We are getting mixed reviews," he said. "My take is that I think the recycling and composting program is a good thing, but I just don't like the way it was done."

Many CB 10 communities, including Co-op City and the Throgs Neck

Houses, were left out, he said.

The Board 10 area also seems to be a target by the city for a disproportionate amount of pilot programs, he added.

Board officials were only notified about a week before postcards were mailed to affected residents, he said.

He did credit Sanitation officials with coming to two board meetings in September to explain the program.

Some said that the bins - small brown containers with wheels for the outside and the small lined white boxes for the inside - are adding another step in what is already a cumbersome process for garbage.

Lucy Leon of Throggs Neck said she is angry about having the city government tell her she has to recycle even more.

"I am angry about having to recycle organic waste, and about having

another bin to deal with in my small kitchen," she said. "It is a waste of taxpayer money and of our time. Since it is voluntary, I don't think Bronxites should participate so that it doesn't become the law."

Deanna Sabetta of Spencer Estate took a more positive view of the program. The first organic recycling pick-up in her community was on Saturday, Sept. 28.

"I think people have to get used to it. I know I have to get used to it," she said. "I can appreciate what they are working towards in terms of the environment, and in the end, we are helping ourselves."

She noted that people with larger families or small children may have a harder time because it adds steps when people are cooking and preparing food.

"We have regular garbage, cans, plastic, newspapers, and now this is the fourth thing that we are re-

cycling," she said. "I think people need to get used to it. It may be an inconvenience, but once people get used to it, it will be automatic."

City Sanitation Commissioner John Doherty said in a statement that the program should help the city with its overall recycling goals and reduce reliance on costly out-of-state dumps.

Once the organic waste is collected, it will made into compost that can be used in a variety of ways, he added.

"New York City spent over \$85 million dollars in 2012 exporting organics to out-of-state landfills," he said. "By launching our organics collection program in the Bronx, we will help the City reduce trash disposal costs and create compost - a valuable product that can be used to beautify City parks, community gardens, ball fields, and sold to area landscapers."



Sister Deanna Sabetta of Spencer Estate rolls the City's outside organic recycling bin to the curb.

Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Bronx schools



Anita Benn speaking during a Girls Tribunal meeting.

Mount St. Ursula student accepted as a WGG Advocate

Academy of Mount St. Ursula senior, Anita Benn, has been accepted as a Working Group on Girls (WGG) Advocate for the 2013-2014 school year. WGG is a coalition of over 90 national and international organizations dedicated to the human rights of girls.

Throughout the school year Anita will have the opportunity: to learn about issues and topics that affect girls and their communi-

ties around the world, to meet with members of the UN community including, civil leaders, activists, diplomats, and other girls engaged in the girls' rights movement. Anita will also have the opportunity to participate in WGG taskforces and committees such as, Girls Against Violence, Advocacy, and Girls Participation and to attend the Commission on the Status of Women as a girl delegate

and WGG representative. Anita will have the honor of hosting "Girls Speak Out," an International Day of the Girl special event.

Throughout the school year students like Anita will meet to learn more about the plight of girls throughout the world, to attend events at the UN and to plan action with leaders of other schools in response to the many issues that need attention and response.

St. Raymond teacher publishes children's book

St. Raymond Elementary School's choirmaster and music teacher, Patrick Connolly, will kick off the launch of his first children's book, *The Adventures of Funny, the Amazing Fish-Bunny*, with a reading and book signing in the school's cafeteria on Sunday, October 27, at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., following the 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon Masses at St. Raymond Church, respectively. The event is open to the public. St. Raymond Elementary School is located at 2380 East Tremont Avenue in the Parkchester section of the Bronx.

Connolly was inspired to write *The Adventures of Funny, the Amazing Fish-Bunny* by his experiences teaching choral singing at Saint Raymond's. "I struggled to teach my choir students the perfect way to position their mouths in order to elicit each student's full singing potential," he said. "When I saw that my students weren't getting it, I had to find different ways of explaining what I needed them to do. To get them to form their mouths properly, I used to tell them, 'Think of a fish's mouth and push your front teeth forward like a bunny — like a fish-bunny. And that's how the story of *Funny, the Fish-Bunny* was born.'" Although singing skills feature prominently in the

story, *The Adventures of Funny, the Amazing Fish-Bunny* is about more than music. It's about bullying, fears, feeling different and the importance of being yourself.

"We are very proud that one of our faculty members has published his first book," said Sr. Patricia Brito, RJM, the principal of St. Raymond Elementary School, "especially since it was children in our choir who inspired the story." Sr. Brito adds that the children "are very excited that Mr. C, as they call him, has written a book based on his experiences working with them."

Connolly's extensive musical training and experience prepared him for both teaching and writing. Though born in the United States, Patrick Connolly was raised and educated in Ireland, where he attended the rigorous choral program of the Palestrina Boys Choir at St. Mary's Pro Cathedral, Dublin. He has won numerous awards and musical championships; has appeared as a soloist on Irish national television, at the National Concert Hall and with the National Chamber Choir under Colin Mawby; and was a professional male chorister with the Palestrina Choir.

After graduating from the College of Music (Dub-

lin), Connolly recorded and performed with the internationally renowned singing group Anuna throughout the British Isles and Europe, including a concert in London with Elvis Costello. While performing with Anuna, Connolly was invited to join Riverdance in its first run at Dublin's Point Theatre. He recorded two Grammy-award winning albums with the show and made several television appearances. When Riverdance made its New York Broadway debut, he was part of the cast for its complete run. While in New York, Connolly also sang as a professional tenor at Saint Patrick's Cathedral and Saint Thomas' Choir 5th Avenue. He has recorded three albums, *Words Unspoken*, *Love's Eternal Grace*, and *Church and Country*.

The Adventures of Funny, the Amazing Fish-Bunny is published by Outskirts Press. To order, visit bn.com or amazon.com; order it on Kindle or visit <http://outskirtspress.com/funnytheamazing-fishbunny>. Connolly is currently working on the second and third books in *The Adventures of Funny, the Amazing Fish-Bunny* series. To learn more about Patrick Connolly or to reach him, visit www.pad-dyconnolly.com.

Calvary Hospital's 'Catch A Star' award winner

Calvary Hospital recently honored Bronx resident, Karen Singleton, CCT with the "Catch a Star" Award. The Hospital encourages patients, family members, visitors and employees to nominate members of the nursing staff (nurses, cancer care technicians, and administrative staff) who demonstrate the Hospital's Core Values of Caring, Compassion, Commitment, Non-Abandonment, and Dignity through their work. Honorees are also expected to go

above and beyond to make a difference, and exemplify a "healing touch" presence with patients and family members. Award recipients are chosen by their nurse administrators, peers, physicians, patients and families.

Karen Singleton has worked as a nurse's aide since joining Calvary in 2008 and graduated as a Cancer Care Technician, CCT in 2012.

Her nomination forms from colleagues and family members included com-

ments such as:

- "Karen has a calm, level-headed and soothing spirit."
- "She is wonderful at her duties but elevates that by her sweet and giving disposition."
- "Karen gives hugs and is guilty of causing one to feel respected and cared for."
- "She makes patients feel dignity and comfort, she gets a shooting star for caring."

Karen was born in Mount Vernon, NY and graduated from The High School of Graphic Communication

Arts in New York City. During her spare time, she enjoys playing chess. Karen and her family reside in the Fordham section.

(Right, l-r) • Fran Nunziata, Assistant Director of Human Resources; Francine Forrest, RN, Patient Service Manager; Karen Singleton, CCT, (Honoree); Dolly Domino, RN, Evening Supervisor; and Camelia Brown, RN, Patient Service Manager.





PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

WEEK 4 Giants (0-4) Show 'em the door

The offense fumbled 3 times, allowed 3 sacks, and was 1 for 14 on 3rd down (98yds. rushing). The D only allowed 102 rushing yards but allowed 15 1st downs and 130 return yards. KC made the better half-time adjustments scoring 21 2nd half points to NY's 0.

Titans (3-1) 38
Jets (2-2) 13

A rookie QB will have some good days but will have more frustratingly bad days. This is one of those games for Geno Smith- especially when he tries to switch hands holding the ball BEHIND HIS BACK. He went 23-34, 289 yds, 2ints., and 2 fumbles. The Jets had over 300 yds but had those turnovers. I just hope Smith is learning what the NFL is about so we can see the consistency necessary for winning football.

A Green Face

Stephen A. Smith wrote about some of Geno Smith's ills. "We spent the end of last season wondering if Rex Ryan would remain the Jets' coach. We spent the offseason wondering if Mark Sanchez would start the 2013 season as the Jets' quarterback. We've wondered about the decision-

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Fordham Prep still in search of first CHSFL win after loss to Cross

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Fordham Prep's frustrating season continues.

The Rams remained winless in CHSFL play following a 28-9 loss to host Holy Cross last Sunday at Bayside Athletic Complex. Fordham Prep led 3-0 at the half on the strength of a 39-yard field goal by Andrew Sisti, only to see the Knights score 21 straight second half points. Poor second halves have become a troubling trend, according to quarterback James McHale.

"We get it together in the first half," he said. "Second half we just don't come out to play."

Holy Cross running back Brandon Pelzer certainly did.

He took the Knights first play from scrimmage 48 yard for a touchdown and added 6-yard scoring run to makes it 14-3 on the opening play of the fourth quarter. Prince Klutsey broke the game open with 60-yard scoring run to increase the lead to 21-3 with 10:31 left in the game. It was the first touchdown however that put the Rams (1-3, 0-3) on its heels.

"That was killer," McHale said. "We came up we were feeling good at halftime. As soon as that happened we didn't know what to do. We kind of froze up."

The Rams offense has been working without one of its major weapons since a loss to Monsignor Farrell in Week 2. Army-bound running back Malik Crossdale is still nursing a severe sprained right ankle. He started the game against the Knights, but reinjured it early on and did not return until late in the fourth quarter. Junior Jared Gorman has seen the bulk of the carries in his absence.

"I'm toughing it out," Crossdale said. "I know it's not a season ending injury."

He hasn't practice must since the injury, but hopes to do so more this week to regain a chemistry with his offensive line. The lack of a consistent running attack has put added



Fordham Prep quarterback James McHale looks to make a pass.

Photo by Yinghao Luo

responsibility on McHale. He completed 13 of 32 passes for 100 yards, but threw three interceptions.

"It's just been rough," Crossdale said. "This is my senior season. I know we are better than this."

The Rams had hope for a comeback when a high snap on a Holy Cross punt sailed into the end zone. Quarterback Paul

Yodice picked it up and ran it out, but fumbled it again. Nicholas Gjellaj scooped it up and returned it 5-yards for the lone Fordham touchdown to make it 21-9 with 5:54 remaining the game. The Knights (4-0, 3-0) squashed any of those hopes when Brandon Jackson returned an interception 36 yards for a Holy Cross touchdown.

"We got to execute and we

didn't," McHale said.

Fordham will look to refocus and regroup before hosting Bronx-rival Cardinal Hayes on Sept. 4 at Jack Coffey Field in search of its first league win.

"I think we practice a lot harder than we play," Crossdale said. "We are not doing the extra things to make ourselves better. We are not doing the thing to make us a great team."

Rollar coaster season for Kennedy continues with loss

BY ANTHONY PARELLI

Kennedy saw a two-score, second-half lead get away after three and a half quarters of solid football.

An ill-timed penalty, in a game filled with them, kept the Knights from recovering in an 21-18 loss to visiting Flushing in PSAL City conference football last Friday night.

The Knights fell behind for the first time all night with just 4:43 left in the game when Flushing running back DeAndre Ross-Lomax took a screen pass 27 yards for a score on fourth down. Still they appeared to have hope when quarterback Anthony Cruz ran a draw up the middle for a 46-yard gain to the Flushing 32-yard line.

However, a 15-yard personal foul for a late hit sent Kennedy back to midfield where it saw the its comeback hopes stall.

"I'm speechless," Kennedy coach Andy Lanceberg said. "I knew this was going to be a dog fight. I knew we were very similar and it was going to come down to who makes the least amount of mistakes and we just kept shooting ourselves in the foot when it mattered most."

In a game full of penalties that personal foul proved to be the most glaring and costly.

"Without the personal foul it might be a different game," Flushing coach Jim DeSantis said. "I'm probably not in as good a mood."

All looked promising for the Knights (2-2) early as Caine Caldwell notched two rushing scores early to put JFK up 12-7 at the half. Both scores were set up passes and runs by Cruz, who was electric all night. He had 235 yards of total offense.

"He's phenomenal," Lanceberg said of the quarterback. "He's our captain and our leader and it's evident. We put the ball in his hand and he willed us all the way back almost to win this game."

Unfortunately it wasn't enough even after defensive end Cristian Perez put Kennedy up 18-7 two plays into the second half by intercepting an attempted option pitch and returning it 30-yards for a score.

From that point on Kennedy was unable to find the end zone despite moving the ball well at times. The slew of penalties they incurred was largely to blame as there were eight in third quarter alone. Flushing quarterback Terrence Chavis threw and rushed for a score to help propel the Red Devils (3-1) comeback.

The defeat hauled the



John F. Kennedy's quarterback Anthony Cruz get set to pass the ball downfield. P

hoto by William Thomas

momentum Kennedy was building. After dropping its first contest to New Utrecht it was able to bounce back and win its next two games

before suffering Friday night's loss. Lanceberg isn't a fan of inconsistency, but is hopeful for another upswing.

"I hate the roller coaster," Lanceberg said of the up and down season. "I feel like I'm back on it after I thought we were mov-

ing uphill. But I still feel these kids are very resilient. They're great kids and have great character and we'll move on."

Spellman, Mount settle for tie after quick offensive start

BY ANTHONY PARELLI

The first five minutes between rivals Cardinal Spellman and Mount Saint Michael had all signs pointed to an offensive shoot out. That, however, was not to be, nor was a winner.

Just two minutes into the game Spellman's Tonin Tonaj dribbled through Mt. St. Michael defenders, cut left, making two of them fall, and then beat the goalkeeper for the game's first goal. Immediately thereafter Mt. St. Michael's Kevin Rivera notched the equalizer after taking an Anton

Porter pass and firing a laser past the keeper from 25 feet out.

Neither team scored again

Spellman and host Mount St. Michael had to settle for a 1-1 tie despite the early offensive barrage in CHSAA Class A North Cay's soccer last Thursday afternoon.

"We gave up a bad goal on the breakaway," Mt. St. Michael coach Michael Boyle said. "But I think the defense responded and the team picked up the defense after that and everyone stepped up."

Tonaj was the biggest

offensive threat for Spellman. But after his first goal he couldn't fight his way through constant double and triple teams, despite his best efforts.

"It was tough because it was him versus two or three guys every time," Spellman coach Tom Cabrera said. "I think they did a little scouting on him."

Not to be out-prepared however was the Spellman defense that did an excellent job of containing Porter. They are all to familiar with his knack for goal scoring.

"We played against him

the last three years," Cabrera said. "We know his talent. He's very fast, we did a little game planning for that."

The most offensive excitement after the goals came in the 22nd minute into the game when Mt. St. Michael had an opportunity behind the Spellman (3-1-2) defense but couldn't kick home a loose ball in front of the net. Immediately after, Mt. St. Michael's Nial McGeever connected off a throw, in but hit the cross bar just above the keeper's reach.

Tonaj turned defense into offense following the

save and got behind the Mt. St. Michael defense, but a great diving stop by keeper James Brady stifled the attempt.

"I thought [Brady] was lights out," Boyle said. "There was one play where he communicated and the guys didn't listen to him and he gave his whole body up."

Brady's heroics continued in the waning minutes of the contest as he made three outstanding stop over the game's final six minutes, saving the game and preserving the tie.

"We didn't think we had much of a chance," Brady

said. "But we came out and played hard and gutted a tie out."

After starting 0-3 Mt. St. Michael, now 2-3-1, feels is has made dramatic strides.

"Two weeks ago we probably wouldn't have done it," said Boyle of his team's resiliency. "But I told them a championship team is a team that picks up each other after a mistake."

Both he and Brady believe the sky is the limit for their program.

"We could do anything we want if we keep improving," Brady said.

Pipe Dreams: The Engine That Could, Is There A Common Thread?

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making at the top, who's in charge of the offense and the play calling. And now that the decision's been made.

Consequences are contemplated, and those who make the decisions are conspicuous, reputable and accountable.

But these are the New York Jets we're talking about, headline-mongers that would put reality TV stars to shame. So forgiveness is usually required, for all the comical reasons one can muster. As things stand, the Jets' offense is 25th in the league in passing yards (202). They're 31st in turnover differential (minus-4), 29th in points per game (14), 25th in yards per game (311) and 21st in third-down conversion rate (36.1 percent). With numbers like that, essentially, you don't have an offense. Considering that this present trend would mark the third consecutive year the Jets

are walking around with one of the more anemic offensive resumes in the game, despite the changes that have been made, the last thing anyone should be hearing is alarm bells concerning Geno Smith, who has shown more than enough promise to avoid getting yanked after Week 3.

Fun House Mirrors

A lot is being made about how good the Jets are doing, despite Rex Ryan's presence, and how bad the Giants are. But, everything is not as it seems.

The NFL schedule makers try to equalize outcomes by making teams with poor records play weaker teams than teams with better final records.

The Giants after week 3 are 3-8 in their last 11 games. Not only because of a tougher schedule but also because their interior offensive AND defensive linemen haven't been winning the battles

in the trenches. You just can't win that way.

Is There A

Common Thread?

Yes, there is and right now he wears a whistle around his neck.

Rex Ryan is a mid level Jet exec who has reached the level of his incompetence.

He should go!

Hoe, Hoe, Hoe

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) reported, "Ageless pitcher Jamie Moyer, finally retired at 51 and living in San Diego, says, 'I'm pretty proud of my garden.' In other words, he's still keeping things down in the dirt."

The Engine That Could

Jamie Moyer retired in 2012 after playing for 25-years. He had 235 of his 269 wins after he was 30. He won 21 when he was 41. He played on a World Series team at 46 and even won 2 WS games when he was 50.

You may look at these Stats and think he must have used PEDs but his

soft throwing would never classify him as a power pitcher.

It was all about location, location, location. That ability to locate pitches allowed him to K 244 hitters and post a career WHIP of 1.32.

Numbers,

I Love Numbers

Bob Molinaro knows I like the way numbers fit together and said, "Since the wildcard was added to the postseason in 1995, only three teams with the best winning percentage have gone on to win the World Series. That's a very bad batting average. This shouldn't even surprise us anymore. Winning too many games before October is generally accepted to be a recipe for disappointment. In Boston, some fanatics are panicky over the prospect of the Sox winning 100 games. In the last quarter century, you see, 20 teams have won 100 or more games, with only two winning the World Series.

Be prepared, then, for the emotionally wrenching postseason downfall that the current data suggest awaits the Red Sox, because isn't the whole country totally wrapped up in Boston's baseball interests? It's not? Then I guess I've been watching too much ESPN. Baseball is a game of infinite statistics, but as it stands now, one very intriguing number doesn't favor Boston's postseason chances."

Random Evidence From A Cluttered Mind

Greg Cote (Miami Herald) wrote: "A shoulder injury will sideline Mark Sanchez an estimated eight weeks. "Ah, let's be safe and make it 10 to 12," suggested Jets fans. America's Cup sailing is getting intense as the U.S. tries to stay alive against New Zealand's huge lead. Cannot confirm, but somebody told me a U.S. Navy destroyer just sank

the Kiwis' catamaran. Intentional crashes affecting race outcomes give NASCAR a credibility crisis as its Chase for the Cup continues. Makes sense, though. If there were a recipe for road rage, I'd make it macho men who don't like each other driving 180 mph."

Dwight Perry

(Seattle Times) Patter

"Brad Dickson (Omaha World-Herald) on Mike Tyson saying he wants to become a promoter to give sport a boost. 'I this ex-con with the facial tattoo who once bit part of the ear off a competitor can't restore the image of boxing, who can?'"

An Angels-Mariners game was twice delayed by a swarm of bees in right field- three months after a similar swarm in KC took up residence in LA's dugout.

Coincidence? Some 21 of the 33 players on the Angels September roster played Triple-A for the Salt Lake City Bees."



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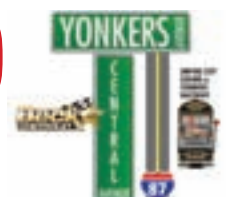
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