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New life for hep A restaurant

BY DAVID CRUZ

Aloha, New Hawaii Sea Restaurant.

Owners for the Westchester Square eatery behind September's hepatitis A outbreak intend to open under a new name and management.

No opening timetable is set for the restaurant, once frequented by many diners in and around the busy retail corridor.

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Photo by Aracelis Batista

Halloween in Pelham Bay

Starr Martinez is not in Kansas anymore, but at the first-ever Pelham Bay Halloween Parade. Check out pics from this Halloween soiree and those from other neighborhoods on pages 36-37.

SANDY, A YEAR LATER

Still rebuilding from storm

BY DAVID CRUZ

A year later, Superstorm Sandy's scars still remain fresh in pockets of the Bronx.

For some, it's too early to call it "back to normal." Indeed, for many residents such as Nick Virello of Locust Point, or Judy Bonnanno in Harding Park, it feels like just yesterday that a 13-foot surge battered the borough's shorelines.

Areas formerly known as Zone A territories, are now designated Zone 1 on new hurricane flood maps.

An infamous deluge struck hundreds of waterfront homes,

shaking foundations, knocking out power and ripping out piers many believed were invulnerable.

At the height of the storm, City Island was aglow in a fiery mess as firefighters battled a six-alarm blaze that engulfed Tony's Pier, a popular eatery.

Since then, government assistance has trickled in, though incomparable to Queens, Manhattan or Brooklyn, which all bore the brunt of Sandy's path given the exposure to the Atlantic Ocean.

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around town

by David Cruz

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ways, Richie, Lisa, Rich Jr,
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Italians Honored
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Retired NYPD Captain Ben DiGregorio (l) and Madeline Provenzano

woman Madeline Provenzano (r) and retired 49th Precinct commander Captain Ben DiGregorio were singled out for their contributions to the borough as part of Congressman Joe Crowley's annual tribute to Italian-Americans.

Irish Revelry

Don't miss out on a fun morning of gaelic music and dance at Calvary Hospital...and it's all for a good cause! The hospital will host the Irish Dancing and Music annaul Mass & Breakfast on November 3rd inside the building's main wing. Tick-



Eric Lusk and Stephanie Muniz

ets run \$20 and benefits Calvary Hospital. Anyone interested can reach Kathleen Gallagher at 718-822-2791.

Wedding

On October 12, Eric William Lusk and Stephanie Muniz were married in a Steam-

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Where's our borough's wheels?

Transportation Alternatives demand CitiBikes

BY BEN KOCHMAN

In just a few months, those stout electric blue bikes have zigzagged their way into the fabric of our city.

Now Bronx's bikers are gearing up to find those shiny new Citibikes a home in the Boogie Down borough.

"Whenever a new station pops up, I think 'Where's ours?'" said Jill Guidera, Field Organizer at Transportation Alternatives, a bike activist group.

Bronx's would-be bike sharers will need to prove that the city's poorest borough is worth the investment. Citibike launched on May 27 with a fleet of just below 6,000 bikes spread across the dense areas deemed most likely to use them: Manhattan south of 59th street and downtown Brooklyn.

The bikes have done big

business. Citibike is privately owned and its organizers have declared the program a smash success, with hundreds of thousands of registered subscriptions to date. An annual membership costs \$95, a weekly pass \$25 and a 24-hour membership \$9.95.

Citibike has since expanded to Williamsburg and there are concrete plans in the works for additional bikes in Long Island City, Greenpoint and part of Bedford-Stuyvesant, according to an interactive station map on the Department of Transportation (DOT) website.

But the bikes have yet to come anywhere near the Bronx. Cyclists here needn't hold their breath: Citibike does "wish to expand" the bike share program to the Boogie-Down borough but would require additional sponsorship funding, a



Citibikes have already proved popular in areas of lower Manhattan and downtown Brooklyn. But would the bikes be welcome here in the Bronx?

Photo by Ben Kochman

spokesman for the Department of Transportation (DOT) said in an email.

Citibank has already

shelled out \$41 million for the project's naming rights, with Mastercard sponsoring the payment sites for an

additional \$6.5 million.

The borough's cycling advocates are distributing surveys in an effort to show demand for the bikes.

"There are folks here that would use it as a public transit choice. We would love for it to be here," she said.

Guidera imagines bike-sharing racks dotting the borough's major public transportation hubs and being installed near landmarks like Yankee Stadium. She also pictures cyclists pedaling into Manhattan over the 3rd Avenue Bridge.

Since Citibike's May kickoff, elected officials in brownstone Brooklyn and areas of western Queens have started petitions to get in on the action. The reaction in the Bronx has been more lukewarm, though Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. said he'd love to see

the bike share in the area because of the health benefits of exercise and lower air pollution.

Olga Luz Tirado, the executive director of the Bronx Tourism Council, said that she'd like to see the bike share as well but hedged on whether the program would be popular.

"In principle I think it's a good idea, but we need more data," she said.

Bronx's bike lovers will have plenty of time to make their case. Citibank's licensing deal with the bikes is slated for at least six years. Until then, Bronxites will have to make do with local bike shops, at least one of which is in no rush to see Citibike expand here.

"I don't see it working out here. It'll take away from the mom and pops," said Joseph Maldoneo, who runs Castle Hills Bikes in Throgs Neck.

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Clean slate

With mayoral candidate **Bill de Blasio** leagues ahead in the polls over GOP challenger (and Bronx native son) **Joe Lhota**, it might not bode well for some big borough projects being rushed through before Mayuh Mike leaves.

Given the Bronx Democratic machine's all-out push for **Bill Thompson**, DeBlasio's tsunami primary win in the Bronx and across the city, certainly embarrassed the party and Borough Prez **Ruben Diaz Jr.**, who practically joined themselves at the hip with Thompson.

DeBlasio even clobbered Thompson in Dem Party Boss **Carl Heastie's** mostly black northeast Bronx assembly district.

And while Ruben and Carl were quick to do a fast 180-degree turn and throw their arms around De Blasio, folks are saying the new City Hall heir-apparent owes no favors.

"He was doing his own thing campaigning in the Bronx," a local political insider said of de Blasio's borough stealth campaign. "He doesn't owe anybody in the Bronx."

"The organizations didn't support him, and with the projects like the Kingsbridge Armory and Fresh Direct, if they can't push them through before he takes over, they'll

all be subject to his review," added political consultant **George Arzt**.

A Boro Hall insider added that a number of "smaller" Requests for Proposals could also wind up yanked by a Mayor de Blasio.

De Blasio has previously blasted using tons of taxpayer bucks to subsidize moving Fresh Direct into the borough. Not known yet where he stands on turning the white elephant armory into a big ice skating rink.

WINNERS

While other pols and Party Boss Heastie had to make fast friends with de Blasio, three prescient Bronx electeds were early out of the gate with their support: Assemblyman **Luis Sepulveda**, Senator **Ruth Hassell-Thompson** and City Councilman **Andy King**. To the victor's supporters, so to speak, go the spoils.... We'll see just what they are down the road.

ELECTION RESULTS

We're going to go out on real limb here and predict - drum roll please - the winners in Tuesday, Nov. 5's general elections in the Bronx.

And the answer is - another drum roll, please - with an 11-1 Democrat vs. Republican Bronx enrollment, the winners in the Sept. 10 Democratic primary. We doubt the bookies are even taking bets on this one.

DIAZ STEPPING DOWN

Bet that headline got your attention. But not THAT big a deal.

Seems state Senator **Ruben Diaz Sr.** is resigning as district leader in the 87th Assembly District, to make way for local State Committeeman **William (Willie) Rivera** taking the job.

It means The Rev renting out the Parkchester South condo he bought to establish residence for the district leader post, and now listing his Soundview home of Glebe Avenue within his senatorial district as his official residence.

The Rev said he "made a mistake in not supporting Willie for City Council" to replace term-limited **Joel Rivera**. He supported the Rev. **Joel Bauza**, Willie dropped out midway, and **Richie Torres** won the seat.

"I think if I had supported Willie, we would have won that," Diaz told us. "I'm doing for Willie what I was supposed to do before."

The Dem Party reportedly made it official Wednesday night (after column deadline), with Diaz saying Heastie assured accepted the deal.

Rivera is strongly backed by 87th A.D. Assemblyman **Luis Sepulveda**, which should dispel some rumors that Luis and The Rev have been a bit on the outs since

Luis' election, heavily backed by The Rev.

TIX BLITZ

With 4-9 Precinct cops swarming all over those auto repair shops along Morris Park's Stillwell Ave. in a parking ticket rampage, kinda embarrassing that they missed five cars being broken into in the early morning hours Oct. 26. We hear cops're giving a local baking plant only five minutes to load and unload their trucks. DOH!

DEPARTING

Vito Signorile, Councilman Jimmy Vacca's spokesman for the past two years and former Bronx Times reporter/editor, departing to be a spokesman for the Rent Stabilization Association. Good luck!

CONGRATZ to KATZ

Norwood News editor **Alex Kratz** leaving to run a writing center at a South Bronx high school. A loss of a fine community journalist.

COP CORNER

Congrats. To new 5-2 C.O. **Nilda Hofmann**, promoted to full Inspector rank. And to Riverdale's new 5-0 C.O. **Paul Rasa**, upped to deputy inspector.

Welcome back. To Inspector Ray Rooney, number two guy at Bronx Detective command, after a lengthy medical leave. Joking about a tall stack of paperwork waiting.

Gathering. A fun lunch crowd of retired cops at the Liberty Cafe in Morris Park Wednesday, Oct. 23, assembled by retired Bronx Borough No-Star Chief **John Wohlberg**, with **George Powell**, **John Young**, **Bobby McGee**, former 4-9 C.O. **Ben DiGregorio**, **Vito Calamito**, **Mike McCarroll**, **Jimmy Pascalicchio** and **Dennis Milone**. And NO, I'm not picking up the tab!

DIAPER DUTY

For former Bronx Boro Hall and current Senate Democratic Conference spokesman **Mike Murphy** and wife **Laura** on birth of their son **Bryson Daniel Christopher Murphy**.

BRONX BIRTHDAYS

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Oct. 24 - Congressman **Jose Serano**

Oct. 24 - City Council Majority Leader **Joel Rivera**

Oct. 29 - East Bronx community leader **Bob Bieder**

Coming up:
Nov. 3 - Highbridge 77th Assembly District Leader **Venancio (Benny) Catala**

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Setback for City Island living facility

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

It looks like it's back to the drawing board again for a group that wants to build a controversial assisted living facility on City Island.

The Italian Hospital Society's attorney and representatives have been fighting it out with a lawyer hired by the City Island Civic Association before the city Board of Standards and Appeals for months.

The Society is seeking a variance to skirt local zoning, on land at 222/32 City Island Avenue, currently an M-1 manufacturing zone.

As both sides had another go round at the BSA on Monday, Oct. 28 and Tuesday, Oct. 29, the BSA asked the Society for more information after IHS reduced the size of the project from 212-beds to 150-beds. The BSA then gave the IHS until Jan. 7, 2014 for more information. The City Island civic group still opposed the re-design, arguing the plan is out of character with

of the mostly low-rise, low-density island.

CICA board member Barbara Dolensek said the IHS attorney at the Oct. 29 meeting "pleaded" for some more time to provide additional information.

She said that the Society, whose president is obstetrician Dr. Domenico Mignone, had witnesses there saying that Italian-Americans need such a facility, but without making arguments about the site.

"City Island would welcome elderly Italian-Americans; in fact, many already live here," she said. "Our problem is simply with the scale of the project."

She pointed out that City Island is vulnerable during major storms, and that the facility would put seniors at risk during mandated evacuations, such as one during Superstorm Sandy in 2012.

Community Board 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns, also at the hearings, said "As far as Bronx

Community Board 10 is concerned, we have been completely supportive of City Island's Civic Association's position on the subject and we will continue to do so."

Still unanswered, according to the Society's filings with the BSA and obtained by the Bronx Times Reporter, was a question about a statement from a real estate planning firm that "the project is still not viable due solely to the sub-surface conditions, and the constructions premiums devoted to solving them." This presumably refers to the soil requiring environmental remediation. The location was home to a former boat builder.

No clear answers have been given to questions about two tests in 2009 and 2011 that found groundwater at the site 7 to 8 feet below the surface either.

Also unanswered was the Floor Area Ratio (essentially the density) of the 150-bed building having a FAR

of 1.35, more than two and half times the typical area of residential buildings.

Another question was how supporters of the plan have referred to the City Island community as "economically distressed" both

in an early interview and online. In the one full interview Dr. Mignone gave to this newspaper before the litigation, he cited vacant storefronts and said the project would bring construction jobs and more foot

traffic for local stores.

E-mails requesting comment on documents from BSA filings reviewed by the newspaper were not answered, nor was a message left at Dr. Mignone's medical practice.



Master pumpkin carver Ray Villafane completed carving the "largest pumpkin in the world" at the New York Botanical Garden on Saturday, Oct. 19 and Sunday, Oct. 20. He had begun the project in front of Grand Central Terminal's Vanderbilt Avenue Taxi Stand. He is seen here with his creation. It was on display at the NYBG's Haunted Pumpkin Garden through Thursday, Oct. 31.

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Bill would put cork in fake IDs

Klein, Crespo back 'Card Hard' campaign

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Two Bronx cops are taking a shot at making it harder for the borough's minors to buy booze.

A new bill backed by Senator Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Marcos Crespo incentivizes Bronx's booze sellers to invest in electronic scanners that test for fake IDs.

"In the 21st century, it is not acceptable for businesses not to have this technology," Klein said at a press conference.

The verification machines, which can cost up to \$800, scan the bar code on the back of an ID to test for authenticity and check that a customer is of legal drinking age, which since 1985 has been 21 years old nationwide.

Law-breaking liquor stores and groceries would have an option to purchase one of the scanners in lieu

of paying their first fine. First offenses for selling booze to minors ring in as high as \$3,000, and further illegal sales can cost a retailer up to \$10,000 per violation.

The outcry comes on the heels of a sobering State Liquor Authority (SLA) sting operation that exposed the Bronx as the easiest place in the city for a minor to purchase alcohol. A third of the 76 licensed liquor stores and groceries charged with selling booze to minors were based in the Bronx, according to Gov. Cuomo's office. Most of them were small grocery stores, or bodegas, licensed to sell beer but not hard alcohol.

The problem runs deeper than simply the use of fake IDs. The SLA's underage agents bought the booze with either their real ID cards or weren't asked



Assemblyman Marcos Crespo, State Senator Jeff Klein and community leaders proposed a bill cracking down on fake IDs on Wednesday, October 23.

for identification at all, said an SLA spokesman.

Klein and Crespo are

hoping that local businesses will cooperate with what they've dubbed the

"Card Hard" campaign. The package of laws also gives liquor sellers the le-

gal right to confiscate fake IDs.

"This sting highlights the fact that we need to do more to dry up the source of underage drinking," Crespo said at the Wednesday, October 23 press conference, held in front of one of the accused retailers, a Rite Aid at 1710 Crosby Avenue.

Community leaders joined the legislators in the importance of keeping alcohol away from the area's youth.

"Those of us who are parents know that kids who use alcohol have health issues, academic problems, and are at greater risk of being perpetrators or victims of violence," said Frances Maturo, executive director of the Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership, adding, "We can do better."



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40th PCT.

TUES, SEPT. 17th, 10:50 p.m. — Jackson Ave and East 138 St. The staff at Lincoln Medical Center treated the victims of a multi-vehicle accident. A van reported crashed into two other vehicles. Ambulances from the Fire Dept.'s Emergency Medical Services responded to the crash site, treated the victims and transported the victims to the nearest hospital.

WED, SEPT. 18th, 12:35 p.m. — Brook Ave. and East 138 St. Police officers looking into a reported robbery ended up arresting both a crime victim and the attacker. A 66 year old male was apparently robbed of his money by a 26 year old Hispanic male. The older man stabbed the original culprit in the neck with a knife. Authorities ended up arresting both persons.

41st PCT.

TUES, SEPT. 17th, 10:50 p.m. — 938 Intervale Ave. Authorities are looking into an incident where a male had been stabbed. The male victim was suffering from three wounds to the torso area when arriving at Lincoln Medical Center. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

42nd PCT.

SAT, SEPT. 14th, 2:00 a.m. — 976 Tinton Ave. A dozen persons were arrested by police. During the incident a police officer was struck in the face by bleach. The injured police officer was transported to Lincoln Medical Center for treatment.

SAT, SEPT. 14th, 1:55 p.m. — 3706 Third Ave. Another T-Mobile phone store was robbed by two masked males. Displaying two guns, the pair permitted two customers to leave the store officials reported. The two culprits forced three employees into a back room. The unknown pair fled the store with four thousand dollars besides twenty cell-phones and a mobile phone taken away from an employee.

TUES, SEPT. 17th, 7:00 a.m. — 830 Washington Ave. A 60 year old man was arrested after being found with a pistol. The Hispanic male had a 9-mm semi-automatic pistol in his possession officials indicated. The weapon was removed from the man's control since he failed to have the proper license to own the weapon in NYC. The handgun was vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

43rd PCT.

SUN, SEPT. 15th, 2:20 a.m. — 1247 Beach Ave. Police investigators are looking into a home invasion. Two Hispanic male forced their way into the home removing an unknown amount of money.

SUN, SEPT. 15th, 5:10 a.m. — Bruckner Blvd. and Evergreen Ave. Police investigators are looking for



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the operator of a vehicle that left an accident scene. The vehicle struck a pedestrian, a 27 year old woman and drove away from the scene. The young woman had a fight with her boyfriend and was crossing the service road when she was struck and killed by the black colored vehicle.

WED, SEPT. 18th, 1:45 p.m. — Cross Bronx Expwy. and Beach Ave. Three persons were arrested after taking an I-pod from a victim. Responding police officers arrested the trio who used a simulated firearm during the robbery.

44th PCT.

SAT, SEPT. 14th, 2:15 p.m. — 255 East 167 St. Authorities are looking for two armed male who robbed another T-Mobile store. The unknown pair, both culprits armed with handguns, removed over a thousand dollars in cash in addition to over a dozen cell-phones.

SAT, SEPT. 14th, 1:-20 p.m. — East 167 St. and College Ave. Over a dozen teenagers were arrested by authorities charged with group assault. Officials arrested four girls and ten boys all between the ages of 13 and 16 years after they attacked a female victim. The victim suffered from a fracture left arm.

SAT, SEPT. 14th, 11:40 p.m. — 25 West 170 St. Police removed another pistol off of Bronx streets. This time officers were able to voucher a 9-mm pistol when they arrested a 25 year old Hispanic man.

SUN, SEPT. 15th, 1:25 a.m. — Marcy Pl. and Jerome Ave. Another pistol was taken away from its owner for failure to properly license the weapon. The 9-mm handgun was vouched as evidence for the pending trail. A 24 year old Hispanic male was arrested.

MON, SEPT. 16th, 1:55 p.m. — Grant Ave. and East 169 St. A search was conducted for a vehicle taken at gun point. An unknown Hispanic male displayed a gun when he drove off in a new yellow Camaro. The only problem was that the vehicle belonged to another motorist. No injuries were reported.

MON, SEPT. 16th, 11:20 a.m. — Grand Concourse and East 153 St. Police were called to the Metro North Train yard after a body had been discovered. Police investigators were informed that an MTA worker had discovered the body in the Mott Haven train yard. As the inquiry progressed, the Medical Examiner's office indicated that the 51 year old Hispanic man died of natu-

ral causes.

45th PCT.

SAT, SEPT. 14th, 10:40 p.m. — 3242 Middletown Rd. Authorities are looking into the death of a 32 year old male. Detectives were called to the scene after the man was found hanging from a door on the second floor.

TUES, SEPT. 17th, 9:30 a.m. 750 Baychester Ave. Police officers responding to a reported assault at a city educational facility arrested a government employee. It is charged that a correction officer assaulted a parking attendant at Lehman High School which is located in the Co-op City community.

46th PCT.

SUN, SEPT. 15th, 10:10 p.m. — 97 East 184 St. Detectives started an inquiry after learning about a stabbing. A 23 year old Hispanic man was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital after being stabbed twice in the chest.

MON, SEPT. 16th, 10:15 a.m. — 61 Buchanan Pl. A demolition team called officials after finding the remains of three people. The private frame home was being demolished after a two-alarm fire made the structure unsafe to remain standing. Fire Marshals indicated that the blaze had been started by a candle.

WED, SEPT. 18th, 3:15 a.m. — 1754 University Ave. Officials are looking for the two culprits who robbed a 7-11 store. One of the culprits who was wearing a ski mask robbed the neighborhood convenience store at gun point of an unknown amount of money.

WED, SEPT. 18th, 7:30 a.m. — West Burnside Ave. Authorities are looking for the culprit who robbed a woman as she withdrew money from an ATM. The bandit made off with one thousand dollars that the 53 year old woman had withdrawn.

WED, SEPT. 18th, 2:10 p.m. — 2346 Grand Concourse. A search is underway for two males who robbed a store business mid-afternoon. The unknown pair at gun point made off with eight thousand dollars in cash from the local branch of Delgado Travel officials indicated. No injuries were reported.

47th PCT.

MON, SEPT. 16th, 1:40 a.m. — 4334 Edson Ave. Authorities were informed that three males forced

their way into a home. The trio entered through a back door investigators were told pointing a gun at the victims. Officials were told that the trio made off with jewelry and a sum of money. Additional police officers were dispatched into the area after the culprits were seen heading toward Baychester Ave.

MON, SEPT. 16th, 2:50 a.m. — 4090 Boston Rd. Fire at the Suzuki dealership is being looked into by both police investigators and fire marshals. The victim, the vehicle dealership, has offered a reward for information leading to the arrest of the persons who were responsible for setting fire to over a dozen vehicles. Officials believe that an incendiary device was thrown over the fence torching the vehicles that were parked in an outside lot.

WED, SEPT. 18th, 9:45 a.m. — Boston Rd and Fish Ave. Fire persons were arrested by police after having a dispute in the street. Additional police officers were needed at the scene in order to bring the situation under control.

WED, SEPT. 18th, 8:30 p.m. — 747 East Gun Hill Rd. Two unknown armed culprits preyed on a neighborhood fast food store. The pair made off with two hundred dollars after robbing the local Subway's. No injuries were reported.

48th PCT.

SAT, SEPT. 14th, 2:20 p.m. — 2402 Arthur Ave. Police investigators are looking for a male who robbed a Chase bank in the Belmont section. The unknown male culprit, believed to be Hispanic, passed a note to one of the tellers. The thief fled with six thousand dollars. No injuries were reported.

49th PCT.

MON, SEPT. 16th, 6:15 a.m. — Van Buren St. and Morris Park Ave. Police investigators looked into an accident that sent a middle aged man to a hospital in critical condition. A lively cab struck a 45 year old Hispanic male. Suffering from a head trauma, the male victim was transported to Jacobi Medical Center.

50th PCT.

WED, SEPT. 18th, 4:45 p.m. — West 260 St. and Fieldston Rd. A search was conducted for a culprit who car-jacked a taxi cab at gun point in North Riverdale. The bold gunman fled with the vehicle in mid-afternoon officials reported. A

search of the area was fruitless.

52nd PCT.

SAT, SEPT. 14th, 3:25 p.m. — 2455 Grand Ave. A 48 year old black male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital. The male victim had been shot twice officials indicated. The man suffered from a wound to the right hand and another wound to the left leg. The victim was reported to be in stable condition.

Housing

SAT, SEPT. 14th, 7:45 p.m. — 1757 Story Ave. Police investigators are looking for two black males who robbed a delivery man. The unknown pair strong armed a food delivery man removing forty dollars from the victim.

SAT, SEPT. 14th, 7:50 p.m. — 1815 Story Ave. Police are looking into an incident where a woman required medical aid. A 54 year old black woman was struck by a pellet gun officials reported. The incident produced a bruise to the female victim. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 8 handled the initial incident.

MON, SEPT. 16th, 8:30 p.m. — 1309 Washington Ave. Housing's PSA # 7 police officers came to the aid of a teenager. A 17 year old black male was shot in the groin area. The injured boy was transported to Lincoln Medical Center. Investigators from the 42nd Pct. Detective Squad working with the Housing Police officers determined that the wound was apparently self-inflicted.

TUES, SEPT. 17th, 2:40 p.m. — 345 East 153 St. Authorities are looking into an incident where at least five bullets had been fired. Police officers at the scene indicated that no one was injured, but there was property damaged. Detectives from the 40th Pct. Squad are working with Housing PSA # 7 police officers on this inquiry.

Fire Log

SAT, SEPT. 14th, 6:13 a.m. — 2705 Colden Ave. A rookie firefighter with four months out of the fire academy is following in the footsteps of his hero father who perished on 9-11 at Ground Zero made is first rescue according to officials. The fire was reported on the 5th floor of a six story dwelling near Allerton Ave, less than a mile from Engine 62 and Ladder 32's station. Smoke was spotted by the fire units who were several blocks away responding to the building. Flames were dancing out of the windows as they arrived. Reports were being received indicating that people were trapped throughout the structure. Ladder 32's officer, Captain Patrick Tracy, directed Firefighters Vincent Musacchio and Probbly Ryan Blackwell to remain with him as the forcible entry team. The trio headed to the burning apartment on the

5th floor. The team forced the door open and were met by extreme heat and zero visibility with thick smoke from floor to ceiling. Using a water fire extinguisher Blackwell pushed the fire back into the kitchen as the three firefighters started to search the apartment on their hands & knees. Blackwell went off to the right along with the Captain. Blackwell was the first to find a middle aged woman in the hallway between the bedroom and the bathroom. Musacchio located a man in his 20's in a bed room. Both unconscious victims were removed to the public hallway where they were turned over to an ambulance crew. The two victims were transported to Jacobi Medical Center where the wheel chair 24 year male expired from his injuries. The woman was reported to be in critical condition. Fire Marshals have determined that the fire was started by a refrigerator plug that was plugged into an extension cord.

SAT, SEPT. 14th, 3:00 p.m. — 1158 Taylor Ave. A fire that started in the building's basement extended damaging other parts of a private home. Firefighters from several stations responded to battle the blaze. Engine 96 and Tower Ladder 54 from Story Ave. Engine 64 and Ladder 47 from Castle Hill Ave, in addition to Engine 90 from White Plains Rd were the first to be called. Engine 45 and Battalion 18 from West Farms station also answered the call for help. Upon arrival Tower Ladder 54's crew indicated that there were faced with a serious fire. Engine 96 crew stretched the hose line helping to keep the flames contained. Battalion 18 reported using 'all hands' before firefighters were able to bring the blaze under control.

MON, SEPT. 16th, 10:15 p.m. — 3660 Waldo Ave. A fire was reported in an apartment house in the Riverdale section near West 236 Street. Smoke-eaters found the blaze on the 2nd floor of the eight-story high dwelling. Arriving on the scene were Engine 52 and Ladder 52, Engine 81 with Tower Ladder 46, Engine 95, and Engine 79. Squad 61, Rescue 3, Ladder 36 with Battalions 27 and 19 under the command of Division 7 were all assigned to the working fire. A hose line was stretched to battle the expanding flames as ladder crew started to conduct their searches. By 10:30 p.m., the fire was brought under control.

TUES, SEPT. 17th, 3:20 p.m. — 1030 Metcalf Ave. Another fire rocked the Sound View community damaging another private home. The fire was reported in a two story dwelling near Sound View Ave. and Watson Ave. The blaze apparently started on the first floor of the two story home. The incident commander requested an additional Engine Co and an additional Ladder Co. before the fire was darkened down. By 4 p.m. the fire was declared under control.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Struggling schools

Dear editor,

A Yes Vote On Proposal #1 Is A Yes Vote For Our Schools, Our kids & Our Economy.

Let's be honest: our schools are struggling. Our kids are sitting in crumbling classrooms, and if they are able to graduate at all (half of them aren't), they are not prepared for college and careers.

Even worse, our schools aren't failing all students equally: they are especially bad when it comes to educating minority and lower income students. Only 28% of African-American and Latino boys who enroll in a New York City high school will graduate within four years. That graduation rate has not budged in the past decade, and we can't expect it to while we, as a society, fail to prioritize our schools.

Our school districts are suffering from a funding crisis. New York City's teachers are dedicated and hardworking, but they are not miracle workers. They cannot teach a child to read without having a book for him to read. And right now, the New York State budget cannot spare the millions of dollars we need to properly fund our schools.

When the state can't help out, the gaps in the New York City public school system budget tend to be filled by parents. At schools in higher income areas, parents will do things like organize galas and auctions to raise money for the schools budget. The parents will fund supposed "non-essentials" like a new textbooks or arts programs. But that model only works for schools with highly involved and wealthier parents. At other schools, no one steps in, budgets are slashed, and the students suffer.

Proposal #1 on the Nov.5 election ballot can help change that. It will bring \$94.4 million each year to help fund New York City schools. That money will pay for teachers' salaries, school supplies, and special education. It will pay for field trips and textbooks. That's \$94.4 million that will no longer have to be paid for out of our taxes.

There is no silver bullet that will fix our school system for free. There are societal problems, such as poverty and unemployment, that make it incredibly hard for some students to perform at grade level. But more funding will make an immediate improvement in our school system.

Ask any parent, student, or teacher whether their public school could do a better job if it had just a few thousand more dollars, and I assure you they will say yes.

There's \$94.4 million here for the taking. Every year, New Yorkers spend an estimated \$1.2 billion at casinos in other neighboring states and Canada. All we need to do to bring that money back to New York is to vote yes on Prop One.

The casinos want to come to New York. They know that casino gaming in New York State will build on our state's existing top-notch tourism infrastructure. Our construction workers are eager to build world-class casinos. The business community, hoping to kickstart our sputtering economic, is just as welcoming.

And best of all, we get millions for the New York City school system. Better schools help everyone. A better public school system brings better jobs, more equality, more investment, and a

growing economy. The future of our economy lies in an educated and highly skilled workforce.

In an economy still recovering from the Great Recession, we shouldn't forget the present, and Prop One certainly doesn't do that. The New York State budget office estimates that it will create 10,000 construction and permanent jobs in the next two years. Many of them will be in upstate, close to the casinos, but they will cause a ripple effect that creates jobs downstate.

A yes vote on Proposal #1 is a yes vote for our schools, our kids, and our economy.

**Assemblyman Keith Wright
70th Assembly District, Harlem**

Vet housing

Dear editor,

I have read all the articles about the old "Pelham Bay General" now the Pelham Grand and the effort to house OUR VETERANS!

PEOPLE! What better way to support and say "Thank You" to our troops and veterans than to help them get back to the life they put on hold when they volunteered to go to war and protect all of us?

Soon after my nephew Army SSG Christian Engeldrum was killed in Iraq on November 29, 2004, the Korony American Legion Post announced their project "packages to the troops" would be in his memory. Through the great generosity of this community with items, cash and supporting all the fund raisers, the American Legion Posts in our area were able to send over 4000 packages. We never stopped. We could not do it without all of you.

When we get a new platoon I tell them about Chris and that I am adopting them all as my new nieces and nephews. They write back "Dear Aunt Cathy, thanks for not forgetting us." Our last platoon in Afghanistan had no toilets or showers for 4 months, with 130 degrees during the day and 50 degrees at night! I emailed them almost every day and they never complained. All of our lives went on uninterrupted.

When I visited Walter Reed Hospital they all thanked us for what we did but they are they ones to be thanked.

Please, everyone, reconsider this location for our Veterans. If they were all together they would feel safe and know others had their "6". Churches, schools, American Legion Posts, businesses, families and individuals could "adopt" a veteran.

To the landlord, Mr. Moujan Vadhat, I would like to say I am happy that you have been blessed to be in this position of wealth. All of us have what we have because of these veterans and those still serving. I don't want you to give it all away (unless you want to) but please help. I have found the more I give, the more I receive. I don't know how to get in touch with you so I hope someone sends this to you. Let me know how I can help.

Our troops are still there. Please continue bringing items to St. Benedict's Rectory, 2969 Otis Ave. marked Cathy Praino/Troops. I thank you, and they thank you.

Catherine "Aunt Cathy" Praino

Graceful exit

Dear community leaders, friends, and colleagues:

As some of you may have heard by now, I will be leaving the office of Councilman Vacca. I have been offered and officially accepted a new position as the Communications Specialist of the Rent Stabilization Association (RSA). My last day in the Council Member's office will be Wednesday, November 6th.

I have had the privilege of being able to call Jimmy a friend for the last five years. After I completed college as a journalist, I spent 13 months as reporter and editor at the Bronx Times Reporter when Jimmy offered me the wonderful opportunity to be his Press Secretary for him in the New York City Council. The last two years here have been absolutely wonderful and I am indebted to Jimmy, Jeff Lynch, and my other colleagues who have been wonderful co-workers and mentors as I became a part of the Vacca team.

It has been an absolute privilege and pleasure to work with each and every one of you not only during my two years here as Press Secretary, but also during my tenure at the Bronx Times Reporter. The amount of information that I have learned and the wonderful experiences that I was able to take part in during my time here are irreplaceable and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Although I will no longer be working in the Bronx, I will continue to remain as actively involved as possible not only with Council Member Vacca, but with our community leaders and organizations. You have all become wonderful friends and colleagues over the years and I am indebted to your guidance and assistance over this time.

I will see and speak with some of you during my last week, but I just wanted to wish the best to you all. I hope everyone and their families enjoys the upcoming holidays. Thank you all again and see you soon! All the best,

Vito Signorile

Diabetes

Dear editor,

I am a Family Nurse Practitioner at Montefiore Medical Center where I have had the privilege of serving Bronx residents for over a decade.

During this period I have noted an alarming rate of diabetic patients coming into the Emergency room.

What has really alarmed me is that these patients seldom know how to handle their diabetes.

I am so passionate about this overwhelming crisis that I found it mandatory to write this letter.

This is not merely to put the spotlight on me but to truly bring awareness to the public about this issue.

Diabetes is prevalent throughout our borough and I want to make a positive impact in bringing attention to this matter as it striking the very young, middle aged residents as well as the elderly.

**Marcia Scott-Hudson
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Foodies: The Bronx is Up!

Savor the Bronx Restaurant Week Kicks Off Nov. 4

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Foodies may find a new capital in the Bronx.

There are so many dishes representing tastes and flavors from different corners of the world for Bronxites and visitors that it deserves celebration.

That was the message of boosters at a kick-off at Jake's Steakhouse on Friday, Oct. 25 for the Third Annual Savor The Bronx Restaurant Week.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr, Bronx Tourism Council executive director Olga Luz Tirado, Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz, civic leaders and restaurant owners all were thrilled to be at the Riverdale steakhouse to kick-off the celebration of Bronx food, which will run from Monday, Nov. 4 to Friday, Nov. 15.

For more information about more than 30 participating restaurants and

discounts during the celebration, patrons can visit savorthebronx.com.

"Once again I would like to invite all New Yorkers and visitors with open arms to our beautiful borough to 'Savor the Bronx,'" said Diaz. "During our official restaurant week I strongly encourage both visitors and residents alike to try a new restaurant or return to a favorite. I am sure Bronxites and visitors from across the region will enjoy from a wide selection of restaurants that are sure to leave their taste buds craving for more."

Borough restaurants participating cover a wide range of gastronomic delights, including American, Caribbean, Chino-Latino, Peruvian, French, Healthy Alternative, Italian, Japanese, Latin-American and Mexican cuisine, as well as seafood.

Among them, the Bronx



Borough President Diaz, Bronx Tourism Council executive director Olga Luz Tirado, Bronx Chamber of Commerce CEO and president Lenny Caro, Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz taste steak at Jack's Steakhouse at 6031 Broadway during the kickoff celebration.

by Patrick Rocchio

Ale House, The Hardrock Cafe at Yankee Stadium, Spoto's, Tosca Cafe, Havana Cafe, and the Latin Kitchen.

Also present at the kick-off event was Damian

Brown, co-owner of Bronx Brewery, which produces Bronx Pale Ale year-round and seasonally flavored beers. He said the company plans to open a brewery and tasting room in Port Morris

early in 2014.

The week is a showcase of the borough's eateries.

"In the Bronx we have so many great restaurants, we really don't want our Bronxites to go outside of the bor-

ough to eat when we have the best here," said Bronx Chamber of Commerce president/CEO Lenny Caro, himself a restaurateur.

"As a restaurateur, I feel that it's always important for our people to come and enjoy all the different cultures that are represented in our restaurants," said Caro.

BronxNet executive director Michael Max Knobbe, whose public-access network produced the extremely successful Culinary Adventures of Baron Ambrosia, called restaurant week a "clarion call" for people outside of the borough to come and experience the culinary delights of the borough.

"The message is the Bronx is a destination for our neighbors here who know that this is a beautiful place, but also people from outside of the Bronx," said Knobbe.



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Gjonaj delivers searing speech

Calls out do-nothing pols for lack of leadership

BY DAVID CRUZ

Elected officials aren't exactly known for their candor.

But it was a different case with Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj speaking to a Morris Park group.

In a rare move, the freshman pol unleashed an unrestrained, off-the-cuff manifesto that railed against do-nothing Bronx legislators who commonly attend functions yet balk at leading.

His sobering speech was met with a round of applause at the Oct. 16 meeting of the Morris Park Community Association.

"You're not holding us accountable or responsible," said Gjonaj, captivating a socially-conservative blue collar crowd.

"We attend your dinner and you praise us like we're the best thing since milk," he noted. "We buy a jour-

nal, we don't even use our money, we use your money to buy a journal at your event and you guys rave about the elected officials."

Gjonaj veered from the talking points script at the 15-minute mark after highlighting some of his accomplishments under his Gjonaj CARES program, which he privately funds. But after highlighting the International Food Festival he sponsored, Gjonaj blasted nameless Bronx legislators for creating a territorial divide within the Bronx Democratic machine.

"They don't realize that these boundaries we put up hurt us," said Gjonaj. "Because once you remove them you realize that your backyard is my front yard we have more in common."

Uniting Against Issues

The Bronx's larger issues transcend state Assem-



ASSEMBLYMAN MARK GJONAJ

bly, Senate and Congressional precincts, according to Gjonaj. Many of them include the nagging un-

employment rate, rampant poverty and the city's policy to cram the most homeless shelters into the borough than any other part of the city.

Gjonaj was quick, however, to praise specific local electeds.

"This borough's never had it better than it has today from a political standpoint," said Gjonaj. "You have Jeff Klein, the co-leader of the State Senate. We have the potential to put Jimmy Vacca as the next Speaker of the City Council."

Gjonaj also included Congressman Joe Crowley in the pool of positive pols.

While Gjonaj's candor surprised some MPCA members, he was later thanked for delivering a refreshing speech that hasn't been heard in quite a while.

"He's at home in Morris Park," said Al D'Angelo, a

member of MPCA's executive board. "He wasn't trying to impress anyone. He was telling it like it is."

Marking His Territory

His speech came just over a year after Gjonaj won the Democratic primary in the 80th Assembly District covering Morris Park, Pelham Gardens, Pelham Parkway, Van Nest, Allerton, Bedford Park, Moshulu Parkway, and Norwood.

Gjonaj, a successful Realtor, ousted veteran Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera, who hails from a powerful borough political dynasty.

The incumbent Rivera ran into trouble during her re-election bid, with city and state investigators looking into reports of nepotism at her district office. She was also considered aloof, showing only obligatory brief appearances at community functions.



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29th Annual Vet Parade Nov. 10th

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

It's time to pick up your American flag and wave it proudly!

The 29th Annual Bronx Veterans Day Parade in Throggs Neck will step off at noon from E. Tremont Avenue and Lafayette Avenue on Sunday, November 10.

The parade route will turn at Randall Avenue and then make another turn onto Throggs Neck Expressway, with a reviewing stand at Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park.

The grand marshals for this year's parade will be veterans advocate and author Johnnie Williams; Jim Connell, director of communications and government relations for the James J. Peters Veterans Affairs Hospital, and Gene Lynch, founder of The Never Forget Foundation.

Gene Lynch.

Williams helps fellow

Bronx veterans with everything from navigating the federal bureaucracy for benefits to helping them start a business.

"I love it because this is what I really love to do, and even if they did not honor me, I would still do it, because that is what I love to do," he said, adding "I still think veterans should be treated better than they are."

Gene Lynch, a Throggs Neck native who is not a veteran, founded the Never Forget Foundation to help wounded vets and also remember 9/11 first responders. He created a portable Wall of Honor listing the names of service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He urged the public to come out to the parade "to acknowledge the veterans for what they have done and continue to do for us."

This year's honorary

grand marshals - deceased service members - are Ted Hansen, Ken Champlin, Bobby Hoyt, Nick Mileo, and Charlie Baasch.

"We are confident that turnout will be strong and we hope that it continues to increase," the parade committee said in a statement. "The support from the people of the Bronx makes us proud."

As he does every year, Senator Jeff Klein will host a pre-parade breakfast for those marching and will be conferring additional honors on veterans.



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Veteran's Day at Peace Memorial Plaza

The annual Veterans Day remembrance at Peace Memorial Plaza will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11.

The event, at Williamsbridge Road, Esplanade and Pelham Parkway North, is hosted by the Knights of Columbus Mary Queen of Peace Council, Morris Park Community Association, and Morris Park Kiwanis International.

Among events at the plaza, also known as Rudy Macina Memorial Plaza, will be a wreath laying for fallen soldiers, raising of the colors by members of veterans organizations, playing of taps, and a dedication of honor for past organizer of the event, Al Corcillo, followed by remarks by local dignitaries.



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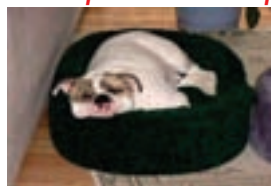
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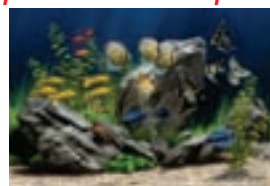
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Upon entrance the younger guests were delighted to find an inflatable castle alongside a pumpkin patch. The excitement expressed by the visitors increased as they encountered the live petting zoo. The children (and adults) squealed with joy as they fed and interacted with llamas, goats and other animals.

The Festival's entertainment was enhanced by the participation of two world

renowned performance artists. Fitzy Snowman, a pumpkin sculptor whose work has been featured on Good Morning America as well as CBS's The Talk, spent the day fascinating the crowd with his unique and whimsical creations. Many of the guests were able to take these one of a kind works of art home with them after the show.

Up on the stage Jared Rydelek amazed the audience with his inimitable contortionist show. Jared, who has worked on HBO's Boardwalk Empire, performed an imaginative routine with one logic defying trick after the next.

In addition to these renowned performers, the Festival featured a live band playing today's hits and yesterdays favorites, a clown, magician and a face paint artist for children of all ages.

What would a Festival be without any food? Bronxwood staff members proudly manned the

many food stations set up throughout the party. Included among the smorgasbord of options were hot popcorn, cotton candy and hot pretzels. Bronxwood's very own chef prepared hot dogs and fresh sweet corn on the grill.

"The Festival is a chance for Bronxwood to give back to the community and a great opportunity for our residents to interact with their families and neighbors" said Jacqueline Kreismann, Bronxwood's Director of Marketing and Public Relations. "It's great to see our residents with their children and grandchildren enjoying the day. Seeing the smiles on so many faces is a heartwarming experience for all those involved"

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Aldi Supermarket opens in Melrose

BY BEN KOCHMAN

A new supermarket offering quality inexpensive groceries has made its way to a neighborhood in dire need of good eats on a budget.

South Bronx shoppers lined up Monday, October 28 for their first glimpse inside Aldi, Melrose's newest bargain supermarket.

The German-owned retailer opened its doors on Third Avenue and E.155th Street at a ribbon-cutting ceremony, with store officials saying they are thrilled to service a relatively poor area with high foot traffic, just a few blocks north of the central HUB shopping district.

"People were used to shopping here," said Bruce Persohn, a vice president of Aldi USA. "A grocery store in this area is not a foreign idea."

The Melrose store is Aldi's second expansion into the Bronx, following its 2011 opening of a store on

Gun Hill Road in the east Bronx.

The discount grocer keeps its prices low by producing and distributing many of its own brands.

David Livingston, a supermarket analyst with DJL Research, said the store's model of efficiency is at the forefront of the supermarket scene.

Aldi is stocked with just 1,400 items at a time, incentivizes customers to bring reusable bags and does not allow shopping carts off the premises.

"It doesn't matter where they come in," said Livingston, "no one can beat them on price."

That could spell trouble for the area's existing supermarkets, including a Pioneer Supermarket a few blocks south on Melrose Avenue.

"We canvassed the area," said Persohn, "and we're confident our savings will hold true in this neighborhood."



Dalitso Chapema, the new store's manager, cut the ribbon Monday, October 28 at Aldi, Melrose's new bargain supermarket option. Photo by Diana Boschen

"I would definitely come in here," said Christina Slack, as she brandished a sturdy wooden stirring spoon on sale for \$3.99.

"Look at this spoon!" she exclaimed. "Look how

strong it is. It's so thick and nice."

Slack said she normally heads out of the borough to buy fresh groceries, going to 125th street in Harlem, or up to New Rochelle

or White Plains to do her shopping.

"You normally always get junk in the Bronx," she said, "but I like this place – and so cheap!"

Jose Santiago, who lives

on E. 138th Street, said the box of cereal in his Aldi shopping cart cost half as much as it would at his regular supermarket.

"We need more places like this, where we can save money," he said.

Melrose's Aldi is the fifth supermarket the company has opened in New York City, Persohn said. The German company has over 1,200 locations nationwide, and is owned by the same parent company that owns Trader Joe's.

The new store hired 20-25 employees, Persohn said. Entry cashiers make just over \$12 per hour and store managers make around \$25 per hour, he said.

Persohn said he was confident the new store would thrive.

"The great things about Aldi is that interest really transcends income levels," he said. "People are always interested in saving money."

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Up the ranks for new 52 C.O.

BY BEN KOCHMAN

New 52nd Precinct Commanding Officer Nilda Hofmann missed the precinct's 10th annual Community Council Fellowship Recognition breakfast on Friday, October 25.

But the gathered crowd at Monroe College in Fordham couldn't blame her.

As the Five Two honored its police officers of the year and praised the community for staying active, the 23-year veteran was in Lower Manhattan at 1 Police Plaza getting new gold eagles pinned on her uniform shoulders to newly promoted full inspector's rank.

The 23-year police veteran moved up from the ranks from Deputy Inspector to Inspector, a move that, knows well, having shed the silver olive branch Deputy Inspector medal for his own gold eagle a few years back.

"When One Police Plaza calls, you gotta answer," said the precinct's former

commander, Inspector Joseph Dowling. "It takes a lot of work. She deserves it."

The newly minted Inspector Hofmann will be put to the test in the coming months.

Hofmann's top goal of slowing down shooting incidents in the area could prove difficult.

The precinct, which covers Bedford Park, Fordham, Kingsbridge, Norwood and University Heights, has endured a 66% uptick in shooting incidents, and 38% increase in shooting victims so far this year.

Friday's breakfast was delayed by an early morning shooting incident at Rochambeau Avenue and E. 206th Street in which shots were fired at police.

The night before, a 17-year-old high school student was fatally shot in the face on Jerome Avenue.

"We've had some outside people coming into our neighborhood with some

violence, which we are addressing," said Dowling.

At the breakfast, a number of officers were recognized for their achievements, including Office James Carron, who was honored as Cop of the Year for nabbing a bank robber minutes after the crime.

From his post on E. Fordham and Grand Concourse, waiting for backup, Carron saw a man matching the description of the robber walking in his direction.

The man was covered in the red dye from an exploding red dye pack in the stolen moneybags.

"It was very simple," Carron said. "Just being in the right place at the right time."

Former community council president Sallie Caldwell, who handed over the reins to her daughter Brenda Caldwell-Paris, said "We feel that we've really brought the community together."



The FiveTwo's top cop of the year is Police Officer James Carron (left), who was honored by his old boss Inspector Joseph Dowling on Friday, October 25 at Fordham's Monroe College. Photo by Ben Kochman



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Eye Care Unlimited celebrates 20 years

BY DAVID CRUZ

Maintaining an eye for customer service has been optometrist Annette Contento's secret to her success.

It's one reason why her clinic, Eye Care Unlimited in Morris Park, is now celebrating its 20th anniversary.

Opening a practice back in 1993 was certainly daunting for Dr. Contento, who shares her passion and business with her husband, fellow optometrist and eye surgeon, A.J. Contento.

The pair met at SUNY State College of Optometry, or as they like to call it, "eye school."

He normally works alongside co-owner Dr. Evan Kaplan at the Crosby Avenue store in Pelham Bay, which hit its 20-year mark in 2012.

But it wasn't long before demand drove the Contento's to expand to 1086 Morris Park Ave. The satellite clinic boasts an exam and

pre-testing room featuring several sophisticated eye machines and a myriad of frames. Contact lenses are also available at the shop in Morris Park, where clinics were scant until the Contento's arrived.

"They needed a neighborhood professional family practice. That was lacking," recalled Contento, a soft-spoken professional living with her husband in Country Club.

She does remember "growing pains" in the first year, small business turmoil that was eventually managed. But customer service stood at the forefront, even as skeptical patients consistently asked to see the "man doctor," instead of a female optometrist.

"I was just very confident and assertive, and now they respect me and ask for me," said Contento, who balances a busy 21-year career with being a mother of four.

She shares her motherly instincts with her



Customer service is in the eye of Eye Care Unlimited, celebrating 20 years. Dr. Annette Contento (second from left) stands with loyal staffers (l-r) Megan Gilchrist, Sofija Ulaj and Nezika Memedoska.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

loyal group of staffers, an extended family of sorts who all follow the creed of keeping attuned to patient needs.

"We're not just a business," said Megan Gilchrist, the in-house optician. "We ask people how's their family, how they're doing. And

people know us in the neighborhood."

Sofija Ulaj serves as the office manager, often working the phones to ensure

regular clients are taken care of.

"We put ourselves in our patient's shoes," said Ulaj, known to help patients track down their insurance policy. "We call three or four insurance companies."

"I don't know anyone who does that," added Gilchrist.

The clinic's optometric assistant, Nezika Memedoska, has also seen that trait pay off, since many simply "keep coming back."

But going the extra mile has served as an added incentive for customers to return, as Dr. Contento notices.

"They got to take that extra step to become our patient," said Dr. Contento, referring to her staffers. "So it's my job to keep them here, and I think I'm doing a pretty good job."

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Bronx Hibernians honor four Nov. 3

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

It is time to get your Irish spirit ready.

Bronx Division 3 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians is holding its annual dinner and awards ceremony at Maestro's Caterers on Sunday, Nov. 3 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

This year's awards dinner will honor John Dunleavy, chairman of the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade; NYPD Chief Tom Purtell, an east Bronxite charge of the Organized Crime Control Bureau; Assemblywoman Catharine Nolan, and James Organ, aide to past three governors.

"They are honored because all four have accomplished a great deal in their working lives," said Division 3 president Bob Nolan. "They are exemplary among residents of New York City and among the Irish."

The funds raised at the dinner will be used to provide partial-scholarships for

eight Irish Catholic students who are entering Catholic high schools. The scholarships provide \$250 in tuition assistance, said Nolan.

Grammar school principals chose the winners, and local schools participating in previous years include St. Clare of Assisi, St. Francis Xavier, St. Theresa, Our Lady of Assumption, Villa Maria Academy, St. Benedict, St. Frances de Chantal, and St. Mary Star of the Sea, he said.

In addition, Division 3 also supports the Theodore Korony American Legion Post #253 Holiday Toy Drive and this year helped families dealt a blow by Hurricane Sandy in Queens and Brooklyn.

•Bronx native Dunleavy has been the parade chairman for 20 years after holding several previous positions with it as the parade celebrated its 251st anniversary this past March 17th. Born in Coole, Co. Westmeath in 1938, he came to



JAMES ORGAN

the U.S. in 1963. He joined the Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority, a part of the transit authority, as a bus operator, retiring in 1990 as a General Superintendent.

•Nolan represents the 37th Assembly District in Queens County, which includes Sunnyside, Ridgewood, Long Island City, Queensbridge, Ravenswood, Astoria, Woodside



JOHN DUNLEAVY

and Maspeth. She was first elected to the Assembly in 1984. Speaker Sheldon Silver appointed her chair of the Assembly's Committee on Education in 2006, where she has spearheaded efforts to achieve class size reduction, universal pre-k, middle school initiatives and improve high school graduation rates.

•A public servant for 36 years, Organ served vari-



TOM PURTELL

ous posts in the city, state and federal governments. In 1982, he was appointed by then Governor Hugh Carey as assistant commissioner of labor. He later served as an aide to former Assemblyman Steve Kaufman, and as senior director of real estate at Off Track Betting. He is currently involved in real estate sales.

•Purtell joined the NYPD more than 30 years ago and



CATHARINE NOLAN

ran Patrol Borough Bronx, the Emergency Service Unit and Patrol Borough Manhattan South, and is currently in charge of the department's Organized Crime Control Bureau. Purtell has won numerous medals and awards.

To learn more about the dinner or the AOH organization, please email Nolan at Nolanbxbp@hotmail.com.

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City Build Back program helping Sandy vics

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO AND
DAVID CRUZ

Homeowners facing an onslaught of repair bills from Hurricane Sandy may find some relief in the Build it Back program, and several other city and private initiatives.

As an extended deadline for the city program that distributes federal dollars from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development earmarked for relief from the approach on Thursday, Oct. 31, Senator Jeff Klein's office reached out to homeowners who had not yet signed up.

A Klein spokeswoman said a hundred homeowners were notified they may be eligible for benefits under the program, with many responding to the letter and follow-up calls. "Helping homeowners and businesses rebuild

after Superstorm Sandy has been one of my top priorities this year," said Klein. "Whether it's helping institutions like Tony's Pier rebuild or helping homeowners get a timely reimbursement from their insurance company, my office has been hands-on every step of the way."

Klein added that his office is now working with those homeowners who qualify for the Build it Back program "to make sure they get the funding they need and deserve."

A representative from the Build it Back program spoke at a general meeting of Community Board 10 in September, explaining that their goal was to distribute a "pot" of money from HUD.

He explained that the program covered houses, co-ops, condo, and multiple-family dwellings.



Edgewater Park couple Nelson and Sharon DeGracia stare at a gaping hole on their floor where their bed once was. File Photo

The funding, however, only covers repairs to the structure

of houses, and not such things as decks, docks, and seawalls.

Tony Macchia, 67, a waterfront homeowner on Tierney Place in Locust Point who qualified for the Build it Back said it will help him replace the roof on his house.

"We put back everything [on the roof] temporarily for now, because the new roof and underside will cost about \$15,000," he said, adding that he also lost a dock from Sandy.

He did not have flood insurance because his home does not get flooded, but luckily he was able to obtain relief from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He has been living there for more than 60 years.

"We were very lucky that the interior of the house withstood the storm," he said. "We lost all of our property ten feet back from the waterfront."

As an additional part of the city's recovery effort, the Mayor's Fund, with support from the American Red Cross and the Robin Hood Foundation, created a home repairs program to help non-structurally damaged properties.

That program is being administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery Operations and is managed by Neighborhood Revitalization NYC.

The Department of Housing Preservation and Development and a group of 16 foundations and institutions known as NYC Housing and Neighborhood Recovery Donors Collaborative have also secured \$3.2 million in private funding to help vulnerable communities and low to moderate income people with a range of initiatives, according to the city.

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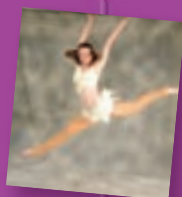
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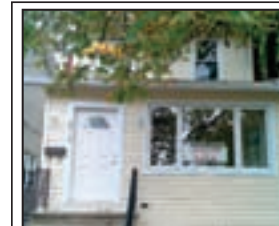
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THANK-A-VET EVENT



The 4th annual Thank-A-Vet boat outing set sail on Sunday, Sept. 22 at at the Harlem and Hugenot Yacht Clubs in City Island. Over 100 veterans hit the seas in the morning. The event was started by The International Order of The Blue Gavel as a way to thank veterans for their service. The veterans got a visit from Assemblyman Mike Bandedetto, who gave a small speech over lunch.

Photo courtesy of Judy A. Lanci



LUCCHESE FUNERAL HOME FLOAT

Joseph Lucchese, owner of the Lucchese Funeral Home in Morris Park made a splash at the Bronx Columbus Day Parade, standing atop this float with his family in tow.

Photo by Patricio Robayo

NATIVITY OF OUR BLESSED LADY SCHOOL



Students, teachers, family members, alumni and neighbors packed the Nativity of Our Blessed Lady School as it celebrated its 60th anniversary on Sept. 26. The event kicked off with a mass held at Nativity Church on E. 233rd Street , where Bishop Gerald Walsh was among those who celebrated. Festivities continued at the Nativity School on Dyre Avenue, in the school auditorium, where students and parents engaged in a variety of activities. Nativity of Our Blessed Lady School has served the East Bronx community since 1953. It is dedicated to the education of all children based on Christian principles regardless of race, color, nationality or ethnic origin.

Proud mom Tasha Durrant posed with her daughters Amber and Amanda.

Photo by Alex Belisle



LOCUST POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION CLEAN UP



It took a storm to get The Locust Point Civic Association's building on Tierney Place fixed up nice. The association hosted a Clean Up Day on October 12. Thanks to a grant from the Citizen's Committee for New York City, the group purchased brand new gardening supplies, top soil and mulch and had money left over for food and beverages.

Cindi Virello does her part fixing up the Locust Point house.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



SUPERSTORM

SANDY

A YEAR LATER



From Page 1

city, was largely spared, with landlocked communities mainly experiencing 65 MPH winds.

But it doesn't erase the fact that the storm left thousands of homeowners in the dark for days, weeks of gas lines and several months of removing downed trees, repairing basements and wrangling with insurance companies.

The pain of rebuilding continues, with many slowly intending to come back piecemeal, and on their own. With several setbacks hinder-

ing the rebuilding process, a sense of abandonment has crept in for many folks in the outlying area.

Harding Park

"We are forgotten about. Nobody's done anything for us," said Bonnano, whose low-lying Harding Park community bore the brunt of storm damage.

A remote village abutting Eastchester Bay, the neighborhood was nearly drowned by the infamous 13-foot surge.

Joanne Pache's bungalow could not with-

stand the pressure. She survived even as the storm took out all her belongings she amassed over the past 44 years.

Even more tragic was the fallout - she passed away. Her home was later bulldozed on orders by the city Department of Buildings deeming the house as unlivable, replaced by wooden boards.

Across the street, Charlie Vaiciunas' one-story home was hard hit.

He was already distraught, having lost his mother and brother the year before Sandy's ram-

page. But as Federal Emergency Management Agency assessed the damage, Vaiciunas was already lost. He hung himself shortly after the recuperation money was taken back, according to neighbors.

"FEMA should be held accountable," said longtime neighbor Jimmy Ziegler. "They take care of everyone else," said Ziegler. "But they don't take care of anyone here."

The area once known as "Little Puerto Rico" has not been the same since, as Judy Bonnano

sees it. She wishes the city could elevate the stone that did little to stop the rising floods.

"Who wants to be worried about water after putting thousands of thousands of dollars into it?" she asked.

Locust Point

Locust Point stands among the hard hit waterfront nabes, with locals pressing insurance firms to help cover costs for homes and damaged docks. In some cases, homeowners have simply walked away.

On Tierney Place, homeowner Tony Mac-

chia spent months fixing his two-story home that boasts a scenic view of the shore. He's since repaired his roof, knocked around by Sandy's heavy winds and rains.

"I haven't stopped working since the day of the storm," said Macchia, who's lived in the same house since he was born 60 years back. Since Sandy, he's struggled to get his insurer Narragansett Bay Insurance Company to foot the damage.

These days Tony's learned to "read the fine print" to any insurance



The City Island Lobster House on Bridge Street lost its iconic lobster sign that stood atop the restaurant roof during Superstorm Sandy.

Owner Joseph (Jo Jo) Mandarino said he's in the process of replacing it.

What he remembers most about Sandy, besides the out-

pouring of support from neighbors and customers afterwards, was the triple hit of the hurricane, the snow-storm that followed, and the gas shortage ("really devastating" for business).

Nevertheless, he said, "we rolled up our sleeves, we persevered, and we got through it."

—Patrick Rocchio



policy, and is looking for another insurer.

A few doors down, contractor Nick Virello has restored his private dock, spending roughly \$90,000 of his own money and no federal assistance. He's built smarter now, though he's vowed never to re-build again. "I'll be done."

It's already happened to several siblings who've posted "For Sale" signs at their seaside property.

But there were shimmerers of a silver lining, as Chrys Napolitano of the Locust Point Civic

Association pointed out. She recently toured the city-owned LPCA house, newly-built after getting pummeled by Sandy.

Country Club

The Interclub, comprised of six seasoned local recreation clubs – the Manhem, Askov Hall, D.A. Beach, White Cross Fishing, American Turners, and Westchester Country clubs – is still primed for a comeback, though much of the delays stem from lagging insurance payments, with the Manhem Club still awaiting brokers to

process claims.

"I have not received a dime of insurance money...," said Watson. "The clubs who put in claims are going through the same thing."

Though he's haggling with his insurance company, he was able to corral volunteers to restore the club's damaged pier.

Elsewhere, the track and field at Villa Maria Academy, torn by Sandy's punishing surge, was restored recently thanks to parent contributions. It had faced damage a year before when Hurricane Irene blasted through.

Michael Bernard, VMA's physical education teacher, said the contractor admitted not much can be done with a storm the insurance companies are billing as an "act of God."

Looking Ahead

With Superstorm Sandy now recorded as the second costliest storm in history, city officials have taken preventive steps to keep a catastrophe like this from happening again.

Locally, Community Board 10, covering the hard-hit areas of the

Bronx, has devised a survey that determines which city-owned seawalls are in need of an upgrade.

District Manager Ken Kearns has also drafted an initial report that provides storm-prevention recommendations to the city, which include heightening the seawalls to keep waters at bay.

Their outline would come months after the city's own 500-page storm resiliency plan, that offered some suggestions for the Bronx such as ensuring the Hunts Point Food Center is safe-

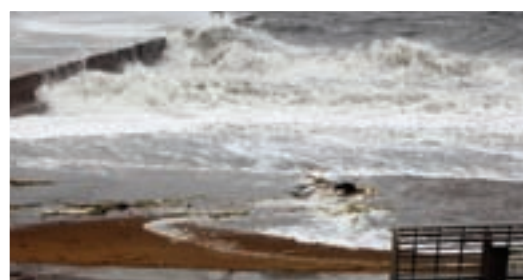
guarded.

This comes as scientists predict storms will intensify in the next few years.

But Napolitano with LPCA has since pored over the city's storm resiliency outline, recommending seawalls for Locust Point, though she was surprised to see the Bronx barely mentioned.

"At the very end of it, the report mentions what initiatives are being done borough by borough," she said. "But it's only broken down to four boroughs. The Bronx is not even mentioned."

SANDY NOW & THEN



It wasn't bad enough that frustrated drivers running on almost empty were backed up for blocks as area gas stations either ran dry waiting for deliveries or were knocked out of action with no backup generators.

State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman went after three Bronx gas stations reported ripping off gas-needy drivers.

One station charged a whopping \$10 a gallon, while one driver complained to the AG she was

told she'd have to pay \$50 for five gallons of gas.

Facing civil actions and fines were the Mobil station at 3424 East Tremont Avenue at the Bruckner Expressway, the Lukoil/Getty station on Pelham Parkway off White Plains Road and another Mobil station on East Gun Hill Road in Olinville.

Gov. Cuomo just announced 258 downstate gas stations are now installing back-up power, under a new state law.

—Bob Kappstatter



Superstorm Sandy propelled the Harlem River inland in the South Bronx, turning Third Avenue into a canal and flooding the low-sitting Bruckner Bar & Grill hard by the Third Avenue Bridge.

The popular Port Morris hangout lost at least \$15,000 in beer and liquor alone from storm damage to the dining room, bar and basement, general manager Jo-

seph Diaz said at the time.

A year later, with restaurant owners fighting with the landlord over repair costs, the popular hangout has been renovated but remains shuttered.

Garcia said last month the restaurant was only a health inspection and renewed liquor license away from reopening. Fans are still waiting.

—Ben Kochman



With the heart of the storm raging, Tony's Pier, a popular restaurant at the tip of City Island, was gutted by fire Oct. 29, 2012.

One year to the day, Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, and Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. joined with co-owner Anthony Palumbo to dedicate the newly reconstructed eatery at 1 City Island Ave. at Belden Point.

"As flames consumed

the restaurant, decades of hard work and history were at stake," said Klein, whose office worked with owners and planners to help rebuild it.

"Today isn't only a time to reflect on the hardships Sandy caused," he said at the rededication. "It is also a day to celebrate the hard work and resilience of our community."

—Patrick Rocchio

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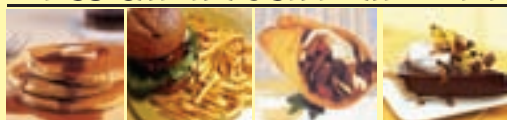
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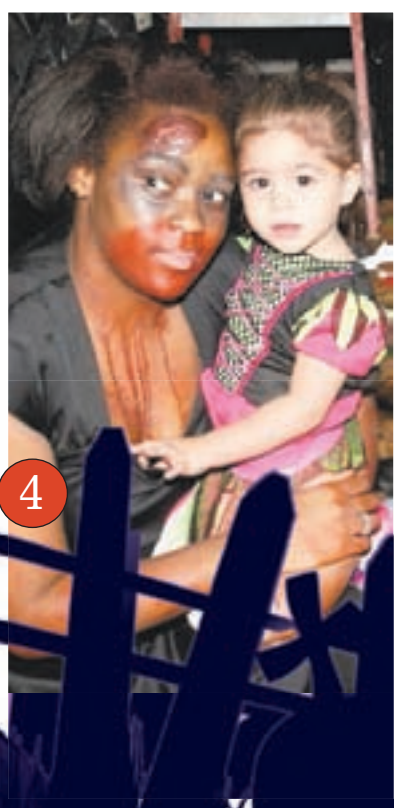
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From death-defying superheroes to the just plain dead, hordes of children from the borough took part in several Halloween events scattered throughout the east Bronx on October 26th. The Bronx Times Reporter was there to catch it all!

(1) A fire prevention station, cotton candy machine and Build-a-Bear station were some of the hallmarks at the Throggs Neck Halloween Parade.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

(2) Don't mess with this evil court jester, one of many characters on hand at the first-ever Halloween Parade in Pelham Parkway.

Photo by Austin Crimmins

(3) Iron Man marches along the streets of Pelham Parkway for the neighborhood's first-ever Halloween Parade. Hundreds of children traveled from the Pelham Parkway subway station to P.S. 105 where a Halloween party sponsored by Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj and Sen. Jeff Klein awaited them.

Photo by Austin Crimmins

(4) Assemblyman Mike Benedetto helps kick off the 30th anniversary of the Throggs Neck Halloween Parade, a mega-venue that also features a carnival-style bazaar.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

(5) A ladybug and web witch known as Gabriella and Roxanne Spero, at the Throggs Neck Halloween Parade.

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(6) Assemblyman Mike Benedetto helps kick off the 30th anniversary of the Throggs Neck Halloween Parade, a mega-venue that also features a carnival-style bazaar.

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(7) Gene DeFrancis, head of the Allerton International Merchants, is decked as the "The Dark Knight" rendition of the Joker. He stands with dozens of community kids as they join their Pelham Parkway neighbors for the first-ever Halloween Parade in Pelham Parkway.

Photo courtesy of the Allerton International Merchants

(8) The Flintstone family hangs at the Pelham Bay Halloween Party on Oct. 26.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

(9) Don't mess with these gals, playing the part of homicidal killers at the Bronx YMCA's Halloween Party.

Photo by Edwin Soto

(10) Flesh-eating zombie Cody Velez gets her face done up by painter Bree Anna Mazzariello, just some of the festivities at the Bronx YMCA's Halloween Party on Oct. 26.

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A werewolf, Transformer and little devil prance around, hand in hand, at the Throggs Neck Halloween Parade.

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TNMA ANNUAL DINNER DANCE



Throggs Neck's Merchants broke out the moves for the Merchant Association' 6th Annual Dinner Dance on Oct. 17.

Community Board 10 chairman John Marano (second from left), picks up an award for his commitment to the community. He stands with (l-r) Michael Bernard, Edward Angelino with Power Express Mortgage and TNMA president Steve Kaufman.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

"PRESTON IDOL" TALENT COMPETITION



Move over American Idol: How about Preston Idol? The Preston High School held its own singing competition Saturday, Oct. 5. A field of 12 finalists was whittled down to six, before winners were crowned. The show also included dances and performances from past winners.

(Above) The 2013 Preston Idol winner, Akilah Edwards, is surrounded by friends as she celebrates her victory.

Photo by Laura Stone

Cristina Todino, Preston Idol 2012 winner, sings "Warrior",

Photo by Laura Stone



AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST

Veterans gathered to learn more about their rights at the American Legion First District Legislative Breakfast on Oct. 6. at the American Turner Club. The event was hosted by Pat Devine, a major advocate for veterans.

Photo by Edwin Soto



Derek Blumke (from American Legion Post 1212- Washington Square) talks to Edward L. Mallicoat at the advocacy meeting.

Photo by Edwin Soto

ST. FRANCES DE CHANTAL SONGS OF PRAISE



The St. Frances de Chantal Church presented its "Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving" at a concert at 190 Hollywood Avenue on September 29. The choir hit the high notes as it filled the air with the uplifting tunes.

Photo by Laura Stone

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL



Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj and Sen. Jeff Klein hosted the International Music Festival on Sunday, Oct. 6 at Pelham Parkway on Barnes Avenue. The event featured music from all over the world, and guests brought chairs and mats to enjoy the action. The concert was sponsored in part by the Morris Park Community Association.

Photo by Alex Belisle



Sonny Vitaj and Edith Spitzer came out for the musical show.

Photo by Alex Belisle

KLEIN HOSTS 19TH ANNUAL SENIOR APPRECIATION DAYS



Call it a lifetime achievement recognition. Several hundred senior citizens were treated to a daytrip to the Kiss Me Kate Broadway production at the Westchester Broadway Theater. The October 20th venue was courtesy of Sen. Jeff Klein's Senior Appreciation Days.

A roundtable of seniors have a sitdown lunch with Sen. Jeff Klein, who sponsored the event.

Photo courtesy of Sen. Jeff Klein Office



ORDER OF SON'S OF ITALY GALA

The Order of the Son's of Italy Uguaglianza Lodge #83, based in the northeast Bronx, held its 102nd anniversary dinner dance at Villa Barone Manor on Friday, Oct. 11. The gala honored Assemblyman Michael Benedetto and Barbaccia Fusco.

(Above) Presenting and receiving an award are (l-r) Lodge president Anthony Salvatore Borgia, honoree Assemblyman Benedetto, and Mistress of Ceremonies Lorraine C. Corsa Esq,

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Frances Barbaccia Fusco (c) receives her award.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

MIDDLE SCHOOL 45 CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

M.S. 45 in Belmont, the Thomas C. Giordano School, celebrated its 100th anniversary with a reception on Saturday, Oct. 12. The school has graduated actor Chazz Palmentieri, comedian Carl Reiner, and musician Dion DiMucci. Notable city Department of Education alumni include former Board of Education member Sandy Lerner, former superintendent Irma Zardoya and former deputy superintendent Bruce Irishalmi. Celebrating with balloons marking the occasion are Principal Annamaria Giordano and M.S. 45 faculty and staff.

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Norwood public schools face rezoning

New school prompts zone change

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Norwood's public school students are set for a major shakeup.

Starting next fall, hundreds of students in the neighborhood will be rezoned within the heavily overcrowded Community Education Council District 10 to relieve overcrowding as a new school opens on Webster Avenue.

The public schools servicing the area now are so packed, that over 20 schools applied this year for grades to be "capped," which has forced nearly 300 students to travel to schools out of their zone.

The Department of Education is hoping that its new proposed zones will help the schools become less squeezed for space. At a public hearing Thursday, Oct. 17, the area's public school principals bemoaned gyms having to be turned into classrooms, hurried

early-morning lunches and other chaos.

"It's terrible for the students," said P.S. 46 Principal Nelly Diaz.

The changes will take place for next year's kindergarten class, and for all other new students entering into the system.

Current students won't have to switch schools, said CEC 10 President Marvin Shelton. Siblings will also have priority to stay at the same schools.

The changes affect P.S. 46, P.S. 280, P.S. 56, P.S. 20, P.S. 8 and P.S. 54.

The biggest reduction comes for P.S. 8, whose zone near the Grand Concourse has been dramatically reduced in the proposed new zones. Enrollment at P.S. 8 will go from 1,206 pupils to 905 to 915, according to a DOE report.

P.S. 54 will also be reduced, but that school's principal, Dr. Marybelle Fer-

reira, is worried that her zone will become too small. The proposed lines remove the northern part of her zone, above E. 195th St., where she said her most stable students are located. Those students will be sent to P.S. 20 under the latest plan.

"I don't know how it will affect our attendance rate," she said at the public hearing. "We already don't have the numbers we need."

P.S. 54 already houses tens of students from other zones, according to DOE numbers. The proposed zone change does shift a densely populated southwest slice of P.S. 46 into P.S. 54, but that area is set up on a dangerous hill, she said.

"I grew up here, and no one wants to walk down that hill to go to school," she said. "You are leaving us with the ones that cannot make it. This is not going to benefit us

at all."

The CEC, which is continuing to work on the new zones, will hold its next

scheduled public meeting Nov. 21 at P.S./M.S. 37 on W. 230th Street.

The deadline to set the

new zones is January, when area parents will register their children for the following school year.

BANSKY MAKES HIS MARK IN THE BOROUGH



In this piece on E. 153rd street, a child paints the words "Ghetto 4 Life," while a butler holds up a can of graffiti. Banksy's supporters said that the piece was a tongue-in-cheek nod to the artist's own appropriation of street culture, but Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. railed against the work, upset that the word "ghetto" brought back unwanted associations with the borough. Diaz, who had previously publicly supported the British artist's sculpture of Ronald McDonald getting his shoes shined near a MacDonald's on Arthur Avenue, called the work an offensive reminder of the Bronx's past, and said the work threw a "wrench in our efforts to rebrand the borough." Photo by Alex Belisle

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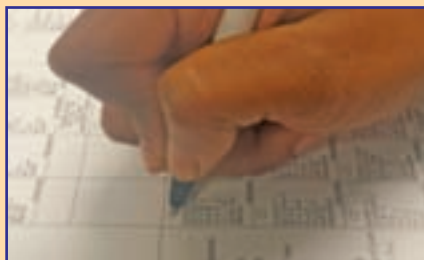
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LEGAL NOTICE

Name of LLC: Saint Andrews Restoration LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 9/27/2013. Office loc.: Bronx Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 1858 Haight Ave., Bronx, NY 10461, principal business address. Term: until 12/31/2099. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 810 RIVER MANAGERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/11/13. 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, 225 Willow Avenue, Bronx, NY 10454. Purpose: any awful activity.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of M&M Cleaning Services LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/29/13. 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, 1737 Van Buren Street, Bronx, NY 10460. 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.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on Sept. 09, 2013, bearing Index Number NC-000399-13/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) Chris (Last) Garcia. My present name is (First) Chris (Last) Aguayo. My present address is 3073 Park Avenue, Apt 8D, Bronx, NY 10451. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is June 22, 1989.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDER OF NOTICE
Published: 10/25/2013 at 20:24:00, New York, NY
State of Connecticut. Superior Court Judicial District of Hartford at Hartford 10-17-13
Kwaku Amoateng vs. Amanda Ama Asaa Asare
NOTICE TO: Amanda Ama Asaa Asare
Return Date: 11-19-13
The Court has reviewed the motion for Notice by Publication or Mail and the complaint which asks for: Divorce (dissolution of marriage).
The Court finds that the defendant's current address is unknown and that all reasonable efforts to find her have failed. The Court also finds that the defendant's last known address was 1235 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10452.
THE COURT ORDERS that notice be given to the defendant by placing a legal notice in The Bronx Times a newspaper circulated in the Bronx, NY area containing a true and attested copy of this Order of Notice and a statement that Automatic Court Orders have been issued in the case as required by Section 25-5 of the Connecticut Practice Book and are a part of the Complaint on file with the Court.
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LEGAL NOTICE

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, Dec. 2, 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 - #83322

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 12/2/2013 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: 10/28/2013 File Number: 34148890 MNH

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as Certificate Trustee (not in its individual capacity but solely as certificate trustee), in trust for registered Holders of VNT Trust Series 2010-2,
Plaintiff,
Against
JASMINE GIBBS,
Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 9/27/2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public

auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 12/2/2013 at 2:00 pm premises known as 1861 Bronxdale Avenue, Bronx NY 10462.
ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York. Block 4056 Lot 61
Approximate amount of lien \$676,520.15 plus interest and costs; premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 381812/2009
Joyce A Brown, Esq., Referee
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES
Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570
Dated: 10/3/2013 File Number: 23336 MNH

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC Bank USA National Association as Indenture Trustee for FBR Securitization Trust 2005-3, Callable Mortgage-Backed Notes, 2005-3, Plaintiff against Deomatie Caratozzolo; Seuram Jawahir, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 8/30/2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 11/18/2013 at 02:00PM, premises known as 4633 Bronx Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10470 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: 5077 LOT: 21. Approximate amount of judgment \$377,002.31 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381359/08. Albert W. Cornachio, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: October 4, 2013 1063967

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. GERPIS R. OVANDO A/K/A GERPIS OVANDO ET AL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on August 20, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse - 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx NY in Room 600 on December 2, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. premises known as 1851 O'Brien 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, Block 3471 and Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment is \$12,263.92 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale, Index # 308001/11.
Francis Alberts, Esq., Referee
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Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs
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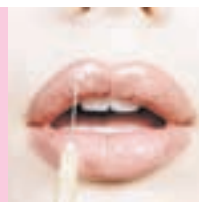
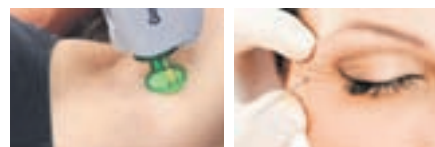
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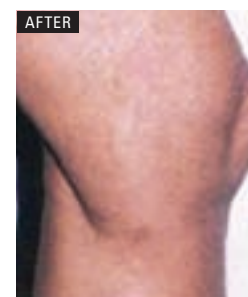
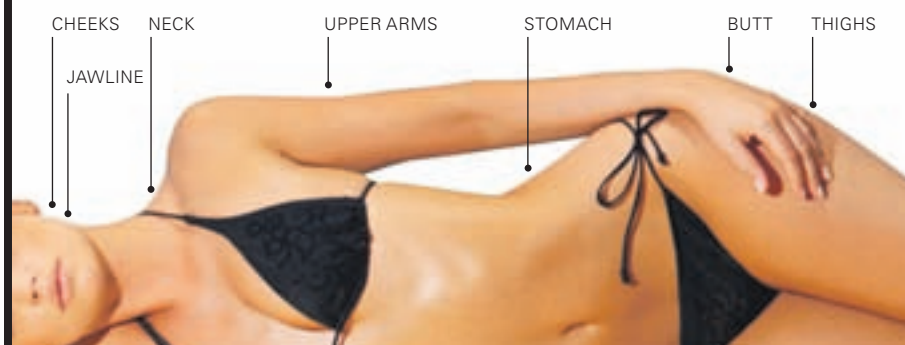
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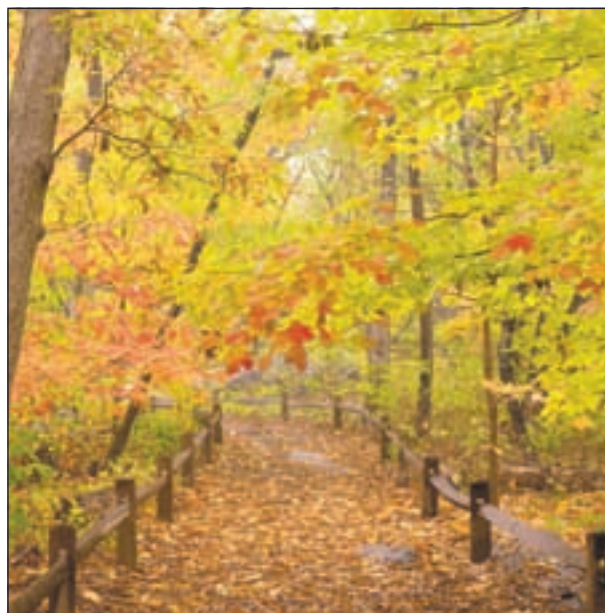
Enjoy autumn at Botanical Garden

Mother Nature is painting the town with her fall colors, and there's no better place to enjoy for the next two weekends than the New York Botanical Garden with a variety of outdoor activities. Canoe trips, birds of prey, craft beers, and a Proust reading are among the offerings during Fall Forest Weekends at the garden Saturdays and Sundays, November 2-3 and 9-10.

Visitors can explore the 50-acre Thain Family Forest, the largest remaining tract of old-growth forest in New York City.

Highlights of the autumn experience include:

Canoe Trips on the Bronx River—Visitors can enjoy a short paddle with members



Enjoy fall weekend events at the NY Botanical Garden

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of the Bronx River Alliance and experience the beauty of this reclaimed gem, home to a variety of fish, birds, and even beaver. (First-come, first-served; limited spaces available on the hour and half-hour, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.) Meet at canoe portage.

Raptors: Live Birds of Prey Demonstrations—Learn how to identify hawks, owls and falcons and how their unique features place them on top of the aerial food chain (In collaboration with the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center in Oyster Bay, N.Y.; 1 and 3 p.m.) Meet across from the Native Plant Garden entrance.

Beer Tastings with Bronx Beer Hall—The Bronx Beer

Hall, on nearby Arthur Avenue, will be serving samples from the Bronx's craft brewery, Jonas Bronx's Beer Co. (12-4 p.m.) Meet on Azalea Way near the Forest entrance.

Swann's Way: A Nomadic Reading—As part of the centennial celebration of Marcel Proust's multivolume masterpiece *À la recherche du temps perdu* (In Search of Lost Time), readers will recite a section from the work's first volume, *Swann's Way*, that evokes Proust's childhood in the French countryside. (Presented in collaboration with the French Embassy; Sunday, November 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.) Meet on Mill View Trail.

In addition, themed dis-

covery walks will cover such subjects as fall foliage and the birds and ecology of the Forest.

Experts will offer tips about how to create colorful late-season gardens during Home Gardening Demonstrations at 2 p.m. in the Native Plant Garden.

In the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, the TREE-rific Trees program (Friday, November 1-Friday, November 15) will feature enormous trunk slices—called "tree cookies"—from a giant sequoia and a white oak. Children can dig deeper into the magnificent world of trees and track the changing colors of the leaves.

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BOO! Happy Halloween. O.K. now for some tavern talk...A good friend of mine and owner of The Throggs Neck Clipper, Padur, once told me, "You won't get rich in this business, but you'll make a living." So true, not only that you won't get rich, but you'll work around the clock seven days a week. Among other things that the owners do is deal with customers and workers, pay the bills and help the city support the Department of Health.

I'm mentioning all this because over the weekend a good friend of mine was talking to me about getting back into the bar business. Him not me. So I wanted to remind him why he left the business in the first place. In the words of my good friend T.P.: "You got to be nuts to open a bar." Well,

just about taverns

by Tony

I guess you're right about that, but that means there's a lot of nuts in the Bronx.

I do like what I see in the bars lately...people. Is it just me, but I think the bars are doing pretty good business lately, especially on the weekends. Keep it up!

Big hello to bartender Gianluke, who tends bar at the recently reopened Gianni's Restaurant. Last Friday I stopped off at Gianni's and had a few cocktails with friends. Nice bar, nice atmosphere and an excellent bartender.

Here's a small list of some great entertainment

in the Bronx this weekend...

Scott Place Café: Friday night - D.J. karaoke with Bobby Flowers and Angelo; Saturday night - Mr. Freddy flip Lando.

Throggs Neck Clipper: Friday night - D.J. Shane.

The Wicked Wolf: Friday, Saturday and Sunday - D.J.s all weekend long.

Thirty3 Sixty3: Every Tuesday - Silver Screen Tuesdays. Movies from yesterday.

Vivienne's: Friday and Saturday - D.J. karaoke with Marie; Sunday - D.J. karaoke with DJ Roy. Don't forget Vivienne's Halloween party on Friday, November 1.

Sammy's Shrimp Box: Friday - That Duo Show.

Stay local...see ya next week.

Turtle Cove Golf Center November basebell special

For the entire month of November Turtle Cove Golf Center, 1 City Island Road, Pelham Bay Park, is offering their customers a one-hour session in the center's brand

new state-of-the-art batting cages for the price of a half hour session.

Stop by Turtle Cove batting cages for your one-hour session at only \$40 (regularly \$60).

Turtle Cove Golf Center welcomes all schools, leagues and teams! Weather permitting.

For further information call (718) 885-1129.

Artist offers visual bombardment

Bronx artist Marguerite Chadwick-Juner has concentrated on creating one small, finished painting a day, resulting in 200 plus paintings which will be exhibited at Fe Fi Faux Gallery, 276 City Island Avenue. The opening reception is on Friday, November 1, from 7 to 10:30 p.m.

Although Chadwick-Juner has created a blog to post her work (<http://margueritechadwickjuner.blogspot.com>), she has never

before offered any of the pieces for sale. She has done this to distinguish herself from others in the daily painting movement, preferring to keep the body of work intact in order to have an impactful "visual bombardment for the senses" exhibition rather than auction the pieces via the blogosphere individually.

The exhibition, which runs through November, is opening on Bronx Culture Trolley night on City Island

so Bronxites can enjoy a free ride to the venue. More information about the Culture Trolley schedule and stops can be found at www.bronxarts.org.

Chadwick-Juner is an artist living and working on City Island. She received her B.F.A. from Cooper Union in NYC. Her work has been published in the North Light Books: Splash 12: Celebrating Artistic Vision and Splash 13: Alternative Approaches.

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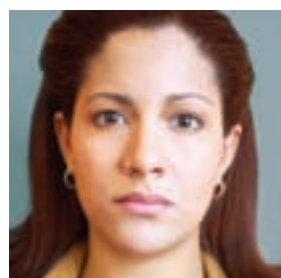
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Bobby Sanabria Multiverse Big Band at Hostos Center

The **Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture** will kick off Puerto Rican Heritage Month with the multi-Grammy nominated Bobby Sanabria Multiverse Big Band on Friday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m., performing a tribute to Puerto Rico's greatest composer, Rafael Hernández, affectionately known as "El Jibarito Bohemio."

Sanabria's 19-piece Multiverse Big Band will be joined by ten members of the Bronx Arts Ensemble string section and three guest vocalists performing arrangements of Hernández's music.

The performance will open with the 319th U.S. Army "Statue of Liberty" Band honoring Hernández's service during World War I as a member of the legendary U.S. Army 369th "Harlem Hellfighters" Band and performing re-creations of repertoire of that esteemed ensemble.

Sanabria will lead the Multiverse Big Band and the members of the Bronx Arts Ensemble String Section in a contemporary Latin jazz treatment of Hernández's most celebrated works, including "Preciosa," "El Cumbanchero," and "Cachita," among others.

Tickets for this special concert are priced at \$25.00, \$30.00, and \$35.00, and are available for purchase through the Hostos Box Office at 718-518-4455 and online at www.hostos.cuny.edu/culturearts. Tickets will also be available at the box office on the night of performance beginning at 5:30 PM.

The **City Island Theater Group** and the City Island Nautical Museum are offering a free workshop for residents and local artists to tell their stories and share their talents.

Participants can create an animated poem, say what they want to

change or see stay the same, create scenes and still images exploring life on the island, and celebrate it through story circles and other artistic activities.

The theater workshop, conducted by Margo Brooks will meet Saturday Nov. 9 and Nov. 16, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham St.

Register for one or both workshops, but only 25 people per session. RSVP to cityislandtheater@gmail.com or call 347.871.2187.

Take a walk through Belmont and the real Little Italy - Arthur Avenue - with the **Bronx County Historical Society** on Sunday, Nov. 10.

The tour, lead by BCHS Educator Angel Hernandez, will start at 11 a.m. at E. Fordham Road and Arthur Avenue.

Take the #4 or D train to Fordham Road, and then connect to east-bound buses #9, #12, or #22.

Tour costs \$10 for BCHS members, \$15 for non-members.

Make reservations by contacting The Society at (718) 881-8900 to reserve your spot. The tours generally run for 90 minutes.

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For more information log onto www.NYCArchipelagoTours.us

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Medina's 'Aurora' sculpture graces West Farms

Tom Casey was out in the snow this past winter snapping some photos. Knowing my interest in sculpture and art, as well as my fascination with West Farms, he photographed some interesting views of an outdoor abstract work of art at East Tremont Avenue and Boston Road,

The unpainted wooden sculpture was created by Mexican artist Diego Medina and is titled "Aurora." He chose the name from the 1930 poem "La Aurora de Nuevo York" by Federico Garcia Lorca whom he thought denigrated our great city in that poem and created this art work as a rebuttal.

The title is translated as "Dawn in New York." The sculpture remained there from August of 2009 to May 21, 2011 without being desecrated in any way by miscreants or vandals. It had been installed by the Bronx River Art Center located on Bronx Street at West Farms Square and the

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

Department of Transportation.

Born in 1969, Medina holds a degree in Visual Art and Architecture from the Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios de Occidente in Guadalajara, Mexico and has exhibited his work throughout the world. Mexicans are well familiar with his artistry but his work was also on display in South Africa, Europe, Cuba, Canada and, of course, the United States where he makes his home in New York. He also runs cultural workshops both here in New York and in Mexico.

His "Aurora" at West Farms is composed of marine birch plywood and stands 14" high, 11' wide and 11' deep and is meant to be used. Medina wanted children and adults to be

able to sit on it, climb on it, and make it their own little piece of outdoor furniture or plaything. It was meant to be touched and used, not just looked at.

There are six different shapes all joined together to form one unit. You really can't appreciate it from only one view but have to walk around it and view it from all perspectives to get a full appreciation of what Medina intended to create.

Although this work is created of wood, Medina utilizes all mediums in his creations. He especially seeks to enjoin cultural mores with the creation of art and, to that end, he has received numerous awards. The next time you see one of his works on display in the metropolitan area, you may wish to make it a point to view it.



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Tom Casey took this winter scene photograph of Diego Medina's wooden sculpture titled "Aurora" which was on display at West Farms Square for almost a year. The stairway of the IRT White Plains Road #5 elevated line is in the background on Boston Road. Oddly, the sculpture managed to evade graffiti artists.

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Bronx schools



(l. to r.): Preston High School's Preston Scholar members and International Day of the Girl attendees Natasha Sanchez, Arjeta Cosaj, Caroline Ozdemir, and Danielle Vargas.

International Day of the Girl

On Friday, October 11th, four members of Preston High School's Scholars Program traveled to the United Nations Building in New York City to attend the International Day of the Girl forum. This event allows groups of girl activists from around the world to gather and discuss how they have taken and/or will take action to help better serve and educate young women from their own communities. Presentations were made

by such noted activists as Dr. K. Kellie Leitch, Canadian Minister of the Status of Women and Yasar Halit Cevik, Turkish Ambassador to the UN, to name just two speakers.

The International Day of the Girl was established by Resolution 66/170 of the UN General Assembly on December 19, 2011. Since its inaugural gathering in 2012, the United Nations has witnessed a rise in the number of events and discussions

about the protection and empowerment of girls. Last year, 11,000 participants from 26 nations took part in the Day of the Girl Summit, a virtual platform that brings together girls and girl-serving organizations. Together they work to effect positive change for young women world-wide. They leverage their community resources to advance the movement for girls' human rights.

CNR military open house

The College of New Rochelle will hold a recruitment open house for military veterans on Thursday, November 7, 2013 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the College's John Cardinal O'Connor Campus located at 332 East 149th Street.

Veterans can learn about the College's degree programs across

all four Schools – the School of Arts & Sciences, School of New Resources (for adult learners), Graduate School and the School of Nursing.

Prospective students can also meet with financial aid counselors, admissions staff, faculty, and fellow veterans who are attending or have attended CNR.

The College of New Rochelle is a Yellow Ribbon

school as designated by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Yellow Ribbon program allows veterans to attend private schools and graduate programs that cost more than the Post-9/11 GI Bill would cover.

Further information available at 1-800-933-5923 or www.cnr.edu.

St. Raymond Academy for Girls observes World Food Day

On Wednesday, October 16, Saint Raymond Academy for Girls observed World Food Day.

Under the urging of the United Nations and international relief organizations students at St. Raymond Academy united with students across the United

States to join in solidarity with the poorest of the poor by providing meals for children in underdeveloped countries.

The theme of the day was "Youth Can Change the World." Students viewed a video prepared by Cross Catholic Outreach setting

the tone for the event.

Those who donated one dollar towards the goal of 300,000 meals received a bracelet that symbolized their unity with the 50,000 students participants throughout the United States.

Bronx Writers Center workshop

The Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Writers Center presents In Progress: Speed Writing, a free, hands-on workshop, on Monday, November 4, 6:30-8:30pm, at the future home of the Bronx Council on the Arts (2700 East Tremont Avenue in the Westchester Square section of the Bronx.)

Admission is free and all are welcome. Reserve your seat at <https://in-progress1142013.eventbrite.com>.

In Progress is a series of free monthly events for writers and readers at the future headquarters of the Bronx Council on the Arts in Westchester Square.

This two-hour workshop begins with Speed Writing (6:30 to 8:00pm). Take the bold brave step of writing and sharing your work with other Bronx writers. In this unusual workshop, writers will respond to short prompts and share them one-on-one and in small groups.

This is an opportunity to write and to meet other like-minded literary types. Open Mic follows from 8:00-8:30pm. Perform your work! (2 minutes per reader.)

Not everyone has to stand and read, but anyone who wants to is welcomed to claim their voice!

Maria Romano, Director of the Bronx Writers Center, writer and teacher, will lead this workshop. All welcome! Bring a note-

book, a pen and your creative energy.

Maria Romano, Director of the Bronx Writers Center, writer and teacher, will lead this workshop.

Ms. Romano holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Yale University and a Masters in Fine Arts in Creative Writing from the New School.

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

In Progress is a Bronx Writers Center 2013-2014 workshop series of free monthly events for writers and readers at the future headquarters of the Bronx Council on the Arts in Westchester Square.

Postings for the series can be found on BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org. For additional information on this workshop or other BWC events, call 718-931-9500 x21, e-mail bronxwriters@bronxarts.org, or visit the Bronx Writers Center's web pages at www.bronxarts.org.

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Zeppieri & Sons Italian Bakery raises awareness

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Zeppieri & Sons Italian Bakery, 3004 Buhre Avenue, is helping raise awareness and support the American Cancer Society with themed cookies.

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Zeppieri & Sons produced ribbon-shaped shortbread cookies with pink icing, to replicate the pink ribbons that symbolize breast cancer awareness. Zeppieri & Sons sold the pink ribbon cookies during a sidewalk sale this past Saturday, October 19th, with all proceeds going to the Making Strides walk event at Orchard Beach. Pink balloons and tableware decorated the store front as cookies were sold for \$2.00 a piece. Cookies sold out in one hour and over \$200 were raised.

Batches of the cookies were also donated to the



Ribbon-shaped shortbread cookies

Breast Cancer Awareness Society from The Ursuline School of New Rochelle for their annual Breast Cancer Fundraiser. The cookies were sold to students, teachers, parents and members of the community in support of cancer research and as sponsorship for the Making Strides walk event in Westchester, NY. The cookies are a staple to the fund-

raiser and are donated every year by Zeppieri and Sons Italian Bakery.

Zeppieri and Sons Italian Bakery is planning on holding another fundraiser sale for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in early November for childhood cancer research and treatment.

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Mount faculty participates in academic and cultural programs

Many of the Mount St. Michael Academy faculty is at work during the summer in preparation for the new school year. A priority for teachers is to continually grow and develop their curriculum for Mount students with new knowledge and programs. One key way to do this through attending summer programs.

Mount vice Principal and History Teacher Joseph Hummel received a National Endowment for the Humanities Grant to attend Niagara County Community College for a one-week NEH Landmark Course titled "Clinton's Ditch- The Erie Canal." The program included an in-depth series of lectures, trips and discussions on the importance of the Erie Canal to the Economic, social and political development of NY State and NYC.

Sister Joan Whittel visited the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico/Arizona. The reservation is two times the size of Massachusetts;

the walls of the Canyon in some places measures 1,000 feet above the floor and covers 84,000 acres of the reservation.

Says Sister Joan, "We toured various places of the Reservation. The most beautiful place was the Canyon de Chelly.

Evidence shows that Navajo's lived in these canyons for nearly 5,000 years.

It has taken millions of years and volumes of water to make the stone paths. The Navajo's are very gentle people and very God-fearing. We visited the St. Michael Indian School. The Franciscan Fathers were the first missionaries to convert the Navajo. Mother Catherine Drexel founded St. Michael's school. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is highly honored. Her statue and Mother Catherine's statue are in every Church or Hogan. We also visited Four Corners where four states: Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah meet. We saw rainbows, even double

rainbows, every day. The clouds are so close you could almost reach out and touch them. I would return to Arizona in a minute.

Sandra Noer, who teaches Math at the Mount, attended the Summer Career in Architecture Program at the Spitzer School of Architecture at CCNY from July 1 to 30, 2013.

The CCNY program serves as an opportunity for adults without any training in design and engineering to explore the process of program design and presentation within the study of architecture. Says Sandra, "I had a month to complete and present an architectural design for a school campus building consisting of a lecture hall café and gallery for the analysis by a board of architects, students and deans at the Spitzer School."

Sister Joan Whittle, Bro. Gerry Dougherty and theology teacher participated in the "Bearing Witness" program from August 12-

15. Through Bearing Witness, participants explore the history of anti-Semitism, including the role of the Church during the Holocaust, recent changes in Catholic teachings on Jews and Judaism issues of prejudice in contemporary society and practical strategies for teaching students about the Holocaust and anti-Semitism.

The goal of "Bearing Witness" is to create a framework which fosters a mutual atmosphere of respect, dialogue and encouragement between the Jewish and Catholic communities. The program at the same time is a unique professional development opportunity designed to provide Catholic school educators with the training and resources necessary to teach their students about the historical relationship between Jewish and Catholic communities and the impact of that relationship on Catholic teaching, catechesis and liturgy.

Bearing Witness is a partnership between the ADL, the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and local dioceses.

In 2000, Bearing Witness was one of 15 programs across the country to receive recognition by the NCEA as a SPICE program (Selected Programs for Improving Catholic Education). SPICE is a process that identifies, validates, and systematically disseminates elementary and secondary school programs so that teachers and administrators in other schools can adopt them.

Says Bro. Gerry, "Emphasis was placed on Jewish exegesis of scripture, Jewish ritual and prayer, and that community's desire to maintain and continue a dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church. Discussions centered on Vatican II and its teaching through Nostra Aetate, the Council's

revolutionary teaching on Jewish-Catholic relations through which centuries of prejudice and stereotypes of the Jewish people were challenged and deconstructed."

The Catholic school educators who comprised the study group were invited to a Sabbath celebration at the Riverdale, New York, synagogue in which participants were invited to enter into Jewish worship and prayer.

Says Sister Joan, "We went into great detail discussing the reasons for the Holocaust, met with survivors and toured a Museum of the Holocaust. The seminar was taught so that we could share it with our students and follow the saying "We shall never forget." Sr. Joan will be teaching a course about the Holocaust to Mount Juniors, and she, as well as the other Bearing Witness participants, will have the chance to visit Israel next summer as a follow up to the course.

Preston recognizes 'Alumnae

Preston High School is pleased to announce a special celebration recognizing our "Rising Alumnae Under 40". These women exemplify the Preston High School mission of compassion, education, leadership and service and make a difference in the lives of those around them. The cohort of 38 young women represents a diverse array of backgrounds and myriad professions including law, medicine and allied health, education, and financial services. Preston High School is also thrilled that four current members of the school's staff and faculty are included in this group.

The following women are being recognized as "Rising Alumnae Under 40": Sadia Ahsanuddin '05, Sayeeda Ahsanuddin '06, Ijeoma Anyanwu '99, Cymone Bedford '06, Michelle Benedetto '01, Tiffany Johnson Bowen '04, Lindsay Carr '03, Jennifer Connolly '92*, Carolyn Damo '08, Christina Damo '04, Gina DeMarco '05*, Laura DeMaria DeMattia '92, Andrea Donkor '99, Caitlyn Duffy '06, Amanda Farias '07, Jennifer Geideman '00*, Gina Gentile '03, Karen Guzman '04*, Antonella Iannarino '03, Jean Zarnoch Kwartler '98, Natardia Lee Soy '95, Vinnie-Marie DeMarco Le-

one '99, Iolani Lighbourne '04, Allison Masserano '08, Ana Gema Monge '06, Allison Mosher '96, Kathryn O'Malley '06, Sheena Ortiz '01, Lauren Porelli '07, Rosa Porelli '01, Danielle Visvader Pradas '98, Cori-Ann Roublick '95, Lisa Maietta Rybacki '99, Jean Connolly-Shanley '95, Janine Keenan Shaver '03, Jackeline Stewart '02, Maria Vidal '98 and Lynette Wright '02. (* Preston Staff members)

Principal Jane Grendell stated, "The entire Preston community is proud to recognize these alumnae. They are hard-working, dedicated and compassionate people. It is our honor

to showcase them to the community."

The celebratory reception recognizing the "Rising Alumnae Under 40" will take place on Wednesday, December 4 at 6pm at the Westchester Hills Golf Club in White Plains, NY. A commemorative journal is also planned. We hope that many families and friends of the Preston community will join us in celebrating the achievements of this distinguished group of alumnae.

(Right) Gina Gentile, PHS Alumnae Class of 2003 and a "Rising Alumnae Under 40".



Hostos celebrates Puerto Rican Heritage Month

To kick off Puerto Rican Heritage Month, the Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture will present the multi-Grammy nominated Bobby Sanabria Multiverse Big Band on Friday, November 1, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., performing a tribute to Puerto Rico's greatest composer, Rafael Hernández, affectionately known as "El Jibarito Bohemio." Sanabria's 19-piece Multiverse Big Band will be joined by ten members of the Bronx Arts Ensemble string section and three guest vocalists performing arrangements of Hernández's music. The performance will open with the 319th U.S. Army "Statue of Liberty" Band honoring Hernández's service during World War I as a member of the legendary U.S. Army 369th "Harlem Hellfighters" Band and performing re-creations of repertoire of that esteemed ensemble.

Sanabria will lead the

Mutiverse Big Band and the members of the Bronx Arts Ensemble String Section in a contemporary Latin jazz treatment of Hernández's most celebrated works, including "Preciosa," "El Cum-banchero," and "Cachita," among others.

"Wherever they may be in the diaspora, the music of Rafael Hernández represents the soul of the Puerto Rican people," says Sanabria. "He is considered by many to be not only Puerto Rico's, but also Latin America's greatest composer. By the cognoscenti he is considered to be on the level of America's two greatest composers, Ellington and Gershwin. It has long been a dream of mine to produce a program totally devoted to this aspect of his music with my big band, along with the addition of a string section. That dream is realized with this concert."

Born in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, Rafael Hernández is

regarded as the most important composer of Puerto Rican popular music in the 20th century. A multi-instrumentalist, he began his career as an adolescent with the San Juan Municipal Orchestra, and then served in the US Army 369th Battalion "Harlem Hellfighters" during World War I. Upon discharge from the military, he moved to New York, where he met important figures in the Puerto Rican musical community and began composing, which was followed by four years of directing the Orchestra of the Faustus Theater in Havana, Cuba. He returned to New York where he enjoyed success with songs such as "Siciliana," "Me la pagarás" and "Menéalo." After spending sixteen years in Mexico, where he composed "Lamento borincano" and "Preciosa," and was a conductor at the National Conservatory, he returned to Puerto Rico to serve as

Music Director of the Puerto Rico Symphony Orchestra. He died there in 1965.

A native "Nuyorican," a Bronx Walk of Fame inductee, and seven-time Grammy nominee, Bobby Sanabria is a renowned drummer and percussionist who is also a noted band leader, composer, arranger, producer, filmmaker, educator and activist. Known for his work in the jazz, Latin Jazz and Salsa genres, his diverse recording and performing experience includes work with Dizzy Gillespie, Tito Puente, Paquito D'Rivera, Charles McPherson, Mongo Santamaria, Ray Barretto, Marco Rizzo, Arturo Sandoval, Larry Harlow, and the heralded "godfather of Afro-Cuban Jazz," Mario Bauza. Sanabria directs the Manhattan School of Music Afro-Cuban Big Band.

Formed in 1998, the 19-piece Bobby Sanabria Multiverse Big Band has

been hailed for its 21st century approach to the art of the large jazz ensemble. It has appeared at Italy's Verona Jazz Festival, and Lincoln Center Out of Doors, and most recently on Central Park's Great Lawn. Combining Latin, spiritual and folkloric influences along with jazz, funk, rock, rhythm and blues, and the avant-garde, the band's music is inspired by the cultural diversity that is New York. All three of the band's three recordings—Live & In Clave, Big Band Urban Folktales, and Multiverse, released in 2012—were nominated for Grammy awards.

In tribute to Hernández's role as a trombonist with the 369th Army "Harlem Hellfighters" Band, which was conducted by legendary African American band director James Reese Europe, the 319th U.S. Army "Statue of Liberty" Band will perform re-creations of the "Harlem

Hellfighters" repertoire. During World War I, the "Harlem Hellfighters" Band had the distinction of being the first musical group to expose European audiences to early jazz and ragtime. Commissioned in 1944, the 369th "Statue of Liberty" Band is based in Flushing, New York, and is now led by Chief Warrant Officer Luis Javier Santiago Sierra. A native of Yauco, Puerto Rico, Chief Santiago was formerly Bandmaster of the 248th Army Band in Puerto Rico, and he was appointed leader of the Statue of Liberty Band in February 2013.

Tickets are \$25, \$30, and \$35, and can be purchased by calling 718-518-4455 and online at www.hostos.cuny.edu/culturearts. Tickets will also be available at the box office on the night of performance beginning at 5:30 PM.

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solutely necessary, as last year's dinner was a sellout.

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Benedetto urges all to honor our veterans

There are few images more powerful than those of soldiers returning home to their loved ones. Each year on Nov. 11, our nation observes Veterans Day to honor and thank the men and women who sacrificed so much for our country. In addition to recognizing them on this day, I have, as Chairman of the State Assembly Veteran Affairs Committee, supported efforts to help those who have left active duty search for a job.

In 2012, veterans between the ages of 18 and 24 had an unemployment rate of over

20 percent. That number is expected to rise as approximately 1 million service members prepare to leave the armed forces over the next five years. Issues facing veterans, besides an already tough job market, included difficulty with translating skills acquired in the military into skills that can be used in the civilian workplace. The good news, though, is that many companies and government agencies are working on bridging the gap by learning how to read military resumes and facilitating programs to hire vets.

I'm working in the Assembly to help our veterans find good-paying jobs. I sponsored several measures, including tax credits for small businesses that hire veterans and the passage of the Veterans Employment Act, which would require the state to develop a list of eligible veterans who would be given priority for temporary staffing jobs in state agencies.

To recognize and thank our heroes for all they've done, I also supported a measure to implement a veteran speaker education program for veterans to share their

experiences and provide information on American military history. Additionally, I supported a bill that would recognize the many contributions of veterans of the Cold War era by awarding each with a state Cold War Certificate and supported a law that establishes a process to determine the best site for a state veterans' cemetery. Another law I helped pass requires the state Division of Veterans' Affairs to provide an Internet connection to correlate military occupations and skills into civilian translations and terms.

On Nov. 11, there are many memorials and parades taking place both nationally and locally to honor our heroes. One of the most powerful tributes is the wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, where the remains of unidentified soldiers from World War I, World War II and the Korean War lie at rest. Other ceremonies take place at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., as well as our own Throggs Neck and Manhattan Veterans Day parades.

I encourage you to contact our local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) chapters, local American Legion chapters or local chapters of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). Go to my State Assembly web site and click on my Veteran's Page to find more information about veteran organizations, where they are located and how to contact them.

This Veterans Day, make sure to take time out to reflect on all that our brave heroes sacrificed for our freedom – and thank them.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

New York State's government has clearly lost its way. It has become the possession of power brokers and politicians.

This goes beyond partisanship or even ideology. Albany's malpractices benefit no one except the most powerful elected officials and the "consultants" who put them in office. The needs of the state and its citizenry are increasingly ignored.

Part of the problem, of course, is official corruption. To address that issue, Governor Cuomo appointed a "Commission to Investigate Public Corruption" to examine corruption in state government, political campaigns and elections in New York State.

While this effort, falling

under the jurisdiction of the Moreland Act, is a welcome and long overdue move, the problems go beyond what is actually illegal. It goes to the way political and governmental business is conducted in New York, and the establishment of a series of laws and practices that prevent meaningful competition for elected office.

A key reason that reform has not been successful in Albany is the almost solid guarantee of re-election that incumbents retain. It has frequently been said that more New York elected officials leave office through death or imprisonment than through being voted out of office. Because of this, government has become far too removed from the people.

This is the result of sev-

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eral factors. Ironically, campaign finance laws that were intended to take the influence of money out of politics have had the reverse effect. Their complexity, and the fines that result from improper filing of paperwork, dissuades non-professional politicians and those not wealthy enough to hire lawyers and accountants from entering races.

The problem is particularly acute in New York City, where the powerful NYC Campaign Finance Board has allowed local media sponsoring official debates to exclude candidates who

did not raise a great deal of money, thereby pandering to the party bosses, the wealthy and the powerful, exactly the opposite of what it is supposed to do. The exclusion of former Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion from debates in this year's mayoral contest is a prime example.

The professional political class jealously guards its power. Far too often, those brave enough to enter the campaign arena are ill-served by well connected "political consultants" foisted upon them by party leaders. These "professionals" get significant fees but produce minimal results.

The very few non-establishment candidates who actually do get elected find themselves in a legislative environment that leaves

them powerless. The "three men in a room," including the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate Majority leader basically make all key decisions. Innovative ideas by rank-and-file State Senators or Assemblymen rarely see the light of day.

The New York media shares a significant portion of the responsibility. The press is vital to the success of any candidate. Increasingly, our state media picks their favorite and simply ignores the opposition. A prime example: despite widespread reports of temperamental issues that made Elliot Spitzer a questionable choice for governor, the press proclaimed him "governor presumptive" at the outset of his campaign and essentially ignored his

opponent.

The result of all this is a state government that continues to ignore the needs of the citizenry. Albany repeatedly ranks as the most dysfunctional state government in the nation. For the second year in a row, New York has been declared the worst state in the United States for its tax climate. Unemployment rate remains high, and its youth move away.

New York can only be saved by ending the nearly unchallenged reign of the professional politicians and the power brokers who put them into office.

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BY MARY JANE MUSANO

The Waterbury LaSalle Community Association would like to thank the parents, teachers, students and very insightful science teacher of PS 304. They joined together to plant over 75 trees on the school property and the adjoining open spaces. They did a fantastic job!

A project of this size takes a tremendous amount of coordination and preparation and Ms. Rosely Miles, the science teacher, took a lot on her shoulders in order to give her students a learning experience they will likely never forget.

But this wonderful project could not have taken place without the approval of Mr. Joe Nobile, the school principal. In a day when students are involved in test preparation and mandated lessons throughout most of the day, it is remarkable that a principal would allow such a project to take place. He obviously realizes that the most memorable experiences students have are those where they are learning by doing. Yes! Learning can actually be fun.

The student will have the rare opportunity to witness the growth of these trees and learn how to care

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for them during the years spent at PS 304. When they are older, they can tell their own children that they were involved in planting the trees at the school. They can also say that by planting those trees our community became a healthier place for them to grow up in.

As a board member of Waterbury LaSalle Com-

munity Association I can say that this has truly been the kind of project that we need more of. Our association worked with National Wildlife Federation and MillionTrees NYC to get the trees. We then joined with PS 304 to coordinate the project. Ms. Miles got support from Home depot who donated supplies. She then began to coordinate the classes of students to dig holes, learn proper planting procedures and then do the actual planting. Students, parents and teachers will be watering, mulching and caring for the trees. They will be learning about all of

the wonderful things trees do for a community and the people who live there. In the Spring, they will witness the fruits of their labor when they see the beautiful blossoms on the trees that they have planted.

Ms. Miles has worked very hard to see that every student in her school was involved in some way in this project. She and the students, teachers and administrators of PS 304 deserve a big pat on the back for a job well done!

When we join together so many wonderful things can happen!

Veteran's Day

We want to remind everyone that our community Veteran's Day parade is on Sunday, November 10th. It begins at 12:00 noon.

Members of our association will be meeting on the overpass that goes over I 95 on Randall Avenue. We encourage you to join us. Bring your banners. Bring your flags. Bring your friends and neighbors and come out to support our troops and the Veteran's that gave up so much to keep our country safe and free.

May God bless our county and all that have served!



BPECA thanked the employees at locally-owned business Steven Restaurant, including Fausto and Victor, for adopting the new DSNY trash basket placed there in May and keeping it so well-maintained since then. Steven Restaurant is a good neighbor on Thwaites Place.

Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY RAPHAEL SCHWEIZER Halloween Parade & Pumpkin Patch

Join the Bronx Park East Community Association this Saturday November 2nd, in conjunction with locally-owned Van Nest True Value Hardware and the New York Botanical Garden, for our 2nd Annual Pumpkin Patch Party on Pelham Parkway!

It all starts with a Parade from Allerton Avenue at 12 noon with mascots, music and spooks, and from there we will trek to "The Woods" at Pelham Parkway and Barker Avenue.

Just like last year, we'll have a "Pumpkin Patch" set up where the kids (and adults too) will choose their favorite pumpkin from the grass and get to carve and paint it to their liking. There will also be a costume contest with prizes including family passes to the New York Botanical Gardens. Oh, and bobbing for apples!

It's all free, but if you would like to donate to make this event possible, please email BxParkEast@gmail.com. Every outdoor event that BPECA does is free and is meant to unite the families in our community. And we rely on small donations to make it possible. So every little bit counts.

New Garbage Bin

After months of effort, I am proud to announce that BPECA was FINALLY able to get a garbage basket placed at the corner of Olinville Avenue and Thwaites Place, outside of Williams Deli-Grocery!

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) had seen that the basket they had most recently placed on Boston Road and Thwaites Place was being well-maintained by our good neighbors at Steven Restaurant, so they decided to give us another one.

This small shopping strip has 3 food stores, so it is very heavily trafficked, and thus, heavily-trashed.

BPECA would like to give a huge thank you to DSNY District 11 Superintendent Joseph Puzio, and more importantly to Fausto and Victor, the managers of Steven Restaurant, who set a good example and made DSNY believe in the ability of our businesses to keep our trash baskets well-maintained.

Now, let's not be overly-idealistic. This new trash basket will most likely have its fair share of illegal dumpers who place large household items in there, as well as "Dumb-Dumpers" who place large pizza boxes that can be seen from three blocks down (doesn't that annoy you).

But it'll be up to us, each individual, to spread the word, one person at a time, that we want to keep our neighborhood as clean and sparkling as the newly-painted blue roll-down gates on the stores adjacent to these two brand new garbage baskets.

Our brothers and sisters in Sanitation believed in us, now let's not let them down. That's right Ms. Finch, I believe in you!

Meetings

The Bronx Park East

Community Association monthly open meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, so please mark that down on your paper calendars, or put it as a recurring event on your smart phone calendar.

Either way, it's your monthly opportunity to participate in Democracy at the community level and make an IMPACT!

Last month we were enlightened with the limitless housing knowledge of Metropolitan Council on Housing Executive Director Jaron Benjamin, where he spoke about the Real Rent Reform "R3" campaign (go to www.metcouncilonhousing.org for more info on R3). And perhaps more importantly we also were able to communicate our views to the Department of Education's School Construction Authority, making a real impact on how much parking will be taken away due to the much-needed Public School 96 construction.

The BPECA monthly meetings take place inside the CenterLight building at 2401 White Plains Road, which is just north of Waring Avenue, across the street from Walgreens.

If you ever have any community issues or questions, call (347) 654-7044 or email BxParkEast@gmail.com.

Search "Bronx Park East Community Association" in the facebook search bar, or go to www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast and click "request to join". We're up to 225 members and counting!

Benedetto: Veteran status now available on NYS driver's licenses

New York State is home to more than 900,000 military veterans and families. Their sacrifices have safeguarded our way of life, and without them, our country wouldn't be nearly what it is today. As a member of the state Assembly and Chairman of the Veteran Affairs Committee, I'm committed to honoring and helping those who have served our country in the military.

Beginning this month, a law takes effect that allows eligible residents to have their status as a veteran designated on their New York State driver's license. Those who qualify can have the word "Veteran" printed on the upper left corner of their newly issued license, learner permit or non-driver photo identification card at no additional charge. The standard \$12.50 license replacement fee applies if a veteran chooses to replace his or her current license prior to its expiration date.

Rather than carrying of official military paperwork wherever they go, these special licenses will allow veterans to show proof of their service anywhere they bring their wallets. As a result, it will be easier for veterans to take advantage of many of the programs, benefits and discounts that are available to them. With this new law, New York will join more than three dozen states that offer similar options for veterans.

If you are an eligible veteran, you can apply for the status designation in person at a Department of Motor Vehicles office or by mail. To qualify, you will need to provide verification that you received an honorable discharge from military service or were released from military service under honorable conditions. If you would like to apply in person, you will need to provide an original document, which will be returned to you; if you apply by mail, you can include a photocopy. Acceptable forms of verification include:

- a U.S. Department of Defense form DD-214 that indicates an honorable discharge;

- a form DD-215 that indicates an honorable discharge; or
- honorable discharge forms WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD AGO 53-55, NAVPERS 553, NAVMC 78PD or NAVCG 553.

This law I helped pass will make it easier and more convenient for those who have served our country to get the benefits they deserve. The brave men and women of our military have made enormous sacrifices for all of us, and we have a responsibility to do everything we can to support them. As Chair of the Assembly Veteran Affairs Committee, I'll continue to work hard on behalf of veterans, their families and all New Yorkers.

For more information on the veteran status designation, you can visit dmv.ny.gov/armedforces.htm. As always, if you have questions about this or any other community issue, please feel free to contact me at 718-892-2235 or email benedem@assembly.state.ny.us.

Ridgewood's mobile check deposit

Ridgewood Savings Bank has announced its introduction of Mobile Check Deposit as an enhancement to its Mobile Banking platform.

The service is now available to all Ridgewood customers with active checking or money market accounts using an iPhone or Android smart phone.

Mobile Check Deposit provides customers with the ability to deposit checks into their checking account utilizing the camera on their iPhone or Android smart phone.

The service is free and saves a trip to a branch to deposit a check.

"The addition of this mobile banking feature

will better serve the needs of our customers and strengthen the competitiveness of our mobile banking product," says Walter Reese, Senior Vice President - Retail Banking, Ridgewood Savings Bank. "Our customers have already expressed enthusiasm about their ability to bank more efficiently."

To get started, users download or update to the current version of the Ridgewood Savings Bank iPhone or Android App.

After accepting the agreement and receiving approval for the service, simply log in to Mobile Banking TAP Deposits from the main menu, SNAP a picture of the front and

back of the check, then the DEPOSIT is made to your account.

Ridgewood Savings Bank Mobile Banking is a free service for customers that provides a convenient and secure way to manage transactions. Options include:

Text Banking with Alerts

Mobile Browser with Bill Pay

Downloadable Apps, including Bill Pay and the new Mobile Check Deposit feature.

More information is available by visiting a local branch of Ridgewood Savings Bank or calling 718-240-4778.

One of the greatest political books ever, "A Team of Rivals," by historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, tells the compelling and relevant tale of President Abraham Lincoln's unprecedented hiring of his presidential rivals to serve in his administration.

Not before nor since have we seen such a blatant act of humility and bipartisanship that ended up subsuming Lincoln's ego for the greater good of our country.

We saw a microcosm of this tactic in President Barack Obama's appointment of his once Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, to be U.S. secretary of state during his first term.

That turned out well for both parties. Hillary worked hard, repaired U.S. relations around the world, gained huge foreign policy

experience and positioned herself as the frontrunner for 2016.

Obama, who wisely did not let past political feuds cloud his management vision, got a savvy and well-known foreign policy partner who helped him execute a tough but coherent global policy — and, we're told, Hillary was one of the main proponents of carrying out the Osama Bin Laden raid despite Vice President Joe Biden's reported reluctance.

In New York, we now almost have the dawning of a new mayoral administration, and there are a number of people who ran for the highest office who could be helpful to the new mayor.

Although it's unlikely to happen, imagine if city Public Advocate Bill de Blasio wins Nov. 5 and reaches across the aisle and picks his Re-

publican opponent, Joe Lhota, to be first deputy mayor or deputy mayor for operations. Lhota has already done one of those jobs, so even if de Blasio decides to turn to him for help, it is unlikely Lhota wants to be second in command again — particularly for a mayor whose experience and ideas he vigorously challenged during the campaign.

Would City Council Speaker Christine Quinn (D-Manhattan) make a good deputy mayor just as Hillary made a good secretary of state? Probably, but that move is also unlikely. Quinn represents a link to the Bloomberg years and de Blasio is going to distance himself from his predecessor and anybody who supported him as Quinn did. It's too bad: Quinn is a hardworking public servant and would probably do well in the right role.

How about Bill Thompson or city Comptroller John Liu? It's hard to imagine Thompson wanting an appointed position after he was comptroller for eight years and ran the former city Board of Education for a number of years. But it's a shame to lose his wealth of experience.

Liu is ideologically similar to de Blasio, so it wouldn't be too much of a stretch for him to be a deputy mayor or an agency head. But here again it is more likely that Liu will decamp to the private sector to make money to support his family while he strategizes his next move in public life.

Adolfo Carrion is a smart, pragmatic man who knows a lot about urban policy — why not make him head of the city Department of Housing? He could help the next



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mayor a lot in that role. But once again, it's a stretch to expect if asked that he would take an appointed position.

Sal Albanese is a wise man who could still serve our city well, but there were too many fireworks during the campaign between him and de Blasio to imagine them working together. And John Catsi-

matidis is a great New Yorker who yearns to make the city a better place. Hopefully, de Blasio will find some unofficial role for the candidate who called himself "Cats," because he has some good ideas and experience.

And finally, there's Anthony Weiner, but it's difficult to picture him working as a second banana in city government.

So, any chance for a team of rivals in city government in 2014? It doesn't seem likely, but wouldn't it send a great message to Washington and the rest of the world if a 6-foot-5 mayor who bears some resemblance to Lincoln stole a page from one of our greatest president's playbooks?

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

Last week, I wrote about the cavalier and dismissive manner in which the New York City Board of Standards and Appeal (N.Y.C.B.S.A.) has treated our District and some of the detrimental consequences of it. Far from providing a safety net in extraordinary issues pertaining to zoning and development, the five Commissioners of N.Y.C.B.S.A. have hopped right into bed with developers looking to thwart zoning regulations, with folks who have made bad business decisions, and with crafty lawyers who make big bucks helping the aforementioned to do so. Under the Guiliani and Bloomberg Administrations, The Board of Standards and Appeal, all of whose members are appointed by the Mayor for terms of six years, has become the willing accomplice of business and development interests, all the while giving the back of the hand to the concerns of the people from whose pockets they take their generous six-figure salary.

The problems caused in Community Board 12 by N.Y.C.B.S.A. are neither exclusive nor unique to our neighborhood. We are not alone. In order to drive home the point that the Board of Standards and Appeal is a nemesis to localities citywide, I have received permission from New York State Senator Tony Avella to reprint a piece that he authored on behalf of the Juniper Park Civic Association in Queens. It appeared in the publication THE JUNIPER BERRY in March of 2009 when Senator Avella was a member of the New York City Council. THE JUNIPER BERRY is a magazine that since 1938 has published articles on crime prevention, neighborhood issues, meeting reports and notices, neighborhood history and photographs, guest features, and editorials. Here with a few

paragraphs omitted is his well-written composition, the contents of which I agree with and recommend to you, dear readers, wholeheartedly.

A quasi-judicial agency, BSA is comprised of five Commissioners appointed by the Mayor for six-year terms to, in large part, issue variances to the zoning code. It is the implementation of this responsibility that has irked, frustrated and outright angered elected officials, community boards and residents.

The original mission of BSA was to provide a relief valve for property owners in those rare circumstances where existing zoning regulations would prohibit them from reasonably developing their property. I stress the word rare.

Unfortunately, BSA has been allowed to mushroom into a huge loophole for developers who want to circumvent the law. For far too long developers have used BSA as an old boys' network where a handful of law firms represent hundreds of clients/developers trying to build in excess of existing building and zoning code requirements.

While the Borough Presidents and Community Boards routinely submit comments on variance applications, their opinions are only advisory and often dismissed by BSA.

Despite BSA's assertions to the contrary, Borough President and Community Board recommendations are generally only successful in achieving very minor changes to original plans. It is fascinating to note that Council Members have no official role in the process other than to receive a copy of the application.

When reviewing applications, BSA must evaluate the request in terms of the following five criteria:

- Does the unique condition of the property prevent reasonable development?

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- Would unique property conditions prevent an owner from obtaining a reasonable financial return?
- Does the variance, if granted, alter the essential character of the neighborhood?
- Is the situation the result of a self-imposed hardship? (In other words: you cannot buy a property knowing the restrictions and then claim hardship)
- Is the variance requested the minimum necessary to afford relief?

Unfortunately, BSA routinely disregards these guidelines. The self-imposed hardship restriction is rarely enforced. The BSA requirement that the variance will not alter the character of the neighborhood is a joke! It is never really considered.

And why does the City, through BSA, reward developers for making a bad financial decision? If you own any other type of business in this city and make a bad investment or your business fails, the city does not bail you out. But, BSA will grant a financial hardship variance for developers who make poor judgments or risky investments. This practice clearly demonstrates the huge political influence that the real estate industry enjoys in this City. It is a foolproof system that rescues developers from their own incompetence and investment mistakes.

To justify their favorable actions towards developers, BSA will frequently rely on their quasi-judicial status as a defense. This convenient excuse provides political cover for their lack of common sense and failure to

adhere to the five variance criteria. Yet, the qualifications for appointment to the Board say nothing about being an attorney.

The only qualifications mentioned in the City Charter are that one Commissioner shall be a registered architect with at least 10 years' experience as an engineer and one shall be a planner with professional qualifications and with at least 10 years' experience as a planner. Why is there no requirement that the Commissioners have legal experience? Because it was never meant to be the final legal arbiter of these land use issues.

Ever since the old Board of Estimate was eliminated, the only recourse for New Yorkers to appeal BSA decisions is to file an Article 78 lawsuit against the City — a time consuming and expensive proposition. Good luck in trying to get satisfaction by that route!

When the Board of Estimate was in existence, BSA decisions could be appealed to that legislative body. Under that system, at least New Yorkers had the opportunity to press their case for justice before officials elected by the people as opposed to the appointed bureaucrats on BSA.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

The Bronx Chambers of Commerce will host a Veterans Appreciation Breakfast from 11:30 AM-3PM at The Pines Restaurant on Bronxdale Avenue. This gala happens on Thursday, November 7. So, all you Vets both young and old come on out and enjoy.

We are still collecting non-perishable foodstuffs for the needy. So bring your do-

Since taking office in January of 2002, I have authored several pieces of legislation in an attempt to reform this agency. Unfortunately, all of them are languishing in the City Council as a direct result of the pressure exerted by the real estate industry and the opposition from the Mayor's (Bloomberg) Administration...

{Here, Mr. Avella enumerates several pieces of legislation that he proposed as a Council Member that would reform this inequitable and inequitable state of affairs, none of which were allowed to become law and all of which were endorsed and supported by Community Board 12.]

The passage of any of these bills would make a significant impact on how BSA operates and allow for additional community input and a more balanced decision making process.

Having said that, I have come to believe that BSA decisions are so skewed in favor of developers that the entire system must be scrapped.

After personally testifying before the Board on numerous variance applications on behalf of the community, not only those within my Council District, but other neighborhoods/boroughs as well, I have come to realize

that the entire process is a charade.

It is extremely disheartening to watch neighborhood residents travel to the BSA office in lower Manhattan for hearing after hearing to contest a variance application, only to see the Commissioners vote in unison to approve the application.

It has become a BSA routine whereby multiple hearings are held on an item until, it would appear, the community is simply worn down. It is almost impossible for the average person to continuously take time off from work or other duties to fight the developers.

In the final analysis, while most people do not know this agency even exists, it has had and continues to have a dramatic and damaging effect on the residential character of neighborhoods throughout our city by allowing developers to circumvent the zoning in many cases ruining the quality of life for millions of New Yorkers. It is time to end this sham and close what is the biggest loophole for developers.

Abolish the Board of Standards and Appeals!

AMEN! Until next time, that is it for this time!

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nations to the Post. Thanks. Fridays from 12 Noon until 6 is a good time because I am tending bar. Come in on the Ericson Place side.

November 10 is the Throgs Neck Veterans Day Parade. This steps off at 12

Noon on Lafayette and Tremont Avenues. I'll see you all there.

The Big Parade is Downtown on November 11.

Short column this week. Trivia Time!!

The Statue of Liberty opened on October 28, 1886.

On the same date in 1962, The Cuban Missile Crisis ended.

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

BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

On Saturday, October 12, thanks to a grant from the Citizen's Committee for New York City, the Locust Point Civic Association held a Clean Up Day at our beachfront location.

Volunteers joined us from Locust Point, Silver Beach, City Island, Pelham Parkway and Waterbury LaSalle. LPCA members as well as past and present CSA members, some with High School age sons and daughters in tow, joined us as we weeded, disposed of construction debris, planted trees and put down over 80 bags of topsoil and mulch into our landscaped spaces. Ron Griffith, one of our LPCA members and an expert gardener, commented to us as we were wrapping up at the end of the day that it seemed that everyone was there because they wanted to be there, and that's what made it such an enjoyable and successful effort.

I want to thank everyone who helped, especially the executives and board members of the LPCA. I am so thankful to Al Belfiore, Ed Toth and Nick Virello who coordinated the purchase of all of our new gardening supplies. An extra thanks to Nick Virello, owner of Seal Tite Construction, for coordinating a dumpster from Danna Carting to collect the debris free of charge. Thanks also to Marguerite Allard and Kristen Harty for creating the flyer we sent out and for taking care of the purchase of the food and beverages for our volunteers. Thanks to Joe Donovan, finally back in the Point full time and already a board member again, for cleaning up the

beach and being the best neighbor the civic could have. Mary Jane Musano for the Waterbury LaSalle Civic brought a tray of baked ziti (awesome) and an offer of free trees. After a powwow with Ron Griffith, Mary Jane left and came back with at least 8 beautiful trees (including two hazelnut trees) which Ron and Louis Bevilacqua planted and watered.

I also want to thank Ken Kearns, John Marano and Pat Caruso at Community Board 10 as well as Ben Randazzo of Assemblyman Benedetto's office for all their help with promoting the event and their support in getting Con Ed to complete the work on the house. DCAS is working on the punch list, the plumber is finishing up and applying for permits and once we have a Certificate of Occupancy (COO), the keys will be given back to us and after a quick clean up, we will have a Grand Opening Day Celebration, complete with ribbon cutting by Councilman Vacca, who's support we could not have done without. The house will be open for election day on Nov. 5, thanks to another temporary COO, but we don't expect to be fully up and running until mid-November at the earliest.

While this will give us the house back in time for us to organize a Breakfast with Santa in December and also to plan an amazing 2014 season, it leaves our 2013 CSA group with a year full of distributions in my backyard. I tried to organize cooking demos and food tastings, but it was just too difficult to do these things without the kitchen set up like we have

food for thought

at the civic. However, the LPCA 2014 season will include events like cooking classes, CSA Open House and maybe even an Earth Day celebration so that we can continue to promote the idea of eating a healthy diet. And of course, when the 2014 CSA season begins next June, we will be back to weekly cooking demos as we did in 2012. Despite the backyard location, this year's CSA has been enjoyable and a really wonderful bounty. This is my 7th or 8th year in a CSA and I have to say that this year Stoneledge Farm and Mother Nature have outdone themselves. Butternut Squash and turnips that are huge, multiple weeks of cauliflower and kohlrabi, Fall lettuces - if you didn't join the CSA this year, you really missed out on some great food...but there is always next year.

At a recent CSA distribution, I had the chance to tell Mary Jane Musano how much I liked her column in which she wrote about how many trusted food suppliers are using GMO crops in their products. Her suggestion was to avoid these foods, but as we discussed, it is so much easier said than done. Taking you and your family "off the grid" when it comes to food, is not an easy process and one that must be approached with realistic goals.

Of course, joining a CSA, shopping at Farmer's Markets, creating "meat-

less meals" and avoiding processed food are great guidelines to get you on the path to a cleaner and healthier diet.

The phrase "knowledge is power" is a helpful adage when discussing not only your diet and health, but also the recent DOS Organics Composting Pilot Program. I have heard and read complaints about the program and I understand the concerns regarding rodents and insects that will infest the food and create a health hazard. So in an attempt to impart knowledge, I have some advice gleaned from my own experience.

In an urban setting, waste removal is a concerted effort between the municipal government, the citizens and businesses. Let's look at it this way: the amount of waste is a constant, what we do with it is what varies.

We can take the approach of waste as waste only and it becomes an expense. It costs the municipality (and it's citizens and businesses) money to store the waste in landfills (not to mention the impact to the environment and the health of the people who live near these landfills) and to transport it to other municipalities for storage in their landfills.

By recycling paper, glass, plastic and cardboard NYC turned these materials into an income stream by processing them locally and selling these raw materials to industry or using it themselves. The next step, to process organics, is an unprecedented step for a city the size of New York to make. Organics recycling has been successfully im-

plemented in cities such as Portland, OR and Seattle, WA. Anyone who has attempted composting in their own backyard has had to suffer through the learning curve of how to balance your "greens" and "browns" so that your compost is neither too dry or too wet (which leads to stinky compost that is infested with flies and mosquitoes). If you participate in the organics recycling program and you fill the brown bins with nothing but food waste, then it will be a stinky mess.

But if you went to any one of the many community meetings in which DOS reps spoke about the program you would know that there are ways to prevent this from happening. You can tear newspaper and put it on the bottom of the countertop bin before you put in your compostable bag. This will help absorb liquids and reduce smells. Stainless steel pails are available that do a better job of absorbing odors. If you feel uncomfortable recycling cooked food scraps that include fat, bones or meat, then by all means don't do it. But please consider using the countertop bin for vegetable and fruit trimmings and for paper towels and napkins.

To keep the brown container clean, keep a small garbage pail filled with dry leaves. I throw a bunch into the bottom of the container when it's empty. After each deposit from my countertop container, I cover the bag with more leaves and lock it shut.

I don't have bugs, and clean up on Thursdays after sanitation empties the

container is a quick rinse with water. And lastly, if the idea of recycling any sort of food is repulsive to you, then at least participate in the program by filling the brown bin with your yard trimmings. You can also contribute filled brown paper leaf bags or open garbage pails with yard trimmings, which is a great idea since anyone who gardens is doing quite a bit of clean up right now.

In fact, I spent yesterday morning working on breaking down the tomato and pepper plants in my next door garden.

Despite the city's program, I have decided to continue composting my own yard waste to amend the soil in our raised beds this spring. So all the tomato, pepper, oregano, arugula, basil and celery plants got chopped up and added to the pile.

I separated the marigold and purple coneflower trimmings to spread out at the civic so we can get some wildflowers growing there too. However, since the industrial composting process does a better job of killing weed seeds, I kept a separate pail handy to throw these into. I have no problem with the aforementioned plants re-seeding where I want them to, but what a great opportunity to practice "natural selection" and maybe reduce the amount of weeds in the garden.

In the meantime, until next time, be the change you want to see in the world. And if you perceive of the world as a wonderful place, it will be a wonderful place.

Look for only the negative and you will find it everywhere.

BY TONY SALIMBENE

Here are our event reminders: November 7th, PS 103 in Morris Park, there will be a Veterans Appreciation Day starting at 8:30am followed by a brunch. The kids would love to see you and hear about your service time, sadly, the only way they may learn these days! On 11/8 we will have our Military Ball at Villa Barone Manor, begins at 6:30pm.

On the 10th it's our parade down Tremont Ave to Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park, we step off at Lafayette Ave at noon sharp. On the 11th, on traditional Veterans Day, we have the parade on 5th Ave in NYC, but first, we have a 10:30 ceremony at the Winged Victory (Soldiers & Sailors) Monument, Pelham Bay. There will also be 12 noon ceremonies at the Van Nest Monument

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and Peace Plaza on Williamsbridge Road. The 3rd Sunday in November we have our regular Post Meeting at the Turner Club, 11am. Serious meeting, fun afterwards.

December 7th is the Auxiliary Holiday Gift Shop at the VA Hospital followed by our own Holiday Party on the 8th at the Nursing Home Section, volunteers always needed, rumors of music fill the air! On 12/15 we have our Annual Family Christmas Party at our current meeting place, the Turner Club. Members can bring a spouse or guest. Children always welcome.

(Yes I found the S.A.L membership cards, they'll be out soon).

A *hand salute* to our departed member and buddy (and my neighbor) Mike Tarpey, Vietnam era US Navy vet, previous owner of the popular Alfie's tavern and retired FDNY Officer, as he reports above to the Commander of us all. You will be missed!

Until Next Time: I

see on facebook almost clown-like wedding party photos at the Winged Victory Veterans Monument. Too cheap to pay for the Botanical Gardens? Can't read and see the location is a war memorial? Life is just a blast ain't it? Not for those mourning loved ones every time they drive by.

listen to Aretha and learn how to spell R E S P E C T.

"To avoid criticism say nothing, do nothing, be nothing." ~ Aristotle

Mental Attitude: Video Games are Good! Scientists have developed a video game-based training strategy called NeuroRacer that could "repair" cognitive decline in older individuals. The 3D video game challenges cognitive control by providing a series of distractions on the screen that the players must try to avoid while driving. After playing the game, the study participants showed a dramatic increase in their multi-tasking abilities. These improved abilities continued to last for six months without any "booster" training on the game. EEG scans showed increased measurements in the pre-frontal cortex of the brain, the area responsible for problem solving and complex thought. - *Nature, September 2013*

Health Alert: Young Adults and Stroke. Hospital discharges in the United States for strokes among young adults (15-44 years

old) increased at least 23% from 1996 to 2008. Lifestyle risk factors for stroke include obesity, smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, and high cholesterol levels. - *Neurology, September 2013*

Diet: Vitamin D Deficiency. Vitamin D deficiency is associated with osteomalacia, osteopenia, osteoporosis, and risk of fracture. Emerging evidence also points to increased risk for cancer and cardiovascular diseases. Good sources of vitamin D include sunlight, cod liver oil, salmon, mushrooms, mackerel, tuna fish, milk, orange juice, and supplements. - *British Journal of Nutrition, September 2013*

Exercise: Obesity and Post Heart Attack Mortality. A study of French heart attack survivors found that obesity (BMI =35 kg/m²) is associated with the largest risk of absolute mortality five years later (+65%). - *European Society of Cardiology, August 2013*

Chiropractic: Every Inch! For every inch your head is forward, your upper back and neck muscles have

to hold an extra 10 lbs (~4.5 kg), as they have to work harder to keep the head (chin) from dropping to your chest. This also forces the sub-occipital muscles (they raise the chin) to remain in constant contraction, putting pressure on the three sub-occipital nerves. This nerve compression may cause headaches at the base of the skull or mimic sinus (frontal) headaches. - *Kapandji, Physiology of the Joints, Volume III*

Wellness/Prevention: Sleep and Your Brain. Sleep increases the reproduction of the cells (oligodendrocytes) that form myelin. Myelin is the insulating material found on nerve cell projections in the brain and spinal cord that's responsible for allowing electrical impulses to move from cell to cell, similar to the insulation around electrical wires. - *University of Wisconsin, September 2013*

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

Catholic Guardian Services

One of New York's oldest and most active family services organizations has a new name. The Catholic Guardian Society and Home Bureau will now be known as Catholic Guardian Services, effective immediately.

"We elected to make this change as part of our continuing efforts to reach out to the entire New York community with our extensive roster of programs and activities to help people and families," said Craig Longley, executive director of Catholic Guardian Services. "Our old name was lengthy and sometimes confusing to the diverse groups we serve, so we wanted to find something a bit shorter and easier to understand. Catholic Guardian Services reflects our focus on helping protect and nurture individuals, while acknowledging our heritage of service to the community and our long association with the people of the Catholic Church."

Catholic Guardian Services will continue to provide help to individuals through community-based programs, including child abuse and neglect preventive services, foster care, adoption, maternity services and services for the developmentally disabled. For more than 113 years, the New York-based organization has served the needs of hundreds of thousands of men, women and children, with a focus on going beyond meeting immediate needs to helping individuals and families build lives of self-sufficiency and dignity.

"Our mission and purpose are unchanged," said Rory Kelleher, Board Chair. "In many respects, this change is a signal to the community of our continuing commitment to helping disadvantaged and vulnerable persons to lead better lives. We want everyone in the New York area to understand that we are there not just to re-

spond to urgent needs but also to help build productive, happy lives. That's what Catholic Guardian Services has done under our prior names, and it's what we plan to continue doing."

The new name was revealed to an audience of financial contributors and other prominent civic leaders at the recent 28th annual Child of Peace Dinner in New York. "We hope all this will help us connect with people in need, including those who may not be aware of all that we can do to help," Longley said.

"We also want to remain connected with the many public and private organizations that work with us to support people and families throughout the five boroughs and beyond. There has never been more need for the work we do, so it's very important that we continue to work collaboratively to build the lives, families and community we all want."

TNCAP Alcohol Awareness Training Program Nov. 20th

TNCAP is sponsoring a New York State Liquor Authority-approved and certified Alcohol Awareness Training Program for all businesses that serve and/or sell alcohol. This training is free of charge to businesses within CB # 10's service area.

The program will be

held on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm at 2789 Schurz Avenue. This 2 ½ hour training brings immediate benefits:

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More smoke-free areas in the boro

The Partnership for a Healthier Bronx at Bronx Health REACH/Institute for Family Health and the Bronx Smoke-Free Partnership announce the newest additions to the growing list of organizations dedicated to reducing exposure to deadly secondhand smoke and improving the health of Bronx residents. The Bronx YMCA, the Mary Mitchell Family & Youth Center, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center and Archdiocese of New York Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) signed smoke-free outdoor air policies this fall for their grounds and entryways.

Smoke-free policies protect the health of an organization's members and employees.

Sharlene Brown, the Executive Director of the Bronx YMCA, commented, "The Bronx YMCA is proud to declare the outdoor space of our facility as a 'clean air zone.' Through the Smoke-Free Outdoor Air Policy, the Bronx Y aims to improve the health of our members." Ms. Brown went on to point out that, "As people enjoy the health benefits of smoke-free areas indoors, it is only natu-

ral that the Bronx YMCA would want our members to enjoy those same benefits in our outdoor areas, especially as this is where our members gather during the spring and summer months."

Charmaine Ruddock, Director of Bronx Health REACH, noted that "The commitment to create smoke-free environments demonstrates to the employees, the people who use their services and to the Bronx community at large the priority these organizations place on their health and wellness."

Even brief exposure to secondhand smoke is harmful to individuals, causing changes in the upper airways and prompting more frequent asthma attacks in children with asthma. Joanne Timmins, Community Organizer for the Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership, a program under the auspice of ADAPP, remarked, "I appreciate the commitment and concern of my workplace to protect me from the harms of second-hand smoke."

"By adopting outdoor air policies, these four organizations are being leaders in the Bronx community," said Lisa Spitzner, Borough Manager of the Bronx Smoke-Free Partnership, which is part of the NYC Coalition for a Smoke-Free

City. "Their decision to go smoke-free demonstrates their commitment to the health and safety of their staff and the many community members who enjoy their facilities. We hope they will serve as shining examples to all their Bronx neighbors."

The Bronx YMCA, the Mary Mitchell Family & Youth Center, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center and ADAPP join Montefiore Hospital, CUNY, and the Riverdale YMCA in adopting a smoke-free outdoor air policy for their grounds and entryways. In addition to the many health benefits, smoke-free entryway and grounds reduce cigarette litter and fire hazards. The Partnership for a Healthier Bronx and Bronx Smoke-Free Partnership provide free support and technical assistance to organizations interested in adopting smoke-free policies for their grounds and entryways. This includes providing free smoking cessation services for members and staff as well as developing personalized signage and materials. For more information, visit www.NYCSmokeFree.org/smoke-free-outdoor-spaces.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of Deutsche ALT-A Securities, Inc. Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-6, Plaintiff, against Tahamina Akther; Md. Imam Hossain, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/23/2011 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 11/18/2013 at 02:00PM, premises known as 115 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY 10473 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3443 LOT 52. Approximate amount of judgment \$409,038.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 382041/09. Youngik Yoon, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: September 26, 2013 1061632

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
BRONX 226TH FUNDING ASSOCIATES, A NEW YORK GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, Plaintiff against 849 EAST 226TH STREET, INC., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated August 27, 2013 and entered on September 13th, 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 2nd day of December, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of East 226th Street, at the dividing line between lot numbers 274 and 240 on said map which point is distant 305.04 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of East 226th Street with the westerly side of Bronxwood Avenue; being a plot 114.36 feet by 25.00 feet by 114.36 feet by 25.00 feet. Said premises known as 847 EAST 226TH STREET, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 319,211.77 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 22922/12.
CHRISTOPHER J. MARENGO, ESQ., Referee. Novick Edelstein Lubell Reisman Wasserman & Leventhal
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
733 Yonkers Ave., Yonkers, NY 10704-2659

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
BRONX 226TH FUNDING ASSOCIATES, A NEW YORK GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, Plaintiff against 849 EAST 226TH STREET, INC., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated August 8, 2013 and entered on September 11, 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 2nd day of December,

2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of East 226th Street, at the dividing line between Lot Numbers 274 and 240 on said map which point is distant 280.03 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of East 226th Street with the westerly side of Bronxwood Avenue; being a plot 114.36 feet by 25.01 feet by 114.36 feet by 25.01 feet.
Said premises known as 849 EAST 226TH STREET, BRONX, NY
Approximate amount of lien \$ 319,211.77 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 22923/12.
STEPHEN B. KAUFMAN, ESQ., Referee. Novick Edelstein Lubell Reisman Wasserman & Leventhal
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiff against PAMELA JACKMAN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated January 8, 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 2nd day of December, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Chisholm Street, distant 91 feet 8 inches southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Jennings Street with said easterly side of Chisholm Street; being a plot 75 feet by 3 feet 4 inches by 25 feet by 20 feet by 100 feet by 23 feet 4 inches. Block: 2972 Lot: 27 Said premises known as 1336 CHISHOLM STREET, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 13,745.98 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380393/10.
JOSEPH JEDNAK, 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

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiff against 2120 MAPES AVENUE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND CORPORATION, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, JOHN POSSENTINI, if living and if he/she be dead...etc..., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated February 27, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 2nd day of December,

2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Bronx, New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Mapes Avenue, as legally opened distant 118.19 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of Mapes Avenue with the northerly side of 180th Street, being a plot 66.08 feet by 145.18 feet by 66.08 feet by 145.18 feet. Block: 3111 Lot: 1
Said premises known as MAPES AVENUE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 39,404.71 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 381034/10.

DENNIS E. KROLIAN, ESQ., Referee. Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiff against HECTOR FELICIANO, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated August 9, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 18th day of November, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 2288 Lot 70. Said premises known as 463 EAST 143RD STREET, BRONX, NY
Approximate amount of lien \$ 7,148.42 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 14905/07.
HARRY FORMAN, ESQ., Referee. Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiff against ESTATE OF CARRIE LOUISE WINFIELD, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated July 22, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 18th day of November, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, City and State of New York, Being lots numbered 108 in Block 3149, Section 11 on Tax Map of the City of New York, Borough of the Bronx.
Said premises known as VALENTINE AVENUE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 15,804.97 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380352/10.
HARRY M. FORMAN, 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

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiff against MAE NELSON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated June 27, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 18th day of November, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the northeasterly side of East 216th Street, distant 363.12 feet northwesterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of East 216th Street with the northwesterly side of Bronxwood Avenue; being a plot 114.29 feet by 20.11 feet by 114.29 feet by 20.11 feet. Block: 4675 Lot: 9
Said premises known as 841 EAST 216TH STREET, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 10,159.80 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380500/10.
HARRY M. FORMAN, ESQ., Referee. Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
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NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiff against TRISTATE HOMES HOLDING CORP., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 31, 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 18th day of November, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 4902 Lot 75 on the Bronx County land and tax map as it presently exists. Said premises known as 1815 SCHIEFFELIN AVENUE, BRONX, NY
Approximate amount of lien \$ 22,962.27 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 303992/11.
ALBERT W. CORNACHIO, III, ESQ., Referee. Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
ONEWEST BANK FSB, Plaintiff against NICOLAS GUZMAN A/K/A NICHOLAS GUZMAN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on June 28, 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 25th day of November, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 1933 Watson Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10472.
Tax account number: SBL #: 3790-73.
Approximate amount of lien \$ 566,460.37 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.
Index No. 382123-09. Carl Lucas, Esq., Referee. Fein Such & Crane, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
1400 Old Country Road, Suite C103 Westbury, N.Y. 11590
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
TRANSAMERICA HOLDING, LLC, Plaintiff against HOWARD L. SWABY, VIVENE SWABY, BARBARA MCPHERSON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated August 25, 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 18th day of November, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of White Plains Road, distant 18 feet 3 inches southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of White Plains Road, with the southerly side of East 226th Street; being a plot 80 feet by 17 feet 6 inches by 80 feet by 17 feet 6 inches. Block: 4839 Lot: 55 Said premises known as 3996 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 438,343.96 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380776/12.
JOYCE BROWN, ESQ., Referee. Karp & Kalamoutousakis, LLP
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Oral health and diabetes

Discussions about diabetes often focus around concerns involving the eyes, nerves, kidneys and heart. According to dentists at Union Community Health Center in the Bronx, diabetics also cannot neglect the importance of good oral health.

"The Bronx has the largest incidence of diabetes in the city. We are on a constant mission to remind diabetic patients about the importance of being vigilant in maintaining good oral health," said Dr. Robert Margolin, DDS, who practices general dentistry at Union Community Health Center and is program director of the general practice dentistry residency program at St. Barnabas Hospital. "It is a double edge sword – uncontrolled diabetes can affect one's oral health and poor oral health can exacerbate one's blood glucose level and contribute to the progression of diabetes."

In general, said Dr. Margolin, diabetes reduces the body's resistance to infection, with the gums among the tissues most likely to be affected. Periodontal disease, which can damage the gums and bone that hold the teeth in place and cause tooth loss, is often linked to the control of diabetes. Patients with inadequate blood sugar control develop periodontal disease more often and more severely, and tend to lose more teeth than people whose diabetes is controlled.

In addition, an inability for diabetics to control the bacteria, viruses and

fungi that occur naturally in the mouth and the diminished flow of saliva can lead to fungus infections like thrush – where white or red patches form on the gums, tongue, cheeks or roof of the mouth – or xerostomia (or dry mouth).

"Good oral hygiene is especially important for diabetics because their bodies generally can't fight off infection as well as those without the disease," he said.

Dr. Margolin offers these suggestions to diabetics (as part of Diabetes Awareness Month in November):

- See your dentist immediately if you notice signs of periodontal disease. This includes gums that bleed or are red, swollen or tender; gums that have pulled away from the teeth; when pus has formed between the teeth; loosening teeth; persistent bad breath; or changes in the fit of partial dentures.

- Plan to see the dentist on a regular schedule. This, he said, is particularly important for those whose diabetes is not under control or who have periodontal disease – whose symptoms only appear in the advanced stages. "This may mean seeing a dentist as often as every couple of months to remove the plaque that forms between the teeth and causes gum disease," he said.

- Try to schedule appointments in the morning. This is considered the best time for diabetics to have dental procedures because it's when their blood glucose tends to be more stabilized

and the individual has had breakfast, taken their medication and tested their blood sugar level. "This gives the dentist a greater window of opportunity to work without worrying that the patient's blood sugar will drop too low," said Dr. Margolin.

- Stay compliant with your oral care. In addition to following through on visits to the dentist for professional cleanings, this means brushing your teeth at least twice a day, flossing nightly, and using a fluoride mouth rinse. Dr. Margolin recommends the use of an electric toothbrush, which can get through to much of the plaque on the tooth surface and massage the gums without eroding the tissue. The dentist may also prescribe other rinses or medication.

- Stop smoking. Smoking only makes matters worse. "It raises your chances of getting gum disease and fungal infections, as well as oral and throat cancers," he said. "If you smoke, we have certain aides that can help you stop."

With everything in the body interconnected, diabetics have both a particular need and a more difficult path in maintaining good oral health.

"Poor oral health can lead to harmful bacteria traveling in your bloodstream to the rest of the body and causing problems," said Dr. Margolin. "Conversely, having a healthy mouth can lead to lower blood glucose levels and a reduced chance of other inflammation-related conditions in the body that are common with diabetes."

Schervier's newest appointment

Bon Secours New York Health System (BSNY) announces the appointment of Andrea Weaver, RN, to the newly-created position of Service Excellence Coordinator at Schervier Nursing Care Center, located in the Riverdale section of The Bronx. In her new role, Weaver will serve as a bridge between residents and staff to help identify needs and improve service delivery. She will also act as a patient liaison and advocate, striving to anticipate needs, facilitate solutions and follow through on requests to ensure a comfortable stay for those entrusted in Schervier's care.

"One of our major ongoing initiatives at Schervier is to continue improving the quality of care provided to our residents and their families, and I am confident that Andrea will help us achieve our goal of service excellence," said Carlos G. Beato, CEO of BSNY. "Andrea brings a wealth of experience in hospitals,

nursing homes and home health care, making her well-qualified to advocate to the continuum of care that our patients experience. As healthcare continues to evolve and change, customer service is critical to our future successes and is a primary objective to our mission."

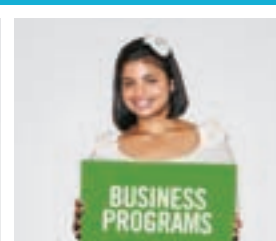
Weaver joins the BSNY team with more than 15 years of experience in the health care landscape. Prior to her new position, Weaver served as Intake Coordinator for Schervier Long-Term Home Health Care, where she was responsible for evaluating and assessing patients for short- and long-term admissions into the home care program, and formulated discharge plans with social workers to ensure a smooth transition into the community for the patients. Previously, she served as a public health nurse for Visiting Nurse Service of New York, located in the Bronx, and as a registered nurse in New York Presbyterian

Hospital's adult emergency room, located in Manhattan.

"As a registered nurse for many years, I have practiced my profession by providing holistic healing, and my experiences continue to help me in understanding all aspects of a patient's life," said Weaver. "With knowledge of the service delivery, I have a firm commitment to excellence and consistent integrity, and I look forward to continuing my career with Bon Secours New York and bringing these dynamics to my new ministry."

Weaver graduated from Holy Name Hospital School of Nursing in Teaneck, N.J., and has her degree from Saint Peter's University. She is also a registered nurse, and has completed a number of certification programs. She currently resides in the Bronx, N.Y.

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New name for former New Hawaii Sea Restaurant

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The doors at the Williamsbridge Road eatery will remain shuttered indefinitely, as renovation work slowly gets underway, according to Larry Hockert, the owner's attorney.

News of its impending re-opening comes as health officials confirmed New Hawaii Sea exposed three other people with hep A, upping the original number of infected to nine. A total of eight patrons and one food handler suffered from the food-borne illness, commonly found in restaurants.

The health scare drove thousands of customers to Lehman High School for a free hep A vaccine shots by the city Department of Health.

The agency set up a clinic for three days, administering shots to anx-

ious customers who ate at the Asian-fusion joint from September 7th to the 19th, the window of exposure, according to the DOH.

The outbreak soon drove lawyers to consider lawsuits against the restaurant owners, though Hockert maintained the first class action suit was an empty threat since no one has filed a claim.

"The first case as far as I know hasn't been filed," said Hockert. "It's just not a big case."

"The papers are prepared, I will file them at any moment," said Steve Kaufman, the local attorney seeking punitive damages on grounds staffers could have knowingly served hep A-tainted food despite warnings from DOH.

The eatery had already left a bad taste with the DOH, which slapped New Hawaii Sea with a B letter

grade early this year, citing violations that included the potential for vermin to worm its way into the kitchen area.

Cleanliness Lesson

The restaurant fell in the jurisdiction of the Westchester Square Business Improvement District, with officials seeing the New Hawaii Sea's troubles as a teachable moment. Officials partnered with Community Board 10 for a forum on food safety on Monday, Oct. 28, with a handful of restaurateurs present.

DOH representatives debunked myths about hep A while doling out advice often overlooked by restaurant owners, including the importance of washing hands for over 20 seconds.

"Educate your employees to wash their hands because it can affect your business," said DOH rep Faina Stavinsky.



The New Hawaii Sea Restaurant in Westchester Square remains closed, though owners vow to re-open under a new name and management.

Ken Kearns, district manager at CB10, suggested the DOH should invite food handlers to similar workshops.

The impact of the hep A scaret hasn't deterred businesses in Westchester

Square.

"There's absolutely no indication that anything of a negative, commerce-type situation has happened on Westchester Square because of the closing of one restaurant," said John Bon-

izio, chairman of the BID. "I challenge anyone to come up with stuff."

Bonizio, owner of Metro Optics, blasted a report that linked New Hawaii Sea's mishap to the drop in business at a deli and pizzeria.



Dr. Sharon Balter with the New York City Health Department leads a talk de-bunking hepatitis A, just over a month after an outbreak at New Hawaii Sea Restaurant sickened nine people. Photo by Alex Belisle



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LEGAL NOTICE

File # 731A2003
CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT

TO: CLAUDE POWERS, whose whereabouts are unknown, if living or if dead, to their respective heirs, legatees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, successors and creditors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence, and to the unknown heirs at law and next of kin of MARTIN JENKINS, deceased, if they be living, and if they be dead, to their Executors, Administrators, Creditors, and Lienors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest and Attorney General and New York Department of Social Services, being persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees or otherwise of the estate of MARTIN JENKINS deceased, who at the time of death resided at 2682 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462.

A petition having been duly filed by IRENE JENKINS who is domiciled at 7600 Fort Jackson Avenue, Apt. 601, Orlando, FL 32822.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County at Room 407, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on November 14, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

Why the account of the proceedings of IRENE JENKINS as administratrix of the estate of MARTIN JENKINS deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and

Why the administratrix should not be empowered to compromise and settle a certain claim for conscious pain and suffering against Jacqueline Coumans and Raynald Laboy for the sum of \$225,000.00 and to discontinue any claim for wrongful death, and

Why the provisions in the limited Letters of Administration issued to the petitioner on May 19, 2004, restraining the Administratrix from compromising or collecting upon the aforesaid claim and cause of action, should not be modified to permit said compromise, and

Why the filing of a bond should not be dispensed with, and

Why the defendants, JACQUELINE COUMANS AND RAYNALD LABOY or defendant's insurance company, should not pay to Scott Zlotolow, Esq., out of the proceeds of the settlement for the claim for conscious pain and suffering the sum of \$72,708.00 as and for attorneys' fees, together with disbursements in the sum of \$ 6,875.00, and

Why the filing of a bond should not be dispensed with, and

Why the defendants, JACQUELINE COUMANS AND RAYNALD LABOY or defendant's insurance company, should not pay to Scott Zlotolow, Esq., out of the proceeds of the settlement for the claim for conscious pain and suffering the sum of \$72,708.00 as and for attorneys' fees, together with disbursements in the sum of \$ 6,875.00, and

Why the Administratrix should not pay to The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance the sum of \$3,190.92 from the proceeds of the estate after deduction of the above costs and attorneys fees; and

Why the Administratrix should not pay to Maureen Flores, a reimbursement of funeral expenses in the sum of \$3,495.00; and

Why the entire recovery of \$ 225,000.00 should not be allocated to the cause of action for decedent's conscious pain and suffering, and

Why the balance of the settlement, to wit the sum of \$ 138,731.08, should not be distributed to those distributees having sustained a pecuniary loss as follows:

100% of the balance to IRENE JENKINS, mother of the decedent; and

Why the interest of CLAUDE POWERS, should not be rejected, because the decedent's mother and Claude Jenkins were in a chance encounter which resulted in the birth of Martin Jenkins, and Claude Powers, never attempted to locate or contact Petitioner over the years, that Claude Powers provided no support whatsoever to the decedent, that Claude Powers never participated in any aspect of the decedent's life and as such is specifically requested that Claude Powers not receive his statutory share of the settlement; and

Why upon payments as hereinbefore mentioned the said administratrix should not be permitted to execute and deliver general releases and all other necessary papers to the defendants, JACQUELINE COUMANS AND RAYNALD LABOY, or defendants' insurance company, releasing them from all claims against them arising out of the aforesaid action for conscious pain and suffering and wrongful death, together with any other papers necessary to effectuate the said compromise.

DATED, ATTESTED AND SEALED
October 7, 2013
Hon. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez,
County Surrogate
(L.S.)
Michael Hausler
Chief Clerk
ATTORNEY
Name of Attorney: Scott Zlotolow, Esq.
Address of Attorney: 270 West Main Street, Sayville, New York 11782
Telephone Number of Attorney: (631) 564-0055

NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested.

LEGAL NOTICE

PROBATE CITATION
File No. 2013-151
SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX COUNTY
CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO Attorney General of New York State and the Public Administrator of Bronx County and to the unknown heirs at law, and next of kin of ELIZABETH WALTHERS deceased, if they be living, and if they be dead to the Executors, Administrators, Creditor, and liners, their husbands or wives or successors in interest.

A petition having been duly filed by Nancy Fransioli who is domiciled at 310 Sterling Drive, Byron, GA 31008, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York, 10451 on November 19, 2013, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Elizabeth Walthers lately domiciled at 461 D Minniford, Bronx, NY 10461 admitting to Probate a Will dated September 29, 2004 of which is attached, as the Will of Elizabeth Walthers.

[x] Letters Testamentary issue to: Nancy Frasioli,
Dated, Attested and Sealed,
October 10, 2013
(seal)

Hon. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez
Surrogate
Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk
Attorney for Petitioner: Joseph Ciquemani
Tel. No. (914) 633-7400
Address of Attorney: 145 Huguenot Street, Suite 402
New Rochelle, New York, 10801

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LEGAL NOTICE

Surrogate's Court Bronx County
Citation
File No. 2011-2909/B
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By The Grace of God Free and In-dependent

TO: The Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York

The Attorney General of the State of New York, Public Administrator Bronx County; and

The unknown heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of ALLAN ENGEL a/k/a ALLAN MARTIN ENGEL, deceased, if living or if dead, to their respective heirs, legatees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, successors and creditors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence

Send Greeting: Upon the petition of the following:

- **BARBARABECKER**, domiciled at 1020 Black Olive St., Henderson, NV 89002;
- **ANDREA BUSCH**, domiciled at 145 Bedford Road, Greenwich, CT 06831;
- **MARK ENGEL**, domiciled at 42 Mountainside Drive, Colts Neck, NJ 07722;
- **LINDA LUBLINER**, domiciled at 100 Erdman Place, Apt. 24B, Bronx, NY 10475; and

- **CAROL RUBEL**, domiciled at 1 Pine Hollow Drive, Henderson, NV 89052,

Being the persons interested in this proceeding in the Estate of ALLAN ENGEL a/k/a ALLAN MARTIN ENGEL, deceased, who at the time of his death was resident of 620 Baychester Avenue, Apt. 9A, Bronx, NY 10475 each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate's Court of the County of the Bronx, held at the Bronx County Building, room 406, Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451 on the 10th Day of December, 2013 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day,

(a) Why Citation should not be issue, addressed to the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York, the Attorney General of New York State and the Bronx County Public Administrator, citing them to show cause why an order should not be made directing the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York to pay the balance in the amount of \$154,394.11 now held by him in the Estate of Allen Engel for the benefit of the unknown the distributees of decent; and further

(b) Why an Order should not be made determining that any persons other than the Petitioners who claim to distributees of this decedent are presumed to have predeceased without issue and that no distribute or class of distributes exists other than the five Petitioners herein; and further

(c) Why An Order should not be made directing the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York to pay to each of the following: BARBARA BECKER; ANDREA ENGEL BUSCH; MARK ENGEL; LINDA LUBLINER; and CAROL RUBEL their distributive share (plus any additional interest accrued before such sum is paid) of the funds on deposit to the credit of this estate, and for such other and further relief as to this Court may seem

jus and proper,

Dated Attested and Sealed,

October 30th, 2013

Surrogate HON. NELIDA MARAVE GONZALEZ

Michael Hausler
Chief Clerk

Juliet P. Kalib
Attorney at Law 1501 Broadway, Suite 1800,
New York, NY 10036
(212) 730-7600

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LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE The annual meeting of New York Track & Field, Inc., dba USATF New York, will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at the Icahn Stadium, 20 Randalls Island, New York, NY 10035 at 3:30 pm. All USATF-NY members and interested parties are welcome to attend. Please see www.newyork.usatf.org or contact 609-915-3039 for additional information.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The NYC Board of Standards and Appeals has scheduled a public hearing on the following application:

Variance (72-21) to permit the enlargement of an existing school (UG 3) at the second floor contrary to 24-162. R4/C1-3 and R6 zoning districts.

Address: 3120 Corlear Avenue, Corlear Avenue and West 231st Street, Block 5708, Lot 64, Borough of Bronx.

Applicant: Eric Palatnik, PC for Lai Ho Chen, owner; Tech International Charter School, lessee.

Community Board No.: 8BX

This application, Cal. No.: 95-13-BZ, has been calendared for Public Hearing *Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 10:00 A.M. session, in Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, Borough of Manhattan. Interested persons or associations may appear at the hearing to present testimony regarding this application. This application can be reviewed at the Board offices, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

This notice is published by the applicant in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board of Standards and Appeals.

Dated: 10/24/13

Eric Palatnik, Applicant

LEGAL NOTICE

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF ORANGE

Docket No.: A-158-13
File No.: 60410

In the Matter of the Adoption of A Child Whose First Name is Andrea

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION

TO: Ismael Familia

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a petition requesting an order approving and allowing the adoption of an adoptive child whose first name is Andrea, who is alleged to be your daughter, and whose full name and date and place of birth is set forth in a Schedule annexed to the petition for adoption herein, together with an agreement to adopt and consents to the adoption pursuant to the Domestic Relations Law, has been filed with the Family Court of the State of New York, Orange County. A hearing on the petition will be held at the Court, located at 285 Main Street, Goshen, NY on November 19, 2013 at 1:30 PM of that day, at which time and place all persons having any interest therein will be heard.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that your failure to appear may constitute a denial of your interest in the child, which may result, without further notice to you, in the adoption or other disposition of the custody of the child.

Peter L. Cedeno
Perez & Cedeno, P.C.
111 Broadway, Suite 706
New York, NY 10006 (212) 226-8426
FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF ORANGE
Docket No.: A-158-13

In the Matter of the Adoption of A Child whose First Name is ANDREA

MOTION FOR ORDER TO PROCEED WITHOUT BIOLOGICAL FATHER'S CONSENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon the annexed Affidavits of Peter L. Cedeno, Esq., Daulyn Devers and Jasmine Devers, sworn to on the 13 day of March 2013, or as soon thereafter as the parties and counsel can be heard, Daulyn Devers will move for an Order, directing that the biological father's Consent is not necessary.

Dated:
Daulyn Devers
Peter L. Cedeno, Esq.
Perez & Cedeno, P.C.
350 Broadway, Suite 400
New York, NY 10013
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

On March 13, 2013, DAULYN DEVERS personally appeared before me. He is personally known to me or proved his identity to me by satisfactory evidence.

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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

WEEK 8
Giants (2-6) 15
Eagles (3-5) 7

This was 2nd win in a row for the Giants. They had NO t/d's; scoring on 5 FGs. The special teams allowed the Philly TD with a wild snap to punter Weatherford. The Eagles aren't a tough team but they stopped NY twice in the Red Zone. I CAN guarantee that the Giants won't lose next week (the 3rd week unbeaten in a row)- they have a bye.

Bengals (5-2) 49
Jets (4-3) 9

This was the big ruler game. What an awakening the Jets had. Cinci had 402 yards and NY had 240 net yards. Their heads must have been spinning as if they were in the exorcist movie. Dalton was 19/30 5TDs. Smith was 20/30 2INTs 4 sacks. Cinci had 7 TDs and the Jets had zero but gave up a pick-6.

More Melo

"Unlike when Melo was in Denver," Stephen A. Smith (ESPN.com) wrote, "A place he wanted to leave, the Knicks' star forward actually wants to stay here. He just doesn't want to stay here and lose. Melo is not interested in continuing to marvel at the achievements of one of his best friends (LeBron James) for years to come. Either the Knicks need to facilitate a way for the two superstars to join forces or position themselves to get someone else to make the 'Bockers viable. And Melo is smart enough to know

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Mount rallies to beat Bishop Ford

BY ANTHONY PARELLI

Mount St. Michael overcame an early deficit by making use of calm persistence and faith in its system.

Down two scores on the road to Bishop Ford just two possessions into the game the Mountaineers had every reason to panic. Instead of changing their approach they encouraged more of the same, just executed better in an eventual 22-12 CHSFL victory over the Falcons at Aviator Sports Complex on Sunday. It's the Mountaineers third win in the last four games.

"There really wasn't anything we had to change," Mount defensive tackle Walter Washington, who recorded two sacks, said. "We just had to come out and execute. I think we didn't have our minds right at first and we had to come out after the half and focus.

Locked in they were not early as Mount allowed a 32-yard touchdown pass from James Esposito to Malik Warner and allowed Jevon Smith 81-yard scoring run in the first quarter to give Ford (6-2, 5-2) a 12-0 lead. From then on out the defense regrouped and didn't allow another point.

"We just had to play a better brand of football," Mountaineer coach Mario Valentini said. "We were standing around watching and we weren't getting after it and we told them they have to pick it up."

On the offensive side of the ball it was about belief in the triple option, where early runs of three and four yards turned into seven and eight down the stretch.

Mount's first touchdown came a minute into the second quarter when quarterback Kasim Thomas scooted 12 yards to the goal line where the ball popped loose. Luckily for Mount, running back Aaron Brown fell on the ball for the score.

The Mountaineers (4-4, 4-3) second score came on their lone pass play of the game when Thomas found receiver Tyrrell Halliman in the end zone to bring the score to 14-12 in their favor heading into the half. The second half started right where the



Mount quarterback Kasim Thomas, attempts to stick ball in the end zone during the CHSAA football game between Mount St. Michael and Bishop Ford, at Aviator Field, in Brooklyn New York, on Sunday October 27, 2013.

Robert Cole

first left off for Mount as they put together a 50-yard drive over six minutes that resulted in a 7-yard touchdown run by Anthony Lyson.

"We made a couple adjustments and fortunately we were able to get some scores to go up at halftime, and then second half came out and scored the first drive and put some things together," Valentine said.

For Mount the key was continuously pounding fullback Albert Sutton up the middle and opening up the edge for Thomas and the running backs.

"He toughed it out," Valentini said of Sutton. "He constantly gave us the two or three yards of first-down yardage."

Mount wants to use this game against an opponent had of them in power points as a stepping-

stone with the post season two weeks away. It will need to beat Holy Trinity this week if it hopes to make the league's Class AAA playoffs, where Mount hopes to avoid another slow start.

"We have to come out in the first quarter and fire off the ball and really get after it," Washington said. "Once we are able to do that, they're going to have to watch out for us in the playoffs."

Warriors Football: Week five highlights

BY COACH PETER FRAGALE
Week Five
Saturday, October 19
Flag Division

Much improvement is showing in the flag program as players are beginning to get better at grabbing the flag than picking the grass. This witness saw some great passes and catches during the day as well as some outstanding runs.

The Pruzzo Supermarket Apaches played another fine fame with Jake Coppinger and Terrence McLeod outstanding. The Barinos Market Mohicans showed off the play of Donald Hostomsky and Yarel Cordero. The Dugout Sports Shawnee had improved play from Noah Philips and Jake Broderick. Anthony Flower Farm Sioux got fine performances from Kris Musacchio and Angel Otero as they were “All Over the Field.” The Mister Softee Blackfeet had no game this week.

Junior Pee Wee Division

The Miller Tires Steelers defeated the Middletown Animal Clinic Ramblers in a high charged offensive game by the final score of 27 – 14. The Steelers Kenneth Maxwell scored two touchdowns and Gary Phillips scored touchdowns on both the offensive and defensive side of the field. Jason Campbell added two PAT conversions and Donovan Beauvoir blasted through the Ramblers defense for a 15 yard first down run. On defense Thomas Whelan added a sack and a fumble recovery and Ferdinand Cosom recovered a fumble of his own.

The Ramblers highlights came from Joseph Maldonado who contributed big time first down runs and a 22 yard touchdown reception from Joseph Peloso and a 55 yard touchdown run from Jayden Robles. Jayden added five tackles on defense as did Peter DeFabbia. Joseph Goonan and Gabriel Ciman each had four tackles of their own and Tommy Ventriglio contributed three tackles.

Pee Wee Division
The Ridgewood Savings Bank Black Knights defeated The Rams 12-6 for their first win of the year. Once again, led by their strong defense, they were able to shut down the Rams for most of the game. In the first half, James Bloss playing defensive end crashed the left side of the Rams offensive line and intercepted a half-back toss with one hand and ran it back 55 yards to score the first touchdown of the game. The interception was an outstanding play by Bloss to start the first half. Before the end of the first half, running back Brian Reynosa scored a 15 yard sweep for the Black Knights’ second touchdown of the game. The Black Knights defense stopped the Rams for the rest of the first half as they continued their fine play. In the second half, it was a back-and-forth defensive battle until the Rams recovered a fumble and scored. The rest of the game was taken care of by strong defense led by James Bloss, Brian Reynosa, Rafael Peralta, Keyshawn Dixon, Nathaniel Colon, Justin Fernandez, Jimmy McGaughan and Jeremy Rondon.

The McNulty Funeral Home Rams experienced their first loss of the season but received great offensive contributions from Rockie Wilkinson who threw a tight spiral 10 yards to Steven Rodriguez for a first down. Wilkinson later scored on a 15 yard quarterback sneak. The Rams defense was solid with fine performances from Juan Correa, Matthew Marquez, Steven Manfreddi and Jack Morrissey.

Week Six
Saturday, October 26
Flag Division

As the season reaches the half way point, we are thankful of all the good weather we have had on Saturdays and also want to give a shout out to a sponsor without a team – George the Ice Cream vendor in the Pelham Bay Parking Lot. Attendance has been great at the

games by players, coaches and parents alike. Keep it up!

The Mister Softee Blackfeet had almost perfect attendance with Joe Cala, Rocco LePore and Dom Cozzi being outstanding. While Jayden Orozco and Fallon Demers showed marked improvement. Barinos Market Mohicans also had a big group of players with Luis Mendez and Shaun Rodriguez playing well. The Dugout Sporting Goods Shawnee got excellent participation from Cyrus Alston, Anad Daa and Jake Brodick as well as Aaron Castellanos. The Pruzzo Supermarket Apaches had no game this week.

Junior Pee Wee Division

Jimmy Ryans Blue Devils defeated the Middletown Animal Clinic Ramblers. The Blue Devils opening drive was stopped on the first play from scrimmage with an outstanding interception and return by the Ramblers Peter DeFabbia. After a three and out, the Blue Devils offense took the field again and went back to the air. Aramis Irizarry connected with slot receiver Chris Davis on a 27 yard pass. Irizarry completed the drive with a 5 yard score off tackle.

The remainder of the first half was scoreless as both defenses refused to yield many first downs. On the Ramblers most promising drive, Irizarry contributed outstanding play on defense as well -causing a fumble, which was recovered by Anthony Bell. Bell would lead the team with tackles (6) and was a major factor in keeping the Ramblers out of the end zone.

The second half was much of the same. Both defenses were stingy - giving up few big plays. The most notable from the Blue Devils, were two end-arounds by speedster Rex Roman. Another score from Irizarry from 7 yards out followed by an extra point from David Cojocar would be the only other scoring in the game.

The Miller Tires Steel-

ers defeated the North Bronx Paint & Hardware Crusaders 20 – 6. The Steelers Kenneth Maxwell continued his explosive play with three touchdowns and PATs from both Jason Campbell and Thomas Whelan. The Steelers defense had Gary Phillips name all over it with two acrobatic interceptions.

TEAM	W	L	T	PT
STEELERS\	4	1	0	8
BLUE DEVILS	3	2	0	6
RAMBLERS	2	2	1	5
CRUSADERS	2	1	1	5
SPARTANS	0	5	0	0

Pee Wee Division

The McNulty Funeral Home Rams defeated the Ralph Giordano’s Funeral Home Saints in another grueling defensive game 7-0. First half highlights came from first down runs from QB Rockie Wilkinson and FB John Fragale and key blocking from Granit Pukaj, Justin Ortiz, Deirdre Avitabile and Dillon McIntosh. On defense, Brandon Cabrera was on fire with a fumble sack for a 7 yard loss and a fumble recovery. In the fourth quarter, FB Christian Valentin ate up crucial time with consecutive first down running plays. Steven Manfreddi late game tackles sealed the Rams victory.

The Saints David Kolbeck contributed a first down run and big yardage runs came from both Sal Maida and Tyrell Foster. Kolbeck also recovered a fumble and made an interception on defense. Dewhan Ramos also contributed on defense with a blocked pass.

The Jez Construction Co. Navajos defeated the Schuyler Hill Funeral Home Javelins in a nail biter 13-12. The Navajos offense received both touchdowns from powerhouse running back Julian Cardona and the PAT from Jason Katz. On defense the Navajos relied on three important turnovers from Noah Moreno, Nicholas Bracer and Mark Tsaluca.

TEAM	W	L	T	PT
NAVAJOS	3	1	1	7
RAMS	2	1	2	6
SAINTS	2	2	1	5
JAVELINS	1	3	1	3
BLACK NIGHTS	1	2	1	3

Fieldston looks to add state title to crown

BY JOHN TOLIS

The Fieldston girl’s volleyball team hasn’t missed despite the graduation of star hitters Arianna Francis and Catalina Jimenez, the Eagles are still one of the best teams in the city. They are 14-1 overall and won the Ivy League title with a record of 9-1.

Freshman Gillian Gore has stepped in and stepped up in the absence of the two star seniors gone and has shown she will have a bright future at Fieldston.

“So far I must say it’s more a team effort this time,” Fieldston head coach Collin Henry said. “A big help I must say is freshman sensation Gillian Gore.

He believes that this year is special because the girls have come together, especially after suffering their first loss of the season against rival Poly Prep on Oct. 16. Fieldston came from down two sets to one to tie this up before losing 15-13 in the fifth.

“The first loss this year

was a wakeup call because we have been winning all season, so we got a little complacent,” Henry said. “The lost opened our eyes not to take any team lightly. We did with Poly because we had beaten them once and we were shocked with their level of play.”

Henry and the Eagles believe that the loss has helped their squad in a positive way and sees his club growing from it.

“No one cried after, instead they were all upset from the lost,” he said. “They all circled up after and made a promise to themselves never to let their guards down again.”

The Eagles were the NYSAISAA state champs back in 2010 and are itching to get it back. The loss against Poly lit a fire under the Fieldston volleyball squad and they have a new attitude going forward.

“We are the Ivey league champions and with that out of the way our main focus is on states, one team at a time,” Henry said.

AFC Soccer highlights

BY COACH MARIE
AND COACH EDDIE.

At 11 a.m. on Sunday, October 27, St. Benedict’s Knights of Columbus took on Alboro Security at the AFC Soccer field. What a game! Both teams gave it their all.

Alboro Security’s Jo Lee Martin, Mia Tierney, and Angelica Rubino moved the ball and passed like pros. Liam Ali and William Schwartz both played goalie and held St. Benedict’s to only one goal.

Sara Vukic, Connor Delatorre and Sabastian

Goldstein on defense were nearly impossible to get past and returned the ball with thundering kicks.

St. Benedict’s kept on the pressure. Carlissa Santana, with her endless energy, scored off a reverse pass from Joseph Vento, who also scored twice with his new-found kick that he practiced all week with his dad. Liam Ali also came off goal and scored.

Hats off to the kids of St. Benedict’s and Alboro Security for giving all the spectators a great game to watch.



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Velocity Track Club

BY WINSTON DINKINS

On Sunday, October 27th, Velocity Track Club competed in the Haunted Hills Cross Country Meet at Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, New York. We had great weather and good competition, with some of the top XC runners from the New York area. Awards were given out to top six athletes in their age group and gender. They had a 800 meters race for children 6 years old and younger, 2k (1.2 miles) for 7 & 8 years old, 3k (1.8 miles) for 9 to 12 years old, 4k (2.5 miles) for 13 & 14 years and 5k (3.1 miles) for 15 years & older. Plus, there were a Coaches/Parents XC Relay.

The following Velocity's student athletes won awards in this competitive meet: Dontae Lindo took 2nd in the 7-8 years boy 1.2 mile run, Jordan Ingram took 5th in the boys 7-8 1.2 mile run and Co-Captain Gio-

vanna Tolbert took 4th place in the 11-12 girls 1.8 mile run.

On Saturday, November 2nd, we will be competing in the AAU Metro District Cross Country Championship in Cunningham Park at Fresh Meadows NY. Also, there will be an 800 meters and 1 mile race for sprinters and mid distance runners.

On Sunday, November 3rd, Velocity will be cheering on the marathon runners in the New York Marathon. We will be assigned a location by the NYRR to cheer on the runners. This is a great opportunity for our young athletes to see some of best Runners in the world and give our children an additional goal, to run in the New York Marathon.

Anyone interested in joining Velocity Track Club New York, Contact Coach Dinkins at 914-441-6196 or you email me at WATCLT@AOL.COM.



Velocity Track Club

Pipe Dreams: Molinaro Maranara

From Page 73

the present roster won't cut the mustard.

So this season -- with impending free agency -- is the perfect opportunity to put the franchise on notice.

First, secure coach Mike Woodson by getting the Knicks to pick up the option on his third year -- which Melo has already done. Second, do everything you can to assure Dolan you want to stay ... without actually committing to staying. Melo doesn't need to tell the Knicks, with new president and general manager Steve Mills, what to do, because he knows they already know.

If Amar'e Stoudemire isn't healthy again, convince him to retire so those numbers will come off the books. By acquiring Andrea Bargnani, whose \$23 million comes off the books after the 2014-15 season, you now have either Bargnani or Tyson Chandler -- or both -- as bait in the final years of their contracts.

It's all about maneuver-

ability, the ability to position yourself as a franchise to pursue LeBron. It doesn't matter that it's a long shot to get him because Miami and Cleveland are his preferences. Melo knows it's possible that LeBron will move on. That both of them want to play together. And that the possibilities are endless when your conversations are with a billionaire with ties to Wall Street."

It's too early to fret over this. But, we'll be hearing a lot more about this as time goes on.

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Bob Molinaro (Hamp-tonRoads.com) wrote: "Couldn't believe what I read the other day. Linda Ronstadt, whose voice is silenced by Parkinson's disease, has only now been nominated for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame after being eligible for more than 20 years. Short of pretending the '70s never happened and that any woman in country, rock or pop had a stronger, more identifiable voice, how

could anybody overlook Ronstadt for so long?" For me it was Rosemary Clooney in the 50's, Connie Francis in the 60's, and Linda Ronstadt in the 70's.

Reunion

Dwight Perry related that Norman Chad wrote the time "He attended a Raiders-Chargers game: 'I would've felt safer at a Manson Family reunion.'"

RIP, Bum Philips

The Sports Curmudgeon paid honor to the late head football coach, "Bum Philips was sort of like the Yogi Berra of the NFL; his quips were great. As a tribute, let me leave you with a few... When asked if he minded being addressed as "Bum":

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Cuevas commits to SC hoops

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Bianca Cuevas chose to use the approach that made her who she is today to mold the player and person she will become.

The Nazareth senior guard, who is one of the nation's top players, excelled under the tough-love style of former coach and father figure Apache Paschall, who died suddenly nearly two years ago. The Bronx-native saw similar qualities in the approach of South Carolina women's basketball coach Dawn Staley during her official visit. It was enough for her to verbally commit to the Gamecocks over Ole Miss last week.

"She was like, 'This is going to be hard for you. I'm going to be on you because I only want the best for you,'" Cuevas said of Staley.

Nothing will be handed her she said. She expects to play, but not start right away for a program that

was ranked No. 17 in the nation at the end of last season. Cuevas believes Staley and South Carolina will create the best environment for her to grow.

Staley is a one of the greatest players in the history of women's basketball. The point guard won three Olympic gold medals, took Virginia to the NCAA title game, led the Charlotte Sting to the WNBA finals and is a member of the National Basketball Hall of Fame. Cuevas, who scored 17 points at the Metro Classic All-Star game last Sunday, struck up a close bond with her.

"She's going to teach me what I need to know," she said. "She is going to be honest with me. She's not going to sit there and lie in your face. She's going to take care of me."

The decision's forward thinking is a sign of how much Cuevas has grown as a person off the court ever since she was a phenom

seventh grader playing against high school seniors with her Exodus travel ball team. Nazareth coach Ron Kelley said the 5-foot-6 Cuevas is a different person thanks to her tumultuous junior season. She was suspended for the remainder of the year last February for two incidences of fighting.

"The trouble that she got in last year in a little bit of a way was a blessing in disguise," Kelley said. "The kid has her head on her shoulders the right way right now. She's focused."

In South Carolina she sees a place where her growth can continue with the kind accountability she needs to continue to be successful. Staley and her staff are demanding on and off the court. Earning everything that comes to her sits just fine with her.

"I think I had a better future over there," Cuevas said. "I think I am going to have to work harder."

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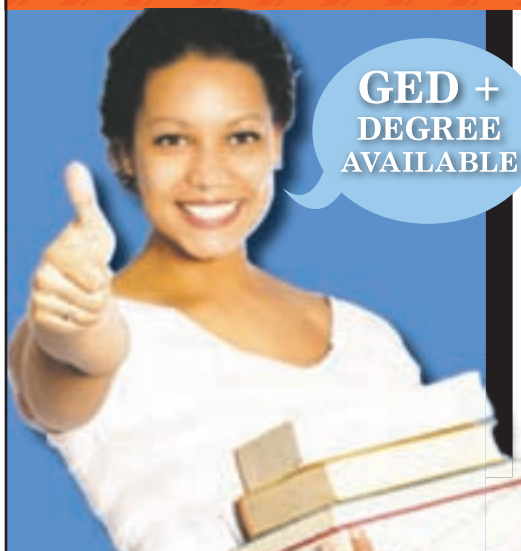
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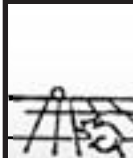
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