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## Report card gripes

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The newest school "report cards" are out, and a lot of folks aren't happy.

Some school principals are saying that while the 2012-13 progress reports offer some valuable data for judging school performance, they don't tell the whole story.

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Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## Digging Deep For Soldiers

Margaret Lutumba and Bethanee Ricardo dig deep to honor veterans, planting daffodils for servicemembers on Veterans Day. She joined other volunteers for a clean-up day at the Old West Farms Soldiers Cemetery. More pics on page 34.

# HITMAN GUNNED DOWN

**Mobster Michael Meldish  
slain in Country Club**

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

A notorious local mob hit man finally became the victim, gunned down on a quiet east Bronx street.

Michael Meldish, believed responsible for more than a dozen gangland hits, was rubbed out with a single shot to his head as he was getting out of his car in middle-class residential Country Club in the late evening hours of Friday, Nov. 15.

His infamous brother and fellow Purple Gang member Joseph Meldish, is doing a 20 year-to-life stretch for a Throggs Neck murder

Meldish 62, was found about 10:30 p.m. inside his rusty Lincoln LS sedan, parked in the middle of

a crosswalk on Ellsworth Ave. at Baisly Avenue.

Meldish was shot in the right side of his head, with neither the bullet nor any shell casing recovered, said a law enforcement source, adding that the absence of powder burns indicated Meldish was shot from a short distance.

"He was getting out of his car with one leg already out, so it looks as if someone either came up on him or shot him from inside the car," said the source, adding that it looked like Meldish had pulled up in the crosswalk rather than at the curb "as if he had pulled over to stop to either pick someone up or let them off."

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# around town

by David Cruz

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## Birth

Bobby and Anna Karounos of Country Club are the proud parents of **Katerina Georgia Karounos**, born October 25th. Congratulations to the Karounos.

**Kailey Gabrielle Mendez** came into the world on October 23rd, ushering in a wealth of happiness to parents Gisselle Mata and Jorge Mendez. Kailey's grandparents Zeneida Grullon and



SUSANNAH ADDISON MUSHATT

Lucas Mata hail from the Bronx.

**Luca Manuel Maldonado Terrero** was born on November 5th, to parents Ambar G. Terrero and Antonio M. Maldonado of West Farms. Hope little Luca brings joy to your world.

Tyrone and Taheera Mushatt announced the birth of their daughter **Susannah Addison Mushatt**, born November 4th.

## Team Esther

**Jackie Lettieri** donated a kidney in an organ donation chain to give her mother, Esther Salas, a new kidney and a second chance at life. Dozens of friends and family joined Jackie and Esther on Sunday, November 10 to show their support. Team Esther was the first team to cross the finish line at the New York City Kidney Walk. Over 7,500 people gathered in Foley Square and walked over the Brooklyn Bridge in the 12th annual Kidney Walk.



Jackie Lettieri (center left), Esther Salas (with headband, center right) with Team Esther.

# Temple Hatikva offerings

If you're reading this article, then it's still not too late to attend the best Chanukah Party in town! Dreidels, latkes, applesauce, soufganiot and menorah lighting - we'll have it all at the Temple Hatikva Chanukah Party, tonight, Friday, November 22 at 7:30 P.M.

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best Chanukah party in the Bronx! And, it's completely FREE, so plan on bringing your friends, family and especially your children to this wonderful event.

Celebrate this joyous holiday at Temple Hatikva and help us light the traditional Chanukah Menorah. And, if you don't know what "soufganiot" is, come to the party and we guarantee you'll find out - and enjoy eating it as well!

The next session of Tem-

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# Ice rink talks down to wire

## Cabrera power play charge casts shadow

BY DAVID CRUZ

The final issues over the proposed Kingsbridge National Ice Center are being worked on down to the wire between the developers and the local City Councilman who could decide whether the project lives or dies.

Staffers for Councilman Fernando Cabrera, whose support on the KNIC project has been shaky, are focusing on a growing concern over traffic issues.

Opponents believe the already swamped northwest Bronx nabe could see bumper-to-bumper traffic should the City Council and mayor choose the massive ice palace, home to nine ice skating rinks.

Cabrera is viewed as the key player in seeing the project come to fruition. The project needs 26 votes to pass or 34 votes to override any mayoral veto.

The traffic gripes were

enough for local Community Board 7's economic development committee to vote against the project, but the full board ultimately voted in favor of it in September under the city's Uniform Land Use Review Procedure.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., the City Planning Commission and the city Landmarks Commission soon approved plans for the ice palace, slated to be built by 2018 if approved.

But Cabrera's office appears to have backed anti-rink locals, citing traffic concerns similar to those linked to the 2009 mall project by The Related Cos., which was ultimately killed in the Council.

Greg Faulkner, Cabrera's chief-of-staff, argued that traffic concerns have not been studied closely enough given 7,000 guests per day projected at the cen-



A smiling Councilman Fernando Cabrera was there at the city's Kingsbridge Armory announcement in April appearing to throw support on the plan

.File Photo

ter.

Faulkner believes traffic could be snarled with even a thousand guests per day. "That's still a heavy amount of traffic," he said.

The talks come amid a

published report by Kate Pastor in the Norwood News alleging through unnamed sources that Cabrera attempted to squeeze \$100,000 a year from KNIC to fund a religious nonprofit to which

he's no longer tied to.

The end result was Cabrera backpedaling on his request.

His endorsement of the project was allegedly motivated by his request in

a pay-to-play scheme that could catch the attention of prosecutors, according to the report, citing sources closely tied to the Community Benefits Agreement talks that took place early this year.

"It's just not true," Faulkner said of the report, though he did not elaborate further.

But the sudden turn of events appears to be in contrast to Cabrera's stance when the city Economic Development Corporation formally announced it had picked the ice rink plan developed by former Wall Streeter and eco-friendly builder Kevin Parker.

"This is going to become the Yankee Stadium of ice skating," Cabrera boasted at the April 23 announcement.

These days, he's remained silent.



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# Traffic upgrades for Westchester Square

## Safety measures due for E. Tremont Ave.

BY BEN KOCHMAN

A dangerous stretch of local asphalt is about to get smart.

A length of E. Tremont Avenue in Westchester Square will ill-defined traffic measures will receive a major safety upgrade this spring.

The city Department of Transportation plans to redesign an accident-prone chunk of the wide avenue from Bronxdale to St. Raymond's avenues.

DOT statistics show 180 people were injured from 2007-2011 along the stretch.

Almost 85% of drivers along it during that time went faster than the city-wide 30 mph limit, the DOT said.

The plan aims to shorten crossing distances for pedestrians by adding islands and crosswalks, tackle speeding with new stoplight timing, and combat traffic

backups by installing left-turn only lanes.

The incoming changes are separate from a Neighborhood Slow Zone, slated for 2016, that will target motorist speeding on the nabe's narrower residential streets.

### No man's land

The highlight of the planned rejigging is an overhaul of what locals call a "no man's land" – the collision of E. Tremont with Overing and Silver Streets. That problematic patch will be divided into two different intersections.

Among the changes:

- Three pedestrian islands in the middle of E. Tremont Avenue to give those crossings the 70-foot wide avenue a chance to catch their breath.

- Extensions of the sidewalk at Overing Street and Silver Street that cut down on crossing distance.



The messy intersection of E. Tremont Avenue, Overing and Silver Streets, where a car rammed into a pole on Nov. 7, is set to be split in two.  
Photo courtesy of Westchester Civic Association

- A new stoplight timing plan that breaks up turning into four different "phases."

- Banning a left turn from Silver Street onto E. Tremont.

- Creating a designated left turn lane from E. Tremont on to Silver Street.

The current intersec-

tion alone accounted for 61 injuries from 2007-2011, including some high-profile crashes. Last July a man drove a car through a brick wall and into the Clarke And Son Signs store just off E. Tremont on Overing, killing himself and injuring his passenger. A crash happened as recently as

Thursday, Nov. 7, when a car rammed into a pole on E. Tremont and Silver Avenues.

More organization could not come soon enough, said Lisa Sorin, executive director of the Westchester Square BID. Though the area is flooded with 25,000 daily bus riders on the BX40

and Bx42 buses, pedestrians are frightened to walk across the unorganized street to visit the stores there, she said.

"You get off the bus and have no reason to want to cross or stay in that area," she said.

### More Changes

The DOT's plan also calls for a raised median on E. Tremont at Maclay Avenue and Benson Street to better define where motorists should turn. A safety island for pedestrians will come in at E. Tremont and St. Raymond's Ave.

A few blocks east, DOT will redefine the stretch of E. Tremont between Bronxdale Ave. and Montgomery Place by slicing the current lanes into smaller designated turning lanes.

The city agency had been studying the intersection since 2011.

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# BOROBEAT



by Bob  
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Oh my!

Call us Bronx-centric, but we'd say **Jimmy Vacca** made some heavy brownie points at the Bronx forum for City Council Speaker.

Based on Jimmy's responses to questions and his familiar "That's not acceptable!" mantra, Vacca notched up his creds as a viable candidate after lagging behind on the political blogger circuit.

Jimmy has always been our gold standard for a hardworking local elected, so we're not that surprised he impressed folks not from his east Bronx district.

While the real vote will come down to the 51 council members, establishing public creds as a viable leader is all part of the process.

The forum, Monday night, Nov. 12 at the New Settlement Community Center in Mt. Eden, also brought out Councilmember/Speaker wannabes **Annabel Palma** of Soundview, Brooklyn's **Mark Weprin**, E. Harlem/South Bronx Councilwoman **Melissa Mark-Viverito**, **Dan Garodnick** of Queens and Harlem's **Inez Dickens**.

While the others are pushing for a tsunami of reforms that would weaken the Speaker's power - and increase individual members' independence and clout, Vacca and Palma warned it could weaken the Speaker's power in negotiations with the mayor - and the council grilling some city agencies who think they are above answering to the council.

"When we address rules reforms, we have to look at making it more democratic and definitely more transparent, but we also have to assure that we remain strong, a united voice that's prepared to fight," Vacca told a standing-room-only crowd of about 150 people in the packed community room at the center.

He drew loud applause responding to an audience question about potential reforms to curb corruption, saying "If you're a crook, you're a crook!"

## GOP VICTORY

Giving credit where its due, the Bronx Republican Party showed its strength in the mayoral election with a majority vote for

**Joe Lhota**, even if the winning territory was only a small slice of the borough.

Lhota swamped ultimate winner **Bill de Blasio** in the GOP's east Bronx stronghold running from Country Club south through Throggs Neck and including Waterbury-Lasalle, as well as Morris Park, a chunk of Pelham Gardens as well as a solid vote of heavily Irish-American Woodlawn. All told, de Blasio pulled 86.1%, or 113,644 borough votes, while Lhota garnered 11.1%, or 14,580. Ex-Borough President **Adolfo Carrion Jr.**, who (Gasp!) dropped his Democratic registration to run on the Independence Party line, squeaked out 1.9% or 2,452 votes in his home borough.

## HOT WHEELS

Former Bronx Times Reporter "Bronx Wheels" columnist **Eddie Lopez** tells us he wound up playing an extra, with one of his own classic set of wheels - a cherry '87 Honda Civic - used in a recent Martin Scorsese shoot, "The Wannabe," with some scenes shot inside the Bronx County Courthouse and on 158th Street

and Walton Avenue, where lead actor **Vincent Piazza** (Lucky Luciano, *Broadwalk Empire*) sits on the hood of Eddie's car.

Eddie said he got a laugh from Piazza after he asked him if he could sell his car on eBay for ten thousand, now that the actor's butt had been sitting on its hood.

## SINGLED OUT

In case you missed the story in the Post (Hey, Daily News, where were you?), **Morisania Assemblyman Eric Stevenson** wants his federal bribery trial moved out of the metro area because U.S. Attorney **Preet Bharara** told Gov. Cuomo's Commission to Investigate Public Corruption that he wants to seize future state pensions of both Stevenson and Senator **Malcolm Smith**, who faces a separate bribery trial to which former Bronx Republican Party leader **Jay Saviano** just pleaded guilty. Stevenson claims the revelation could taint the trial jury.

Losing his pension could be just one more worry for Stevenson, whose three indicted co-conspirators recently pleaded guilty in

the scheme involving greasing the wheels for two Bronx adult daycare centers.

## ALBANY BOUND

Newly elected west Bronx Assemblyman **Victor Pichardo** heading to Albany on Nov. 25 to be officially sworn in. Pichardo filled the 86th A.D. seat vacated by disgraced Nelson Castro after a squeaker race with former District Leader **Hector Ramirez** that many complained was filled with irregularities - beyond the city Board of Elections normal incompetence. Hector screwed up filing a lawsuit on time that listed numerous irregularities, so it looks like clear sailing for Pichardo - at least until next year when he'll have to run for a full term. The former staffer for state Senator Gustavo Rivera will likely again have the backing of the Bronx Democratic machine.

## COLLEAGUE

Friends and colleagues of former Newsday and WNYC reporter and Lehman College journalism teacher **Elaine Rivera**, found dead in her Bronx apartment last month at the age of 54, will gather at 1 p.m. Dec.

7 at the campus' Lovinger Theater for a memorial service and fundraiser for the Elaine Rivera Scholarship in Journalism at Lehman.

Former newspaper colleague **Bob Liff** told us a \$25,000 fund produces enough income, along with other student aid "for a full ride for a budding journalist."

## CHANGES

**Vacca's voice.** **Mike Pantelidis** on board as new spokesman for Councilman **Jimmy Vacca**, replacing **Vito Signorile** who moved on as spokesman for the Rent Stabilization Association. Mike last worked for term-limited Queens Councilman **Peter Vallone Jr.**

**Departed.** Longtime Lincoln Hospital co-spokeswoman **Nydia Negron** retiring, with veteran spokeswoman **Renelda Walker** holding the fort. **BRONX BIRTHDAYS**

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## Police nail four suspected Throggs Neck van-dals

BY BEN KOCHMAN

They came, they sawed, they were conquered.

Cops nailed four crooks accused of sawing exhaust pipe emission converters from 11 vehicles —including two vans used by the local senior center — on residential Throggs Neck streets in the middle of the night Tuesday, Nov. 19.

The suspects from Mount Vernon and Edenvale used power saws to remove thousands of dollars worth of parts from vehicles on Schley and Balcom avenues, according to a criminal complaint.

But with an assist from an eagle-eyed car owner, cops caught the thieves red-handed.

### Eagle-eyed local

Police were called to the scene after a resident on Balcom Avenue near Dewey Avenue spotted someone meddling with the exhaust pipe of his Toyota Corolla at around 2 a.m., according to the complaint.

When cops pulled over a white Acura at the scene

they found the power saws and metal blades in the passenger compartment and a treasure trove of stolen parts in its trunk — 11 catalytic converters sliced from exhaust pipes in the area, police said.

The stolen converters are pollution-limiting devices required by state law to be attached to the exhaust pipe of every motor vehicle. They range in price from a few hundred dollars to over \$1,000.

### Out of town thieves

The four suspects were arraigned on Wednesday, Nov. 20, charged with auto stripping, criminal possession of stolen property and possession of burglary tools.

They were identified as Morris Kemar, 26, and Raymond Thompson, 23, both of Mt. Vernon, and 27-year-old Donald Monfries and 20-year-old Junior Stevens of Edenvale.

The four men were released and are due back in court on January 9.

### Senior vans looted

The thieves' bounty in-

cluded two converters from vans at a nearby senior housing project on Schley Avenue that were used to shuttle around its members, said Amy Chalfy, director of programs at JASA, the company that runs the service.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca had allocated \$51,000 for one of the new senior vans just a month ago.

"These vans are essential to seniors in my community, and I am appalled that someone would attempt to rob them of this service," he said.

The vans serve seniors who live miles away and otherwise would have no way to reach the center for its daytime activities, Chalfy said.

She added that she expects no delay in the organization's services, though they may have to rent out another van for the short term.

"You feel disheartened when something like that happens," she said, "but it's a setback we will overcome."



Parts were stolen this week from a van that Councilman Jimmy Vacca unveiled at a Throggs Neck senior center just a month ago.

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# Benedetto butting youth football

## Wants ban tackling under 14-year-olds

BY BEN KOCHMAN

A Bronx elected official's new bill banning youth tackle football because of its risk for brain damage has the borough's football coaches and organizers feeling blitzed.

East Bronx Assemblyman Michael Benedetto announced Thursday, Nov. 14 that he had revised a bill calling for a ban on 10-and-under organized tackle football he first introduced in February.

Now Benedetto's proposed law, the first of its kind in the United States, would make the sport illegal for kids under age 14.

The assemblyman cited evidence from university studies that suggest that young athletes enduring repeated head injuries face a greater risk of brain damage later in life. **University study**

Joining Benedetto on the

podium in Albany was Dr. Robert Cantu, co-director of Boston University's Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy, whose research shows that even smaller, lower impact hits – damage too minor to be considered a “concussion” – cause serious damage to undeveloped brains.

If passed, the bill would either shut down the borough's youth football leagues, or force them to play a safer but watered-down version of the sport.

Benedetto's bill would “cripple” the Warrior Football Club, an intramural league that plays at Rice Stadium in Pelham Bay, square in the assemblyman's district, said league director Jay Demers.

He said that in his 55 years of coaching in the league, he has yet to witness even one concussion on the field. Players in his league



Assemblyman Benedetto's bill banning tackling in youth football would “cripple” Warrior Football Club, said the league's organizer.

Photo courtesy Warrior Football Club

are taught not to launch themselves head first into tackles and simply do not move fast enough for head injuries to be a concern, he

said.

“We just don't see it, not at this level,” he said. “Our players tackle standing up.”

### Hitting leagues

Benedetto's bill would also hit citywide Pop Warner leagues hard. A ban on youth football would put a wrench in the youth league's recent trend of sending more and more alumni to colleges with athletic scholarships, said Lloyd Rodriguez, the league's organizer and coach of the Brooklyn Pitbulls.

“The time learning how to tackle the right way at a young age, or developing vision as a running back, you can't replace that,” Rodriguez said.

The majority of Pop Warner players come from poorer black and Hispanic neighborhoods and view playing football as a possible route to a college education, or even a shot at playing in professional leagues, Rodriguez said.

“I'm worried about what will happen if you take away

that childhood dream,” he said.

Benedetto expects that getting the bill passed will be an uphill battle. He is still seeking a co-sponsor for the legislation in the state Senate. But instead of backing down, he decided to double down.

“I just came to the simple conclusion that if you're going to do this, let's do this right,” he said at the press conference.

Benedetto said that he would also introduce legislation banning the practice of “heading” the ball in soccer – players using their heads to butt the soccer ball.

“I understand that it is a process,” Benedetto said. “People are reluctant to change their views on something they grew up with. But we need to protect these kids at any cost.”

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## 40th PCT.

**SAT, OCT. 5TH, 10:45 p.m.** — 415 East 157 St. Police officers took a 24 year old Hispanic male into custody. The male culprit was found in possession of a 380-caliber pistol. The gun was vouched as evidence when officers learned that the young Latin man failed to have a permit to own a gun in NYC.

**MON, OCT. 7TH, 3:45 a.m.** — Park Ave. and East 138 St. Two arrest were made by police officers looking into a robbery. A female and a male were robbed by two black males at gun point. The two culprits fired a shot during the incident officials reported. Taken by the culprits were thirty dollars and two I-phones. No injuries were reported.

**MON, OCT. 7TH, 4:25 a.m.** — 2564 Park Ave. Police took a 21 year old male into custody. The young black male was found in possession of a 25-caliber pistol. The weapon was separated from the man since he failed to have the proper permit to own a gun in NYC. The weapon was vouched as evidence.

**MON, OCT. 7TH, 7:35 a.m.** — Harlem River. A call into the 9-1-1 center alerted first responders to a body floating in the Harlem River. The body was removed from the river to the Manhattan shore. Detectives from Manhattan are handling the inquiry.

**WED, OCT. 9TH, 1:20 a.m.** — Bruckner Expwy. and East 138 St. Police officers were needed to detour traffic after an accident occurred. The incident involved a tractor-trailer and an SUV. Officials indicated that there was a fuel leak causing traffic lanes to be closed. Assistance was provided by several agencies including Fire Department, Department of Transportation, and Highway Dept. personnel.

## 41st PCT.

**SAT, OCT. 5TH, 1:05 a.m.** — East 163 St and Kelly St. Police officers were able to remove another gun off of Bronx streets. This time arresting officers vouched a 40-caliber pistol. The weapon will be kept in storage for the pending trail.

**SUN, OCT. 6TH, 7:45 a.m.** — 941 Intervale Ave. Two suspects were arrested by law enforcement officials looking into a stabbing. The 32 year old black male victim was taken to Lincoln Medical Center suffering from a stab wound to the right side of the chest.

## 42nd PCT.

**FRI. OCT. 4TH, 8:45 a.m.** — 846 East 168 St. Another young male was taken into custody. The 21 year old black male was found with a 45-caliber pistol. The handgun was taken away from the young man and vouched as evidence.

**TUES, OCT. 8TH, 10:50 p.m.** — 1707 Boston Rd. A young Hispanic woman was transported to Lincoln Medical Center after being attacked.



# POLICE BLOTTER

The 25 year old victim was suffering from stab wounds to the hand and neck areas. Police are looking for the attacker.

## 43rd PCT.

**SAT, OCT. 5TH, 11:30 a.m.** — Bronx River and East 174 St. Detectives were called to the river banks as police officers removed a body from the water way. The body was turned over to Medical Examiner's Office so that an autopsy could be performed. This way investigators will learn if there was any criminality connected to the death.

## 44th PCT.

**MON, OCT. 7TH, 2:40 p.m.** — Plimpton Ave and West 170 St. Detectives are looking for the person who discharged a gun in the Highbridge area. Police officers at the crime scene indicated that there was no injuries, but did discover property damage.

## 45th PCT.

**WED, OCT. 9TH, 6:45 a.m.** — 120 Donizetti Pl. A vehicle was carjacked from a woman in the northern section of Co-op City. A female motorist was in the process of parking her vehicle so she could go to work. Officials indicated that an unknown male approached the female motorist at knife point threatening to stab the woman. The culprit forced the woman from the vehicle before driving away in the vehicle. A search of the area was conducted by authorities came up empty handed.

## 46th PCT.

**FRI. OCT. 4TH, 12:55 a.m.** — University Ave. and West 176 St. Police officers looking into a stabbing arrested a suspect. A 45 year old black male was stabbed twice during a dispute requiring the injured man to be transported to St. Barnabas Hospital. The man was treated for a wound to the back in addition to a wound to the abdomen area officials reported. It was indicated that the stabbing was the results of a dispute over money.

**FRI. OCT. 4TH, 10:00 p.m.** — 1630 Undercliff Ave. Authorities are looking into a reported home invasion. Two culprits forced their way into a home in the West Bronx officials reported. At knife point, the two culprits fled with over one thousand dollars in cash. The occupant received a minor injury during the incident. Detectives are looking into

the incident.

**SAT, OCT. 5TH, 2:40 a.m.** — 1 West Tremont Ave. An inquiry was launched after officials learned of a slashing. A 42 year old Hispanic male was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital after being slashed in the upper right arm. A search was conducted for the attacker.

**TUES, OCT. 8TH, 10:40 p.m.** — 2259 Tiebout Ave. Officials are looking for a black male about 20 years old. The armed culprit removed sixty-five dollars from a delivery cab driver at gun point. The driver escaped injury.

**WED, OCT. 9TH, 9:15 a.m.** — 269 East Burnside Ave. Police investigators are looking into the death of a baby. First responders found a three month old baby lying in an unconscious condition on a couch. The baby was transported to Bronx Lebanon Hospital where the medical staff indicated that the infant had expired. Detectives are waiting for the results of the Medical Examiner's autopsy.

**WED, OCT. 9TH, 9:50 p.m.** — 1520 Sedgwick Ave. Another teenager was found in possession of a gun. This time a 17 year old male was found with a 380-caliber pistol. The weapon was removed from the teen and vouched by police as evidence.

## 47th PCT.

**FRI. OCT. 4TH, 4:00 a.m.** — Edison Ave. and Pitman Ave. Authorities are looking into an incident where the victim had been shot multiple times. The 27 year old black male was suffering from bullet wounds to the scrotum, right thigh, lower back, and right forearm upon arriving at Jacobi Medical Center. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**MON, OCT. 7TH, 1:40 a.m.** — 1220 East 233 St. After learning about an armed robbery, police officers at the crime scene gathered information about the incident as others searched for the three culprits. The three culprits armed with a gun robbed the area Getty Gas Station of three-hundred dollars. The worker escaped injuries.

**TUES, OCT. 8TH, 1:25 p.m.** — 3034 Bronxwood Ave. Officials conducted a search for two males. The two unknown culprit who wore masks forced their way into the home of an 83 year old Hispanic woman. The elderly was secured by the two culprits before they fled with an assortment of jewelry. A television set was also taken by the pair.

## 48th PCT.

**FRI. OCT. 4TH, 1:20 a.m.** — Hoffman St and East 188 St. Police conducted a search for four black males. The group apparently attempted to abduct a female from nearby Fordham University. A search of the area was conducted by local officers.

**FRI. OCT. 4TH, 2:25 a.m.** — 1975 Crotona Pkwy. Officials are looking into a reported robbery. Investigators were informed that two Hispanic males at gun point robbed a person at a parking lot. Taken were two cell-phones in addition to two-hundred and fifty dollars in cash.

**FRI. OCT. 4TH, 1:00 p.m.** — 504 East Tremont Ave. Authorities are looking for a black male who committed a robbery. With the threat of having a gun, the unknown culprit fled in the victim's vehicle. No injuries were reported.

**FRI. OCT. 4TH, 10:00 p.m.** — Honeywell Ave. and East 180 St. A search was conducted for two Hispanic males. The unknown pair pistol whipped a liver cab driver during a robbery. One of the culprits fired a shot during the incident inside the vehicle. The pair fled empty handed.

**MON, OCT. 7TH, 12:55 p.m.** — 2012 Boston Rd. Authorities are looking for a group of males who attacked a 16 year old black male. The teenage victim was stabbed six times by members of the group. The injured teen was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital as police on scene searched for evidence and potential witnesses.

**WED, OCT. 9TH, 3:15 a.m.** — Arthur Ave. and East 183 St. Police investigators are looking for the person who discharged a gun. Police officers arriving on scene were unable to find any victim. However evidence was found that could help authorities find the weapon that was used during the incident.

## 49th PCT.

**SAT, OCT. 5TH, 12:45 a.m.** — 1216 Burke Ave. Officials are looking into a double shooting that claimed one life. A 22 year old man was taken to Jacobi medical Center suffering from a bullet wound to the buttocks area. The second black male had been shot in the head. He reportedly expired at the crime scene.

**WED, OCT. 9TH, 12:25 a.m.** — Arnow Ave. and White Plains Rd. First responders came to the aid of a shooting victim. Police found a 23 year old black male who was suffering from a bullet wound to the calf

area. The injured male victim was transported to Jacobi Medical Center for medical care. Detectives are handling the inquiry.

## 50th PCT.

**FRI. OCT. 4TH, FRI. OCT. 4TH, 10:45 p.m.** — Post Rd. and West 254 St. Authorities are still looking for a suspect in a reported car-jacking. Two Hispanic males armed with a gun took control of a vehicle with its owner still inside. The motorist was able to escape unharmed officials reported. Responding police arrested one of the two suspects, while the search continues for the second culprit and the missing vehicle.

## 52nd PCT.

**SUN, OCT. 6TH, 7:10 p.m.** — 2860 Grand Concourse. Police investigators have made several arrests after a Hispanic male was slashed. The 28 year old victim was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital after being slashed in the chest.

**MON, OCT. 7TH, 9:05 p.m.** — 3447 DeKalb Ave. Authorities were faced with a woman who was barricaded inside a home. The black female refused to open the door for local police officers. So police officers from the Emergency Service Squad were dispatched to the scene. Once in custody the woman was transported to North Central Bronx Hospital for medical care.

**TUES, OCT. 8TH, 8:00 p.m.** — West Fordham Rd. and Davidson Ave. An investigation was launched after officials learned that a teen had been attack. A 15 year old Hispanic male was transported to Montefiore Hospital suffering from a stab wound to the back. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**TUES, OCT. 8TH, 10:15 p.m.** — 379 East Bedford Park. Officials are looking into an incident where two on duty city workers were assaulted. The pair, both traffic agents, were transported to Jacobi Medical Center for treatment. Detectives are looking for the culprit.

## Transit

**WED, OCT. 9TH, 8:35 a.m.** — Burke Ave and White Plains Rd. A search was conducted for a male who attempted to assault a Transit Police Officer. A black male about 20 years old swung a bat at the Transit Police Officer before fleeing. A search of the area was conducted, but police officers came up empty handed.

## Housing

**FRI. OCT. 4TH, 10:10 p.m.** — Morris Ave. and East 153 St. Officials are looking into a shooting. Police officers found a 19 year old black male who was suffering from a bullet wound to the left leg at Bronx Lebanon Hospital. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 7 are working with the 40th Pct. Squad

investigators on this inquiry.

**SAT, OCT. 5TH, 12:20 a.m.** — 1686 Randall Ave. During a robbery the culprit injured the male victim. After being treated for injuries from a pistol whipping the male victim returned home to find that his vehicle had been taken in addition to other personal property. Detectives from the 43rd Pct. Squad are working with Housing PSA # 8 officers on this investigation.

**SAT, OCT. 5TH, 11:15 p.m.** — 1465 Washington Ave. Housing police officers removed a gun from a person who failed to obtain the proper license to own a gun in NYC. Arrested was a 30 year old black male who was in possession of a 25-caliber derringer. The small hand gun was vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

**SUN, OCT. 6TH, 2:00 a.m.** — Castle Hill Area. Police officers assisted a 37 year old black woman. The woman, a crime victim informed authorities that she had been forcibly raped. The woman was transported to Jacobi Medical Center for specialized care. Authorities looking into the incident arrested a suspect.

**SUN, OCT. 6TH, 11:40 p.m.** — 1040 Sound View Ave. An investigation was launched by police officers from Housing's PSA # 8. Shots had been fired authorities were told. Police officers at the scene were able to verify the report after finding several shell casings. A search indicated that there were no injuries, by detectives from the 43rs Pct. Squad are assisting with the inquiry.

**MON, OCT. 7TH, 8:00 p.m.** — 350 East 143 St. Officials are looking into an incident where an older male was injured. Officials are trying to learn why an 67 year old black male was found lying in an unconscious state in a stairwell on the 7th floor. The man was suffering from a head trauma. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 7 are working with detectives from the 40th Pct. Squad on this inquiry.

## Fire Log

**FRI. OCT. 4TH, 7:50 a.m.** — 413 East 146 St. A woman required medical assistance after being injured during a fire. The 31 year old woman was transported to Lincoln Medical Center suffering from smoke inhalation. The blaze was on the 4th floor of the five story high apartment house. A hose line was quickly placed into operation as the incident commander requested an additional engine company and ladder company to respond. Within in minutes the blaze was contained before being declared under control.

**SUN, OCT. 6TH, 8:00 p.m.** — 495 East 188 St. Firefighters from several fire stations responded to a working fire in the basement area of a five-store house. Since fire official were unable to determine how the blaze started, the incident was declared suspicious. Fire Marshals are looking into the cause of the fire.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## City Island Bridge

Dear editor,

Letter sent to Senator Klein in support of the City Island Bridge:

We in Pelham Bay support our friends in City Island and appreciate all you are doing to protect the look that currently exist within accessing the City Island Bridge.

Many of us from Pelham Bay attended the community meeting and were surprised that the new bridge cost so much and does not fit with the standards set within City Island limits.

Thank you Senator Klein for representing your district to the best of your ability. If you need our support to further win this fight for City Island we are here for you and our friends in City Island.

Thank you.

**Irene Guanill, President  
Pelham Bay Merchants Association**

## City Island Bridge

Dear editor,

I am writing to thank Senator Klein for assisting the residents of City Island with their fight against the bridge design.

The senator has always been involved in the fights and needs of our area.

We are lucky to have Senator Klein representing us in the courts and in Albany.

**Marguerite Allard**

## Savino plea

Dear editor,

The guilty plea of former Bronx County Republican chairman Joseph "Jay" Savino is yet another example of what I described in a previous letter as the tragedy of Bronx politics.

While Joseph at least spared us all the time and expense of a criminal trial, he has shown once again that no matter how often the players change in Bronx party politics, it's still the same old story of men and women corrupted by political power or the pursuit of political power to enrich themselves at the expense of nearly everyone else.

Even though Joseph's greed has brought him a felony conviction which can send him to federal prison for many years(depending on how much he co-operates with the prosecutors), I was told from a reliable source that his replacement to chair the Bronx GOP is a personal friend of Joseph; so it's reasonable to assume that things won't change very much for Bronx County Republicans. And as if it weren't bad enough when Joseph got arrested in the bribery sting, but BTR reported that some executive committee members of the party were shameless enough to defend their leader and probably still do today even after his pleading guilty. What a revolting embarrassment that is.

With some committee members resigning after the current chairman was chosen, claiming the process was somewhat rigged, and the new chairman being a personal friend of the former chairman(if what I was told is true), then there's very little hope for real reform in

Bronx County Republican Party. I advise those registered Republicans in the Bronx to re-register as "No Party" and try to form another party or not rejoin GOP until the old guard takes its long-deserved leave. And joining one of the other parties isn't an option either because they're just as bad, if not worse, than the Bronx GOP.

So the tragedy of Bronx County politics marches on, and there isn't much hope on the horizon. It's just another Bronx Tale, for the rest of America to laugh at and for Bronxites to lament.

**Ken Reynolds**

## Macho Camacho

Dear editor,

Of all costumed kids from City Island Halloween Parade to choose to publish on its front page, BTR decided on Caden Alvarez dressed up as late boxer Hector "Macho" Camacho. And what a lousy choice it was.

So-called Macho Camacho led a very troubled, problem-filled life, which culminated in his getting shot to death in Puerto Rico at age 50. He had serious problems with drugs, pleaded guilty to a burglary charge, and was awaiting trial just before his death for physically abusing one of his sons. His wife obtained a restraining order against him for allegedly threatening her and one of their kids. Is this why he was nicknamed "macho"? And as for the muchacho featured on the front page, whoever put that clownish costume on him thinks that Camacho is someone for him to look up to or aspire to? Probably the national flag worn on his torso and all the pride that accompanies it was the reason for his Halloween costume.

And the previous week on BTR's front page, a photo of Starr Martinez at Pelham Bay Halloween Parade was featured(maybe a star was born on the day this Starr was born). How very interesting that BTR chose the muchacho and the muchacha for its front-page coverage of two Halloween parades in 2 different communities in 2 consecutive issues. This must be part of the "New Bronx" that BP Diaz Jr.occasionally boasts about.

**Ken Reynolds**

## Council Speaker

Dear editor,

Bronx NYC Council members Jimmy Vacca and Annabel Palma along with fellow Councilmembers Melissa Mark-Viverito (Manhattan), Dan Garodnick (Manhattan),

Mark Weprin (Queens), Inez Dickens (Manhattan), Jimmy Van Bramer (Queens) and Jumaane Williams (Brooklyn) are all potential candidates to succeed outgoing NYC

Council Speaker Christine Quinn.

The winner will be decided by the five Democratic Party County leaders — State Assemblyman Carl Heastie of the Bronx, State Assemblyman Keith Wright of Manhattan, Frank Seddio of Brooklyn, Rep. Joe Crowley of Queens and John Gulino from Staten Island who will meet behind closed doors to decide the next NYC Council Speaker.

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assigned to Council members along with the usual lulus for chairing council committees and funding for future member items.

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**Larry Penner**

## Pelosi's 2 Cities

Dear editor,

What a relief that Mr.Pelosi wrote a letter and had it published without attacking me and commenting on an important social and economic issue. And I agree with some of his concerns! While the addition of a golf course to Ferry Point Park should be an asset to that community and the Bronx in general, the last person who needed a tax break to develop that course is Donald Trump. Likewise, the course didn't need subsidies via the taxpayers; however, the details of the discussions to open the course haven't been totally divulged, to my knowledge anyway. And that PP concluded his letter by basically citing New York City government as working well for the well-off and not so well for everyone else is sadly true, at least in some cases.

Where I disagree with him is Mayor Bloomberg wanting community groups to pay for NYPD overtime when they hold parades or other community events that require a larger police presence than usual. Since officers must be pulled from other commands and details, and in some cases on their RDOs(Regular Days Off, if PD still uses that term), to police public events, I believe it's more than reasonable to require those groups holding the events to at least chip in to defray costs for police overtime. This is simply a question of fairly and wisely spending money provided by this city's taxpayers.

**Ken Reynolds**

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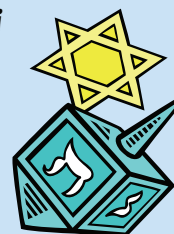
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# Cops bag 'Loot' tagger - again

Leaves mark IN precinct during graffiti cleanup

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

He's baaack - under arrest.

The infamous graffiti tagger "Loot" faced new charges only a week after his initial arrest for tagging graffiti all over the east Bronx.

This time, the 16-year-old was busted for driving a stolen car.

And to top that off, he was arrested inside the 45th Precinct for carving his tag with a coin into the bench he was handcuffed to.

While he was cooling his heels in the station house, local electeds, Community Board 10 members and the precinct commander were working on a graffiti cleanup program.

According to a complaint report, Anthony Miro was caught in the drivers seat after he broke into a 1997 Nissan at Baisley and Ellsworth Avenue at 2:32 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16.

Back at the precinct,



Kenneth Kearns, Senator Jeff Klein, and Captain James McGeown take rollers to graffiti underneath the Cross Bronx Expressway at Lafayette Avenue.

cops said he apparently couldn't resist leaving his tag carved into a bench.

He was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Criminal Mischief, Making Graffiti, and Possession of Graffiti Instruments.

Just a week before, on Saturday, Nov. 9, he was caught in the act, and confessed to cops of up to at

least 10 incidents of spray-painting "Loot" on local highways and businesses since July 1 around Throggs Neck, Pelham Bay and Waterbury-LaSalle.

He was released in his own recognizance for a Jan. 22 hearing.

"Even as we were gathering outside to clean up graffiti, he was in his cell

nearby," said Community Board 10 chairman John Marano, who along with 45th Precinct Crime Prevention Officer Erin Rabbitt, Police Officer John Sourada, and Ciarra Gannon from Senator Jeff Klein's office took leading roles in organizing the event. It went off without a hitch, with about 50 volunteers showing up.

"I think the graffiti cleanup went great," said Marano. "We hit about a dozen locations between all the volunteers. We had about a dozen youth from the Villa Maria Academy basketball program and their coaches."

Among the areas cleaned were the Bruckner Blvd. service road between East Tremont Avenue and Hutchinson River Parkway, at These Our Treasures building on Bruckner Blvd., Lafayette Avenue under the Cross Bronx Expressway underpass, Dill Place, Law-



Some of the volunteers and organizers in front of the precinct.  
Photos by Edwin Soto

ton Avenue and E. Tremont Avenue, Sampson and E. Tremont Avenue, Scott Place and East Tremont Avenue and several others he said.

Senator Jeff Klein, 45th Precinct commanding officer Captain James McGeown, Councilman Jimmy Vacca, Marano, CB 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns, and about 45 volunteers, including members of the Precinct's Youth Explorers program participated.

At the start of the cleaning, Senator Jeff Klein presented awards to John Provetto and Sydney Flores,

who make graffiti cleanup in their communities a regular thing.

"To keep our streets graffiti-free, we have to work together," said Klein. "Last weekend, dozens of volunteers came together to remove nearly 30 graffiti tags along East Tremont Avenue. Graffiti damages property, creates blight and causes financial hardship for home and business owners. With the help of the 45th Precinct, Community Board 10 and local residents, we've shown that our community will not tolerate tagging property."

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# Fund drive to help typhoon victims

## MPCA collection effort for Philippines

BY DAVID CRUZ

The disastrous effects of Typhoon Haiyan, the Philippines second-most destructive tropical storm on record, have surfaced in the Bronx.

A massive relief operation is underway, hoping donations can help rescue native Philipinos from the fallout.

The typhoon struck on Nov. 11, just a week and a half following an earthquake in Bohol.

"They haven't even recovered from that calamity, and here comes this typhoon," said Hilda Diongon, president of The Philippine American Association of the Bronx (PAAB). The Pelham Parkway resident is leading a collection effort with help from the Morris Park Community Association.

"We do need your help, it's really hard for us to accept the fact that my countrymen are suffering there,"

said Diongon.

Diongon pleaded for funds at the Nov. 13 MPCA meeting, stopping with her husband Art and PAAB members.

Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj attending the meeting committed an undisclosed amount to the cause.

"Cash is the best because if we take clothes it will take two months for the ships to get there," said Diongon, whose family in the Philippines was spared by the storm that killed over 4,000 people.

Diongon has partnered with the Philippine-niche group dubbed the United Filipino American Communities of Connecticut & New York to collect funds.

Diongon has carved a life for herself in Pelham Parkway, immigrating from the Philippines in 1983. She's worked at Jacobi Medical Center for nearly thirty years, serving as an Infec-



Helping Hand. MPCA Prez Tony Signorile, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj's rep Dennis Wales and The Philippine American Association of The Bronx Inc. Hilda Diongon team up to help native Philipinos recover following Typhoon Haiyan. Photo by David Cruz

tion Prevention Practitioner.

She's also taken part in the Bronx Columbus Day Parade and hosts a line dancing event each Sunday at Our Lady of Solace. With only 5,000 Philipinos in the bor-

ough, mostly in Morris Park and University Heights, the weekly get-together often serves as a home away from home to catch up on homeland events.

Diongon's community

involvement was already a plus for Tony Signorile, MPCA's president, who reached out to her after Typhoon Haiyan.

"Today it can happen to the Philippines," said Signorile. "Tomorrow it can happen to the Greeks."

Joe Bombace, an active member of MPCA, echoed Signorile's sentiment.

"Just as we did what we did for Italy with the earthquake, we should try and do something for the Philippine community," Bombace said of the 2009 L'Aquila quake.

Anyone wishing to donate can make checks out to PAAB, and send it to the Morris Park Community Association at 1824 Bronxdale Ave. at Zipcode 10462.

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# The Bruckner Bar and Grill back

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Bronx burger lovers can finally exhale – and grab a napkin.

The Bruckner Bar and Grill has reopened for business at the foot of the Third Avenue Bridge.

The popular neighborhood hangout's loyal locals are now pouring in to taste the signature dishes they've missed out on for

over a year.

Not much has changed at the South Bronx staple. Juicy burgers are still served on English muffins. Local art still hangs from the walls. The backroom stage will still play host to Friday evening Karaoke.

The joint's new management team of Bruckner vets Joseph Diaz and Rosa Garcia promise that the regu-

lars will be satisfied.

"We had to keep the same feel," Diaz said. "Even though I maybe wanted to make some tweaks, I couldn't change it. People were calling me up saying 'I need a lamb burger!'"

**Knocked out by Sandy**

The Bruckner had been shuttered for 13 months after Superstorm Sandy flooded the low-sitting

neighborhood joint last October and caused damage to the shop's basement, beer taps and freezers.

Recovery was then delayed amid ongoing legal disputes between the restaurant's co-owners and landlords over who should pay for the cost of repairs.

Now the Grill is back up and running, complete with new black-and-white tiled



General Manager Joseph Diaz shows off Bruckner's famous juicy Lamb Burger.  
Photo by Ben Kochman

floors and a new marble bar with four new beer taps.

Underneath the dining room, a new walk-in fridge has been installed in the basement, where water from the Harlem River piled up to the roof after Sandy.

The menu, however, remains unchanged. Burgers still are made with fresh, never-frozen meat and are served with hand-pressed French fries.

The signature "Bruckner Salad" still bares its laundry list of ingredients —mixed greens, bacon, chicken, tomato, avocado, blue cheese, egg and a balsamic olive oil dressing.

#### Fans return

Hungry fans and friends packed the bar and restaurant during an opening night dinner service Monday, Nov. 18 that became a party that ran into the wee hours of the morning.

"The place was com-

pletely packed. We ran out of some of the menu at some point," Garcia said. "It was supposed to be a soft opening, but it became a grand opening."

The day after its reopening, more regulars were trickling in.

Marlon Estevez rode the Metro North down from Yonkers to munch on his second Bruckner's turkey burger in as many days.

"It's got that unique, really good taste," he said. "And I think it's great that they use an English muffin as a bun."

Vanessa Alsondo, who lives in the Clock Tower a block East on Lincoln Avenue, spent a lazy afternoon sipping on a coffee with a friend.

"I love that there's a neighborhood place like this near my home where I can hang out," she said.



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# \$3 million for Sandy relief

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

When the floodwaters from Hurricane Sandy receded at Providence Rest in Country Club, some boulders supporting the seawall unfortunately went with it.

The nursing facility, where 200 elderly and frail seniors enjoy panoramic views of Eastchester Bay, is not alone among borough cultural and not-for-profit institutions that were hit by Sandy's howling wind gusts and crushing rain just over a year ago.

Now Senator Jeff Klein is teaming up with Providence Rest, the New York Botanical Garden, Fordham University and a host of others affected by Sandy, announcing on Thursday, Nov. 14 at Providence Rest that the allocation of \$3 million in Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster relief funding had been expedited.

It was approved earlier

this year by the state legislature in conjunction with the governors office.

"It has been just over a year since Superstorm Sandy hit our shores," said Klein, "and while the repair and rebuilding continues, I am happy to report that money so desperately needed to bring the Bronx back has arrived."

## FEMA responsive

Providence Rest administrator Susan Steinberg said FEMA was very responsive to their needs, with \$262,000 allocated to repair infrastructure.

"A team came to Providence Rest several times to assess our property damage and talk to us about our needs going forward," she said. "We have been reimbursed for all the damage to our air conditioning units and their replacement, debris removal, tree removal, roof repair, catch basin repair. All of that has been



Senator Klein and Assemblyman Benedetto's chief of staff Ben Randazzo are joined with representatives from Providence Rest, Fordham University and New York Botanical Garden in announcing the allocation of \$3 million in FEMA funding on Thursday, Nov. 14. The announcement took place at Country Club on the grounds of Providence Rest.

by Patrick Rocchio

taken care of except the seawall, which we are working to repair once and for all."

Providence residents live just 23 feet from the seawall, which took a terrible

beating during Sandy, she said.

Among the organizations receiving funding were NYBG with over \$566,000; Fordham with

\$254,000; SUNY Maritime College with about \$394,000; Manhattan College with about \$29,000.

Wave Hill, the Wildlife Conservation Society's

Bronx Zoo, Calvary Hospital, Jacobi Medical Center, Montefiore Medical Center, and many others also took a pounding from Superstorm Sandy.

At the NYBG, many trees in its 50-acre native forest were felled by Sandy, said Aaron Bouska. Initial reimbursements allowed the garden to reopen quickly after Sandy, he said.

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, who also played a role in working to make sure that area institutions got their fair share of FEMA disaster relief monies, said in a statement at the press that "One of the major objectives that we had in our last legislative session was to provide some relief to those adversely affected by Superstorm Sandy."

"I am gratified that some of the funds are reaching our Bronx institutions and I hope there will be more to follow."

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# Optimism at Job Search Club

## Morris Park Library workshop helping job seekers

BY BEN KOCHMAN

"It's not difficult to get a job," said Robyn Saunders as her rapt, slightly confused audience looked up from their laptops in the conference room at the Morris Park branch library.

"No. Finding a job is easy," Saunders continued. She flashed a grin. "You already took the first step. You're here!"

Saunders headed the first of a series of meetings of the library's "Job Search Club" on Friday, November 15. Bronxites seeking employment joined her at the free clinic to redesign their resumes and develop talking points for interviews in a job market that can seem daunting.

### Jobs are out there

The borough is the most unemployed county in the state, with a whopping 12% jobless rate, according to the latest state Department

of Labor statistics.

But Saunders, a Dynamic Career Coach at the library, said there are jobs out there for the taking. She said she's placed more than a thousand people over the last year, with help from the Labor Department, which sends her lists of open positions.

The only tricky part of the process is figuring out how to sell yourself, she said.

"We struggle sometimes to understand the value of what we've already done," she said.

### Range of unemployed

Clinic visitors spanned the spectrum of job seekers. Saunders told a new entry into the job force that she was, in fact, experienced, since her parents were her "first bosses."

"What's putting away the groceries? Organizing inventory!" she said.



Robyn Saunders (right) doles out job advice to Abdul Ahmed, who is hoping to net employment in retail.

Photo by Ben Kochman

Abdul Ahmed, 29, was dropped last month from his job working at upscale clothing giant BCBG. He said he's been giving his resume around shops in Midtown Manhattan, but with no luck. Ahmed's hoping that the

"Job Search Club" will help him spruce up that resume in time for the holiday season, when many retail companies take on part-time workers.

He spent his afternoon editing down and cleaning

up his resumes, after being told a good resume is both precise and detailed, with it crucial not to say too much.

### Newly unemployed

Other "Job Search Club" members have been thrust back into the job market for

the first time in decades.

"You feel like your self esteem goes down a bit, but it's their loss," said Silvia Armerino, who worked in financial accounting for the same firm for 34 years before being let go at the end of August.

Gladys Rhee, a Korean immigrant who spent 25 years at her family's jewelry shop in Manhattan before it went out of business during the last economic downswing, said she sometimes still gets nervous in interviews, since her English isn't perfect.

"But I'm here to find something to do," she said, eyes widening. "Every day, doing nothing is boring."

The next scheduled "Job Search Club" session will be Friday, Nov. 29 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the library at 985 Morris Park Ave. For information, call 718 931-0892.

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# Big Chill at Pelham Houses

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Hundreds of residents at the Pelham Parkway Houses are fuming over the Big Chill there.

They've had to suffer through on-again, off-again heat and hot water for days at a time.

The problem for parts of the project began on the evening on Thursday, Nov. 7 and continued until Tuesday, Nov. 12. Sporadic outages continued past Nov. 12 until at least Nov. 15 and appear to be ongoing.

The outage occurred after a work crew interrupted service on a gas line near Mace Avenue that provides heat and hot water for buildings south of the Columbus Educational Campus and north of Pelham Parkway, near Bronxwood Avenue.

Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj and Councilman Jimmy Vacca both pushed the New York City Housing Authority into action. The agency provided blankets which some residents com-

plained were too thin, and worked to get the heating systems back online in the building.

Gjonaj, who has a background in real estate management, said permanent repairs to the line servicing part of the project will be needed. Gjonaj personally went into the basements of the buildings with NYCHA engineers to assess the situation, even on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, he said.

He called the outage a major hardship.

"It was a heartfelt concern for the residents because it just so happened that this was during the first cold snap, and they were not prepared," said Gjonaj. "You've got elderly, young, and some who are disabled and sick, including one young man who is suffering from leukemia and recently had surgery, so there were plenty of issues."

He said that both he and Vacca promised to look into

providing electric heaters if the situation worsened.

Eventually, NYCHA brought in a mobile boiler in an attempt to restore service, residents said.

"It is unacceptable for people to be without heat and hot water at any time - let alone with temperatures near freezing," said Vacca. "I visited with residents to assure them I would do everything in my power to resolve the issue, and luckily we were able to relatively quickly."

Tenant Lorraine Ritter of 2245 Bronxwood Avenue, confirmed that sporadic problems continued past Nov. 12, "NYCHA should have been on top of it."

Cathy McFadden, a tenant at 840 Astor Avenue, was still without heat or hot water as of Friday, Nov. 15. "We are not happy," she said. "All you can do is dress warmly."

NYCHA's only response to the Bronx Times, via e-mail, was that the outages

were sporadic and were fixed and addressed immediately.

Gjonaj said that while he wanted to commend NYCHA for responding over a holiday weekend and for

calling out senior personnel, the city has a double-standard when it comes to judging itself as a landlord with NYCHA, and in judging private landlords.

"The truth is that there

is no private landlord who would ever be able to get away with what NYCHA does," he said. "I am hopeful that the new administration will turn this around. I believe they will."

## DiNapoli Visits Morris Park Community Assn.



The state's moneyman paid his first-ever visit to the Morris Park Community Association on November 13. Thomas DiNapoli (standing) summed up his job-to save taxpayers money. On top of issuing audits, DiNapoli's office is also tasked to give back unclaimed funds to their rightful owner. Photo by Ben Kochman

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# Steve Kaufman to chair BOEDC

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A prominent Throggs Neck merchant and former elected official is now also a "chairman of the board."

Former city councilman, state assemblyman and attorney Steve Kaufman has now been elected chairman of the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation.

The not-for-profit founded in 1981, is an affiliate of the borough president's office charged with economic development and providing low-cost-loans and other assistance for borough businesses.

Kaufman said he believes that the borough is poised for strong economic growth as Brooklyn and Queens become more and more unaffordable for businesses.

He feels that the breakneck growth in the city and investment in the borough will inevitably lead

to more jobs for Bronx residents, and said that BOEDC can help with employee training.

"I think if you are watching trends, Brooklyn and Queens are now overpriced, and the Bronx is starting to become the area of choice," he said. "It is incumbent upon us in our goal of revitalizing the Bronx and creating jobs for our residents, that we make a hospitable environment for businesses to want to locate here, and also for middle and upper-middle class people to move here."

Among BOEDC's great strengths, he said, is that it is helpful in cutting through government "entanglements" in red tape and is one of two local administrators for a Small Business Administration 504 low-interest loan program.

Kaufman noted much of the economic develop-



Steve Kaufman  
courtesy of Steve Kaufman

ment that has already taken place, including the new Trump Golf Course at Ferry Point Park, as well as new shopping centers opening in the Throggs

Neck area and in Riverdale. He also cited the new outlet mall coming to the former Whitestone Cinemas in Throggs Neck, calling the construction boom "an explosion of malls."

Oftentimes when a chain store does decide to locate in the Bronx, he said, it turns into one of that chain's busiest stores.

"These malls enable people to not have to leave the borough to shop for brand name items," said Kaufman.

He added that malls have inherit advantages such as parking, but that more can be done to help small mom-and-pop commercial strips to survive and thrive in a competitive environment.

The very active Bronx Tourism Council, along with BOEDC, wants to re-brand the borough as one that is open for tourism and the Bronx, he said.

The Throggs Neck golf course is a prime example, he said, because they took 300 acres of what had been a waste dump and turned it into a first class golf course capable of holding major sports events.

When asked if the new business activity would change the atmosphere

in the borough, Kaufman said that people should not be afraid of the unknown.

"People should not be afraid of prosperity, they shouldn't be afraid of development," he noted.

"They should not block good things from happening."

## City Island Library Hart Island Project

Melinda Hunt, founding director of The Hart Island Project will speak about the history and possible future access to Hart Island on Saturday, December 1, at 1 p.m. at the City Island Library, 320 City Island Avenue.

She has spent twenty-two years researching, documenting and help-

ing families from around the globe to gain access to information about the burials.

All Public Library Programs are free of charge.

Hunt is the founder of the Hart Island Project. For more information, visit: [www.hartisland.net](http://www.hartisland.net)

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# BronxWorks honors its director

## Praise from east Bronx community leaders

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

BronxWorks, which helps communities across the borough with homeless issues, has honored their longtime director.

The organization's main community center, at 1130 Grand Concourse, was renamed to honor longtime director Carolyn McLaughlin, who recently retired.

McLaughlin was at BronxWorks for 34 years, witnessing phenomenal growth over the past few years.

Attending the community center renaming reception on Thursday, Nov. 7, which included unveiling of the plaque in McLaughlin's honor, were Deputy Borough President Aurelia Greene and Michele Ovesey, New York City Department of Homeless Services commissioner.

The name change comes

as the community center embarks on the first phase of a \$2.1 million capital improvement program to make much needed upgrades to its facilities there.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. allocated \$500,000 to the project, and before she left the city council to work in the state Division of Human Rights, former Councilwoman Helen Diane Foster facilitated a \$750,000 grant this summer.

Among those attending the ceremony - and praising McLaughlin - was east Bronx Community Board 10 chairman John Marano, who said that BronxWorks does a great job in providing the homeless outreach in the area.

"I can call them up at eleven o'clock at night and they will come out and check on a homeless person and try to convince them



Carolyn McLaughlin

take shelter," he said.

BronxWorks has done a great job in the past few years, he said, in helping homeless who used to be found in Keane Square and at other locations throughout the board service area.

Also attending from CB 10 was district manager Kenneth Kearns, who lauded the work BronxWorks has done to help ease the situation with homeless in the district.

"BronxWorks and its

Outreach Team, headed by Rafael Acevedo, have been instrumental in assisting Community Board 10, offering services to those individuals who are in need of homes and counseling," he said. "BronxWorks offers people in need an opportunity to obtain decent and coordinated housing and social services, which are offered in a nonthreatening and humanitarian man-

ner."

Kearns added: "To our Board's mind, BronxWorks is an exemplary community service entity that has made vast and positive changes in the lives of the people that they have touched. We are grateful for their presence in our community and count them as valuable partners in the provision of public services."

## Liberty Dems awards dinner

The Liberty Democratic Association will hold their 6th annual awards dinner on Thursday, December 12, from 6 to 11 p.m. at Maestro's Caterers, 1703 Bronxdale Avenue.

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The ratings are based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported to The Joint Commission during the 2012 calendar year.

With over 33,000 hospitals providing data, NCBH, a member of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), was one of only 45 hospitals selected within New York state.

Part of HHC's North Bronx Healthcare Network that includes Jacobi Medical Center, the 215-bed NCBH community hospital specializes in behavioral, geriatric primary care and ambulatory care services for women and children.

"The hospital strives to become one of the nation's safest medical institutions and focuses daily on providing timely, evidence-based effective care," said Vimala Ramasamy, MD, the hospital's director of medicine.

"Teamwork is key, from admission to discharge to follow-up we are committed to providing the best care possible."

The hospital's focus on quality patient care includes targeting pneumonia care by providing antibiotics within an hour of admission, reengineering the hospital's discharge process for cardiac patients to provide quality education regarding medication management; and ensuring timely follow-up within seven days of discharge for outpatient appointment.

"We want our friends and neighbors in the Northwest Bronx to know from the moment you walk through the doors of NCBH, you will have a world class experience with the best medical care available, anywhere," said Bill Walsh, Executive Director of North Central Bronx Hospital. "The latest accolades from the Joint Commission serve to validate our efforts and the care provided by our expert medical team."

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**Congressman Eliot Engel's office** at 3655 Johnson Avenue will collect toys for the homeless boys and girls as part of a drive by the Co-

alition for the Homeless to get toys to children in the City's homeless shelters for the holidays.

"Each year the Coalition for the Homeless organizes a toy drive and collects new, unwrapped toys. This year the coalition hopes to collect over 1,000 gifts, to be distributed to girls and boys in New York City shelters," said Engel. "I ask everyone to be as generous as they can in giving to these children. Homelessness can be traumatic to a child so the help we give will mean a lot."

The toy drive runs until December 6th.

The Coalition says that there are a record number of homeless families in the City, with 21,000 children now sleeping in emergency shelters. These children face a greater burden than most students with the worry of instability causing anxiety, depression, or social withdrawal.

The Coalition for the Homeless is the nation's oldest advocacy and direct services organization helping homeless families, men, women and children. Their mobile soup kitchen serves over 1,000 hot meals at multiple locations every night.



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## CUB SCOUT TROOP 304 CLEANS UP P.S. 304



Cub Scout Pack 304, based out of P.S. 304 in Throggs Neck, held a cleanup of the school's grounds on Saturday, Nov. 9. The scouts bagged leaves and debris on school grounds in what leaders said should be the first of several cleanups in the community.

Photo by Ken Carozza

## CHEF LUISA FERNANDES COOKS AT ST. CATHARINE



St. Catharine Academy hosted a Food and Wine Festival featuring acclaimed chef and school board of trustee member Luisa Fernandes on Sunday, Nov. 3. Fernandes, a graduate of the school, is a celebrity chef who has appeared on the Food Network. She prepared some fine cuisine in SCA's renovated kitchen and spoke about her experiences.

(Above) Chef Luisa Fernandes at work.

Student Raquel Johnson enjoys appetizers at the event.

Photo by Laura Stone



## KHCC HOSTS COLLEGE FAIR FOR STUDENTS

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center's College Directions Program hosted a college fair on Wednesday, Oct. 30. About 23 colleges and universities from the city, state, and elsewhere meet with perspective students. An admissions counselor is seen here meeting with perspective students.

Photo by Edwin Soto

## 45TH PRECINCT DONATION TO AUXILIARY



The 45th Precinct Community Council presented two donations to the precinct's youth Explorers program and its Auxiliary at the council meeting on Thursday, Nov. 7. Presenting the checks are (l-r\_) Sonia Feliciano, council recording secretary; Bob Bieder, president; John Doyle, sergeant-at-arms; Annie Boller, treasurer; Police Officer John Kiernan; and Captain James McGeown, the commanding officer of the precinct.

Photo by Patrick Rocchio

## WILLIAMSBRIDGE NURSING HOME HONORS VETERANS

The Williamsbridge Manor Nursing Home gave out plaques to local veterans on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

(Right) Isreal Chafetz hands a plaque to a vet at the event.

Photo by Ken Carozza





# CLEANUP AT OLD WEST FARMS CEMETERY



On Monday, November 11, 2013 a Bronx based not-for-profit organization known as G.I.V.E. (Getting Involved, Virginia Ave Efforts, Inc.) honored Veterans by hosting a beautification project in the historic Old West Farms Soldier Cemetery. As part of New Yorkers for Parks' Daffodil Project, 9/11 Living Memorial, youth volunteers planted over 1000 daffodil bulbs in the cemetery.

(Above) Lia Lynn, from G.I.V.E., Inc., directs volunteers to get the clean up started.

Esmar Lin Portes, Arieth Hernandez, Keanu Nicosio, Edwin Enriquez, and LeAnn Cintron think it's great fun raking up leaves to help clean up Old Soldiers Cemetery.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Idente missionaries were sworn in at the solemn Apostolic Profession and Consecration ceremony, held at St Dominic Church on Unionport Road on Saturday, Nov. 2. Above, Pjeter Nilaj takes his vows while Fr. Luis Casasus officiates. The vows were followed by a joyous reception in the parish Hall.

Photo by Diana Boschen

## PROFESSION OF FIRST VOWS AT ST. DOMINIC'S

Dr. Nathalie Rigaud professed her first vows, while Sister Elaine Schenk, Provincial Superior of the Women's Branch of the Idente Missionaries in the USA, officiates.

Photo by Diana Boschen



## LOVE HOLDS LIFE RAISES FUNDS FOR 14-YEAR-OLD



The Love Holds Life Children's Cancer Foundation held a Halloween party benefitting 14-year-old Leticia dos Santos, who is battling bone cancer. Guests donated \$25 per person for the charitable event.

Photo by Edwim Soto



## BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY OPENS IN FORDHAM

Burlington Coat Factory opened its new digs on Webster Ave. by Fordham Road, on Friday October 4.

Burlington Area Marketing Manager Jay Erlichman waits with six pallets of merchandise to be delivered to Bronx Works, a local charitable organization, as part of Burlington's philanthropic program to give back to the community.

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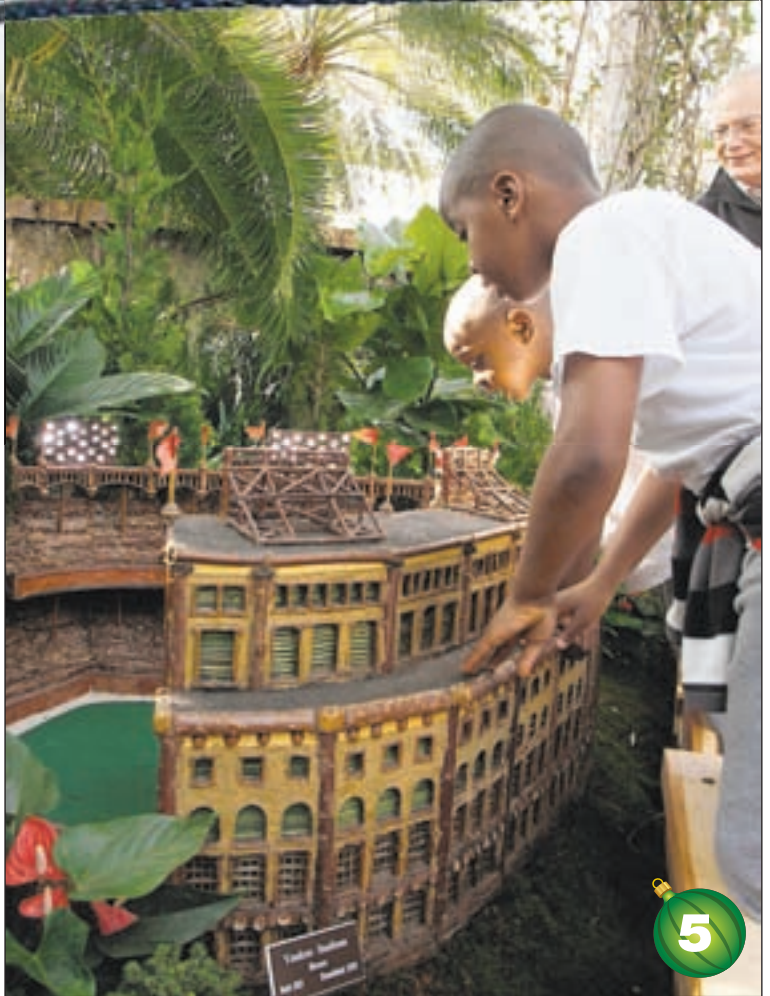
(1) A view from above. Folks take a look at LaGuardia Airport from a different perspective.

(2) The New York City landscape comes to the Bronx. Familiar skyscrapers such as the Chrysler Building, 30 Rock and Rockefeller Center are prominently featured in the NYBG Holiday Train Show.

(3) Guests booked their tickets to catch some of the many dioramas, including the New York Public Library.

(4) This small scale locomotive catches the eye of Sasha Bolton during NYBG's Holiday Train Show.

(5) Brothers Jackson and Zachary Maxwell stand like giants as they view a model of the former Yankee Stadium



(6) Andrew Hein feels like a kid again as he and son Louie view the Macy's Dept. Store model.  
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# TN Xmas tree lighting Dec. 1

## Benedetto, merchants to spread holiday cheer

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Santa Claus is coming to town!

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto is once again teaming up with the Throggs Neck Merchants Association, the St. Benedict Choir, and numerous other community organizations to sponsor an annual celebration of the Christmas spirit with a tree lighting in Throggs Neck.

The community's annual Christmas Tree lighting will be at Derosa O'Boyle Triangle (across from the Throggs Neck Library) at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1.

After the lighting, young people will be treated to presents and can have their picture taken with Santa Claus, said organizer John Cerini of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association.

"The event has grown tremendously in the past few years and there are a

lot of children and a lot of gifts," said Assemblyman Benedetto's chief-of-staff Ben Randazzo. "It is one of the highlights of the holiday season in the Throggs Neck area, and it has been for a long time."

Benedetto has taken the lead in supplying a portable stage for Santa Claus to give out gifts, provide the Christmas tree and the lights, and logistical support.

The Throggs Neck Merchants Association bought 1,200 toys for the event, said Cerini, with any left over to be donated to the Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club in Throggs Neck.

The event first started seven or eight years ago, with the Menna family, formerly of Menna Meats, taking the lead in organizing it, said Cerini.

It has grown from a small gathering of about 75 people the first year to



The tree lighting draws out Throggs Neck community youth every year.

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200-300 the second year, he said. This year, flyers have been sent out to all of the schools in the Throggs Neck area, and Cerini estimates that about 1,000 of the community's 7,000 children will likely show.

They will be treated not only to a choir performance,

but also to free hot chocolate, candy canes, and cookies while supplies last, he said. There will also be a DJ playing holiday songs and singer Gene DiNapoli.

"As a resident of Throggs Neck, I personally know the Mennas and I am glad they got it started,"

said Cerini. "And I am gratified to carry out the tradition of it."

He said Christmas tree celebration is one of the things the merchants do every year to spread holiday cheer, along with Christmas lights over East Tremont Avenue from Dud-

ley to Miles avenues.

Cerini said he remembers growing up in Throggs Neck and the joy he felt going to Chase Bank, which had Santa Claus there every year in those days. That memory motivates him to plan and help organize this tree-lighting event.

"I happen to love Christmas," he said. "It is the time of year that reminds me of childhood when there were no stresses. Even though it is stressful planning this event, I know a thousand children from Throggs Neck are going to be excited."

A group of volunteers will help Benedetto and the merchants carry off the event, he said, adding that Sister Anne Kelly of St. Benedict's choir "is a tremendous asset to the community and her work also helps brighten the holiday season."

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# A greener look for Clinton HS

BY DAVID CRUZ

Carlos Davila of Soundview is a reformed ex-con with little work history.

He ran into trouble after peddling drugs and was later sentenced to community service to avoid prison time.

He's since stayed on the straight and narrow, helping the world become a greener place while boosting his job prospects.

Davila was one of fifteen ex-cons volunteering to build a greenhouse for Dewitt Clinton High School on behalf of the nonprofit Osborne Association and its Justice Community. The job readiness program is not mandatory, but a benefit to ex-cons with virtually no employment history, according to its website.

The new addition complements the school's already-existing garden, whose tomatoes and kale made their way on to the menus at several high school cafeterias last year.

Ray Pultinas, an English teacher and amateur botanist, stood alongside Davila as they jiggered the plastic boards that insulate the heat. For Pultinas, the garden's larger purpose served as a way for 4,000-student body to understand "where real food comes from."

## Building a resume

In building a greenhouse, volunteers build a resume that's largely lacking in legitimate work, making it difficult to land work. Their job hunt struggle is further stigmatized by their criminal background.

Osborne's Justice Community serves as a job readiness program, offering ex-cons the chance to fulfill their community service while polishing their resume.

Davila notes his involvement with Osborne has been uplifting so far, infusing a different meaning that he couldn't find in



Thinking Green. (l-r) Ursula Chanse from Bronx Green-Up, Carlos Davila, Juan Rivera, and (inside greenhouse) Marcel Bent put the final touches on the newly-built greenhouse at Dewitt Clinton High School. Photo courtesy of the Osborne Association

his former life.

"I actually feel proud of myself because I always

felt that I wouldn't be anything," said Davila, 19.

To a certain extent,

the greenhouse served as a metaphor to turn things around, "re-boot toward a

more positive future," as John Valverde, the nonprofit's executive director, saw it.

"Projects such as this one are really critical in re-establishing young people's ties to their neighborhoods," said Valverde.

Their time, geared towards ex-cons 18 to 24, is just one aspect to that step. In Davila's case, the Soundview resident is working toward earning a General Education Diploma.

"I'm more focused on getting my GED, going to college, and doing what I have to do for myself to do better in life," said Davila, who wants to start a construction firm that intends to hire ex-cons.

For now, he's working on getting his OSHA license to work at a construction site.

"I want to prove my family wrong," he said, "to show them there's more to life than doing illegal things."

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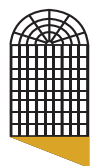
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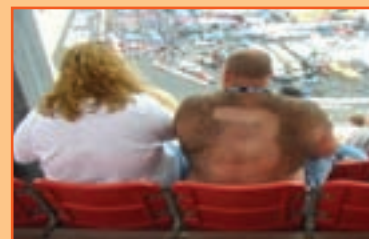
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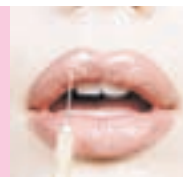
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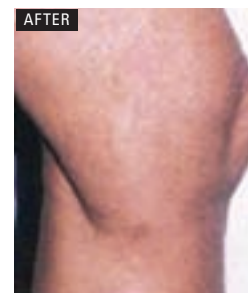
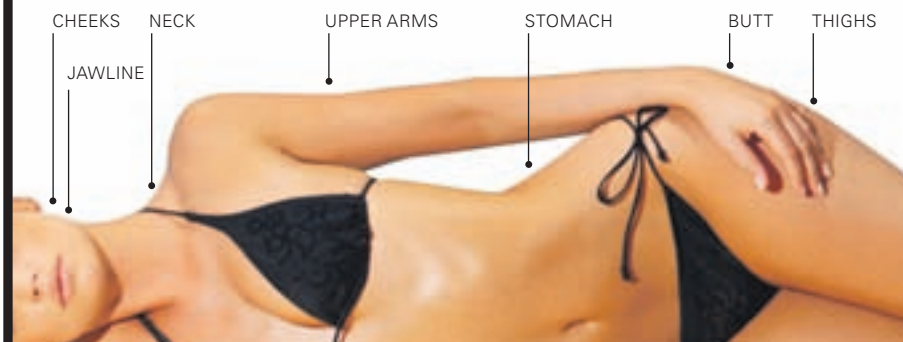
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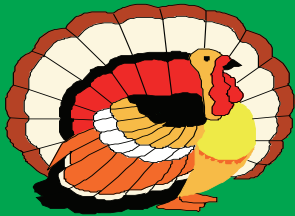
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# Bronx scene

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## Bronx Trolley rolls again Dec. 4th

The Bronx Culture Trolley returns on Wednesday, December 4th with an evening of art and photography exhibitions at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, Bronx Museum of the Arts, Pregones Theater, Gordon Parks Gallery, Bronx Documentary Center and BronxArtSpace.

The Bronx Museum of the Arts will feature a book signing and reading.

BCA's Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos will host a special performance by Bollywood Dancers led by Bharati Kemraj.

Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.

December 4th's Trolley



The Bronx Culture Trolley will return on December 4.

begins 5 p.m. at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) with a meet-and-greet reception and viewing of current exhibitions.

El Diario/La Prensa 100th Anniversary Celebration: In The Headlines: Latino New Yorkers 1980-2001 (in the Main Gallery) features over 40 photographs, news articles, and historic front pages from El Diario/La Prensa, the longest-publishing Spanish language daily newspaper in the United States, chronicles the growth and transformation of the Hispanic Community in the Bronx, from the early re-

vitalization of the borough in the 1980s through September 11, 2001.

Also in the gallery, witness the beautiful colors, customs and artistry of the Bollywood cultural tradition with Bollywood Dances led by Bharati Kemraj, plus some holiday treats for the children in attendance.

The trolley bell clangs at 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. indicating the trolley's departure to the evening's other cultural events:

•The Bronx Museum of the Arts for a book signing and reading by Bronx authors Mark Naison and Melissa Castillo-Garsow who discuss their latest

book Pure Bronx.

•Andrew Freedman Home for the mansion's First Artists-in-Residence Exhibition.

•Three photographic exhibitions: In Reference To at En Foco at Pregones Theater, Bridging the Gap at Gordon Park Gallery & Cultural Arts Center, and Refuge Hotel at Bronx Documentary Center.

•Bronx River Art Gallery @ BronxArtSpace for Knitting, I Need You, a performance installation by Marie Christine Katz.

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Join the **Bronx Arts Ensemble** for Serge Prokofiev's popular musical fairy tale, **PETER AND THE WOLF**, at 1 and 2:30 pm on Sunday, Nov. 24 in the Whitehall at 3333 Henry Hudson Parkway.

The Bronx Arts Ensemble winds will portray Grandfather, the Bird, the Cat, the Duck, the Hunters, the Wolf and more. After an introduction to each wind instrument, the audience will join in the madcap adventure to help capture the Wolf!

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The **Bronx Council on the Arts'** Bronx Writers Center presents In Progress: The Art of Losing, a free, hands-on workshop, on Thursday, November 21, 2013, 6:30-8:30pm, at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx). Admission is free and all are welcome. Reserve your seat at <https://artoflosing11212013.eventbrite.com>. This workshop is in response to Esther Pagan's My Colors of Cancer exhibition, currently on view at the gallery.

This two-hour workshop begins with a 6:30-7:00pm Speed Writing session. Meet other writers while

responding to short writing prompts. Bring work in progress. From 7:00-8:30pm: The Art of Losing – Everyone experiences loss and change and the holidays are a time when these feelings surface. In this workshop, we will work on reading and writing essays and poetry about loss, personal and otherwise. Poets, memoirists and fiction writers are welcome. This is a hands-on workshop. Be prepared to participate! Maria Romano, Director of the Bronx Writers Center, writer and teacher, will lead this workshop. All welcome! Bring a notebook, a pen and your creative energy.

In Progress is a Bronx Writers Center 2013-2014 workshop series of free monthly events for writers and readers. Visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) for information on upcoming BWC workshops.

# Comedy Night at Scott Place Cafe

Enjoy an evening of laughs at Scott Place Cafe's Ha Comedy Night on Sunday, November 24, starting at 6pm. The two-hour show will feature three seasoned standup

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## just about taverns by Tony

Do you believe that Thanksgiving is next week? Well it is, and Thanksgiving eve is said to be one of the busiest days in the bar business. All taverns will try to outdo themselves that night to set the stage for a very festive season. The best way to deal with the eve is to start out early, eat something, and try to visit as many bars as you can. At the end of the eve you can either walk home, have a sober person take you home, call a cab, or just stay over at the bar until the next day. Whatever your plans are enjoy Thanksgiving eve.

I had a lot of fun last Friday night at Scott Place Café. Gene and Angelo provided Karaoke for a cast of

characters that featured songs from Streisand, Sinatra, Etta James, Brenda Lee and many many more. The performers are regulars at the café but all new comers are welcomed. Gene and Angelo will be back on Friday, November 22nd. Don't miss my pal Dennis Dell at the café on Saturday, November 23.

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be performing Friday November 22nd at City Islands Sammy Shrimp box, you can also catch Timeless at McDermott's on Saturday November 23rd

The column for the week of Thanksgiving will probably be out after the holiday, but don't worry... if you don't know where to go on the eve you can email me at, [thebarman58@gmail.com](mailto:thebarman58@gmail.com). I will be starting early so catch up with me and hang on.

Happy Thanksgiving to all my readers, be safe and enjoy the holiday

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# Anne Hutchinson faced fate portrayed in *The Crucible*

I recently attended another great theatrical production of the City Island Theater Group. This time it was "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller. He wrote it in 1953 and it brought to life the Salem Witch trials of the 1690's. What it didn't say, but what lurked in the back of Miller's mind when he wrote it, and in the minds of those savvy enough to understand the political climate of the day, was Wisconsin Senator Joe McCarthy's quest to rid America of Communists. He managed to see one behind every tree and made it his mission in life to unmask them. Although I'm sure he did some good also, it appears that he hurt a lot of innocent people along the way and was eventually censured for his actions.

What "The Crucible" overtly discoursed upon was the existence of witches in the minds of many of our fore founders. Hallucinations possibly brought about by ingesting bread

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

made from ergot infected rye or a variety of other possible explanations appears to have caused the village of Salem to become panic-stricken. Betty Parris, the young daughter of the local minister was the first victim to exhibit the strange behavior and it soon spread throughout the village with real or imagined results. Soon a good portion of the settlement went amok with visions of witchcraft.

That spring and summer of 1692 saw nineteen hard working men and women hanged and one old man crushed to death under the weight of heavy rocks placed upon his chest for not admitting to witchcraft. It was a sad time in our colonial history and the theme was resurrected by Arthur Miller when he saw

how ugly and often untrue accusations were causing the political or economic destruction of numerous good people simply because McCarthy accused them of being communists or abetting leftists. Some of his accusations may have been true, but it's the innocent victims who also suffered. The play was an apt metaphor but unfortunately many minds were already closed.

Watching the inquisitors question the accused reminded me, and some of the others in the audience familiar with colonial history, of the trial of Anne Hutchinson (1591-1643). As most readers know, this is the 420th anniversary of her birth and has been celebrated all year in some areas of Massachusetts as well as here in the Bronx and in

the Town of Eastchester. Although she was not accused of witchcraft, she was declared to be an antinomian which was a treasonable offence in that era. She was forced to remain standing for the full two days of her civil trial on November 7th and 8th, 1637 and then had to face a religious trial the following March. She was condemned at both trials and her sentence was excommunication from the church and banishment from the colony. The methods of inquisition had not changed much from 1637 and 1638 to 1692. The theatrical production was well worthwhile and I'm certainly glad that I made it a point to attend.

(Right) Both the civil and religious trials of Anne Hutchinson resulted in guilty verdicts and she was excommunicated from the Church of Boston and banished from the colony.



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On November 13th, students from the Salesian High School Computer Club

paid a visit to the IBM facility in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Members of the IBM technical staff treated students to tours of the facility's System z mainframe manufacturing division and the system test areas. Students learned about, and were awed by, the complexities involved in building and stress testing IBM System z mainframes to the exact specifications of their clients. This tour served as an extension of Salesian High School's participation in the IBM Master the Mainframe contest which exposes students at the university and high school levels to careers in computing. IBM System z mainframes are large,

highly reliable and redundant computer systems that are used throughout the world to run applications for a host of industries including banking, finance, insurance, retail, health-care, and transportation.

The Salesian Computer Club is a well organized and represented club. Last year the club constructed their own computer which they sold in order to purchase parts for a robot. This year the boys will be competing in IBM Master the Mainframe which is a competition for college, university, and high school students. We wish them the best of luck!



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Fr. Aloysius with Mother Sylvia at Sister Servants of Mary Convent where he also served as chaplain.

The Guiding Star Knights of Columbus, 3243 Ampere Avenue, will host a Farewell Luncheon for Fr. Aloysius Thumma, formerly of Our Lady of the Assumption R.C. Church on Sunday, December 8th from 1:00pm to 4:00 pm. Fr. Aloysius served at O.L.A. from 1998-2013. The popular priest has been reassigned to St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Katonah N.Y. in northern Westchester.

Fr. Aloysius is well respected in the community and a dedicated priest. Ordained a priest in 1980 in the Diocese of Nalgonda, South India, Fr. Aloysius has been a parish priest, Seminary Professor, Spiritual Director, Chancellor and Dioc-

esan Administrator from 1993-1997. He came to O.L.A. in 1998 after serving for a year at St. Francis Xavier Church, Morris Park.

After several months on artificial life support, Fr. Aloysius underwent a heart transplant, a miracle of modern medicine, on January 25, 2012. He returned to the Bronx with a new heart and a new lease on life on St. Valentine's Day, February 14th. He was featured in a March 7, 2012 article in the newspaper, Catholic New York, entitled "After Transplant, Bronx Priest's Heart and Faith Beats Strongly." Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York wrote to Fr. Aloysius when he returned

to O.L.A. after a four month medical leave and said: "Congratulations Fr. Aloysius...you have received a literal answer to Psalm 51, Create in me a new heart, O'Lord!"

In the October 20th O.L.A. Church Bulletin, Fr. Aloysius wrote: "After my heart transplant, I will never forget the prayers of so many people... I am alive today because of the powerful prayers of the people at O.L.A."

Parishioners and the public are welcome at the Guiding Star K. Of C, Country Club, on Sunday, December 8th from 1 to 4 p.m. (open invitation) to bid a fond farewell to this remarkable priest.

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# Mayoral Spin Cycle *by Tom Allon*



TOM ALLON

I watched a documentary the other night about John F. Kennedy and I was struck by how well he was able to connect with voters. Even when he was receiving a long line of well-wishers, he seemed to listen to each one very intently.

We could all learn a lesson from Kennedy and other political leaders like him. In fact, in this age of constant distraction, mostly driven by technology, deep listening to others is a dying art that needs to be revived.

Our new mayor-elect, Bill de Blasio, is a very impressive listener and that came through even in his body language as he campaigned and bent his 6-foot-5 frame down to better listen to potential voters. His deep empathy, which is articulated through his vow to tackle growing inequality, is also a very important part of his success thus far.

Many people have said that a large part of Bill Clinton's success was attributable to his listening and empathy skills. When you speak to him, many have told me, he treats you like you are the only person in the room. And he famously "felt our pain."

This is a great skill and

the only two people I have ever met in the New York political arena who are also extremely good at this are Andrew Cuomo and Bill de Blasio.

Mike Bloomberg was an excellent mayor on so many levels, but listening and empathy were not his greatest skills. But Police Commissioner Ray Kelly did recently say that Bloomberg's great sensitivity and empathy came through when he visited injured police.

Rudy Giuliani found his "inner empathizer" on 9/11 and his ability to feel and help heal our collective shock and pain made him so appealing in that tragedy's aftermath.

But now, the baton passes to Bill de Blasio and it will be interesting to see if his ability to listen and empathize will translate into a successful mayoralty. There's no doubt that many people in this city have felt left out or "not heard" the past few decades and de Blasio represents new hope for them.

I think there's a lesson to be gleaned from all of this. Feeling heard is a very important thing in life. Those who are able to really tune out all the noise and distractions of modern society and give people their undivided attention are becoming more prized these days.

It's a lesson we should all heed. Listen, reflect back to the speaker and show empathy.

Here's hoping it works for you as well as it has worked for people like Bill Clinton, Andrew Cuomo and our new mayor-elect, Bill de Blasio.

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](mailto:tallon@cityandstatenyc.com).

## BY JOSEPH ODDO

Reminder: The Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will take place on December 10, 2013. The meeting will take place in the Saint Theresa School Cafeteria located at the corner of Saint Theresa Ave and Pilgrim Ave. The room opens at 7:00pm and the meeting begins at 7:30pm.

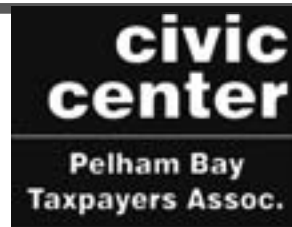
This past week our community celebrated Veterans Day. On November 11, the membership of The Lawrence Keane Post on Buhre Ave. were all guest of honor at a breakfast commemorating their service to our country. The coffee was good, the eggs and breads were great but the stories that were shared truly made the day. Irene Guanall from the Pelham Bay Merchants deserves a warm thank you for hosting this Breakfast.

If you, our Veterans,

get the chance share your past experiences with your friends and family. Your stories as Veterans need to be remembered and we can't do that unless they are shared. In sharing your personal and true stories you gift our young with the experiences that they need in order to understand the meaning of patriotism, sacrifice, and what freedom and rights truly cost.

After the breakfast a ceremony lead by Lou Durante, Post Commander and attended by Post members, their families and members of our community was held at the Keane Memorial. A few words were spoken by Assemblyman Benedetto that were both inspiring and enlightening. Assemblyman Benedetto spoke of the sacrifice and hardship that our service men and woman experience as a result of their serving our country.

As Chairman of the New



York State Assembly, Committee on Veterans Affairs, Assemblyman Benedetto shared how our veterans are in dire need of jobs, health care, training and housing. We were surprised to hear that at this time there are about 8,000 homeless Veterans camping out in the woods of Long Island alone. We also know that in NYC, the veteran population in need of housing and jobs is in the tens of thousands. And this situation is about to be exasperated with the discharge upon completion of their duty in Iraq and Afghanistan of tens of thousands more veterans into our communities.

One of the few good

things that I can see in this situation is that Americans are by nature a caring and giving people. And we as a community will find a way to support our veterans and support Assemblyman Benedetto in his work on behalf of our veterans and their families.

On the topic of Americans by nature being a caring and giving people, Commander Lou Durante and the men and women of the Keane Post would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the following Merchants and individuals for their contributions to the Veterans Day festivities.

And they are: Pelham Bay Merchants, Pruzzo's Deli, Vito's Deli, Zapperie's Bakery, Pelham Bay Bakery, Quality Cafe, Dunkin Donuts, S & D Catering, Empire Bagels, Villa Maria Academy, and George's Diner.

Once again thank you for supporting our Veterans.

And, as our merchants support our community, let us as a community support our merchants when we shop.

Although, we celebrate Veterans Day every year we should remember that veterans are veterans all year long, 365 days of the year. When a war ends our society moves on but for veterans as they move on the memories and the pains of war will always be with them. So whenever we can let's remember them in our giving.

The Keane Post is a non-for-profit organization committed to serving the needs of our Veterans. You do not have to belong to the post or be a Veteran, but if you appreciate the work that is done by the post, please make a donation of 35 dollars or whatever you would like to the post to help offset their expenses. Every cent you donate will be used to support the needs of our Veterans.

In times past they gave

their all for you and I, can you today, give to them a well deserved tax deductible contribution of \$35 or whatever you would like too. Your donation can be sent to The Lawrence Keane Post 2879 Buhre Ave., Bronx NY 10461. Thank You for your support.

So before we end this article On behalf of the Pelham Bay Taxpayers I would like to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and a special Thank You to our elected officials, Father Grippo, and their respective staffs for their support and assistance in serving the people of Pelham Bay. Thank You

Our mailing address is Pelham Bay Taxpayers And Civic Association Pilgrim Station, PO box 610124, Bronx, NY 10461. Our annual dues is ten dollars. Please feel free to come to our meetings. They are open to all. If you are new to our community we would love to meet you. See you soon.





Assemblyman Marcos Crespo met with Bronx YMCA teens regarding voter turnouts in the boro.

# Bx. YMCA teens meet with Crespo

For two weeks in a row, Assemblyman Marcos Crespo came to meet with the teens at the Bronx YMCA. Like a whirlwind, the down-to-earth assemblyman engaged with the teens about voter turnouts in the Bronx, nuclear energy, hydro-fracking, rates of recidivism and even joined in on a mock legislative session to debate a bill to increase gender-neutral bathrooms in New York.

The teens are a part of

the Bronx YMCA's teen-led civic engagement programs, Teens Take the City and Youth & Government, that model city legislature and state government, respectively. During the school year, these teens write mock bills and study parliamentary procedure—they even called the assemblyman's office staffer to "point of order" during a debate session.

The relationship that has blossomed in the last two weeks was certainly beau-

tiful to watch as the teens from the areas of Castle Hill to Soundview to Gunhill bombarded the assemblyman with questions. The discourse ranged from issues on community development to the structure of government. One teen, Deshinaye Stark-Powell said of the experience, "it was great to meet a politician who cares about the community and took time to hang out with us like real people!"

## Ten percent off holiday shopping at Fordham Road

Shop local on Fordham Road for the holidays where over 65 stores will be offering a 10% discount from December 6th through December 22nd. The discount will be applied when you present a BID print advertisement, online coupon, event invitation or a MetroCard at the time of purchase. Visit the BID's website at [www.fordhamroadbid.org](http://www.fordhamroadbid.org) for more information. Fordham Road boasts a wide variety of stores such as electronics & appliances, clothing, beauty & perfumes, video games, cell phones and much more. So be assured that you can buy everything on that Christmas list for reasonable prices all on Fordham Road.

Also join the Fordham Road Business Improve-

ment District (BID) for its Ninth Annual "Sparkling the Heart of Fordham" holiday event on Friday, December 6, 2013 from 6-8PM at Muller Park & Plaza (E Fordham Road & Creston Ave). This free event, hosted by Rhina Valentin, includes a special visit from Santa Claus with free presents for the first 450 kids as well as music, raffles & prizes and a live performance from the Gloria Dei Choir.

Fordham Road is a major transportation hub accessible by Metro-North Railroad, the D, B and 4 subway lines, and several bus routes. Alternatively, there are numerous parking facilities located on Jerome, Valentine & Tiebout

Avenues & 189th Street at Park & Washington Avenues.

Our neighborhood will also have free wi-fi connectivity this holiday season through a partnership with NYC EDC and Gowex. Visit our social media pages for more information: [www.facebook.com/fordhamroadbusinessimprovementdistrict](http://www.facebook.com/fordhamroadbusinessimprovementdistrict) [www.twitter.com/FordhamBID](http://www.twitter.com/FordhamBID)

Lastly, from Black Friday through the end of the year, the BID will provide uniform security officers patrolling the area & the NYPD will increase its presence throughout the district to provide you the shopper with a pleasant shopping experience.

BY MARY JANE MUSANO

I recently got a call from the elves up at the North Pole. They told me that the gifts for our Christmas Tree Lighting are almost ready. Mrs. Claus has dry cleaned Santa's red suit and the sleigh is ready to go!

Now all we need is you! I hope you will join us on December 8th at 4:45 at Sampson-Schneider Park on Hollywood Avenue across from the First Lutheran Church. You can warm up with some hot chocolate as you hear the angelic voices of the children of the Primavera Italian Language Program and the Children's Chorus from PS 14. They will spread Christmas cheer as they serenade us with Christmas Carol's.

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photo opportunities that will arise during the magical evening.

Please tell your friends and neighbors that Santa is coming to town. Don't miss it!

### Next Meeting

Our next membership meeting will be on December 12th at 7:30 at PS 14. It will be our Christmas party and we will be celebrating the holiday with special refreshments and free gift raffles. Our guest speaker will be Assemblyman Michael Benedetto. He will update us on all of the things he is working on. If there is a problem on your block, please come with the information in hand so that his staff can help you.

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# Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY RAPHAEL SCHWEIZER  
A Halloween Parade!  
BOO!!!

T'was the weekend of Halloween and all through the Pelham Parkway North woods, all the creatures were stirring, even the Croods!

Batman, Draculaura, and a little ninja, all howled at the moon with great care, while we all waited for the Great Pumpkin who soon would be there!

On Saturday, November 2nd, BPECA conducted our first ever Halloween Parade on Olinville Avenue with over 60 "Walking Dead" marching from Allerton Avenue to Pelham Parkway North. An array of princesses, superheroes, and assorted ghouls, which ranged from a 6-foot puppy to a tiny infant bumble bee, all came together and shouted Halloween chants while walking in lockstep as Stiff Zombies. All in all, it was a pretty coooool affair!

Then we arrived at the hallowed haunted "Pumpkin Patch", with over 165 Sugar Pumpkins, purchased at Better Gardens Florist & Nursery, a small business on East Tremont Avenue & Bruckner Boulevard.

There, dozens of children enjoyed father-and-son and mother-and-daughter quality time painting and carving their 8-10 inch pumpkins. And we also bobbed for

apples! 10 lucky children won free family passes to the New York Botanical Gardens after besting their opponents by removing three floating apples from the buckets without using their hands.

Thanks to our local eating establishments like Steven Restaurant and Five-star Grocery on Boston Road & Thwaites, La Pentola Pizzeria, John & Joe's and Anthony & Sal's Pizza Express on White Plains Road near Lydig, and Number 8 Chinese Restaurant on Thwaites, many hungry monsters were busy eating the delicious food rather than our brains!

And our local Big Bad Wolf (seen in the picture here) howled and chased the costume clad kids, including a thoroughly frightened Red Riding Hood.

Our very own State Senator Jeff Klein graced our presence greeting our children, giving out trick-or-treat bags and posing for pictures with families. He briefly spoke to the assembled partiers about child safety, and we thank him for that!

The evening culminated with our fearless leader, Raphael Schweizer playing the target while many children, and some revenge seeking adults, succeeded at pelting the live "bull's eye" with eggs. The kids had a blast.

Bronx Park East Community Association would like

to give a HUGE thank you to the New York Botanical Garden, Ms. Kathleen Jones, Dennis Corcoran, State Senator Jeff Klein, Kay Cardona, Neteara Frazier, Keith Davis, Angela Roker, Francine Ruh, William Pedone & Jason Bocchicchio of Van Nest True Value Hardware store, and our B-PECA brothers & sisters who worked so hard to help make the 2nd Annual BPECA Halloween Festivities a monster smashing success!

1 Year of BPECA: THANK YOU CenterLight!

On Thursday, November 14th Bronx Park East Community Association celebrated our first anniversary with our 12th Community Meeting, attended by over 60 neighborhood residents.

We would like to thank Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Deputy Inspector and 49th Precinct Commanding Officer Lorenzo Johnson and 49th Precinct Crime Prevention Officer Tyrone Madeiros for being present to take questions and concerns from these hardworking citizens.

But there is one good neighbor that deserves a lot of credit after one whole year.

12 months of BPECA would have been much more difficult without the support of CenterLight Health Systems.

By giving us a space



On Saturday, November 2, BPECA held its 2nd Annual Pumpkin Patch on Pelham Parkway North and first ever Halloween Parade on Olinville Avenue! Thanks to the Big Bad Wolf, and the Big Good Senator Jeff Klein for attending.

to hold our 2nd Thursday of the month Community Meetings, as well as December's Holiday Ball and March's Forum on Gun Violence, they have made it possible for dozens of residents to get involved in this organization, and to take part in beautifying and energizing the Allerton/Pelham Parkway North community. To Linda Murray, Diane Wagner, Vincent Bonadies, Carmen Cruz-Lee, Jackie Kennedy-Saddler, David Dunbar, John Cacciato, Roy Chester, Margie Felix, Delma Ruiz, Judy and the

rest of the Security, Staff and Employees of CenterLight at 612 Allerton Avenue, 2401 White Plains Road, and other locations on Olinville and Barker: THANK YOU!

We're better together. And this neighborhood appreciates you, CenterLight!

## Contact Us

You Contact BPECA by emailing BxParkEast@gmail.com or calling/texting (347) 654-7044. Also, join our vibrant Facebook group where you can be IMMEDIATELY kept to date with the latest information on neigh-

borhood news and events, as well as viewing hundreds of pictures from our Halloween Parade. Go to the url [www.facebook.com/groups/bx-parkeast](http://www.facebook.com/groups/bx-parkeast) or simply search for "Bronx Park East Community Association" in the facebook search engine. Once you find us, click "Request to Join Group". Once you're in, feel free to post your thoughts. And keep your notifications for us on!

So in conclusion: Thank You, CenterLight. And Thank YOU for reading, Bronx resident. Live, Love and Dream.

BY LOUIS LUTNICK  
AND STEVEN GLOSSER

The Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association had our monthly meeting at Bronx House on Tuesday Nov.12. Our Guest speakers this month were Councilman James Vacca and The honorable Robert Torres, Administrative Judge from Bronx County Court. We were also fortunate enough to have our Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj in attendance. The meeting turned out to be one of our most heavily attended meetings with over 100 community members attending.

Our first order of business was our petition. For too long the Pelham Parkway Community has been serviced by our Public Library that bears the branch name of Van Nest on it. We in the

PPNA feel the Library should reflect the neighborhood it services and be named the Pelham Parkway Branch Public Library. To this end we asked all members to sign a petition to rename the library. We will present the petition to the proper people to get them, hopefully, to change the name. Councilman James Vacca addressed the assembly first. The councilman gave us an outline of his office accomplishments so far. Among them was the passing of 40 bills in his 4 years in office. He also addressed his concern about our streets and the dangers involved in crossing them for pedestrians. He mentioned the need of speed guns for law enforcement and enforcement of speeding laws. He also talked about the



possibility of adding a speed bump at PS 89. Additionally he mentioned the possibility of expanding police cameras on to Lydig Ave and adding security cameras throughout the entire Pelham Parkway Houses complex

Councilman Vacca also discussed his role on the Transportation board. He talked about some bills he wants to pass including the ability to pay a taxi with credit cards and the ability to verbally hear your fare over a speaker for vision impaired passengers.

Assemblyman Mark

Gjonaj spoke to the assembly as well, particularly concerning the lack of heat and hot water in the Pelham Parkway Houses. Mr. Gjonaj listened intently to the residents of the Pelham Parkway Houses as they spoke of their many grievances at the sprawling Housing complex ranging from no heat, no hot water, mold in apartments, filthy hallways and slow responses to repairs from Building Mgmt. The Assemblyman, and indeed Councilman Vacca as well, were both sincere and sympathetic to the residents' concerns and promised swift action by being hands on and working with Building management to rectify all the problems as quickly as possible and promised court intervention if necessary.

Our last guest speaker was Judge Robert Torres, who is a Deputy Administrative Judge on the Criminal Team of Bronx County. He supervises 57 judges and a support staff of 600, the largest courthouse in the state. He discussed how his office works with veterans and helps to place people with mental health and drug addictions into programs. He also gave some statistics about the backlog in the Bronx County court system and did mention that they have been able to cut into the huge backlog that he spoke with us about last year.

The last order of business we had at our meeting was our yearly turkey raffle for the holidays. We gave away over a dozen turkeys to people in our assembly. We hope

they and their families enjoy them year. And hope that all members have a happy and healthy thanksgiving.

PPNA will not be meeting in December because of the holidays. However there are some events to look forward to. Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj will be sponsoring a Menorah and Christmas tree lighting on White Plains Road between Pelham Parkway South and Pelham Parkway North at the end of the month, we will give more information on our Facebook page as soon as we have. The next meeting of the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association will be Tuesday January 14. Community involvement is essential to maintaining a safe, secure, clean and graffiti free community. Get involved.



# Simone Development appoints new president

Simone Healthcare Development, a division of Simone Development Companies focused on building medical facilities in partnership with health care providers in the New York metropolitan area, has appointed real estate industry veteran Guy Leibler as its President. Joseph Simone, President of Simone Development Companies, made the announcement.

In his new position, Leibler will lead business and property development at Simone Healthcare to interact with hospitals, medical provider systems and physician groups to develop medical office buildings and ambulatory centers. Simone Healthcare Development provides a full range of services to its clients, including Strategic Planning, Site Selection and Acquisition, Design/Construction/Development, Financing/Ownership, and Medical Building Facilities Management.

"The healthcare industry is continuing to change at a rapid pace and creating significant change in the way healthcare is provided in the United States," said Mr. Leibler. "Healthcare consolidation will continue, with fewer hospitals and large medical groups providing ambulatory services to the community. These changes will require

state-of-the-art, efficient and specialized facilities of varying sizes be developed. Simone Healthcare is uniquely positioned to be the development partner to healthcare providers because of our ability to locate, acquire, design and develop facilities quickly, as we understand the rapid and complex changes affecting the industry."

Mr. Leibler began his career at Schulman Realty Group in 1978. He became president and chief executive officer in 1987 and continued in that position until departing in 1992. Leibler joined Sony Corporation in 1993, where he led the development of new business platforms for Sony operating groups.

Leibler was elected chairman of White Plains Hospital in 1997, where he had served as a director since 1988. He led a repositioning of the \$350 million annual revenue hospital by developing a cancer treatment center, expanding the maternity program to include a neo-natal intensive care unit, creating an orthopedic institute, and laying the groundwork for a cardiac center. He served as chairman of the board for five years and continues to serve White Plains Hospital as a Chairman Emeritus.

Leibler was named president

and chief operating officer of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill in 2001, making design excellence and project management the firm's priorities. He joined L&L Holding Company as vice chairman and chief operating officer in 2004. The Manhattan based real estate investment company focused on purchasing and repositioning office properties.

He graduated from American University with a degree in political science and international affairs and received a Master's in Business Administration from the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University.

"Guy Leibler's vast experience makes him the ideal senior executive to guide Simone Healthcare Development as we grow in response to increasing client demand for our services as a full-service health care real estate development and management partner," Mr. Simone said. "Simone Healthcare Development represents a new stage in the evolution of our longstanding relationship with the medical community in the New York City metropolitan region. As hospitals and other health care providers look for new and innovative ways of delivering the best care, we are partnering with them to develop and manage

the new facilities they need in order to accomplish those goals."

The Simone Healthcare Development model contemplates a long-term relationship with the healthcare provider that encompasses every aspect of locating, designing, building, and operating a new facility. The company is actively working with Montefiore Medical Center, Mount Sinai Hospital, and other major health care providers on new outpatient care centers throughout the New York metropolitan area. In partnership with Montefiore, Simone Healthcare Development Group is building a 280,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art multidisciplinary ambulatory care center within Simone's 42-acre Hutchinson Metro Center office park in the Bronx, as well as a new outpatient facility in the Riverdale section of the borough. Simone Healthcare Development Group also recently acquired the Park Avenue Medical Arts Center on East 88th Street in Manhattan, which the company will renovate and update in accordance with the needs of medical tenants.

"Our mission is to engage with healthcare providers at the beginning of the planning process to achieve the best outcome, and to



GUY LEIBLER

remain a trusted advisor and long-term partner through every step of development and following completion of the facility," Leibler added.

BY BILL HEANEY

In 1979, if you happened to live in Throggs Neck and required an ambulance, it might alarm you to know that the wait for an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) responder was, on average, an hour long. That gross negligence yanked the "emergency" right out of EMS, and put our community at risk. A few dedicated EMTs and volunteers felt this was unacceptable, and with a shoestring budget—and the backing of local gas station owner Donald Engeldrum—aimed to change that. Donald gifted us with a base of operations, and provided free gas for

our first, used ambulance. He believed in us, in our potential, and our impact on our friends and neighbors, who finally had a reliable place to call if they needed medical assistance. Initially, our only consistent source of funding came from CPR classes taught by our Steering Committee to the public for only five dollars. These classes were so successful; they not only allowed us to establish our first bank account, but also a presence in the neighborhood. And so, the Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corps was born.

For over thirty-four years, our organization has

## civic center Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corps

gladly served the Throggs Neck area, and become a fixture of the community in the process. Our EMS crews can respond to any emergency call under our jurisdiction in minutes. Our members have handled thousands of these calls, rendering medical aid free of charge. We still provide CPR training today, as well as hospital transport. We host awareness screenings and are a constant sight

at many local events, helping out with blood drives, first-aid training, and a myriad of other health-related issues. We've come a long way since those humble beginnings. Our equipment has advanced, our response area has grown, and our membership has swelled, but our values remain the same; to put the community first, and to treat every patient with professionalism and respect.

We consider each member of the TNVAC to be a part of our family, and like proud parents, we support them; nurturing their unique skills and enriching their experiences as a volunteer.

Some of our oldest members, the grandparents, have been with us from the very beginning. Others, the infants, are just starting their very first tour of service. Many of our members go on to work in the EMS and medical fields: as ambulance operators, EMTs, paramedics, nurses, and doctors. Former volunteers have used the skills and knowledge they acquired here, and gone on to careers in the NYPD, the FDNY, and the military. One of our family members has even gone on to be the FDNY's EMS Division Chief. No matter who they are though, all of our volun-

teers are valued.

We set the gold standard for EMS conduct and training, and we are known by our peers as a venerable agency. We recognize the potential of our community, and the collective triumph that our relationship creates. Like Donald Engeldrum did back in 1979, won't you please be our backer and join our family? Please be on the lookout for our Winter Fundraiser. It will be coming to you by way of Every Door Direct Mail through the United States Post Office.

As we believe, and our slogan proudly states; "Together, we can do magic!"

The Pelham Bay Merchants Association invite its residents to decorate Keane Park, 3009 Burhe Avenue, into a Winter Wonderland on Sunday, December 1, at 2 p.m. Make or buy one large holiday ornament of your choice and bring it to Keane Park to be hung up for all to see. All of the ornaments

will hang in and around Pelham Bay.

If you are not available and want to participate contact Irene Guanill, PBMA, President at 917-767-8291 to drop off your ornament before the event.

From November 29 to December 24, the members of the Pelham Bay Merchants

## civic center Pelham Bay Merchants

Association have some gifts for the customers who shop with us. We will randomly be giving out gift certificates

to enhance your local Pelham Bay shopping experience.

On December 14 we will host a Holiday Bazaar shopping Experience with Santa Clause, Elves, Christmas Presents for the children of Pelham Bay. The members of the Pelham Bay Merchants Association have pooled

funds together to pay for these events and the holiday lights that are displayed. We do it to say thank you to you, our customers with a beautiful display of Christmas Lights, a Winter Wonderland, and Christmas Gifts for the kids on Sunday, December 14 at 3 p.m.

We encourage our cus-

tomers to shop locally and if you are looking for a particular product ask us, if you do not see the product you want e-mail Pelham-baymerchants@gmail.com to send us your suggestions. We care about you. We are working hard to support our residents and community.



LEGAL NOTICES

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SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF BRONX  
ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,  
-against-  
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SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY.

SENDING PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$ 500,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Bronx on June 11, 2007 at CRFN No. 2007000300583, covering premises known as 1121 Fteley Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472 - Block 3747; Lot 67.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendant and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.

TO the Defendants VINCENTE BELTRE, the foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication to an Order of the Hon. MARK FRIEDLANDER of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and filed on October 24, 2013, with the Complaint in the County of Bronx, State of New York.

The property in question is described as

follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Fteley Avenue, distant one hundred ninety-five and four hundredths feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Watson Avenue with the said westerly side of Fteley Avenue;

RUNNING THENCE westerly parallel with the said northerly side of Watson Avenue, one hundred feet;

THENCE northerly parallel with the said westerly side of Fteley Avenue, twenty-five feet;

THENCE easterly again parallel with the said northerly side of Watson Avenue and part of the distance through a party wall, one hundred feet to the said westerly side of Fteley Avenue;

THENCE southerly along the said westerly side of Fteley Avenue, twenty-five feet to the point or place of Beginning.

Dated: New Rochelle, N.Y. October 22, 2013.

McCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, P.C.

By: /s/

Leroy J. Pelicci, Jr., Esq.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

145 Huguenot St., Ste. 210

New Rochelle, NY 10801

p. 914-636-8900

f. 914-636-8901

HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE

NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE

ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO

RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE

ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS

AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT

AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN

ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE.

The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-266-5697 or visit the Department's website at [www.dfs.ny.gov](http://www.dfs.ny.gov).

FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS

Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are

individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit

from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law

requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised

services.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

OF COOPERATIVE APARTMENT

BY virtue of a cancellation by 91 E. 208th Street Tenants Corp. ("The Cooperative Corporation") of One Hundred One (101) shares of stock of 91 E. 208th Street Tenants Corp. to Apartment 1F and the Proprietary Lease appurtenant to the subject apartment at 91 East 208th Street, Bronx New York 10467 held in the name of Sylvia Hanson ("Shareholder") and based upon Shareholder's default in the payment pursuant to her Proprietary Lease, I, Kim Carrino, Auctioneer, DCA number 1004275 will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder the above described Stock Shares and Proprietary Lease allocated to Apartment 1F in the building known as and by 91 East 208th Street, Bronx New York 10467. Auction will be held on December 6, 2013 at 10:00 am on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York County of Bronx, facing the Grand Concourse, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx New York.

The Apartment is sold "AS IS".

The Purchase Price shall be payable by certified check or bank check, of which ten percent (10%) deposit is required by the Successful Bidder at the Time and Place of Sale.

Please note the Secured Party, pursuant to UCC 9-613, is entitled to an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness.

Said sale is subject to, including but not limited to, any prior liens of record, any outstanding maintenance charges of the Cooperative Corporation, approval of the Board of Directors of the Cooperative Corporation and such other terms of sale which will be available for review prior to the start of the auction.

Dated: October 17, 2013

Great Neck, NY

David W. Graber, Esq.

For 91 E. 208th Street Tenants Corp.

55 Waterrmill Lane

Great Neck NY 11021

(516) 292-8500

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-5, Pltf. vs. VEDWATTIE BRIJALI, et al, Defts. Index #381181/09. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated May 14th, 2013, I will sell at public auction in Room 600 at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY, on Monday Dec. 16, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 2727 Eastchester Rd., Bronx, NY. Said property beginning at a point on the Westerly side of Eastchester Rd. distant 275.50 ft. Northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Westerly side of Eastchester Rd. and the Northerly side of Allerton Ave.; Running Thence Westerly 101.41 ft.; Thence Northerly 25.05 ft.; Thence Easterly 105.29 ft.; Thence Southerly 25.61 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$175,304.05 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. JOSEPH A. CAROFANO, Referee. THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB LAW GROUP, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syosset, NY. #83294



# Calvary Day Care moves to Hutch Metro

Simone Healthcare Development Group announced that Calvary Hospital and Children's Corner have signed long-term leases totaling over 17,000 square feet of space at Metro Center Atrium, Simone's new mixed-use project. Metro Center Atrium is a 370,000-square-foot office/retail/hotel complex that Simone Development is constructing as the latest phase of its 42-acre, multi-building Hutchinson Metro Center campus in the Pelham Bay section of the Bronx.

Calvary Hospital is the only fully accredited acute care specialty hospital exclusively providing palliative care for adult advanced cancer patients in the United States. They are leasing 8,000 square feet at the new Metro Center Atrium for administrative offices.

Founded in 1973, Children's Corner has grown from one center to 11 child care centers in the New York tri-state region, providing quality and affordable childcare for working parents. The centers cater to the needs of working parents by providing year round childcare. Children's Corner has leased an additional 9,000 square feet at the new Metro Center Atrium, expanding its existing space at 1200 Waters Place within the Hutchinson Metro Center campus.

"We are gratified to expand our existing relationships with both Calvary Hospital and Children's Corner at Hutchinson Metro Center and welcome them to our new Metro Center Atrium," said Josh Gopan, director of leasing for Hutchinson Metro Center. "Demand for space in our latest develop-

ment has been tremendous, and it is exciting to see our existing tenants expand along with us."

Located within Simone Development's highly successful Hutchinson Metro Center complex in the Pelham Bay section of the Bronx, Metro Center Atrium features three floors of Class A office and medical space, as well as further retail and restaurant opportunities. The architecturally distinctive building will feature a spectacular glass atrium and lobby and is set in a beautifully landscaped suburban-style campus setting. Abundant parking is provided on-site with more than 1,100 spaces. Approximately 148,000 square feet of office and medical space remains available for lease. For information, call (718) 518-8600.

"Metro Center Atrium is

already 60 percent pre-leased and has already attracted national-level companies like Marriott and LA Fitness, and we expect that this project will continue to draw high-caliber office, medical and retail users," said James MacDonald, vice president of leasing for Hutchinson Metro Center. "Among other things, Simone Development's ongoing expansion of Hutchinson Metro Center provides medical and business tenants with flexibility for their future plans because we can readily accommodate their growth needs within the Simone Development portfolio. Also, we're offering stellar design quality and modern space, and an incredibly central location with easy access to five major hospitals, three airports, and a host of transportation arteries."

Conveniently located off the Hutchinson River Parkway, Metro Center Atrium is easily accessible to major highways, bridges and airports. Manhattan is less than 20 minutes away and Westchester County is 10 minutes away. LaGuardia, JFK, and Westchester County airports are less than 30 minutes from the site.

The Metro Center Atrium is also less than a mile from five major hospitals - Montefiore Medical Center, Calvary Hospital, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Jacobi Medical Center and Westchester Square Medical Center - making it an ideal location for medical practices and healthcare companies.

For retail tenants, the Metro Center Atrium provides a tremendous market of potential customers, with

over 4,000 people working at the Hutchinson Metro Center.

Metro Center Atrium is another chapter in the continuing success story of the Hutchinson Metro Center. The 42-acre suburban-style campus offers the finest Class A office space and a host of first-class amenities never before offered in this market. Existing amenities include the full-service Metro Café and Tower Café, fitness center, state-of-the-art teleconferencing center, on-site child care facility, attended gatehouse with 24/7 security, landscaped courtyards with gardens and seating/dining areas, full service bank branch, on-site executive car wash and detailing center, dry cleaners, sundry shop and ATM. The complex also offers free parking and shuttle service to subways.

BY LYNN GERBINO

This is a reminder that our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 26, at 7:30 at the Villa Barone Manor. Our guest speaker is Senator Jeff Klein who will bring John Wolham from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance who will help you with any STAR problem you may have.

I would also like to remind you to bring an unwrapped toy to the meeting,

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center**

**Throggs Neck  
Home Owners Assoc.**

which we will donate to a worthy local organization to be determined.

Our dues will be going up starting January 1, 2014 to \$15 per year. You still have time to get the bargain price of \$10, if you pay before the end of the year.

Send you \$10 check to: Throggs Neck Homeowners Association, PO Box 25, Throggs Neck Station, Bronx, New York 10465.

Lehman High School, 3000 East Tremont Avenue, is helping the Philipines typhoon victims by organizing a relief project. For more information, please call 718-904-4200 for more information.

Have a wonderful week! See you all on November 29.

BY TONY SALIMBENE

Holiday Specials! Hi Again - our 3rd Sunday meeting in December, on the 15th, will feature our Annual Christmas Party, after the meeting, at the Turner Club. Members can bring a guest, spouse, etc. Kids are always welcome. Please let us know for some kind of head count.

On December 7th, the Silver Beach Memorial Post will again hold their Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony, this time at Veterans Memorial Park. That's a Saturday, at 2 pm, and all vets are invited.

The 7th is also the Auxiliary Holiday Gift Shop at the Bronx VA Hospital. Our Annual Party at the nursing

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Legion Post 253**

home will be on Dec. 8th.

On Dec. 14 the Nam Knights MC will have their Holiday Visit to the VA Hospital. More info to follow.

Happy 238th Birthday to our USMC! Many would not be here to celebrate if not for the landing craft boat coxswains of the US Coast Guard, our pleasure guys, anytime.

Happy Birthday to Joe Garofalo, 93 years young, WW2 veteran.

Another thanks to the

staff (and kids) at PS 108 for a great Veterans Recognition Day. Over 40 vets were present to speak to the school assembly, Jeremy from CB11 in fatigues (!), a nice lunch and gifts for all. Joe was also presented with a WW2 bugle and boots for his museum.

Until Next Time: Thanks again to all who participated in all of our local Veterans Day events. We hope someday more people will be cheering on the side lines. It's not a sad day, it's a day to say 'Thank You' to all our vets!! Remember your family members, your dad and grand dad. Feel free to throw in a 'God Bless America!'

## Union Community & Urban Justice Center free legal clinic

Residents of the Fordham section of the Bronx will now have the services of a free legal clinic in their neighborhood as a result of a newly formed partnership between Union Community Health Center (UCHC) and the Urban Justice Center.

UCHC, located at 260 East 188th Street, will now host the Urban Justice Center's Safety Net Project Legal Clinic the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Residents are invited to come in at this time to meet with advocates and attorneys from the Safety Net Project to discuss any issues they may be experiencing regarding a denial, sanction or reduction in their public assistance and/or food stamps case. All legal services are free of cost.

"The Urban Justice Center has long provided access to public benefits, nutritional assistance programs, eviction prevention services, public housing, emergency shelter and ba-

sic human rights for New York City's neediest people, and their values are very much in line with ours," said Douglas L. York, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of Union Community Health Center. "We are very pleased to work closely with them as they continue their fight against poverty and bring valuable resources to our patients and community."

Denise M. Miranda Esq., Managing Director of the Safety Project at the Urban Justice Center stated "Union Community Health Center is more than a medical center; they have been a resource for Bronx residents for over 100 years. They recognize that by hosting free legal services to their patients and the community at large, they are investing in a community all too often forgotten. Everyone deserves to have access to quality medical care and quality legal services."

The Urban Justice Center holds the government

accountable through a multi-pronged approach that provides direct legal services, class action lawsuits, and research and policy to ensure that no New Yorker is without food, housing or other basic human rights. To learn more about them visit [www.safetynetproject.org](http://www.safetynetproject.org).

Union Community Health Center is a non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike that provides approximately 150,000 medical, dental and physical rehabilitation visits each year to approximately 27,000 individual patients at its four locations in the Bronx. To learn more about Union Community Health Center, visit [www.uchcbronx.org](http://www.uchcbronx.org).

Those wishing to take advantage of the free legal clinic are encouraged to come early and sign in, as people will be seen on a first come, first served basis. For more information call 646-602-5600.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY.  
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Pltf.  
vs. STEVEY RICHARDS, et al, Defts. Index  
#381474/2009. Pursuant to judgment of  
foreclosure and sale dated Aug. 8, 2013, I  
will sell at public auction at the Bronx County  
Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand  
Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Dec. 9,  
2013 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 2671 Briggs  
Ave., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 3300, Lot 71.  
Approx. amt. of judgment is \$556,270.71 plus  
costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and  
conditions of filed judgment and terms of  
sale. ALBERTO TORRES, Referee.  
FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN &  
GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 53 Gibson  
St., Bay Shore, NY. - (File No. 31866) -  
#83197

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  
U.S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT  
SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC  
TRUST, SERIES 2013-1T  
Plaintiff(s),  
Against  
ROYDEL WILLIAMS; et al,  
Defendant(s)  
Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and  
sale duly entered 10/4/2013, I, the  
undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851  
Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on  
12/23/2013 at 2:00 pm premises known as  
3849 Amundson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10466.  
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 4939 Lot 22  
Approximate amount of lien \$839,510.25  
plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold  
subject to provisions of filed judgment Index  
# 381836/09  
Gil V Perez, Esq., Referee  
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES  
Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road ,  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
Dated: 10/24/2013 File Number:  
24508 MNH

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF  
BRONX  
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE  
HOLDERS OF THE CSMC MORTGAGE-  
BACKED PASS-THROUGH  
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1  
Plaintiff(s),  
Against  
CARLOS NIETO, JR.; et al,  
Defendant(s)  
Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and  
sale duly entered 10/26/2010, I, the  
undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851  
Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on  
12/16/2013 at 2:00 pm premises known as  
735 Taylor Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473.  
ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of  
land, with the buildings and improvements  
thereon erected, situate, lying and being in  
the Borough and County of Bronx and State  
of New York.  
Block 3,598 Lot 56  
Approximate amount of lien \$421,612.49  
plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold  
subject to provisions of filed judgment Index  
# 381747/08  
David Peter Lesch, Esq., Referee  
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES

Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road ,  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
Dated: 10/22/2013 File Number:  
18564 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 WELLS FARGO  
BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against STEPHEN  
YOUNG, DENISE YOUNG, et al.,  
Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/5/2013 I,  
the undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at the Bronx County Courthouse,  
Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of  
Bronx, NY on 12/09/2013 at 02:00PM,  
premises known as 4067 WILDER AVENUE,  
BRONX, NY 10466 All that certain plot piece  
or parcel of land, with the buildings and  
improvements erected, situate, lying and  
being in the Borough and County of Bronx,  
City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4983  
LOT: 62. Approximate amount of judgment  
\$307,477.47 plus interest and costs.  
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of  
filed Judgment Index# 380704/08, Laura C.  
Browne, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy &  
Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540,  
Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: October 8, 2013  
1063868

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT  
COUNTY OF BRONX PHH Mortgage  
Corporation, Plaintiff, against Johan G. Singh  
a/k/a Johan Singh, et al., Defendant(s).  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and  
Sale duly dated 12/28/2010 I, the  
undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at The Bronx County Courthouse,  
Room 600, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx,  
NY on 12/09/2013 at 2:00PM, premises  
known as 193 Graham Place a/k/a 1807

Muliner Avenue a/k/a 193 Graham Street,  
Bronx, NY 10462 All that certain plot piece or  
parcel of land, with the buildings and  
improvements erected, situate, lying and  
being in the Borough of Bronx, County of  
Bronx, City and State of New York, Block  
4055 Lot 5. Approximate amount of  
judgment \$431,769.59 plus interest and  
costs. Premises will be sold subject to  
provisions of filed Judgment Index#  
380731-09. Peter P. Rosato, Esq., Referee  
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC 250 Mile  
Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624  
Dated: October 3, 2013 1062892 11/8, 11/15,  
11/22, 11/29/2013

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  
Phillips Lytle LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs  
1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY  
14614

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF  
BRONX, NYCTL 2011-A TRUST AND THE  
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS  
COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN,  
Plaintiff(s), vs. FAMILY SUPPORT  
SYSTEMS UNLIMITED, INC., Defendant(s).  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure  
and Sale duly filed on October 2, 2013, I, the  
undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at the Bronx County Courthouse,  
Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx,  
New York on December 9, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.,  
premises known as 2518 Grand Concourse,  
Bronx, New York. All that certain plot, piece  
or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in  
the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City  
and State of New York, known and  
designated as Block 3154 and Lot 1002.  
Approximate amount of judgment is  
\$48,618.58 plus interest and costs. Premises  
will be sold subject to provisions of filed  
Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number  
308809-12  
Edward Zizmor, Esq., Referee

Phillips Lytle LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs  
1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY  
14614

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX  
THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH  
CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit  
owners of the Parkchester South  
Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - BALDWIN  
BERNARD, JR., et. al., Defendants.  
Pursuant to a Judgment dated May 8, 2013  
and Order dated July 30, 2013, I will sell at  
public auction on December 9, 2013, at 2:00  
p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County  
Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx,  
New York, the Condominium unit in the  
Parkchester South Condominium known as  
apartment 2C, in the building known as S-2  
a/k/a 8, and by street address 1470  
Parkchester Road, Bronx, New York, and  
designated as Tax Lot 2525, in Block 3938 of  
Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough  
of Bronx, together with an undivided .0094  
percent interest in the common elements of  
the Parkchester South Condominium. The  
amount due under the Judgment is  
\$11,800.79, with interest, costs, etc. Sale  
subject to terms of sale and provisions of the  
Judgment herein, including being subject to a  
mortgage held by JPMorgan Chase Bank,  
N.A., in the original principal sum of  
\$99,000.00 with interest. Index No.  
381134/11. CESAR FERNANDEZ, ESQ.,  
Referee ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA &  
RISOTTO, ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff 828  
South Broadway, Suite 100, Tarrytown, NY  
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dance with its rights as current secured party,  
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10463-4314. Said sale includes the fixtures  
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Attorneys for Secured Party  
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Fishkill, NY 12524  
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# NYCB Cares matching program for Philippines relief

The NYCB Family of Banks, consisting of New York Community Bancorp, Inc. (NYSE: NYCB) its subsidiaries New York Community Bank and New York Commercial Bank, and their eight local divisions, announced the establishment of the NYCB Cares 2013 Philippines Disaster Relief Fund for the victims

of Typhoon Haiyan.

The NYCB Family of Banks is coordinating this effort to enable its employees and customers to easily and effectively make donations, and to double their benefit.

"Everyone is saddened by the situation in the Philippines. We understand the devastation Typhoon Hai-

yan has caused, especially since this comes on the heels of the wildfires in Arizona and a year after Hurricane Sandy- both of which occurred in communities we serve and live in. NYCB has always been committed to service, and as a good global citizen, we also believe in supporting those facing disasters beyond our

own footprint. "explained New York Community Bancorp's President and Chief Executive Officer Joseph R. Ficalora.

"By matching the funds contributed in our branches, we double each donation and increase its impact. Based on the gratifying response to our efforts during past disasters,

we hope to provide well over \$100,000 to support the relief efforts in the Philippines. The funds we raise and match will be contributed to the Salvation Army, which has a long history of providing long-term relief after natural disasters." Mr. Ficalora said.

Donations to the NYCB Cares Matching Fund can

be made at any of The NYCB Family of Bank's 270+ branches in New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Florida, and Arizona, and no gift is too small. Donations will be collected through December 13th. To find the branch nearest to you, please visit [www.myNYCB.com](http://www.myNYCB.com) and [www.NewYorkCommercialBank.com](http://www.NewYorkCommercialBank.com).

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

The American ideal of participatory democracy, in which citizens and their elected representatives work together in public to decide which laws to enact, is rapidly fading into obsolescence due to the growing power of unelected and unaccountable federal agencies.

Americans are concerned not only with the increased cost and number of new regulations, but the manner in which they are imposed. As noted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, new rules "are imposed through a system

that operates without effective checks or balances, or accountability. Currently, nearly all major regulations go into effect without our elected representatives in Congress ever voting on them.

The problem is accelerating, notes Chamber president Thomas Donohue. The Obamacare legislation, 2,400 pages long, created 159 new panels, commissions, regulatory bodies and agencies. It follows on the heels of the 2,319 page Dodd-Frank Act, which calls for 400 new rules throughout 20 agencies.

## Community Action civic Association

The Economist examined the impact of regulations on commonplace activities. Its report provided salient examples, including:

"Every hour spent treating a patient in America creates at least 30 minute of paperwork, and often a whole hour. Next year, the number of federally mandated catego-

ries of illness and injury for which hospitals may claim reimbursement will rise from 18,000 to 140,000. There are nine codes relating to injuries caused by parrots, and three relating to burns from flaming water skis."

The \$70 billion in increased regulatory burdens over the past four and one-half years, the result of 131 major new regulations, is a central reason why America continues to lag behind those other free markets. This includes a \$23.5 billion increase in 2012 alone. (Adam White, writing in the Weekly

Standard, also stressed that these costs do not include "lost opportunity" expenses for blocked activity such as the Keystone XL pipeline.)

Overbearing regulations affect small businesses particularly hard. According to Donohue:

- The average regulatory cost for each employee of a small business exceeds \$10,000 per year;
- Businesses with fewer than 20 employees incur regulatory costs 42% higher than larger business of up to 500 employees

He notes that "Small

businesses pay disproportionately to comply with federal regulations...[The] average cost borne by small businesses is \$10,585 per employee - 36 percent more than the compliance cost for larger firms. It shows environmental regulations are especially burdensome on small firms, costing a whopping 364 percent more for small firms than large ones.

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BY JOANNE TIMMINS  
Yes You Can!

Smokers do not need research scientists to tell them that nicotine is one of the most addictive substances on earth. It is nicotine, the psychoactive substance in all tobacco products, that causes the physical and mental cravings that occur minutes or hours after the last hit. Many smokers have tried to quit multiple times only to relapse and take up their habit with renewed vigor. This may cause the smoker to feel hopeless, hapless and doomed to failure. But nothing could be further from the truth!

Today's smoker is lucky in that there are many re-

sources to help him/her quit successfully. Thursday, November 21st is the "Great American Smokeout". On this day, smokers can become quitters knowing they are in the company of others doing the exact same thing across the nation. How does a smoker become an ex-smoker? By quitting for one hour. Then two. One hour at a time, one day at a time, one week at a time. By monitoring your mental messages to yourself and keeping it positive. As Henry Ford once remarked, "If you think you can do a thing or you can't do a thing, you're right." You can do this; thousands of hard-core smokers have done it already.

## civic center Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership

Get yourself ready to quit. Pick a quit date and let friends, family and co-workers know about it so they can support you. Speak with your doctor and discuss whether you would benefit from the various nicotine replacement systems that are available, such as the patch, nasal mists, etc. Make a list of reasons to quit and put it up where you will see it. Consider that cigarette/cigar smoke

and smokeless tobacco have carcinogens that affect you literally from head to toe. Think of your kids, your looks, anything that motivates you and write it down. Tape motivational slogans around the house. Think about joining a support group, whether on-line, on the telephone, or in person. Many hospitals have Smoking Cessation clinics where you can get additional support.

Understand that there will be withdrawal symptoms and think of how to handle them.

Avoid smoke-filled places and people who smoke. Avoid "triggers" if you can, like alcohol. Talk on the

phone standing up. Take a walk after dinner instead of a smoke. Take up knitting, jigsaw puzzles, and other new hobbies to fill your time and keep your hands busy. Play with clay or worry beads. Chew sugarless gum. Sip water. Keep repeating in your head, "I am a non-smoker."

Perhaps one of the most important things to do is to be honest with yourself and never fool yourself into thinking you can have just one puff, just this one time and then never again. This inevitably leads you right back into smoking. If you could smoke just one cigarette every now and then, you probably would not be

in this situation to begin with. Keep a journal where you can challenge your excuses and write down the truth—if cigarette smoking was so wonderful, you would not have tried to quit several times already.

Finally, don't forget to reward yourself for your successes. Don't be embarrassed to give yourself a pat on the back for doing the single most important thing you can do for yourself: becoming a non-smoker. Welcome to what the majority of Americans have already discovered: life is simply better without cigarettes.

Good luck, and let us know how you do! E-mail us at [jtimmings@adapp.org](mailto:jtimmings@adapp.org).

# Sanitation Department begins winter night plow schedule

Sanitation Commissioner John J. Doherty announced that the Department of Sanitation has begun its Annual Night Plow Operation that enables DSNY to respond promptly and effectively to snow and ice conditions

around the clock.

The seasonal change assures that DSNY will have a sufficient number of employees assigned to work the night and early morning shifts and to operate essential snow fighting equipment

in each of the city's 59 Sanitation Districts. These two shifts are 4:00 p.m. to Midnight, and Midnight to 8:00 a.m. The day shift starts at 6:00 a.m. DSNY's snow season runs from mid-November through mid-April.

DSNY has a frontline defense of 365 salt spreaders that are dispatched prior to the start of the impending snowfall to salt arterial highways and bus routes. DSNY has a storage capacity of about 235,500 tons of

rock salt, and 295,000 gallons of calcium chloride deicing solution at facilities throughout the city. Once snow begins to accumulate on the City's streets and highways, DSNY will deploy up to 1,800 collec-

tion trucks equipped with plows to clear snow from the City's 6,300 curb miles of streets.

When not on snow and ice removal duty, the night shift will collect household refuse and recycling.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

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  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
733 Yonkers Ave., Yonkers, NY 10704-2659

LEGAL NOTICE

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  
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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  
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 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.

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 2008-A TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2008-A TRUST, Plaintiffs against MYRIAM M. MARMOLEJO-RAMOS, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated August 8, 2012 and entered on August 23, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 9th day of 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 the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Seneca Avenue with the easterly side of Faile Street; being a plot 100 feet by 25 feet by 100 feet by 25 feet.

Block: 2761 Lot: 465  
Said premises known as 1301 SENECA AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$ 9,897.88 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 382613/09.

ROBERT GARDNER, ESQ., Referee.  
Seyfarth Shaw LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs  
620 Eighth Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10018-1405

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff against ORVIL R. BOATSWAIN, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on September 18, 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 9th day of December, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 839 E. 232nd Street, Bronx, N.Y. 10466.

Tax account number: SBL #: 4857-28. Approximate amount of lien \$ 429,833.63 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381842-09. Dominick Calderoni, Esq., Referee.  
McCabe Weisberg & Conway  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210  
New Rochelle, New York 10801  
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

ONEWEST BANK FSB, Plaintiff against LOUIS R. TEXIDOR; AMALIA TEXIDOR; SAMUEL TEXIDOR; GABRIEL TEXIDOR; CARMEN TEXIDOR, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on July 24, 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 9th day of December, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 4026 Rombouts Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10466.

Tax account number: SBL #: 4971-45. Approximate amount of lien \$ 504,804.36 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 382674-09. David Lesch, Esq., Referee.

Fein Such & Crane, LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
1400 Old Country Road, Suite C103  
Westbury, N.Y. 11590

"If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney."

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

ONEWEST BANK FSB, Plaintiff against RAMON RODRIGUEZ; CIRIA RODRIGUEZ; CARLOS RODRIGUEZ, et al Defendant(s).

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

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 9th day of December, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 643 East 230th Street, Bronx, N.Y. 10469.

Tax account number: SBL #: 4833-36. Approximate amount of lien \$ 530,258.04 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 382653-09. Patrick Wynne, Esq., Referee.

Fein Such & Crane, LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
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Westbury, N.Y. 11590

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THELXS 2006-12N, Plaintiff against

CARLOS M. PIERRET A/K/A CARLOS PIERRET, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on August 27, 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 9th day of December, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 409 Castle Hill Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10473.

Tax account number: SBL #: 3510-160.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 611,044.06 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381224-09. Steven Baker, Esq., Referee.

McCabe Weisberg & Conway  
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LEGAL NOTICE

Probate Citation File No. 2013-1977

Surrogate's Court Bronx County  
Supplemental Citation  
The People Of The State Of New York  
By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: William T. Epps, whose whereabouts are unknown and after due dilligence cannot be ascertained, if they be living and if they be dead, to their heirs at law, distributes, executors, administrators, creditors, lienors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest and to the unknown heirs at law and next of kin of Mary Bacon, 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.

A petition having been filed by Candace Dreher, who is domiciled at 43972 Choptank Terrace, Ashburn, VA 20147.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx County, Room 406, Bronx, New York, on Dec. 17, 2013, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the Estate of Mary Bacon lately domiciled at 1053 Teller Avenue, City of New York, in the County of Bronx, State of New York, admitting to probate a Will dated August 3, 1999, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Mary Bacon, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to Candace Dreher

Dated, Attested and Sealed  
November 1, 2013  
Hon Nalida Malave-Gonzalez, Surrogate  
Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk  
Name of Attorney for Petitioner: Corey A. Washington Esq.

Address of Attorney: Washington Law PLLC, 80 Broad St., 5th Floor, New York, NY 10004. Tel.No.: 917-546-6734.

NOTE: This citation is served upon you as requested by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you.

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# Mob hitman gunned down in CC

From page 1

The source said that he had relatives in the neighborhood, but not close to the scene.

His murder ended a long reign of terror by the two brothers.

Police believe his younger brother Joseph, 60, carried out dozens of contract murders for the gang, which was involved in the heroin trade in the Bronx and Harlem, as well as contract killings for the Bonanno, Lucchese and Genovese crime families.

“We heard of over 70 different homicides, from the Bronx to Harlem, all the way up and down the East Coast all the way to Florida,” said retired Bronx Homicide Detective Kevin Tracy, who arrested Joseph Meldish for the 1999 mistaken identity murder of Joe Brown inside the now defunct Frenchie’s Bar on Bruckner Blvd. at E.

Tremont Avenue.

Meldish had sent his crackhead girlfriend into the bar looking for Thomas Brown, who owed him drug money, but the girlfriend picked out his brother. Meldish, wearing a ski mask, walked up to a back table and blew Brown away. He was convicted and sentenced in 2007.

“One of the reasons we believe both brothers weren’t killed a long time ago was that they’re related to Angelo Prisco, a capo in the Genovese family,” said Tracy. “A lot of people feared Michael and Joe. If you killed one, you’d have to contend with the other.”

“The Purple Gang pretty much doesn’t exist any more,” said another police source. “They moved on to other ‘careers’ with the Lucchese and other mobs.”

The mob rubout was the

talk along tight-knit Ellsworth Avenue, a suburban street lined with two-story homes decorated with Thanksgiving decorations and American flags.

“This is the safest neighborhood in the Bronx,” said one neighbor who only went by Ralph, as he rushed out his Baisley Avenue home to run errands.

But another neighbor several houses from the shooting recalled the days when Country Club served as a “Mafia dumping ground” during the 50s and 60s where contract killers would often exploit the street’s low-key vibe to take out rivals.

Still, the longtime neighbor echoed what many supported – that Ellsworth Avenue is a decent neighborhood. - **With David Cruz**



The crime scene is gone at Ellsworth Avenue, the site of an alleged hit against reputed mobster Michael Meldish.  
Photo by David Cruz

## Grades awarded to local schools

From page 1

The way categories such as student progress, student performance, school environment, and closing the achievement gap are weighted into the final letter grade leave the impression that a particular school is performing better or worse than it really is, said several principals.

How the numbers are crunched really matters, they said.

This year, 60% of the overall letter grades came from the score on the student progress section - the amount of change, hopefully in a positive direction, schools made between this past year and previous years.

Throggs Neck’s P.S. 304 principal Joe Nobile said he feels that the grading system - which in 2012-13 saw the high-performing 304 get an A in the student “performance” sub-section but a C in “progress” - is stacked against high-performing schools that have relatively few “high needs” students.

He said there is not much room for improvement or progress because

304 is ranked at or near the top in reading and math, he said, yet “performance” remains only 25% of the letter grade.

“When you are at a high-level like that, it is difficult to make progress because you’re close to the ceiling,” he said. “Schools that are at lower levels can make progress more easily.”

The way schools are rated is more complicated because adjustments are also made for the numbers of special education children, students with learning disabilities, and children who face economic challenges, he said.

“I am grateful that I have always gotten As and Bs,” he said, “but I don’t think it is fair.”

Lehman High School near Westchester Square saw improvements between 2011-12 and 2012-13 in performance, progress, and learning environment - which all rose from Fs to Ds.

But because the numerical scores used to determine the category letter grades changed, and the score-range used to cre-

ate the overall grade did not change, the school’s overall grade dropped from a D to an F, said its principal Rose LoBianco.

The bright parts of Lehman’s latest progress report included an improved score on “Closing the Achievement Gap,” and a Quality Review rating that improved from “Developing” to “Proficient,” which is a step up. The Quality Review ranking measures if the instruction prepares students for colleges and careers, the school’s organization and management, and the quality of the learning environment.

“The overall letter grade is down, but in terms of each of the categories, the grades have gone up,” said LoBianco, adding that “We are seeing upward trends.”

Another bright spot in Lehman’s progress report was receiving a B in College and Career Readiness, as it had in the 2011-12 report card.

To look at your child’s school report card, go to [schools.nyc.gov](http://schools.nyc.gov), then click on Progress Reports, and go to the search function for the particular school by name or number..

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Here is a school sampler of progress report grades for 2012-13:

GRADE	SCHOOL	NEIGHBORHOOD
B	P.S. 71	Pelham Bay
C	P.S. 72	Throggs Neck
B	P.S. 304	Throggs Neck
C	M.S. 101	Throggs Neck
C	P.S. 175	City Island
B	P.S./M.S. 194	Zerega
A	P.S. 36	Castle Hill
C	P.S. 108	Morris Park
A	Ichan Charter School 2	Morris Park
A	Van Nest Academy	Morris Park
C	P.S. 105	Pelham Parkway
C	P.S. 83	Morris Park
F	Lehman High School	Westchester Square
F	Dewitt Clinton High School	Bedford Park
B	P.S. 97	Pelham Gardens
B	P.S. 19	Woodlawn
C	P.S. 94	Norwood
A	P.S. 56	Norwood
B	P.S./M.S. 280	Norwood
C	J.H.S. 80	Norwood
A	P.S. 8	Bedford Park
A	Bronx High School of Science	Bedford Park
B	P.S. 95	Van Cortlandt Village
C	Ampark Neighborhood	Van Cortlandt Village
B	Urban Assembly/Civic Engagement	Throggs Neck
B	P.S. 14	Waterbury-LaSalle
D	P.S. 96	Bronx Park East
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File No. 2012-2788/A  
CITATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: Harold Smith; Verizon; Consolidated Edison; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of LEWIS SMITH also known as MERTON L. SMITH, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence;  
Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on January 7, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., why the Court should not grant the following relief: that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of LEWIS SMITH also known as MERTON L. SMITH, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 219 East 196th Street, Apt 5J; Bronx, New York 10468, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$16,209.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$8,104.50 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$8,104.50 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as attorneys for the Public Administrator be allowed; that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that the possible claims of Verizon and Consolidated Edison all be disallowed in their entirety for a failure to substantiate; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid as follows: 1/3 to Harold Smith as and for his distributive share; and the remaining 2/3 be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the unknown distributees of the decedent; that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, October 31, 2013. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ, Surrogate, Bronx County, Chief Clerk  
This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925-9100 Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

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**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 Independent**  
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  
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• **ANDREA BUSCH**, domiciled at 145 Bedford Road, Greenwich, CT 06831;  
• **MARK ENGEL**, domiciled at 42 Mountainside Drive, Colts Neck, NJ 07722;  
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• **CAROL RUBEL**, domiciled at 1 Pine Hollow Drive, Henderson, NV 89052,  
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(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,  
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**FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK** Docket No.: B8602/13COUNTY OF BRONX In the Matter of the Commitment of GAYLEN MICHELLE RILEY SUMMONS  
A minor under the age of eighteen years, to the guardianship and custody of CATHOLIC GUARDIAN SERVICES pursuant to Section 384-b. of the Social Services Law of the State of New York. IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
TO: GLENDORIA RILEY A/K/A GLENDORI RILEY ADDRESS: UNKNOWN A petition having been filed in this Court, alleging that the above- named child in the care of Catholic Guardian Society and Home Bureau, A/K/A Catholic Guardian Services, should be committed to the guardianship and custody of Catholic Guardian Society and Home Bureau, A/K/A Catholic Guardian Services, an authorized agency. A copy of said petition being annexed hereto.  
You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court at 900 Sheridan Avenue, Part 14, Bronx, NY 10451 on January 16, 2014 before JUDGE TALLY at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon of said day to show Cause why the Court should not enter an Order committing

the guardianship and custody of said child to the petitioning authorized agency and the Commissioner of Social Services of the City of New York as a dependent child as provided by law.  
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## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

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Wall-to-wall Mayock is like being trapped in a telephone booth with a pregnant hyena. If a player dives over

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# Manhattan handed first loss

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Manhattan coach Steve Masiello could have picked a number of areas to be upset over after a home loss to George Washington. He chose the ones that went completely against the identity of his squad.

The Jaspers, who led by nine points at the half, were out rebounded and couldn't stop George Washington's hot second half shooting. Manhattan tried to rebound, but its valiant attempt at a comeback in its home opener fell short in an eventual 80-74 defeat at the hands of the Colonials Saturday night in the Bronx. George Washington had 13 more rebounds and shot 47 percent from the field for the game.

"It's not who we are," Masiello said. "We are not an outscore you team. We are a defense and rebounding team and we didn't get it done."

The Colonial's front line controlled the paint all game. Isaiah Armwood scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds and Kevin Larsen had 10 points and 12 boards. Manhattan's Rhamel Brown was held scoreless before fouling out and Ashton Pankey added nine points.

"They dominated us," Masiello said. "They absolutely dominated us."

Still his team had plenty of chances to win in the final minutes thanks to a 34-point night from star guard George Beamon, the only Manhattan player in double figures. The Jaspers (2-1) cut a 10-point Colonials lead to 69-63 with 4:16 left game. Armwood would make 1-of-2 free throws after an off-the-ball foul. Maurice Creek (27 points) grabbed the rebound and put in Armwood's miss to make it 71-63.

Manhattan, the favorite to win the MAAC conference, still got within 74-72 with 1:20 to go, but never closer. Kethan Savage of George Washington (3-0) banked in a runner with the shot clock winding down to make it 76-72 with 26 seconds left to play.

"We didn't execute down the stretch", Beamon said. "A couple of plays didn't go our way. We let our heads get down. We will be



Manhattan's George Beamon scored 34 points in a loss to George Washington last weekend. Photo Manhattan's George Beamon scored 34 points in a loss to George Washington last weekend. Photo courtesy of Manahattan Athletics.

ready next game."

Masiello felt his players fell into false sense of security after halftime. Beamon's 18 points and some missed GW free throws helped negate how well the Colonials were shooting. Creek

quickly made them pay after the break. He hit four second half 3-pointers, including three straight attempts to help turn the tide.

"I just wanted to put these guys back in the game," he said.

Manhattan, after a 2-0 start, will look to get back to who it is after a disappointed home defeat. How they played against George Washington just was isn't it.

"That's not who Manhattan is," Masiello said.



# Spellman's Backman completes journey, signs with Michigan

**BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI**  
 Maria Backman left her skateboard at the door when she walked into Cardinal Spellman girl's basketball tryouts as a freshman. She was looking for an opportunity to pick up a new sport and she ended up getting that and much more by earning a Division-I scholarship.

The eventual four-year varsity player, who grew up practicing tricks on her skateboard, had only played a few pickup games before joining the Pilots. Backman joked that during her first scrimmage the referee had to tell her to stop standing in the paint when lining up for a free throw.

She's come a long way since then.

Backman signed her National Letter of Intent to play for the University of Michigan and coach Kim Barnes Arico at Cardinal Spellman last Wednesday afternoon. Her parents Andre and Maria, trainer Rodney Swain, Pilots coach Jane Morris and her teammates surrounded her.



Cardinal Spellman hoops star Maria Backman signs her National Letter of Intent to Michigan Photo by Joseph Staszewski

Backman felt like it was only yesterday that this journey began.

"I was just a freshman asking Miss Morris to give me a chance," she said. "Now signing to Michigan, who would have thought?"

Morris said she saw her raw potential when she walked in the gym and moved her to the varsity right way to play against Troi Melton, now at Boston University, everyday in

practice. Morris gave Backman's parents the number for New Heights travel team coach Rock Rosa and she began trained religiously with Swain. The results of Backman's work ethic were easy to see.

"Sophomore year she came back a whole different girl," Morris said. "She just needed the court time. She just needed to play."

The 6-foot-1 Backman developed into one of the city's most versatile players. She can shoot the three almost as easily as she can score putting the ball on the floor and is a superb rebounder. The Bronx Time's reigning borough player of year helped lead Spellman to the CHSAA Class A state final last season.

"Her length and quickness will give us the ability to play aggressive, pressure defense," Barnes Arico said. "She is also a 6-1 wing who can shoot the three-ball exceptionally well. She runs the floor like a deer and can score in transition."

Backman, who would



Cardinal Spellman senior Maria Backman (c.) signed her National Letter of Intent to play women's basketball at the University of Michigan surrounded by her parents and teammates.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

like to break through to the New York State Federation tournament this season, said actually signing made everything feel so much more official. She is excited to joined incoming recruiting classes that will feature so much local talent from Kaitlynn Flaherty of Point Pleasant, N.J. next year and Long Island Lutheran Point guard Lauren (Boogie) Brozoski the following season.

"It goes to show taking

New York over to MI is possible," Backman said. "I'm excited for the future. I'm looking to make a difference."

She will to continue to have that effect at Spellman this season that returns guards Danelle Gibson, Teresa Tartone, Jade Vega and forward Kameron Stone. The Pilots adds sophomore point guard Kayla Correa and forward Ashley Arias to a team looking to win a Catholic state title

"Each year we get closer and closer and this year we are trying to finish it out," Backman said.

Whatever happens she's already put a fitting cap to her jersey from skateboarder to prolific hoops scorer.

"It's such a prideful moment," Andre Backman said. "To see all the hard work that she put into just getting to this point from not even being a basketball player."

# Kennedy's season ends

## Defending champion Erasmus Hall hands out the loss

**BY ANTHONY PARELLI**  
 Kennedy was in a scoreless stalemate late in the first half against defending city champions Erasmus Hall, but turnovers and the Dutchmen's dynamic running attack put an end to its playoff run.

The Knights fell 34-6 on the road last Saturday in the PSAL City conference football quarterfinals as they proved unable to stop defending champion Erasmus Hall on the ground. The two-back system of Ohio State-bound Curtis Samuel and Kahlil Lewin ultimately wore down the Knights' and ended the career of the players who came into the school with fourth years coach Andy Lancberg. He was emotional about the loss, shedding tears with

much of the team.

"I didn't think I'd be so choked up about it," he said. "But it's hard to put everything you have and see that they don't get everything we wanted to accomplish. We tried to go the big game but it is what it is."

Two fumbles from star quarterback Anthony Cruz also didn't help. The first came on the heels of a successful fake punt by Kennedy that gave it the ball at midfield. Cruz was able to atone for his error on the defensive side of the ball as he made a shoestring tackle to save a touchdown to keep Erasmus off the board.

Cruz's second fumble came with four minutes left in the first half immediately after Erasmus had taken a 6-0 lead after a 94-yard

drive that was capped by a 4-yard Kahlil Lewin touchdown run. Erasmus was able to convert on the turnover scoring on a 4-yard touchdown from Ohio State-bound running back Curtis Samuel. The Dutchmen then added one more first half score with 36 seconds left on an 86-yard touchdown run from Lewin to make it 21-0 at the half.

The Knights opened the second half with an onside kick and recovered. Their ensuing drive resulted in their only touchdown as Cruz, Caine Caldwell and Demetrius Wade rushed their way down the field. Wade eventually scored on a 5-yard run around end. Erasmus was took a team to overcome.

"Going into this whole



Erasmus Head Coach Danny Landberg (R) tries to calm the team down during a small scuffle with Kennedy.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

Kennedy job I had a goal within three or four years to be where we're at now," Lancberg said. "I think we

got cut a little short this year. We felt we could have gone a little further. I think Erasmus has a great foot-

ball team and a great coaching staff. They're defending champs and it was evident today."



# NY Shredders win the Westchester Baseball League

On Saturday, November 9, the NY Shredders won the Westchester Baseball League (10u- Willie Mays Division).

The fall champions comprised of kids from Van Nest Little League and Throgs Neck Little League.

The Shredders won the semi-final game by beating MYB Bulldogs 1-0.

Eddie Picone timely squeeze play and superb pitching by Jake Bernardi put the Shredders into the finals against the top seeded team from Yorktown.

In the championship game, the great pitching of Damon Gonzalez (one hitter) and slick fielding of shortstop Joe Healy was to much for Yorktown as the The NY Shredders won the game 1-0.

Manager Joe-Joe Starace said that winning the championship was so rewarding to see a group of kids that work so hard and got along with each other so well finish on top.



(Top row, l-r) Coach Dennis Healy, Alex Kosko, Joe Healy, Justin Diubaldo, Anthony Falciglia, Jake Bernardi , Albert Rugova, manager Joe-Joe Starace, (bottom row, l-r) Miguel Rodriguez, John Albertelli, Ty Bernardi, Damon Gonzalez, Eddie Picone, Brandon Lamazza, Vincent Morales and (front) RionHaxhijaj.

# Warriors Football Club highlights

BY COACH PETER FRAGALE  
WEEK EIGHT  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

## Flag Division

Can it be Week Eight already? That means we only have two weeks remaining in the season, so remember we will have an awards party at which all our young stars will receive a trophy. Time, date and place will be forthcoming. After a cold and windy end to October, November was a delight. Bright skies and no wind kept the turnout big and the fans happy.

The Pruzzo Supermarket Apaches came back from their bye week with vim and vigor and Matthew Ortiz and Terrence MCleod had excellent games. The Mister Softee Blackfeet had their usual big turnout with Dominick Cozzi and Joe Cala leading the way and Fallon Demers and Jayden Pagan getting honorable mention. Practically the whole team showed up for the Barino Market Mohicans with John Zerafa and Joshua Miranda getting credit for much improvement. Coach Greg Maskara of the Anthonys Flower Farm Sioux continues to laud the efforts of Paulie Lachman and Nick Ferrante. Nice going guys. The Dugout Sporting Goods Shawnees did not play this week and we would like to send get well wishes to Coach Craig Adams.

## Junior Pee Wee Division

The North Bronx Crusaders played to an exciting 6 – 6 tie against the Jimmy Ryans Blue Devils. Nico Bustamante started the first quarter highlights on the very first play iof the game with a ten yard quarterback keeper. During the first series of plays of the second half, Brian Espinal made an acrobatic catch for a ten yard gain and Jaylen Lopez scored the Crusaders only touchdown. The defensive highlight of the game went to Cameron Carrasquillo, who recovered a fumble and stopped an offensive threat by the Blue Devils.

The O'Connor Carpet Spartans defeated the Middletown Animal Clinic Ramblers by a score of 13 -7. The Ramblers offensive highlights included a 50 yard touchdown score by running back Joseph Maldonado and a fumble recovery by full back Pater DeFabbia. Guard John Albertelli and Defensive End DeFabbia each had three tackles and Tackle Andres Diaz added two tackles.

TEAM	W	L	T	PNTS
BLUE DEVILS	4	2	1	9
STEELERS	4	2	0	8
CRUSADERS	3	1	2	8
RAMBLERS	2	3	1	5
SPARTANS	1	6	0	2

## Pee Wee Division

One of the biggest contests of the season was played Saturday between the Jez Construction Co. Navajos and the McNulty Funeral Home Rams. The Rams struck first on a QB keeper as the Navajo defense couldn't bring down QB Rockie Wilkinson. The extra point made it 7-0. Three minutes left in the first half and the Navajos driving, QB Christian Camacho couldn't find a receiver so he tucked the ball and ran 30 yds for the TD. Camacho passed to Julian Cardona for the extra point, which tied the game 7-7. Both teams were driving in the second half but couldn't put up a score. With 7 minutes left in the game a fake Fullback blast up the middle left the tight end Samuel Stephenson all alone running toward the end zone, and receiving a pass from QB Camacho for the go ahead score. Turnovers recovered by the Navajo Defense included 2 fumble recoveries by Nicholas Bracer and one by Noah Moreno, which were keys to the win. Outstanding running game by Julian Cardona kept the Navajos in the game. Big players on defense and special teams were Bryan Martinez, Eric Estrada, and Jose Delgado.

The Rams highlights came from QB Wilkinson's incredible 75 yard QB keeper and Fullback Christian Valentin's extra point. On defense, Safety

Steven Rodriguez captured his team leading third interception and Sebastian Rodriguez continued his hard and gritty tackles. Coach Peter Fragale was remiss in not including running back Justin Martinez' amazing and dazzling 50 yard touchdown score against the Javelins during the previous week. Coach Pete Montoya is confident that the Rams will rebound against the Black Knights.

The Ridgewood Savings Bank Black Knights defeated the Schuyler Hill Funeral Home Javelins by a score of 26-12. The Black Knights offense led by QB Jimmy McGaughan ran the ball superbly and dominated the Javelin defense. Running backs Brian Reynosa and Rafael Peralta both had a great game. Brian who scored on running plays of 25 yards and a beautiful run of 50 yards for his two touchdowns. Rafael also had a great game with two scores of his own. Coach James Bloss feels that the offense is really starting to click and is very proud of his defense.

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# Velocity Track Club

BY WINSTON DINKINS

Velocity Track Club New York continues to blossom at the XC meets.

On Sunday, November 17, we competed in the NYRR Youth Cross Country 1.5 mile Invitation at Van Cortland Park. We had great weather (60 degrees), good competition, plus they gave long sleeves shirts, water and Nutri Gram cereal bars to all participants. There must have been over 500 children competing from schools and club teams and all was free. I must give thumbs up, to the NYRR Organization for hosting this meet and how well organize it was, Great job!!!

Velocity Track Club performed well in the meet, Co-captain Giovanna Tolbert took 1st place and Jacqueline Kendall took 3rd place out of all girls. The official results and times were not posted when this article was written. Therefore, Jacqueline, Dontae Lindo, Jordan Ingram,

Jaysiah Moore, Jordan Lopez-Dizon, Tiara Jackson, Adrian Swift-Henry, Danielle Jackson, Dominique Jackson and Kristian Cadiz-Domville may have won their age / gender division. If not, they all ran well and should be in medal contention.

November 23rd and 24th, is the 1st days for the Colgate Women Games. Middle school starts on 11/23rd and Elementary and High School starts on 11/24th. Plus, USATF Regional Championship is on November 24th. Therefore, some athletes will be traveling to 168th Armory for the Women Colgate Games and some will be traveling to Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls New York. This is the qualifier for the USATF Cross Country National Championship in San Antonio, Texas.

Anyone interested in joining Velocity Track Club New York, contact Coach Dinkins at (914) 441-6196 or you email me at WATCLT@AOL.COM.



The Velocity track Club strike a pose at the NYRR Youth Cross Country 1.5 mile Invitation at Van Cortland Park.. Photo by Velocity Track Club.

## AFC Rapid Soccer highlights

BY THE SHADOW

### Week VII

AFC Rapid Soccer continues to play scheduled match but input regarding highlights is dwindling. The highlights are as follows:

The burgers were flipping and the fries sizzling, as McDonalds defeated Triumph Construction, 7-3. First time scorers for Triumph were Maritza Ierizarry and Janessa Delahoz. Leading the charge were "O" Damien Hegarty and "D" Christian McCann.

The attorneys at Patrick Wynne "lanced" the at St Benedict's, 5-2. The lead attorney was Jack Murphy(4) and the bailiff was Jayleen Resto(1). Court officers were Michael Tarul, Nick Bulla and Lance Lynch.

The therapists at Proactive P T exercised Barino's Market, 2-0. The goals were scored by Alexandra Tarul

and Vincent Vega. Holding Barino's scoreless were defenders Charliz Apunte and Isabella Walker.

Advanced Solutions "twirled" to a tough victory over Twist-It Frozen Yogurt, 2-1. With the solution were Sammy Carello and Joseph Rachiele. Getting the balls in position for the scores were Rachel Menna and Justen Mendoza. Straightening Twist-It were Nicolas Tripoli and Nicole Avila.

The Sportsters from Side Street were shitout by Today Realty, 4-0. Javier Carrillo(1) and Mohammed Arifov the hat trick. Offensive standouts were Justin McConville, Zack Heely and Fabian Romanno. The wall was formed by Sean Maldonado, Richard Pallazollo and Brian Waters.

### Week X

The "shadow" would like to apologize for the lack of articles published this year due to computer glitches,

the hiflights are as follows:

Captain Mikes Diving sent the real estate under water at Prime Realty, 2-1. The air was good for Manolia Argyros and Brenna Russin with a goal each. An assist was had by Kaylin Guadalupe with other strong offensive performances by Katherine V/ Carew and Nadiy Delgado. The "D" was held by Taylor Russin, Skylar Cullen, Sidorella Zeffi, Nikoletta Marku and Emilt Hewitt. Emily nugget was strong in the net.

The caterers from Ann Clair shutout The Knights from St Benedict's, 2-0. The "O" was supplied by Justin Foster(1) and Gabriella Dinino(1). Manning the parapets were Matilda Hushorn, Adriana Keone and Calise Mendoza.

Bronx City Rectclng handed Loretta's Pizza their loss, in a hard fought march, 1-0. The lone goal

was scored by Ralph Pulitano. The defnsive wall was formed by Christopher Ferriello and Max Weihler. The win was preserved by goal tender, Daniel Zefi with a huge save of a penalty kick.

Advanced Solutions "solved" Barino's Maret, 1-0. The lone goal of the match was scored by Rachel Menna. Other players with the "solutions" were Joseph Rachiele, Anastasia Karapinperis, Gabriel Marrero, Sam Carello and Norysa Nelms

Schuyler Hill F.H. "buried" Burns & Rodriguez, 2-0. The ushers were Nicolette Dinino and Mikaela Apicella with a goal each. Other "O" supplied by Andres Roman, Gary Azar, Riley Murphy, Chris Macauley and Kathy Rodriguez. Digging the plot were Dean Heesch, Ryan Burgos, Sal Bonasio, Sophia Ryan and Chris Schober.

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Wall-to-wall Mayock is like being trapped in a telephone booth with a pregnant hyena. If a player dives over the pylon, he'll give you 20 seconds on the pylon. Heck, afforded the opportunity, he would analyze a doorknob.

Seriously, if someone were saying all this stuff sitting next to you in a bar while you're trying to watch a game, you would leave the bar. If someone were saying all this stuff to you in your own home, you might put your home on the market.

I'd like to leave my beleaguered Couch Slouch community with Mayock's sound bite of the year, from the Sept. 26 49ers-Rams game. I'd give you the context, but I think it's better appreciated as a stand-alone monument to the maelstrom

that is Mike Mayock: "Step. Step. Pat. Burp the baby. And now throw it."

**Carrying The Weight**  
After I heard a lot of concern being voiced for the physical health over the current group of NFL players( my feeling is that concern is more for economic health by owners), it reminded me of a statement by the late HOF Artie Donovan. He was playing for the Colts when during one play he broke his leg. After he was assisted of the field his coach, Weeb Eubank was advised of the injury. He told Donovan to get back in the game because the injury wasn't a weight bearing bone.

## The Real Reason

It has become apparent that the real reason "Garden Dolan" threw Glen Grunwald overboard and hired Steve Mills as GM is that Mills has even less basketball smarts than Dolan.

Grunwald's Knicks won 54 games last year (no guarantee for an equal number this year) and he DID learn a lot assisting Donnie Walsh- especially how to say no to Dolan.

I remember the Knicks' owner set his mind on acquiring LeBron James but wound up with Amar'e, when James went to Miami, because Dolan felt he had to do something, anything, even if it were wrong.

Ricky Rubio from Minny would look good in the Garden. His high-energy game would do a lot to energize the Knicks. Shumpert has heard his name being mentioned as trade-bait with Denver and put some oomph behind him. The Knicks need his D and his ability to play in the back and front court.

## Marathon Mile Post

The Sports Curmudgeon quoted Brad Dickson (Omaha World-Herald), "Notwithstanding

those items, the thing that seemed to generate the most commentary from the race was Pamela Anderson running - and finishing - the race in a little over 5 hours. She was running to raise money for Haitian relief. Here is an example of the commentary I referred to from Brad Dickson of the Omaha World-Herald: 'Pamela Anderson finished the New York City Marathon in 5 hours, 41 minutes and 3 seconds. All the men who finished in 5 hours, 41 minutes and 4 seconds have some explaining to do to their wives.'"

## More Perry

"Another hockey brawl- this one a post-game affair after Bemidji State upset Ohio State 3-2- resulted in an NCAA-record 303 penalty minutes and 19 game disqualifications.

Still not impressed? It was a WOMEN'S hockey game."

Dwight quoted Fark.com: "Chess grandmaster takes on 10 inmates blindfolded and wins, still has no idea what happened to his billfold and watch."

Dwight told us that, "Police in Mayville, Wis., arrested a 42-year-old Bears fan who carried out an alcohol fueled bet and zapped his wife with a taser three times when Chicago upset her beloved Packers.

Hubby got charged, too- with felony possession of an electronic weapon."

## The Avis Club

Bob Molinaro gave us an interesting group of also-rans: "Finishing second in the MVP race in consecutive years puts Angels outfielder Mike Trout in good company. The other back-to-back MVP runners-up: Mickey Mantle, Lou Gehrig, Ted Williams, Stan Musial, Sandy Koufax, Dizzy Dean, Eddie Murray, Cecil Fielder, Albert Pujols, Johnny Mize and Mike Piazza."

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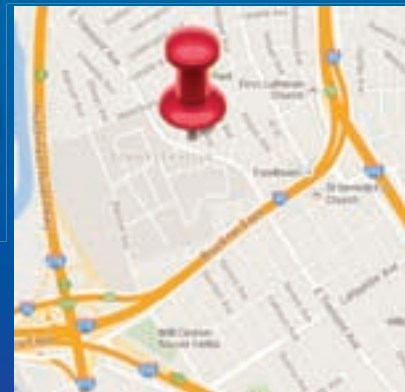


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