

Free inside today

24 pages of SmartSource coupons



The Bronx's Number One Sports

Page 71-74



The Bronx's Number One Classifieds

Page 66-69



## Boro's best respond to train wreck

BY DAVID CRUZ

Last Sunday's massive Metro-North train derailment in the Bronx put local hospitals to the test.

The news was tough - four people dead and 63 injured from a 5:54 a.m. train from Poughkeepsie.

The eight-car passenger train bound for Grand Central Terminal rolled to its side at 7:22 a.m. as it rounded a notoriously curvy track near the Spuyten Duyvil station.

Continued on Page 75



Photo by Laura Stone

## All Decked Out For Santa

Ava Marie Vetere is balanced by none other than the Santa Claus himself! Jolly Saint Nick took time out of his hectic schedule to celebrate Throggs Neck's annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. More photos on holiday lightings can be found on pages 46 and 47

# SUBWAY CLOSURE CHAOS

## Dyre Ave. #5 renovations

BY DAVID CRUZ

The 12 days of Christmas could spell 14 days of headaches for some straphangers.

That's because the Pelham Parkway Station on the 5 Dyre Avenue subway line is set to close Monday, Dec. 9 as emergency work gets underway for the following two weeks. Trains from both directions will skip the stop until Dec. 23 when crews are expected to finish.

"It was necessary to close this station for two weeks to execute this emergency asbestos abatement and minor repairs," said MTA spokesman Kevin Ortiz.

The station, in a quiet area just north of Pelham Parkway, appears severely rundown with paint flaking, stark lighting. Tracks are missing between the

two platforms of the station, once an express stop for the defunct New York, Westchester and Boston Railway.

The project's timing comes during the busy holiday season as Bronxites prepare for Yuletide gatherings while hitting the local big box stores for gifts.

But Ortiz noted the "relatively light" ridership numbers, with the station ranking 7th in lowest commuter use, implying few commuters will be affected.

The holidays aside, news of the closure didn't sit well for Muhamed Caba of Fordham, outraged the closure will add another 15 minutes to his walk to the nearby Morris Park Avenue station.

"I need this train to go to work every morning," said Caba, a teacher's assistant. "That

Continued on Page 75

TOP BRONX NEWS STORIES

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD - YOUR NEWS®

CLASSIFIEDS FOR THE BRONX

The Bronx Times On-Line Your world is 24/7... NOW so are we.

www.bxtimes.com

BRONX Times REPORTER INC.

FOOD • HEALTH • TECHNOLOGY

# AAA FAMILY DENTAL

Ask About Our  
**SNAP ON TEETH**  
They Will Make You  
**SMILE**



**For More Information Visit Us At  
[www.bronxdentistny.com](http://www.bronxdentistny.com)**

The Answer To All Your Dental Problems Is Complete Dental Care

Just Remodeled And Expanded With Brand New Office  
Equipment And Modern Sterilization.

All Unions, Insurance And Medicaid Welcomed.  
Four Doctors On Staff, Choose The One You Like.  
Come And Check Us Out!!



**Reasonable Fees Quality Dentistry**  
**Dr. Serge Sandler, D.D.S.**

3366 Boston Road (2 Blocks North of Gun Hill Road)

**(718) 547-5280**

**FREE CONSULTATION**

• All Union & Insurance Plans Accepted

Local 1500, 338, 530, 1180, PBA, 1199, CSEA, DDS - Locals, Aetna, Met Life, Guardian,  
DC-37, GHI, UFT, 237, Carpenters, Marble Workers, Blue Cross, NYNEX  
and Many More

Medicaid, Fidelis, Metro Plus, New York Presbyterian, GHI HMO welcomed

- Natural Colored Fillings • Cosmetic Dentistry (bonding & laminates)
- Denture Repairs While You Wait • Replace Missing Teeth While You Wait

English, Russian & Spanish Spoken • Se Habla Español



**HOLIDAY  
PARTY  
TRAYS**

**LET US CATER YOUR NEXT...**

*Holiday Party • Corporate Function • School Party  
Office Party or Any Event*

**ROASTED  
TURKEYS**

**12-16 LBS.**

**18-22 LBS.**

**24-28 LBS.**

**30-36 LBS.**

**SIDES**

*Stuffing w/Sausage*

*Roasted Potatoes*

*Sweet Potatoes w/Marshmallows*

*String Bean Almadine*

*Fresh Cranberry Sauce*

*Turkey Gravy*

**WE ALSO HAVE**

*Sliced Pork w/Gravy*

*Sliced Roast Beef w/Gravy*

*Lasagna & Eggplant Parm*

**PLUS A FULL LINE OF PIES**

**PLACE YOUR ORDER EARLY**

**BUTCHER**

*Pork Roast*

*Roast Beef*

*Homemade Sausage*

*Braciola*

*Steaks*

*Burgers*

*Chops*

**TRY OUR  
HOMEMADE  
RAVIOLIS**

- sausage & pepper ravioli
- cheese ravioli
- meat ravioli
- spinach ravioli
- sausage & broccoli rabe ravioli
- shrimp & garlic ravioli
- grilled chicken & roasted peppers ravioli
- pumpkin ravioli



Every Thursday is Thanksgiving At Barino's. Come See Our Selection And Pick Up Your Holiday Menu.

**BARINO'S MARKET**

3244 AMPERE AVENUE • BRONX, NEW YORK 10465

**718.828.9200**

*Hours: Monday - Saturday 7am-7pm • Sunday 7am-2pm*

*www.barinosmarket.com • We Have Gift Cards*

**CNG****Your Neighborhood  
- Your News****Mail:** Bronx Times  
900 E. 132nd Street  
Bronx, NY 10454**To Subscribe:**  
(718) 742-3397**General Phone:**  
(718) 597-1116**General Fax:**  
(718) 518-0038**News Phone:**  
(718) 742-3393**News E-Mail:**  
bronxtimes@cnglocal.com**Sports Phone:**  
(718) 742-3393**Sports E-Mail:**  
bronxtimes@cnglocal.com**Display Phone:**  
(718) 742-3398**Classified Phone:**  
(718) 260-2500**Display/Classified  
E-Mail:**

bronxtimes@cnglocal.com

Bronx Times Reporter (USPS #730390) is published weekly by Bronx Times Reporter, Inc., a subsidiary of News Community Newspaper Holdings, Inc. Copyright © 2013. Periodicals postage rate is being paid at the Bronx, N.Y. Post Office. Subscriptions \$8.00 per year. Postmaster, Send address changes to Bronx Times Reporter, 900 E. 132nd Street, Bronx, NY 10454. ISSN #8750-4499.

# around town

by David Cruz

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

**Good-bye & Many Thanks**

After a year and eight months of attending nighttime meetings, immersing myself into the communities and crafting stories for The Bronx Times Reporter, I'm moving on. This is my final Around Town column as I'm now slated to work as editor-in-chief for the Norwood News, a bi-weekly covering the northern Bronx. To say BTR was a wild ride is an understatement. It was unclear where my new career path would go the moment Publisher Emeritus John Collazzi took a chance on me. Looking back, I can say with great certainty that this is perhaps one of my more rewarding times of my life. It was always a thrill to

come home with my clips to show the family where the paper took me each week. The people I've met and the great places I've seen in this comeback borough have been burned into my memory forever. It was a place where I reached two crazy milestones—turning 30 and getting engaged. So in closing, nothing has given me more pride than to meet the people of the borough churning the wheels of community improvement. It's them who've given me inspiration to keep reporting, keeping crafting pieces on the Bronx. It does, after all, have a great story to tell.

**Birth**

It was on November 12, 2013 **Natalia Soifa Palma** was born to loving parents Gina and Luis Palma of Throggs Neck. Congratulations and good luck to the Palmas!

**Birthday**

*A happy blessed 104th*



The Travelers Social Club spent a few days in Wildwood, NJ in late September. The east Bronx organization stopped at the Wildwood Country Club one evening. Pictured (from row l-r) Lucy Bastista, Rose Rosconi and Kathy Vento; (Back row, l-r), Joe Vento Silvio and Sybil Nucci, Linda Rosenweitz, Tina Mauro, Maddi Rosconi and Tom Mauro.

*birthday to **Filomena Deglomini**. Her son **Edward Deglomini** and daughter-in-law **Blandina Deglomini** are*

*so thankful to the Lord for giving her a long life to be still with them which complete their happiness as a family.*

*Happy 3rd birthday **David Ryan**. We love you! Love, momma, grandma, grandpa, uncle Anthony and Bandit.*



NATALIA SOIFA PALMA



DAVID RYAN



FILOMENA DEGLOMINI

We Take E.B.T. CARD

**FREE DELIVERY**  
Retail - \$50 Minimum

Mon-Sat 7am - 7pm  
Sunday 9am - 5pm

**718-892-7798**  
F: 718-892-7919  
1554 Paulding Ave  
Bronx, NY 10462

**ALWAYS ON PREMISES 7 DAYS A WEEK**

www.giordanos-big-g.com

**COME IN**

HAVE A FREE CUP OF COFFEE CHECK US OUT FULL LINE OF MEAT, SEAFOOD AND DELI

**CUSTOM CUT YOUR WAY!**

<b>WHOLE CHICKENS</b> CUT FREE <b>3 FOR \$15.00</b>	<b>BEEF CHOPMEAT</b> 5 LB PACK <b>\$2.99 LB.</b>	<b>RIB STEAKS</b> <b>\$9.99 LB.</b>	<b>BOARS HEAD HAM</b> <b>\$7.99 LB.</b>
<b>CHICKEN CHOPMEAT</b> 3 LB. PACK <b>\$1.99 LB.</b>	<b>CENTER CUT PORK CHOPS</b> <b>\$2.99 LB.</b>	<b>SIRLOIN CHOP MEAT</b> <b>\$3.99 LB.</b>	<b>OVEN ROASTED TURKEY BREAST</b> <b>\$8.99 LB.</b>
<b>EYE ROUND OR BOTTOM ROUND</b> <b>\$4.99 LB.</b>	<b>SABRETT FRANKS</b> 14 OZ PACKAGE <b>\$3.99</b>	<b>CHICKEN LEGS</b> <b>10LBS. \$10.00</b>	<b>OVEN ROASTED CHICKEN BREAST</b> <b>\$8.99 LB.</b>
<b>JUMBO SHRIMP</b> (16-20) <b>\$12.99 LB.</b>	<b>PRIME LONDON BROIL</b> <b>\$4.99 LB.</b>	<b>FAMILY PACK ITALIAN SAUSAGE</b> 5LBS. OR MORE <b>\$2.99 LB.</b>	<b>BOARS HEAD BOLOGNA</b> <b>\$5.99 LB.</b>
<b>TILAPIA FILET</b> <b>\$4.59 LB.</b>	<b>CHICKEN BREASTS</b> <b>5LBS. \$10.00</b>	<b>ITALIAN CHICKEN SAUSAGE</b> BUY ONE GET ONE <b>FREE</b>	<b>STORE BAKED ROAST BEEF</b> <b>\$8.99 LB.</b>

<b>OUR MOST POPULAR MEAT PLANS</b>	<b>MEET THE SAVINGS</b>
<p><b>THE BEST OF EVERYTHING</b></p> <p>1 Top Round London Broil (1") 1 lb Veal Cutlets 1 1/2 lbs Chicken Cutlets 6 Pcs. Center Cut Pork Chops (3/4" thick) 1 1/2 lbs Sirloin Chop Meat</p> <p><b>ALL THIS FOR</b> <b>\$49.95</b></p>	<p><b>5 PEOPLE CAN EAT FOR 5 DAYS</b></p> <p>5 Pieces Shell Steak 1 1/2 lbs Veal Cutlets 3 lbs Center Cut Pork Chops 6 lbs Chicken (2) 3 lbs Chuck Chop</p> <p><b>ALL THIS FOR</b> <b>\$85.95</b></p>
<p><b>FAMILY PACK</b></p> <p>1 lb Chicken Cutlets 2 lbs Veal Cutlets 3 lbs Spare Ribs 2 lbs Franks 3 lbs Chicken Legs 2 lbs Italian Sausage</p> <p><b>ALL THIS FOR</b> <b>\$59.95</b></p>	<p>1 lb Veal Cutlets 3 lbs Center Cut Pork Chops 1 London Broil (1" thick) 4 lbs Spare Ribs 5 lbs Chuck Chopped 6 lbs Chicken 3 lbs Italian Sausage 2 lbs Chicken Cutlets</p> <p><b>ALL THIS FOR</b> <b>\$89.99</b></p>

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS - PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE



**Guiding Star**  
**K. Of C. # 212**

3243 Ampere Ave, Bronx Ny 10465

## Honors Father Aloysius Thumma

Parochial Vicar, 1998-2013.

Our Lady of the Assumption Church.

### FAREWELL LUNCHEON CELEBRATION

Sunday December 8th 1:00-4:00 PM

All are welcome. Open invitation.

Spread the word!

No RSVP's.

Your presence is requested

but please no presents.

# *It's the most Wonderful Time of the Year...*

**Multiply the good this holiday season**

**Your favorite local charity could receive \$1,000!**

Post the name of your favorite local charity  
on [Facebook.com/RidgewoodBank](https://www.facebook.com/RidgewoodBank)  
by December 15th and Ridgewood Savings Bank will  
make a \$1,000 donation to the top five charities posted.



**May your holidays be merry and bright.  
Best wishes to all for a healthy, happy  
and prosperous New Year.**

 **RIDGEWOOD  
SAVINGS BANK**  
*multiply the good*



See branch for details or visit us on [Facebook.com/RidgewoodBank](https://www.facebook.com/RidgewoodBank) Member FDIC

[www.ridgewoodbank.com](http://www.ridgewoodbank.com)

# Throggs Neck holiday lights switch on

## Merchants group show spirit of the season

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Throggs Neck Merchants Association's lights are back on this year, transforming the shopping strip into a Winter Wonderland.

The merchants, through generous donations, strung Christmas lights across the shopping streets of East Tremont Avenue shopping strip from Dudley Avenue near Lehman High School all the way to Miles Avenue, said TNMA treasurer John Cerini, noting there are 48 strands of lights and four pole decorations this year.

The lights are paid for by merchants who contribute money to the yearly effort.

For those merchants who do contribute, they are given posters to display in their store windows, he said.

Cerini said the TNMA is asking the community to support merchants who contributed for the lights.

"Please look for the posters in the store owner's windows," said Cerini, "and if you don't see a poster, ask them why they did not contribute."

The job is a major undertaking every year, and a group of merchants visit every store up and down the shopping strip several times to collect funds for the lights, he said.

The lights were turned on Thanksgiving weekend, said TNMA president Steve Kaufman.

The lights, along with the Christmas Tree Lighting at Derosa O'Boyle Triangle on Dec. 1, hosted by Assemblyman Michael Benedetto along with the TNMA, bring the holiday spirit to the community, he said.

"The merchants are generous in contributing to make sure that were able to put up the Christmas lights



The Throggs Neck Merchants' Christmas lights brighten the holiday season in the community.

Photo by Patrick Rocchio/file photo

and have our welcoming spirit on East Tremont Avenue," said Kaufman.

"We have an active com-

munity and an active group of merchants that want to see Tremont Avenue flourish, and want the people

to have a very happy and Merry Christmas,"

he said. "We don't want darkness in our lives, we

want happiness and celebration."

One of the most generous contributors, said Cerini, is Jim McQuade, owner of Schuyler Hill Funeral Home at 3535 E. Tremont Ave.

McQuade said that when the merchants association restarted after a dormant period, he, Bronx Times founder John Collazzi, and others made bringing back the holiday lights a priority.

"This is my neighborhood, and my home. I love this community and am proud of it," said McQuade. "It's Christmas, through the good times and the bad times. As business people, we have to say thank you to the community. We want this community to be thankful that they are living here, appreciate it, and know that the merchants back them."

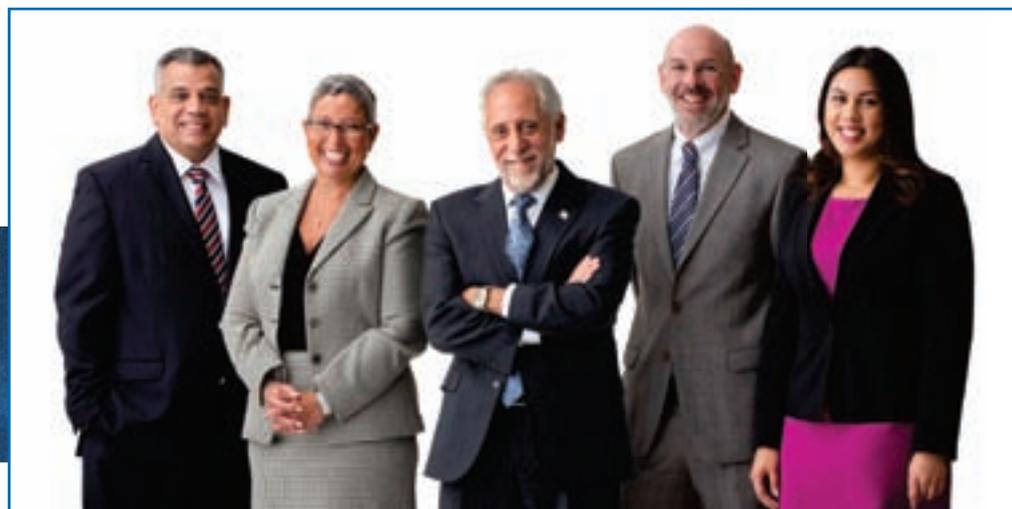


## HUDSON VALLEY BANK

### Building Successful Business Relationships in the Bronx

We are...

- Lending
- Competitive
- Customer Focused



"Our team is here for your business."

— John Bartolotta  
First Senior Vice President

Rebecca Polanco

First VP & Bronx Area Manager | (347) 706-3312

[www.hudsonvalleybank.com](http://www.hudsonvalleybank.com)

facebook

LinkedIn

Member FDIC





# The Wicked Wolf

## Restaurant & Bar

4029 East Tremont Avenue • 718-829-4400

**NOW HAS  
FREE  
PARKING IN OUR  
NEW PARKING LOT**

Come To The Wolf For Your  
*Holiday Gathering*  
Make Your reservation  
**No Parties To Small**

## KARAOKE

STARTING THURSDAY, DEC. 12TH AT 10PM

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**



## DJ'S



## Sunday Brunch **15.95**

FRESH FRUITS, FRESHLY BAKED CROISSANTS, BAGELS, MUFFINS, DANISH AND ROLLS SCRAMBLED EGGS, EGGS BENEDICT, BACON, IRISH SAUSAGE AND HOMEFRIES, PANCAKES, FRENCH TOAST, QUICHES, CHICKEN STIR FRY, CARVING ROAST AND DESSERTS SERVED WITH 1/2 PITCHERS OF BLOODY MARY'S OR MIMOSA'S

**BOOK YOUR EVENT OR HOLIDAY PARTY  
EARLY AT THE WICKED WOLF**

**Delivery Service  
Available**

**CHECK OUT OUR MENU ON-LINE AT:  
[WWW.WICKEDWOLFFNY.COM](http://WWW.WICKEDWOLFFNY.COM)**

**10  
PLASMA TVs**

# BORO BEAT



by Bob  
"KAPPY"  
Kappstatter



## WHEELIN'-N-DEALIN'

All that talk of behind-the-scenes wrangling over who's going to be the next City Council Speaker has so far overlooked the most important part of the negotiations – the committee chairmanships and myriad other jobs that go with the final deal.

This is where the five Democratic county leaders really get into the (No) Smoke Filled Room.

"If you buy into the way things went with the past several council speakers," a longtime Bronx/City Hall insider told us, "when they got elected, not just the key chairmanships were divided between the county leaders, but also positions within the Speaker's office, the Council, and administrative positions. It's almost like they have an organization chart, and the county leaders carve up the jobs."

As far as HOW MUCH each county leader gets, "he who brings the most Council votes to the table has the most juice."

That would be Bronx/Queens Congressman **Joe Crowley**,

head of Queens party. With up to 15 council members following his marching orders, he's looked at as the potential king - or queen - maker.

Add Bronx party boss **Carl Heastie** and other county leaders reportedly leaning to support Crowley's choice to bring in the winning council vote for the anointed Speaker.

"So that just blasts the so-called Progressive movement in the council to smithereens," added our wise political friend.

## PROFIT AND LOSS

With west Bronx City Councilman **Fernando Cabrera** in hot - if not legal - water over allegedly trying to shake down Kingsbridge Armory developers for \$100,000 a year for 99 years for a basically defunct religious non-profit he was affiliated with, we can only say:

Former Senators **Efrain Gonzalez** and **Pedro Espada Jr.**, former City Councilman son **Pedro G. Espada**, and ex-City Councilman **Larry Seabrook** are all currently cooling their heels

in the federal pen for "dipping their beaks (see Godfather II)" into non-profits.

## EMPTY SEAT

With **Gov. Cuomo** saying he has no plans at this point to call special elections to fill some vacant assembly seats around the state, it looks like Assemblywoman **Vanessa Gibson's** 77th A.D. seat in Highbridge/Concourse may have to remain vacant for awhile.

Vanessa won the November election to fill term-limited **Helen Foster's** City Council seat there, and will be sworn in Jan. 2.

Cuomo recently told the Politicker blog that "It's a balance of the cost and the hardship of the election versus the community's right to representation. But we don't have any plans as of now."

That could mean waiting until the September primary (or June, if the legislature shifts it back to then) until a potential winner is declared - with Bronx Dem Party Boss **Carl Heastie** screwed out of picking a replacement and having to deal with an open election. He got stuck

with the same problem in a tight and dirty little race to fill disgraced Assemblyman Nelson Castro's west Bronx seat, though the party-backed candidate, Victor Pichardo squeaked in.

Local 77th A.D. District Leader and organization insider **Venancio (Benny) Catala**, who ran Vanessa's successful Council race (with strong backing from the Bronx Democratic machine), is looking like the leading contender at the moment. But some of the losers in the council race, have also reportedly been emboldened to go for the council seat. Stay tuned.

## FREE

The Bronx Democratic Party is holding its annual Holiday Party Monday, Dec. 9 at the UFT offices at 2500 Halsey Street just below Westchester Square. Free food, free booze, and the public invited, sez the flyer.

As for us working journalists, we of course will pay.

## LIBERTY DEMS

The Liberty Democratic Association holds its sixth annual awards

dinner Thursday, Dec. 12 at Maestro's.

Among this year's honorees: Congressman **Charlie Rangel**, UFT Bronx Rep **Jose Vargas**, 49th Precinct Community Council prexy **Joe Thompson**, and Dr. **Hamud Al-Silsi** of the Bronx Muslim Center.

## DIAPER DOOTY

Congrats to Soundview Assemblyman **Marcos Crespo** and wife **Virginia Molina** on birth of daughter **Graciela Sarai**.

## MOURNING

The loss of Bronx Times Reporter's hard working ace reporter and photo assignment editor **David Cruz**, off to greater glory as new editor of the Norwood News, replacing **Alex Kratz**, now running a writing center at a South Bronx charter school. And as we tell all new editors (from personal experience), good luck and God have mercy on your soul.

## COP CORNER

Congrats to Sgt. **Brendan Rafter**, makin' the money, named as commander at Soundview's

4-3 Detective Squad; **Ellis Deloren** of Bronx Robbery, and **Sharon Harvey** at the 4-5 Squad in Throggs Neck, both upped to detective second grade.

## PASSINGS

Former northeast Bronx Democratic Assemblyman **Vincent Marchiselli** passed away Nov. 29 at Lawrence Hospital, in Bronxville at age 85. The former funeral home owner served in Albany from 1974 to 1984 as part of the borough reform movement that battled Dem party bosses. He was narrowly defeated in the redrawn 82nd district by **Larry Seabrook**.

## BRONX BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 27 – **Phil Foglia**  
Dec. 3 - Assemblyman **Jeff Dinowitz**

Dec. 11, 1931 **Rita Moreno** (Rosita Dolores Alverio)

## BRONX QUOTES

"I take people to the Bronx, Brooklyn, I take 'em to Harlem. I don't care. Don't make no difference to me." **Robert DeNiro**, Taxi Driver (1976)

## People come before profits.

As large corporations continue to overtake local businesses, there are funeral homes that steadfastly remain family-owned and independent.

They don't have a staff of 1,000, but they know everyone in their hometown.

Instead of joining a huge corporation, they join local civic groups.

They don't have to answer to stockholders, but they do donate to the local Girl Scout troop.

And you'll know who to turn to when you need them.

When it comes to funeral homes in your town, bigger doesn't mean better.



**SCHUYLER HILL**  
FUNERAL HOME

James E. McQuade, Owner

Family Owned & Operated for over 50 years

3535 East Tremont Ave. • Bronx

718-792-0270

www.schuylerhill.com



# FORMAN MILLS COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

## HOLIDAY GIFT HEADQUARTERS!

93 TRACTOR TRAILERS FULL OF BRAND NEW ARRIVALS!

### DOOR BUSTERS!

- FASHION TEES & TOPS
- CASUAL PANTS
- CHARACTER SLEEP BOTTOMS
- SHEET SETS • SUPER WARM THROWS
- GLASS ORNAMENT SETS

**\$5**

Stretch those Bills!

- MENS FLEECE CREWS, FLEECE PANTS, PRINT TEES & LONG SLEEVE WOVENS ..... **2 FOR \$10**
- BOYS DENIM & TWILL PANTS ..... **2 FOR \$10**
- MENS THERMAL CREWS, THERMAL HENLEYS, TURTLENECKS MOCKS, LONG SLEEVE TEES, POLOS & FLANNELS ... **3 FOR \$10**
- BOYS 2 PIECE PANTS SETS ..... **\$6**
- BOYS LICENSED 2 PIECE FLEECE PANT SETS ..... **\$8**
- GIRLS FAMOUS MAKER COLOR TWILLS ..... **\$8**
- NFL TEAM JERSEYS ..... **\$10**

### GIRLS TODDLERS INFANTS FLEECE SETS

TODDLERS \$6  
GIRLS \$8

Special Purchase

**\$4**

Infants

### LADIES FAMOUS DESIGNER LABEL SWEATERS

KEEP WARM IN STYLE  
Assorted Colors

**\$12**

### LADIES & GIRLS SWEATER DRESSES

Assorted Styles & Colors

**\$6**

### LEATHER GLOVES

Reg. \$5.99-\$7.99

2 & 3 PIECE SETS

**2 FOR \$10**

### OUTERWEAR BLOWOUT!

BOYS HEAVYWEIGHT JACKETS  
MENS & BOYS FASHION LINED HOODIES  
LADIES ACTIVE POLY-FILLED JACKETS

Assorted Styles

SPECIAL PURCHASE!

**\$10**

### WE GOT TONS OF TOYS!

YOUR CHOICE

**\$10**

### MENS SWEATERS

Hot New Colors & Styles

**2 FOR \$10**

### LADIES & GIRLS MILITARY BOOTS

**2 FOR \$25**

### BOYS FASHION SWEATERS LONG SLEEVE POLOS

Assorted Styles

**\$4**

## WE WILL NEVER BE UNDERSOLD...EVER! FORMAN MILLS

Bronx, NY  
156th & Third Ave.  
646-224-0575

Totowa, NJ  
670 Union Blvd.  
973-785-3118

East Orange, NJ  
Main & S. Harrison  
973-677-7163

Elizabeth, NJ  
647 Newark Ave.  
908-353-0100

CLOTHING FACTORY WAREHOUSE

1.800.994.mills • formanmills.com  
Mon-Sat 9am-10pm • Sun 9am-9pm



# Christmas lights back on Allerton Avenue

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Allerton Avenue is lighting its way out of the shadows.

If you're strolling down the commercial strip between Bronx Park East and Laconia Avenue this holiday season, look up: you'll see a bit of local history being made.

Christmas lights were set to go up on the buzzing stretch for the first time in over a decade on Thursday Dec. 5, thanks to a Santa Claus-sized donation from local healthcare juggernaut Centerlight.

## More than just lights

"We just wanted to boost the morale on this great street," said Gene DeFrancis, president of the Allerton International Merchants (AIM), an organization started last year that aims to bond local businesses.

But these lights bring more than mere Christmas cheer to Allerton. They also signal that the neighborhood is stepping out of



One Allerton Avenue shop is already in the Christmas spirit. The stretch was set to get large-scale lights Thursday Dec. 5.

Photo by David Cruz

Morris Park's shadow to become a destination in its own right, local business owners said.

"This was a great neigh-

borhood back when I was a kid, but it's spiraled out of control," DeFrancis said. "We've had enough."

The lights, identical to

those draped over the wires on Morris Park Avenue, ring in at \$8,000 from vendor New York Christmas. Centerlight, which oper-

ates a nursing home and rehab center on the Allerton strip, jumped at the chance to chip in \$5,000 toward the lights.

## Chipping in

"The people in our facilities and in the neighborhood appreciate the festivity, so we made room in our budget," said James O'Neill, director of Community Outreach at the center.

Sonny Vataj of Exit Realty fronted the other \$3000. Now AIM, the business association, hopes that local shops will chip in to repay Vataj and contribute toward the additional \$600 electric bill.

"We know that a lot of people are struggling, but we're trying to convince them that paying is worth it," DeFrancis said.

Vataj, who guaranteed the lights by vouching for the extra \$3,000, said that he expects the other businesses will hop on board and pitch in once they see the lights welcoming visi-

tors to the shopping strip.

Local shops that do pay toward the lights will receive an honorary sticker in their window.

"I am confident that I'll get the money back," he said. "And I'll be going door to door until I do."

The merchant association has endured a bit of skepticism so far. The avenue's previous merchant group disbanded in the late 90s. The nabe has since fallen into disrepair, local business owners said.

Trash piled up on the street. The avenue became less appealing for pedestrians. And the beloved Christmas lights went out.

"Having no lights sends the message to the public that we don't care how we are seen," said Sal Farenga, co-owner of the Farenga Brothers funeral home on Allerton and Radcliff Avenues.

Ten years later, the lights are set to be back and as bright as ever.



**OUR LAST 2013 BRZ  
HOT OFFER!**

**SUMMER  
DREAMIN'  
SALES EVENT**





**NEW 2013  
BRZ  
LIMITED**

Available for  
Immediate Delivery.  
See Dealer for Model  
Closeout Pricing.  
Stk#5209S.



New 2013 Subaru  
**Impreza 2.5i Prem. AWD**

**\$159\***

Lease Per Mo. 36 Mos.

Stk#5261S, All Weather Pkg, 4dr, 4cyl, CVT auto, pwr/wind/steer/locks/ABS/heated mirrors, Windshield Wiper De-icer, AM/FM/CD, all weather floor mats, remote keyless entry, tilt, cruise. MSRP \$21,677.\*Due at signing: \$2500+\$595 bank fee+\$159 1st pymnt+tax & tags. Subj. to primary lender approval.

**OUR LAST 2013  
IN STOCK!!**



New 2014 Subaru  
**Forester 2.5i AWD**

**\$179\***

Lease Per Mo. 36 Mos.

Stk#6128S, 5dr, 4cyl, CVT auto, pwr/wind/steer/locks/ABS/mirrors, AM/FM/CD, all weather floor mats, remote keyless entry, tilt, cruise. MSRP \$23,948.\*Due at signing: \$2500+\$595 bank fee+\$179 1st pymnt+tax & tags. Subj. to primary lender approval.



New 2014 Subaru  
**Outback 2.5i AWD**

**\$215\***

Lease Per Mo. 36 Mos.

Stk#6126S, Alloy Wheel Pkg, 5dr, 4cyl, CVT auto, pwr/wind/steer/locks/ABS/mirrors, AM/FM/CD, all weather floor mats, remote keyless entry, fog lamps, rear bumper cover, tilt, cruise. MSRP \$26,140.\*Due at signing: \$2500+\$595 bank fee+\$215 1st pymnt+tax & tags. Subj. to primary lender approval.





**888 290 0338**

3201 E. Tremont Ave. Bronx, NY

Mon-Thurs: 9-8 • Friday: 9-7 • Saturday: 9-5 • Se Habla Español  
Saturday Service is Available • 9am-5:00pm



Confidence in Motion



\*Offers cannot be combined w/prior ads and are subject to change without notice. Payments includes all dealer incentives - must qualify. Total payments/purchase option = Impreza: \$5724/\$11,922; Outback: \$7740/\$15,924; Forester: \$6444/\$15,087. Payments incl. all rebates to dr. Leases based on 10k miles per year/15c per mile over. Lessee responsible for excess wear/tear & maintenance. All Advertised vehicles require \$2500 due at signing+\$595 bank fee+1st month's payment+tax & tags. All lease prices must be financed by dealer to qualify. Must take del. from dealers stock by 12/11/13. Prices include all costs to be paid by a consumer except lic, reg, & taxes. All prices include manufactures rebate to dealer. Photos are for illus. purposes only. Not reps. for typo. errors. NYC DCA #0927744. DMV FAC #7070432

# 9th Annual Sparkling the Heart of Fordham

# GET 10% OFF SHOP FORDHAM

December 6 - December 22, 2013

**3 FLOOR DEPARTMENT STORE**  
350 E Fordham Rd

**4 EVER SHOES**  
10 E Fordham Rd

**ALMONTE NAIL SALON**  
314 E Kingsbridge Rd  
*REGULAR FULL SET ONLY*

**APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD GRILL & BAR**  
4750-4758 Third Ave  
www.applebees.com

**AT&T MOBILITY**  
381 E Fordham Rd

**B&H JEWELRY**  
2496 Grand Conc

**BEST ITALIAN PIZZA**  
200-202 E Fordham Rd

**BEST PERFUME PLUS**  
129 E Fordham Rd  
www.quickperfumes.com

**BEVERLY HILLS FURNITURE**  
305 E Kingsbridge Rd  
www.beverlyhillsfurniture2.com

**BIG JAKE'S JEWELRY**  
386 E Fordham Rd

**BOOST MOBILE**  
261A E Fordham Rd, *30% OFF*  
384 E Fordham Rd

**BUBU'Z INK**  
315 E Kingsbridge Rd

**CHECKERS**  
385 E Fordham Rd  
www.checkers.com

**COHEN'S FASHION OPTICAL**  
138 E Fordham Rd

**COHEN'S GENTLE DENTAL**  
1 E Fordham Rd, 2FI  
www.cohensgentledental.com

**COLOMBIA JEANS/LEVANTAPOMPIS (BUTT BOOSTING JEANS)**  
387 E Fordham Rd  
www.levantapompis.com

**CONWAY**  
215-223 E Fordham Rd  
www.conwaystores.com

**CUNY ON THE CONCOURSE**  
2501 Grand Conc, 3FI  
www.lehman.cuny.edu  
*CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES ONLY*

**DIAMOND DAZZLERS**  
377 E Fordham Rd

**EASY PICKINS**  
15 E Fordham Rd  
360 E Fordham Rd  
www.easypickins.com

**ELECTRONIC MALL**  
390 E Fordham Rd

**EMBODE BOUTIQUE**  
316 E Fordham Rd

**E-STYLE**  
114 E Fordham Rd

**EXCLUSIVE CELLULAR / FORDHAM ROAD WIRELESS**  
389 E Fordham Rd  
*20% OFF*

**FAMOUS FOOTWEAR**  
4770 Third Ave

**FORDHAM GOLD MINE**  
50 E Fordham Rd

**FORDHAM UNIFORMS**  
369 E Fordham Rd

**GEM PAWN BROKERS**  
367 E Fordham Rd

**GEM STORY**  
263 E Fordham Rd

**GEORGE JEWELRY CREATIONS/ VIXEN FACIALS**  
334 E Fordham Rd

**GG EXPRESS PARKING**  
421 E 189th St  
www.mpsparking.com

**GOLD FINE JEWELRY**  
379 E Fordham Rd  
*20% OFF*

**GOLD PALACE JEWELRY**  
214 E Fordham Rd  
*JEWELRY & CUSTOM PIECES ONLY*

**GOLDEN TOUCH BRONX**  
5 W Fordham Rd

**HOT POINT**  
340 E Fordham Rd  
www.hotpointny.com

**INSPIRE**  
29 E Fordham Rd

**JACLYN'S BOUTIQUE**  
300 E Fordham Rd

**KIDS WORLD**  
39 E Fordham Rd

**LEGACY HOME FASHION**  
2510-2512 Grand Conc

**LENS LAB EXPRESS**  
125 E Fordham Rd

**LUCILLE ROBERTS**  
2449 Morris Ave, 2FI  
www.lucilleroberts.com

**MAJESTIC FURNITURE**  
327 E Fordham Rd

**METRO PCS**  
2502 Grand Conc

**MODELL'S SPORTING GOODS**  
31 E Fordham Rd  
270 E Fordham Rd

**NEW MIRAGE CORP**  
336 E Fordham Rd  
*50% OFF DIAMONDS*

**NINE WEST OUTLET**  
305 E Kingsbridge Rd

**NISSAN KIDS CHILDREN'S WEAR**  
2483 Grand Conc

**NORTH END WINE & LIQUOR**  
2509 Webster Ave  
*CASES OF WINE ONLY*

**NYC BRONX CLOTHING**  
2490 Grand Conc

**NYC WIRELESS HUT**  
344 E Fordham Rd

**ONE STOP MOBILE**  
379 E Fordham Rd  
*20% OFF*

**ORIGINAL PRODUCTS (BOTANICA)**  
2486 Webster Ave  
www.originalbotanica.com

**P.C. RICHARD & SON**  
2501 Grand Conc

**PAY GO WIRELESS**  
300 E Fordham Rd

**PHONE SPOT WIRELESS**  
335 E Fordham Rd  
*30% OFF*

**PLAZA PHARMACY**  
2515 Webster Ave  
*EVERYTHING EXCEPT PRESCRIPTIONS, LOTTO & METROCARDS*

**RED DRAGON TATTOOS**  
390 E Fordham Rd, 2FI  
www.reddragonat.com

**SAVE-A-THON**  
9 E Fordham Rd

**SPRINT**  
124 E Fordham Rd  
www.sprint.com  
*\$19.99/MONTHLY HOME PHONE SERVICE, NEWEST GALAXY TABLET FOR \$49.99*

**SWEETIE ANGELS**  
1 W Fordham Rd

**TOP CONCOURSE ELECTRONICS & COMPUTERS**  
2486 Grand Conc  
www.topconcourse.com

**UNLIMITED WIRELESS**  
2498 Grand Conc  
*20% PHONES/ 50% ACCESSORIES*

**URBAN EYES OPTICAL**  
390 E Fordham Rd

**VENEZIA ACCESSORIES**  
305 E Kingsbridge Rd

**ZALE'S**  
254 E Fordham Rd  
www.zalecorp.com

Certain restrictions may apply.



SCAN THIS QR CODE

 **PRESENT THIS AD OR YOUR METROCARD® TO GET 10% OFF**  
Visit [www.fordhamroadbid.org](http://www.fordhamroadbid.org) for more information.

Take the **4 D B** to Fordham Rd, Metro-North Railroad to Fordham

Parking: Jerome, Valentine & Tiebout Aves, 189 Street at Park & Washington Aves  
For customized travel directions by NYC Transit Subways & Buses or Metro-North Railroad visit [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) and use Trip Planner+

BROUGHT TO YOU BY



OUR SPONSORS INCLUDE: NYC COUNCILMAN JOEL RIVERA NYC COUNCILMAN FERNANDO CABRERA



# Mother of three killed walking home

## Morris Park local struck steps from house

BY BEN KOCHMAN

A mother of three died four days after being struck by a car steps from her Morris Park home on Thanksgiving Eve.

Maria Lucaj, 55, was crossing Williamsbridge Road at Neill Avenue at around 6 p.m. on Nov. 23 when a 19-year-old driver turning left onto Williamsbridge hit her, said Deputy Inspector Lorenzo Johnson, commanding officer at the 49th Precinct.

Lucaj rolled onto the windshield and then fell into the street, police said. The 55-year-old was transported to Jacobi Hospital, where she died on Sunday, Dec. 1.

### Double green light

The driver, identified by police only as a 19-year-old female, stuck around after the collision to cooperate with authorities. She is not currently facing any criminal

charges. An ongoing investigation by the NYPD Collision Investigation Squad (CIS) is likely to issue the driver a summons, said a source close to the case.

Both the driver and Lucaj were traveling with the green light at the time of the collision, Johnson said. But if the investigation finds that the driver violated state law by not "exercising due care," she could be fined up to \$750. Her license may also be suspended.

Lucaj lived with her husband and three children in a three-story home next to Enzo's Restaurant, just a few feet away from where the collision took place. She was walking home when she was hit, a family member said. Friends of the family described Lucaj as healthy and a hard worker. Born in Eastern Europe, she came to the Bronx over 40 years



The intersection of Williamsbridge Road and Neill Avenue where Maria Lucaj was fatally struck.

Photo by Ben Kochman

ago, said a source close to the family.

A funeral service was

held Wednesday afternoon.

### A deadly night

Lucaj was the fifth New

Yorker killed by motor vehicles in the span of only a few hours on a cold, wet

Thanksgiving eve.

Two women were struck and killed on Forest Hill Road in Staten Island at around 5:30 p.m., police said. A cyclist was killed after being hit by a truck in Maspeth, Queens just before 5 p.m. In the Lower East Side, a Con Ed truck pinned an 88-year-old woman to the ground before she was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital, the NY Post reported.

Meanwhile, the City Council Transportation Committee, headed by Bronx Councilman James Vacca, charged at a hearing Wednesday, Dec. 4 for the NYPD to present to the Council twice a year about its hit-and-run investigations.

According to NYPD statistics, the CIS investigated 58 hit and run cases in 2012. Only 15 cases resulted in an arrest.

**Use Your FLEX SPENDING  
This Holiday Season**

**\$75 OFF**  
Complete Pair of Eyeglasses  
featuring  
**Transitions® Vantage**  
ADAPTIVE LENSES

some restrictions apply • not to be combined with any other offer or plan  
must present coupon at time of purchase • offer expires 1/3/14

**GIVE the GIFT of SIGHT**  
Gift Certificates and Gift Cards for  
stocking stuffers for practical gift giving!

**TOYS FOR TOTS** Bring a new and unwrapped toy or book to  
Eye Care Unlimited and make a  
less fortunate child smile this Christmas

**Eye Care Unlimited**  
Neighborhood Professional Vision Center

1086 Morris Park Avenue  
Bronx, New York 10461  
(718) 892-7000

1748 Crosby Avenue  
Bronx, New York 10461  
(718) 792-2020

DOCTORS OF OPTOMETRY:  
Dr. A.J. Contento  
Dr. Evan Kaplan  
Dr. Annette Contento  
Dr. Nadine Jamal  
Dr. Stephanie Giordano  
Dr. Vanessa Conenna  
Dr. Jennifer Gould

WE ACCEPT:  
BCBS • HIP • All Oxford  
United Healthcare • Medicare  
Medicaid • Aetna/US Health Care  
GHI • UFT • VCA • VSP  
32 B-J • PHCS  
Locals 1199, Capenters  
& Most Unions

© THE BRONX DESIGN GROUP

## 40th PCT.

**SAT, OCT. 19th, 5:10 a.m.** – 137 St. Ann's Ave. Police officers on patrol were able to remove another gun off of Bronx streets with an arrest. Vouched as evidence was a 380-caliber pistol.

## 41st PCT.

**FRI, OCT. 25th, 11:30 p.m.** – 874 Longwood Ave. Local undercover police officers arrested a 48 year old black male. The male culprit was in possession of a 45-caliber pistol when arrested. The gun was vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

**SAT, OCT. 26th, 5:00 a.m.** – 904 Prospect Ave. Detectives were looking for clues after learning that an attempt was made to rob another pharmacy. Investigators were told that the culprits entered the store while it was closed. Nothing was reported to be missing officials indicated.

## 42nd PCT.

**SAT, OCT. 19th, 2:30 a.m.** – 1575 Vyse Ave. Authorities are looking for two black males who were seen leaving a shooting scene. Apparently five males where talking when a 41 year old Hispanic male as struck in the head by a bullet that took his life. Police were told that five shots had been fired, but only one struck a person. The two males fled before help could arrive on the scene. Detectives have since arrested a 21 year old suspect.

**SUN, OCT. 20th, 4:40 a.m.** – Saint Paul's Place and East 170 St. Police officers were faced with an emotionally upset Hispanic male. The man who resides by himself locked himself in his home. Officials indicated that the man was smashing various items inside his home. Once in custody the man was transported to Lincoln Medical Center and provided with medical assistance.

**SUN, OCT. 20th, 7:20 p.m.** – Prospect Ave. and Jennings St. Detectives are looking for the person who shot a 25 year old man. The black male victim was transported to Lincoln Medical Center suffering from a bullet wound to the right leg.

## 43rd PCT.

**SAT, OCT. 19th, 3:00 a.m.** – 9 Metropolitan Oval. Authorities are looking into an attacked upon a 25 year old black male that occurred in the Parkchester community. First responders responded to assist the 25 year old male victim after he was stabbed and slashed multiple times. The medical staff at Jacobi Medical Center treated the man for wounds to the left hip, arm and also the face.

**SAT, OCT. 19th, 4:20 a.m.** – Westchester Ave. and Ward Ave. Detectives are faced with a homicide inquiry. A 24 year old Hispanic male was shot once in the chest area. The bullet wound apparently claimed the man's life after arriving at Jacobi Medical Center despite effects to assist him.

**MON, OCT. 21st, 4:45 a.m.** – 1528 Westchester Ave. Officials are



# POLICE BLOTTER

looking into an attack where a Hispanic woman was the victim. The 34 year old woman's head struck the curb as she fell. The middle aged woman was kicked in the back authorities reported by an unknown person. Despite effected the woman's condition was upgraded to critical at St. Barnabas Hospital.

**THURS, OCT. 24th, 9:30 a.m.** – 755 White Plains Rd. Police investigators are looking into the death of a person. The victim apparently jumped to their death authorities were told. The Medical Examiner's office will provide additional information to investigators.

**THURS, OCT. 24th, 10:15 p.m.** – Lacombe Ave. and Castle Hill Ave. A 32 year old man was taken into police custody after being found with a gun. Taken away from the black male was a 40-caliber semi-automatic pistol. The weapon was vouched as evidence.

## 44th PCT.

**SUN, OCT. 20th, 3:45 a.m.** – 948 Anderson Ave. Authorities are looking for a black male. The unknown armed culprit at gun point robbed a commercial premise in the Highbridge section of seven hundred dollars.

**MON, OCT. 21st, 5:50 p.m.** – 1224 Morris Ave. A search is underway for four male who robbed a neighborhood deli. One of the four culprits slashed a male victim across his stomach with a box cutter. The injured victim was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital.

**MON, OCT. 21st, 10:20 p.m.** – Townsend Ave. and East 170 St. A government worker was arrested by local police officers. The employee, a member of the Corrections Department, was taken to Lincoln Medical Center for treatment of self-inflicted wounds. The worker was charged with obstructing government administration.

**SAT, OCT. 26th, 1:30 a.m.** – 952 Ogden Ave. Police patrolling the Highbridge section were alerted that a shot had been fired. Police at the crime scene indicated that a bullet had been fired through the front window of a private home. No injuries were reported.

## 45th PCT.

**MON, OCT. 21st, 8:00 a.m.** – 3271 East Tremont Ave. Police investigators looking into a fatal accident that claimed a life at Puritan Ave. arrested a driver. A 74 year old Hispanic man died within minutes after being struck by a vehicle while crossing the

street. Police officials looking into the incident learned that the driver was operating the vehicle with a suspended license. Police officers from Highway 1's Critical Investigation Squad are handling the inquiry.

**WED, OCT. 23rd, 11:50 p.m.** – Edison Ave. and St. Teresa Ave. An inquiry was started after officials learned of a robbery. The two black males robbed their victim at gunpoint of a backpack and a cellphone. The victim was struck by a golf club before the two culprits fled. It was not clear if the culprits know that their victim was an off duty police officers from Westchester County.

## 46th PCT.

**SAT, OCT. 19th, 2:20 a.m.** – 2403 Creston Ave. Local detectives are looking into an incident where a male had been shot. The male victim was suffering from a bullet wound to the leg upon arriving at St. Barnabas Hospital. The victim was reported to be in stable condition.

**FRI, OCT. 25th, 9:40 a.m.** – 12 Clifford Pl. Police ended up arresting a 31 year old black woman. The female culprit was found in possession of a 40-caliber pistol. The weapon was vouched as evidence.

## 47th PCT.

**SAT, OCT. 19th, 2:00 a.m.** – Bruner Ave. and East 233 St. Authorities are looking for two black males who attacked another male on the street. The victim, a 22 year old Caucasian male, was stabbed in the forearm during an apparent robbery. The two culprits fled empty handed.

**SAT, OCT. 19th, 9:30 p.m.** – 3545 Bivona St. An investigation was launched into a reported stabbing. A 27 year old black male was slashed on the left hand requiring the male victim to be taken to Jacobi Medical Center. Taken during the robbery was a set of headphones.

**SUN, OCT. 20th, 1:40 p.m.** – 734 St. Owen St. Police took a suspect into custody who failed to obtain a permit to have a gun in NYC. A 33 year old black male lost possession of a 38-caliber revolver. The gun was vouched as evidence for the pending trial.

**SUN, OCT. 20th, 6:20 a.m.** – Conner St. and Boston Rd. Investigators looking into a shooting were notified that the victim had died. A 38 year old Hispanic male was shot once in the torso according to officials. The man expired at Jacobi Medical Center. Now detectives are faced with a homicide inquiry.

**MON, OCT. 21st, 1:45 a.m.** – White Plains Rd, North of East Gun Hill Rd. A Hispanic male was stabbed during a robbery that occurred in the Williamsbridge section. The 25 year old victim was stabbed twice in the back by three culprits who fled with his wallet and cell phone. The injured man was taken to Jacobi Medical Center.

**WED, OCT. 23rd, 9:40 p.m.** – 1119 East Gun Hill Rd. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad were summoned to the motor inn. Inside the neighborhood hotel an emotionally upset person threatened to take their own life. Police officials spoke with the person and by 10:30 p.m. the person was in police custody.

**FRI, OCT. 25th, 10:55 a.m.** – 2105 Reeds Mill Lane. Investigators are looking for three culprits whom committed a push-in robbery. The trio forced their way into a home robbing the occupant of money and a selection of jewelry. Additional police officers were deployed into the area to search for the culprits.

**SAT, OCT. 26th, 3:30 a.m.** – 1518 Hammersley Ave. Police investigators learned that a male had been shot. Suffering from a bullet wound to the left leg, the black male victim was transported to Jacobi Medical Center as sleuths looked for any witnesses to the crime.

## 48th PCT.

**SUN, OCT. 20th, 1:15 a.m.** – 745 East 178 St. A suspect was taken into custody after a stabbing had occurred. A Hispanic male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital suffering from a wound to the chest. Police looking into this domestic dispute arrested the culprit.

**MON, OCT. 21st, 5:50 a.m.** – 564 East Tremont Ave. Detectives are looking for the persons who broke into another pharmacy. This time the culprits cut their way into the store from a vacant office above the store. Taken was fifteen thousand dollars, an unknown amount of pills, and other property.

**TUES, OCT. 22nd, 8:00 a.m.** – Police investigators were called to a local hospital. A young Hispanic teenager reported to authorities that she had been rape by an older black male. Members of the Bronx Special Victim's Squad are handling the inquiry.

**THURS, OCT. 24th, 1:45 a.m.** – 2001 Clinton Ave. Detectives are looking into a reported armed robbery. A black male at gun point robbed a neighborhood business of over a thousand dollars in cash.

## 49th PCT.

**WED, OCT. 23rd, 8:00 a.m.** – Arnow Ave. and Bronx Park East. Police investigators are looking into the death of a woman. The woman body was found lying on some rocks in the park. She was transported to Jacobi Medical Center in critical condition, but later on expired despite effects to assist her.

**THURS, OCT. 24th, 8:10 p.m.** – 2324 Boston Rd. Police officers from Highway 1's Critical Investigation Unit were dispatched to a vehicle accident where a pedestrian was struck. The victim was transported to Jacobi Medical Center in serious condition. An inquiry is underway.

## 52nd PCT.

**SAT, OCT. 19th, 11:55 p.m.** – 58 East 190 St. Police investigators recovered a weapon and also a suspect in connection with a shooting. A Hispanic male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital after being shot.

**SUN, OCT. 20th, 10:00 p.m.** – 2323 Loring Pl. Authorities found a black male who had been stabbed during a dispute. The incident took place between West Fordham Rd and West 183 St. A 36 year man was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital suffering from multiple stab wound to the body.

**MON, OCT. 21st, 6:15 a.m.** – 119 East Fordham Rd. Detectives are looking for the person who broke into a store. Once inside the clothing store, the unknown culprit destroyed the store and its contents with an ax. Officials are waiting for a list of missing property from the manager.

**MON, OCT. 21st, 5:10 p.m.** – Major Deegan Expwy and West Fordham Rd. The operator of a motorcycle was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital in critical condition. A three vehicle accident on the northbound lanes between an 18-wheel tractor-trailer, a van, and the motorcycle sent the bike operator to the trauma center. The incident is under investigation by members of the Critical Investigation Squad from Highway 1.

**WED, OCT. 23rd, 4:55 p.m.** – 102 West 183 St. Police are still looking for the person who shot a male in the back. The male victim was suffering from a bullet wound upon arriving at St. Barnabas Hospital. Police officers at the scene recovered a gun, but the culprit fled.

**WED, OCT. 23rd, 5:40 p.m.** – 3016 Webster Ave. With two more arrest, police removed another gun off of local streets. This time a 38-caliber revolver was vouched as evidence.

**WED, OCT. 23rd, 7:15 p.m.** – 2622 Jerome Ave. Authorities are looking into a shooting that claimed a life of a teenager. A 17 year old black male was suffering from a bullet wound to the face. The victim expired at St. Barnabas Hospital. Homicide Squad investigators have taken over the inquiry.

**FRI, OCT. 25th, 12:55 a.m.** – Grand Ave. and West Fordham Rd. A 21 year old male was taken into po-

lice custody. The young Hispanic male was arrested after being found with a 380-caliber pistol in his custody. The weapon was removed from the culprit and vouched as evidence by police.

**FRI, OCT. 25th, 8:35 a.m.** – 24 West Fordham Rd. Police officer looking into a burglary recovered evidence at the scene. A Food Dynasty Supermarket was broken into. Taken from the store was over forty-five thousand dollars. A search of the store indicated that the culprits had escaped.

**SAT, OCT. 26th, 1:40 a.m.** – 2535 Grand Concourse. Another male who failed to obtain the proper license from NYC was arrested for possessing a hand gun. A 21 year old Hispanic male was taken into custody for having a 9-mm pistol. The weapon was vouched as evidence.

**SAT, OCT. 26th, 8:00 a.m.** – 283 East 204 St. A motorist was arrested by local police officers after assaulting a city worker. A traffic agent was attempting to issue a summons when attacked officials indicated. The motorist grabbed the workers wrist authorities indicated.

## Transit

**THURS, OCT. 24th, 9:55 p.m.** – East 205 St. and Bainbridge Ave. Transit District # 11 police officer arrested a male at the "D" terminal. The male was impersonating a police officer authorities indicated.

## Housing

**SAT, OCT. 26th, 2:45 a.m.** – 2778 Schley Ave. Law enforcement officials are looking for the person who fired a shot through an apartment window at the Throggs Neck Housing Development. Police from Housing's PSA # 8 are working with 45th Pct. Detective Squad members on this inquiry. No injuries were reported.

## Fire Log

**FRI, OCT. 25th, 8:00 p.m.** – 64 West 165 St. A fire was reported to be in a 6 story apartment house in the Highbridge section. Engine 68 and Ladder 49 were the first units on the scene. They indicated that there was a fire on the second floor. Bronx Fire Alarm Dispatchers informed responding units that children were reported trapped. Within minute's firefighters found two young victims, and then a third victim. Engine crews poured water onto the flames, darkening them down in 30 minutes. Officials indicated there were fire five children in apartment, three perished in the blaze despite medical aid provided at Lincoln Medical Center. The other two children and a 25 year old woman were treated for smoke inhalation. The fire left three little boys dead, including a 4-month-old baby, was started by a candle that was burning in the apartment after electricity was cut off, officials said.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Traffic light

Dear editor,

For the past few years, I have been having trouble crossing the street where I live.

Cars barreling down without any form of courtesy for the people who are simply crossing the street have gotten worse.

The corner I am referring to is Astor Avenue and Boston Road, where I feel a traffic light needs to be put there.

Several years ago in 2007, I wrote to the DOT explaining why a light needs to be installed there.

First, the cars traveling north in the right lane on Boston Road, make sharp right turns onto Astor Avenue without signaling or slowing down.

Many of them drive believing Astor Avenue is an extension of Boston Road.

In addition to this hazard, there is a gas station on the corner. Cars literally jump the sidewalk racing to be the first to get to the pumps. These are cars

heading north on Boston Road, and cars heading west along Astor Avenue, coming at opposite directions, eventually they'll be a head-on collision on the sidewalk!

In 2008, the DOT responded by placing a counter on the corner, secured by thick tape onto the gutter's concrete pavement.

There was so much traffic, that the cars literally tore away the cables registering the counting, therefore giving the DOT, an inaccurate number.

One year later, I received their final response.

According to them, the count wasn't high enough, not enough incidents reported to warrant a light, therefore the light was rejected outright.

As a result, I am no longer crossing at that intersection, I'm taking a detour to Cruger & Astor to avoid being injured or worse, killed.

I would like the DOT to come back to Astor Avenue & Boston Road and reassess the situation, just for 15 minutes and see the number of cars speeding while turning and jumping the curbs.

This is a heavily used intersection for shoppers and also used by school children going to and from P.S. 96.

Let's not wait for a fatality before something is done.

Gary Makufka

## Where's Christmas?

Dear editor,

Just received an advertisement from the United States Postal Service for their holiday stamps.

Two of the three stamps have "Kwanzaa" and "Hanukkah" written on them along with their religious symbols.

The third stamp has no writing and a gingerbread house.

What religious symbol is a gingerbread house?

Is Merry Christmas to hard to put on a stamp?

Are we back to Catholic/Christian bashing? Are they following de Blasio leaving out a

priest while putting an Imam on his council?

This is really a slap in the face to all Christians. Shame on them.

Arlene Soto

## Homeless Vets

Dear editor,

On Nov. 21, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that the 2013 Point-in-Time estimate of Homelessness report shows a 24 percent reduction in homelessness among veterans nationwide since 2010, and that the number of unsheltered homeless veterans in the greater metropolitan New York area has decreased by over 25 percent from 2011 to 2013.

The VA New York/New Jersey Healthcare Network and over 50 community partners are making progress in the goal to end Veterans homelessness by 2015.

Since 2010, 5,660 Veterans were placed in permanent housing and programs and services were expanded.

To date, 3,255 homeless Veterans have been housed through HUD Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.

These vouchers are tied to VA case management, to ensure that Veterans stay housed and are provided with VA health care.

While progress has been made, our work remains unfinished.

Only through public-private efforts and ongoing partnerships with local, city, state, federal and non-profit community agencies to provide outreach, prevention, and rapid re-housing, can we continue to expand necessary support services and affordable housing options.

We must make certain that every homeless veteran is off the streets and has the opportunity for a new start.

On Thanksgiving we salute the dedication of our community partners and are thankful for their shared commitment to ensuring that every homeless Veteran has a place to call home.

Michael A. Sabo,  
FACHE VA Network Director

## Reynolds rap

Dear editor,

Would that I had the free time that prolific contributor Ken Reynolds seems to have on his hands!

In the latest issue Ken set a new record with three letters accepted for publication, a clear indication that more readers should take the time to make their voices heard.

In fairness to Ken, two of his letters were fairly reasonable, with none of the usual bigotry.

However Ken still managed to offend, when in his third letter he displayed his disdain for Latinos by objecting to photos of Halloween costumed children who happened to be Hispanic.

I think it is fair to say that only Neanderthal Ken would notice that in two successive issues Hispanic children happened to have their images displayed in the BTR.

His non-white radar is truly amazing, able to spot "offending" images and actions where others find only reasonable, normal activities.

If the featured children carried Irish or Italian surnames would Ken object?

Ken's feelings are injured when I "attack" him, but many of his opinions and positions are so "out there" that I feel compelled to refute them and help BTR readers realize that these noxious viewpoints are not representative, but aberrations.

Mr. Reynolds objects to the label bigot, but his own letters make the case against him.

Pasqual Pelosi

## D.C. hijinks

Dear editor,

Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid along with our own Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand were all correct when asking for a straight up or down vote to reopen the government and raise the debt limit.

Buried within the bill recently passed legislation was a \$147,000 death benefit to the family of the late New Jersey Senator Frank Lautenberg.

His family is worth over 50 million dollars.

How many other amendments were buried in this bill which have nothing to do with reopening the government and raising the debt limit? This is a clear example of why we need means testing for all, including members of Congress who benefit from various government programs such as Medicare,

Medicaid, Social Security and Obama Care.

It is an old Washington parlor trick to allow both Senators and Congressmembers to amend basic bills with language that benefits their own special interests.

It is horse trading between the leadership and members to obtain their votes for the basic bill they may not support. If Senators Reid, Schumer and Gillibrand are all serious about reform in Washington, let them go pass future legislation with straight up or down votes without adding amendments.

Larry Penner

# BRONX Times Reporter

Founded in 1981 by  
MICHAEL BENEDETTO  
and JOHN COLLAZZI

PUBLISHER  
Laura Guerriero

DEPUTY EDITOR  
Bob Kappstatter

ASSIGNMENT EDITOR  
Patrick Rocchio

REPORTERS  
David Cruz  
Ben Kochman

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES  
Leonard Vigliotti  
Diana Boschen  
Donna Marzi

PRODUCTION  
Mauro DeLuca



### SUBSCRIBING COMMUNITY GROUPS

- Throggs Neck Home Owners Association
- Pelham Bay Taxpayers Community Assoc.
- Schuyler Hill Civic Association
- Ferry Point Civic Association
- Ferry Point Community Advocates
- Chippewa Democratic Club
- Throggs Neck Merchants Association
- Bronx Chamber of Commerce
- Korony American Legion Post 253
- Locust Point Civic Association
- Spencer Estate Civic Association
- Country Club Civic Association
- Waterbury/LaSalle Community Association
- Samuel Young American Legion Post 620
- Westchester Square/Zerega Improvement Organization
- Morris Park Community Association
- Bronx Park East Neighborhood Assoc.
- Van Nest Community Association
- Chester Civic Improvement Association
- Bronx Chamber of Commerce
- Liberty Democratic Association

**DISPLAY ADVERTISING RATES AND DEADLINES:** A copy of The Bronx Times Reporter Advertising Rates is available on request. Display deadline is the Friday prior to publication. Camera ready copy deadline is the Monday preceding publication.

**CLASSIFIED DEADLINES:** To place a Classified Ad call (718) 260-2555 or email classified@cnglocal.com. Deadline: 3 p.m. Tuesday prior to publication.

**LEGAL NOTICE DEADLINES:** For Legal Advertising call (718) 260-3977 or email dwilson@cnglocal.com. Deadline: 12 p.m. Monday prior to publication.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:** Readers are encouraged to send us their viewpoints. Name and address must be included, but will be withheld upon request. Letters should be as brief as possible, not exceeding 200 words.

**NEWS ITEMS:** Readers are welcome to suggest news items of interest. Call the Editorial Department at (718) 742-3393 or e-mail to bronx.times@cnglocal.com.

**AROUND TOWN:** Announcements of birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, etc. will gladly be published. All announcements must be mailed to the Bronx Times Reporter 900 E. 132nd Street, Bronx, NY 10454, before the Friday preceding publication. No phone calls please.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR:** Civic organizations, churches, synagogues and special interest groups can have their special event dates announced free of charge. Mail should be addressed to Community Calendar and received no later than the Friday preceding publication.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES:** Yearly subscriptions are \$8, 2 years for \$12.00, within Bronx county. Out of county subscriptions are \$25.00 per year.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Any problems or inquiries regarding a present subscription must be accompanied by the mailing label from your newspaper showing complete name, address and subscription number (top left corner).

Copyright © 2013 by BRONX TIMES REPORTER, INC. All rights reserved. Neither this newspaper nor any part thereof may be reproduced, copied or transmitted in any form, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, microfilming, recording or by an information retrieval system without the express written permission of the publisher.

This copyright is extended to the design and text created for advertisements. Reproduction of said advertisement or any part thereof without the express written permission of BRONX TIMES REPORTER, INC. is strictly prohibited.

## LET US HEAR FROM YOU

Letters to the editor are welcome from all readers. They should be addressed care of this newspaper to Laura Guerriero, Publisher, the Bronx Times Reporter, 900 E. 132nd Street, Bronx, NY 10454, or e-mail to bronx.times@cnglocal.com. All letters, including those submitted via e-mail, MUST be signed and with a verifiable address and telephone number included. Note that the address and telephone number will NOT be published and the name will be published or withheld upon request. No unsigned letters can be accepted for publication. The editor reserves the right to edit all submissions.

WELCOME IN

# 2014 MEGA NEW YEARS EVE GALA

*at the all-new*  
SURF CLUB *on* THE SOUND  
IN NEW ROCHELLE



Make your reservations today for the Mega New Years Eve Gala at the *all-new* Surf Club on The Sound! Only \$150 per person with an amazing dinner, unlimited liquor, Music by DJ Serg and a champagne countdown!

CALL 914.633.8221 FOR RESERVATIONS OR VISIT [THESURFCLUBONTHE SOUND.COM](http://THESURFCLUBONTHE SOUND.COM)

SINGLES, COUPLES, AND PARTIES WELCOME • 280 DAVENPORT AVE, NEW ROCHELLE, NY

MEMBER SPONSORED

Surf Club on the Sound! New Owners, New Management, and a New Respect for You!

# Westchester Square explosion

## Two injured in auto repair shop collapse

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A father and son critically injured in an explosion that collapsed the roof of their Westchester Square auto repair shop were reported out of danger.

Firefighters had to crawl under the collapsed roof to rescue one of them, officials said.

Benedetto Mondello, 63, and his son Benny Mondello, 35, were opening their B&L Auto Repair shop at 2601 Westchester Ave. about 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27 when the blast tore through a secondary building on the property, causing it to collapse, said fire officials.

Fire Marshals determined it was a natural gas explosion, but the exact cause was still under investigation, officials said.

As of print press time, Benedetto Mondello was

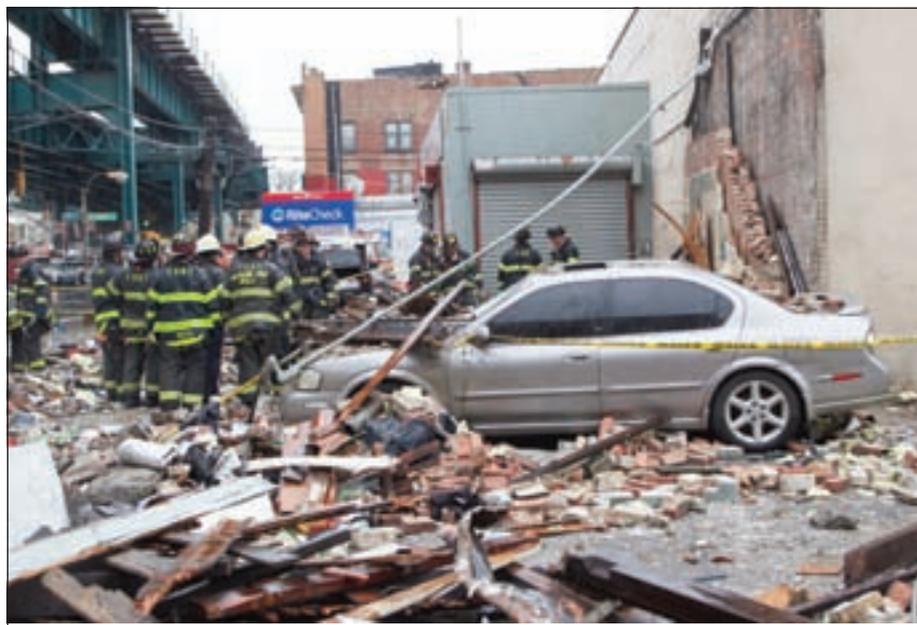
in "good condition" and his son Benny was in stable condition, said Jacobi Medical Center spokesman John Doyle.

An FDNY spokesman said that there were no flames when firefighters arrived, but as is standard procedure at building collapses, additional units were quickly called in, raising the incident to two alarms.

Fire Chief Patrick Ruldick said at the scene that the two victims said that an air compressor used to inflate tires had exploded, and that firefighter from Squad 61 performed rescue operations.

Aman Bachan, 30, said he was working at a BP gas station across the street from the fire when he heard a loud bang.

"We ran outside and saw that the building had collapsed, and called 911,"



Firefighters at the scene of an auto repair shop explosion and collapse near Westchester Square.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

he said. "It was shocking... and frightening too."

Dom Rocchio, the

owner of Dom's Auto Body, around the corner from B&L on Blondell Avenue,

said that he knew both father and son quite well, and has been friends with

Benedetto Mondello since he immigrated from Italy in the late 1960s.

"I hope they are alright," he said, adding about the two men and their family, "they are very nice people."

The incident closed traffic backups as the entrance and exit of the nearby Hutchinson River Parkway at Westchester Avenue were closed. Local buses also had to be rerouted, causing commuter delays.

"My son called me on this morning and told me that his bus had been delayed because of the collapse," said Chary Sloan, 62, of Morris Park, who was standing near the scene. "I hope no one was hurt...I walk past the building sometimes, but...a lot of the buildings here are old and they might not be very well maintained."

## Dad needs a ride to the doctor tomorrow, but you can't miss work again.



[healthplus.amerigroup.com/mltc](http://healthplus.amerigroup.com/mltc)

1-800-950-7679 toll free, 8AM-6PM

**We know what you're going through. And we can help.** Our Managed Long-Term Care plan provides Dad with the services he needs to live at home – assistance with bathing, dressing, meals, rides to the doctor and much more. We have years of experience helping people with Medicaid navigate this process and a website that makes it easy to understand. Visit us soon!

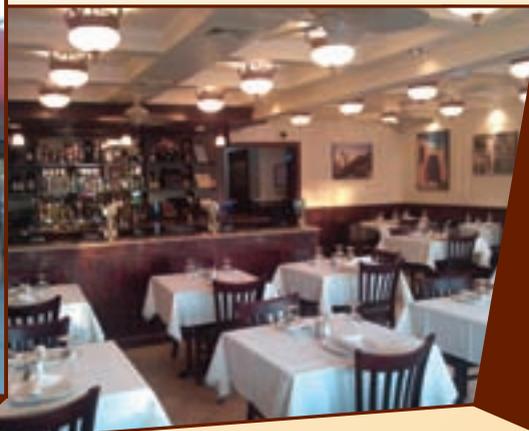
  
**Health Plus**  
Amerigroup  
RealSolutions

**NOW  
OPEN!**

# Giannis'

**TAVERNA**

*Greek and Mediterranean Cuisine*



## **Coming Soon...** *Giannis' To Go*

*Serving The Finest Greek and Mediterranean Cuisine To Take Home*

**Open 12pm-10pm**

**For More Information Please Call**

**718-828-3402**

**3834 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465**

**718-409-1492**

*Hours*

Tues-Thurs 4PM-10PM

Fri & Sat 4PM-11PM

Sun 11AM-9PM

Closed Monday



Like Us On Facebook At:  
[giannistavernald](https://www.facebook.com/giannistavernald)



[@giannisTaverna](https://www.instagram.com/giannisTaverna)

MileaBuickGMC.com

**MILEA IS AT YOUR SERVICE**



**Certified Service**  
For All GM Makes & Models

**30-DAY Price Match on Tires**

Buy select tires and if you find a better price within 30 days of the purchase, we'll refund the difference.\* Eligible tire brands: BFGoodrich, Bridgestone, Continental, Dunlop, Firestone, General, Goodyear, Hankook, Kelly, Michelin, Pirelli, Uniroyal.

\*Ad, written estimate, or internet quote for identical tires from competing tire retailer located within 50 miles of the dealer required during guarantee period for price match.

**FULL FREE DETAIL**

valued at

**\$189**

Bring this coupon in to enter for a chance for a FULL FREE DETAIL. Get your car looking new again with a full exterior and interior detail! One drawing weekly will be given until February 1st 2013, entry must be used with service visit.

\*cannot be redeemed for cash value, detail must be redeemed within 60 days of winning.

**15% Discount on GM Accessories**

Limited time, receive 15% off your in shop accessory order over \$99. Includes but not limited to all weather mats, running boards, vent visors, and much more!

\*Coupon not valid with any other offer, must be used over the counter. Must present coupon at time of purchase. Limit one per person. Coupon does not apply to previous purchases.

**✓ Tires for all GM Vehicles Price Match Guarantee!**

See dealer for details and parameters.

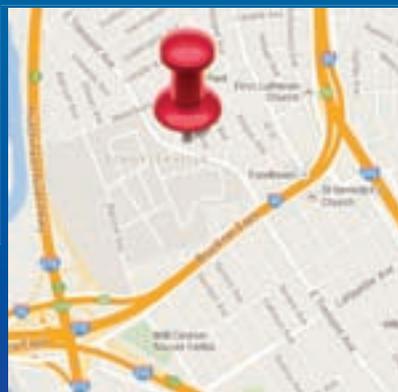
**✓ Quick Lube Service!**

**✓ NYS Insp. Facility!**

**With Quality Service at Affordable Prices...**

**Why go anywhere else?**

NYC DCA #0927744. DMV FAC #7070432.



**milea**  
**AUTO GROUP**  
An industry leader since 1995

**888 345 5166**

3281 E. Tremont Ave. Bronx, NY

Mon-Fri: 7:30am-5:30pm • Sat: 8am-4pm • Se Habla Español

# Boro reacts to Pope's decree



Pope Francis waves to the crowd from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, Wednesday, March 13. His new apostolic exhortation has reached the Bronx, and the borough's clergy are reacting.

AP PHOTO/Gregorio Borgia

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

While Pope Francis has generated worldwide headlines with his call for the church to get its hands dirty in evangelization, as well as criticizing greedy capitalism, some local priests and ministers say it's nothing new for the church.

The 200-plus page apostolic exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel," issued Thursday, Nov. 26, does not carry the full weight of an encyclical, but is one of the most authoritative statements a Pope can make to the world's one billion Roman Catholics.

The document, written in Francis' simple, down-to-earth style urges the church to hit the streets and shift emphasis towards helping the poor and downtrodden in a call to evangelization.

Francis also takes to task the idea that free markets should be absolutely autonomous and are always correct.

He called for employment, better education, and access to health care to enhance the dignity of people's lives, according to publication Catholic New York.

Father Richard Gorman, who worked the papal message into Sunday homilies, said its social justice

themes have been part of church teaching going back to the industrial revolution and the roots of the church.

Pope Francis, he said, is picking up from where Pope Benedict XVI had spoken about as "New Evangelism."

"You can see the scholarship and academia of Pope Benedict...but then you can see Francisisms, these very witty, down-to-earth things that Francis is famous for," said Gorman. "For instance when he says that a person filled with the joy for the gospel should not look like they just came back from a funeral. That is what struck me when I read it last week."

The pope is saying that Jesus is as much a part of our lives as the people we work with and ride the subway with, and it is through having a joyful "relationship" with Jesus that Catholics can hopefully convince others to do the same.

He noted that Pope Francis is not the first Pope to criticize elements of free markets, citing Pope Leo XVIII's evocation of working people's rights. According to the website cacatholic.org, this was articulated in an 1891 encyclical called *Rerum Novarum* ("Of New Things") that "spoke of the

condition of the working classes during a time when many advocated revolution."

In Throggs Neck, Father Stephen Norton of St. Benedict's also said that the document was not a new teaching, but an emphasis of the new pope's direction, probably charted in part because of his roots in South America.

"The Catholic church and Popes specifically have a long history of promoting and putting forth social justice issues," said Norton.

Taking care of the poor extends back to the gospels and roots of the church, and Francis is simply reiterating the need to take care of the poor and helping those who are marginalized in anyway.

Norton said that the message is one that resonated and complements not just Catholicism, but the teachings of many other faiths.

On City Island, Pastor Ezra Hongchang Yew of Trinity United Methodist Church has been following the news of the apostolic exhortation in the media.

"I am very much excited that Pope Francis has raised his voice," he said, "I like him a lot and have great hope."

**LJI JEWELERS: OUR PRICES ARE**

**INSANE!**

[WWW.LJIJEWELERS.COM](http://WWW.LJIJEWELERS.COM)



**WATCHES · CHAINS · RINGS  
PENDANTS · CHARMS · EARRINGS  
ANY GOLD OR DIAMOND JEWELRY**

**WE GET IT FOR YOU WHOLESALE!**

**SHOP AROUND, THEN COME TO LJI.  
WE'LL BEAT ANY PRICE!**

**3021 WESTCHESTER AVE  
BRONX, NEW YORK  
718.931.1932**

**921 BROADWAY  
THORNWOOD, NEW YORK  
914.773.5500**



Belmont Business Improvement District

## Belmont Little Italy TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

**Saturday,  
December 7th  
Ciccarone Park  
(East 188th St. and Arthur Avenue)  
2:00 - 6:00pm**



***Come celebrate the holidays with  
your friends in the Real Little Italy***



**Meet Santa and his elves, listen  
to carolers, dance to holiday  
music, enjoy cookies and hot  
chocolate, and of course  
light the Christmas Tree!**



**REMEMBER TO BRING A MEMORIAL  
CARD SO THAT WE CAN PLACE IT  
IN THE TREE IN MEMORY OF YOUR  
LOVED ONES.**



**SPONSORED BY:**

*D'Barí Funeral Home  
and  
Lucía Brothers Funeral Home*

*Honoring the memory of our  
loved ones from our neighborhood.*



The New York City Department of  
Sanitation Columbia Association

# Local board boots Facebook haters

CB 11 scratches five and will 'do it again'

BY DAVID CRUZ

The hatemongers hitting the Bronx blogospheres are hurting the community, says Joe Bombace, who wants to put a stop to it. "These are cowards hiding behind the keyboard with malicious gossip," said Bombace, blasting nameless firebrands at the Nov. 13 Morris Park Community Association gathering.

"If anybody has a problem with me, say it to my face!" he warned.

For the past few years, hate-filled blogs have circulated around cyberspace, spewing offensive and racist rhetoric towards well-respected community leaders in the east Bronx.

The growing popularity of social media sites and easy-to-use blogging platforms have made dissemination simple, often allowing troublemakers to unleash tirades under false names, blurring a line between to what's considered hate speech and what's protected by the First Amendment.

But as Community Board 11 District Manager Jeremy Warneke sees it,

"the Internet is full of cowards."

"This is the problem with the Internet in general," Warneke continued. "It's like bullying. They can hide behind a website."

CB11 has its own Facebook page that's listed on nyc.gov, the city's official website. Policies are in place to remove belittling haters from Facebook should any negative spats develop.

"We've booted five people from our Facebook group," noted Warneke, who won't hesitate to do it again.

In one incident early this year, several CB11 members were outraged over a blogger's personal attacks on fellow members, compelling the executive board to inquire with the city Law Department over any legal action. So far, no outcome has been determined.

It could be since it's extremely difficult for members to sue, said Guylaine Harrison, professor at Monroe College's School of Criminal Justice.

"Even though they're volunteer members, they're

really acting in a capacity of a public official," noted Harrison.

There is a caveat -- members can sue so long as actual malice, the intent to harm with complete disregard for the truth, is established. So should a lie be disseminated and proven wrong, there is grounds to sue, though the chances of an attorney taking on the case is slim, said Harrison.

And while hate speech holds broad protections across the nation thanks to the First Amendment, major Internet firms such as Google, Yahoo and Facebook have guidelines that limit hate speech, including a clause that bans libelous comments, especially if they're geared towards someone's religion, ethnicity, or gender.

It's unclear whether those protocols are enforced.

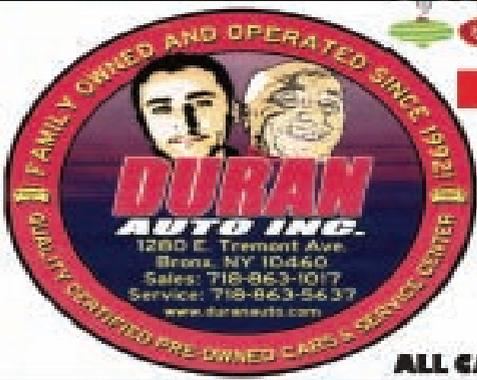
As in the past, Warneke extended an olive branch in resolving cyber-feuds.

"Try working with us," said Warneke. "Become a solution to the problems we face."

## VETERANS TREATED TO MAGIC AND A MEAL



A cool slight of hand trick by magician John Turdo wows Sarah at a thank you lunch sponsored by the Never Forget Foundation and the Wounded Warrior Project. Military vets and their families were treated to the sitdown meal at Engine 45 in West Farms on Nov 30. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



# Holiday Year End Sale!

## ALL CARS

# \$4,999

ALL CARS Come With Warranty - Fully Serviced & Inspected, Carfax Certified, Financing Available

<p><b>2003 HYUNDAI ELANTRA</b> A/T, PWR, PDL, AIRPACED 4 Cyl., 79K Miles Our Price <b>\$4,999</b></p>	<p><b>2006 FORD ESCAPE</b> A/T, PWR, PDL, 145K Miles &amp; Wheel Drive 4 Cyl. Our Price <b>\$4,999</b></p>	<p><b>2006 TOYOTA CAMRY LE</b> A/T, PWR, PDL, 4 Cyl., AIRPACED, 157K Miles Our Price <b>\$4,999</b></p>	<p><b>2006 HYUNDAI SONATA LE</b> A/T, Leather, Sunroof, 4 Cyl. 79K Miles Our Price <b>\$4,999</b></p>
<p><b>2006 HONDA CIVIC</b> A/T, Leather, Sunroof, 7 Passenger PWR, AIR, 100K Miles Our Price <b>\$4,999</b></p>	<p><b>2006 BUICK CENTURY LTD</b> PWR, PDL, 4 Cyl., 238K Miles Our Price <b>\$4,999</b></p>	<p><b>2004 TOYOTA CAMRY</b> Leather, Sunroof, AIR 131K Miles Our Price <b>\$4,999</b></p>	<p><b>2006 VOLVO S40</b> A/T, Leather, Sunroof, 4 Cyl., 112K Miles Our Price <b>\$4,999</b></p>

VISIT [WWW.DURANAUTO.COM](http://WWW.DURANAUTO.COM) FOR OUR FULL INVENTORY, FREE CARFAX REPORT AND YOUR AUTO LOAN PRE-APPROVAL!  
WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS

# MG MILLER

## FINE WATCHES AND JEWELRY

3025 Middletown Road - 718.409.4431

**YOUR ONE STOP GOLD AND DIAMOND SHOP!**



## 'TIS THE SEASON FOR SPARKLE...



PROUD TO SERVING PELHAM BAY FOR 20 YEARS! VISIT MIKE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!



•OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK •START YOUR HOLIDAY LAY-A-WAY •WE ALWAYS BEAT DEPARTMENT STORE PRICES

# Here in a Dash!

## Morris Park to get new livery car service

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Morris Park is set to get some new wheels.

A new car service company has been blessed by the local Community Board and could begin serving the neighborhood with at least ten cabs as soon as February.

Dash Car Service is only a Taxi and Limousine license away from kicking off operations from a base at 1354 Stillwell Ave., said the business owner, Nancy Hall.

Hall hopes to fill a need in a nabe filled with medical employees looking for a ride to and from work.

The city's new green outer borough cabs, which are allowed to pick up street hails, have barely made it out to Morris Park, she said.

"Ask around, and people around here say it's hard to hail a cab," she said, whose

cars are not allowed to pick up hails.

### Parking Concerns

Community Board 11 cast a resounding "vote of no objection" to Dash's application at its Nov. 21 meeting, after peppering Hall with questions over the last few months.

The Board's transportation committee was concerned that the cars would occupy parking spaces in an area where space is precious.

A former car service company in Morris Park was forced to shut down after its vehicles loitered in front of their base shop, said Vinnie Prezioso, who serves on the committee.

Hall promised that won't happen with her cabs.

"They don't make money hanging out at the base," she said. "They make money out there on the road."

The drivers will receive

alerts on a GPS-like screen attached to their dashboard.

The new technology is key—the livery cars clustered in front of past car service bases did so to ensure that their two-way radio signals would function, David Leavitt, the board's economic development chair, said at the meeting.

Hall also stressed that since she does not own the cars themselves, drivers would take their cars home at the end of their shift, instead of parking on local streets.

Most of the board supported Dash and claimed that it will fill a local need.

"We don't really have a car service in that immediate area," Prezioso said. "We had a bunch of requirements, and in the end we were satisfied with what they did and how they did it."

There was some dissent. Board member Mahendra Patel was concerned that adding another car-related business to the area could increase traffic.

"The majority of stores in that part of Stillwell Avenue are car repair shops. Did you consider the impact of having one more car company in that area?" asked Patel.

### Expansion Plans

City law requires any car service to provide indoor, off-street parking for half of its fleet. Dash currently can house 10 cars at its Stillwell Avenue lot, meaning that it can have no more than 20 cars out in the street.

If the business takes off, Hall would like to expand to a larger number of cars. But first she has more important tasks to take care of.

The company's signature Dash logo remains a work in progress.



Nancy Hall hopes to start off with a fleet of 10 cars from her base on Stillwell Avenue.

Photo by Ben Kochman

## GARLICK FUNERAL HOMES

LOUIS HIRSCH & SONS  
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

*Providing quality services  
at affordable prices.*

### Chapel Service

including traditional  
orthodox casket

**\$5,385**

### Graveside Service

including traditional  
orthodox casket

**\$4,790**

14 Le Count Place  
New Rochelle, NY 10801

914-235-5341

[www.garlickfuneralhomes.com](http://www.garlickfuneralhomes.com)

914-637-4674

[www.louisirschandsons.com](http://www.louisirschandsons.com)



The price of the recommended caskets in the above offerings which include caskets is \$495 for traditional and \$795 for graveside. The caskets included in the above offerings are recommendations only. You are not required to purchase these or any other casket or container as part of this offering. All of the components of these offerings may be purchased separately if you prefer, and pricing will be the same whether purchased separately or as a component of one of these groupings. New York state law mandates that all contracts for prearranged funeral agreements executed by applicants for, or recipients of, supplemental social security income or medical assistance be irrevocable.

**FIND US ON**  
EAT24 | grubHub | seamless

**MANGIA'S**  
BRICK OVEN PIZZA

**FULL GOURMET CATERING SERVICE AVAILABLE**  
**CHECK OUT OUR FULL CATERING MENU ONLINE AT**  
**MANGIASBRICKOVEN.COM**

**Let Us Do The Work for your Holiday Table or Holiday Event!**

1760 CROSBY AVE, BRONX, NY 10461  
TEL: 718 597-4992 • 718 597-4993 • 718 597-4994  
FAX: 718 597-4995

**HOURS** Open 7 Days a Week & Drive-Through  
Monday - Thursday: 10AM to 10PM  
Friday & Saturday: 10AM to 11PM  
Sunday: 11AM-10PM

ONLINE ORDERING: [WWW.MANGIASBRICKOVEN.COM](http://WWW.MANGIASBRICKOVEN.COM)  
FREE FAST DELIVERY • CURBSIDE DELIVERY AVAILABLE  
KITCHEN CLOSING 30 MIN BEFORE CLOSING

**We Are The Commercial Condo / Co-Op Experts!**

**SALE DOES NOT APPLY TO EXISTING ORDERS**

**Andersen**

# UNIFIED SYSTEMS, INC.

**WINDOWS, DOORS, SIDING AND ROOFING**



**\$500 TAX BREAK IS BACK**

**SAVE THIS AD** Sale Prices Valid December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> **SAVE THIS AD**  
**HUGE DECEMBER SALE! 10% off Windows & Doors and up to 25% off Siding & Roofing**

## ROOFING

## SIDING

**WHOLE HOUSE**  
up to 1150 sq. ft.  
**LAYOVER**  
**\$2129**

**COMPLETE RIP**  
**\$3995**

**Whole House Starting at**  
**\$2995**

**25% off**  
**based on**  
**\$3.20**  
**per sq ft**

**0% Financing for 5 years!** **or** **25% Off purchase**

**MASONRY**

**Uniweld Double Hung**  
FULLY WELDED and FULLY INSTALLED  
**Energy Star Windows**  
REG. ~~\$39900~~ **ON SALE \$18900**

- Low E Argon Gas
- Fully Caulked for Airtight Seal
- Removal of All Debris
- Custom Made to Size
- 7/8" Double Insulated Glass
- 1/2 Screen Included
- New Interior Stop Moulding

**CUSTOM-SIZED! COUPON**  
**CUSTOM-PAINTED! STEEL & FIBERGLASS DOORS**  
**FULLY INSTALLED**  
REG. ~~\$149900~~

Includes:

- 8 Coat Paint Finish
- Adjustable Saddle
- 20 Gauge/10 Gauge Reinforced Steel Frame
- Magnetic Seal
- Double Insulated Glass
- Door knob/Dead Bolt

**BRASS LEADED GLASS**

**ON SALE \$899** **ON SALE \$899** **ON SALE \$949** **ON SALE \$949**

**COUPON**  
**STEEL SECURITY DOOR**  
•3 Standard Sizes  
•Real Steel Construction  
•Dead Bolt and Door Knob  
•Black Powder Coat Finish  
•Glass and Screen  
**FULLY INSTALLED**  
REG. ~~\$81500~~ **ON SALE \$59900**  
NO TAX

**COUPON**  
**AWNINGS & CARPORTS**  
**DOOR HOODS** **SAVE \$150**

42" x 36"  
REG. ~~\$49900~~ **ON SALE \$34900**

6' x 4'  
REG. ~~\$63900~~ **ON SALE \$48900**

**COUPON**  
**BASEMENT WINDOWS**  
CUSTOM MADE UP TO 32" x 18"  
REG. ~~\$34900~~ **ON SALE \$15400**

**REG. \$39900** **ON SALE \$17400**  
No Min. Req. NO TAX  
**BASEMENT SLIDERS**

**CUSTOM MADE**  
**BOW WINDOWS**

REG. ~~\$289900~~ **ON SALE \$189900**  
FULLY INSTALLED UP TO 96" x 45"

**FULL LIFETIME GUARANTEE**

## DOUBLE HUNG WINDOWS

**FULLY INSTALLED**

INCLUDES CAPPING, CAULKING, STOP MOULDING AND DEBRIS REMOVAL

**Low E Glass** **REG. \$59900**  
**Argon Gas & Foam Filled** **ON SALE \$29900**

**GRIDS OPTIONAL IN ALL WINDOWS**

**COUPON**  
**GARAGE DOOR**  
Raised Panel or Carriage Style

- 2 Inch Thick Steel Door
- New Tracks and Hardware

**REG. \$89900**  
**ON SALE \$59900**  
8' x 7'  
**FULLY INSTALLED**  
Includes cart away of your old door!

**FREE in Home Estimates**

**All Showrooms Open 7 Days!**

**BROOKLYN • QUEENS**  
130-11 Atlantic Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**BRONX • WESTCHESTER**  
768 North Broadway (rt. 22)  
N White Plains, NY 10603

**HEMPSTEAD**  
299 Peninsula Blvd.  
Hempstead, NY 11550

**HUNTINGTON**  
373 West Jericho Tpke.  
Huntington, NY 11743

**PATCHOGUE**  
298 Medford Ave. (rt.112)  
Patchogue, NY 11772

**(718) 362-5222 • (914) 358-9650 • (516) 481-3000 • (631) 612-2510**

BBB Member Metro NY Long Island • Some items not available in all areas. A \$35.00 fuel surcharge will apply to each contract.  
Nassau#1761650000 • Suffolk#19279 • NYConsumer Affairs#0856560 • Westchester Lic#WC-25660-H13  
Yonkers Lic#5208 • Conn. H.I. #HIC.0629286. \*Metal removal add \$25

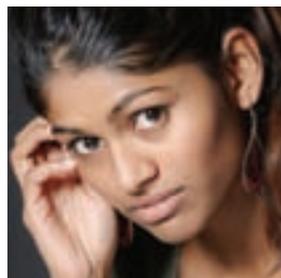
**www.uwds.com**

**(888) 631-2131**

**NO SALES TAX!**

TL

# Health care is changing.



What will happen to my coverage when the **Health Care Exchange** takes effect?

Are you worried about what the new health care regulations could mean to you, your family or your business?

Call MetroPlus today and we'll answer all your questions. We can help you keep the coverage you have now or talk to you about an affordable new plan that's just right for you.

 **MetroPlus** Health Plan

WWW.METROPLUS.ORG

1.855.809.4073

**Relax. You have MetroPlus.**

# Hindu temple aids typhoon vics

Parkchester faithful shoe drive



The intersection of Williamsbridge Road and Neill Avenue where Maria Lucaj was fatally struck.

Photo by Ben Kochman

## BY BEN KOCHMAN

When Bharati Kemraj heard that the 49th Precinct was collecting flip-flops to ship to displaced typhoon victims in the Philippines, she immediately knew who to call.

Kemraj contacted her local Vishnu Mandir Hindu Temple in Parkchester.

Within a day, it had collected over 500 pairs of footwear to be distributed overseas in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan, the tropical storm that hit Southeast Asia on Nov. 8 and has since killed over 5,000 and left thousands more homeless.

Police Officer Jay Sturdivant, a community affairs officer at the Four-Nine, came up with the idea for a flip-flop drive after reading a report which suggested that many of the displaced Filipinos were braving dangerous terrain without proper shoes.

Precinct commander, Deputy Inspector Lorenzo "Andy" Johnson, then got the word out at the Community Board 11 meeting on Nov. 21. The next morn-

ing, Kemraj called him to say that her temple, along with the Bharati Dance Academy, had already rallied together to produce 500 pairs of footwear.

"I did not expect that it would be such a large amount within the day," Johnson said.

## The Hindu experience

Johnson and Officer Sturdivant stopped by the temple Sunday, Nov. 24 to pick up the footwear.

Johnson has broken up street gangs, busted drug dealers and more over a 25-year career. But he had never entered a Hindu Temple. He said he ended up staying for an hour, listening to Pandit Vishnu Sukul deliver his Sunday morning lecture.

"I'm used to Catholic masses, but this was very colorful and had more interaction," Johnson said. "I recommend it. I don't plan on it being the last time I ever go."

## Charitable temple

The Temple, which has been in Parkchester for over 17 years, jumped at

the chance to help the displaced Filipinos.

"Whenever there is a disaster, our people join together in lending a helping hand," Sukul said.

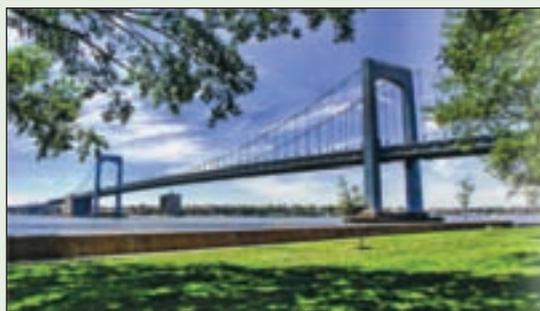
Temple patrons at the Sunday service were thrilled to see the community rallying around the flip-flop drive.

"Seeing this sight of giving and receiving shows that our community is a strong bridge," said Ganesh Basil, a long-time Temple member. "It does not matter where we are from or where we lend assistance, it is all for a greater cause and it shows service above self."

The Four-Nine's flip-flop drive remains open, and Bronxites are encouraged to continue to contact the precinct or drop off more flip-flops or footwear.

"This little token of giving someone footwear is a gesture for recovery to those affected by the storm," Kemraj said. "We are grateful for the work the NYPD is doing."

# DERMATOLOGY AND SURGERY ASSOCIATES, LLP



Comprehensive skin care located in the Throgs Neck section of the Bronx for 30 years. Providing treatment for adult and pediatric conditions including:

## SKIN CANCER

ACNE

ROSACEA

ECZEMA

PSORIASIS

WARTS

## HAIR/NAIL DISORDERS

Cosmetic procedures for wrinkles and fine lines.  
Botox for excessive underarm perspiration.  
Advanced Excimer Laser for the safe and effective treatment of Psoriasis

## DERMATOLOGY AND SURGERY ASSOCIATES, LLP



DOUGLAS ROSEN, M.D.



EUGENE WHANG, M.D.



LOUISA TIFT, M.D.



## WE ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING INSURANCE PLANS:

1199 NATIONAL BENEFIT FUND

AETNA

BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD

CIGNA

EMBLEM

FIDELIS

GHI

HIP

MEDICARE

MONTEFIORE CMO

OXFORD

TOUCHSTONE

UNITED HEALTH CARE

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF OUR PATIENTS WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE ADDITION OF AN ELEVATOR, ALLOWING EASY ACCESS TO OUR OFFICE SUITES.



# Hunger report: Bronx hit hard

## Half its children go to bed hungry

BY DAVID CRUZ

Despite financial cutbacks to Bronx food pantries, the stark demand for them continues to swell, according to a new report.

Even more startling is the number of Bronx children that go to bed hungry, standing at nearly 50%.

The report, compiled by the NYC Coalition Against Hunger, also highlighted the borough's gradual struggle from its already squeezed food pantries, showing 56% of them lacked enough food for the hungry, even as 85% of these agencies saw a jump in the number of people they served this year.

Overall, the report found one in three Bronx locals lived in food-deprived homes in 2010-2012.

"The recent federal food stamp cuts will make all of this much worse," said Joel Berg, the Coalition's execu-

tive director. He unveiled the results a day before Thanksgiving at Part of the Solution (POTS), a food pantry on Webster Avenue in Fordham.

Gov. Cuomo personally visited the pantry earlier in the day, one of his rare stops in the borough, to help unload donated boxes of Thanksgiving meals with help from Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and state Senator Gustavo Rivera.

The report is not clear where the hungriest parts of the Bronx lie. POTS, a food pantry in the borough for decades, is not one to ask questions as matters of pride often keep clients from disclosing where they live.

The pantry is one of the few full-service pantries in the borough, with churches and other community groups picking up the slack.



The intersection of Williamsbridge Road and Neill Avenue where Maria Lucaj was fatally struck.

Photo by Ben Kochman

But the report does blame a lumbering economy, scaled back government funding and the ripple

effects of Superstorm Sandy as culprits behind the food shortage.

Lack of financial re-

sources compelled Bronxites to rely on pantries to get their next meal while Superstorm Sandy shut-

tered pantries throughout the city, forcing many to depend on the next available pantry for food.

Assemblyman Marcos Crespo, representing working class to poverty-stricken neighborhoods such as Soundview and Hunts Point, called the hunger problem "an embarrassment" given the economic status of New York City, often linked as a beacon of prosperity.

His anger appeared to be directed at the city's wealthiest, whom he believes are doing little to resolve the hunger problem.

"Before New York gives one more dime in tax breaks to the wealthiest," he noted, "it must address this problem."

Berg called the dichotomy "a tale of two food cities," where meals are readily available to the haves while scant between the have nots.

**Have The Healthcare Blues? Mortgage Payments Got You Down?  
Retirement Planning Confusing? New Tax Laws Have You Stressed?**

# THE BRONX GOP IS HERE TO HELP YOU!



Come meet **Pat Castaldo** of Cetera Financial Specialists LLC to discuss your retirement planning and make sure you are on track to a secure retirement.



Purchasing a home or need FREE prequalification? Upside down on your mortgage or need to lower your mortgage interest rate? ... Come meet **Edward Angelino** NMLS #9483 of Power Express Mortgage Bankers.



"Your Star Real Estate Tax Exemption Is Expiring." Come meet Bronx Tax Man **John Cerini** to renew it if necessary. John can also help you to see if you have any unclaimed funds available from New York State.

Parents, bring your kids to come see Santa!

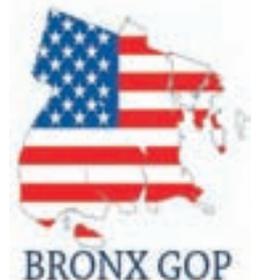


Speak To A Professional And Answer All Your Questions **FREE**  
**Saturday, December 7, 2013 From 12 p.m.-4 p.m.**

**3029 Middletown Road, Bronx, NY 10461 • 718-792-5800**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED**

This Is A Free Public Service Provided By The Bronx County GOP



To learn more about the new Bronx GOP, check out our new website at [www.BronxGOP.org](http://www.BronxGOP.org) or our Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/TheBronxGOP](http://www.Facebook.com/TheBronxGOP).

# P.J. Brady's

**FAMILY RESTAURANT**

Established  
1998

NEIGHBORHOOD BAR & RESTAURANT • LUNCH, DINNER, COCKTAILS



SPONSORED BY THE

HANCE FAMILY  
FOUNDATION

UNTIL DECEMBER 15TH....

PLEASE BRING IN ANY NON  
GENDER TOY DONATION

IN MEMORY OF  
3 BEAUTIFUL ANGELS  
EMMA, ALYSON  
AND KATIE



**NOW BOOKING  
OUR PARTY  
ROOM**

**WE CAN SEAT LARGE  
DINNER PARTIES**

**COME  
CHECKOUT OUR**

**NEWLY  
DECORATED  
DINING ROOM**

**WEDNESDAY IS  
PRIME  
RIB  
NIGHT**



COME IN AND TRY OUR  
MOUTH WATERING  
**STEAMERS &  
DELICIOUS MUSSELS**

Also Available For Take-Out



**20¢ WINGS  
AT ALL NFL  
GAMES** BAR  
ONLY

TAKE-OUT MENU PRICES

TRY OUR BONELESS CHICKEN  
WINGS & GARLIC KNOTS  
DELICIOUS BRISKET OF BEEF &  
PASTRAMI • ENTREE OR SANDWICHES  
TRY OUR BUFFALO CHICKEN PIE

**STEAKS AND CHOPS**

**TRY OUR GLUTEN FREE PIZZA AND PASTA**

WE NOW DELIVER TO MORRIS PARK (\$20 MINIMUM)  
YOU RING ... WE BRING ... \$10.00 MIN  
OR ORDER ON-LINE AT [WWW.PJBRADYSTOGO.COM](http://WWW.PJBRADYSTOGO.COM)

**DELIVERY HOURS**

**MON - THURS  
5PM-10:30PM**

**FRI, SAT, 12PM-11PM**

**SUN 12PM-10:30PM**

WE HAVE INCREASED  
OUR DELIVERY STAFF  
FOR FASTER DELIVERY!

Please be patient...  
Food is made fresh  
to order!!

**3201 Philip Ave. 718-931-3250 • 718-518-0599**

# Brotherhood Tree a headache

## City Island memorial could hamper bridge work

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The legal wrangling over the design of the new City Island Bridge is not the only controversy surrounding the project.

City Island's Brotherhood Tree, a memorial to two local pastors, growing not far from the bridge and first dedicated by the community in 1968, may have to be moved.

City officials now say that two underground 20-inch-wide water mains may need to be moved before work begins on the new bridge, said Virginia Gallagher, chairwoman of Community Board 10's parks committee.

City officials apparently believe the two mains run underneath the tree, dedicated to pastors Monsignor Edward Nilan and the Reverend Henry Coleman, she said.

The tree situation was

discussed at a town hall meeting on the new bridge in September.

"It is a memento of the love that the people of City Island had to their religious leaders," said Gallagher.

Since the water mains are underground, it is not clear where they run.

Based on New York State maps she has seen, Gallagher believes the water mains are closer to the bridge.

The tree is on City Island Avenue between the southern end of Catherine Scott Promenade and the nearby Seashore Restaurant.

The city Department of Design and Construction and the Department of Environmental Protection have indicated they are concerned that construction work on the new bridge may damage the water mains, cutting off water for City Island.

But the Brotherhood Tree, dedicated by local businessman Sam Bierman, founder of the island's Temple Beth El, still holds great significance to many islanders, said Gallagher.

The tree is marked with a plaque, with "many people on City Island remembering the two pastors."

It also appears the tree may not be able to be moved because it was officially dedicated as a city memorial in 1979 by then Councilman Steve Kaufman and a colleague, said Barbara Dolensek of the City Island Civic Association. Officially designated city memorials cannot be moved, she said.

Community Board 10 wrote a letter to the DDC expressing concern about the situation, said Gallagher.

DDC spokesman Craig Chin said that the agency is crafting a response addressing these concerns.



The Brotherhood Tree, on the left, is quite a ways from the City Island Bridge, which is to the far right.  
Photo by Patrick Rocchio

"We are looking into it and will write them [CB 10] a letter back addressing the concerns brought up at the meeting," said Chin.

With the help of Senator Jeff Klein, the City Island Civic Association and Do-

lensek have filed a lawsuit to stop construction on the bridge pending a decision as to whether a Uniform Land Use Review Procedure is required.

Many City Islanders object to the design of the pro-

posed bridge, which would have a large, soaring, cable-anchored tower. They charge it is out of character with the quaint New English fishing village look of the tight little island.

JCPenney | optical

SELECT DESIGNERS EYEGLASS SALE

\$149

Includes **IZOD**

Nicole Miller or Liz Claiborne  
with FREE bifocals

\$99 FOR OTHER BRANDS

- any frame up to \$130
- single vision or lined bifocals
- scratch-resistant lenses

PLUS  
Thinner Lighter **ULTRA** lenses.

 Schedule an annual eye exam<sup>®</sup> online at [www.jcpenneyoptical.com](http://www.jcpenneyoptical.com)

We accept Eyemed and thousands of vision care plans.

  Call 1-877-jcpeyes or visit [jcpenneyoptical.com](http://jcpenneyoptical.com)

Bay Plaza Shopping Center (718) 862-9419

\*Complete pair purchase required. \$149 offer includes any Liz Claiborne, IZOD, or Nicole Miller frame, single vision or lined bifocals with clear scratch-resistant lens and ultra lens excluding Suns Collection. \$99 offer includes any frame up to \$130, single vision or lined bifocals with clear scratch-resistant lens excluding Suns Collection and RayBan. Instructive no-line bifocals available for an additional \$40. Additional charge may be applied for strong Rx. Bifocals and/or progressives, specialty lenses and lens options are additional. See optician for details. Frame selection may vary by store location. Cannot be combined with any other offer, vision care plan, or package pricing. Void where prohibited by law. Eye exams performed by independent state licensed Doctors of Optometry. Scheduling appointment online is not valid in California or states where prohibited by law. Offer valid until 1/4/14.

## St. Benedict's

# FLEA MARKET

Saturday, December 7th, 2013 • 10am - 5pm

- New Merchandise
- Hand-Made Crafts
- Wreaths
- Toys
- And Much More!

Start or Finish  
Your Holiday  
Shopping!

2969 Otis Avenue

718-863-9134

CALL FOR DIRECTIONS



# MONDAY PASTA NIGHT

ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA, SALAD & GARLIC BREAD

**\$11.95** PER PERSON : **\$9.95** KIDS UNDER 10

# Enjoy Breathtaking Water Views at

## ICEHOUSE Restaurant

**Seafood** is our specialty

Wine and Dine by the marina

Free Parking  
Free Delivery

Taking Reservations for Parties  
Handicap Accessible Fireplace

Saturday & Sunday  
**MIMOSAS**  
**\$1** 10am-2pm

Monday Night  
Salad, 16 oz. Steak,  
Glass Of Wine, Coffee  
And Dessert  
**\$25**

Psychic Reading  
**WEDNESDAY**  
@ 6 pm with Dinner  
Tuesday Afternoon by Appointment Only

Thursday & Friday Night  
**LOBSTER FESTIVAL**  
2-6oz Lobster Tails,  
Salad, Potato & Vegetable  
Coffee & Dessert

**RAW CLAMS**  
7 Days & Wash  
**\$6** Doz

**AWARD WINNING**  
CHICKEN WINGS  
CLAM CHOWDER  
4 YEARS IN A ROW

**PARTIES STARTING At \$20 Per Person!**  
140 Reynolds Avenue • Bronx, NY 10465 • 718-863-5580  
(off Harding Ave by the foot of the Throgs Neck Bridge)

**HOURS**  
Sunday - 10am-9pm  
Mon-Tues 11am - 9pm  
Wed - Sat 11am - 10pm

## **Breakfast And Lunch With Santa!**

**Sunday, December 8th**  
**Saturday & Sunday**  
**December 14th & 15th**



**Santa Will Arrive By Boat!**

**\$12.95 Per Person**  
Call For Your Reservation!  
We Accept Cash Only!

# Fountain (of) service honored

## Street renamed for Ben and Dotty Abrams

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

Of course, there were the egg creams.

But those weren't the only great things about Ben and Dotty Abrams' Pelham Parkway neighborhood luncheonette and candy store.

For more than 20 years, the couple also created a neighborhood hangout and gossip central for hundreds of neighbors coming into the shop at 200 Holland Ave.

Not that they were worth remembering for that alone, as local City Councilman Jimmy Vacca put it on Tuesday, Dec. 3 by holding a ceremony officially co-naming the intersections of Holland and Antin avenues and Bronxdale Avenue as "Ben and Dotty Abrams Way."

"Ben and Dotty Abrams deeply loved their community, and they were staples in Pelham Parkway South for decades," Vacca said. "I

can think of no couple more deserving of this honor, and I am proud to rename this intersection in their memory. This street sign will forever preserve their legacy and serve as a reminder of their many contributions to Pelham Parkway."

The honorary co-naming was approved by the City Council in September 2013 at Vacca's request to honor the Abrams' six decades of community service in Pelham Parkway.

Joining Vacca and community leaders and friends and family was former Bronx Borough President and New York State Attorney General Bob Abrams, who thanked Vacca and called it "a thrilling event for my family."

The younger Abrams could certainly credit his parents for instilling in him the community and political service that gave rise



The intersection of Williamsbridge Road and Neill Avenue where Maria Lucaj was fatally struck.

Photo by Ben Kochman

to his political career.

Ben Abrams, who passed away in 1984, spent many years as an active member of the Hubert H. Humphrey Democratic Club, the Pelham Parkway Jewish Council and B'nai B'rith, as well

as a volunteer at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital. He also engaged in an active petition drive that helped secure new benches along Pelham Parkway and Bronx Park

East, among other things.

Dotty, who passed away in 2003, was a member of the Ruth Kizon Group for Handicapped Children, selling raffle tickets and attending annual luncheons

to help raise funds to provide support for children afflicted by disease and physical handicaps. She was also an active member of the Pelham Parkway Cancer Society, raising money for programs.

"My mom and dad were pillars of the community, operating their luncheonette for over 20 years in Pelham Parkway, living in Pelham Parkway for almost half a century, and establishing enduring friendships and relationships," said Abrams.

"The store became an important meeting place in the neighborhood, where residents of Pelham Parkway would come in for sandwiches, sodas, ice cream, school supplies, greeting cards and toys, and talk about neighborhood events, politics and world activities."

# CROSBY PET CENTER

PUPPIES • KITTENS • REPTILES • TROPICAL FISH • BIRDS • SMALL ANIMALS

1626 CROSBY AVENUE • 718-822-6900

DON'T FORGET YOUR PET THIS CHRISTMAS!

PUPPIES IN STORE:  
SHIH-TZU, MALTESE, YORKIE,  
TEA-CUP POMERANIAN, PEKINGESE,  
TOY POODLE, BEAGLE, MORKIE, WESTIE,  
MAL-SHI, PUG, FRENCH BULLDOG,  
MINI-PINSCHER, BOSTON TERRIER,  
ENGLISH BULLDOG,  
CHIHUAHUA, POMERANIAN,  
KITTENS & MORE!

CROSBY PET CENTER

\$5.00 OFF

ANY FULL PET GROOMING

W/ITAD • Expires 12/31/13 Offers Can Not Be Combined

CROSBY PET CENTER

10% OFF

ANY STORE PURCHASE

EXCLUDING PET FOOD  
W/ITAD • Expires 12/31/13 Offers Can Not Be Combined

CROSBY PET CENTER

\$200 OFF

ANY PUPPY PURCHASE

PLUS \$100 IN PUPPY SUPPLIES  
W/ITAD • Expires 12/31/13 Offers Can Not Be Combined

LEASHES & COLLARS!

DOG BEDS!

SWEATERS & COATS!

We Have A Full Line Of Pet Supplies  
and Finest Quality Pet Foods!

- Blue Buffalo •Wellness •Eukanuba •Jams •Science Diet •Merrick
- Health Extension •Natural Choice •Natural Balance •Taste Of The Wild
- Weruva •Beneful •Halo •Innova •California Natural •Fancy Feast
- Stella & Chewy •Royal Canin •Triumph •Tikie Cat •Cesar •BFF •Orijen

WE HAVE THE  
LOWEST PRICES AROUND!

TROPICAL FISH  
AND FISH TANKS!

FULL LINE OF DOG & CAT  
TOYS AND TREATS!

www.crosbypetcenter.net

MON.-FRI. 9:30AM-7PM • SAT. 9:30AM-6PM SUN. 10AM-5PM

# Got Hair? We

MEDICAL AESTHETICS

3611A East Tremont Ave. ♦ Bronx, NY  
347-281-5576

## LAZER HAIR REMOVAL EXTRAVAGANZA



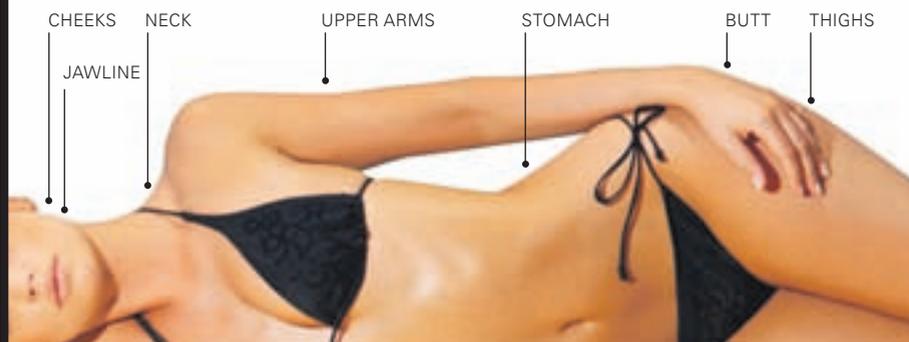
**GET READY  
FOR THE FALL!**

**SIGN UP FOR TWO BODY  
PARTS AND GET THE  
THIRD BODY PART ½ OFF!**  
*Free consultation. Limited Time Offer.*



**Fillers  
Injections**

The New Generation of  
**SKIN TIGHTENING** is here...



Offering the latest in  
**Laser Hair Removal ♦ Botox ♦ Fillers  
Skin Tightening ♦ Sclerotherapy**

**FREE CONSULTATION**

*“Look as beautiful as you are...”*

# PORTABELLA

## HOLIDAY SALE

SAVE UP TO  
**70% OFF**  
MUST HAVE LOOKS

**NEW COLLECTIONS! PERFECT FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS!**



**SLIM  
FIT  
SUITS**

**BUY 1 SUIT**  
AT THE VALUE PRICE  
**GET 2 FREE**

Or Buy 1 At Our Everyday Low Sale Price

	value	sale	NOW!
New Slim.....	\$225.....	\$99 <sup>99</sup> .....	3 for \$225
Fashion Vested ...	\$350.....	\$139 <sup>99</sup> .....	3 for \$350
Merino Wool.....	\$400.....	\$159 <sup>99</sup> .....	3 for \$400

**BIG & TALL TO SIZE 60 • BOYS**

**SUITS \$59<sup>99</sup>**



**Sweaters**  
**\$9<sup>99</sup>**  
each  
when you buy 3



**Outerwear**  
FROM  
**\$25<sup>50</sup>**



**Blazers**  
FROM  
**\$39<sup>99</sup>**



**DRESS SHOES**  
FROM **\$29.99**

The largest selection in New York

**SHOES**

**\$19<sup>99</sup> \$29<sup>99</sup> \$39<sup>99</sup>**

Coogi Australia • Clarks • Florsheim



**BOOTS**  
**\$19.99**

## PORTABELLA

**BROOKLYN**

503 Nostrand Ave. - Portabella  
320 Livingston - Portabella  
1671 Pitkin Ave. - Portabella  
5205 5th Ave. - Portabella  
423 Knickerbocker Ave. - Portabella  
294 Utica Ave. - Portabella  
1555 Flatbush Ave. - Portabella  
851 Flatbush Ave. - Portabella  
552 Nostrand Ave. - Fino  
469 Fulton St. - Fino  
5007 Church Ave. - Fino

**QUEENS**

163-18 Jamaica Ave. - Portabella  
3056 Steinway St. - Portabella  
164-08 Jamaica Ave. - Fino  
Queens Center - Quails  
Green Acres - Quails

**NEW JERSEY**

**GRAND OPENING** 174 Main St. Paterson - Portabella  
**GRAND OPENING** Rockaway Town Square - Quails  
807 Broad St. - Portabella  
Livingston Mall - Quails  
Woodbridge Center - Quails  
5516 Bergenline Ave. - Quails  
Freehold Raceway Mall - Quails

**BRONX**

**GRAND OPENING** 845 White Plains Road - Portabella  
12-20 E. Fordham Rd. - Portabella  
2887 3rd Ave. - Portabella

3449 Jerome Ave. - Portabella  
66-96 Burnside Ave. - Fino  
2938 3rd Ave. - Fino  
345 East Fordham Rd. - Fino  
259 E. Fordham Rd. - Britches  
645 E. Tremont Ave. - Britches  
1498 Parkchester Ave. - Portabella

**MANHATTAN**

243 W. 125th St. - Portabella  
617 W. 181 St. - Portabella  
120 W. 125th St. - Fino  
1405 St. Nicholas Ave. - Fino  
One Park Ave. - Quails  
Manhattan Mall - Portabella

All merchandise is not available in all stores. Sale ends December 21st. Savings off value prices.

# Hip Hop prof pens street lit

## 'Pure Bronx' tells tale of rough urban life

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Meet street literature with an Occupy Wall Street edge.

A Bronx professor and one of his students have penned a novel about a young couple's desperate attempt to break out of South Bronx housing projects at any cost—even kidnapping a Wall Street head honcho.

"People call us gangsters because we steal cars and sell parts on the black market, but the biggest gangsters in the world are the people who own banks and run governments," says Khalil, the 21-year old heroin dealer at the heart of "Pure Bronx," written by Fordham Professor Mark Naison and his student Melissa Castillo-Garsow.

Naison, a white guy from Park Slope, Brooklyn, is popularly known as the Hip Hop Professor, who chairs the Department of

African-American studies at Fordham.

"Pure Bronx" is Naison's entry into a new genre of urban literature, or "street lit." Street lit has surged in popularity in inner cities over the last 15 years, and often tackles the same theme: hustling out of the ghetto.

This novel is no exception. Khalil, along with his lover Rasheeda, who works nights at a strip club to pay her way through college, hatch a plan to get rich quick in the first years of the Obama presidency.

The pair kidnap one of Rasheeda's clients, Robert Seidman, a Bernie Madoff-inspired sketchy business man.

From there, mayhem ensues.

"Readers might not be surprised by the politics, but they might be surprised by the amount of violence

and sex," Naison said. "I haven't written anything like this."

The idea for the novel started in a creative writing class Naison teaches at Fordham. The prof wrote the first chapter, a drug deal scene in a playground near Khalil's stomping grounds, Mott Haven's Patterson Projects.

Naison asked his class to help him continue the book. Castillo-Garsow, then a graduate student at the university, jumped on board. She ended up writing the portion of the book that tells Rasheeda's story.

The authors went to great lengths to describe life in the South Bronx under the Cross Bronx Expressway to a T. "Pure Bronx" bounces around scenes sketched from real-life. Readers get a glimpse of life at a strip club at the Hunts Point garage on E. 138th Street and Grand

Concourse. At one point, Khalil hijacks a car from the Gateway Mall alongside the Deegan Expressway.

Along the way, the love pair encounter a vivid portrait of the diverse South Bronx population.

"We wanted to portray the Bronx as it really is," Naison said. "That makes immigrants from so many places: Africa, the West Indies, Dominicans, Puerto Ricans, people from Honduras."

Underneath the tale of violence, sex and intrigue is an undercurrent of social criticism—no surprise given Prof. Naison's loud stance against gentrification and against Wall Street.

"An interesting question is if what Khalil and Rasheeda do is justified," he said. "That's for the reader to figure out."



Fordham professor Mark Naison (right) penned his version of "street lit" with one his students, Melissa Castillo-Garsow.

Photo provided by Mark Naison



## ARE YOU MISSING TEETH?

Restore Your Smile Instantly With The New **DENTAL IMPLANTS**

As Seen On



MetLife CIGNA UNITED CONCORDIA Aetna DELTA DENTAL

Choose Excellence  
**Vincent M. Cefola, D.D.S.**  
**Roger Chehova, D.D.S.**

1865 Williamsbridge Road • Bronx NY 10461

718-892-2042

.....  
: Implant.....\$995  
: Intergrated Post.....\$0  
: Crown.....\$995  
: Total.....\$1990  
.....

**FREE CONSULTATION**

## GOLDENCARE MEDICAL CENTER

HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

OWEN GOLDEN, MD  
CHANGSOO RHIM, MD  
Board Certified  
Multi Specialty Practice



IMMIGRATION PHYSICALS

Internal Medicine

- Hematology
- Neurological Testing
- Podiatry
- Oncology
- Gastroenterology
- Nephrology

**GOLDENCARE MEDICAL CENTER**  
3134 East Tremont Ave. Bronx, NY 10461  
(Near Coddington Avenue)

PHONE: 718-239-1000

Most Insurance Plans Accepted | Se Habla Español

**NEW OFFICE HOURS**

Open Saturday for Sick Visits • Walk-ins Welcome

Saturday Hours 9:00am-12:00pm

Evening Appointments On Thursdays 1:00pm-8:00pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Hours 9:00am-6:00pm

**CALL AND SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!**

*In Loving Memory of*



# Michael Raguso

1962 – 2013

Perhaps you sang a lovely song,  
or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,  
if so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,  
As any friend could say,  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so very much, whatever the part.

We would like to sincerely thank all of those who have been by our side during this difficult time.  
We cannot begin to express our heartfelt gratitude, love and appreciation.

Love,  
The Raguso Family



# Castle Hill's Ladder 47 turns 100

## 'These guys know what they are doing'

BY BEN KOCHMAN

100 years later, much has changed in the east Bronx.

But the firefighters at Castle Hill's Ladder 47 are still going strong.

Fire Department officials, firefighters and their families packed the Castle Hill Avenue firehouse Wednesday, Dec. 4 to celebrate the unit's 100 years of service.

It's been a busy year for FDNY centennials. Ladder 47 was one of over 30 companies the city opened 100 years ago, in 1913, to serve an increasingly spread out population.

Capt. Joseph Biggers took the helm of the company in those first years. The house's nine firefighters back then served an area of mostly rural farmland.

The area has since been transformed into urban sprawl, sparked by the con-

struction of train lines and highways. As more and more people flooded the area, generations of firefighters kept up with the demand.

"The population here was once a fraction of what it is today, but the dedication here has never waned," said Fire Commissioner Salvatore Cassano at the event.

Today the company has a team of 26 firefighters serving out of the firehouse alongside Engine 64. The ladder company is responsible for rescuing residents out of homes and venting roofs to let smoke escape, while the engine company uses its fire engines to extinguish blazes with pumps and hoses.

The stairs of the firehouse are lined with plaques commending the crew on jobs well done.

"Every time the Four-

Seven is mentioned, it's with respect," said FDNY Chief of Department Edward Kilduff. "These guys know what they are doing."

Veteran firefighters were on hand to catch up with old friends. Good times were toasted: The company has saved countless lives over the years, as well as dealt with smaller community concerns, like keys locked in cars.

The station's tough times were also remembered. Ladder 47 had firefighters responding to the scene of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, for example.

"During all of those tough moments you gain strength knowing that we all came through that together," said George Holzmann, who served as a firefighter here for 26 years, following in the footsteps of his father Franz. "It's pretty emotional for the guys to

come back and relive it."

Lieutenant Ernesto Tiarado, who started at the station as a fireman and now is back with the unit, said that he's honored to work with a team that stays consistent day by day.

"Everybody I've worked with has always taken saving lives as their goal in life," he said. "That's all you can ask for."

Irish Bagpipes cascaded through the room as the company received a commemorative plaque honoring 100 years of serving an area that stretches into West Farms, Hunts Point and Throggs Neck.

That's 100 years of hard work and lifelong friendships.

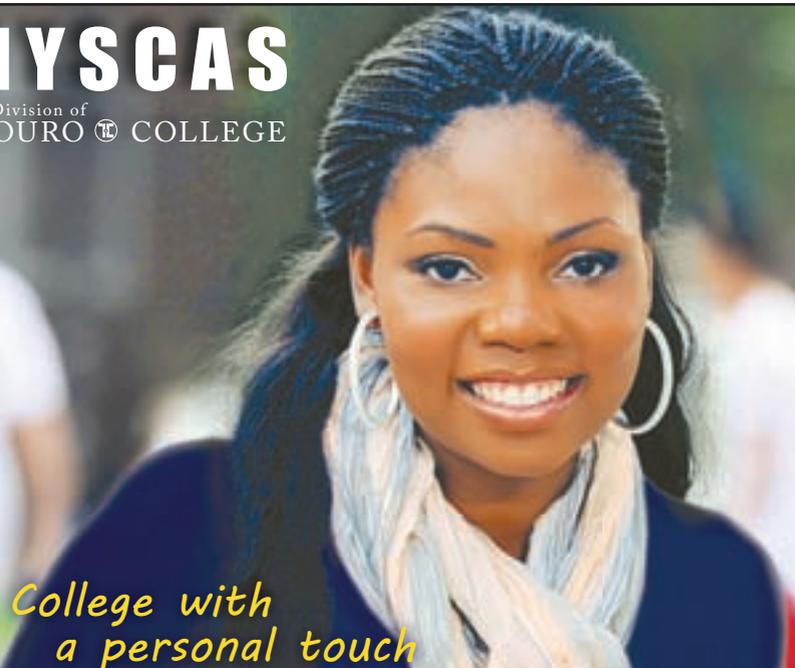
"It really is, at the end of the day, about the relationships," said Holzmann, the 26-year FDNY vet. "We all depend on each other."



The plaque received by Ladder 49 honors 100 years of serving the East Bronx. Photo by Ben Kochman

# NYSCAS

A Division of  
TOURO COLLEGE



College with  
a personal touch

New York School of Career and Applied Studies

ASSOCIATE'S AND BACHELOR'S DEGREES

- Business Management and Administration
- Paralegal Studies
- Information Technology
- Human Services
- Biology
- Social Sciences
- Psychology
- Education
- Digital Multimedia Design
- Liberal Arts and Sciences
- and more

212.463.0400 x5500

27-33 West 23rd Street, New York  
Other sites are located in Brooklyn and Queens

INFORMATION SESSIONS:

27-33 West 23rd Street, Admissions Office  
Wednesdays, 12 noon-5 pm

www.touro.edu/nyscas

INTEGRATED HONORS TRACKS

Undergraduate/Osteopathic Medicine

Undergraduate/Pharmacy

OTHER PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

• Pre-Law • Pre-Medical • Pre-Dental

Touro College is an equal opportunity institution



Do you have  
a **WOUND**  
that won't  
**HEAL?**



St. Barnabas Hospital

invites you to enjoy a

FREE Dinner with a Doctor

and learn about how our  
state-of-the-art wound  
center can help you.

SPANISH

Tuesday, December 10

ENGLISH

Thursday, December 12

6 PM, SBH Braker Building Boardroom

We are located at 4422 Third Avenue at 182nd Street, Bronx, New York 10457. Free parking is available through the 183rd St. and 3rd Ave. entrance. Must be 16 years or older to attend.

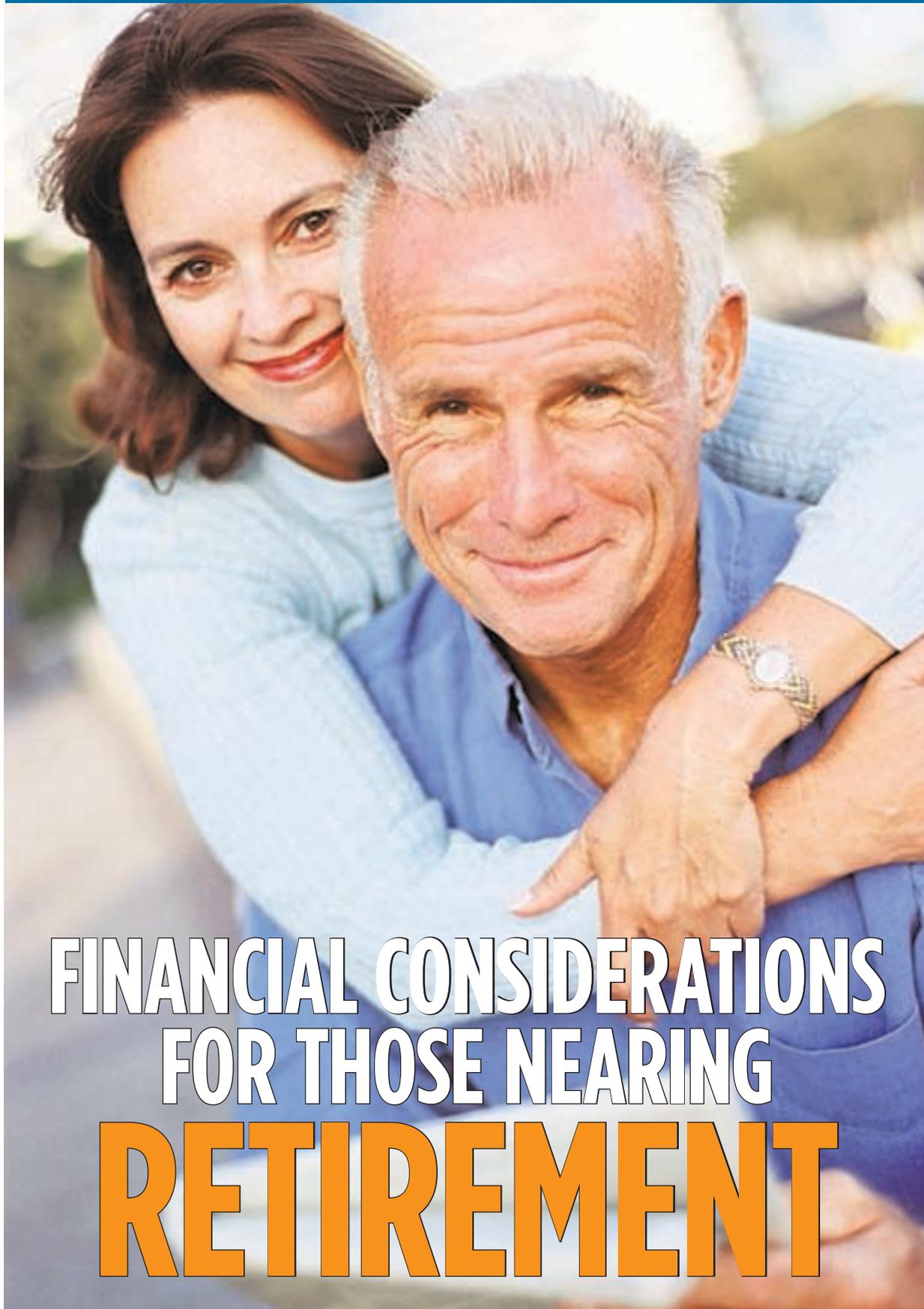
Call 718-960-9295 to reserve your place.



www.SBHNY.org

# Eldercare

## TODAY



## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THOSE NEARING RETIREMENT

**R**etirement can simultaneously excite and distress men and women as they approach the day when they end their careers. Anticipating the freedom can be exciting, while concerns about maintaining financial independence can be stressful.

Though there are no guarantees that men and women who prioritize retirement planning will not outlive their finances, those who do arrange their priorities in such a manner are far more likely to enjoy a comfortable retirement without worrying about their finances. As men and women approach retirement age, certain steps with regard to preparing for retirement can put them in position to enjoy their golden years to the fullest.

### **Assess your resources**

An honest assessment of your assets will help you determine a retirement lifestyle you can afford. Assets can include any property you own, investments, savings, and retirement accounts. Your property may be your biggest financial asset, but unless you plan to sell that property or take out a reverse mortgage, then you won't be able to rely on that property to fund your lifestyle. When assessing resources, keep in mind that you might have to pay potentially steep taxes when attempting to access any retirement accounts, such as a 401(k). Factor in any such taxes when assessing your retirement resources.

### **Make a list of your monthly expenses**

Once you have assessed your resources, make a list of your monthly bills. Mortgage payments, healthcare costs, taxes, and food are among the essentials, while additional expenses like travel and entertainment will need to be factored in as well.

When considering monthly expenses, keep in mind that some of those expenses, including mortgage payments and commuting costs, will likely disappear, while others, including healthcare costs, are likely to increase significantly. Once you have assessed your resources and expenses, you can then begin to paint a picture of the retirement lifestyle you can afford to live.

### **Compare the lifestyle you want to live versus the one you can afford to live**

Considering your finances several years before you retire affords you the opportunity to make changes if you determine the retirement you can afford does not exactly match up with the retirement you want to live. After you have figured out what you can afford, compare that lifestyle to the one you hope to live. If they are one and the same, then you did a great job planning for retirement. If they are slightly or significantly different, then look for ways to close that gap. If necessary, consult with a financial planner, who might be able to help turn your dream retirement into a reality. Closing the gap between your dream retirement and the one you can afford to live may require you to work an extra year or two, so be prepared to make that decision if need be.

### **Plan on continuing to grow your money**

Just because you're retiring does not mean your money has to stop working as well. You will still need to combat inflation during your golden years, so plan on continuing to grow your money even after you retire. Though it's best to reduce investment risks as you age, many retirees still need to keep a toe in the investment waters. Find

Continued on page 36

REGISTERED NURSES  
PHYSICAL THERAPISTS  
MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS  
CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AIDES

You love being Mom's daughter and friend.

But lately you've also become her nurse, physical therapist and aide.

Now what?

Taking care of an elderly loved one can feel like a full-time job. The Visiting Nurse Service of New York (VNSNY) can help. We have specialists trained in managing specific conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. Many of our specialists also live in the communities they serve, so they can deliver care quickly and are familiar with local pharmacies and medical centers. When you realize it's time to get help taking care of Mom or Dad, VNSNY is the right care now.

CALL NOW TO LEARN HOW WE CAN DELIVER THE RIGHT HOME HEALTH CARE FOR YOUR LOVED ONE'S NEEDS.

1-855-VNSNY-NOW • [www.vnsny.org](http://www.vnsny.org)



THE RIGHT CARE NOW

*Our services are usually covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most insurers.*



# Tips to prevent slips and falls this winter

Winter is starting to blow its cold winds. That means that most people will be trading in windbreakers and rakes for heavy coats and snow shovels. Winter can be a beautiful time of the year, but the snow and ice that covers the landscape in a pristine sheet of white can present certain hazards as well.

Walking on ice can be extremely dangerous, particularly to those people who already may have mobility issues, such as the elderly. According to the National Safety Council, slips and falls are the single largest cause of emergency room visits. Slip and fall injuries also are the third largest cause of workplace injuries, says the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Many accidental falls occur from lack of stability or poor physical health. However, come winter, many falls can be attributed to walking on slippery surfaces covered with snow or ice. To avoid falls on ice, you might want to take certain precautions.

## Change the way you walk

Adapting to the slippery conditions could help prevent some of the falls caused by snow and ice. When walking on ice, plant feet with toes facing outward slightly, and then shuffle along. Hunching over a little and extending arms outward will help to lower your center of gravity and also offer a little more stability. Take short, flat



Walking on ice can be extremely dangerous, particularly to those people who already may have mobility issues, such as the elderly.

steps so that the heels and toes of your shoes stay in contact with the ground as much as possible and offer maximum surface contact.

## Switch shoes

Flat shoes with rubber soles are more capable of gripping the ice than other types of shoes. Contrary to popular belief, clunky winter boots may make walking more difficult. Try rain boots instead, as rain boots typically have flatter soles. There also are many different types of shoe ice grips on the market that can be added to the soles of shoes. They easily slip on to offer more traction. Whenever possible, try to avoid shoes with already slippery soles or high heels. Carry these shoes with you and change after you are inside.

## Remove shoes indoors

Slips and falls can happen inside a home as well. Many people have tile or laminate entryways in their homes, and these entrances can become quite slippery when snow-packed shoes warm up and the snow melts, creating a wet, slick surface. Avoid falls by placing mats by the front door and removing shoes when you enter. Stash a pair of slippers nearby into which you can change.

Falls on slippery surfaces can be quite dangerous, especially for seniors. Avoid trips to the emergency room for broken bones or abrasions by slowing down, dressing appropriately, and walking on paths that have been cleared of snow and ice.

## Finances

Continued from page 35

a balance you're comfortable with so your money continues to grow, but be conservative at the same time. As

you grow older, continue to reduce your risk. While conventional wisdom long suggested retirees should completely eliminate risk from their portfolios, today's retirees are living longer than ever before, so you likely can't afford to follow the ad-

vice of yesteryear.

As retirement draws closer, men and women must start making important financial decisions to ensure their nest eggs can support the lifestyles they want to live throughout their golden years.

# BRONXWOOD

## A Luxurious Assisted Living Facility



### *Dear Friend:*

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Bronxwood, a luxurious assisted living facility located in the northeast Bronx. Bronxwood may provide the answer to the housing needs of you, a friend or a relative desiring a comfortable, home-like environment that delivers a wide range of services performed by an experienced, caring staff.

Bronxwood is an ideal living arrangement for those who no longer want, or are able to, shop, clean, prepare meals and perform many other daily chores. In addition, we can provide assistance with personal care tasks such as bathing, dressing and grooming. While Bronxwood is able to cater to the needs of frail elderly persons, we also welcome more self-sufficient seniors who will feel equally at ease here. Bronxwood can provide a viable alternative to the isolation and security issues that seniors who spend many hours alone each day often face.

Bronxwood is not a nursing home and therefore offers a warmer and less restrictive environment than the hospital-like atmosphere of skilled nursing facilities. People living at Bronxwood are able to maintain a high degree of privacy and self-sufficiency while availing themselves of the services best suited to meet their individual needs.

Bronxwood is licensed and regulated by the New York State Department of Health. The entire facility is licensed as an adult home. Additionally, one hundred and seventy-seven beds are licensed as the Bronxwood Assisted Living Program, which allows us to provide an enhanced degree of personal care and health monitoring services.

Bronxwood's on-site medical suite enables residents to receive health services conveniently. Primary care physicians, as well as specialties including podiatry, optometry, physical and speech therapy, ophthalmology, psychology

and urology, are regularly scheduled at Bronxwood. Staff can assist with the coordination of on-site and off-site medical appointments, diagnostic tests and procedures. There is also an on-site nursing office for the provision of skilled services such as injection therapies and wound care.

A dynamic activities program affords residents the opportunity to share entertaining and stimulating social experiences. In addition to daily on-site activities, we offer trips to a variety of enjoyable locations, such as restaurants, retail stores, Atlantic City, Yonkers Slots and various cultural events. Bronxwood is designed to encourage socializing, with several large, attractive and comfortably furnished living rooms and recreational spaces where residents can gather, in groups large or small, to enjoy each other's company. The dining room, where three tasty, nutritious meals are served by our professional wait staff daily, is graciously appointed to enhance your meal time experience.



## BRONXWOOD

ASSISTED LIVING

*More than assisted living, better living.*

799 East Gun Hill Road Bronx, NY 10467  
Tel 718-881-9100 Fax 718-515-0150  
[www.bronxwood.com](http://www.bronxwood.com)

The Bronxwood case management staff is available to assist residents with financial, medical, personal, and other issues. Our knowledgeable, highly experienced case managers will act as your liaisons in navigating the often complex world of government

agencies, medical institutions and social service organizations. One of our most important and rewarding responsibilities is helping residents adjust to their new home at Bronxwood as seamlessly as possible.

We invite all interested

seniors, as well as their friends, relatives and service providers, to visit Bronxwood to learn more about the many services and amenities we furnish. Please call to arrange a tour. We accept both private pay and SSI eligible residents.



**Ready**  
for whatever life  
throws at them.

**Not ready**  
to give up their  
independence.

**Perfect for**  
Bronxwood.

- Enjoyable and affordable independent lifestyle
- Supervised, supportive and well appointed environment
- Seasoned, committed and caring staff
- Striving to promote your independence and progress
- Private or semi-private rooms with full bath and amenities
- Mediation Assistance Available
- Ability to come and go at your leisure
- Wide range of social activities
- Clinical, therapeutic and personal care services on-site
- Physical fitness and wellness programs
- Theater, media rooms, computer center, library, games and arts & crafts
- Tranquil outdoor lounges
- Restaurant style dining – 3 meals provided daily
- Serving The Bronx and greater NYC area for over 35 years



**BRONXWOOD**  
ASSISTED LIVING

*More than assisted living, better living.*

799 East Gun Hill Road Bronx, NY 10467  
Tel 718-881-9100 Fax 718-515-0150  
[www.bronxwood.com](http://www.bronxwood.com)

Schedule a tour and receive a free gift with mention of this ad

**Ready** to discover  
a new sense of  
well being.

**Not ready**  
to move out of  
her own home.

**Perfect for**  
Bronxwood Home Care.



- Experienced, warm and sensitive care for persons living in their own home
- The only Bronx-based Home Care agency
- Proudly serving the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Nassau County
- Professional, personalized and compassionate care
- Sensitivity to cultural and religious needs
- Helping patients optimize their health, quality of life and sense of well being
- Care is delivered under the direct supervision of a registered nurse
- Grooming, hygiene, dressing, assistance with activities and housekeeping
- Safe ambulation, medication reminders and incontinence care
- Live-in and support services, nursing and therapeutic care
- Respiratory Therapy, Audiology and Traumatic Brain Injury
- Nursing Home Transition and Diversion Waiver
- Multi-lingual Home Health Aides (HHA's) and Personal Care Aides (PCA's)
- Nurse on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Employee verification phone line
- Licensed by N.Y. State Department of Health
- Medicare, Medicaid, private pay and private insurance accepted



**BRONXWOOD**

LICENSED HOME CARE SERVICES AGENCY

1468 Williamsbridge Road  
Bronx, NY 10461  
Tel 718-881-9200  
Fax 718-231-8024  
[www.bronxwood.com](http://www.bronxwood.com)

Schedule a consultation and receive a free gift with mention of this ad

# www.NYParenting.com

Where every family matters and where  
New York parents find help, info and support.

- Great Articles
- A Happening Calendar
- Informative Directories
- Ticket Give-A-Ways:  
*Everyone's a winner.*  
*Log-in, enter & find out.*



SCAN  
HERE



**NYParenting Media/CNG**

**NYParenting@cnglocal.com • 718-260-4554**



**TURTLE COVE**  
GOLF CENTER

**1 City Island Road, Pelham Bay Park, NY 10464**  
**(718) 885-1129 • www.turtlecovegolfcenter.com**

Come and visit the **NEW**  
**Turtle Cove Golf & Baseball Center**

- Private Golf Lessons • Driving Range
- Golf Fitness Program • Latest Advanced Technology
- Junior Golf Camp • Heated and Covered Stalls
- State of the Art Batting Cages • Miniature Golf
- Pro Shop • Mini Golf Parties • Networking Functions
- Tented Party/Event Area

**OPEN YEAR ROUND**

# The importance of the health care proxy

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

**W**ant to know how to insure an aging friend or relative receives the best medical care? Answer: Become her health care proxy. A health care proxy, also called a health care agent, is a person who is legally permitted to make medical decisions for another when the friend is no longer able to speak for herself.

As your friend's health care agent, you can approve or refuse medical treatments and make health decisions on all types of care. You can sit in on her medical meetings, decide on special treatments, approve all diagnostic tests and surgical procedures, and even agree or disagree to organ donations.

The health care agent has the authority to make decisions on more than medical procedures. You can insure the health care staff treats your friend with respect and dignity. You can stay in the room when your friend is being bathed or dressed in a nursing facility or at home. In fact, as your friend's advocate, it is often a good idea to occasionally stay in the room when an aide is attending to her. In this way you can note if your friend is developing bedsores or bruising, and if so, that they are reported and treated.

A friend can appoint you as her agent by filling out a legal document called a Health Care Proxy. The only major requirement is the agent be competent and be 18 years or older. The role can be activated either in a temporary situation, as in the case of surgery, or in a long-term situation, such as if your friend develops dementia or enters a coma. To insure that there is no abuse of power, only a doctor can determine when an individual lacks mental capacity to make her own decision and when an agent's role can be activated.

A health care agent does not have to be a family member. In fact, a person may prefer to appoint a friend, especially if she believes her family's values clash with her own. For instance, if your friend does not want to be resuscitated or put on life support and her family's religious beliefs conflict with this desire, it is better to find someone with similar beliefs.

More than one person can be appointed as an agent but there should be a hierarchy for decision-making so there are no conflicting disputes. One person should be the prime decision maker with a backup person in case the first individual is not available. In addition, the agent's role does not have to be permanent. In fact, a person can change the designated appointee at any time. This insures if either person has a change of heart or disagrees, the beneficiary can seek another person to represent her.

One important part of your role as agent is to understand your friend's fundamental beliefs. Before you agree to take on this responsibility, you should learn how your friend feels about such important issues as artificial nutrition and hydration and life support.

The health care proxy is one of the easiest documents to obtain and activate. It can be downloaded for free by logging on to New York Department of Health's website. You do not even need a lawyer. The only requirement is that two adults must witness you and your friend signing the form.

Once the proxy is signed, you should make several copies. You should keep one copy, give one to your friend, and others should be distributed to all your friend's physicians and lawyers. If your friend enters a hospital, the attending physician and nurse should be

given copies, and if your friend is assigned to a nursing home or rehabilitation facility, the staff of that institution should have copies as well.

The health care proxy is one of several documents categorized as Advanced Directives. These directives refer to any instructions about health care. Two other important directives include living wills, and financial power of attorneys. A living will outlines specific medical measures that are to be taken under specific circumstances. It can indicate a person's medical preference even though it cannot possibly cover all questions. The financial power of attorney appoints a person to oversee financial, legal, and other matters. The health care proxy is only good for medical situations.

If no one is appointed as a health care agent, state law determines who can make health decisions. Many states, including New York, allow a hierarchy of decision makers to determine who to consult. It usually starts with a court-appointed guardian if one has already been assigned to an incapacitated adult. Next in line is the spouse or domestic partner, then a child over 18 years old, then a parent, then a sibling over 18, and finally a close friend or relative.

In any case, the health care agent is one of the most powerful advocacy positions a person can be assigned. It offers you the opportunity to represent a loved one when she is no longer able to speak for herself. It is an important way to be able to insure that your friend is treated with the dignity that she deserves.

*Joanna R. Leefer is a senior care advisor and founder of ElderCareGiving, and has been working with seniors and their families for 10 years. For more information, visit [www.joannaleefer.com](http://www.joannaleefer.com).*

# How to stay healthy when the 'sick season' arrives

The cold weather brings with it a season of smiles, the first snowfalls and, unfortunately, cold and flu outbreaks. While everyone else is suffering, there are ways you can make it through the season unscathed.

It is estimated that a billion people across North America will succumb to the cold virus this year, says Medline. Considering there is no cure for cold and flu viruses, prevention remains a person's best option at fending off cold and flu, especially for seniors. There are different precautions to take that can help protect you against getting sick or at least reduce the frequency and severity with which cold and flu strikes.

Here are ways to improve your odds.

## Wash your hands the right way

Washing your hands frequently remains the single best way to keep viruses and bacteria that can make you sick from infiltrating the body. Washing your hands for at least 20 seconds can effectively remove any dirt, grime and invisible invaders.

## Skip antibacterial products

Because colds and the flu are the result of viruses, which are different in behavior and structure from bacteria, they will not be killed off with the use of antibacterial products. What you may succeed in doing is killing off any beneficial bacteria on your hands as well as creating resistant bacteria that form with

over-use of antibiotics and antibacterial products.

•Get the flu shot. There is no vaccination to prevent the common cold, but there are immunizations that can help reduce your risk of getting the flu or help minimize its severity. Doctors' offices, clinics, and even pharmacies all offer annual flu shots.

## Use sanitizer on house items

Surfaces that are frequently touched should be wiped down with a disinfectant product. A bleach-and-water solution is an effective sanitizer.

Surfaces to sanitize include phones, doorknobs, light switches, remote controls, computer keyboards, faucets, toys, and counter-tops.

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD - YOUR NEWS®



The Bronx Times On-Line  
Your world is **24/7... NOW** so are we.

[www.bxtimes.com](http://www.bxtimes.com)



FOOD • HEALTH • TECHNOLOGY

THE LATEST BRONX SPORTS SCORES

CLASSIFIEDS FOR THE BRONX

## Thank you GuildNet.



## Taking away the hassles brought back Mom's smile.

Dealing with a loved one's long term illness can mean handling a lot of hassles, like filling out paperwork. **GuildNet's long term care plans** take away the hassles so your loved one can stay safe at home.

**Call GuildNet – we speak your language.**

**Call 888-722-4040**

**TTY 800-662-1220**

**or visit**

**[www.GuildNetNY.org](http://www.GuildNetNY.org)**

**GuildNet**

**JEWISH GUILD  
HEALTHCARE**

Vision + Health



# 1 (800) 227-4328

**\*Mention this ad when you place your order and receive an additional 3¢ off per gallon**

**Refer a new customer to us and take an additional 3¢ off per gallon on your next order**

**PAY C.O.D. PRICES & SAVE!!\***

**Prompt Delivery • Easy Online Ordering  
Metered Delivery • Premium Heating Oil**

**www.CODOIL.com**

\*Cannot combine with any other offers.

Lic. #74-1810078



# Bronx beat

## TNCAP Training Program

The Throggs Neck Community Action Project is sponsoring a New York State Liquor Authority-approved and certified Alcohol Training Awareness Program for all businesses that serve and/or sell alcohol.

The program will be held on Wednesday, December 18th, from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm at 2789 Schurz Avenue (corner of Schurz and Swinton Avenues).

This 2 ½ hour training brings immediate benefits:

- Improved customer service

- Preserves the health, safety and welfare of customers & communities
  - Decreased penalties for alcohol violations
  - Comply with Alcohol Beverage Control Laws
  - Stop underage drinking & sales to intoxicated persons
- Registration is required.

Call Joanne Timmins at 718-904-1333 ext. 28 or e-mail

jtimmings@adapp.org.

\*\*\*

Santa Claus is coming to town - at the Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

Parents can bring their kids to TNVAC headquarters at 3955 East Tremont Ave. from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 to have their picture taken with Santa, and with a \$5 donation, have it placed in a frame suitable for putting on their wall over the fireplace.

\*\*\*

All six roadway lanes at the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge's Queens approach will be open for the next month to ease traffic during peak holiday travel time, MTA Bridges and Tunnels has announced.

Beginning Mon., Dec. 9 through Jan. 15, the permanent lane closure on the approach will be removed during peak morning and afternoon drive times, and

the roadway will have all six lanes; three northbound to the Bronx and three southbound to Queens. The northbound lanes will be split around a work zone, with two lanes to the right and one to the left of the construction area.

One lane in either direction may be closed during off-peak hours to allow contractors E.E. Cruz/Tully to get ready for the next stage of roadway work that will begin on Jan. 16.

Peak morning hours are between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. and peak afternoon hours from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The 42-month, \$109 million reconstruction and rehabilitation project, due to be completed in 2015, includes reconstructing the bridge's support foundations, adding six double arch piers, a new abutment to support wider, 12-foot lanes and safety shoulders, and reconstruction of 1,010-feet of approach roadway.

## Woman convicted of assault

District Attorney Robert T. Johnson announced that a 19-year-old woman has been convicted of assaulting an MTA bus driver after the driver refused to allow the defendant's dog to board the bus.

Steangeli Medina pled guilty to Assault in the second degree, the top count in the indictment, before Acting State Supreme Court Justice Patricia DiMango.

Under the plea agreement Medina will be sentenced to six months in jail and five years' probation. Medina has also agreed to waive her right to appeal the conviction and will complete a mandatory an-

ger management program. The judge also issued an eight year order of protection which prohibits Medina from having any contact with the bus driver.

On December 12, 2013, the defendant will surrender and be held without bail pending a sentencing date which will be set once the Department of Probation has prepared a pre-sentencing report.

The assault occurred on June 21, 2011 at a bus stop on East Fordham Road and Third Avenue when the defendant became enraged because bus operator Marlene Bien-Aime would not allow Medina's dog to get on the

bus without being in a pet carrier. Medina dragged the driver out of her seat, off the bus and onto the sidewalk where Medina struck the victim repeatedly.

As a result, the victim sustained extreme facial bruising and swelling, suffered partial vision loss, which has since been restored, and underwent surgery for injuries to her knee and shoulders. The trauma resulted in the bus driver being off the job on a medical leave for one year.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Hilary Chernin of the Trial Division.

Exceptional Physicians for  
*Compassionate Care*

21<sup>st</sup> Century Oncology at Bronx Lebanon Hospital provides comprehensive, state-of-the-art treatment in the fight against cancer.

- > Latest advances in cancer care technology, including real-time imaging capabilities to ensure safe and effective treatment
- > Expert team of compassionate, board certified physicians
- > Individualized plans for healing and well-being

**Meet Our Physicians:**

Alfred Tinger, MD, FACRO  
John D. Del Rowe, MD  
Ulrich Hermanto, MD, PhD

1650 Grand Concourse  
Bronx, NY 10457  
**(718) 518-5103**

**21st Century Oncology**  
at Bronx Lebanon Hospital  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Oncology Affiliate

www.21cOncologyNYC.com

FOR ADVERTISING INFORMATION CALL (718) 742-3386

## CITY ISLAND ART EXHIBIT



Over 200 paintings were on display at the opening of "A painting a Day", an exhibit held at the Fe Fi Faux Gallery at 276 City Island Ave. The works are available for purchase.

(Above) City Islander and long time Bronx Rotary member Marguerite Chawick-Juner shows off her array of paintings at the gallery.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



## AMSU STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

On October 18, Academy of Mount Saint Ursula students Maame - Sarpong Duah and Thahia Ahmed received the Michael Gordon Foundation, Inc. Scholarship award. Each scholarship award covers full tuition for one year. The Michael Gordon Foundation, Inc. was established in 1991, to aid children under the age of 18 in areas of education, health and welfare. Much like the mission of the Michael Gordon Foundation Inc., the mission of the Academy of Mount St. Ursula serves college bound women of diverse cultures by instilling a love of learning and a broader global view. Congratulations to Maame - Sarpong Duah and Thahia Ahmed on the award.



## KINGS HARBOR HONORS OUR VETERANS

The Kings Harbor nursing facility saluted the area's veterans on Nov. 14. Maritime Cadets also made an appearance at the event.

Photos by Alex Belisle

(Above) Maritime cadets were on hand for a ceremonial folding of the American flag.

(Right) Leonard Wilson, who served in the US Navy, was among those honored at the event.



## PELHAM BAY ASSEMBLY OF GOD HARVEST



Who needs trick or treating? A group of Bronx youngsters gathered at the Pelham Bay Assembly for a more low key God Harvest Party on Halloween night, Oct. 31. The night was highlighted by a costume contest, and there was candy to be had as well.

(Above) The costumed crew gathers for a group shot.

Photo by Edwin Soto

## PUERTO RICAN DISCOVERY DAY



James Monroe Senior Center in Soundview held its Puerto Rico Discovery and Heritage Celebration on Friday, Nov. 15. Attendees were entertained and some participants dressed in traditional wear. Assemblyman Marcos Crespo visited the party.

(Above) Assemblyman Marcos Crespo, senior center director Glisette Rivera and China Suarez enjoy the celebration.

Photos by Alex Belisle



## VILLA MARIA 61ST ANNUAL CARD PARTY

Villa Maria Academy held its 61st Annual Card Party at Villa Barone Manor on Thursday, Nov. 14. The theme of this year's celebration was Hooray for Hollywood, celebrating old-school Hollywood.

(Above) Lights, camera, action! Erim Pelinkovic, Bobby Gilbert, and Richie Rodriguez enjoy the festivities.

(Below) Kayla Grill channels her inner Marilyn Monroe. P

Photos by Laura Stone



## BRONX YMCA HEALTH EXCHANGE FORUM



The Bronx Chamber of Commerce and Bronx YMCA hosted a forum on one of the more talked about topics this year--the new federal Affordable Care Act. Bronxites like these grouped together to learn more about the law early this month at The Bronx Council on the Arts.

Photo by Alex Belisle

## ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS ANNUAL DINNER



The Ancient Order of Hibernians-Bronx County-Division 3 held their annual dinner at Maestro's on Sunday, Nov. 3. Almost 100 guests supported the dinner and the funds raised will support the annual scholarship program which benefits Irish-Catholic 8th graders and helps reduce their tuition costs in high school. President Robert Nolan, third from the left, gave each of the evening's honorees an award with a replica of a Harp, symbol of Ireland, mounted on a wooden base.

At the awards presentation are (l-r) award winners Thomas Purtell, Chief, NYPD Organized Crime Control Bureau; James Organ, former state assistant Commissioner of Labor for three governors; Nolan; and award winners Queens Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, chair of the assembly education committee; John Dunleavy, chairman, New York City St. Patrick Day Parade Committee; AOH New York State president James Burke; and Michael Flynn, state AOH director district 4. Photo courtesy of Bob Nolan

## THROGGS NECK DENTAL APPRECIATION DAY



Throggs Neck Dental at 3161 E. Tremont Avenue held a patient appreciation day on Saturday, Nov. 2. Visitors enjoyed food and information, and a clown and face-painting was there for the children. Enjoying the day are Throggs Neck Dental owners Dr. Leonard Klein and Dr. Jeffery Susman, the office staff and the clown played by Sandy Boller.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

DAILY LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS FAXED ON REQUEST

FREE WI-FI



# Throggs Neck Clipper

Home of Good Food & Strong Drinks

*A place where strangers are not strangers ... But friends who have yet to meet!*

## PRIME RIB TUESDAYS

**140Z CUT OF BLACK ANGUS PRIME RIB**

AU JUS W/CREAMY HORSERADISH SAUCE SERVED WITH SOUP DU JOUR OR CLIPPER GARDEN SALAD BAKED POTATO & VEGETABLE

CHOICE OF BREAD PUDDING, RICE PUDDING OR ICE CREAM

# \$18.95

## JOIN US NEW YEARS EVE

FOR THE

## "BEST PARTY IN TOWN"

HATS • DJ SHANE • BALLOONS • NOISEMAKERS • CHAMPAGNE TOAST • CLIPPER SUPER BUFFET

SERVING A SPECIAL NEW YEARS EVE MENU & Regular DINNER MENU TIL 10PM

**THURSDAY NIGHT BAR SPECIAL 10 WINGS FOR \$5 & \$10 PITCHERS 8PM - 10PM @ BAR ONLY**

TRY OUR **NEW** MARTINI MANIA/ FROZEN FRENZY/SPECIALTY DRINKS MENU MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

**\$5 MARTINI MANIA SPECIAL 4-8PM @ BAR ONLY**



## \$6<sup>50</sup> BAR Lunches

\$2.00 Domestic Pints @ BAR ONLY MON-SAT. 12 pm - 4 pm

## Join Us For Sunday Brunch

11am-3pm Includes complimentary Bloody Mary, Mimosa or Glass of Beer

# Friday Nights DJ SHANE at 10 pm

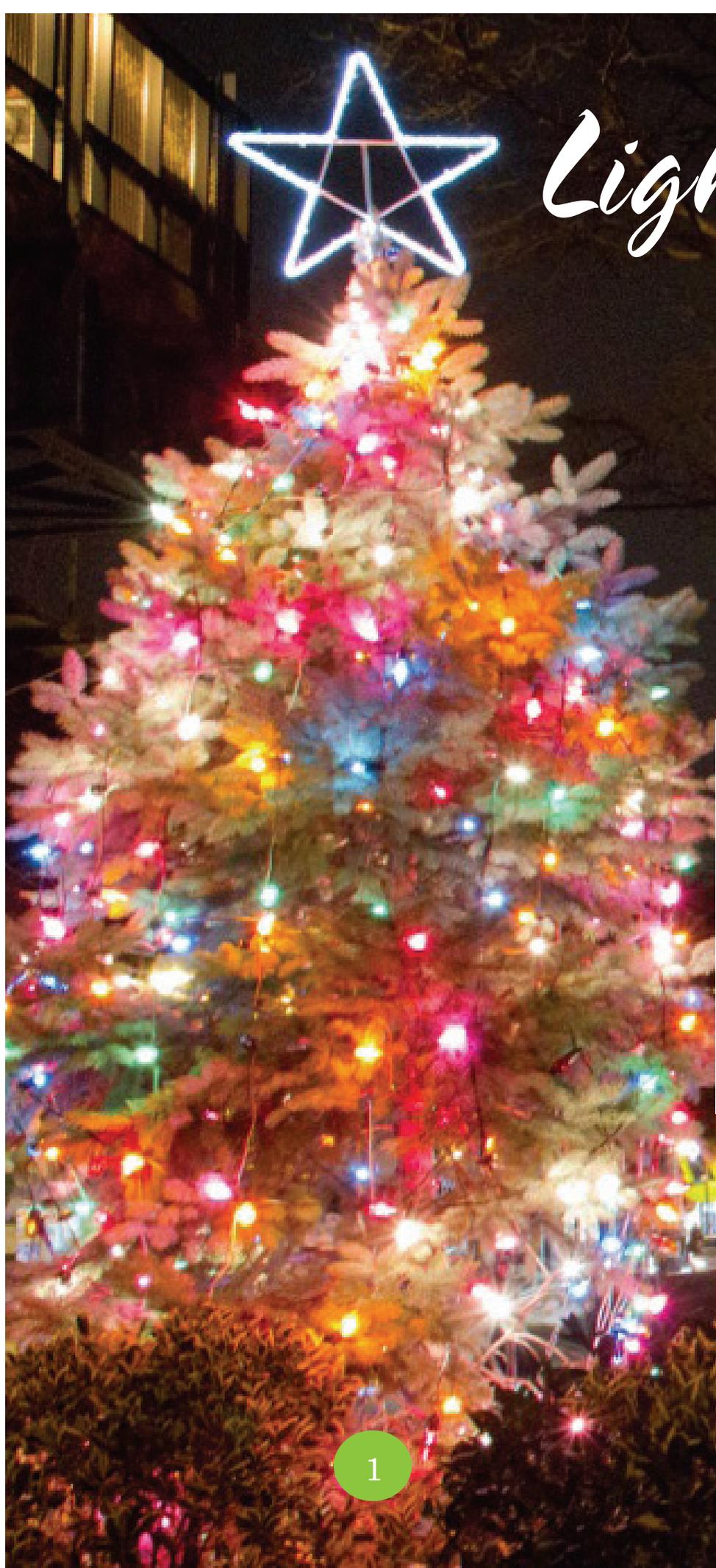
## Captain's Cabin

Graduations  
Communions  
Confirmations

NOW BOOKING HOLIDAY PARTIES - CATERING TO GROUPS 20-70  
Special Packages Available - Call Eileen 718-829-0005

Luncheons  
Birthdays  
Reunions

Open 7 Days 11am - 4pm • Brunch Sunday 11:00 Am Til 3 Pm • Dinner Sunday Til Thurs 4 - 10pm  
Fri & Sat 4:00 Til 11pm • Early Bird Special Mon - Thurs 4 -7pm • Fireside Dining • Complete Lunch Mon Til Fri 11am Til 4pm • Outgoing Orders Availabe • Menus And Specials Faxed Daily Upon Request  
3599 E. Tremont • Bronx, NY • Tel: 718-829-0005 • Fax: 718-319-1756



# Light The Lights



2



3



4



5

1



The holidays in the east Bronx isn't the same without the traditional Menorah and Christmas lighting. But several community groups got into the holiday spirit with several lighting events taking place in late November and early December, kicking off the season of giving.

(1) A bright Christmas tree illuminates the night sky in the northwest Bronx for the 2nd annual Christmas Lighting sponsored by the Jerome-Gun Hill Business Improvement District on Dec. 1.

Photo by Patricio Robayo

(2) Sen. Jeff Klein speaks at the Jerome-Gun Hill BID's Christmas lighting ceremony, standing alongside "La Reina del Barrio" Rhina Valentin, serving as host.

Photo by Patricio Robayo

(3) Matthew Carrasco stands by the traditional, colorful tree at the Throggs Neck Christmas Tree Lighting.

Photo by Laura Stone

(4-5) Santa Claus came to town! Kris Kringle poses with Mrs. Claus and two Throggs Neck youngsters. Photos by Laura Stone

(6) Pelham Parkway's 2nd annual Menorah Lighting at White Plains Rd. and Pelham Parkway South on Nov. 27 drew plenty of community leaders including (l-r) Joe McManus; 49th Precinct Deputy Inspector Andy Johnson; Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj; Edith Blitzer, president of the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Alliance; PPNA's Jeffrey Panish; Rabbi Ben Huven; Rabbi Levi Klyne and Rabbi Shmuel E. Zuckerman.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

(7) It was a damp but cheery evening for City Island's Menorah Lighting on Nov. 27, as several dozen turned out on the eve of Hanukkah, also falling on Thanksgiving. Olga Berde Mahl and Assemblyman Mike Benedetto witness the initial lighting of the menorah at Hawkins Park.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



Tracy Madio serves up hot chocolate during Throggs Neck's annual Christmas Tree lighting.

Photo by Laura Stone

# CB 10 calls for youth jobs

## Pens letter calling for increased SYEP funding

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Community Board 10 wants its local teenagers – and those around the city – to have jobs next summer.

The board recently took a stand against what seems to have become perennial cuts to the city's Summer Youth Employment Program.

, administered through the.

CB10 chairman John Marano wrote to Department of Youth and Community Development commissioner Jeanne Mulgrav on Thursday, Oct. 31, telling her the board will act as an advocate on its behalf to increase funding for the program, which enables businesses and organizations to hire youth of modest means.

It's successful history warrants it, Marano stated in the letter.

"For many years, your

agency has successfully operated the SYEP, providing our young people with rewarding employment experiences that have enabled them to move forward and develop into fine adults," the CB10 letter stated. "In the process of developing employment opportunities, your agency has forged excellent liaisons with the City's businesses and non-profit communities. The agency's stewardship of the SYEP has been characterized by an adherence to honesty, efficiency and a commitment to the common good."

The program services some of the local boards' most needy youngsters, but parental income requirements preclude a lot of board service area youngsters from taking part, said CB 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns.

Citywide, according to

the CB 10 letter, in Fiscal Year 2010 the program was funded at \$14 million, with 52,225 jobs developed. But last summer, just 29,416 jobs citywide were developed with a budget of about \$10 million.

Unemployment for young people is very high, and having a summer job can help youth learn a sense of discipline and perhaps keep some out of trouble, said Marano. It also benefits the businesses and parts of city government that employ the young people.

"For small companies and small agencies who don't have a lot of money to spend up on full-time employees, it is a very good program because it frees us up," he said.

Bob Bieder, CB 10's Youth Services chairman, said that when Mayor Bloomberg entered office, he commissioned a study showing that

one dollar spent on youth programming can save as much as seven dollars that would otherwise have to go to services such as criminal justice. Those findings seem not to be being adhered to, he said. Bieder believes that he may know the reason – "The young people can't vote."

But in a response to the board's letter, DYCD pegged the number of youth in last summer program as closer 36,000 "at 6,833 worksites supported by 50 provider organizations throughout all five boroughs."

It stated that while the administration's commitment to funding the program has never changed, its federal funding has declined dramatically. The program is funded with federal, state, and city money, along with private donations.

"Mayor Bloomberg's

commitment to SYEP has been unwavering, with City funding baselined in the budget, and private fundraising strong for the fourth year in a row," the DYDC letter stated. "Unfor-

tunately, since 2000, Federal funding has declined, requiring a stronger City and State commitment to the program. SYEP has provided over 425,000 summer jobs since 2003."

### St. Ray's Junior Choir to perform December 8th

St. Raymond Elementary School's Junior Choir will perform at the holiday Blessing of the Animals at Christ Church in Manhattan on Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m.

The event, which is organized by columnist Cindy Adams, is being presented by the New York Post, where Ms. Adams writes her column.

The Junior Choir will sing carols.

The event is free. All animals must be accompanied by their owners.

Following the Blessing of the Animals, the Junior Choir will visit the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center around 3 p.m., where they will sing a capella.

**GEORGE'S RESTAURANT**  
**Now Delivers In Your Area!**  
**PELHAM BAY, THROGGS NECK & COUNTRY CLUB!**  
 \$10 MINIMUM FOR DELIVERY - DELIVERY HOURS 11AM-9PM!  
**3000 Buhre Avenue**  
 (Corner Of Westchester Ave & Crosby)  
**718.918.9807**

**NEW!** **SAUTÉ AND PASTA DISHES**  
**COME AND ENJOY OUR NEW SAUTÉ MENU!**

**SERVED MONDAY - SATURDAY**

**FROM 4:00PM - 9:00PM**

**NOW SERVING WHOLE WHEAT PASTA!**

**EARLY BIRD DINNER SPECIALS!**

**Sunday - Thurs  
 3pm - 6pm  
 As Low As**

**\$9.95**

**GEORGE'S SPECIAL!**

**\$3.00 OFF**  
**YOUR NEXT DELIVERY**  
**OF \$20 OR MORE**

**LET US CATER YOUR NEXT EVENT!**



**SERVING THE FINEST FOOD FOR OVER 48 YEARS!**

**CURBSIDE PICK-UP!**

Must Mention Coupon Offer While Ordering To Receive Discount and Present Upon Food Receipt. Not To Be Combined With Any Other Offer. Valid Until 11/30/13

**Albert Graziosa, M.D., P.C.**  
 Orthopedic Surgeon • Sports Medicine  
**"Caring Compassionate Care"**



3611A East Tremont Ave., Bronx, NY 10465

We Also Have Offices in Manhattan and Queens

Workers Compensation, No Fault  
 Most Insurance Plans Accepted

To Schedule An Appointment Call  
**(718) 931-0050**

Fax: (718) 931-0264

**A** new year, a new beginning.

Join Us for Our

# 2014 New Year's Eve Gala

7pm until 2am!

## MUSIC BY ESU DJ's

- Cocktail Reception 7pm-8:30pm
- Champagne Toast at Midnight
- Continental Breakfast

**OPEN BAR ALL NIGHT!**

# ALL INCLUSIVE

for only

# \$95

 per person

Children ages 5-12, \$48 each

Hats, Noise Makers & Valet Parking Included

**CALL TODAY FOR YOUR RESERVATION!**

## Carving Table

- Whole Roasted Pig
- Breast of Turkey
- Skirt Steak

## Wok Station

- Array of Chinese Cuisine

## International Cheese Board with Fruit

## Dinner Served at 8:30pm

- Antipasto Caprese
- Penne with Vodka Sauce
- Mesclun Salad with Balsamic Vinegarette
- Filet Mignon with Jumbo Shrimp Oregannata
- Roasted Potato • String Beans
- Fresh Fruit and Pastries • Coffee/Cappuccino/Espresso

## Seafood Station

- Shrimp Cocktail
- Raw Oysters
- Raw Clams
- Seafood Salad
- Whole Salmon

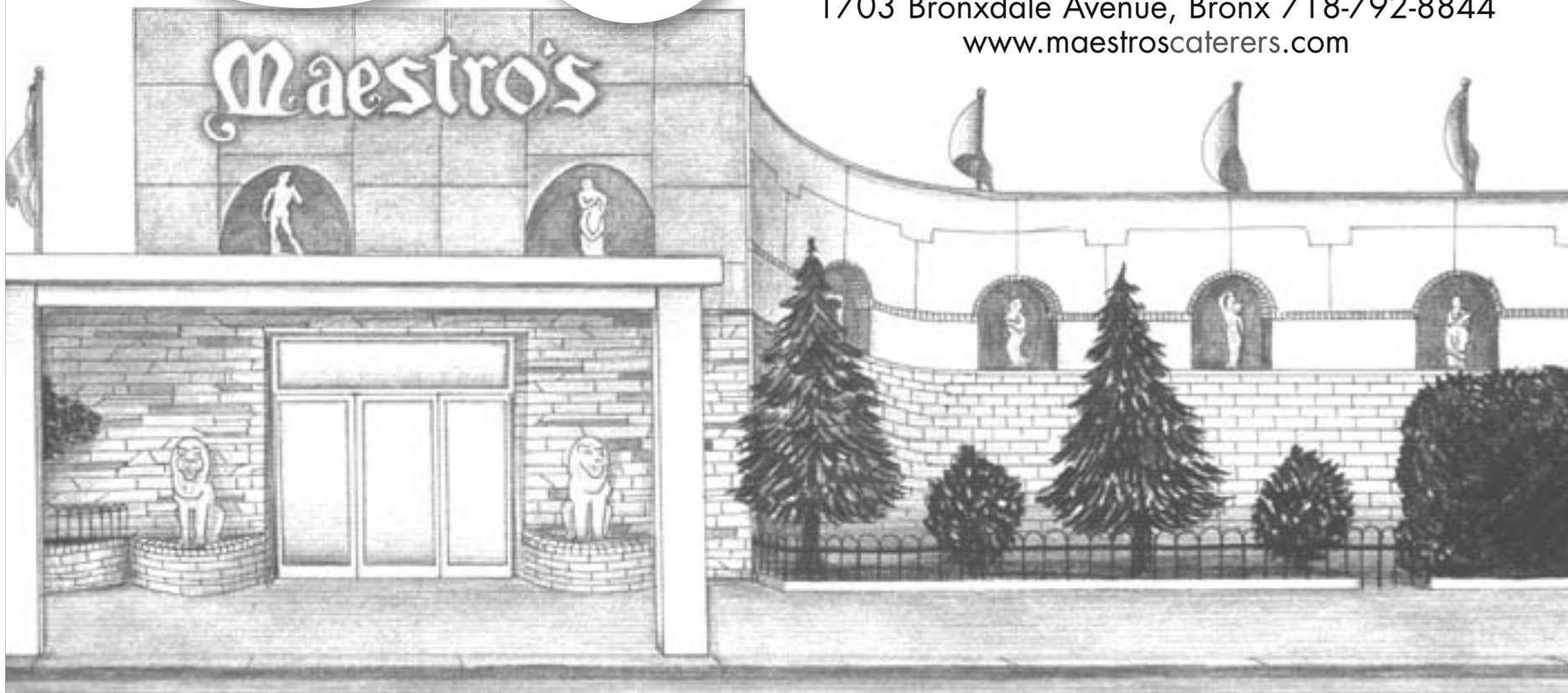
## Chafing Station

- Chicken Scarpariello
- Eggplant Rollatini
- Mussels Marinara
- Fried Calamari
- Arroz Con Gandule
- BBQ Ribs
- Sausage & Broccoli Rabe
- Baked Clams
- Veal & Peppers
- Pollo Asado
- Escabeche de Pescado

**OPEN BAR ALL NIGHT!**

# Maestro's Caterers

1703 Bronxdale Avenue, Bronx 718-792-8844  
[www.maestroscaterers.com](http://www.maestroscaterers.com)



**LEGAL NOTICE**

980 MORRIS PARK AVENUE REALTY LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 10/30/2013. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The Limited Liability Company, 1162 Lydig Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

FRANCISCA-AYELEN TRADING COMPANY, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 07/24/2013. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. Jose L. Delgado, designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 3260 Henry Hudson Pkwy., Bronx, NY 10463. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: E BEST CLEANING SERVICES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/30/2013. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Yussuf D. Adeyi, 733 Burke Ave., Bronx, NY 10467. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of LBUBS 2004-C6 Bronx Facilities, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/27/13. Office location: Bronx County. LLC formed in DE on 11/1/12. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. DE addr. of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an on-premise license, #TBA has been applied for by African Last Stop Inc. d/b/a African Last Stop to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in an on premises establishment. For on premises consumption under the ABC law at 1300 East 222nd Street Bronx NY 10469

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 10/24/2013, bearing Index Number NC-000440-13/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) William (Last) Gregory. My present name is (First) William (Last) Dais. My present address is 1200 College Avenue, Apt 1C, Bronx, NY 10456. My place of birth is Manhattan. My date of birth is May 25, 1946.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

INDEX NO.: 381205/12. Filed Date: 10/24/2013.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE.**

**MORTGAGED PREMISES:** 1121 FTELEY AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10472.

(BL #: 3747 - 67)

Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF BRONX

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

-against-

SAMUEL PAPPY, NEW YORK

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD,

VINCENTE BELTRE, if living, and if dead,

the respective heirs at law, next of kin,

distributees, executors, administrators,

trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors,

lienors, creditors and successors in interest,

and generally all persons having or claiming

under, by or through said defendant who may

be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien

or otherwise of any right, title or interest in

and to the premises described in the

complaint herein, and their respective

husbands, wives or widows, if any, and each

and every person not specifically named who

may be entitled to or claim to have any right,

title or interest in the property described in

the verified complaint; all of whom and

whose names and places of residence

unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be

ascertained by the Plaintiff, "JOHN DOE #1"

through "JOHN DOE #10" inclusive, the last

ten names being fictitious and unknown to

Plaintiff, the persons or parties intended

being the persons, tenants, occupants, or

corporations, if any, having or claiming an

interest in or lien upon the mortgaged

premises described in the Complaint,

Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to

answer the Complaint in this action and to

serve a copy of your answer, or, if the

Complaint is not served with this Summons,

to serve a notice of appearance on the

attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after

the service of this Summons, exclusive of the

day of service (or within 30 days after service

is complete if this Summons is not personally

delivered to you within the State of New

York). In case of your failure to appear or

answer, judgment will be taken against you

by default for the relief demanded in the

Complaint.

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING

YOUR HOME

IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING

A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE

ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE

COMPANY WHO FILED THIS

FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST

YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE

COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE

ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR

HOME.

SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO

THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS

PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS

AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY.

SENDING 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**

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

**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

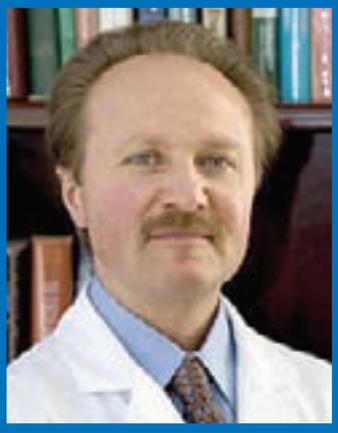
Dated: 10/22/2013 File Number: 18564 MNH

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

- R.G. ORTIZ FUNERAL HOME, INC., Plaintiff, against ESTATE OF JOHN



Dr. Ed Blum  
Physical Therapist

# "Join My Team!"

“ Chosen as One of the 21  
Most Incredible Themed Races  
by Greatist.com ”



Arthritis Foundation ®

## Bronx Physical Therapy supports the Arthritis Foundation!

### **2013 Westchester County Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis**

**Saturday, December 14, 2013**

**Purchase College - Purchase, NY**

**Festivities Begin at 8:30 AM**

*Inside Performing Arts Center*

**5K, 1 Mile Walk & Children's Fun Run Begin at 10:00 AM**

*Outside Around Campus*

**Register/Donate to Team Bronx Physical Therapy**

**[www.wcjbr.kintera.org/bronxpt](http://www.wcjbr.kintera.org/bronxpt)**

For more information on the Run/Walk or what we can do for you, call our office: 718-904-9581.

# Budding artists at Columbus HS

BY DAVID CRUZ

It's a course that's the talk in only 1% of city schools, and it's happening at one in Pelham Parkway.

It's Advanced Placement art, one of a few within the public school system, as art teacher Larry Minetti brags.

"We're rockin' and rollin' here," said Minetti, the lone art teacher for the Collegiate Institute for Math and Science, housed in the enormous Christopher Columbus High School campus on Astor Avenue.

Minetti, formerly of the soon-to-close Christopher Columbus High School which he taught for 17 years, couldn't wait to start a program intended for college credit and seldom taught in schools.

"There are seven schools in this building," said Minetti. "Five of the seven don't have an art teacher."

The classes are taught in a double-period setting, offering students enough time to refine the works. Minetti

is tasked to dole out 24 to 29 art assignments to a class of twenty-five students as per federal guidelines.

Students have until May to complete their works, which are reviewed by the College Entrance Examination Board, a national education group that sets standards on AP courses.

"The amazing thing about this class is there's no written test," said Minetti. "In June, we submit a portfolio of their work. How awesome is that?"

"It's like you being yourself" said Isaih Crews, putting the final touches on a sketch featuring four different versions of his hand. A table over, Gabby Yisrael worked on a sketch of a dancing couple near a bouquet of roses.

"With this class you get to spread your passion on the paper," said Abeera Nadeem, 17. Minetti, an energetic teacher balancing a line between instructor and "just one of the guys," mostly

works the room, offering suggestions while praising his students work. "Wow, you really hooked that up!" Minetti told student Gabby Yisrael, working on a cartoonish figure of a cat. "Look at how she keeps fomenting the shades of dark and color." Minetti introduced the course this school following his initial year at CIMS. "Based on what the principal saw last year in CIMS she said 'Larry, we have some talented kids here so why not take it a step further and offer an Advanced Placement course?'" recalled Minetti. The AP course is here to stay, as Minetti sees it. At a recent open house, the AP course became a major selling point for parents picking a high school for their students.

"Would an eighth grader want to go to generalized high school that offers traditional academics," said Minetti. "Or would they want to go to CIMS that offers traditional, plus the opportunity to take an AP art class?"



Advanced Placement teacher Larry Minetti observes Anna Zhang complete this portrait during class.

Photo by David Cruz

# I WILL ACHIEVE.

**We all have a mission.**

**Ours is to help you fulfill yours.**

Health Republic Insurance,  
New York's first and only CO-OP  
health plan. Not-for-profit, for people.



**HEALTH REPUBLIC**  
INSURANCE

*Health Republic Insurance of New York is the assumed name of Freelancers Health Service Corporation*

**Learn more about our plans | [newyork.healthrepublic.us](http://newyork.healthrepublic.us) | 888-990-5702**

Please join us for our

# Second Annual Light of Remembrance Mass



Saturday,  
December 14<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 am

Our Lady  
of  
Solace Church

731 MORRIS PARK AVENUE BRONX

Light refreshments will be served at the funeral home after the mass.

To place your loved one's name on the list that will be read during the Mass, please call Lucchese Funeral Home before December 10 to RSVP.



726 Morris Park Avenue, Bronx NY 10462 • 718-828-1800  
<http://www.lucchesefuneralhome.com/>

This firm is privately owned whose only stockholder is Joseph A. Lucchese (NYC Dept. of Consumer Affairs)

## PELHAM FAMILY DENTAL ARTS

[www.pelhamfamilydentalarts.com](http://www.pelhamfamilydentalarts.com)

DR. ALEXANDER VAIMAN, DDS • DR. IRINA V. KESSLER, DDS

Providing the Highest Quality Dental Service in Westchester County



Participating in most dental insurance plans.

If you do not have insurance coverage, we offer **20%** courtesy discounts on most procedures with this ad.

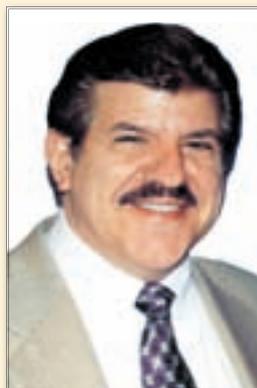


*“Your Smile Is Our Art”*

914.738.3606

87 Wolfs Lane • Pelham NY 10803  
(Near the train)

## General Family and Cosmetic Dentistry



**Serving the community  
for over 30 years!!!**

*Gentle and Experienced Dental Care*

[www.robertvavolizzadds.com](http://www.robertvavolizzadds.com)

*We work with most insurance companies and offer Care Credit payment plan options*

**FREE  
Consultation**

Dr. Robert A. Vavolizza, DDS  
3585 E. Tremont Avenue  
**(718) 829-7300**

**Extended Office Hours:**

Monday 9-6, Tuesday 11-8,  
Friday 9-6 and Saturday 9-2

*Se Habla Espanol • Si Parla Italiano*



*Creating beautiful smiles everyday...*



✓ Open 7 Days & Evenings

✓ Most Major Insurances Accepted

✓ No Appointment Needed

*Urgent Care*



[www.throggsneckwalkin.com](http://www.throggsneckwalkin.com)

2304 Eastchester Rd.  
Bronx, NY  
347-913-4333

**3231 East Tremont Ave.**  
**Bronx, NY 10461**  
**718-597-5800**

Urgent Care  
5665 Riverdale Ave.  
Bronx, NY 10471

Flu, Sinusitis, Strep Throat, Wheezing, Asthma, Ear Infections, Cuts, Wounds, Minor Burns, Minor Fractures, Rashes, UTI, Bladder Infections, Nausea, Diarrhea, Vomiting, Pink Eye, Abscess, STD Check, Lyme Check, Other Illnesses, Injuries & Infections

**X-ray, EKG, Blood Test, Vaccines, Flu Shot, Drug Screening**

School/Camp/Employment Physicals

Worker's Comp & No-Fault Accepted

# CROSS TOWN DINER

718-597-3450      FAX: 718-597-2097  
718-597-1978

ORDER ON LINE

WWW.CROSSTOWNDINER.COM

**DELIVERY HOURS**  
 MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 AM - 11 PM  
 SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8 AM - 12 AM

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

DINNER

2880 Bruckner Blvd. • Bronx, NY 10465

*My wife gave us so much.  
A meaningful funeral was our time to  
celebrate her life.*

*Contact your local NFDA member,  
who knows the value of creating a  
meaningful funeral service.*

**Farenga Bros. Inc.**  
**Funeral Homes**  
 920 Allerton Avenue  
 Bronx, NY 10469  
 (718) 654-0500  
 FarengaBrosFuneralHome.com

2011  
 Beyond Member  
**NFDA**  
National Funeral Directors Association  
 www.nfda.org

*For a Life Worth Celebrating™*

© 2011 NFDA. 2011. All rights reserved.

If You Have  
S - P - A - C - E - S

---

We Have BRACES!

**ORTHODONTICS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN**

**COMPLIMENTARY CONSULTATION**  
With This Advertisement • Transferable To Family And Friends

**INVISIBLE BRACES WITH *invisalign*®**

**CERAMIC (PORCELAIN) AND MICRO-METAL BRACES**

**CUSTOMIZED RETAINERS**

**AFFORDABLE MONTHLY PAYMENT PLANS**

**EXTENDED FINANCING AVAILABLE**

Sireci Family Dental, P.C.

"Your Neighborhood Dentists Since 1983"

2861 BRUCKNER BLVD. • 718-829-0455

## Consumer Alert

NYS has 12 BILLION in unclaimed funds.  
 You can be one of the many lucky people  
 in NYS that have unclaimed funds available.  
 Call us to find out if you have any unclaimed funds available.  
 We will help you do the research.  
 This is a FREE service we will provide  
 to you until December 31.

CALL 718-829-1040 TODAY  
 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Open Monday through Saturday and here when you need us.  
 We also provide Income Tax and Accounting Services.

3707 E. TREMONT AVE. • BRONX, NY 10465  
**WWW.BRONXTAXMAN.COM**  
**718.TAX-1040**

Bronx  
Tax Man

Bookkeeping  
Accounting  
Tax Services

We do not have the funds readily available as these funds are only paid by NYS Comptroller's Office. If there are any funds in your name we will print the applications for you, help you complete the applications and forward them for mailing. You may have no funds available. This advertisement is not a promise or guarantee. Call us today to find out if you qualify.

# Bronx scene

- Just About Taverns ..... 57
- Rock On The Bronx ..... 58
- Do You Remember: Story Of Anne Hutchinson ..... 59

## Nutcracker back at Lehman Center

Direct from Russia, Lehman Center for the Performing Arts will present a delightful holiday classic, *The Nutcracker*, performed by The Moscow Classical Ballet on Sunday, Dec. 15.

The company has the distinction of being one of only three state-supported Russian ballet troupes; the other two are the Bolshoi and the Kirov.

Lehman Center's audiences have enjoyed this production in the past, and it's back by popular demand.

The concert takes place at 6 p.m. at the Lehman Center Concert Hall, 250 Bedford Park Blvd. W. on the campus of Lehman College. Tickets cost \$45, \$40, \$25 (tickets for children 12 and under cost only \$10, any



The Moscow Classical Ballet at Lehman Center.

seat) and can be purchased through 24 hour online access at [www.LehmanCenter.org](http://www.LehmanCenter.org) or by calling the Lehman Center box office at 718-960-8833 (Mon. through

Fri., 10am-5pm and beginning at 12 noon on the day of the concert).

Fri., 10am-5pm and beginning at 12 noon on the day of the concert).

Millions have celebrated the holiday season with *The Nutcracker* enjoying Tchaikovsky's enchanting score and Hoffman's heartwarming story of a little girl who dreams on Christmas Eve of a Nutcracker Prince and goes on a wonderful journey through magical lands.

Combining this wonderful ballet with one of the world's best ballet companies offers audiences a unique opportunity to enjoy the holiday season. Gia Kourlas of The New York Times wrote in a review of a prior Lehman Center's show: "This *Nutcracker* was serious business."

The Moscow Classical Ballet features 50 of Russia's finest dancers, including graduates of the Moscow

Choreographic Institute and the world-renowned Vaganova Academy of St. Petersburg. The Company gave its first performance in 1968, and since then has regularly performed at the Kremlin Palace of Congresses in Moscow. The company has also performed in more than 30 countries around the world and over 200 cities in Russia.

The Moscow Classical Ballet came into existence as the Young Ballet, the USSR State Choreographic Company, in 1966. It was established by the USSR Ministry of Culture as a ballet troupe whose role was to tour the Soviet Union and foreign countries performing Russian classical ballet in its traditional form.

*Host your Holiday Party here!*

ALLEY  
810

DAN ROONEY'S

pinch  
AMERICAN GRILL

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 914.457.2457

- Over 5,300 Slot Machines, Baccarat, Craps, Roulette • Live Entertainment
- Fine Dining • Live Harness Racing • Exciting Promotions • Meeting & Events Space

EMPIRE CITY.  
CASINO

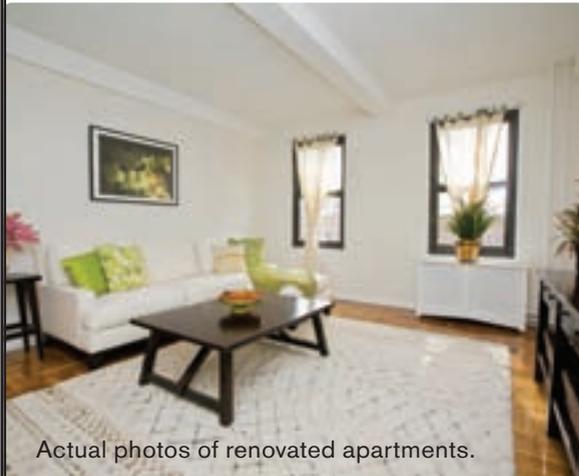
EMPIRECITYCASINO.COM

Baccarat, Craps and Roulette are table lottery games operated by the New York Lottery. Must be 18 years of age or older to play New York Lottery games or wager on horses. Please play responsibly. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available. Call the 24-hour toll-free help line at 1-877-864-6464.

FEEL MORE AT HOME

## EASTCHESTER HEIGHTS

OPEN HOUSE:  
Saturday - 10am to 4pm



Actual photos of renovated apartments.

# HOLIDAY RENT SPECIAL: Newly Renovated Apartments

Studios from \$875/month  
1 BRs from \$1,045/month  
2 BRs from \$1,245/month

Move in by December 20th and  
live rent-free until February 2014!

888.663.3949

EastchesterHeights.com

LEASING CENTER: 3480 Seymour Avenue, Bronx

Professionally managed by:  
**TACONIC**  
MANAGEMENT COMPANY LLC

First month's rent and security required. No pets allowed.  
Please visit our website for more information.



## just about taverns

by Tony

Just want to start out this column with a quote from my pal Emma, from the Turner club. "Never trust anyone that doesn't drink. How true Emma, I agree. Emma is a good pal of mine and a former girlfriend of the great Joe DiMaggio...don't believe it? There's a picture of Emma and Joe D. hanging up at the Turners Club.

We have many entertainers in the Bronx, and we know them from the shows they perform, they get paid for what they do it's their job, but when the call goes out for some volunteer work in the neighborhood these cats are the first to respond. On Sunday, my good friends Gene DiNapoli Pepe and Freddy Flip donated their time to provide entertain-

ment for the Pelham bay merchants Christmas tree lighting...it was fantastic! Thanks guys.

Hey, it's that time of the year and our taverns are decorating for the holiday, give them a plug and visit them. Back in the day Joe and Joes were tops in holiday decorations.

How about some entertainment...Scott place café has it all. Friday night karaoke with Angelo and the Café singers. Freddy Flip will be at the café on Saturday night, expect a sellout crowd!

Sunday at the café, come and hang out with Butch Barbello.

The duo show will be performing at Sammy's shrimp box on Friday night

Anthony Farino will be performing his Sinatra and friends show at Bridges on Saturday 2pm-6pm.

Lady M will be at Vivienne on Friday performing her karaoke show, and on Saturday and Sunday it's the DJ Roy show.

A couple of birthdays to shout out... brother Bob, daughter in law Nancy and area 98 bartender and my pal ...Dana. Happy Birthday!!

A very special get well to my best friend Bob. Hang in there and let's win this

See ya next week.

## MetroCard van scheduled visit

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto announces that the MetroCard Mobile Van will visit the Throggs Neck section in front of the assemblyman's office at 3602 E. Tremont Avenue, on Friday, December 13, between 1 and 3 p.m.

The MetroCard Mobile Van enables:

- Senior citizens 65 years of age or older to apply for Reduced-Fare MetroCard and receive a temporary card on the spot (Bring proof of age such as a Medicare card and valid photo identification);
- People with disabilities that qualify, and who present a Medicare card and

valid photo ID such as a driver's license to apply for Reduced-Fare MetroCard;

- Daily riders to add money to their Reduced-Fare MetroCard; and

Everyone to get all MetroCard questions answered.

For more information, call (718) 892-2235.

## Free Bronx Arts Ensemble performane

The Bronx Arts Ensemble celebrates the holiday season with its annual free St. Nicholas Day performance on Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15 at 1 pm and 3 pm at the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, 895 Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park.

A festive holiday program by the BAE Singers and Double Reed Band, the Celebration describes in song and storytelling the arrival of the Dutch Sinterklass, who brings candies and fruits to good children of colonial New Amsterdam, and

lumps of coal to those who have misbehaved. Following the program, which includes many old Dutch carols, the audience will join with the group in singing holiday songs. Free tickets are available by calling 718.601.7399.

## COMPLETE PARTY PLANNING

CELEBRATING  
OVER 20 YEARS

**Juliano's**  
www.julianoscaterers.com



700 Main Street  
New Rochelle, New York

Because your wedding is very special, the day is set aside exclusively for YOU and our delicious cuisine is prepared **ONLY** for you!

### Customized Affordable Packages

- RETIREMENTS
- SHOWERS
- SWEET 16'S
- WEDDINGS
- BAR/BAT MITZVAHS
- ANNIVERSARIES
- BIRTHDAYS
- CHRISTMAS PARTIES
- DINNER PARTIES
- BEAUTIFUL BRIDE'S ROOM

ELEVATOR SERVICE • HANDICAPPED FACILITIES

914.633.3700

FIVE PRIVATE ROOMS - 10 TO 250 PEOPLE  
FREE PARKING - I-95 to Exit 15, North 1/2 mile

# Free holiday concerts at Hutch Metro Cafe

The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), Hutchinson Metro Center and Hudson Valley Bank present two free, Thursday lunch-time holiday concerts at the Hutch Metro Café located at Hutch Metro Center, 1200 Waters Place (between Eastchester Road and Westchester Avenue).

On December 12th, enjoy a concert by students of the Celia Cruz Bronx High School of Music; and on December 19th, soprano Elizabeth Farnum will perform a medley of holiday music. Each concert includes two performances — at 12:15 and 1:15pm.

December 12th features music by students of the Celia Cruz Bronx High School of Music. The repertoire includes sets by the school's sax quartet, string quartet and choir. The Celia Cruz Bronx High School of Music is for students seriously interested in continuing their music studies, including various bands, string

orchestras, full orchestra, piano and choirs.

Reserve your seat at 21213hutchmetroconcert.eventbrite.com..

December 19th features a concert of holiday music by soprano Elizabeth Farnum. Elizabeth is a specialist in contemporary music. In addition, she is an active performer in many diverse musical styles, and her performances of modern music, early music and musical theater have taken her throughout the U.S., the Caribbean, Alaska, Europe and Japan. Ms. Farnum's main career focus has remained in the field of modern music, and she is one of the most sought-after performers of this repertoire today. Elizabeth lives on City Island, NY with her husband Kenneth, a piano technician, keyboardist and music director/arranger for The GIZMO SynFauxNY.

Reserve your seat at <http://2121913hutchmetroconcert.eventbrite.com>.

During the lunchtime series, you can shop for some unique holiday gift items at the Bronx Artworks Holiday Trunk Show and Craft Sale. BCA's Artisans Collective will be on hand displaying and selling their imaginative creations in all price ranges. Items include crocheted hats, ethnic masks, illustrations, jewelry, knitwear, note cards, paintings, paper mache masks, post cards, sculpture, vases, and more.

Directions by Subway: #6 to Westchester Square stop, then take courtesy shuttle bus to Hutchinson Metro Center. Directions by Bus: Bx21 to Waters Place & Hutchinson Parkway or Bx8 or Bx14 to Westchester Ave & Middletown Road or Bx40 or Bx42 to East Tremont Ave & Hutchinson River Parkway.

For additional information about these concerts or other programs and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts, visit BCA's web-

site at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) or call 718-931-9500 x33.

2013 Hutch Metro Holiday Concerts are sponsored by Bronx Council on the Arts,

Hutchinson Metro Center, Hudson Valley Bank, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, NYS Council on the Arts, Lambent Foundation

of the Tides Foundation, and New York City Council Members Maria del Carmen Arroyo, Annabel Palma and James Vacca.

## rock on the bronx

by Fish Altieri

Rock on the Bronx welcomes in the happiest Holiday time of year.

ITEM: A very special show: On December 8th 2013, which as Beatle fans know is a very solemn day of remembrance, Beatlestock will be playing its last NYC show at The Bitter End. The show starts at 4:30pm until 7:30pm with tickets at 25 dollars for general admission. The band features the great Larry

Russell with George Stass, John Merjave, Roger Lipson, Alan LeBoeuf, Andrew Lubman and Vinny Grauso. The Bitter End is located at 147 Bleeker Street NYC.

ITEM: DJ Shane Friday nights at Throgs Neck Clipper 3599 East Tremont Av-

enue.

ITEM: Christmas Party Friday December 20th at Scott Place Café and Wine Bar featuring Gene DiNapoli's Christmas and Dance Party. Located at 3604C East Tremont Avenue.

ITEM: The acoustic trio No Stringz Attached is ending the year with a Jimmy Ryan's gig on Sat. Dec. 14th 8pm. 3005 Middletown Rd in Pelham Bay Bronx. Rock on! Rock out!

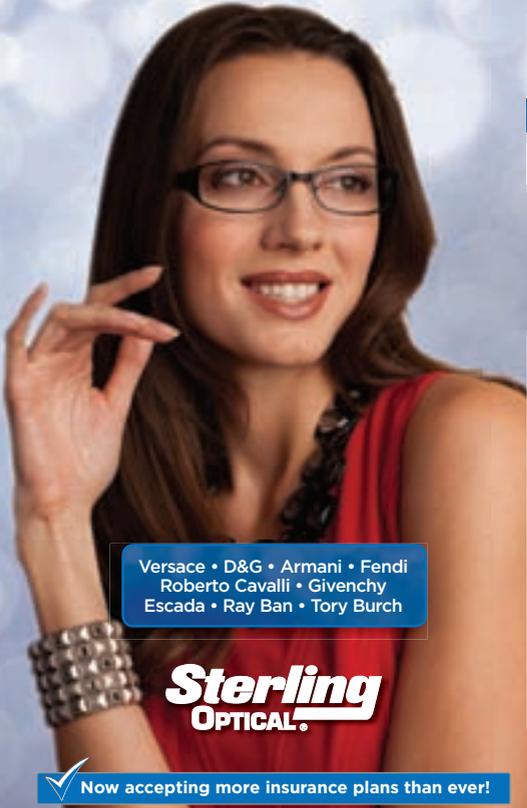
## Scrooge at Pelham Bay Library

Catch a live theater performance based on Charles Dickens' classic tale of the old miser Ebenezer Scrooge at the Pelham Bay Library branch at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. Presented by the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company, the show is recommended for children ages 4 to 12. The library is located at 3060 Middletown Road. For more information, call 718-792-6744.



100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

### HOLIDAY SALE



Versace • D&G • Armani • Fendi  
Roberto Cavalli • Givenchy  
Escada • Ray Ban • Tory Burch

**Sterling OPTICAL**

Now accepting more insurance plans than ever!

**\$39 EYE EXAM**

2 Complete Pairs Of Eyeglasses  
**\$69\***  
Includes CR-39 Single Vision Lenses

**\$99\***  
Includes Flat Top CR-39 Lenses

**\$129\***  
Includes CR-39 Progressive Lenses

Use Your **FLEX DOLLARS**  
Before They Expire

**2168 White Plains Rd., Bronx**  
**718-931-0500**  
Store Hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm

Repair or replace your frame with our No-Fault Warranty. We welcome outside prescriptions! Call 1-800-EYES-789 or visit [STERLINGOPTICAL.COM](http://STERLINGOPTICAL.COM) for a no-obligation appointment.

\*With purchase of a complete pair of eyeglasses. Frames from select group. Other restrictions may apply. See store for details. Limited time only. Prices subject to change without notice.

**We Speak**  
English, Spanish,  
Albanian and Russian



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

### Join us for our Special Day

## Bunch with Santa/ Parents Day Out

Need time to finish last minute shopping? No need to fear Santa is here at the Bronx Y. You can drop off your kids at the Bronx Y for a day filled with Holiday Fun!!!!

**Date: Saturday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013**  
**Time: 10am-2pm**  
**Location: Bronx Y**  
**2 Castle Hill Ave, Bronx NY 10473 Cost: \$30**

**Admission Includes:**

- Brunch
- Face painting,
- Santa's Craft Corner
- Cookie decorating
- Picture with Santa
- Ornament making

Advanced Reservations only by December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013.  
Limited space available!

**BRONX YMCA**  
2 Castle Hill Avenue, Bronx, NY  
10473  
212-912-2490 [ymcanyc.org/Bronx](http://ymcanyc.org/Bronx)  
[facebook.com/BronxYMCA](https://www.facebook.com/BronxYMCA) @BronxYMCA

**AGES 4-12**

# The story of Anne Hutchinson, a revolutionary

Toby Liederman held a dinner celebrating the close of the Anne Hutchinson year at Artie's on City Island last Thursday. The occasion reminded me that it's been a good while since I've written anything substantive about this indomitable woman who has both a major parkway and a river named in her honor. That's quite an accomplishment for someone who lived in the area we now call the Bronx for such a short period of time.

Anne Hutchinson was born in Alford, England in 1591 and was the daughter of an Anglican minister and teacher by the name of Francis Marbury. The trouble was that Francis was somewhat revolutionary in his ideals and practices often putting him at odds with the church. He was, in effect, silenced and even placed under house arrest.

He did, however, use his time beneficially and taught his children well so that they were well trained in both the

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

bible and discourse.

Anne was very well educated for a woman of that era and certainly not afraid to speak her mind.

She fell in love with a young merchant named William Hutchinson and the couple returned to Alford

able happened and Cotton was about to be arrested for preaching Puritan ideals so he fled to America.

The Hutchinson's now had 14 children, but that didn't stop them from following their feisty minister to America in 1634.

### Part I - to be continued

to raise their family. They visited the various local churches until they heard a young minister by the name of John Cotton at a church about 21 miles away, a good distance in those days. Anne was so enraptured by his preaching that the couple became regular followers of Cotton.

Then the unthink-

Anne was a midwife and a natural leader, so was readily accepted in the colony. Because of her superior education and speaking ability, it wasn't long before crowds of women began gathering at her house weekly to hear her interpretation of the minister's discourses.

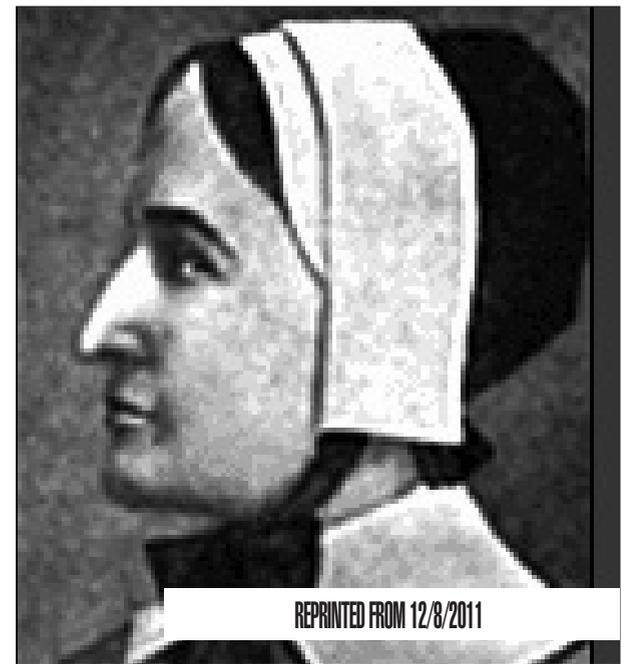
As the crowds continued to grow, men also began ap-

pearing and the authorities grew alarmed that a woman could attract such crowds at a time when women were still cast in an inferior mold. This one woman dared to be different and Boston would never be the same.

Anne believed that a covenant of grace, not good works, was necessary for salvation. This ran contrary to the preaching of most of the ministers with the exception of John Cotton and a few others.

Obviously, the ministers began complaining to Governor John Winthrop, that their authority was being usurped by this upstart woman and they demanded that she be silenced.

Thus began the proceedings leading up to her trials of 1637 and 1638. Boston was still a theocracy at the time so while the civil trial of November 7th and 8th, 1637 found her guilty in Newton (now Cambridge) and declared her banished from the colony, she could not leave while still un-



REPRINTED FROM 12/8/2011

Anne Hutchinson, 1591-1643

der the church's authority.

She was placed under arrest in the home of a friend of the court in Roxbury until the religious trial could be held.

The religious trial was

held in Boston on March 22, 1638 and it was no surprise that she was found guilty and excommunicated from the church.

(To be continued.)



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## SCHOOL'S OUT, THE Y'S IN.

### WINTER WONDERLAND HOLIDAY CAMP!



For kids, a week off from school is all about having fun. As a parent you'd like something more to go along with that fun.

For parents, our Y is ready to take over with a holiday camp experience your child will never forget. Filled with awesome activities including edible art, winter scavenger hunts, Christmas caroling, pajama story time and much more!

Through out-of-school-time programs like Holiday Camp, we help kids grow stronger in spirit, mind and body with fun activities that help them build independence while making new friends.

**AGES: 5-12**  
**DATE: Mid-Winter Recess**  
**12/23, 12/24, 12/26 & 12/27**

**FEES:** \*9:00-4PM = \$190(mem) / \$210(non)  
\*7:30-4PM = \$240(mem) / \$260(non)  
\*9:00-6PM = \$240(mem) / \$260(non)  
\*7:30-6PM = \$265(mem) / \$285(non)

\*\$30 late fee charged added when you register on or after December 20th

A recent medical form must be on file for your child to attend in accordance to DOH standards.

**BRONX YMCA**  
2 Castle Hill Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473  
212-912-2490 [ymcanyc.org/Bronx](http://ymcanyc.org/Bronx)  
[facebook.com/BronxYMCA](https://www.facebook.com/BronxYMCA)  
@BronxYMCA

AGES 5-12

New York City's YMCA | WE'RE HERE FOR GOOD.™



## LA | FITNESS





**We're building a brand new sports club near you. Enjoy 43,000 square feet of state-of-the-art amenities at your new neighborhood LA Fitness!**

**STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT / FREE WEIGHTS / GROUP FITNESS CLASSES INCLUDING KICKBOX CARDIO, INDOOR CYCLING & YOGA / SAUNA / SWIMMING POOL / KIDS' KLUB (BABYSITTING)\* / PERSONAL TRAINING\* / AND MORE!** \*Amenity available at an extra charge.

**Call our Preview Center and take advantage of our pre-opening rates!**

**BRONX**  
**1646 Eastchester Rd.**  
**(917) 634-5609**

**Memberships Available** [www.lafitness.com](http://www.lafitness.com)

Photos depict a typical facility; locations may vary. ©2013 Fitness International, LLC. All rights reserved.

# Union Community committed to helping

Pat Brancale, a physical therapist at Union Community Health Center in the Bronx, specializes in the treatment of lymphedema, a condition she says that some make the mistake of simply hiding behind a long sleeve shirt or pair of pants.

"They just cover it up; they don't want to deal with it," she said. "There is a lot of denial about the condition and its progression. It's unfortunate because the earlier it's seen, the easier it is to treat."

The lymphatic system circulates protein-rich lymph fluid through the body, collecting bacteria, viruses and other waste products. When working properly, wastes are filtered out by lymphocytes – infection-fighting cells in the lymph nodes – and flushed from the body.

Lymphedema occurs when the lymph vessels are unable to adequately drain lymph fluid, usually from an arm or leg, often a result of surgery or radiation. As

a result of lymphedema, the fluid builds up and causes the arm (or leg) to swell. Women who have undergone treatment for breast cancer are particularly susceptible to the condition (although it can also occur after any type of cancer surgery involving lymph node removal).

"The limb becomes heavier, more bulbous because there is no place for the fluid to go," said Brancale. "There is a loss of skin integrity and discoloration. It can look pitted like an orange peel and there is no movement to the skin. There may be cellulitis, fungus or open wounds because of the bacteria that has accumulated and the loss of protein. It can even result in 'weeping,' which is when fluid actually comes out of the pores of the skin.

"While lymphedema can't be cured, it needs to be treated aggressively. Unfortunately, many doctors are not aware of the current management of lym-

phedema."

Breast cancer survivors commonly get lymphedema as a result of surgery or radiation to the axillary lymph nodes in the armpit. Feelings of tightness, heaviness or fullness in the arm, in addition to swelling or redness, are common early symptoms. Lymphedema can occur several weeks after treatment, or may not happen until months or even several years later.

While it is not clear why some breast cancer survivors get lymphedema and others do not, several factors do increase the risk. These include removal of a large number of axillary lymph nodes during surgery (fortunately, surgeons now remove fewer lymph nodes, lessening the odds of getting lymphedema), radiation to the area, infections, or being overweight.

Brancale, who is one of a relative handful of certified lymphedema specialists in the Bronx, works with outpatients like Deborah, a re-

cent breast cancer survivor, whose arm is now much less distended than it was when she began treatments several months ago.

Brancale performs a very light superficial massage known as manual lymph drainage that directs the fluid in Deborah's arm away from the affected extremity, allowing her body to absorb it. She uses compression bandages or garments for 5–7 days at a time to help push the lymph fluid out of the arm. While wearing this, Deborah does light exercises with her affected arm to encourage movement of the

lymph fluid out of the limb.

A third tool in Brancale's arsenal is pneumatic compression, a device that resembles a bicycle air pump connected to a compression sleeve. This inflates and deflates sequentially to apply pressure to the affected limb.

Depending on severity, some patients, said Brancale, may need treatment for longer than a year. Most importantly, she insists, they can't just ignore it.

"If not treated, the limb can blow up like a water balloon and begin to look like mushrooms on a tree," said

Brancale. "Patients are educated to continue the treatments on their own, which include self-massage, exercise and compression. In many cases, they come back here for a 'tune up.'"

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).

## Con Ed wins Reliability Award

Con Edison is the winner of the 2013 Outstanding System-Wide Reliability Award, presented by PA Consulting Group, which said Con Edison's reliability was 90 percent better than the industry average.

"Con Edison achieved one of the highest levels of reliability performance we have ever seen for an investor owned utility in the United States," said Jeff Lewis, ReliabilityOne™ Program Director, of the study that measures non-storm related outages. "Con Edison's reliability performance was 90 percent better than the industry average, a terrific achievement for the Con Edison employees who strive to bring their customers the highest level of performance."

All utilities operating

electric delivery networks in North America are eligible for consideration for the ReliabilityOne™ Award. There are a total of five regional awards including Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Plains, and West. The selection of provisional recipients is based primarily on system reliability statistics that measure the frequency and duration of customer outages. After provisional recipients are selected, each company undergoes an on-site certification process, which provides an independent review and confirmation of the policies, processes and systems used to collect, analyze and report a company's reliability results.

"Con Edison is very gratified for this honor," said John Miksad, Con Edi-

son senior vice president, Electric Operations. "Our employees take great pride in their work, and strive for continuous improvement in providing safe and reliable service. The ReliabilityOne™ recognition is a tribute to Con Edison's people, who deliver electricity to New York City and Westchester, as we work to harden our system against an increasingly greater number of weather-related challenges."

"ReliabilityOne™ Award winners are employing innovative solutions to maintain system reliability in the face of an aging infrastructure and little appetite for increasing rates," said Lewis. "Con Edison has embodied this approach as the entire organization is aligned around reliability."

The waste we manage helps power over one million homes.

Find out more at [ThinkGreen.com](http://ThinkGreen.com)

Renewable energy sources reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

Waste Management is a renewable energy provider, producing more than twice the amount of renewable electricity than the entire US solar industry. By 2020, we expect to double that output, creating enough power for more than two million homes, through advanced technologies that convert waste to clean, green energy.



©2013 Waste Management, Inc.

THINK GREEN.®

[www.divorcefast.com](http://www.divorcefast.com)

**OBTAIN A  
FAST DIVORCE**  
in as little as  
**24 HOURS**

**THE PROCESS IS QUICK, EASY, LEGAL AND AFFORDABLE**

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP!!**  
Visit us online or  
**CALL NOW!**  
**978-443-8387**

**Serving the community for over 50 years**

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

I'm BAAAACK. My computer committed compucide and succumbed. I want to apologize to all the loyal fans of this Pulitzer Prize worthy column. Thanks for waiting.

First off, we were at the Bronx VA Hospital this past Sunday and hosted a Christmas Party for the Shut-Ins. We had pizza, mozzarella

sticks, chicken nuggets, coffee, cookies and soda. This is not a chore and was appreciated by every one there.

Thanks go out to members Commander George Brins, George Amato, Clorindo Nieves, me, Gloria Castellano of the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guard and Airman's Club along with her friend Catherine Clarke. Candy couldn't make it and was missed.

## civic center

Samuel Young  
Legion Post 620

Bob and Linda Doyle, AKA Santa and Elf were there passing out Yuletide Cheer. Chip and Shay Mac were there playing and singing. Shay's main squeeze, Trish

was there to help out. Last, but by no means least was the Transit Pipe and Drums played They must have practiced as they were much improved. They were led by Post member Ed Mc Carthy. a great time was had by all.

The Children's Party for the kids of Post Members will be held in two weeks. Sign up at the Post giving the age and gender of the youngster.

Remember, this is Holiday Time with Office and House Parties abounding. Take it easy on the alcohol consumption as the Police are out in numbers, and rightly so, on the lookout for drunk drivers. In the words of Dean Martin,(If you drink don't drive. Don't even putt.)

Trivia Time!!

December 1, 1955, saw Rosa Parks refusing to give

up her seat on a bus.

Napoleon became Emperor on December 2, 1804.

The first human heart transplant took place in South Africa on December 3, 1967.

December 5, 1933, saw Prohibition repealed. XXI amendment. Some one was thinking.

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

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Black Friday came early for Iran's mullahs. They got the nuclear deal they have wanted for some time, and didn't even have to wait in a 5 a.m. line at Target.

This agreement is so bad that even New York's Senator Chuck Schumer, one of Mr. Obama's most dedicated and enthusiastic supporters, along with Democrat stalwart Rep. Elliot Engel, have expressed major concerns. They are joined in skepticism even by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. Indeed, even as the President praised the treaty, Congress was contemplating imposing not less but greater restrictions. It's going to be a real contest of loyalty to the American people vs. loyalty to Obama personally to see how that plays out.

In return for easing off on several key sanctions, Iran gets to continue operating its

plutonium facility, keeps its centrifuges, doesn't have to stop uranium enrichment, and keeps its nuclear material stockpiles. It's no wonder Tehran's leadership is touting this as a major diplomatic victory.

Despite the monumental, indeed, existential importance of this matter to Israel, America's only real ally in the region, this action was taken without any significant measure of consultation with that nation's leadership. Once again, as he has so many times during his tenure in office, it seems as though the President has chosen appeasement with those who are our nation's adversaries over cooperation with our allies, a truly twisted sense of diplomacy.

Internationally, the big winners in all this, aside of course from Iran itself, are Russia, which has made a profit by selling nuclear

## Community Action

civic Association

development equipment to Iran, and China, which needs as much oil as it can get. Once again, Americans are scratching their heads over the inexplicable tilt by this White House towards powers which oppose us as instead of those that favor us.

Throughout his Administration, Mr. Obama appears to favor a mirror-image view of American international relations. From his first months in office, he has downplayed U.S. relations with the United Kingdom, our most reliable ally. He refused to stand up, militarily or diplomatically, to China when it aggressively

infringed on areas under the rightful control of the Philipines. He has distanced himself from old friend Israel. He has largely ignored warnings about growing Iranian and Chinese military influence in our own hemisphere. He attempted to renege on an anti-missile agreement with Poland, a nation which has been a steadfast friend since escaping the Soviet Empire.

His choices in addressing internal disputes within other nations have been inexplicable. Egypt's Hosni Mubarak was a true friend to the U.S., and the President enthusiastically backed his ouster in favor of an anti-U.S., anti-Christian leader who is a prominent figure in the terrorist Moslem Brotherhood organization. But in the same region, Mr. Obama refused to support the pro-democracy Green Revolution in Iran, which sought to diminish the power of the

anti-American mullahs.

Iraq was on its way to becoming far more pro-democratic and pro-western when Mr. Obama chose to prematurely withdraw U.S. troops; now the nation is quickly succumbing to Iran.

The President committed American forces to ousting Libya's Gadaffi, who had long ago ceased engaging in terrorism, and now that nation is a playground for active terrorist forces, which have proved their power by destroying our facility in Benghazi and killing our ambassador there.

In Afghanistan, the President has opened discussions with the Taliban, the people who were behind the 9/11/01 attacks and continue to terrorize the local population.

The President signed off on the New Start nuclear weapons treaty, which tilted in favor of Moscow. Now, As Russia, China, Iran and

North Korea accelerate their arms buildup, Mr. Obama continues to seek sharp, unilateral reductions in both our conventional and nuclear forces.

As voters in a free nation, we have the right to ask, given the odd emphasis and dismal results of our President's foreign policy, what his actual strategy and goals are. The White House Press Corps has failed to do this for us, a reflection of the majority pro-Obama bias in in the media.

Since the President's international policy is so radically different than that of his predecessors, both Democrat and Republican, he owes the nation an explanation.

Contact COMACTA at nycommunityaction@gmail.com; tune into our affiliated radio broadcasts, and visit our website at comactainc.com.

BY JOSEPH ODDO

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 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Information on the Obamacare and what the latest plans

are for the Pelham Grand.

During the last few weeks it has been a pleasure to witness the energy and successful events that have been sponsored by the Pelham Bay Merchants Association. In years past there were times when you would walk by Keane Square and wonder where is all the cheer, the smiles, the light hearted greetings.

Well, for the last few weeks we can find our Holiday cheer right here in

## civic center

Pelham Bay  
Taxpayers Assoc.

Pelham Bay. Yesterday the smiles, the light hearted greetings, were everywhere throughout the Square and the surrounding streets.

I know Santa was visiting, but it was the warm hearts and happy thoughts

that attracted Santa to come and greet our children weeks before Christmas Day.

To have a great community Santa will tell you, you first need great people with gentle spirits, and hearts of gold. Pelham Bay you have what it takes. Any doubts just ask Santa he'll set you straight.

Whether it is helping a veteran, being kind to a gruffy senior, or just listening to the needs of a child

as only you can, being their for each other year round is what we Americans who call Pelham Bay home are all about.

So before we end this article On behalf of the Pelham Bay Taxpayers I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas. I know we still have a while to go before Christmas Day is here. But we would just like to extend our Holiday cheer to the members of our community who will be trav-

eling in the days ahead to be with their loved ones. A Merry Christmas to all!

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.

BY TONY SALIMBENE

OK folks, if we don't have it down by now, I give up! December 7th the Auxiliary Gift Shop at the VA Hospital, morning. The 8th, our Annual Holiday Party at the Nursing Home

Section, please stop by to help, prior to noon. Also on the 7th, at 2pm, we welcome Silver Beach Memorial Post to the Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park at Weir Creek for a Pearl Harbor Day ceremony and wreath

## civic center

Korony American  
Legion Post 253

laying service.

It's never too late to give to the Joe Mazzariello Christmas Drive. Joe always worried that a kid would be forgotten! Don't forget the young families of troops deployed, They could

use a boost this holiday season. Let a Legionnaire know of a family in need.

Hope to see you at our Annual Christmas Party, following our 3rd Sunday meeting, the 15th, at the Turner Club. I hate to say

"Ladies and Sons included, because you always are, at all our functions and events!

Our condolences to Colleen and the McCarthy Family on the passing of Dad.

# Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY RAPHAEL SCHWEIZER  
P.S. 89

## Students Give Back

Not only is volunteering your time and donating your goods to those less fortunate a good deed, it can actually cheer you up from the cold, white-skied winter malaise when you see the gratification in the eyes of those who receive it.

Thus, everyone should try to give back during the holiday seasons, and during these long, cold winter months. Kids included.

So students at Public School 89, located on Mace Avenue between Bronxwood Avenue and Williamsbridge Road decided to do their part and initiated a canned food drive for a nearby South Bronx institution in need.

The P.S. 89 Student Council, made up of 7th and 8th graders, comprising President Celine Mercado, Secretary Diamond Brown, and members Nayeli Valdez, Hayle Singh and Eduardo Cocone, with the help of P.S. 89 Assistant Principal Darlene Teron, Principal Ralph Martinez and Council Coordinators Brian Smith and Jennifer Johnson, decided to reach out to a nearby homeless shelter in need: St. Anthony Shelter for Renewal, located in the Melrose section of the Bronx.

"P.S. 89 really wanted to be intentional about supporting a local community", A.P. Teron said of the choice of the Melrose shelter.

The results of their efforts was a noble donation

of hundreds of canned and non-perishable foods to a men's shelter that provides meals, housing and spiritual guidance to homeless men on 156th Street between Elton and Melrose Avenue.

Student Council President Celine Mercado said that efforts like these on the student council, "make the school experience more enjoyable. Every student has a chance to have a voice."

A.P. Teron was not only surprised by how students were able to organize and take ownership of the effort, but by how many kids who she never would've expected to be so generous, ended up giving canned food and spreading the message of the effort by word of mouth.

"We're really proud of work the Student Council put forth to collect as many canned goods and non-perishables for the food pantry in one week. We hope to make a difference in the lives of the men at St. Anthony's and the families served by their food pantry. One of the results of organizing efforts in a school, or in a community, is that it reveals alot about the people in that area."

Not only did the food drive reveal the positive generosity of young human beings, it also revealed the need of the young human beings inside of P.S. 89 itself.

Through the more frequent than usual interaction between teachers and students, and students and

students, a lot was revealed about the lack of means that the children's parents themselves have towards obtaining basic gifts for them this holiday season.

## Toy Drive for Local Kids

Sometimes you don't have to look far to find out where your unwanted possessions can go to good use. Thus, at this month's Bronx Park East Community Association monthly meeting, in addition to collecting coats for NY Cares annual Coat Drive, I urge you to search your closet, and your grown-up kid's former closet, and bring new and used toys and games for donation to the less fortunate parents of the Pelham Parkway and Allerton children who attend this K through 8 school.

As proven through the very successful donation drive that got 127 musical instruments donated to Middle School 135 on Wallace Avenue, through recessions and not the best of economic conditions there is one constant in NYC and the USA itself: Materialism.

Most recently proven by yet another "Black Friday" frenzy where flat-screen TV's were purchased en masse, and proven weekly on garbage day outside any given apartment building on any given block, there is so much accumulation and discarding of material goods among ordinary citizens who aren't exactly wealthy.

So, it's time to look your-

self in the mirror, then open the closet door which the mirror is hanging from (haha), and see what YOU can give to brighten up 1 Day, albeit a very important day, of a neighborhood child's life this Holiday season.

Community means standing by each other and lending a helping hand. And on the day when your generosity is put to use and you get to meet the child who receives your "Hello Kitty" doll or "Batman" action figure that hasn't been put to use since Johnny moved into his own one-bedroom apartment, then maybe your 1 day will be brightened up as well.

Cold, white-skied winter malaise and all... Get Involved: GIVE.

Bronx Park East Community Association Toy & Coat Drive will be held on Thursday, December 12, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at CenterLight building, located at 2401 White Plains Road, just north of Waring Avenue (across from Walgreens).

Feel free to call or text (347) 654-7044 or email BxParkEast@gmail.com if you have any questions about the Toy & Coat drive. Or you can go onto our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast](http://www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast) and be updated immediately on news in our community.

## One Final Note

In last week's column I referred to the Allerton Coops as having, well, a drug problem. After all, a spade needs to be called a



A big thank you to William Pedone, Jason Boccichio and Van Nest True Value Hardware for partnering with BPECA in 2013.

spade.

However, the wording, while true and something I felt needed to be said, indeed should have been accompanied by positive language about all of the good people and positive potential that live in and surround this historic complex.

Be it the community gardeners in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Court of the Coops such as Elsa Mitchell who helps grow groves of lovely flowers to make the common area enchanting, there's a lot of potential for the nurturing of a positive neighborhood movement to overcome the negative elements that are so abundant.

My apologies to those who may have read it and been taken aback. However, as proven in the numerous Painting & Drumming

workshops which B-PECA hosted in Zimmerman Playground, and the two stately tree guards which we helped build on Barker and Britton Street, we want to help ignite positive change in and around the Coops.

And we want to help do that by erasing the invisible neighborhood border of Allerton Avenue that had left some feeling that those on Pelham Parkway North had no interest or care for those on Arnow.

This is one community.

Pelham Parkway, Reiss, Thwaites, Waring, Mace, Allerton, Britton, Arnow, Adee. All one community. We're in it together.

And we're going to spread the love and music together. May the Holiday Love be spread to you, reader. Happy Holidays.

The thought-provoking author Malcolm Gladwell wrote a book a number of years ago called "The Tipping Point." It espoused the now-accepted theory that there is a defining stage at which something moves into a new realm, sort of like a "critical mass."

I believe that New York may have reached a "tipping point" in crime reduction and it will take a lot of unlikely factors to drive the murder rate much higher.

This might be called wishful thinking, but I believe that because of a number of factors and vigilant

policing, we have seen the last of multiple murders each day in New York.

In the early 1990s, during the tail end of the crack epidemic, we witnessed an average of six murders a day in New York. This year we're averaging less than one per day.

Demographic factors as a result of Roe vs. Wade and a precipitous decrease in crack cocaine use are offered as one explanation of this downward trend. Proactive policing — where of-

ficers try to prevent crimes from occurring rather than reacting after they have been committed — is another important factor.

And then, of course, there is the ever-controversial police tactic called stop-and-frisk or, more accurately, stop, question, and frisk.

In the past year, the use of this extremely charged tactic has dropped significantly, yet the murder rate has actually gone down. The public outcry about the overuse of stop-and-frisk

seems to have led to fewer precincts demanding a certain number of these stops from its officers.

So now, as we await Mayor-elect Bill de Blasio's choice for police commissioner, our collective hopes are that he is able to find someone wise enough and strong enough to keep crime low, while utilizing stop, question and frisk only when there is a very legitimate concern that the person stopped is carrying a weapon.

Mayor Bloomberg and

## Mayoral Spin Cycle *by Tom Allon*

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly have done an outstanding job keeping New Yorkers safe from crime and terror for a dozen years. We all owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

But now it is almost time to pass the proverbial nightstick.

I believe that because of the work done by David Dinkins and Peter Vallone Sr. (who passed the "Safe Streets, Safe City" program in 1991), the path was laid for Rudy Giuliani and his

commissioners to tame New York's crime epidemic. This amazing turnaround was built upon by Bloomberg and Kelly, and we are now a much better city than two decades ago. Let's hope that a "tipping point" has been reached and that the Wild, Wild West of the 1970s and 1980s in New York never rears its ugly head again.

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@cityandstateny.com](mailto:tallon@cityandstateny.com).

BY IRENE GUANILL

Community!

What a wonderful time to be a resident of Pelham Bay! Thank you to all the Pelham Bay Merchants and the Pelham Bay Merchants Association who took time from their businesses to support creating a Winter Wonderland in Pelham Bay! To all the families that took part in the holiday festiveness to make the Bronx feel like a small village and enjoyed time with their fami-

lies and community we had a great time together. We appreciate you and thank you for shopping at our local Pelham Bay Businesses.

A very special thank you to Gene DiNapoli, PePe Cardona, Vic Sabb and Freddie Lando who contributed to entertaining our community with their wonderful voices, music, laughter and smiles. My hero's Mike Russo of Triboro Window Cleaning Co., John O'Leary of Pelham Bay Karate

## civic center

### Pelham Bay Merchants

Academy and the star of the event, Santa Claus who was provided by SUBWAYS Sandwiches of Crosby Avenue! Carlos you are a joy to work with. You all get the Above and Beyond award for going the distance and please know you put the

Wonderful in our Winter Wonderland.

Thank you to Ralph Giordano for supplying all the wonderful holiday hats to our community. What a beautiful sea of festiveness the hats provided. Thanks to Park Florist who provided the garland and Mia Bella Sweets for the cup cakes. Thank you to our best .99 cents store Fortune on Westchester Avenue who provide us with all the last minute essentials I could

need.

We thank our local Community Board 10 and the entire Community Board staff, Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto we are also now in the holiday spirit. Thank you for joining us and making Pelham Bay bright by lighting our holiday tree.

Thank you to Crosby Pizza and George's Diner for feeding our light installers. Thank you to Peter, Azzurri Italia Corp for keep-

ing the community warm with hot chocolate. Most of all, Thank you to our wonderful Pelham Bay Community you're the best community and we the merchants are happy to give back to our community.

Thanks to everyone who participated, contributed and made the day special.

Santa Claus had such a good time in Pelham Bay that he will return with toys on December 14th at 3 p.m.

BY FATHER

RICHARD F. GORMAN  
Thanks, Oliver!

It has not happened in centuries, nor will it again for many centuries more. I do not know how many of my Jewish friends and neighbors ordinarily sit down to a turkey dinner with all of the trimmings in order to commemorate the annual Festival of Lights known as Hanukkah, but this year I know many in fact did. It has not occurred in ages and will never take place on another occasion in the lifetime of any person presently reading this column or that of his/her descendents for scores of generations. Am I referring to the lighting of the well-known and iconic nine-branched candelabrum, the Menorah or "Hanukiah," (hence, the name of the Festival) and the spinning of the dreidel? Of course I'm not. I am making note, though, of the unusual event this year of the initial day for Hanukkah being the same day as that of Thanksgiving. Skip the mashed potatoes and the candied yams with marshmallows and pass the latkes -- i.e., the potato pancakes -- instead. In any event, to all of my Jewish neighbors, I say "HANUKKAH SAMEAKH!" and "KHAGURIM SAMEAKH!" May the light of the nine candles of the Menorah signify the life of God's blessings and peace shining into your lives, your hearts, and your homes.

One week to the day of this simultaneous national and religious celebration, Community Board 12 convened its Stated Meeting for the month of September. With its typically full

agenda addressing many topics and concerns, both members of the community board and the neighborhood residents joining us were eager to get down to business. Nevertheless, the listed items before the Board were happily postponed at one point for prospective consideration at a later point in the meeting in order to welcome a most familiar face. Over the course of his many years of public service, not only as a member of the New York City Council but as one of the New York State Assembly and even as the Attorney General of the State of New York, G. Oliver "Ollie" Koppell has made it his business to visit TOWN HALL. True enough, while serving in the City Council and in the State Assemble, he represented only a fraction of CB 12, essentially that part of the district encompassing Woodlawn Heights and a portion of Wakefield. Nevertheless, as far as Ollie was concerned, it was as an important part of his constituency as his own native Riverdale. Although largely representing the good people of Community Board 8, we folks in CB 12 were never, ever treated like stepchildren. Indeed, we got the same high-quality of attention to our needs and the same caring, honest public service from Assembly/Council Member Koppell as the citizens of Riverdale and Kingsbridge. The people of the Northeast Bronx were as valued by Oliver Koppell and their problems were as much the focus of his energies as were the folks who literally lived next door to him with their particular predicaments.

## civic center

### Community Board #12

G. Oliver Koppell will be remembered for many accomplishments and attributes, highest among them the quest for transparency and integrity in civic life overall and in public service in particular. He proudly and unswervingly identifies himself as a so-called "Reform" Democrat. Reform Democrats are members of the Democratic Party found equally at the national and the local levels of the Party who are opposed to the Democratic political machines of their respective Cities, Counties, or States along with the analogous machine politics supposedly practiced at the National echelons. The term is usually employed in contrast with those allegedly machine-affiliated Democrats categorized as "Regulars" or "Regular Democrats. Reform Democrats are generally and customarily associated with the good government traditions that arose out of the Progressive Movement of the early twentieth century, and are, as a rule, but not in all cases, anchored on the purportedly liberal wing of the Democratic Party. In twenty-first century America and, to a lesser degree New York City, the appellation/ classification "Reform Democrat" has somewhat fallen out of use, although it still has a bit of currency on the Greater New York scene, such as the Benjamin Franklin Re-

form Democratic Club in Mr. Koppell's native Northwest Bronx, of which the current Council Member is a life-long and proud member.

G. Oliver Koppell could have enjoyed a very comfortable and contented life as a well-to-do and a well-off attorney. He graduated with honors from Harvard Law School, certainly one of, if not the very best, School of Law in the United States. He initially undertook a career in a prominent, top-notch law firm in the City of New York -- some would call it, in quaint terminology, a "white-shoe" outfit -- but he quickly exited from the rarified stratosphere of that high-powered legal scene to get involved in the muck n' mire of local politics, and reform-minded politics in the Borough of The Bronx at that. He ran for public office, desiring to help people by being their voice in the halls of power as opposed to raising his voice in a courtroom or finding its expression in words penned while sitting behind a desk at a prestigious address downtown. Although unsuccessful in his bid to be chosen as the Democratic Party candidate for Borough President of The Bronx, Oliver Koppell garnered respect and admiration in the course of his several terms in the lower chamber of the New York State Legislature, the Assembly. When then New York State Attorney General and previous Borough President of The Bronx Robert Abrams resigned in order to return to the private sector and practice law, Assembly Member Koppell, who by that time had attained the prominent position of Chairman of the

Assembly's Standing Committee on the Judiciary, was selected by his lower-house colleagues to succeed Mr. Abrams as Attorney General. Although his own departure from that august office was all too short in coming -- he was "primaried" for State Attorney General and lost the Democratic Primary to New York City Family Court Judge Karen Burstein in the year 1994 -- Ollie was not, by any stretch of the imagination, about to depart from public service.

Many would consider being President of a local school board beneath them had they held the Office of Attorney General of the State of New York. Mr. Koppell happily and handily acceded to that post, serving with the same intensity of dedication with which he had served on the State level. When the intrepid, long-serving Councilwomen in the Eleventh Councilmanic District of The Bronx, June M. Eisland, was term-limited out of office, Oliver sought and secured her seat. For the last dozen years, he has served in that position with honor, honesty, and the highest of ideals.

There is not enough space in this publication for me to relate the many instances in which Oliver Koppell was a good friend to me, either politically-speaking or on a personal basis. Whether it was fighting the creation of a colony for the homeless on the border of Wakefield and Woodlawn Heights or supporting me in my chairing of the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee, or being a patron of the Lehman College Center for the Performing Arts, of whose Board of

Directors I am Chairman, by providing monies for the purchase of a brand-new Steinway Baby Grand Piano, Council Member Koppell has always been front and center. He was always prepared and eager to be of support and assistance. He was neither reluctant nor recalcitrant to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with me and so many others when matters of principle and of good public policy were at stake. I was never reticent in seeking his help and his advice and he was never stingy in giving them. He said what he meant and meant what he said. It is truly regrettable, in an odd and coincidental sort of way, that for the second time in the course of my service as Chairman of CB 12, I am losing a valued and an exceptional representative in the Council Chambers at City Hall from the westernmost part of CB 12 as a consequence of term limits.

What the future holds for G. Oliver Koppell only he and Almighty God know. Nonetheless, I somehow have the inkling and the premonition that his fellow citizens have not heard the last of G. Oliver Koppell. If there is an issue that needs to be debated, an injustice that needs to be remedied, or a concern that needs to be addressed, I am certain that we shall hear a familiar voice -- and that voice will be that of Ollie Koppell.

Thanks, Council Member, for all that you have done. You have done not only us, but yourself, very proud. May your good deeds redound to you a hundred, no, a thousand-fold!

Until next time, that is it for this time!

**LEGAL NOTICES****LEGAL NOTICE****NOTICE OF SALE**

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 347 shares of stock of 3311 GILES PLACE OWNERS, INC. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 3311 GILES PLACE, Apt. 5C, BRONX, NY 10463-4314. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on December 16, 2013 at 01:15 PM on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein.

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

ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Secured Party  
Fishkill Office 2 Summit Court  
Suite 301  
Fishkill, NY 12524  
845.897.1600

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff against RAMY BARCHAK, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 20, 2011, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 6th day of January, 2014 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the westerly line of College Avenue, said point being distant southerly 637.50 feet from the intersection of the said westerly line of College Avenue and the southerly line of East 170th Street; being a plot 92.50 feet by 18.75 feet by 92.50 feet by 18.75 feet.

Said premises known as 1321B COLLEGE AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$ 520,065.80 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 380049/09.

GERALD S. LEONESCU, ESQ., Referee.

Sweeney, Gallo, Reich & Bolz, LLP

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

95-25 Queens Blvd., 11th Floor Rego Park, NY 11374

**LEGAL NOTICE**

FILE NO.: 288 A 2002/A  
SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX  
COUNTY WRONGFUL DEATH CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: DANIEL RAMOS

DAVID COLON whose whereabouts are unknown, if living or if dead, to his respective heirs, legatees, beneficiaries, assignees, successors and creditors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & FINANCE

**GREETINGS:**

**A PETITION** having been duly filed by IVETTE RAMOS, residing at 2280 Randall Avenue, Bronx, New York 10473 for Leave to Compromise Certain Claims for the Decedent's Conscious Pain and Suffering that the Decedent Endured, and to Judicially Settle the Account of the Proceeds

**YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW**

**CAUSE** before the Surrogate's Court, Room 406, Bronx County, at 856 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on January 21, 2014 at 9:30 o'clock in the **forenoon** of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of JAHIDA COLON also known as JAHIDA COLON, Deceased, lately domiciled at 2280 Randall Avenue, Bronx, New York 10473, granting the said Petition and granting the Petitioner, IVETTE RAMOS permission to:

a. Nuc pro tunc compromise and settle all claims for the decedent's conscious pain and suffering and/or wrongful death in the gross sum of \$110,000.00, against the defendants TRANS BRIDGE LINES, INC. and SETH GRIFFIN;

b. Allocate the entire sum of 110,000.00 to the cause of action for the wrongful; death of the decedent as against the said defendants;

c. Modify the restrictions contained in the Letters of Administration heretofore issued to the Petitioner and nunc pro tunc authorize the Petitioner to execute and deliver to the defendants and/or their insurance company, any appropriate documents, release or other forms necessary to effectuate the settlement of this action;

d. Fix and direct payment of RIPKA, ROTTER & KING, LLP., the sum of \$3,752.35 as and for reimbursement of their expended disbursements and the sum of \$35,415.88, as and for their attorney's fee for a total sum of \$39,168.23

e. Fix and direct payment of funeral expenses in the sum of \$7,227.00, payable to DANIEL RAMOS in the sum of \$6,377.00 and \$850.00 to Petitioner IVETTE RAMOS

f. Authorize the Petitioner to distribute proceeds of the amount allocated to the claim for decedent's wrongful death after deduction of disbursement in the sum of \$3,752.35 attorney's fees in the sum of \$35,415.88 and reimbursement of funeral costs and expenses in the sum of \$7,227.00, to wit: the sum of \$63,604.77, as follows:

IVETTE RAMOS (Parent) 100% or \$63,604.77

g. Pursuant to EPTL 4-1.4, find that the Decedent's father DAVID COLON is barred from seeking or obtaining any recovery from the Estate of JAHIDA COLON a/k/a JAHIDA COLON, because he abandoned the Decedent approximately sixteen (16) years prior to her death, while she was a minor, and failed to provide for her support or assume his parental relationship and duties with regard to the Decedent prior to her death;

h. Judicially settle the account that relates to these proceeds;

h. Dispense with the necessity of posting a bond;

i. Together with such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper in the circumstances.

HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ  
11/26/2013

Dated, Attested and Sealed,  
MICHAEL P. HAUSLER, Chief Clerk  
(seal)

**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 verified objection thereto. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you.**

Name of Attorney: William B. Drabyk  
Address: 150 Wickham Road - PO Box 7635, Garden City, New York 11530  
Telephone No.: (516) 398-4105

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division  
Docket No. SU13W2515  
Summons by Publication  
Rosalynd Marines Medina, Plaintiff (s)  
v.  
Pedro Sanchez, Defendant (s)

To the above named Defendant(s):

A complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s), Rosalynd Marines Medina, seeking a Complaint for Support-Custody-Visitation pursuant to G.L. c. 209C.

You are required to serve upon Frank D. Colagiovanni, Esq. attorney for plaintiff(s) - whose address is 1195 River Street, Hyde Park, MA 02136 your answer on or before January 30, 2014. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.

Witness, Joan P. Armstrong, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 8th day of November 2013.

Publication: Newspaper of General Circulation in Bronx, New York  
Patricia A. Campatelli  
Register of Probate Court

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

LEGAL NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT 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(s),  
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 12/16/2013 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

Original sale date 12/2/2013 2:00 pm at the same location.

Joyce A Brown, Esq., Referee  
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES  
Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road ,  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Dated: 11/25/2013 File Number:  
23336 MNH

**TO  
ADVERTISE  
HERE  
CALL  
(718)  
742.3397**

# Ultrasound imaging study at Monte

Using ultrasound as the first diagnostic imaging technique to detect appendicitis in children produces comparable outcomes to using computed tomography (CT) scans and does not increase hospital length of stay, according to research published in the December issue of the American Journal of Roentgenology.

Investigators at The Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) conducted a retrospective study examining the efficacy of using ultrasound, which emits no radiation, to diagnose suspected appendicitis in children compared to the standard approach of using

CT scans.

Appendicitis is one of the most commonly experienced conditions among children in the U.S., and its frequency has been increasing. A CT scan is the most frequently used imaging technique to evaluate patients with symptoms of the condition.

"As more people become aware of the risks of medical radiation, there are increasing efforts to utilize non-radiation emitting imaging techniques as a first approach to diagnosis," said author Jessica Kurian, M.D., attending radiologist, Division of Pediatric Radiology, The Children's

Hospital at Montefiore and assistant professor, Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University. "Our research shows that using ultrasound first in the evaluation of appendicitis commonly produces actionable results and should be considered more frequently as clinicians try to limit medical radiation exposure in children."

Collaboration between radiologists and clinicians in the divisions of pediatric surgery and emergency medicine increased the use of ultrasound as the first imaging option from 33 percent at the beginning of the study to almost 90 per-

cent at the study's completion. At the same time the use of a CT scan as the first and only diagnostic test decreased from 43 percent to less than 10 percent by the end of the study.

"Our study, which took place during Montefiore's transition to an "ultrasound-first" model, shows that the percentage of patients who received ultrasound first significantly increased without impacting the median hospital length of stay, which remained consistent," Dr. Kurian said. "These findings support the use of ultrasound in helping to reduce radiation exposure in kids and

suggest this approach could be applied in the diagnosis of other conditions to minimize the cumulative radiation dose a child is exposed to over the course of a lifetime."

Clinicians in the Division of Pediatric Radiology at CHAM have implemented robust efforts to raise awareness for radiation protection and lower CT scan radiation dose in the imaging of children.

Education and building awareness about alternate options, such as ultrasound and MRI, has resulted in a dramatic reduction in the number of CT scans carried out on pediatric patients in

recent years. Efforts include educational seminars about appropriate radiation dose, reinforcement of "ALARA" - As Low As Reasonably Achievable, encouraging technologists to use appropriate dosage, and dissemination of awareness materials to inform of the potential risks and benefits of various imaging modalities.

The extensive efforts at CHAM to reduce radiation exposure to children are aligned with the national Image Gently Campaign, which aims to change practice by increasing awareness of the opportunities to promote radiation protection in the imaging of children.

## Director of St. Barnabas honored

Ralph Belloise, Director of HIV Services at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx, will be honored by the New York City Health Department for his exceptional work in HIV/AIDS. Belloise will be presented with the award at the New York Academy of Medicine by New York City Health Commissioner Thomas Farley at the department's World AIDS Day Breakfast on December 2nd.

"I was deeply honored and quite moved when I heard about the award," said Belloise, who has worked in HIV/AIDS administration since 1991 and at St. Barnabas Hospital since 2008. "But I'm just doing what I love to do. I take great pleasure and pride in this."

Belloise is being honored for his work at St. Barnabas Hospital and as co-chair of the steering committee for the NYC Health Department's The Bronx Knows program.

In his five years at St. Barnabas Hospital, dramatic changes have been made in HIV testing. In early 2013, the hospital started using fourth generation analyzer testing to help it identify HIV positive results in earlier stages - as soon as 16

days after infection. This has allowed those who test positive to begin treatment sooner, which provides both for better treatment results while one's immune system is still strong, and starts a medication regimen at a time when the individual is at the greatest risk of infecting others.

The hospital plans to improve on its screening efforts by offering confirmatory testing in its own lab by next year. This means those tested will have confirmed results within hours, rather than days.

The St. Barnabas Health System presently screens an estimated 15,000 people annually. With many more young people now being tested, the HIV-positive rates have continued to plummet. Under Belloise's leadership, the hospital also provides an intensive case management program for those newly diagnosed or failing to comply with treatment, and has been proactive in its educational efforts, widely distributing HIV-related materials and an estimated 40,000 condoms.

"For the small group we have here - a staff of 28 including clinicians, administrators and support staff

- we've had tremendous success, as we're testing many more people and identifying positive results at a much earlier time," said Belloise. "I think you can look at us as the little engine that could."

The Bronx Knows initiative was created to raise the awareness and demand for HIV testing and to link newly diagnosed HIV-positive patients to primary medical care and support services. Back in 2007, the Bronx was viewed as the ideal place for the first borough-wide testing initiative, as it had the highest HIV death rate in New York City, with one in four Bronx residents diagnosed with HIV already sick with AIDS. In some Bronx neighborhoods, the rates were as high as those in Haiti and Ethiopia. Through a collaboration with 78 agencies representing 140 sites throughout the Bronx, the program has motivated community residents from 13 - 64 to get tested and has greatly improved the linkages to care. Today, the borough has the highest rate of testing in New York City.

"This is a very special honor recognizing the work Ralph has done in HIV care

here and for many years in New York City, and the work he has done to further HIV testing in the Bronx," said Dr. Judith Berger, the hospital's Chief of Infectious Diseases. "We're very proud of him."

Beginning his HIV career in 1991, Belloise has worked at a number of hospitals, community health centers and community-based organizations over the years.

"HIV is my passion. It's very personal as I have family members who have been affected," he said. "We've obviously made great strides over the years, breaking down the stigma



RALPH BELLOISE

that was once attached to certain pockets it still exists to some extent. There's still a lot of work to do."

## ALLIED APPRAISAL COMPANY REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

Valuation, matrimony, estate and wills,  
mortgage financing, taxation

NYS CERTIFIED RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

Kenneth V. Wolf

VOICE: 718-863-3100 • FAX: 718-863-8462

# Bronx community classifieds

To Advertise Call: 718-260-2555

► **EMPLOYMENT**

To Place Your Ad  
Call 718-260-2555

► **SALES HELP WANTED**

► **SALES HELP WANTED**

**PUBLISHER'S NOTICE**  
All employment advertised herein is subject to section 296 of the human rights law, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination because of race, color, creed, national origin, disability, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, or arrest conviction record, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. Title 29, U.S. Code, Chap 630, excludes the Federal Gov't from the age discrimination provisions. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for employment which is in violation of the law. Our readers are informed that employment offerings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

► **EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

**Ashmatt Employment Agency**  
50 Job Openings  
Factories, Restaurants, Stores, Cashiers, Domestic and more....  
6908 Woodside Ave  
Queens, NY 11377  
718-478-5690

► **ADOPTION**

ADOPTION: Childless, loving couple pray to adopt. Stay at home mom, successful dad, great dogs & devoted grandparents. Legally allowed expenses paid. Bill & Debbie  
800-311-6090

► **MEDICAL HELP WANTED**

► **MEDICAL HELP WANTED**

**SPECIAL KIDS · SPECIAL CARE SPECIAL REWARDS AT ST. MARY'S**

**OPEN INTERVIEWS**  
Mon to Thurs., 10am-2pm  
91-31 Queens Blvd, Ste 201, Elmhurst, NY

St. Mary's Community Care Professionals, Corp., a Licensed Home Care Services Agency, seeks HHAs, RNs & LPNs to work in the patient's home! We service children and adults in the 5 boroughs of NYC, Nassau and Suffolk.

**HHAs - All Boroughs & LI**

Must have photo ID, SS card and HHA Cert. Afternoon hours available. Newly Certified HHAs welcome.

**RNs & LPNs - All Boroughs & LI**

Min 6 months acute pediatric exp required. Private-duty nursing a plus. Shift work - all shifts avail. All boroughs.

Bilingual English/Spanish a plus. RNs & LPNs, please submit your resume for review & appointment.

The opportunities are great...the rewards are excellent!  
• Call Cheryl or Daphney at 718-819-2724 for add'l information  
• Fax: 718-651-3807 • Email: cchambers@stmaryskids.org

Take the R or M train to Woodhaven Blvd Subway station.



WWW.STMARYSKIDS.ORG

An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer

► **MEDICAL HELP WANTED**

**Certified HHAs or PCAs**  
**Help us make a difference!**  
QNS, BKLYN, MANHATTAN, THE BRONX & NASSAU



**MANY CASES AVAILABLE... IMMEDIATE WORK... TOP \$\$\$**

**\$250 Sign-On BONUS**  
Live-ins only

- Starting at \$9.50/hour\*
- \$10.93/hr for Overtime\*
- \$123.50 Live-In Cases\*
- Health Benefits • Wellness Plan
- Free Gift Upon Application

946 McDonald Ave, Bklyn • Ph: 718-972-2929  
100-15 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills • Ph: 718-819-3131



**EDISON**  
HOME HEALTH CARE

EOE

(\* for most cases)

**ALJUD HOME CARE**  
Certified Home Health Aides

- IMMEDIATE OPENINGS •
- WEEKDAYS AND WEEKENDS •
- FULL TIME • PART TIME • COMPETITIVE PAY
- PAID VACATION • MEDICAL BENEFITS
- SICK PAY • PAID HOLIDAYS

**WORK IN ONE LOCATION**

**Bronx 718-379-4400**  
Unique

**Bklyn 718-649-0700**  
Dierdre

**CNA's, RN's & LPN's**  
**Housekeeping, Dietary, Recreation & Maintenance**  
With LTC experience needed in  
**THE BRONX**  
**JOB FAIR**  
**WED. DEC. 11th, 9AM-4PM**  
**558 MORRIS AVE, BRONX, NY**  
**IMMEDIATE ORIENTATION**  
**GREAT PAY/ HEALTH BNFTS**  
Refreshments will be served.  
For info & dir. call 718-534-7400  
anna@fsstaffinginc.com



Homecare Agency

**HIRING HHA'S**

**GREAT PAY, GREAT HOURS GREAT BENEFITS!**  
**(718) 257-0702** UltimateCare

Hablamos Español Nous Parlons Francais!

**COME VISIT US AT (2) GREAT LOCATIONS:**

**545 Broadway, 3rd Flr, Brooklyn NY 11206**  
**2501 Grand Concourse, 3rd Flr, Bronx NY 10468**

► **HELP WANTED**

**Automotive Detailer**  
Needed by Bronx multi-line dlr. New/Used vehicles. Wet sanding of automotive paint & high speed buffing exp. required. We offer a competitive compensation package with benefits & 401K  
**Please call Joe @718-239-9000**

► **JOB INFORMATION**

**DeBlasio Warns Consumers About Classified Ads**  
**Toll numbers may be a direct line to trouble.**  
Classified ads are intended to help people by facilitating communication and advertising available services; however, some of the hotlines & service numbers in classifieds actually hurt the people who rely on them by cheating them of their hard-earned dollars. "Most newspapers print a disclaimer in their classified ad section to warn readers about numbers that are a direct line to trouble. Any number starting with 900, 540, 595 or 871 charges a fee beyond a local call. In some instances, ads initially advertise calls to a local number, but then direct callers to a second number starting with one of the paid exchanges. "Consumers must also question the legitimacy of vague classifieds because they too could be a scam. Before responding to an ad, consumers should verify the source of all information & always be wary about sending money or signing a contract with an unknown party."

► **HELP WANTED**

**Medical Receptionist**  
9-2pm week days, 4 days a week flexible, located on Grand Concourse near Moshulu Parkway. Spanish bilingual preferred No smoking.  
**Call 718-364-3415**

► **JOB INFORMATION**

**AIRLINE CAREERS** begin here- Get FAA approved Aviation Maintenance Technician training. Financial aid for qualified students- Housing available. Job placement assistance. Call AIM 866-296-7093

**Office of the Public Advocate**

**Call 718-260-2555 To Advertise Here**

► **PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
Environmental Transload Services, LLC (ETS) proposes the construction and operation of an Intermodal Container Lidding Facility at 100 Oak Point Avenue, in Bronx, NY. An informational meeting will be held at

**The Point CDC, 940 Garrison Avenue in Bronx, NY 10474  
December 18, 2013  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

ETS is pursuing a NYS Department of Environmental Conservation 6NYCRR Part 360 Permit and the public outreach meeting is required by NYSDEC Commissioner's Policy-29 Environmental Justice and Permitting. Come talk to representatives from ETS, hear about the proposed project, ask and have your questions answered at the meeting. All are welcome.

For more details contact ETS at (516) 806-6232.

► **PUBLIC NOTICES**

► **PUBLIC NOTICES**

► **BRONX APTS UNFURN**

**Bronx- \$1175/mo  
1BR Apartment  
Available  
(2911 Barnes Ave)**

Elevator building, very large rooms, 1 BR Apt available immediately. No broker fee. Contact

**Super (347) 922-6719  
or Office (718) 543-2746  
No brokers, No agencies.**

**Throggs Neck - East Tremont. 3 bedroom, 2 bath luxury duplex Renovated, Everything NEW! Contact owner. 914-661-6284**

► **BRONX APTS UNFURN**

**PARKCHESTER & MORRIS PARK AREAS**

Beautiful 1-5 Bdrm Apts, Walk-up Bldg. Renov Kit/ Bath, Nr Trans & School. Sec 8 Ok

**NO FEE- Call MARIA  
914-632-1230**

► **BRONX HOUSE FOR SALE**

**Kingsbridge  
3007 Heath Ave**

3 fam. house for owner occupant. 6 Brs / 4 bath, garage, bkdy, fin. bsmt with 4 rooms, RE tax exemption. \$639K Motivated Seller.

**Broker Agnes  
917-345-4908**

► **NYS HOUSE FOR SALE**

Magnificent 7 Bedroom 7 Bath Upstate Mansion! 8 Acres, Tennis Courts, Sauna, Jacuzzi, Pool, Movie Theatre. Short drive to Saratoga, Albany, Lakes, Ski- \$795,000 (518)762-9885

► **NYS LOTS & ACREAGE**

**Finger Lakes Region  
Land Liquidation.  
NO QUALIFYING!  
Owner financing. 5 acres \$2,000 down, 400/month  
10 acres 4,000 down \$500/month. Many more at  
www.landandfarm.info  
518-265-0057**

**LAND WANTED- Cash buyer seeks large acreage 200+ acres in the Central/Finger Lakes and Catskills Regions of NY State. Brokers protected. For immediate confidential response, call 607-563-8875 ext.13 or Alan@newyorklandandlakes.com**

**SELL YOUR NEW YORK LAND, LAND & CABIN, FARM or COUNTRY PROPERTY.** We have buyers! NY Land Quest Northern Division: 877-236-1117. Southern Division: 877-257-0617. nylandquest.com

► **FLORIDA HOUSE FOR SALE**

Sebastian, Florida Affordable custom factory constructed homes \$45,900+. Friendly community, No Real Estate or State Income Taxes ,minutes to Atlantic Ocean. 772-581-0080, www.beach-cove.com. Limited seasonal rentals

► **STORES FOR RENT**

**Grand Concourse**  
Newly renovated, 2 blocks from Fordham Rd. 720 sq.ft. \$3300/mo  
Call Maurice  
718-295-1234 or  
646-739-0370

► **AUTOS WANTED**

► **AUTOS WANTED**

**DONATE YOUR CAR**

*Wheels For Wishes* benefiting

**MAKE-A-WISH.**

Metro New York and Western New York

\*Free Vehicle/Boat Pickup ANYWHERE  
\*We Accept All Vehicles Running or Not

**WheelsForWishes.org**

**Call: (917) 336-1254**

**100% Tax Deductible**

**Call: (917) 336-1254**

► **COMPUTER SERVICES**

**COMPUTER REPAIR**  
Upgrade, Troubleshooting  
Virus Removal, Data  
Recovery, Cracked Laptop  
Screen and Broken Power  
Jack Replaced  
Call James  
646-281-4475  
718-324-4332

► **AUTOS FOR SALE**

2006 FORD ECONOLINE  
250: 47K mi, 5.4L V8. Pwr  
windows /doors, slide side  
door. Good work vehicle.  
\$7995 neg. 347-393-2833

► **AUTOS WANTED**

Donate your car to Wheels For Wishes, benefiting Make-A-Wish. We offer free towing and your donation is 100% tax deductible. Call 917-336-1254 Today!

**Call  
718-260-2555  
To Advertise Here**

**LEARN TO EARN!**  
EDUCATION & CAREER TRAINING

**BRAMSON ORT COLLEGE** www.BramsonORT.edu  
**Apply Today  
877-479-0705**

Our mission is education. Our focus is careers.

- Paralegal
- Medical Assistant
- Graphic and Game Design
- Electronics Technology
- Business Management
- Computer Technology
- Accounting
- Administrative Assistant
- Renewable Energy
- Computer Programming
- Pharmacy Technician
- CADD & HVAC and more!

Affordable Tuition • Financial Aid Available • Flexible Class Schedules  
National & Industry Exam Prep • Job Placement Services • Career Internships

► **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Don't trade one suit for another**

**New York is open for business, not for fraud!**

**NYSIF**

**Report Workers' Comp. Fraud to NYSIF:  
1-877-WCNYSIF**

► **BROOKLYN GARAGE RENTAL**

► **BROOKLYN GARAGE RENTAL**

**PUBLISHER'S NOTICE**  
All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, sexual orientation or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.



The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has received a Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) application and Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan from 1903 West Farms, LLC for a site known as 1899-1905 West Farms Road, site ID #C203070. This site is located in the Borough of Bronx, within the County of Bronx and is located at 1899-1905 West Farms Road. Comments regarding this application must be submitted no later than January 10, 2014. Information regarding the site, the application, and how to submit comments can be found at:  
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/60058.html>  
or send comments to Ruth Curley, Project Manager, at NYSDEC-DER, Remedial Bureau B, 625 Broadway, 12th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-7016:  
[recurley@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:recurley@gw.dec.state.ny.us)  
or call 518-402-9768. To have information such as this notice sent right to your email, sign up with county email listservs available at:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

► **MERCHANDISE WANTED**

CASH for Coins! Buying ALL Gold & Silver. Also Stamps & Paper Money, Entire Collections, Estates. Travel to your home. Call Marc in NY 1-800-959-3419

► **AUCTIONS**

Buy or sell at AARauctions.com. Contents of homes, businesses, vehicles and real estate. Bid NOW! AARauctions.com Lights, Camera, Auction. No longer the best kept secret.

► **ANNOUNCEMENT**

IF YOU USED THE BLOOD THINNER PRADAXA and suffered internal bleeding, hemorrhaging, required hospitalization or a loved one died while taking Pradaxa between October 2010 and the present. You may be entitled to compensation. Call Attorney Charles H. Johnson 1-800-535-5727

**Find Your New Career in Our Learn to Earn Education & Career Training Section**



**Call 718.260.2555**  
..to sell your car in our **CLASSIFIED SECTIONS** & get... **Real Results!**

**The Bronx Times Online**  
Your world is 24/7.  
Now, so are we.

**BXTimes.com**

- Top Bronx News Stories
- Classifieds for The Bronx
- The Latest Bronx Sports Scores
- Food, Health & Technology

# LEARN<sup>TO</sup>EARN!

EDUCATION & CAREER TRAINING

**IT'S YOUR TURN**  
 ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE → EXCITING CAREER → GO EVEN FURTHER  
 Our degrees are transferable so why limit yourself? Ask about our college partnerships.



- Lifetime Job Placement Assistance
- International Students Welcome!
- GED + DEGREE Available

- Earn an Associate's Degree in:**
- Homeland Security & Security Management
  - Emergency Care Management
  - Hospitality Management
  - Business Management
  - Office Technology/Medical Office
  - Accounting

- Certificates: ( 8 months )**
- Digital Marketing
  - Elder Care Management
  - Merchandising and Management
  - Health Administration and Technology
  - Community Interpreter
  - Emergency Care Management
  - Hospitality Management

STATE AND FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO QUALIFY



Creating Success Stories Since 1968

136-18 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Flushing NY 11354 | www.libi.edu  
 For consumer disclosure, please visit www.libi.edu & click General Employment Data link.

**718.939.5100**

## GET ON TRACK TO A GREAT NEW JOB.

What kind of work would you like to do?  
 Do you have the skills you need to find and keep a job?

**J O B M A P** from Queens Library.  
 It's free.

Go to [jobmap.queenslibrary.org](http://jobmap.queenslibrary.org)  
 to get started or phone 718-990-8625.



## LEGAL DIR.

ATTORNEY

**OFSHTEIN LAW FIRM, P.C.**  
 Personal Injury Lawyers, Immigration



1723 East 12th Street 4th Floor  
 Brooklyn, New York 11229  
**Tel. 718-455 5252**  
 Free Consultations

ATTORNEY

- FALSE ARRESTS
- ACCIDENTS
- CRIMINAL DEFENSE
- IMMIGRATION
- PERSONAL INJURY
- TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS



**LAW OFFICE OF**  
**MICHAEL J. LARSON, P.C.**  
 401 Broadway, Suite 311, New York, NY 10013

Free Consultation • 212-528-0886  
 Email: Michael@mlarsonlaw.com • www.mlarsonlaw.com  
 \*No fee on false arrest or personal injury cases unless you recover\*  
 Former Prosecutor and United States Army Attorney



Check out the experts in our  
 Classified Service Directory  
 for additional ads.

## LEGAL DIRECTORY

ATTORNEY



# LEVINE AND WISS, PLLC

Attorneys at Law

## ALL TYPES OF ACCIDENTS!

- AUTO ACCIDENTS
- MALPRACTICE
- SLIP/TRIP & FALL



## INJURIES!

- CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS
- ALL OTHER TYPES OF INJURY CASES

Proud to announce the opening of our newest location in Brooklyn.  
 New York State's Sixth winningest Law firm for 2012. Source—Verdict Search

Prior Results Do Not Guarantee A Similar Outcome

Se Habla Español

**1-888 GOT HURT (468-4878) • 718-575-2222**  
**455 UTICA AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY 11203**

► **HERE'S MY CARD**

**CARTING**



TEL. 718-542-1774  
800-427-1774

**DANNA CARTING**

*Roll Off Containers*  
*Industrial - Commercial - Residential*

10 to 40 Yds. Cap. Credit Cards 318 Bryant Ave.  
Radio Dispatched Accepted Bronx, NY 10474

**JEWELRY**

**GOLD**  
Is Up To \$1500 An Oz  
Turn Your Unwated Jewels Into

**C.A.S.H.**

YONKERS GOLD, SILVER & DIAMOND BUYERS  
MON - SAT 10AM- 6:30PM

2050 CENTRAL PARK AVENUE,  
YONKERS, NY (4 Blocks south of world  
famous nathans just north of KFC)

**1-800-510-7073**

**CONSTRUCTION**



**NEW HEIGHTS  
CONSTRUCTION LLC**

Siding • Windows • Roofing  
Fences • Kitchens • Painting • Baths  
Basements • Decks • Doors  
Awnings • Patio Enclosures  
Brick Pointing • Concrete Stucco

FALL SPECIALS  
ON WINDOWS

**VISIT OUR ONLINE  
SHOWROOM**

NYC License #1191201  
www.newheightsconstructionllc.com  
**800-525-5102**  
**718-767-0044**

FREE ESTIMATES

**LANDSCAPING**



*Herman Services, Inc.*

Complete Landscaping Services

- Lawn Maintenance
- Spring and Fall Clean Ups
- New Lawns Installed, Old Renovated
- Planting, Trimming, Seeding
- Interior and Exterior Painting
- Wall Waterproof
- Steps Repairs
- Cement Work
- Fences
- Sprinklers
- Basement Clean ups
- Rubbish Removal
- Snow Removal
- Free Estimates
- Insured

Call or Fax: (718) 653-3791  
P.O. Box 98  
E-mail: hermanservices@yahoo.com

Cell: (646) 382-6431  
Bronx, NY 10475-0098  
LIC #59-3812288

**EXTERMINATOR**

**BED  
BUGS**

**ACTION  
EXTERMINATOR**

**212-465-7524**

10% Discount if you ask for Bob

**PLUMBING & HEATING**

**B&A Plumbing & Heating Corp.**

**718-365-1625** EMERGENCY  
SERVICE

Hot Water Heater Installations  
Boiler Repairs & Installation  
Oil to Gas Conversion  
Heating Contracts - Frozen  
Water Pipes Defrosted  
Water Jetting & Video Camera  
Inspection of Sewer Main  
Sewer & Drain Cleaning  
Faucet Installations

**NO JOB TOO  
BIG OR SMALL**

Commercial  
and Residential  
Licensed/Insured  
(Lic. #1720)



**SAVE  
MONEY**



**BY SHOPPING  
IN OUR  
CLASSIFIEDS**

**THE BRONX TIMES ONLINE**  
Your world is 24/7. Now, so are we.

**BXTimes.com**



- Top Bronx News Stories
- Classifieds for The Bronx
- The Latest Bronx Sports Scores
- Food, Health & Technology



# Bronx schools

## Spellman Marches to Fight Breast Cancer

More than 40 students gathered with faculty and alumni to Walk for the Cure at the Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Orchard Beach. This is the fourth consecu-

tive year that Spellman has participated. The Students raised funds for this event through holding a T-shirt sale, dress-down day and bake sale. In all, Spellman raised more than \$2,900,

which will be used to help find a cure for Breast Cancer. Special recognition goes to the Spellman Cheerleaders and Service Society who led the fundraising efforts at the school.



Students, Faculty, and Alumni from Cardinal Spellman High School taking part in the Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Orchard Beach



## GIFTS FROM THE HEART AT AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL

In the spirit of giving, the Aquinas HS Mission Club coordinated the Thanksgiving Food Collection under the direction of club moderator Mr. Jason Rupertus. Over 30 boxes of food were packed to the brim and shared between St. Martin of Tours parish Food Pantry and St. Rita's Center for Immigrants and Refugee families. The response of the students was wonderful as they have made several families Thanksgiving dinners complete.

## MALALA DAY AT SAINT RAYMOND ACADEMY



The students at Saint Raymond Academy for Girls honored Malala Yousafzai, the young Pakistani student who fought for the rights of all people to enjoy peace, equality and education. On November 15, 2013 the seniors in World Issues opened the day calling upon the students to reflect on ordinary but extraordinary people who have had a positive impact on society. Later, at an assembly, where News 12 was present, Danielle Collins president of the Student Government, introduced Samantha Bennett (senior) who delivered the speech Malala had given to the United Nations General Assembly, focusing on women's rights and girls' education. Baaba Abaka-Yanson (senior) captured Malala's spirit of bravery and hope in an original poem. The day ended with the singing of "Something Inside so Strong," inviting the students to unite with their sisters throughout the world to embrace their potential for good.



Call 718.260.2555

..to sell your **car** in our  
**CLASSIFIED SECTIONS**  
& get... **Real Results!**

"We have confidence in Theresa. We've seen what she can do. When everyone was focusing on Maria for the last two years Theresa has been filling that void for us."

SPELLMAN COACH JANE MORRIS.....PAGE 73



## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

# Hayes gobbles up Mount



Cardinal Hayes quarterback Roberto Nunez is lifted up on his teammates' shoulders after beating Mount St. Michael for the CHSFL Class AA title. Photo by Robert Cole

## First CHSFL 'AA' title for Cardinal Hayes since 1981

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The moment never became too big for Roberto Nunez and Cardinal Hayes can call itself a champion because of it.

The poised junior quarterback threw three touchdown passes after replacing injured starter Juan Cruz during the third quarter of a come-from-behind victory in the CHSFL Class AA semifinals against

Holy Trinity. He didn't flinch again as the lights grew brighter and the stage got bigger.

Cruz led the Cardinals down the field for a game-winning drive in the fourth-quarter for a thrilling 20-16 win over host and rival Mount St. Michael in the title game in front of a stand-room only crowd on Thanksgiving Day. He was lifted up on his teammates' shoulders at mid-

field after they and a number of fans rushed to midfield in celebration.

"I'm always ready for the challenge," Nunez said. "I was waiting for my chance. When my number was called it was nothing new."

He completed 14 of 26 passes for 181 yards and touchdown with no interceptions to help give Hayes its first 'AA' title

since 1981 and just their second win over the Mountaineers in the last 32 years in the annual Turkey Bowl.

"He thought he should have been starting the whole season," Cardinals coach C. J. O'Neil said. "It's a great testimony to how that kid prepared himself all year long. He didn't miss a beat."

Continued on Page 72

### WEEK 13

Dolphins (6-6) 23

Jets (5-7) 3

This was the worst game of the Jets' season. The only thing worse than the Jets' defense was their offense. They had 177 total yards (78 passing, 99 rushing), 13/28, 2INT, 4SACKS, 1FUMBLE.

Miami 28/43,331, 1INT,1SACK. I could only watch the 1st quarter before changing the channel. Geno hasn't improved enough to be an NFL QB and Sims hasn't shown he can do it either (but that may be due to the make up of Jets O-line).

Giants (5-7) 24  
Washington (3-9) 17

The Giants played a game in which they had no lack of focus. Eli went 22/28, 235, 1 int, but was sacked 3 times. Victor Cruz had 6 catches for 80YDS. The Giants' D was big with 5 sacks (4 by Justin Tuck), and 1steal by Hill from Garcon. RGIII ran for 88 of the DC 138 rushing YDS.

#### Confusion Squared

The first thing I'll say is- Don't believe anything any of them say. Now I'll quote Ian O'Connor (ESPN.com) talking about "Uncle Bud" Selig and his "Arms folded statement, "Baseball had evidence described by a source as "damning, mountainous and overwhelming" that A-Rod had used PEDs over three seasons in New York, PEDs supplied by Biogenesis founder Tony Bosch. So

Continued on Page 74

# Hayes gobbles up Mount

From Page 71

Hayes trailed 16-14 early in the fourth quarter before it put together a 10-play, 60-yard drive that ended with running back Timothy Poindexter scoring from 2 yards out to make it 20-16 with 5:04 left in the game. The key play was a 12-yard pass on fourth down from Nunez to Amir Chenshaw to keep the ball in the Cardinals hands.

"We expect to win now," O'Neil said. "It's a big part of being a better program. Someone is going to step up. We had that all year long."

Nunez wasn't the only hero.

Poindexter carried the ball 20 times for 78 yards and two touchdowns and the Hayes defense forced two fumbles. The biggest came after a shanked punt by Hayes and Mount in position to extend it lead. Arton Mehaj gained 15 yards on a fake punt late in the third quarter to

set up Mountaineer quarterback Kasim Thomas scampering down to the 1-yard line. Thomas had the ball stripped and Ashton Toliver recovered for Hayes.

"You got to finish off the drive," Mount coach Mario Valentini said.

On the next play Nunez hit Steven Bautista for a 17-yard gain to get the Cardinals backs away from the end zone. The Hayes defense stopped Mount twice after taking the lead, including Bautista recovering a fumbled pitch.

"In order to win this game I left my soul on the field," Bautista said.

Both offenses started hot. Each scored on their first two possessions. Nunez started it with a 6-yard touchdown pass to Crenshaw in the back right corner of the end zone. Mount (6-6) answered with a 44-yard scoring run from Albert Sutton (11 carries,

82 yards). The Cardinals (9-2) answered with a 21-yard touchdown from Poindexter to make it 14-8 with nine seconds left in the first quarter.

The Mountaineers held a 16-14 lead at halftime after a 1-yard score from Thomas, but did not score again. It was a disappointing end to a season filled with adversity. Mount started the year with an inexperienced roster and had to battle through the death of teammate Matthew Wallace in late September.

"I think they need to be proud of themselves," Valentini said. "The problem is you always remember that last one."

It is one Hayes will certainly not forget. Their Thanksgiving feasts tasted just that much better after one of the biggest wins in school history.

"It's the championship game and the Turkey Bowl," Nunez said. "One game, two trophies."



Timothy Poindexter outruns Mount defender on way to touchdown during the CHSAA "AA" Championship Game between Cardinal Hayes and Mount St. Michael High School, at Mount St. Michael High School in the Bronx New York, on Thursday November 28, 2013. Photo by Robert Cole

## Dynamic duo looks to power Wings to PSAL city tile

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Wings boy's basketball coach Billy Turnage understands the expectations that come with pairing a Division-I level point guard in Desure Buie with St. Mary's (L.I) junior transfer Jessie Govan, one of the top-ranked big men nationally in his class.

His team, despite losing three senior starters, is one of the favorites to challenge defending champion Abraham Lincoln for the PSAL Class A city title after losing to the Railsplitters in the semifinals a year ago. Turnage believes it's not Buie and Govan who will decide if they reach Madison Square Garden, but the supporting pieces around them.

"Jessie is a luxury a lot of teams don't have, but if

we don't make teams pay for doubling and tripling him we are going to struggle," the coach said.

Wings, by making outside shots and limiting turnovers will make life easier for and enhance the abilities of the 6-foot-10 agile post. Govan finishes well around the basket, can hit baby hooks and step back and make a jumper if need be. Turnage believes he and Lincoln guard Isaiah Whitehead are the two most dominant forces in the PSAL, just in different ways.

"He rebounds, he blocks shots, he plays defense and he scores the ball," Buie said of Govan. "We needed a big guy who could do that."

He and Govan already have chemistry after playing two summers of travel ball together with the

New York Lightning. The two describe each other as close friends who talk regularly. Buie, who burst on to the scene last year as a sophomore, is stronger after putting on 12 pounds. His ability to get to the basket and feed the open man makes him and Govan a dangerous tandem.

"He's a pass first point guard," Govan said. "He's going to try to get his teammates open first and score second. If I get open he is going to dish to me."

Their supporting cast is talented, but unproved. Wings relied heavily on seniors Marvilio Berroa, Jaequan Brown and Francisco Infante last season. Turnage still believes he has firepower. He's high on St. Raymond transfer Ray Pender. He describes him as having a junkyard dog and blue-collar men-



Wings coach Billy Turnage will try to lead his team to PSAL Class AA city title.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

tality. Senior wing Foday Sankaray has the ability to be a prolific scorer. Corey Pierce, Randy Corporan and Shaheen Hopson are also expected to contribute.

"I just have to get the rest of these guys on the same page so we can start clicking on all cylinders," Turnage said.

That means a team that can get Wings over the

semifinal hump and in the title game after years of frustration. Govan would like to change that.

"I'm ready for the challenge," Govan said. "Ready to get to the Garden."

## Under Armour Baseball Factory National Tryout in Nyack, NY

The Under Armour Baseball Factory National Tryout will take place in Nyack, NY on Sunday, December 8, at The Nyack Fieldhouse. All high school athletes ages 14-18 are encouraged to attend. Players are asked to report to the field at 8:30 pm for registration, and the tryout is scheduled to begin at 9 am. The registration fee is \$99. Please go to [baseballfactory.com/tryouts](http://baseballfactory.com/tryouts) to enroll or call 800-641-4487 x 101 to speak with a Baseball Factory representative.

Many talented players from the area have come through Baseball Factory's program including East Williston's Daniel Caniano. In August of 2011, Daniel attended an Under Armour Baseball Factory National Tryout, where his performance earned him a selection to the 2012 Under Armour

Preseason All-American Tournament. The event was held January 13-15, 2012 in Tucson, Arizona at the Kino Sports Complex - Former Spring Training home of the Arizona Diamondbacks. The 2012 Under Armour Pre-Season All-Americans were selected based on a strong performance at a previous Baseball Factory Event or recommendation by a pro scout. Daniel, a right-handed pitcher and outfielder, graduated from Chaminate High School and has continued his academic and baseball success at The United States Military Academy.

Baseball Factory's staff of professional scouts, former professional players, and former college coaches will evaluate players on the field and lead a college recruiting question and

answer session. Those in attendance will learn about the college recruiting process and the steps players should take in order to increase their chances of playing college baseball and receiving scholarships. Top players from the tryout may be selected to compete with Baseball Factory and Under Armour at the Baseball Factory National World Series at Pirate City, the Omaha National World Series, and the Arizona fall classic.

Since 1994, Baseball Factory has helped over 50,000 high school players reach their dream of playing college baseball. In addition, over 3,500 players have been drafted and 325 have gone on to play in the majors. Baseball Factory and Under Armour conduct over 200 tryouts a year throughout the country.

## Top recruit Severe shines for Fordham in Battle of the Bronx win

BY JOHN TOLIS

Jon Severe took the fight to Manhattan College

The Fordham University men's basketball team guard earned most valuable player honors after dropping 30 points to lead the Rams to a 79-75 win over host Manhattan the annual Battle of the Bronx on Nov. 26.



Jon Severe

"I expected it was going to be a fight," the freshmen Severe said at the press conference following the contest.

The likely-touted recruit and reigning New York State Mr. Basketball exploded early. He netted 22 of his 30 points in the first half. He became the first Fordham freshmen to drop in 30 points in the last three years.

Along with Severe, Fordham (3-2) got stellar performances from senior Branden Frazier who put up 21 points and sophomore Mandell Thomas finished with

17 points and 10 rebounds.

Despite Fordham's strong start, things got close late. Frazier converted a layup to give his squad a 75-73 lead with under a minute left in the game. Manhattan's Michael Alvarado missed a 3-pointer, which the Rams quickly rebounded and Frazier got fouled. He made both free throws to put Fordham up 77-73 with 20 seconds remaining.

Manhattan (3-2) cut the deficit 77-75 after George Beamon (24 points, eight rebounds) put in a layup, but the Rams swiftly in-

bounded the ball and Traivon Leonard slammed it in just before the buzzer for the 79-75 final.

"I can't say enough about my senior [Frazier] and freshmen [Severe]," said Fordham head coach Tom Pecora. "These guys really competed for 40 minutes. I thought we really competed in the second half."

The Rams were off to fast start as they jumped out to a 12-4 lead over the first 3:45. Severe earned eight of those 12 points. The Jaspers pulled within 12-8, before Fordham countered with an 8-1 run to take its biggest lead of the night at 20-9. The Rams went into the second half with a 43-39 lead.

"Bringing John in and having Mandell make shots, you don't have to do everything on the floor and that makes me feel good," Frazier said. "Now I feel like things have lifted off my shoulders and I can rely on other people."

# Tartarone pushes Spellman past Loughlin

BY ANTHONY PARELLI

Maria Backman showed too much faith in Teresa Tartarone. She couldn't let her down.

The University of Michigan-bound wing caught a pass at the left elbow from Jade Vega with time running out and Cardinal Spellman down a point. She immediately swung the ball to an open Tartarone in the corner. The senior sixth-man proceeded to bury the game-winning 3-pointer with 1.4 seconds remaining.

"She put her trust in me and I had to make her proud," Tartarone said of Backman. "When I let go of it I knew it was going in. We all knew it. It had perfect flight. It was perfect everything."

Tartarone gave Spellman a two-point lead with just over a second remaining, immediately after the basket Backman stole the

Bishop Loughlin inbounds and laid in at the buzzer to seal a season-opening 59-55 victory for the Pilots in a CHSAA crossover game at Christ the King on Sunday.

Spellman coach Jane Morris wasn't surprised when Tartarone (14 points) was given the shot or that she converted on the opportunity.

"We have confidence in Theresa," she said. "We've seen what she can do. When everyone was focusing on Maria for the last two years Theresa has been filling that void for us."

Spellman gained the chance to win after a gutsy call by Morris. She instructed her team not to foul with 24 seconds remaining, instead opting to hope for a turnover. It paid off when with 11 seconds remaining Loughlin was called for traveling, giv-

ing Spellman all the time it needed.

"The ref came over and asked me 'Are you looking to foul coach?' and I just said not yet," Morris said. "I like to look for a stop first if I can get it, 24 seconds is an eternity in a high school basketball game and I still had a timeout so I gambled."

Spellman was down five with four minutes remaining in the game, but a 3-pointer and two free throws from Vega made the score 52-49 and quickly put the game back in reach. Minutes later the Spellman defense forced a shot clock violation with 1:30 remaining and Vega drilled another trey. Kayse Brown led Loughlin with 17 points and Kiana Clark added 15. Backman was held to just 10 points.

A resilient Spellman team battled back and forth all night with Lough-



Loughlin player #3 Kiana Clark, Spellman #5 Danelle Gibson, Loughlin #11 Sade Rogers.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

lin and withstood a 9-2 run to start the fourth quarter, eventually coming back for the dramatic victory. Senior guard Danelle Gibson, who scored 15 points, believes that although it was only one game, the win is a

sign of things to come.

"I think we're very underrated," Gibson said. "We need to stay together and play together and were going to surprise a lot of people this year."

Preston 55, Fontbonne

Hall 30: Madeline Gianini scored 18 points for Preston (1-0). Kylah Blake had 14 points and Paige Castiello added seven. Kristen Sullivan led Fontbonne (0-1) with 16 points and Kate Oliver has 10.

# Warrior Football highlights

BY COACH PETER FRAGALE

Week Ten

Saturday, November 23

As the Warrior Football Program comes to a close for the 2013 season, the Warrior Administrative staff would like to thank the parents for their cooperation and attendance during the games and for making it a positive experience for the players. Of course we could not have been able to run the program without head coach Carlo Volpe and his staff of the Ralph Giordano Funeral Home Saints, coach James Bloss and assistants of the Ridgewood Savings Bank Black Knights, coach Pete Montoyo and staff of the McNulty Funeral Home Rams, coach Ken Bracer and staff of the JEZ Construction Co. Navajos, coach Mike and staff of the Schuyler Hill Funeral Home Javelins, coach Gary Phillips and staff from the Miller Tires Steelers, coach Robert DeFabbia and staff of Middletown Animal Clinic Ramblers, coach and staff of the O'Connor Carpet Spartans, coach and staff of the Jimmy Ryans Blue Devils, and coach Miguel Bustamante and staff of the North Bronx Paint & Hardware Crusaders.

Keep an eye on your mail for a letter concerning our annual awards party, which all the children will receive their trophies.

## Junior Pee Wee Division

This week was the last game of the season and a chance to clinch 2nd place for both teams. The Miller Tires Steelers won the game 14-6. But The Middletown Animal Clinic Ramblers had a good game, led by Peter DeFabbia, who rushed for 70 yards, including two 20 yard runs and a touchdown score. Superior blocking were provided by Mark Serratorre, John Albertelli and Thomas Ventriglio. On the defensive side, Defabbia was also involved on 10 tackles. Gabriel Ciman contributed a big 4th down solo tackle and Joseph Goonan and Jayden Robles combined for 5 tackles each. This year's all stars are Peter DeFabbia, John Albertelli, Joseph Goonan, Jayden Robles and Gabriel Ciman and will play in the annual friendship bowl.

The Miller Tires Steelers offensive highlights were provided by Gary Phillips' touchdown, Kenneth Maxwell's one point conversion, Jason Campbell's touchdown and Jason Smith's one point conversion. On defense, Thomas Whelan and Marvin Yarbrough contributed much needed tackles.

TEAM	W	L	T	PNTS
BLUE DEVILS	5	2	1	11
STEELERS	5	3	0	10
CRUSADERS	3	3	2	8
RAMBLERS	3	4	1	7
SPARTANS	2	6	0	4

## Pee Wee Division

The JEZ Construction Navajos played Saturday against the Ralph Giordano Funeral Home Saints and came away with the win and the first place trophy for the Pee Wee division. The Navajos scored first through the air with a touchdown pass

from Christian Camacho to Ryan Katz. The extra point was a success and they lead 7-0. The Navajo running game, which was held at bay in the first half, but the offensive line led by center Nicholas Bracer started to get going and resulted into long runs for leading running back, Julian Cardona. Mr. Cardona took a hand-off at the 35 yd line and scampered in for the final touchdown, which locked up first place for the Navajos.

In the last game of the year the Ridgewood Savings Bank Black Knights defeated the McNulty Funeral Home Rams 19 to 0 to wrap up a very good year for the team. The game which was going to decide 2nd place was a big game and the Black Knights game to play. Led by our strong offense we were able to move the ball most of the game. QB Jimmy McLaughan and the backfield controlled the ball against the Rams defense. Running back Brian Reynosa scored two touchdown runs of 5 yards and 55 yards and had a great game along with Justin Kennedy. The Black Knights defense once again shut down the Rams offense and had a great game led by James Bloss, Rafael Peralta, Jeremy Rondon, Keyshawn Dixon, Jorge Mendez, Nathanael Colon and Justin Fernandez. Coach Bloss was very proud of how his players learned to play together to form a sharp team. Coach Bloss wishes his players a great holiday season and once again gives thanks for a great year. He also wishes to extend his thanks to all his coaches for their help.

The Rams offensive highlights came from contributions from Rockie Wilkinson, Justin Martinez, Christian Valentin, Steven Rodriguez, Steven Manfredi, Dierre Avitabile and Dillon McIntosh and John Fragale. On defense, Fragale, Manfredi, Valentin, Martinez continued their dominating play, as did Juan Correa, and Matthew Marquez.

TEAM	W	L	T	PNTS
NAVAJOS	5	1	2	12
BLACK NIGHTS	4	2	2	10
RAMS	3	3	2	8
SAINTS	3	4	1	7
JAVELINS	1	6	1	3

The Warrior Football Pee Wee program would like to congratulate the following all-star players who participated in the annual Friendship Bowl:

John Fragale, Steven Manfredi, Shane Harris, Nathaniel Colon, Santiago Rodriguez, Keyshawn Dixon, Brian Reynoso, David Kolbeck, Steven Rodriguez, Justin Martinez, Jimmy Bloss, Rockie Wilkinson, Jose Delgado, Zachary Smith, Tyrell Foster, Nico Bracer, Julian Cardona, Mark Tlaseca, Jamar Simmons, Paul Turner, Shyton Holden, Rafael Peralta, Jason Katz, Justin Fernandez and Angel Sanchez.

As contributing writer and editor of the weekly articles for the Warrior Football Club for the past three years and coach for the past seven years, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to Jay Demers and all the Commissioners. I will miss you all - Coach Peter Fragale.

# AFC Rapid Highlights

BY THE SHADOW

Week XII

The frost is on the pumpkin, AFC Rapid ended the majority of the divisions outdoor season. The only matches remaining for the sp-ring season are the Minors division.

The highlights for week 12 are as follows:

Schuyler Hill F.H. "buried" Burns & Rodribuez, 5-0. The crypt-kickers shared the scoring with one goal each by Christos Agyros, Andres Roman, Riley Murphy, Nicolette Dinino and Mo/ikaela Apicella. Feeding forward line were Chris Murphy, Gary Azor and Kaitlyn Rogriguez. The "D" was held by Ryan Rodruguez and Rodrigo Barbarea. Sean Heesch pitched a shutout in the net.

In another tough Minor's battle Bronx City Recycling continued their winning ways defeating Crosstown Duner, 5-0. The scoring was shared evenly with Dominic Toscano, Daniel Zefi, Mikayla Dekuca, Ralph Pulitano and Max Weiler all

scoring. Other stellar play from Giana Eugene and Michael Ferriello.

Dr. Ken Gonoud "rearranged the spines" at Advanced Solutions, 2-1. The lone goal for Advanced was scored by San Carello. Other offensive contributors were Rachel Menna and Joseph Rachiele. Ven in a tight loss the "D" was held by Norysa Nelms and Gabriel Marrero.

In a hard fought battle, Pro Active P T tied Loretta's Pizza, 0-0. For Pro Active the "O" was carried by Chris Novelli and Amir Muratovic. Holding the delivery men to nil were Vincent Vega, Vincent Papini, Gabriela Onofrietti and Dion Regura, tender. Strong performingces for Loretta's from Vincent Iodice, David Jurado, Ryan Picard, Olivia Iodice, Paolo Ruiz, Jason Irrizarry and Matthew Febles.

Twist-It "bent" Barino's Market, 1-0. The lone goal of the contest was scored by Johnny Zerafa. Other strong performances from Joe Cala, D. Mu-

nafo and Phil Addzario. In the tough fought contest, Barino's stellar showings from The Purcells Daniel, Patrick and Steven. The "D" was held by Kevin Killeen, Chatce Cone and Michael Geandansly.

In the Bantams playoffs Patrick Wynne, Attorney defeated McNulty's F.H., 2-0. Sharing the wealth were Michael Tarul, Jack Murphy (goals) and Lorenzo Viscogliosi Rown O'Brien (assists). Jayleen Resto, Reece Murphy, Nicholas Bulla and keeper, Landon Lynch.

Sensory Works "turned off the grills" at McDonald's, 3-2. Vincenzo Incognoli scored his 25th goal of the season with hat trick. Strong showings from Leo Vasquez, Connor Harty, Perry Harty, Evan Frey, Sonny Tucci, Rocco Ciprotti and Jonathon Carpona.

The championship game saw Sensory Works defeat Patrick Wynne, 3-0.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Indoor Tournament Over the winter.

## Pipe Dreams: Modern Horatio Alger

From Page 71

Selig, Manfred and friends dealt him a suspension that runs 146 games longer than Ryan Braun's did and 161 games longer than the other chemically enhanced cheats who didn't contest Bosch's evidence or the suspensions imposed.

Baseball should've offered Rodriguez a settlement of 150 games long ago -- 50 games for each tainted season -- and dropped the obstruction charges, even if A-Rod's lawyers had no intention of accepting anything beyond a sentence of 0-50 games, with a strong preference for zero.

But there would be no settlement, and no settlement turned into this bloody backroom fight. Randy Levine, Yankees president, showed up to take his punches, and Bud Selig should've done the same.

This case is too big, too explosive, too unique for baseball to allow for even a hint of suspicion that the

commissioner might have something to hide. Rodriguez had been the one hiding -- refusing to say he'd never, ever used PEDs as a Yankee -- since his first post-suspension news conference in August, when he was asked if he denied the drug allegations made against him.

"I think we'll have a forum to discuss all of that," he said, "and we'll talk about it then." He talked about fighting for his life that day, and he's saying the same kind of overly dramatic things now. He's fighting for his life, for his daughters and for that next fabulously gifted teenager who might end up caught between baseball's crock and a hard place.

It was all a bit too much, including A-Rod's claims in his WFAN interview that Selig hates New York, hates the third baseman and only wants A-Rod's scalp as "a big trophy" for the sake of his legacy. But, after all this time, Ro-

driguez did finally deny that he used PEDs. Many observers, this one included, don't believe his denial, and that's not the point. As Selig is the senior elder accusing Alex Rodriguez of being his sport's answer to Lance Armstrong, he should've shown up for A-Rod's last tour de farce."

### Modern Horatio Alger

The Sports Curmudgeon wrote about Matt McGloin and his difficult journey to become an NFL QB. "McGloin was a walk-on at Penn State and had to earn a scholarship there. He was not invited to the NFL Combine and so he marketed himself to all of the NFL teams. No one drafted him but the Raiders did sign him as an undrafted free agent and brought him to camp as the #4 QB. Then, the team cut Tyler Wilson (nominally the #3 QB) and then Matt had a few less-than-stellar games. Enter Matt McGloin, starting NFL QB..."

# Pelham Parkway Dyre Avenue #5 subway renovations

From page 1

means I have to get up extra early.”

Priscilla Almonte, a sophomore at St. Catharine Academy, was surprised to learn about the station's temporary shutdown as she waited for a downtown train to take her home. Notifications were posted days before the closure went into effect.

“This is a huge problem for me,” said Priscilla. “I take this every day.”

News of the disruption will even affect Brian Gonzalez, manning his pastry push cart in front of the Esplanade station where morning and afternoon straphangers stop for coffee and donuts.

But Janice Smith, starting at a service change notification sign, welcomed the closure for the sake of commuters.

“It needs to be fixed,” she said, pointing at the rundown walls. “All this is painted lead. People have to walk here every day!”

Straphangers will have to rely on free shuttle buses that will run between the Pelham Parkway and nearby Morris Park stations.

Or they can jump on the Bx12 bus on Pelham Parkway South and White Plains Road at the No. 5 train stop, shuttling to the Morris Park station.

The two-week snag pales in comparison to the 6 subway line rehabilitation project, which has already knocked out service for the Castle Hill and Middletown Road subway stations. Facelifts for the Buhre and Zerega 6 line stations will happen shortly.

Much like the 6 line stations, the MTA intends to upgrade Pelham Parkway though the 2015-2019 MTA Capital Budget Plan, expected to be voted on by Albany next year.

Bronx legislators are also lobbying their fellow colleagues to include the Metro-North expansion plan into the upcoming, five-year budget.



There'll be no service at the Pelham Parkway number 5 subway stop from Dec. 9 to the 23. You can blame asbestos for that one.

Photo by David Cruz

## Borough's hospitals respond to Metro-North train accident

From page 1

EMS techs at the crash site accessed the injured, triaged them and quickly called the Bronx's trauma centers – Jacobi Medical Center, Montefiore Medical Center and St. Barnabas Hospital – standard protocol for major catastrophes.

“We don't want to inundate one hospital,” said FDNY spokesman Frank Dwyer, adding the first rule is to remove “the most seriously injured people off site as soon as possible and to a hospital.”

EMS pegged 11 victims as “red tags,” considered high-priority, rushing them to Manhattan's Columbia-Presbyterian, the closest trauma center by the crash site. The rest were taken to the Bronx centers.

### St. Barnabas Hospital

Dr. Ernest Patti was off that Sunday at St. Barnabas Hospital – until he and other staffers received a page of a mass casualty incident.

Twelve crash victims were headed to the intensive care unit, with blunt trauma injuries from a broken jaw to a fractured spine.

“Your heart starts feeling heavy because you're thinking of the people's families as you're taking care of them,” said Dr. Patti, the center's senior attending physician for emergency services.

Luckily, extra staffers were on hand thanks to a shift change happening midway. Nighttime staff worked with their daytime counterparts as they triaged the victims, rushing many to surgery.

“You gotta keep cool, you gotta keep the ship going straight ahead and you gotta make everybody else feeling calm and confident,” said Dr. Patti.

“You run on adrenaline,” said Dr. Patti. “And when you finally leave, you crash.”

### Montefiore Medical

### Center

The ER staff at Montefiore Medical Center in Norwood got the first call shortly after 8 a.m.

They were shocked but had already been primed to take on an event such as a train crash with constant drills.

“When we were initially being told there were 70 to 75 casualties, that was a number we were prepared to deal with immediately,” recalled Peter Semczuk, Montefiore's VP of Clinical Affairs. “Had they brought every single patient to us we could've take care of all of them.”

Thankfully, Montefiore's medical treated only four victims, suffering from “back aches, neck pain, post-concussion kind of syndrome...people complaining about headaches,” as Semczuk recalled.

“We prepare inevitably for the worst case and hopefully we end up with something better than the worst

case,” said Semczuk, “and that's clearly what happened here.”

### Jacobi Medical Center

Janice Halloran didn't need the call from EMS to tell her about the crash. She already saw the breaking news report on tv.

At home on standby, Jacobi Medical Center's senior associate director of emergency medicine and admitting rushed out of her Morris Park home shortly before 8 a.m.

She rallied her ER team for standard operating procedure for emergencies – “every day for us is a dress rehearsal.”

Thirteen patients were brought to the hospital, with injuries that ranged from chest to head pain.

But Halloran emphasized the emotional toll on the victims, who were “really shaken up,” a reason why staffers set up a Family Crisis Center.

“Once we're done treating them, we would re-unite them with their family in



The Metro-North train crash killed four people and injured 63, with half of them going to the borough's area hospitals.

Photo by the Associated Press (AP)

the family center, give them a little time together,” said Halloran.

By the time it was all

over, Halloran's ten-hour marathon was over. She refused to “abandon ship.”

# Why Buy New When You Can Get Pre-Owned

## 0% APR

Financing Avail  
for 36 mos. for qual.  
buyers on  
select  
models^

**CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED**  
CHEVROLET BUICK GMC

FEATURING  
**OWNER CARE**



STANDARD CPO  
MAINTENANCE PLAN



TWO AUTO  
WARRANTIES



ROADSIDE  
ASSISTANCE



172-POINTS  
VEHICLE INSPECTION



3 DAY/150-MILES  
GUARANTEE



VEHICLE  
HISTORY REPORT



ONSTAR  
TRIAL OFFER



SIRIUSXM™  
TRIAL OFFER

2 Year/24,000 Mile Maintenance Plan • 12 Month/12,000 Mile Bumper-to-Bumper Warranty • 5 Year/100,000 Mile Powertrain Ltd. Warranty • 3 Day/150 Mile Customer Satisfaction Guarantee • OnStar® & SiriusXM Satellite Radio® Trial Offer

**CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED**

## 2011 Chevy **Cruze**

4dr, 4cyl, auto, pwr/steering/ABS/window/locks/mirrors, A/C, AM/FM/CD Stereo, cruise, 20,916 mi. Stk#118966.

Buy For **\$13,779**

**CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED**

## 2011 Chevy **Traverse AWD**

5dr, 6cyl, auto, pwr/steering/ABS/window/locks/mirrors, leather seats, A/C, AM/FM/CD, cruise, 33,144 mi. Stk#118962.

Buy For **\$21,873**

**CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED**

## 2013 Chevy **Suburban 4x4**

8cyl, 5dr, auto, pwr/st/ABS/w/l/m/leather seats, A/C, AM/FM/CD/DVD, keyless entry, tilt, cruise, 32,481 rental mi. Stk#138900R.

Buy For **\$38,200**

**SAME DAY DELIVERY**

### '03 Subaru Forester 2.5X AWD

4cyl, 5dr, auto, pwr/st/ABS/w/l/m/hatch, A/C, AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, fog lamps, 94,347 ONE OWNER miles, Stk#38973.....

**\$6,995**

### '04 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo

4X4, 6cyl, 5dr, auto, pwr/st/ABS/w/l/m/leather seats, A/C, AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, 59,729 mi, Stk#88975.....

**\$8,995**

### '03 Chevrolet Silverado Ext. Cab.

4X4, 8cyl, 2dr, auto, pwr/st/ABS/w/l/m, A/C, AM/FM/CD, side steps, ONLY 47,762 ONE OWNER miles, Stk#38971.....

**\$12,850**

### '08 Honda Pilot EX-L

4X4, 6cyl, 5dr, auto, pwr/st/ABS/w/l/m, leather seats, A/C, AM/FM/CD, cruise, 75,705 mi, Stk#88975.....

**\$15,586**

### '13 Chevrolet Sonic LTZ

4cyl, 5dr, auto, pwr/st/ABS/w/l/m/seats/hatch, A/C, AM/FM/CD, keyless entry, cruise, tinted glass, 1,477 miles, Stk#138925.....

**\$17,875**

### '13 Chevrolet Captiva

4cyl, 5dr, auto, pwr/st/ABS/w/l/m, A/C, AM/FM/CD, tinted glass, 21,886 rental mi, Stk#138961R.....

**\$18,887**

FIND NEW ROADS

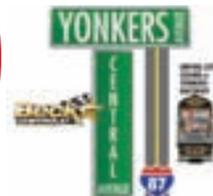


BeckChevroletOnline.com

**914.965.2400**

561 Central Park Ave. Yonkers, NY 10704

**SE HABLA ESPAÑOL** Mon-Thur: 9-8, Fri: 9-6, Sat: 9-5, Closed Sundays



Offers cannot be combined w/prior ads. All advertised pricing include all costs to be paid by a consumer except license, registration, & taxes. Must take delivery from dealer's stock by 12/15/13. Vehicles sold cosmetically as is. Prices exclude all tax, tags and DMV fees. ^ On select models for qualified buyers. See dealer for complete details. Photos are for illustration purposes only. Not responsible for typographical errors and vehicles sold prior to publication date. DMV#2600376.

