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## Crowley's silent days and nights

BY BEN KOCHMAN

A new bill in the Washington hopper should help ease the east Bronx's plane pain in the ear.

The Silent Skies Act (H.R. 3650) aims to protect the ears of residents in heavily air trafficked neighborhoods by requiring airlines to convert their fleets to quieter noise standards.

Under the law, introduced earlier this month by Rep.

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Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## Santa Gets An Earfull

Jamie and Jaden Serrano visit Santa, also known as 45th Precinct Community Council President Bob Bieder, at Anthony's Flower Farm. But these cheerful kids were not alone in getting into the holiday spirit. Check out pages 48 and 49 for more holiday photos.

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## SOCCER BRAWL KICKOFF

### Proposed soccer field debate

BY BEN KOCHMAN

The naysayers are beginning to come out in the debate over Bronx's proposed new soccer stadium.

South Bronx's stakeholders are organizing in anticipation of a deal that would bring a Major League Soccer arena to a 10-acre site between E. 152nd Street and the Major Deegan Expressway.

Mayor Bloomberg's administration is buttoning up the final details with the New York City Football Club — a new MLS franchise mostly owned by an Abu Dhabi Sheikh and part-owned by the New York Yankees — to build the 28,000-seat stadium one block south of Heritage Field, Yankee Stadium's former home.

If the city and its partners close the deal, it will then travel the rungs of public review. Bronx's borough president and the nearby

community board are weighing whether to throw their support behind the project.

But some embittered locals are skeptical their concerns will be drowned out.

### Community Access

If locals do decide to support the arena, they'll want to be able to use it.

Key to the discussions going forward will be the extent that the surrounding community — one of, if not, the poorest in the nation — can access the space.

Demand for soccer in the Bronx does exist.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. painted the borough as crazy for the sport in a letter he sent this summer encouraging the MLS and the New York City Football Club to bring the franchise to the

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# around town

by Patrick Rocchio

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**Wedding Announcement**  
Cristina Driscoll and TJ Hines were joined in marriage on Friday, December 6, 2013 at St. Frances de Chantal Church. The bride is the daughter of Michael



TAMAR CHANAH SCHWARTZ  
AND ERIC DINOWITZ



CRISTINA DRISCOLL & TJ HINES

and Linda Driscoll of the Bronx, and the groom is the son of Thomas & RoseMarie Hines also of the Bronx.

The bride, wearing a Kenneth Winston strapless gown, carried a gorgeous bouquet filled with black magic and charlotte red roses trimmed in holly and red berries.

Cristina was escorted down the aisle by her proud father. After the ceremony,

family and friends dined and danced at the Marina del Rey where the tables were adorned with festive red and white arrangements.

**Tamar Chanah Schwartz and Eric Dinowitz** were married Sunday at The Sephardic Temple in Cedarhurst, N.Y. The father of the bride, Rabbi Barry Dov Schwartz, performed a heartwarming ceremony.

The couple met in Binghamton University as members of the Jewish a cappella group Kaskeset.

The bride works for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, America's pro-Israel lobby. She is the Leadership Management Director of the Westchester division. She is the daughter of Dr. Rabbi Barry Dov Schwartz and Sonia Schwartz of North Wood-

mere, N.Y.

Mr. Dinowitz is a high school special education teacher at Bronx Theatre High School on the John F. Kennedy campus, and serves as the school's UFT Chapter Leader. He is a member of the Jewish a cappella group Six13. He is the son of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and Sylvia Gottlieb.

## Temple Hatikva Food Bank

Temple Hatikva has joined the Bronx Jewish Community Council in making sure that all of our friends and neighbors have enough to eat and that no one should go hungry.

On Friday, December 20 at 7:30 P.M., the Temple Hatikva Shabbat Service will be devoted to feeding the hungry. All those coming to the synagogue are requested to bring non-perishable food items that can be distributed by the Bronx Jewish Community Council Food Bank. To thank the generosity of our congregants,

there will be a sumptuous Oneg Shabbat directly following the services.

Temple Hatikva spiritual leader, Rabbi Harry Hertzberg, noted: "We have always had a very generous community, so we're depending on our friends, neighbors and congregants to insure that this will be a happy holiday season for the less fortunate in our community." Cantor Kyle Cherry added: "This is a wonderful way to perform a 'mitzvah', a good deed, and you'll feel really good about it."

Temple Hatikva also reminds everyone that the Adult Education Program continues on Sunday, December 22 at 10 A.M. with a free breakfast for all while exploring our topic: "Everything You Want To Know About Judaism But Are Afraid To Ask". This program is sponsored by the Shalom Jewish Funeral Home.

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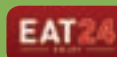
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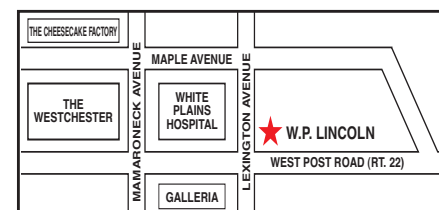
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# Business growing in Throggs Neck

New stores opening on E. Tremont Ave.

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Throggs Neck business leaders are celebrating more than the holidays.

They're also celebrating the opening of four new and one relocated businesses along E. Tremont Avenue, a sign that the community is strong.

Business is on the upswing along the shopping strip, said Throggs Neck Merchants Association President Steve Kaufman.

TNMATreasurer John Cerini organized a series of "grand opening" celebrations on Saturday, Dec. 14 for the new businesses and relocation of a fifth to the community from Waterbury-LaSalle.

Some of the businesses had been open for several weeks.

"I am excited about the fact that we have a variety of different types of stores opening up," said Cerini. "It is not like they are all restaurants or retail."



At the Balloon Time ribbon cutting for their new location on Saturday, Dec. 14 are (l-r) Father Stephen Norton, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, co-owners Susan Di Girolamo and Gerard Di Girolamo, Jenny Di Girolamo, and Susan Di Girolamo's mother Isabelle Vinci. Photo by Aracelis Batista

The new businesses are Sprint's new store at 3825 E. Tremont Ave. near Schley Avenue; Burger Bar at 3841 E. Tremont Ave. in what had been the Latin Kitchen; Smart Vape, 3825 E. Tremont Ave.; Vito's Pizzeria at 3579 E. Tremont Ave. in what had been Ronnies Pizza, and American Balloon Time at 3548 E. Trem-

ont Ave. at Lafayette Avenue, newly relocated from further up the avenue in Waterbury-LaSalle.

The new businesses all have something to offer, said Cerini.

Burger Bar offers 20 varieties of burgers with a soul food twist, he said. Sprint is one of the best carriers for cell phone service

in the business, he added. Smart Vape offers smokeless cigarettes that can be used to help wean people off cigarettes, said Cerini.

"They have 70 different flavors of vapor cigarettes," he said, adding the Vito's Pizzeria will bring the Elia family family, who run Vito's Deli in Pelham Bay, into Throggs Neck.



At the Vito's Pizzeria ribbon cutting are (l-r) Gerri Colon, Andrew Elia, Ailyanna Pekic, John Cerini, Steve Kaufman, owner Angela Elia, Senator Jeff Klein, and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto. Photo by Aracelis Batista

"I am happy to have the Elia family join us," said Cerini.

"I feel that fact that these stores are opening show that business is on an upswing," said TNMA President Kaufman, "and we have to continue in that direction."

Kaufman said trying to convince people to skip the malls and shop closer to home is key.

For American Balloon Time, one of the benefits

of reopening their 30-year-plus business further down on E. Tremont Avenue is the increased foot traffic, said co-owner Susan Di Girolamo. The decision to keep the business in the Throggs Neck area was an easy one for her and husband Gerard.

"We have always been on E. Tremont Avenue," she said, "and we are not going to look for another location off Tremont Avenue."

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by Bob  
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## SEESAW VOTE

With the council vote for a new Speaker still weeks away, the political bloggers are having a field day with all the hugger-mugger and back-stabbing going on behind the scenes.

As of Wednesday column deadline, Mayor-elect **Bill de Blasio** had supposedly cut a deal with Brooklyn Democratic County Boss **Frank Seddio** to swing his support behind South Bronx/East Harlem Councilwoman **Melissa Mark-Viverito**.

Seddio's reported swing, no doubt for some plum committee assignments, can be viewed as screwing Bronx Democratic Boss **Carl Heastie** and Queens Dem Boss/Bronx/Queens Congressman **Joe Crowley** after they reportedly took a blood oath to stand together in choosing a candidate, which as of latest reports, was Manhattan's **Dan Garodnick**.

That deal was carved out in San Juan in November at the Somos conference of Latino electeds, according to Crain's New York political blog.

And while we are loathe to toot our own kazoo, the report came a week after we reported on the Democratic county leaders divvying up committee assignments and the myriad jobs that go with selecting

the next Speaker

While a progressive faction of the City Council wants to push for some serious reforms, including shifting power away from the Speaker, it had looked like the Crowley/Heastie/Seddio troika held enough power to crack the whip on their Council delegations, leaving the progressives in the minority when the vote for the new Speaker comes up in the Council. The magic number will be 26 votes to bring it home in the 51-member body.

None of this is good news for east Bronx Councilman **Jimmy (That's not acceptable!) Vacca**, who's been hoping the clouds might part for his elevation to the job as a compromise candidate.

## HIRING

And speaking of the County Bosses and jobs, looks like de Blasio is also looking elsewhere to staff his team. Interested job seekers can go on line at <http://nyc.transition2013.com/page/s/apply-for-jobs> to post their resumes, and answer three basic quesitons: Why do you want to serve the de Blasio Administration? What type of position are you seeking? What are your top three areas of skill or expertise?

## POLITICAL JOB

And speaking of political jobs, there's a vacant seat on the City Board of Elections

for a Bronx Democratic Commissioner.

Bronx Party Boss **Carl Heastie** now has to line up a replacement with the departure of attorney **Naomi Barrera**, who officially resigned as of Dec. 17 from the 10-member Dem/GOP equally divided board to pursue other matters, as they say.

Heastie reportedly had hoped to move Barrera up to exec director of the board, but lost the fight, with Staten Island Democrat **Mike Ryan** landing the job.

## LARRY'S LOOT

Former City Councilman **Larry Seabrook** can't be making much dough these days working at the federal pen in Schuylkill, Pa. while doing a five-year-stretch for milking nonprofits.

At the federal pay scale range of 23 cents minimum to \$1.15/hour max, it could take him quite a while to even make a dent in that \$418,000 U.S. Attorney **Preet Bharara** wants to collect from him for milking nonprofits for himself and relatives.

Bharara has asked a judge to take Larry's government pension away in an effort to recoup the money.

Also on the collection list: Manhattan Councilman **Miguel Martinez**, former Queens Councilman and state Sen. **Hi-**

**ram Monserrate** and former Yonkers Councilwoman **Sandy Annabi**.

## A DIRTY WORD

Councilman **Jimmy Vacca** at the Liberty Dems annual awards dinner Dec. 12, telling the assembled to call him "an elected official," NOT a politician.

The east Bronx contender for Council Speaker cited his 26 years as district manager at Community Board 10 and eight in the City Council - "and I've loved every minute of it!"

## SWEATBATH

Don't call him a Scrooge just because Senator **Ruben Diaz Sr.** barred children from his annual Christmas shindig at Maestro's Caterers in Bronxdale Friday, Dec. 20. It's a big enough mob scene as it is, this year trying to make enough room for 400 or so guests to sit and schmooze, as well as the town's other electeds stopping by to show their props to The Rev and and Borough President son **Ruben Jr.**

The Rev made/makes up for it with the kiddies at his Christmas and Three Kings Day celebrations Dec. 16th and Jan. 4.

## SPARE THAT TREE

HELP! We've been getting inundated with Holiday/Christmas Tree Lightings for the past week or so, with no end apparently in sight.

One example: Assemblyman **Mark Gjonaj's** tree lighting schedule: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 on Allerton Avenue; Wednesday, December 18, 2013 3:00PM at Peace Memorial Plaza; Wednesday, December 18, 2013 4:00PM at the Pelham Parkway South Lawn; Thursday, December 19, 2013 5:00 PM at Pelham Parkway North.

## PROUD DAD

Riverdale Assemblyman **Jeff Dinowitz** and the Mrs. proud parents as their son Eric married Binghamton College sweetheart Tamar Chanah Dec. 8 at The Sephardic Temple in Cedarhurst, L.I. Bride's dad, Rabbi Barry Dov Schwartz, performed the ceremony.

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## THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Going out to Community Board 11 District Manager **Jeremy Warneke's** mother, in critical condtion after a head-on collision in Rockford, IL.

## BRONX BIRTHDAYS

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# Spencer Estate store stickup

## Shotgun bandit hits Ampere Ave. pizzeria

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

Cops hunting for a shotgun-toting bandit who held up an east Bronx pizzeria wish it wasn't so merry a Christmas.

They had hoped to catch the bandit - and maybe a waiting accomplice in a getaway car - on a security camera on a store across the street.

Only problem was, the otherwise perfect view was blocked by holiday decorations.

Police said the bandit walked into the Country Bay Pizza shop in quiet, residential Spencer Estate about 7:20 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12.

Waving the shotgun at the three workers in the shop at the time, he ordered them to "Open the register!" then herded them into a walk-in freezer before scooping up about \$1,000 and running out the shop, at 3233 Ampere Ave. between Stadium and Research avenues.

A police source said investigators believe the bandit may have possibly had an accomplice

waiting outside in a getaway car.

"It's possible there was a getaway car waiting, since it was a really odd night and the shop workers said he didn't look freezing cold like he had walked in off the street."

Detectives had hoped to find some security cameras along the block, lined with small shops, that might have caught the bandit - and possibly any waiting getaway car - on tape.

But the only camera with a potentially line of sight on the pizzeria, formerly known as Casablanca Pizza, had its view blocked by the Christmas decorations.

It's still possible the victims may gotten a good enough look at the bandit's face to work up a police artist's sketch, police said, since the bandit was not wearing a ski mask or scarf to conceal his face.

He was described as a male white or Hispanic, about 5-foot-11, weighing 180 to 200 pounds,

and wearing jeans and a black jacket.

Anyone with possible information the robbery is being asked to call Detective Rogers at the 45th Precinct Detective Unit at 718-822-5414.

Spencer Estate is one of the quietest neighborhoods in the local 45th Precinct for crime.

Weged in between the Bruckner Expressway to the west and Eastchester Bay, it sits just below Pelham Bay Park and north of Country Club.

Crimes in the neighborhood so far this year amount to about a dozen so grand larcencies, with no violence.

The 45th Precinct, covering a major swath of the east Bronx, has had a 13% drop in robberies, with 150 through Dec. 8 this year, compared to 173 for the same period last year, according to the nypd.org website.

(Right) Country Bay Pizza, at 3233 Ampere Ave., was recently robbed.



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# BP sees Bleu over French insult

## Diaz knocks Paris pols knocking boro

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER  
Sacre Bronx!

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. is once again seeing red over his borough taking a bad rap.

Most recently it was English artist Banksie painting his valuable graffiti on local walls.

A few years ago, it was Bronx-bred songstress Jennifer Lopez staying silent as a judge on "American Idol" while the show served up a gritty portrayal of the borough as a litter-strewn urban badland.

This time it's over French politicians in the upcoming Paris mayoral race comparing the rising crime and decay in the City of Lights to the Boogie Down borough.

The original English-language article with the pols knocking the borough appeared in the English-

language Quartz Daily, titled "Surreal: French politicians are debating whether Paris now resembles the Bronx."

"Paris resembles the Bronx," said former National Police chief Fred-eric Pechenard.

"Paris is not the Bronx," proclaimed Socialist Party candidate Anne Hidalgo, backed by outgoing mayor Bertrand Delanoë, who also said his city "is not the Bronx."

"The Bronx is lawless," Rachida Dati, a mayoral candidate from the fashionable 7th arrondissement, declared on television. "Paris is not the Bronx."

To which Diaz definitely responded with more than a Gallic shoulder shrug.

"The tired, ancient stereotypes about the Bronx continue to unfairly cloud the minds of people as far



Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. is NOT amused at French comparison of Paris to the Bronx

away as Paris, France. We in the Bronx have had enough," he declared, citing the steady drop in crime in the borough, with the borough showing the

lowest rate of crime last year than it has seen since the early Sixties. This year, he said, the borough "is on pace to be even safer."

"And we're not just lead-

ing the way in crime reduction," he added. "Tens of thousands of new housing units have been constructed here, new businesses are coming to our borough and the existing businesses are growing. We are leading the way in 'green' construction, with projects like Via Verde. We have major new projects such as the PGA caliber golf course at Ferry Point Park and the Kingsbridge National Ice Center, which will add to the list of reasons, like the new Yankee Stadium, and the New York Botanical Garden, as to why the Bronx remains an international destination."

But he grumbled that "Yet here we are, once again, forced to defend our hometown from the slanders and libels of politicians thousands of miles away, in Paris no less,

who are using the Bronx to score cheap political points. Enough already. While we may not be home to the Eiffel Tower, we are the home to 1.4 million hardworking people who are proud of their hometown and how far the Bronx has come."

He warned that "The elected officials of Paris would do well to remember that and focus on the issues Paris faces today, rather than the issues the Bronx faced decades ago."

*The original English-language article from Quartz Daily, titled "Surreal: French politicians are debating whether Paris now resembles the Bronx," can be found at <http://qz.com/156444>.*

*Up-to-date crime statistics for the Bronx can be found at <http://on.nyc.gov/198ruvr>.*



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## 40th PCT.

**SAT, NOV. 2nd, 11:45 a.m.** — Specially trained police investigators interviewed a teenage girl who told officials that she had been raped. The 18 year old Hispanic girl told investigations that the male culprit climbed through a window. A suspect was arrested who was suffering from a dislocated right shoulder and a broken leg. The male culprit was treated at Lincoln Medical Center. Investigators from the Special Victim's Squad are handling the inquiry.

**SUN, NOV. 3rd, 3:55 a.m.** — 2520 Park Ave. A 28 year old male might be heading to jail. The culprit was found by police with a 9-mm pistol. The weapon was removed from the man's custody and vouched as evidence since the culprit failed to obtain the proper permit to have a gun in NYC.

**SUN, NOV. 3rd, 7:15 a.m.** — 234 East 149 St. Police investigators were called to Lincoln Medical Center after a body of a patient discovered inside the hospital. A 43 year old black male had checked himself into the hospital. Afterwards, apparently the man took his own life. His body was found in a bathroom. Local detectives are looking to see if there was any criminality was connected to the death.

**MON, NOV. 4th, 3:35 a.m.** — Willis Ave. and East 134 St. Police investigators from the Critical Investigation Squad are looking into an accident that sent two persons to the hospital in critical condition. Officials reported that three persons were ejected from a vehicle. The two of the victims were transported to Lincoln Medical Center in critical condition, while two other victims were reported in serious condition.

**TUES, NOV. 5th, 1:30 a.m.** — 426 East 138 St. A search was conducted for a Hispanic male. The unknown culprit entered a check cashing store at gun point announcing a robbery. The thief fled with an unknown amount of money. No injuries were reported.

**TUES, NOV. 5th, 11:15 a.m.** — Beekman Ave. and East 141 St. Police officials are looking into another serious accident. This time a female was taken to Lincoln Medical Center in critical condition after being struck by a vehicle. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad assisted at this incident but despite all assistance a 74 year old woman died after being struck by an SUV. The vehicle jumped the curve striking a building. The driver, a 47 year old woman and her 8 year old daughter were taken to Lincoln Medical Center and reported in stable condition. Police officers from Highway 1's Critical Investigation Squad are looking into the accident.

**FRI, NOV. 8th, 7:10 a.m.** — 257 Alexander Ave. Another person was arrested who failed to obtain the proper license to own a gun in NYC. With the arrest, police were able to voucher a 32-caliber semi-automatic pistol.

**FRI, NOV. 8th, 7:30 p.m.** — Alexander Ave. Station House. A 30 year old black male was arrested after being in possession of a 22-caliber gun.



# POLICE BLOTTER

The weapon was vouched as evidence by the arresting officer.

## 41st PCT.

**SAT, NOV. 2nd, 7:30 a.m.** — East 167 St. and Westchester Ave. Officials are looking for three males who posed as police officers. A 65 year old black male was approached by three males wearing police type badges around their necks. The trio removed \$13 dollars from the victim's wallet. Now the real police investigators are looking for the culprits.

**FRI, NOV. 8th, 11:00 a.m.** — Hunts Point Ave. and Lafayette Ave. Police investigators are looking into a vehicle accident that claimed the life of elderly woman. The 66 year old woman was transported to Lincoln Medical Center after being struck by a truck at the busy intersection. She died a short time after being struck. Police investigators from the Critical Accident Squad from Highway Patrol # 1 are handling the inquiry.

## 42nd PCT.

**SAT, NOV. 2nd, 1:00 a.m.** — 1120 Southern Blvd. An Asian teenager was transported to Lincoln Medical Center after being attacked during a dispute. Responding police officers arrested two suspects. The 19 year old victim was stabbed in the chest area officials indicated.

**WED, NOV. 6th, 1:00 p.m.** — 1550 Vyse Ave. A school went into a lock-down mode after officials were informed that a mask wearing male was spotted in a female's bathroom. The male was reported wearing a red mask when he was spotted inside a female bathroom at Public School # 50. The search was fruitless authorities indicated.

**FRI, NOV. 8th, 9:00 a.m.** — 1363 Fulton Ave. Police officers came to the aid of an injured school safety officer. The school officer was bitten by an 18 year old male student. The teen was arrested and is waiting a trail. The injured worker was taken to Bronx Lebanon Hospital for medical care.

**FRI, NOV. 8th, 10:50 p.m.** — 1226 Union Ave. Authorities were alerted to a shooting. A 32 year old black male was transported to Lincoln Medical Center suffering from a bullet wound to the left thigh. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

## 43rd PCT.

**SAT, NOV. 2nd, 2:05 a.m.** — Ellis Ave. and Havermeyer Ave. Police officers were needed at the Unionport intersection after a young man was shot. The 21 year old black male was

transported to Jacobi Medical Center suffering from a bullet wound to the left arm.

**SAT, NOV. 2nd, 11:00 p.m.** — 1665 Randall Ave. Officials at Jacobi Medical Center summoned police officers to their emergency room. A person walked into the hospital seeking help after being shot. The victim was suffering from a wound to the right calf. Local detectives will handle the inquiry.

## 44th PCT.

**WED, NOV. 6th, 10:45 p.m.** — 280 East 161 St. First responders came to the aid of a 40 year old black female. The woman was suffering from two stab wounds as help arrived on the scene. The woman was transported to Lincoln Medical Center with wounds to the right shoulder and also the left chest area.

**FRI, NOV. 8th, 11:10 p.m.** — Clay Ave. and East 170 St. Another teenager was taken into police custody. This time a 14 year old black male was found in possession of a 9-mm pistol. The hand gun was vouched as evidence for the pending court appearance.

## 45th PCT.

**SAT, NOV. 2nd, 4:15 a.m.** — 3328 DeLavall Ave. Police officers reporting to a report of shots fired recovered evidence at the scene. Authorities indicated that two bullet shell casings were found by searching officers. There were no injuries reported.

**SUN, NOV. 3rd, 3:20 p.m.** — Throggs Neck Expwy. A multi-vehicle accident sent a person to Jacobi Medical Center in critical condition. Police officers from Highway 1's Critical Accident Squad were requested at the incident scene. Also injured in the accident were three victims of another vehicle including a woman, a man, and their child. They were all removed to Jacobi Medical Center and reported to be stable.

**MON, NOV. 4th, 10:30 a.m.** — 1753 Crosby Ave. Investigators are looking for a Caucasian middle aged female who verbally abused and assaulted a black couple on a neighborhood street. The unknown culprit verbally abused the couple and then proceeded to kick the male victim and punch the female victim in her face. Detectives are looking into the incident.

**THURS, NOV. 7th, 11:05 a.m.** — 750 Baychester Ave. Two teenagers end up being arrested after assaulting a police supervisor. The two teenager females were picked up by

authorities for truancy. While in police custody one of the girls kicked a police sergeant in the face. A 16 year old girl was tased by police. She was then transported to Jacobi Medical Center and provided with emergency care.

## 46th PCT.

**MON, NOV. 4th, 3:50 p.m.** — 2 East 181 St. Police looking into a reported home invasion after two armed males forced their way into the home. Once inside the apartment, the occupants secured the occupant in addition to pistol whipping the person. The injured person was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital. Taken in the robbery were two cell-phones.

**WED, NOV. 6th, 3:20 p.m.** — 1780 University Ave. Authorities are looking for the person who fired a gun near a school. Apparently an unknown person fired a gun at a male in front of the school. No one was struck by the bullet officials report, but detectives are looking for the culprit.

**FRI, NOV. 8th, 8:00 a.m.** — 1770 Andrews Ave. Police investigators are looking for two males after a home was invaded. At gunpoint the unknown pair entered a home taking with them a watch, a cell phone, and thirty dollars. No injuries were reported.

## 47th PCT.

**SAT, NOV. 2nd, 12:10 a.m.** — 666 East 233 St. A 32 year old man was struck and killed on a sidewalk by a van after the driver had a dispute in a nearby liquor store. Authorities indicated that the van drove down the sidewalk striking the young man as the driver attempted to distance himself from the store. Another person jumped into the van before it jumped the curb driving down the sidewalk striking the man as his two children stood nearby watching. The van finally stopped after striking a wall. Authorities said that the occupants fled. The injured man was transported to nearby Wakefield Division of Montefiore Hospital where he expired. A 22 year old male who turned himself in to police later in the day is facing multiple charges. A search is underway for the other culprits.

**TUES, NOV. 5th, 7:05 p.m.** — 4010 Boston Rd. Police are looking for a black male who robbed a nail salon. The unknown culprit pistol whipped a 67 year old woman before taking her purse with three hundred dollars in it.

**THURS, NOV. 7th, 1:50 a.m.** — East Gun Hill Rd. and Knapp St. Alert police officers arrested a federal employee. Taken into custody was a postal carrier who was in possession of a large quantity of money, drugs,

and undelivered mail. Law enforcement sources indicated that the federal employee was driving a vehicle that apparently is connected to a rash of robberies in the North East Bronx. An inquiry is underway by local sleuths.

## 48th PCT.

**SAT, NOV. 2nd, 3:50 a.m.** — 979 Cross Bronx Expwy. Police investigators are looking for the person who broke into a facility belonging to a non-profit organization. Investigators indicated that a T.V. was removed from the Cerebral Palsy Health Center.

**SAT, NOV. 2nd, 9:30 a.m.** — 1976 Crotona Pkwy. Authorities are looking into an incident where a Hispanic man was assaulted. The 34 year old victim was suffering from three stab wounds to the torso when he arrived at St. Barnabas Hospital. Local detectives are looking into the incident.

**SAT, NOV. 2nd, 6:20 p.m.** — 1805 Crotona Pkwy. Another male was arrested by undercover police officers. This time a 26 year old Hispanic male was arrested after being found in possession of a 22-caliber gun. The weapon was vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

**SUN, NOV. 3rd, 11:05 p.m.** — Webster Ave and East 182 St. Police officers on patrol recovered another gun. This time the arresting officers were able to voucher a loaded 380-caliber pistol.

## 49th PCT.

**THURS, NOV. 7th, 6:55 p.m.** — Bronxwood Ave. and Waring Ave. First responders were alerted to a broken gas main. The ruptured main caused numerous buildings to be evacuated by firefighters from over a dozen units working under the leadership of Battalion 15. Within an hour the gas main was located and shut down. Homes were vented before occupants were permitted to return. Con Edison crews got started excavating so that repairs could be made. An investigation indicated that a repair crew for the city's Housing Authority damaged the high pressure gas main. Police officers were needed to detour traffic. Firefighters also checked the near-by Columbus High School building for any buildup of gas. Officials indicated that two persons were injured, but they refused medical assistance.

## 50th PCT.

**TUES, NOV. 5th, 11:45 a.m.** — A middle aged woman informed police investigators that she had been raped. The victim went to a friend's home. While she was there, she reported that she was raped. One culprit, a Hispanic male, was arrested.

## 52nd PCT.

**SAT, NOV. 2nd, 7:00 a.m.** — 3444 Jerome Ave. Two Hispanic males were arrested by responding police officers. The pair apparently waited for a 30 year old Latino man to leave the neighborhood bar. Once outside the

watering hole, the man was assaulted by the two culprits causing bruising to the victim's body.

**MON, NOV. 4th, 1:40 p.m.** — 3083 Hull Ave. Police are looking for the person who broke into a closed grocery store. Apparently city marshals closed the business down in the past few week authorities learned. Once the front gate was opened, the unknown culprit forced a window to gain entry. Officials were not certain what was taken during the burglary.

## Transit

**SUN, NOV. 3rd, 12:00 p.m.** - Grand Concourse and East 170 St. Police have arrested two teenagers for attacking a 45 year old man aboard a north-bound "D" train. The teenage pair punched their victim in addition to attempting to stab him with him with a screw-driver

## Housing

**SAT, NOV. 2nd, 2:40 a.m.** — 2815 Dewey Ave. Detectives from the Barkley Ave Investigation Squad are working with Housing PSA # 8 officers as they looking into a shooting incident. Several shots were fired, but no injuries were reported. An apartment bedroom window besides a closet was damaged.

**SUN, NOV. 3rd, 1:55 a.m.** — 1458 Webster Ave. Police are looking into an incident where a teen had been slashed. The 13 year old female victim was attacked by an unknown culprit. Working on the inquiry are detectives from the 42nd Pct. Squad and police officers from Housing PSA # 7.

**SUN, NOV. 3rd, 5:45 p.m.** — Stratford Ave. and East 174 St. Authorities were alerted that shots had been fired. Arriving police officers upon searching the area indicated that there were no injuries. However, officials recovered evidence at the scene which could be helpful to detectives who are conducting the follow-up inquiry.

**TUES, NOV. 5th, 11:20 a.m.** — 551 Commonwealth Ave. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 8 were faced with a barricade situation. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad were dispatched to the scene. Officials indicated that an occupant opened the door for police, who took him into custody on an assault charge.

## FIRE LOG

**MON, NOV. 4th, 2:38 a.m.** — 536 Timpson Pl. A blaze went to two alarms near East 149 St before it was placed under control. The fire damaged a three story high vacant frame dwelling officials reported. Due to the volume of fire, all firefighters were withdrawn from the structure. Three tower ladders were placed into operation before the flames totally disappeared. The incident was declared under control at 4:08 a.m.





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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Fr. Aloysius

Dear editor,

Thank you for publishing a beautiful article about Fr. Aloysius Thumma, formerly of Our Lady of the Assumption, Pelham Bay, in the November 22nd issue of the Bronx Times Reporter.

Fr. Aloysius served our parish for 15 years and has been reassigned to Katonah, N.Y.

It was also great to say goodbye to Fr. Aloysius at a Christmas party in his honor at Guiding Star Knights of Columbus on December 8th.

We wish Fr. Aloysius well at St. Marys.

Joe Macli

## Co-op City Cablevision

Dear editor,

In what was supposed to be a special meeting for Cablevision to explain the reasons for Riverbay Corporation to vote in favor of the Optimum Giant, I found it to be an astonishing display of disrespect on all accounts.

Mr. Cooper's statement that he did not expect so many residents to come out to find out about this major move was a slap in the face. Or maybe it was his delivery.

While the meeting was starting, I could hear kids screaming on the other side of the auditorium playing a sport that is paid for by them I'm sure. If it was not paid for, then this session should've been cancelled to accommodate the many residents partaking in the special meeting for the RESIDENTS.

he cablevision rep, Mr. Topor, was nice and in a position to explain to the residents that they will be saving money. I do appreciate anyone trying to save people money, however, there was no contract to look at, there was no memorandum of understanding in regards of a contract or any paperwork between Riverbay and Cablevision available, just lip service.

To save \$36 a month for 5 years sounds good for a lot of folks including me, but because there is no transparency throughout the process, I can't blame the people for being extremely skeptical. No breaks when it comes to the phone and internet. My issue is with Riverbay Corporation not handling this process in a businesslike manner.

On another note, I was truly saddened by the verbal hostility towards Mr. Cooper and Mr. Topor by our residents, however, I do understand why. When people feel that they are being used for others (Board of Directors) to benefit themselves and not even be part of a very important process, as this one is, how would you want the people to react. It looks like this process was a formality for management and cablevision just to say that they heard the people.

I learned a long time ago that if it is not written, then it did not happen not was it said. Now there is a second vote on a yellow form going around, unbelievable!

Hopefully they got my first vote or does it count?

Joseph Ramirez

## From hunger

Dear editor,

If the report from NYC Coalition Against Hunger is to be believed, that about half of Bronx kids suffer from daily hunger and one-third

of Bronxites live in "food-deprived homes" is frightening indeed.

Mr.Cruz's article didn't specify how these figures were derived, but that Bronx poverty is a serious problem is undeniable.

Unfortunately, Mr.Cruz sought the opinion of a run of the mill Bronx Democratic lawmaker in Assemblyman Crespo to regurgitate the same old tune that "the rich" are to blame for not fixing the problem.

Instead of screaming at the rich to cough up more of their dough, Crespo should look reality in the face and see the teenage mommies, the out-of-wedlock births, the fatherless homes, the rampant drug use, the high rates of truancy and school drop-outs, the crime gangs, and an unprecedented wave of migration and immigration from very poor countries mainly from south of our border as big reasons why there's such hunger and poverty in the Bronx.

But of course, that reality wouldn't mesh with the ultra-liberal ideology that he and almost all his co-lawmakers in the Bronx subscribe to.

With Billy Boy de Blasio soon to become mayor, we're near-certain to hear the same "Blame the rich!" battle cry from some of the old players and some of the new ones.

And even if they "soak the rich" more and the hunger problem doesn't alleviate or even gets worse, the likes of Crespo and Billy Boy will just keep blurring out the same battle cry.

And the Bronx and the rest of the city will pay a dear price, especially those who need help the most.

Ken Reynolds

## Allon column

Dear editor,

For the first time, I read in its entirety, one of Tom Allon's Mayoral Spin Cycle columns in BTR.

Quite an interesting read, to say the least. And after reading it and researching Mr.Allon's background, I've concluded that Mr.Allon is just another snake-in-the-grass political office seeker in New York City.

Even though he has been a life-long Democrat from Democratic-dominated Manhattan, Mr.Allon chose to pull a trick from Michael Bloomberg's playbook and run in the Republican primary for mayor this year.

And he obviously had his column published

in the Bronx's paper of record, as he probably had it published elsewhere, to persuade Republican primary voters to vote for him and to also attract donors to his fortunately failed campaign.

That being said, his column in the post-election issue of BTR still had interesting and important information, like mayor-elect William de Blasio calling some of his friends "comrade" (as in Comrade Lenin and Comrade Trotsky) and only about 20% of eligible voters in this city voting this past election.

But what was most interesting and important in his column was his opinions, views and claims, which show him to be just another leftist Democrat from the Upper West Side, with maybe a bit of concern for fiscal responsibility and well-managed government spending.

Calling de Blasio a "populist" is laughable but mostly misleading, as Billy Boy is just another leftist ideologue like Allon obviously is.

Allon claimed that "civil rights" (watch out when a leftist ideologue like Allon uses that term) have been removed from "minority neighborhoods," presumably due to Stop & Frisk.

First, the biggest violation of civil rights is when a person is terrorized by hard-core criminals in the very neighborhood he or she lives in, and despite occasional abuses and excess, S & F has shown to be quite effective in combatting serious crime, albeit some revision or oversight of it is a valid concern.

Second, since there's no racial majority in NYC, every racial and ethnic group living here is a minority.

What Allon really means is "neighborhoods of color," or neighborhoods that are predominantly non-white. So this is just another leftist whine that non-whites(mainly latinos and blacks)are persecuted by the "racist society" they live in.

And in his penultimate paragraph, he starkly describes how low progressive politicians like him feel about the commonweal, when he warned that under Comrade de Blasio's soon-coming rule, this city will become "...a progressive laboratory of ideas..."

Indeed, Allon used the word "progressive" five times in his column. And what that means among the group he belongs to is that with his comrade Democrats and the occasional non-Democrats in power over the rest of us, these "progressives" will turn New York City and the rest of USA into something resembling Castro's "worker's paradise."

And there's no better symbolism to express this unholy goal than Barack Obama's presidential-campaign logo of the road leading to the bright, shining sun at the end.

Their subliminal message to the masses? Just put us progressives in power over you, and we will put you on the Yellow Brick Road to Paradise on Earth. It might take 20 or 30 or 100 years to get here, and there will probably be a lot of chaos before we get there, but get there we will. Just trust us.

Now that the mayor's race is done, I hope the progressive Tom Allon takes his radical politics back to the Upper West Side, stays with his comrades, and never bothers to run for office again and doesn't take up valuable space in the Bronx Times Reporter.

Ken Reynolds

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# Theodore Korony Post Toy Drive

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Theodore Korony Post is continuing a holiday tradition that started three decades ago.

The late Joseph Mazzeriello, a Vietnam veteran who served in the Marines, is having his compatriots at the Korony Post and his daughter continue a toy drive that grew into one of the largest grassroots Bronx-only toy drives in the borough.

Toy drive coordinator Judy Lanci has been asking for donations of toys or money from Korony Post members and their network of friends and family, as well from outside organizations to purchase toys.

The toys go only to Bronx organizations that she and her committee personally vet to make sure they are

deserving of donations.

Over the course of about two to three hours on Tuesday, Dec. 17, representatives from about a dozen Bronx organizations serving the needy stopped by a building affectionately known to locals as the "Little Red Schoolhouse" in Throggs Neck to pick up the toys that will be distributed to homeless youth, children of veterans and children of battered women and young people in need.

"Basically, Joe's belief was no child, especially here in the Bronx, should go without a new toy for Christmas," said Lanci. "We started out originally being a Toys for Tots Program, because Joe was a Marine."

But one year, when local organizations came to

Mazzeriello seeking toys during the holiday time, and Toys for Tots could not direct the toys his drive had collected to needy Bronxites, the idea came about of focusing the drive only on getting toys directly to Bronx organizations that service needy children, said Lanci.

This year Lanci distributed about 1,200 toys through different organizations. She is helped by her committee including Anthony Ferrara, and Colleen McCarthy, Judy Lanci, and Joe's daughter Danielle Mazzariello-Fava. Also helping is longtime booster Dolores Stoltze, and Lanci's husband John Lanci.

One of the drives' pet projects is Aguila's Bronx Neighborhood Cluster shelter on Morris Park Avenue



Preparing toys for distribution on Tuesday, Dec. 17 are (l-r) Gerry Ferrara, Dolores Stoltze, Jan Salvaggi, Judy Lanci, Tony Johnson from Concourse House, and Sandy Champlin. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

in West Farms, said Lanci, and that organization will receive about 180 toys this year.

Also supporting the drive are the Bronx American Legion, The Bronx County GOP which donated about 300 toys, and The Bronx Ancient Order of Hibernians which made

a \$200 donation again this year.

Youngland at 2922 3rd Avenue helps with the pricing on many of the toys, and has helped by donating toys and books.

"We are helping the really underprivileged and that is what we are most proud of," said Lanci.

"The American Legion is at the forefront, but really it is a lot of people helping," she said, adding "I think we do really well and take care of a lot of people for the size of a post that we are."

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# Residents demand baby unit back

## Officials hedging on NCBH return date

BY BEN KOCHMAN

They want their babies back, stat!

North Bronx locals are demanding that the city provide a firm date for when labor and delivery at their nearby North Bronx Central Hospital will reopen.

The city's Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) shuttered NBCH's maternity wing in August, citing a dearth of senior physicians. Expectant mothers were rerouted to Jacobi Medical Center, which was overwhelmed with overcrowding and long wait lines, community members said.

In November, amid public outcry, North Bronx Central's Vice President William Walsh announced that the hospital's services would reopen sometime in the summer of 2014 —good news for the around 1,000 mothers who deliver there

every year.

But a group of angry community members, labor unions, nurses and health advocates worry that the city's reopening will lag behind schedule and not be of the same quality.

### Rattled locals

"They haven't told us when, they haven't told us how, and they haven't committed to opening it with the midwives which made this place what it was," charged Eileen Markey, who delivered her son Hugh at the hospital four years ago and who has been active in the protest to bring back the maternity wing.

An angry group of north Bronx residents braved subfreezing temperatures Thursday Dec. 12 outside the Kossuth Avenue hospital to call for the city to get the maternity wing up and running as soon as possible.



Eileen Markey (third from left) hopes that the city will turn her son Hugh's (adorable child, second from left) frown upside down by bringing back North Central Bronx's labor and delivery service.

Photo by Ben Kochman

"We know the hospital has been going through some economic problems... but we don't want the North Central Bronx to be the sacrificial lamb," said Fay

Muir, who serves on the hospital's community advisory board.

### Unclear timeframe

North Bronx Central leadership committed at a

publicmeetinglaterthatday to bring the service back by April 30, said sources who attended the public hearing at Moshulu-Montefiore Community Center.

But the HHC's official word at this point is that the city will "begin to plan" the reopening of North Bronx's labor and delivery in 2014. They've brought in a new Obstetrics and Gynecology Chair, Dr. Michael Zinaman, to oversee the transition.

The North Bronx Health Network, which includes North Central Bronx Hospital and Jacobi Medical Center, is being cautious at this point because it can only open with a safe level of staffing, said a hospital spokesperson.

Hospital brass agreed at Thursday night's hearing to meet with the community monthly to work together to address concerns about the process, Markey said.

"They need to have us involved every step of the way," she said. "We're ready to help in any way that we can."

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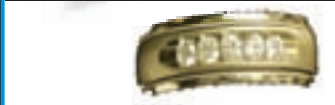


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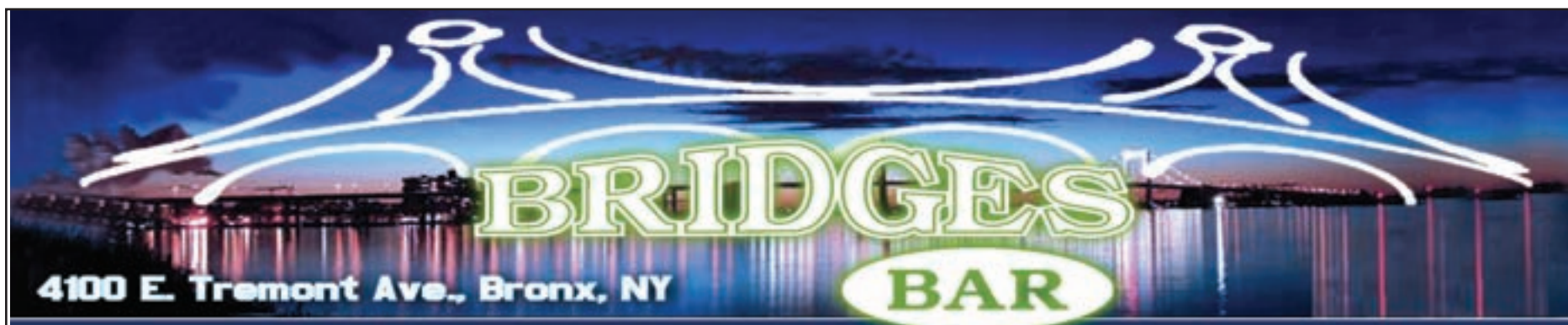
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# CB 7 district manager resigns

## Socrates Caba quits after only half year

BY BEN KOCHMAN

It may have been over philosophical differences.

Or maybe his enemies slipped him a symbolic glass of hemlock.

But either way, Socrates Caba has resigned as district manager at Community Board 7 after less than six months on the job.

In a resignation letter to Board Chairperson Adaline Walker-Santiago, Caba cited "unsatisfactory" procedures from the board's executive committee as cause for his departure.

The Fordham resident's final day as district manager was Friday, Dec. 13.

Walker-Santiago said she was surprised to hear that Caba had decided to leave after only half a year at the helm.

The board had been very active in the last few months, including working on approval of the Kings-

bridge Armory ice rink project, which netted the community a substantial benefits agreement.

"He called me out of the blue," said Walker-Santiago. "But I wish him all the best."

Caba's resignation letter is a bit cryptic over his reason for leaving.

It claims that "new procedures" adopted by the executive committee forced him "in good conscience" to resign from his post.

### Board setback

Paul Foster, CB7's former chairman called the loss a "shame" for the board, which covers Bedford Park, Fordham, Kingsbridge Heights, Mosholu, Norwood and University Heights.

"You need a real people person, someone warm, and he fit that mold," said Foster, who served on the selection committee that recruited Caba. "I oppose whatever

drove him to leave."

Foster said that Caba clashed with at least one member of the executive board on a personal level. But the outgoing district manager insisted in his goodbye letter that "I hold no personal animosity toward individual members of the board."

Caba's departure leaves CB7 without a district manager for the second time in two years.

In October 2012, former District Manager Fernando Tirado resigned from the post after battling with the board over a slew of issues for nearly a year.

The job was vacant until Caba was voted into the district manager role 13-3 in June. The former health-care professional took over on July 1.

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tasked with connecting city agencies with local voices. A community board's power is technically advisory, but boards can have major influence over land use and

zoning issues.

Walker-Santiago said the board is now taking resumes for the open position, which it hopes to fill by April.

Tom Lucania, who oversees local community boards for the borough president, will serve as an interim district manager until the position is filled.

## OLA BIDS FAREWELL TO REV. ALOYSIUS THUMMA



15 years later, this Reverend is moving on. The parish at Pelham Bay's Our Lady of the Assumption church honored Rev. Aloysius Thumma at a farewell lunch on Dec. 8. Thumma, a native of Hyderabad, India, served as the Church's priest from 1998-2013. Thumma's farewell party was especially sweet given the rough 2012 the parish had. After suffering heart failure, Thumma spent 10 weeks on life support before receiving a life-saving transplant.

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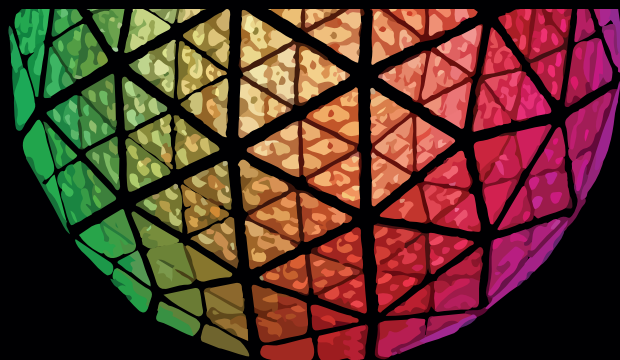
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# Klein pushes huge spending plan

## Local senator's agenda to make NY affordable

BY BEN KOCHMAN

An expansive public housing plan. Higher pay for families on six-week paternity and maternity leave. Millions of dollars in tax credits to alleviate toll and utility costs.

Senator Jeff Klein is swinging for the fences as he gears up for next year's state budget talks in Albany.

Klein, whose district includes parts of the Bronx and Westchester, is pushing a legislative agenda that calls for over \$1.5 billion spent toward policies he argues will make New York affordable for the middle class.

### Bronx Affordability

Klein, who served in the northeast Bronx for ten years as an assemblyman, now serves as co-leader with Senate Republicans through his Independent Democratic Conference,

with early indications that GOP co-leader Dean Skelos is supportive of his proposals.

Klein said he crafted his spending-filled plan with struggling Bronxites in mind.

"The Bronx is full of the middle class, the people who make our city run," he said as he unveiled his agenda in front of Bronx locals at Mercy College Friday, Dec. 13.

"The less we can make New York affordable for them, the more they'll disappear."

Klein's plan calls for New York to join New Jersey and California by offering six weeks of paid leave for working mothers and fathers, as well as investing \$750 million over five years in a subsidized public housing program he's calling "Mitchell Lama 2020."



Klein unveiled his plan in front of 200 Bronxites at Mercy College.  
Photo courtesy Sen. Klein's office

### Creating home owners

The plan also would provide college graduates who qualify a \$5,000 a year tax credit for 10 years to be used toward owning property, something that for most young Bronxites is a mere pipe dream, said Al Carena, president of the Spencer Estates Civic Association.

"We've created a situation where young people starting out are up against it," Carena said. "It's almost impossible to buy a house."

Klein's doozy of a legislative agenda also includes one-time \$300 "relief checks" that senior citizens can use to help pay for utilities.

"Utilities are definitely a factor, especially now with the winter coming on," Carena said. "Those

rates can take a pretty good sized bite out of a senior's budget."

Rounding out Klein's plan:

- Requiring daycare centers to post their latest inspection reports in their windows.

- Creating a yearly tax credit of up to \$250 out of a New York transportation toll cost.

- Making donations to public and private schools tax deductible.

- Postponing mortgage payments for one year after a damaging storm or flood.

Klein will head up to Albany in January, where he could likely clash with Gov. Cuomo. Klein's plan calls for no tax cuts, while the governor recently appointed a tax commission that suggested \$2 million in tax cuts for property and business owners.

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# New light shed on Mosholu doughboys

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

City Parks and local officials have put a new light on Mosholu Parkway's doughboy statue.

Thanks to a \$100,000 grant from City Councilman G. Oliver Koppell, they cut the ribbon on a new lighting system for the WWI Monument, which honors the heroism of WWI servicemen.

"For nearly 90 years, this monument on the historic Mosholu Parkway has stood as a testament to the courage of Bronx servicemen in the War to End All Wars. But without lighting, it was only visible in the daytime," said Bronx Parks Commissioner Hector Aponte, who was also joined by Community Board 7 Chairwoman Adaline Walker-Santiago at the ribbon cutter Monday, Dec. 16.

"Now, thanks to funding allocated by Koppell

for a new lighting system, the monument will 'shine a light' on this pivotal era in American history at all hours of the day," he continued.

The bronze monument honors local servicemen who paid the supreme sacrifice during World War I.

Designed by artist Jerome Connor (1875-1943), the monument depicts a fallen soldier, protected by a comrade who stands vigilant with bayonet in hand. At his feet, an eagle with wings spread symbolizes the victorious call to arms.

The sculpture is set upon a circular pedestal of Rockport and Deer Isle pink granite designed by architect Arthur George Waldrean and is framed by a bed of trees and floral beds.

Seven years after the Armistice was signed, the sculpture was unveiled before thousands of specta-



WWI Monument on Mosholu Parkway.

tors on November 11, 1925. In 1989 it was conserved through the Municipal Art Society's Adopt-A-Monument Program.

The landscaped Mosholu Parkway, connecting Bronx Park to Van Cortlandt Park, stretches from Allerton Avenue to Gun Hill Road, with an extension north through

Van Cortlandt Park.

The parkway was designed in the 1860s by distinguished landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, who designed a number of historic parks in New York City, including Central Park, Prospect Park, and Morningside Park.

## New Little League merger

It'll be "Play Ball!" for two Little League teams now becoming the North Bronx/Mosholu Montefiore Little League team.

The new merger was announced by Donald Bluestone, executive director of Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, and Danny Nelson, president of North Bronx Little League.

"Coming together is a great opportunity that benefits both teams," said Bluestone. "I have known Danny Nelson for years and I respect his leadership. We will be able to provide our youth with a more competitive season."

North Bronx/Mosholu Montefiore Little League is recognized as a member of Little League International, the largest

youth sports organization in the world, which has 2.4 million children playing in more than 80 countries.

New Divisions include T-Ball Pee Wees, Bantams, Minors, Majors, Juniors and Seniors.

Free Baseball Clinics are scheduled to take place at the Community Center gym every Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., beginning January 11th for registered players.

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Trinity United Methodist Church on City Island served Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nov. 28 to community members who wanted a warm meal. A crew of volunteers, lead by Ann Cox who has been the chef for the event since 1996, cooked the food and served the meal.

Photo Courtesy of Trinity United Methodist Church

## JACOBI MEDICAL CENTER GALA

Jacobi Medical Center and North Central Bronx Hospital celebrated those employees who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication, achievement and commitment to the patients they serve at their annual Gala on Thursday, Dec. 5. The theme of this year's Gala was "Home Sweet Home", which also celebrated both hospitals' certification as Patient-Centered Medical Homes. Together Jacobi and North Central Bronx hospitals are the North Bronx Healthcare Network.



New York Yankee Manager Joe Girardi was on hand to be honored for his volunteer work during Hurricane Sandy.

Photo courtesy of Jacobi



The gala was a time to reflect on the achievements of the people of Jacobi and to honor team members.

Photo by Austin Crimmins

## THROGGS NECK MERCHANTS HOLIDAY PARTY



The Throggs Neck Merchants Association held their annual Holiday party at Michael's Restaurant at 748 Clarence Ave on Wednesday, Dec. 4. TNMA board members, community leaders and business owners enjoyed the party.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

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(Above) Sepulveda is flanked by his Boy Scout Troop 182 crew.

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(Right) Sepulveda is given an honorary coin from Net Manager Gerard A. Pilate.

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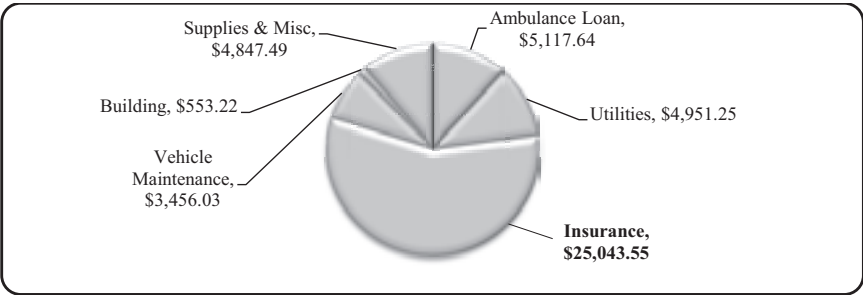
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# Call it River(a) Avenue

Council names street after Yankee legend

BY BEN KOCHMAN

He may be immortal in the Yankee record books, yet he’s very much alive.

But the City Council decided to make an exception to its normal street renaming rules for retired New York pitcher Mariano Rivera on Dec. 10, when the body voted 47-0, with two abstentions, to co-name River Avenue between E. 161th and E. 162nd Streets “Rivera Avenue” after the legendary closer.

**Rare rule change**

The Council voted in 56 renamings in total at the Dec. 10 meeting. But all the others had at least one thing in common: the honoree was deceased.

In the Bronx, Thwaites Place and Barker Avenue will be co-named “Elias Karmon Way” after a long-time passionate Pelham Parkway local. The borough will also soon play host to a Mike Amadeo Way —Amadeo was a beloved Latin composer — and a Private First Class Carlos James Lozada Place in honor of a 21-year-old Bronxite who died in Vietnam.

On an afternoon when the Council reserved most of its drama for the landslide ‘yes’ vote on the Kingsbridge National Ice Center, “Rivera Avenue” got little fanfare.

No Councilperson voted against the Yankee great—who won five World Series title in pinstripes— netting



MARIANO RIVERA

his own street. Councilman Joel Rivera joked that he could never vote against a sign bearing his own name.

“Even a die-hard Met fan can recognize a classy job well done,” said Brooklyn Councilman Lew Fidler.

**A loud abstention**

Queens Councilman Peter Vallone, who joined Manhattan Councilwoman Jessica Lappin in abstaining, warned that the Council should never make exceptions to its street renaming rules.

“I’m going to have to rain on this parade,” Vallone said. “We should never name anything after a living person.”

Vallone has also been crusading against the renaming of the Queensborough Bridge after former Mayor Ed Koch.

Yet the new Rivera Avenue marks the second time

this year that the city has named a street after a living baseball player. Mayor Bloomberg signed a bill in July that co-names two separate Harlem streets in honor of Hall of Fame former New York Giants centerfielder Willie Mays.

“If anyone deserves it, it’s him, but we’re setting a dangerous precedent here,” said Vallone at the meeting.

**Local petition push**

The pitch for Rivera Avenue came in September after a local Yankee fan etched a makeshift “A” onto the River Avenue sign one block away from the new Yankee Stadium. After the issue made headlines and local community groups organized petitions and rallies, Councilperson Maria Carmen Del Arroyo added Rivera Avenue to the list of street co-namings up for councilwide vote in December.

Now the street will live on for the rest of the retired Yank’s life, and beyond. Local businesses, many of which sell merchandise with Rivera’s name etched on the back, hope that the new Rivera Avenue will draw more customers.

“We’ve fought for a long time to redirect peoples thinking about this borough,” said Cary Goodman, executive director of the E. 161th Street Business Improvement District. “This will be a great boost to the area.”

Consider it a case closed.



The makeshift “A”’s been there since September. In a few months, it’ll be official.



# Got Hair? a growing business

## New Throggs Neck medical site offers many services

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Got Hair? Medical Aesthetics has been open for business for about a year, but is now really starting to gain a loyal following.

Business partners Dr. Albert Graziosa, medical director for the new practice, and Sharron Camilleri, the new enterprise's chief operating officer have co-located Got Hair? in Dr. Graziosa's well-established orthopedic medicine practice at 3611A E. Tremont Avenue.

Camilleri is also Graziosa's office administrator for his orthopedic practice and a Throggs Neck native.

The new business offers Botox, Fillers, Electrolysis, Scherotherapy, and Laser Hair Removal, all by appointment.

"I was in the recovery room after doing surgery on a patient, and one of the nurses was scheduling an appointment on Park Av-

enue for hair removal, and the first words out of her mouth when she got off the phone was 'I wish there was a place in the Bronx where we could have these types of treatment and not have to travel to Manhattan,' said the doctor.

"A light bulb went off and I thought that was something I could possibly do, and not just as someone who knows people and clients and patients in the community, but as a physician who actually knows the process, he said.

Graziosa said that at many other clinics, technicians are doing all of the work and some medical directors are reviewing clients' charts as infrequently as once a month.

At Got Hair, the doctor can supervise the technicians who do the procedure since Got Hair is co-located with his medical practice.



Got Hair? LLC co-owners Sharon Camilleri and Dr. Albert Graziosa.

Photo by Edwin Soto

Business has picked up dramatically in the past few months, and there are a lot of people who are happy with their procedures who

are starting to refer friends and neighbors. Camilleri's roots in the Throggs Neck community have also helped the business gain a

following, she said.

The aesthetic services complement the orthopedic practice indirectly in the sense that in many ways

treatments like botox or laser hair removal helps the clients who may come to the office for physical aches and pains feel better about themselves on the surface, said the doctor.

"The women that we get seem to be very impressed," said Camilleri, adding that many of the patients at Got Hair have said "it is nice see that a woman, and a Throggs Neck person, has their own business." Many even offer to help them gain more business, she said.

The Throggs Neck Merchants Association has been incredibly supportive, and so have neighboring businesses who have been very supportive and have sent patients, said the doctor.

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# Councilman Vacca secures new van

## \$40G grant for Morris Park autism service

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Councilman Jimmy Vacca has helped some people with autism get some much needed transportation.

After learning about the need for a new van at Quality Services for the Autism Community's Bronx Day Habilitation program in Morris Park, he was able to provide \$40,000 in funding through his capital budget to buy the new van.

The van, which seats about 12 persons, will be used to transport QSAC clients from their program at 1968 Eastchester Road to and from activities, meetings, and appointments, among other necessary functions.

"I was thrilled to provide funding to purchase this much-needed van for QSAC," said Vacca. "No one with autism should be prevented access to the es-

sential services that QSAC provides, and now, this van will allow even more residents to benefit from their terrific programs."

In the Bronx, the other boroughs, and on Long Island, QSAC is at the forefront of providing services for both children and adults, according to Vacca's office.

Their programing works together with the families of their clients, according to the QSAC website, and helps them with "achieving greater independence, realizing their future potential, and contributing to their communities in a meaningful way by offering person-centered services."

With one in 88 children now afflicted with autism, QSAC pursues its mission through "direct services that provide a supportive and individualized setting

for children and adults with autism to improve their communication, socialization, academic, and functional skills."

The organization's executive director, Gary Maffei, expressed his gratitude to Vacca for his help with the purchasing the van.

"We are grateful for the continued support Councilmember Vacca has provided QSAC and our clients," he said. "If it weren't for Councilmember Vacca's funding, we would not be able to afford the purchase of a much needed van."

He added: "Our programs have and continue to grow, so this van will allow us to ensure we can and will continue to meet the ever growing demand for access to our programs."

For more information about Quality Services for the Autism Community, visit [qsac.com](http://qsac.com).



Councilman Jimmy Vacca sits behind the wheel of the van he helped QSAC to purchase.

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# Salvatore Spadafora passes away

## Helped coordinate Bronx Veterans Memorial

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A member of "The Greatest Generation" who sought to preserve the history of World War II has passed away.

Salvatore Jerome Spadafora, 92, of Morris Park, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Dec. 12, surrounded by his family.

Sal was one of the people who helped fellow Morris Park World War II veteran Joe Garafolo coordinate the Bronx Veterans Museum, which collects military memorabilia in the lobby of John Dormi & Sons Funeral Home at 1211 Morris Park Ave.

"He used to come in here every day in the funeral home and he would help take care of the memorial," said Dormi & Sons funeral director and manager Chris DiCostanzo.

Spadafora served in the U.S. Coast Guard during

World War II, and his time in the service saw his marriage to his wife and the love of his life, Fannie in 1944, said his daughter Teresa Alifante. Fannie ran a popular cosmetics store until her passing in 1981, she said.

Spadafora grew up in Belmont, and went to Roosevelt High School. Both his wife and he lived on Cambreleng Avenue and later, after they were married, they moved to Morris Park, and raised a family, his daughter said.

He felt strongly about creating and contributing to the Bronx Veterans Museum with its founder, Garafolo, because he was concerned that people would forget about the sacrifices made by his generation, Teresa said.

"His uniform is there, his hat is there, as well as his father's picture from World War I," she said. "I



SALVATORE SPADAFORA

think he felt that not many young people knew about World War II, and was con-

cerned people were going to forget. It was such a great cause, and it was special to

him because it was a time when people were defending their country and their liberty."

His meeting with Garafolo was something that greatly influenced him, she said.

"Joe was a big influence on him and they became very active with the veterans memorial at Dormi's," she said. "He was the one who started the album at the museum because he had such beautiful handwriting, and people would give him the photos of their platoon or troop, and he would inscribe all the names on that book."

She said her father also kept a journal of his experiences while in the service, where he recorded the names and hometowns of the military personnel he served with, as well as books he read and bands he saw.

Later on, he kept a journal of his activities and the life he led after his wife's passing, said Alifante.

Spadafora was the devoted father of James and Teresa and their spouses, Linda and Augie. He was a generous and supportive grandfather to Nicole, Ann, Jessica and Jamie and the great grandfather or "Goo Goo", to Avery, Leo, Liam and James.

He loved time with his family, especially summer vacations at the beach, according to a bio. He documented his family's life in pictures that his family will cherish forever.

On Saturday, December 21 the family will be receiving visitors at Dormi's Funeral Home on Morris Park Ave. at 9 a.m. There will be a memorial service at St. Francis Xavier Church on Van Nest Ave. at 10 a.m.



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Mosholu Preservation Corporation, a support corporation of Montefiore Medical Center has been instrumental in assisting the merchants throughout the entire process, with the support of the New York City Department of Small Business Services. This winter the Merchants Association collected contributions from the businesses and members of the community of White Plains Road and East 233rd Street to have the corridors first outdoor Holiday Light display.

The East 233rd Street and White Plains Road Merchants Association invites you to shop in the district for all you needs this holiday season and invites you to check out our first ever outdoor holiday light display!!

*Happy Holidays!!!*



# Patients receive a much-needed lift

**BY PATRICK ROCCHIO**  
 This Throggs Neck doctors' office offers easy access. Dermatology and Surgery Associates, located on the second floor of the Lauren Professional Building at 3620 E. Tremont Avenue, would like to make the community aware that they now have an elevator to help older and infirm patients.

After purchasing the building, their landlord installed the lift to bring patients to the second floor practice, said Robin Rosen, wife of practice partner Dr. Douglas Rosen.

Two other dermatologists are in the practice, Dr. Eugene Whang and Dr. Louisa Tift, which like all medical practices see patients at every stage of their lives, she said.

"When the building changed ownerships, the landlord was determined

to provide the community with as many as services as possible," said Robin Rosen. "He was very creative in introducing the lift in an already established, constructed environment. The accessibility has been tremendously embraced by the community for obvious reasons: it is a long flight of steps."

The lift, which links the lobby to the second floor doctors offices, helps to serve an increasing elderly population, and also young mothers with strollers, she said.

"This could be for older people and younger children, and everyone in between who may have a broken leg but a need in dermatology," she said.

"An elevator comes in handy for a multitude of reasons for various age groups, for various times of their lives," Rosen added. "It is really for everyone at



This lift elevator now takes patients to the second floor offices of Dermatology and Associates in the Lauren Professional Building in Throggs Neck. It has been in use for about a year.  
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# Bronx Opera Company at Woodlawn

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The company will perform at 2 p.m. at the Woolworth Chapel, accessible via the Jerome Avenue entrance.

The performance is free to the public, but a donation of \$10 per person is suggested.

For more information about the concert, call 718-920-1469 or go to [www.woodlawnconservancy.org/](http://www.woodlawnconservancy.org/).

Happy Holidays  
 From The BTR

# Benedetto rings in New Year at Scott Place Cafe

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto is ringing in 2014 by bringing back his popular coffee and cake meeting with his constituents on New Year's Day

Assemblyman Benedetto issue they want to discuss or wants to just stop by and say hello.

"I'm inviting my constituents to come and have some coffee, have a danish. Let's break bread and start

agenda.

"Education is on the minds of a lot of people, because next to safe and clean community, people are very concerned about the schools in their community," Benedetto said. "And it's one of the things that binds a community together. But we'll certainly talk about anything people want to bring up. We're in tough economic times."

Benedetto's offices are located above the coffee shop. "It's a wonderful location," he said. "I figure why not bring people to this wonderful spot, which is almost perfect for what I have envisioned as a nice, casual morning social event." Anyone who plans to spend New Year's Eve celebrating, the event will run until noon, permitting everyone a few extra hours of sleep.

I'm inviting my constituents to come and have some coffee, have a danish. Let's break bread and start the New Year off in a nice, easy, casual way.

**Michael R. Benedetto**  
 Assemblyman

will be at Scott Place Café at 3604 East Tremont Ave. on Tuesday, January 1 from 9 a.m. until noon. The assemblyman, from the 82nd District, will be chatting with everyone and anyone who stops by the café and has an

the New Year off in a nice, easy, casual way," Benedetto said. "Let's say hello to each other and wish each other a Happy New Year."

Assemblyman Benedetto expects school-related issues to top the morning

# BRONX BOMBSHELLS CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AT VILLA BARONE RESTAURANT DEC. 12TH



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# Bronx beat

## Sunday Postal package

The U.S. Postal Service is giving Santa a helping hand this holiday season by keeping selected Bronx post offices open on Sunday, Dec. 22 for holiday gift package pickups in case they missed their mail carrier during the week.

They can bring their missed delivery notices to XX Bronx branches between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to pick up their holiday delivery packages.

The Sunday hours only apply for package pickup at the service door inside the post office lobby. Retail counter services remain their usual business days and hours.

These Bronx postal branches will be open: Baychester, Bronx GPO, Co-op City, Cornell, Fordham, Highbridge, HUB, Jerome, Kingsbridge, Morris Heights, Morrisania, Mott Haven, Parkchester, Riverdale, Soundview, Throggs Neck, Tremont, Wakefield, West Farms, Westchester, Williamsbridge and Woodlawn.

The Schuyler Hill Civic Association is hosting a New Year's Eve Bash on Tuesday, Dec. 31, with music by DJ "Bobby Flowers."

The party begins at 8:30 p.m. at the SHCA at 3087 Mitchell Place, off Pennyfield Avenue. Bring your own bottle.

Donation is \$50 per person, reservations required, with limited seating. Payment due before Dec. 25.

For information, call 646 302-1744.

The Municipal Credit Union has begun accepting applications for its 2014 scholarships.

The credit union will award \$ 66,000 in scholarship grants in 2014: eight memorial scholarship grants of \$5,000 each and 13 grants of \$2,000 each.

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scholarships is open to an MCU member, a child or a grandchild of a member in good standing.

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Students applying for the scholarships who are also MCU members will also automatically be entered for a \$500 statewide Public Relations and Marketing Council Scholarship.

Applications are available at MCU's Bronx branches at 755 Co-Op City Blvd and 560 Courtlandt Avenue, on MCU's website, [www.nymcu.org](http://www.nymcu.org), and also at any MCU branch. The deadline for completed applications to be submitted is January 31, 2014.

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Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. is inviting Bronx residents to make a difference in their community by joining their local **Community Board**.

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The deadline for submission of applications for the next round of appointments is February 7, 2014.

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(left-right) Meghan DeLaCorta, Gloriana Sanchez, Imani DuBois, Rosa Elaina Gomez, Katherine Garcia, Peter Spinella, Jay Hershenson and Alexandra Petreras-Colgate Palmolive kicked back at the gala.

Photo by Ken Carozza

## BRONX MANHATTAN NORTH HOLIDAY PARTY



Real Estate head honchos wined, dined and networked at the Bronx Manhattan North Association of Realtors Holiday Party at Marina Del Ray Restaurant on Dec. 11. The event included recognition awards, a buffet, and music.

Multi-million dollar, Diamond Club, and Platinum Award recipients posed with their hardware.

Photo by Edwin Soto

## BRONX GOP OPEN HOUSE



The Bronx County GOP held an open house at their Pelham Bay headquarters that offered practical help for people in need on Saturday, Dec. 7. As a free public service for all those who wished to avail themselves, the county office at 3029 Middletown Road had its doors open as retirement specialist Pat Castaldo of Cetera Financial, mortgage broker Edward Angelino of Power Express Mortgage Bankers, and tax and insurance man John Cerini of Bronx Tax Man answered questions. New Bronx County GOP Chair John Greaney (far left) with (l-r) John Cerini, Pat Castaldo, Edward Angelino, Jhovanna Lamarche, Scott Fiore, and Lisa Mejia outside Bronx GOP headquarters during open house.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS SALE



Over 100 vendors packed the Holy Family Church's Mechler Hall on Dec. 8 for a Christmas Sale. Admission and parking was free, and there were trinkets by the boatload available for purchase.

(Above) John Diaz and Jena Francis sell their nearly superhuman amount of science fiction and comic book collectibles.

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Ruth Nix and her daughter Nyeima don holiday gear as they advertise their goods.

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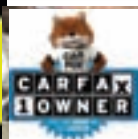




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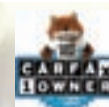
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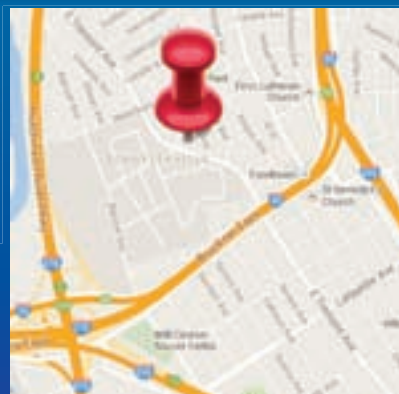
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# Monte's tips for stree-free holidays

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

Holiday madness driving you, well, mad?

Take some tips from this expert at the borough's Montefiore Medical Center to deal with the packed malls, stretched budgets, party planning and nonstop running around. Simon Rego, director of psychology training at Montefiore, advises keeping in mind that the holiday season is about enjoying time with family, savoring traditional meals and getting into the spirit of the season, with some tips on easing the stress, guilt and frustration.

**Burning the candle at both ends:** It can sometimes seem there aren't enough hours in the day. Rego advises avoiding the fatigue, moodiness and loss of productivity by breaking the to-do list down into manageable bites – and asking for help.

**Saying “no”**

“It's simply not feasible to say yes to every request,” said Rego. “You have to learn how to say – and mean – no. Don't let people take advantage of your generous

nature, make a to-do list and stick to it. No extras.”

**Eater's remorse**

Calories still count during the holidays. To control the holiday consumption, he suggests drinking water or juice and eating a healthy snack before heading out the door, thinking twice about the food options, and using a smaller plate.

**Real resolutions**

The trick to keeping New Year's resolutions, he said, is to make them “simple, achievable and meaningful.”

“If you make goals that are realistic and make you feel good about yourself, you're more likely to maintain them.”

Here are a few examples of practical, feel-good resolutions:

•Try a new activity: Rather than committing to working out every day, try something a little less mundane that will get you moving. Take up a new sport, sign up for dance classes or go rock climbing. Exploring new activities can introduce you to something fun that will keep you physically fit

and also be enjoyable.

•Take simple steps when it comes to your health: Instead of “committing” to losing 20 pounds this year, take baby steps. The new year is a good time for an annual physical, taking “ownership” over your cholesterol levels, blood pressure and other key measures for optimum health.

•Avoid fad diets: Instead think about what you eat and how you feel before doing so. Being more mindful of what you're eating and the role your emotions and environment play in food choices can make a big difference. Other simple but effective ways to boost weight loss include increasing your water intake, wearing a pedometer and taking the stairs instead of the elevator – little changes add up over time.

So does Rego follow his own advice?

“No, I'm in the throes of my Christmas shopping myself, but I'm taking my own advice,” he responded.

And is it working?

“It's still a work in progress for me – as well as for everyone else.”

## Bronxite aims to be top seller

America's favorite treats are on sale again! Starting today, December 13, cookie lovers with a craving for Thin Mints, Samoas, Trefoils, Tag-alongs, Do-Si-Dos, and Savannah Smiles can order their favorite treats from troops affiliated with the Girl Scouts of Greater New York.

And, while most troops look forward to a pleasant and busy season, some girls can barely wait to prove their mettle.

Sixteen-year-old Jasmine Rodulfo from the Bronx is one of GSGNY's top cookie sellers. She sold 1,017 boxes last year and is confident she can gain the top spot this year. “It's like

in the song,” she says. “I want to be top of the list.” She smiles, “I'll be ‘Queen of the Hill,’ though.” Jasmine has honed her pitch, approach, and strategy all year, and feels ready to take over.

But first she has to get by Olivia Cranshaw, a 6th-grader from Manhattan who is not ready just yet to yield that top spot. Olivia sold a jaw-dropping 1,812 boxes last year and credits the program with giving her confidence and a drive to succeed. “I love cookie season,” she says, “I've learned so much by participating in this program – the nuts and bolts stuff as well as how to handle pressure and to be confident

and strong. It makes me feel good about myself.”

Proceeds from the program remain in the five boroughs and help to cover the cost of programs and to fund the Girl Scout leadership experience locally for close to 28,000 girls. A percentage of the proceeds goes to the troop making the sale and funds activities such as trips, donations to a troop's favorite cause, or supplies for weekly troop activities.

The current cookie sale ends on January 20th; for those who don't know a Girl Scout themselves, cookies will go public again in spring during the city's popular “Cookie Pop-Up Shops.”



# Merry Christmas Linda



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But now you're with the Angels  
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we hold on to the memories  
and treasure them with love  
Yet special times like Christmas  
often make us wonder why  
God took you from this world  
it was too soon to say goodbye  
But memories are precious  
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There is certainly a bright glow spreading across the Bronx to guide Santa, and you won't have a hard time finding it with numerous Christmas Tree Lightnings, Holiday parties, toy drives, and celebrations taking place this year.

In the Bronx's "Little Italy," a celebration held by the Belmont Business Improvement District and sponsored by D'Bari Funeral Home and Lucia Brothers Funeral Home, and the New York City Department of Sanitation, saw a bright Holiday celebration in Ciccarone Park on Arthur Avenue.

The Belmont event featured a Santa Claus with elves, carolers and lighting of a tree. People were able to place memorial cards on the tree to remember loved ones who have passed away.

Showing a tremendous spirit of generosity, the Bronx Chamber of Commerce held a toy drive during their annual holiday celebration Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Over in Poe Park in Bedford Park/Fordham, the park's visitor center is playing host to a Whimsical Winter Wonder exhibit by many talented artists. The exhibit includes paintings, photos, sculptures, animations, and illustrations. The exhibition is on view through January 31, 2014, and was curated by Lucy Aponte and Laura Alvarez. An opening reception was held on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Santa Claus visited Fordham Road's Muller Park and Plaza on Friday, Dec. 6 for the Fordham Road Business Improvement District's 9th annual Sparkling in the Heart of Fordham. This year's event was hosted by Rhina Valentin and included a special visit from Santa Claus, a musical performance from the Gloria Dei Choir, and free gifts for 450 children.

In a first, the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance held a Christmas Tree Lighting that featured coffee, cocoa, cookies, and carolers on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Nearby, the Morris Park Community Association held its annual Holiday celebration Saturday, Dec. 14, as did the Allerton Tenants and Homeowners Association on that same day.

(1) The Belmont Business Improvement District (BID) got into the Christmas spirit.

Photo by Patricio Robayo

(2) Bobby Jean, the owner of Anthony's Flower Farm, Bob Bieder dressed as Santa and Joe Imperia pose at the shop's annual toy giveaway.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

(3) Fordham's BID was not to be outdone, and boasted its own tree lighting event on Dec. 6.

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(4) Van Nest lit up its Christmas tree on White Plains Road.

Photo by Ken Carozza

(5) The Morris Park Community Association crew gathered for its annual holiday party. From left-right: Ostacio "Lefty" Negron, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Joseph McManus, Tony Signorile, State Sen. Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, Al D'Angelo, Anthony Vitaliano and Silvio Mazzella.

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(6) The Bronx Chamber of Commerce donned Santa gear during its annual holiday toy drive.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

(7) Allerton Avenue homeowners celebrated at a holiday party of their own.

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(8) The "Whimsical Winter Wonderland" art exhibit opened on Saturday Dec. 3 at the Poe Cottage on Grand Concourse. The exhibit features oil paintings, watercolors, photographs, masks and dolls and will be on display until Jan. 28.

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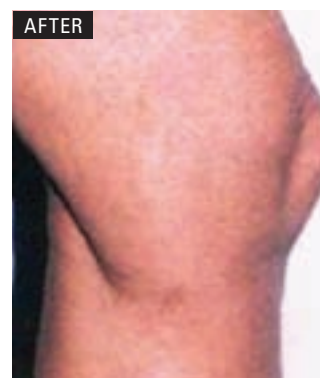
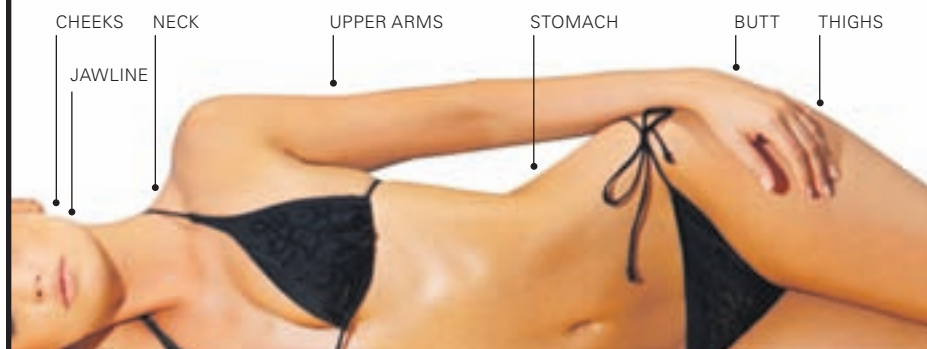


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# Bronx Park East Community Association news

## BY RAPHAEL SCHWEIZER HOLIDAY PARTY: RSVP NOW

For the second year Bronx Park East Community Association "B-PECA", in partnership with CenterLight Health Systems and the Allerton International Merchants Association, will be sponsoring the 2nd Annual Community Holiday Party!

There will be lots of dancing to Holiday music and Christmas favorites (including Dean Martin), yummy food from local Allerton/Pelham Parkway merchants, a live Musical Performance, and most important, the warm company of your neighbors, and soon-to-be dance partners, during the most festive time of year!

The Holiday Party will take place next Saturday, December 28th from 7:00-11:30pm inside the Auditorium of CenterLight/Beth Abraham on the corner of Bronx Park East and Allerton Avenue. Once again, the good folks at CenterLight have opened their doors to accommodate a Community-oriented event. So when you go in there, be sure to thank the staff, security and administration who make our events possible.

Each ticket is \$5 for children under 18, \$10 for adults, and \$20 for families of four or more. Tickets must be paid for BEFORE the day of the party. Please call (347) 654-7044 to reserve your tickets.

You can also mail your ticket RSVPs (cash, check or money order) to: Bronx

Park East Community Association, Att: Holiday Party, 664 Thwaites Place Apt. 6H, Bronx, NY 10467.

Please include the names of all people who will be coming. Once your RSVP is received, you will receive a phone call confirmation.

Last year we had over 40 community residents dance and have a good time, and we're hoping for even more of you to come this year! If you have any questions, feel free to call the number above or email BxParkEast@gmail.com. You can view pictures from last year's Holiday Party on the B-PECA Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast](http://www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast). Including pictures of B-PECA Santa Ralph Dunniehigh!

Successful Toy & Coat Drive

As seen in the picture accompanying this column, B-PECA held a successful Toy & Coat drive at last week's December 12th Community Meeting. Over 45 residents of the community showed up and donated a total of 25 toys, dolls and games to students at Public School 89, as well as over 30 coats and jackets to the annual NY Cares Coat Drive.

Darlene Teron, Assistant Principal of Public School 89 was at the meeting to accept 3 large boxes worth of action figures and dolls for students at her school on Mace near Bronxwood Avenue. As mentioned in this organization's previous column, despite the "Black Friday" frenzy which deceptively seems to bless everyone with the financial

means to buy flat-screen TVs, there are many families in the Pelham Parkway and Allerton communities who live pay-check-to-pay-check and won't have the ability to scrape together extra resources to give gifts to their children this holiday season.

Thus, we chose to do our part a put a smile on the faces of those 10-20 students who will now be receiving gifts for Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah. It was the least we could do to make the holiday season a little brighter for those whose parents have to decide between food on the table and presents under the tree.

It is consistent with our belief that the surrounding community has a significant impact on how the children of our neighborhood are raised. And hopefully when these kids see that the community cares about them, that positive imprint will remain in their consciousness for years to come, resulting in them having more respect, care and love for the neighborhood they grow up in. Thus, a holistic effort: Smiles on Children's Faces, Making Connections with Local Schools, and a Positive Impact that will hopefully last for years to come.

Astor Traffic Light

In response to the long overdue and commendable editorial written in last weeks Bronx Times by neighborhood resident Gary Makufka, Bronx Park East Community Association will be requesting traffic lights at two dangerous



Public School 89 A.P. Darlene Teron, BPECA's Raphael and Cecilia as well as Bronx Green Middle School PTA Leaders Marsha Aris & Beena Rampersad, were on-hand to present over 25 toys & dolls to less fortunate students at nearby P.S. 89. They were all donated by neighborhood residents at the B-PECA December 12th Community Meeting: Our way of making the Holidays a little brighter for those less fortunate!

intersections on Boston Road.

The first intersection, as explained by Gary, is the corner of Boston Road and Astor Avenue. Sometimes one needs to experience an intersection from the driver's point of view, as well as the pedestrians.

So, while in the passenger seat the other day, I was going north on Boston Road, getting ready to turn on to Astor. And it occurred to me that the speed which my car was going while making the turn onto Astor was indicative of the fears that Gary explained.

When cars make that turn, they don't always speed out of reckless abandon, they do it because Boston Road is treated like a highway, and cars which ride on Boston Road with a legitimate "freeway" mentality, make that turn in the same mindset; over 30 miles per hour. Thus, the reason for so many accidents and near-accidents taking place at this corner.

The second intersection where a traffic light will be requested is Boston Road at Cruger Avenue, which is between Waring and Mace Avenues.

One way to chip away

at the "freeway" mentality of motorists on Boston Road, is to allow more areas for pedestrians to cross, which will take away the long stretches of roadway that lead drivers to push the pedal to the ground. And this particular spot is right near the 2440 Boston Road NYCHA Senior Citizen facility, where many elderly choose to cross, due to the walking distance to the Waring and Mace traffic lights.

Putting a light here will deter seniors from crossing without the safety of a traffic light, as well as prevent cars from using the pedestrian ramps to enter the parking lot of Harbor Freight and Salvation Army.

As was witnessed by myself, B-PECA Vice-Chair Kenny Agosto, resident Charles Gorelick and Bronx DOT Commissioner Connie Moran, over 15 cars each HOUR use the space between the pedestrian ramps at the corner of Cruger and Boston Road to gain access to the parking lot of these two stores, putting children and adult passersby in danger of being hit.

The placement of a traffic light pole in between

these two ramps will provide the dual benefit of accommodating pedestrians to cross Boston Road at an area where they frequently do so (albeit illegally) already, as well as placing a barrier (the metal traffic light pole) to prevent cars from making the illegal entrance into the parking lot.

B-PECA realizes that DOT is being overwhelmed with requests for "Stop" signs, speed humps and traffic lights from organizations around the borough, so we will do all we can to support increases in the DOT's budget so they can be even more effective at making walking, biking and driving even safer in NYC in 2014 and beyond.

As always, feel free to contact Bronx Park East Community Association with any concerns by texting or calling (347) 654-7044, or emailing BxParkEast@gmail.com Daily community updates are given on our facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast](http://www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast)

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## Preston's Rising Alumnae

On Wednesday, December 4, Preston High School's Board of Trustees, administration and alumna Annalea Canzoniero Ricci '62 and her husband Ken held a special celebration recognizing the school's "Rising Alumnae Under 40". These women exemplify the Preston High School mission of compassion, education, leadership and service and make a difference in the lives of those around them. The cohort of 38 young women represents a diverse array of backgrounds and myriad professions including law, medicine and allied health, education, and financial services. Preston is thrilled to say that four current members of the school's staff and faculty are included in this group.

The honorees and their guests arrived at Westchester Hills Golf Club for a cocktail reception, speeches and awards. The evening was kicked off by a welcome from Board of Trustees President Mark Bronzo. The invocation was given by former PHS Principal Sr. Lucille Col-

drick, RDC, who had the joy and pleasure of seeing all 38 honorees graduate from Preston during her tenure. The recognition of honorees was announced by Preston's own Physical Education teacher Marge McEvoy and Principal Jane Grendell.

The following alumnae were recognized as "Rising Alumnae Under 40": Sadia Ahsanuddin '05, Sayeeda Ahsanuddin '06, Ijeoma Anyanwu '99, Cymone Bedford '06, Michelle Benedetto '01, Tiffany Johnson Bowen '04, Lindsay Carr '03, Jennifer Connolly '92\*, Carolyn Damo '08, Christina Damo '04, Gina DeMarco '05\*, Laura DeMaria DeMattia '92, Andrea Donkor '99, Caitlyn Duffy '06, Amanda Farias '07, Jennifer Geideman '00\*, Gina Gentile '03, Karen Guzman '04\*, Antonella Iannarino '03, Jean Zarnoch Kwartler '98, Nataridia Lee Soy '95, Vinnie-Marie DeMarco Leone '99, Iolani Lighbourne '04, Allison Masserano '08, Ana Gema Monge '06, Allison Mosher '96, Kathryn O'Malley '06, Sheena Ortiz

'01, Lauren Porelli '07, Rosa Porelli '01, Danielle Visvader Pradas '98, Cori-Ann Roublick '95, Lisa Maietta Rybacki '99, Jean Connolly-Shanley '95, Janine Keenan Shaver '03, Jackeline Stewart '02, Maria Vidal '98 and Lynette Wright '02. (\* Preston Faculty/Staff members)

The speeches concluded with a special congratulation to the honorees by Annalea Canzoniero Ricci '62, who along with husband Ken sponsored this special event. Annalea spoke about being women of power and helping each other in times of need. Annalea stated how proud she was of the 38 alumnae honorees and wished not only them, but all future Preston graduates, a life of remarkable milestones and great success.

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



Student solving crime by analyzing fingerprints at St/ Catharine Academy.

## SCA's Forensics Science Program

Fifteen 8th grade girls gathered at St. Catharine Academy to solve a "murder" as part of SCA's Forensics Science Program. Guided by science teacher, Erin Zangaglia, and retired NYPD officer, Kevin Whelan, the students turned into forensic specialists assigned to examine the grisly crime scene, the murder of "Ms. Bronte", an SCA teacher, who was found dead in a classroom.

Each student was given an evidence bag and was responsible for documenting, photographing, and gathering evidence including hair, murder weapon and fingerprints. They wore gloves and booties to be sure not to contaminate the crime scene. And they had to solve from four possible suspects:

SCA Junior Pamela Udoe: Pamela is a Student Council officer and a Trustee Scholar. She doesn't like it when she gets a low grade and Ms. Bronte gave her a 55% on a project which resulted in the loss of her scholarship. Pamela was seen leaving the classroom at 4:45 p.m.

Sr. Ann Welch: Sr. Ann is the Principal. Ms Bronte was known to disagree with Sr. Ann regarding what food Sr. Ann fed her dog, Lily. Sr. Ann, because she is the Principal, has access to security cameras and keys. It was unknown if there had been a confrontation that day.

Albinita Haxhaj: Albinita, an SCA senior, played the role of Food Manager. Ms. Bronte criticized Albinita because her

hamburger was not properly cooked. Albinita did not refund her money because she claimed that Ms. Bronte ordered it that way. Albinita clocked out at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Melucci: Dean of Academic Services. Ms. Bronte was very late in submitting her grades and Ms. Melucci confronted her and demanded her grades be submitted immediately. There were many witnesses.

In the end, most students solved the "crime" using the hair sample. Sr. Ann Welch did it!

From all accounts, the participants enjoyed the event, most especially the fingerprint analysis. Marie-Claire Milius of St. Philip and James School said, "Stepping into the crime scene was very cool!"



## Preston Receives Grants to Enhance "Gym-atorium"

Preston High School received a number of grants in recent months to assist with much needed upgrades to the school's beloved "gym-atorium." Funds received from the Hyde and Watson Foundation and the New Yankee Stadium Community Benefits Fund were used to purchase new window and stage drapes as well as a large state-of-the-art presentation screen. The grants received were due

to the diligent work of Physical Education Teacher Chris Teemsma, Director of Advancement Gianna Dell'Olio and volunteer, Colleen Mountford. Mrs. Mountford came to Preston thanks to Mr. Teemsma and shared her insight on grant writing and experiences as a non-profit executive. In addition to the drapes, the lighting in the gym-atorium was upgraded as part of a school-wide initiative thanks to a grant received from Con Edison.

The lighting, drapes and

curtains definitely enhance the aesthetics and comfort level of the gym-atorium. As the epicenter of the school, the gym-atorium is the home to many an assembly, sporting event, Preston Players production and school-wide liturgy, as well as the annual Alumnae Reunion and Flea Market. Grant writing efforts continue as Teemsma hopes to upgrade the entire audio visual system in the room.



BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

The news that the national unemployment level continues to be in the official 7% range. (The New York State rate is about 7.7%, and the Bronx rate is 12.2%, the highest in New York State and vastly worse than the next highest, Brooklyn, at 9.6%) highlights the dire outlook for the U.S. economy, especially since that figure doesn't count those that have simply given up looking, have managed to get on disability, or have replaced lost career-level positions with part time work at a small fraction of their former pay.

This is, according to all statistics, the worst jobs recovery period since the Truman Administration, marked by rising part-time

employment over full time jobs, declining wages, and increased workforce drop-outs.

A report by economist John Williams, who carefully examines government statistics in his "Shadow Government Statistics" publication, questions the official unemployment numbers. In an analysis performed on the July unemployment rate of 7.4% reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, he found that the actual rate was 23.3%.

What about the jobs that have been created?

According to the U.S. House of Representative's Ways & Means Committee, even many of those fortunate few who have found work and are counted as em-

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ployed are actually working only part-time. Rep. David Camp, (R-MI) who has dug far deeper into U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data than most, notes that Seven out of eight new employees under President Obama have been part-time employees."

Since January of 2009, when the current Administration took office, to July 2013, there has been a 7.14% increase in part time jobs, compared to an almost nonexistent 0.23% increase in full-time jobs, according to

the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The problem with part-time work isn't only reduced pay. These employees generally don't receive medical coverage, retirement benefits, and other perks available to their full-time counterparts.

By the President's own standards, this represents a failure of his economic plan. Mr. Obama stated that "A well designed recovery plan will not only create numerous jobs, but also many jobs paying good wages and providing full-time employment."

The news gets worse.

A startling new study by the Mercatus Center revealed that during November, over 300,000 jobs, over 40% of all employment created, were in government. According to the Mercatus Center, which is a division of George Mason University, government employment made up more than 16% of the American labor market in 2012. That

figure includes not just people actually working for the government, but also those positions financed by federal contract dollars.

The same study revealed some unpleasant facts about how badly the actual job market has been doing during the recent past, from 2007—2012. 41 states actually lost real private sector jobs, with the national average being a loss of 3%. Only North Dakota, with its vast natural resource boom, Alaska, and Texas made any substantial gains in private employment. South Dakota, New York, Louisiana, Vermont, and West Virginia had very slight gains.

As taxes continue at levels that discourage businesses from hiring and individuals from saving, more and more people are being hired by government, except in those areas that really count, such as defense. Incidentally, on defense, reports have been published that some service members are forced to rely

on welfare to make ends meet.

The news on other economic fronts continues to be dismal, as well. According to the Federal Reserve's Household Debt and Credit Report, outstanding household debt increased \$127 billion from last quarter, the largest increase since 2008. Mortgages, student and auto loans, and credit card debt were the big culprits.

You have to wonder how long the American economy can continue to bleed this way.

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BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

More snow on the way. Fortunately, it comes at the right time of the year. Take it easy on the roads.

This is pretty much the year end, so I will toot the horn of the Sam Young Post. What have we done for you lately?

We hosted two BBQ,s at the VA Hospital, and hosted a Christmas Party, replete with music and Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

All this was much appreciated by the shut ins. We had a food drive for the needy and donated all the gathered foodstuffs given to us by followers of this Pulitzer Prize worthy column to a Church in the South Bronx. We contribute to the American Legion National Emergency Fund, we con-

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tribute to Boy's State where a High School Junior gets to go an upstate college and learn how NY State Legislature works. They pass a law and learn the mechanization of how the system operates. We donate monies to Calvary Hospital gotten from The Drunken Volley Ball Tournament Hosted by Chip Hiney of Paddy's By the Bay. We assist folks with gaining Vet's Benefits and help cut through the red tape. We go into schools and teach kids about the Flag, how to fly, respect, and retire the Colors. We

hold a ceremony to retire Flags that have been worn and torn. So it's more than old guys sitting around a bar and telling war stories. I'm sure I left out some stuff, but you get the idea. all this is not a chore and we get a kick out of doing it.

Trivia Time!!

December 16, 1773, saw the Colonists throw tea in the Boston Harbor.

On the same date in 1944, The Battle of The Bulge took place.

December 17, 1903, saw the Wright Brothers fly. Today's planes are longer than the flight.

South Carolina was the first State to secede from the Union on December 20, 1860.

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

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available and although not as grand as the old days, it should be experienced by all those wanting to see the inner workings of the state-level American Legion.

Again, please be careful while partying this season. It's really easy to loose track so make sure you take a cab or hang out with a designated driver.

So many things to wish for this season. I gave up on the million dollars when I was a kid. Unfortunately, I guess I should give up on world peace too, not happening anytime soon. At least we have our outfit and other personal endeavors that can bring a little peace to our corner of the world. We call it, "...to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness." So do some good over the holidays.

Until Next Time: A simple, heartfelt Merry Christmas to you!

## Pelham Lab students volunteer at the Huntington Free Library

The Pelham Lab High School opened their doors this September to the class of 2017. This means that each year, a new freshman class will enter and by September 2016, Pelham Lab HS will have all four grades housed inside the Lehman High School building at 3000 East Tremont Avenue.

PeL-Lab students use technology, exploration and observation in their quest for learning in sub-

jects that range from art, social science, environment and community/urban planning. Jason Wagner is the principal of the high school and he, his staff and students got a jump on the curriculum this summer at the Huntington Free Library.

During the summer, teachers and students used their own time to visit the Huntington Free Library to learn about the history of the Westchester Square area and plan on how they

could get involved with its future. The students formed a small group of weekly volunteers to help the library organize and present the collections. Larger groups have been making plans for a variety of projects that include a book sale, art exhibitions, historical research, clubs and a community garden.

The library has partnered with the Pelham Lab HS for both an off-site classroom and "Lab".



Twenty freshman at the Huntington Free Library on December 11

BY TONY SALIMBENE

Hope everyone is managing to stay warm. Please check in on those who may be having a problem and that includes our animal friends. Our next regular post meeting is the 3rd Sunday in January, at the Turner club. Coffee and buns at 10:30, meeting at 11 sharp, followed by our extended discussion at the Turner's bar, complimentary finger food provided.

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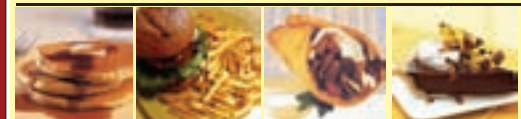
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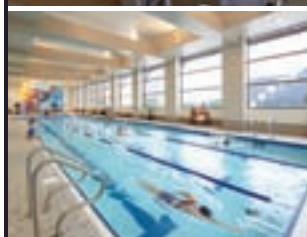
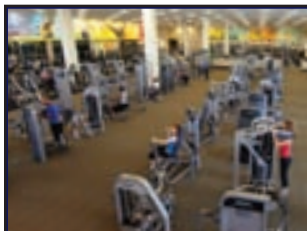
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# Empire City Toy Drive

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Josh Blake of Jams joined Tim Rooney for the presentation, which was accepted by Monsignor Kevin Sullivan, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, Karen Reynolds, Westchester & Putnam County Supervisor of



Monsignor Kevin Sullivan and Empire City Casino President Timothy J. Rooney

Catholic Charities, along with Sister Christine Hennessey and Linda Cronston of Aisling Irish Community Center. The distribution team quickly went to work searching through hundreds of coats seeking out sizes for members of the families they knew were without warm coats this winter.

From November 22 through December 8, Empire City Casino patrons donated new, unwrapped toys and gently used coats.

A sampling of the items collected was on display in Empire City Casino's Entertainment Lounge where Mr. Rooney commended the employees of Empire City as well the customers who gave so generously to the annual drive. Yonkers-based Smart Move & Storage generously provided transportation and storage of the donations. The items will be distributed by Catholic Charities over the coming weeks to families in need.

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# Fteley Avenue named after renowned engineer

Because it lacks a vowel between the letters f and t, Fteley Avenue has been the subject of discussion since its inception. Locals long believed that it was named for Fort Eley which was said to be Revolutionary War fort on Clason Point and that the sign maker simply left off the period when abbreviating Ft. Eley. That, however, is merely a myth as there never was a Fort Eley on Clason Point or anywhere in the Bronx. The street was simply named for Alphonse Fteley, a former president of the American Society of Engineers, who was born in France in 1837. He was educated at the Polytechnic School in Paris and immigrated to the United States in 1865 achieving a certain amount of fame in engineering circles.

Fteley did, however, have a connection to Clason Point as he was the city engineer in charge of draining the swamps that once encumbered much of

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

the area. He was also the inventor of the apt named Fteley Meter which is used to measure the rate of flow

**Fteley** is more widely remembered for his design of the Croton Dam in 1891.

in hydrographic surveying. He worked for the Boston water supply before coming to New York.

He served as the chief engineer of the City of New York Aqueduct Commission from 1887 to 1895, during which time he worked

on the design of the Jerome Park Reservoir. He created two islands and a peninsula in his early design to preserve the Jerome Park Clubhouse and the Oak Ridge Clubhouse. Each was to occupy its own island and the peninsula was where shaft #21 would have been located with access from Goulden Avenue. They were later eliminated from the design to allow for greater water storage capacity.

Fteley is more widely remembered for his design of the Croton Dam in 1891. Construction began the following year with some of the skilled labor imported from southern Italy. The masonry dam is 297 feet high and goes down 130 feet below the river bed. When constructed it was the tallest in the world. The mas-

sive dam is 266 feet wide and contains 850,000 cubic yards of concrete. It can hold up to nineteen billion gallons of water which seems like a lot but is only a small fraction of the water we use in the city.

Some readers may also recall that he was involved with the design of the Panama Canal which revolutionized travel from the east coast to the west coast and beyond. It cut the distance by more than fifty percent and avoided the necessity of traversing around Cape Horn or through the Strait of Magellan.

Alphonse Fteley passed away on Thursday, June 11, 1903 at the age of 66 in his Alta Avenue home in the Park Hill section of Yonkers. He was cremated and his remains were interred in the Locust Section of Woodlawn Cemetery. His headstone is of a natural granite design and can be viewed just off Prospect Avenue.



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John McNamara at Fteley Avenue in May of 1993.

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# Tattoos and Piercings

These days, it seems like almost everybody has a tattoo or piercing. In just a matter of hours, a part of your body can be transformed into a living work of art.

But did you know that it can also lead to a lifetime of health consequences?

According to Dr. Uri Belkind, Director of Adolescent Medicine at Union Community Health Center and St. Barnabas Hospital, common complications include:

- Allergic reactions and infection;
- Diseases like hepatitis, tetanus, HIV and mycobacteria, if the needle or equipment is contaminated;
- Raised scars (keloids);
- Area-specific complications, such as oral piercings which can cause broken teeth or

gum disease

“Although impossible to eliminate all risk of complications, there are ways to lower them,” said Dr. Belkind, who is fellowship-trained in adolescent medicine. “Body art procedures should always be performed by a trained tattoo artist or body piercer in a licensed studio that follows local or state health department regulations.”

He further recommends that the body artist:

- Washes his hands and uses clean gloves;
- Cleans the skin to be tattooed or pierced;
- Uses a single-use, disposable razor to shave the skin, when needed;
- Uses single-use sterile needles and tubes, and single-use inks;
- Covers the tattooed skin with a bandage and provides aftercare instructions

Dr. Belkind also advises that in keeping the area clean:

- You do not touch the area except for cleaning;
- Wash your hands with soap;
- For piercings, clean the pierced area with antibacterial soap and rinse well. Salt water soaks are good to loosen up crusty formations;
- For tattoos, remove the bandage after 24 hours and apply antibiotic ointment. Use plain soap and water to keep the skin clean. Use a moisturizer several times a day and avoid skin exposure.

“If you notice any complications or have questions, don’t wait,” he said. “Schedule an immediate appointment with your physician.”

BY AL BELFIORE

Greetings everyone and a very Merry Christmas to all. This will be my last article of 2013 and I would like to write about Sen. Klein’s speech that took place on Fri. Dec 13. As we know, the Senator is co-leader of the NYS Senate, a very powerful position. I was invited to listen to him speak about his various proposals and initiatives. It is called “Making New York Affordable”. It allocates \$1.75 billion into programs, services and star credits. Outlined as follows:

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ily leave for post pregnancy, caring for an older parent, etc.

- 2) Child care tax credits
- 3) College affordability
- 4) Affordable housing- an updated version of Mitchell-Lame 2020
- 5) \$300 for utility relief checks for seniors
- 6) Tax incentives for commuters

7) Tax relief for toll payers.

For specific information about all this, you can go to Senator Klein’s website at [www.nysenate.gov/senator/jeffrey-d-klein](http://www.nysenate.gov/senator/jeffrey-d-klein).

As always, the Senator gave a great speech, however, I always wonder how these big plans get implemented into our society without having to raise taxes on ANYONE. Governor Cuomo has steadfastly (to his credit) refused to increase taxes. We will have to wait to see how this plays out. Thank you for reading and have a Happy New Year too!

## Jacobi’s Third-Straight Leapfrog Award

The Northeast Business Group on Health (NEBGH) yesterday honored Jacobi Medical Center (Jacobi), a member of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), as one of only three medical institutions in the New York City area for its commitment to patient safety, transparency and accountability, marking the third straight year Jacobi has been recognized by NEBGH for its commitment to the highest standards of patient care.

Jacobi Medical Center was honored with an award for Outstanding Performance in Patient Safety and Quality, presented today at the NEBGH’s annual meeting in New York City. The awards were based on a rigorous review of participating area hospitals conducted by The Leapfrog Group, a coalition of public and private purchasers

of employee health coverage dedicated to improving healthcare safety, quality and affordability. Leapfrog benchmarks hospitals against practices that reduce the risk of medical errors and hospital-acquired infections, and improve patient outcomes.

The same group in spring 2013 issued Jacobi an “A” rating for consistent efforts to improve patient safety.

Jacobi’s Executive Director William P. Walsh said, “Patient safety is not an abject concept; it is something we measure every single day with standard benchmarks. By taking a dedicated and labor-intensive approach, we can look our patients in the eye and say, without question, we are providing the safest care possible.”

“We are very pleased to honor these three outstand-

ing hospitals for their dedication to patient safety and high quality health care,” said Laurel Pickering, President and CEO of NEBGH. “These hospitals and their executives should be proud of their ongoing commitment and the many contributions each has made toward improving the quality and safety of our healthcare system.”

Leah Binder, CEO, The Leapfrog Group, said, “[Jacobi’s] high levels of performance on Leapfrog’s national standards of quality and safety measures indicate that it is among the safest and best hospitals in the metro New York City area. The Leapfrog Group thanks them for their commitment to transparency and health care quality in the communities they serve.”

The results of the Leapfrog Group are reported at [www.leapfroggroup.org](http://www.leapfroggroup.org).

## Affinity appoints VP, General Counsel

Affinity Health Plan, a managed care organization serving more than 265,000 people in the NY area, has appointed Claire DeMatteis to the position of VP, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. DeMatteis will also oversee the legal and regula-

tory affairs function as well as serve as Corporate Secretary for Affinity’s Board of Directors. Prior to Affinity, DeMatteis served as Executive VP, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary and Chief Privacy Officer of Catalina Marketing and Cat-

alina Health, a 30-year old data, analytics and technology company. Prior to Catalina, DeMatteis was a partner in the law firm Stradley Ronon Stevens and Young. From 1994 to 2004, DeMatteis served as Senior Counsel to then-U.S. Senator Joe Biden.

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

Block 4860 Lot 37  
Approximate amount of lien \$243,866.72 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 382020/10

Sergio Marquez, Esq., Referee  
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES  
Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road ,  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
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MNH

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HUDSON VALLEY BANK, N.A,  
Plaintiff(s),  
Against  
DCRA DEVELOPMENT LLC; SAMMY  
CHUNASAMY; et al,  
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 2/6/2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 1/13/2014 at 2:00 pm premises known as 712/714 East 214th Street, Bronx, New York 10467.

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

Block 4661 Lot 12  
Approximate amount of lien \$1,406,893.60 plus interest and costs; premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 381194/10

Kim Ramos, Esq., Referee  
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AT LAW, 462 Seventh Avenue, 12th Floor,  
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2006-FM2  
Plaintiff(s),  
Against  
DEVON SCARLETTE; et al,  
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 1/10/2011, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 1/13/2014 at 2:00 pm premises known as 637 East 182nd Street, Bronx New York.

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Block 03071 Lot 0067  
Approximate amount of lien \$437,961.03 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 380896/2007

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

Charles Taibi, Esq., Referee.  
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BANK OF NEW YORK AS COLLATERAL  
AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE  
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, Plaintiff, vs.  
MILLICENT S. JOSEPH, ET AL.,  
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on July 24, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on January 13, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1703 Townsend Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 2849 and Lot 39. Approximate amount of judgment is \$30,473.31 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 304048/11.

Joseph Jednak, Esq., Referee  
Windels, Marx, Lane & Mittendorf, LLP,  
156 West 56th Street, New York, New York 10019, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. JENNY  
VEGA, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on November 18, 2005, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on January 13, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2150 East Tremont Avenue, Unit 5A, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3944 and Lot 3077. Approximate amount of judgment is \$5,024.51 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to

provisions of filed Judgment Index # 20941/04.

Marshall Kaplan, Esq, Referee  
Windels, Marx, Lane & Mittendorf, LLP,  
156 West 56th Street, New York, New York 10019, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF  
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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:

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Approximate amount of lien \$ 520,065.80 plus interest & costs.

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Index Number 380049/09.  
GERALD S. LEONESCU, ESQ., Referee.  
Sweeney, Gallo, Reich & Bolz, LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF  
BRONX  
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK  
OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and  
Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust,

Plaintiff against  
STANDARD DEVELOPMENT CORP., et  
al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 7, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 13th 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, designated on the Tax Map of the City of New York, for the Borough of Bronx, as said Tax Map of the City of New York, for the Borough of Bronx, as said Tax Map was on September 20, 1977.

Lot: 41, Block 2976.  
Said premises known as 1283 LOUIS  
NINE BOULEVARD, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$ 10,629.55 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 381142/10.

ABRAHAM N. KLEINMAN, ESQ.,

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Plaintiff against TRISTATE HOMES  
HOLDING CORP., et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 31, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 13th day of January, 2014 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 4902 Lot 75 on the Bronx County land and tax map as it presently exists.

Said premises known as 1815  
SCHIEFFELIN AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$ 22,962.27 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 303992/11.  
ALBERT W. CORNACHIO, III, ESQ.,  
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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 JAHAI

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 defen-  
dants;

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, ROT-  
TER & KING, LLP., the sum of \$3,752.35 as  
and for reimbursement of their expended dis-  
bursements 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 ex-  
penses 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 de-  
duction 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 JAHAI-  
DA COLON, because he abandoned the De-  
cedent 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 re-  
gard 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 re-  
lief as this Court may deem just and proper in  
the circumstances.

HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ  
11/26/2013  
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Address: 150 Wickham Road - PO Box  
7635, Garden City, New York 11530  
Telephone No.: (516) 398-4105

# Jacobi/NCBH Gala Brings Caring 'Home'

On Thursday, December 5, Jacobi Medical Center and North Central Bronx Hospital (NCBH), which together comprise the North Bronx Healthcare Network (NBHN), celebrated those employees who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication, achievement and commitment to the patients they serve and have made these well respected institutions their professional home. The theme of this year's Gala was "Home Sweet Home", which also celebrated both hospitals' certification as Patient-Centered Medical Homes.

The event serves as an annual fundraiser for the hospitals' Auxiliaries, which are non-profit volunteer organizations that support and enhance patient care by providing funds for programs, capital equipment and other humanitarian assistance that patients may need.

This year's corporate honoree was Joseph Kelleher, CEO of the Hutchinson Metro Center and Chairman of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce. Over the past decade, Kelleher has worked to revitalize the Bronx of Commerce and develop the high-profile Hutchinson Metro Center office complex, which has become a magnet for outpatient medical services, businesses, government agen-

cies, and retail and tourism establishments. His efforts have produced a better Bronx that is now the professional home of many employees, as well as a more convenient home for those who live here and no longer must leave the borough for goods and services.

In addition, Milford Fulop, M.D., a distinguished founding physician at Jacobi Medical Center and lifelong Bronx resident, was honored with a lifetime achievement award. Joining Jacobi at its inception in 1995, Dr. Fulop started the new hospital's residency program in Medicine and established the program as a nationally recognized for outstanding medical education. In 1970, he became the Chairman of the hospital's Department of Medicine, training hundreds of internists, many of whom eventually became leaders and mentors in medicine, themselves.

Other distinguished honorees included: Lawrence Abbamonte, BS, RPh, MS; Assistant Director of Pharmacy at NCBH; Leslie H. Bernstein, MD; Attending Physician, Department of Medicine, Jacobi; Linn Broessel, JD; Assistant Director of Managed Care and Finance, NBHN; Craig Franklin; Chief Information Office, North Bronx Healthcare Network; Har-



(L-r) C. Franklin, B. Langsam, G. Peters-Joseph, L. Bernstein, O. Martinez, K. Porter, H. Goldman, M. Fulop, W. Walsh, D. Wright, J. Kelleher, T. Williams, K. Pratt, L. Broessel, and L. Abbamonte.

old S. Goldman, MD; Director of Pediatric Radiology, Jacobi; Barry W. Langsam, DDS; Attending Surgeon in the Department of Dentistry, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, NBHN; Onellie Martinez, RN, BSN; Head Nurse of the Medicine and Telemetry Unit, Jacobi; Anil Narula, MD; Director of Surgery, NCBH; Gorda Peters-Joseph, RN, MSN, PNP; Assistant Director of Nursing, Pediatrics, Jacobi; Kathleen Porder, MD; Di-

rector, Division of Pediatric Ambulatory Care, Jacobi; Carla L. Pratt, LCSW-R; Child Life Director, Inpatient Pediatric Service and Intensive Care Unit, Jacobi; Tulip Williams, RN, BSN; Head Nurse of the Medical Surgical Unit, NCBH; and Diana T. Wright; Executive Secretary to the Chief Operating Officer, NCBH.

After the awards ceremony, attendees were joined by two special guests: New York Yankees General Man-

ager Joe Girardi and his wife Kim Girardi. During Super-storm Sandy, the Girardis unexpectedly visited Jacobi Medical Center, donating supplies to people affected by the disaster. Their spontaneous gesture of kindness, which was made without fanfare or recognition, struck a chord with many of the hospitals' staff and senior leadership. As a result, they were invited to this year's Gala, and Kim was presented with

an award for "Celebrating Remarkable Compassion". Joe donated a signed baseball along with two "Legendary" tickets to a Yankee game next year, complete with front-row seats, passes to batting practice before the game and a complementary dinner at the Stadium itself. The donation was the highest-selling item at the Gala, resulting in a \$2,000 donation for Jacobi and NCBH's auxiliaries.

## Centerlight expands access to home-based care

CenterLight Health System, one of New York State's largest long-term care providers, has launched CenterLight Certified Home Health Agency (CenterLight CHHA) to provide short-term care to individuals who need skilled health services at home.

CenterLight's expansion of its home-health services is certified by the New York State Department of Health and provides services including skilled nursing care, rehabilitation care, physical, occupational and speech therapy, medical supplies

and equipment, social work, and nutrition services.

Completing the organization's continuum of care, this addition to CenterLight's home health offerings primarily serves patients who are recovering from a stay in a hospital after an illness or procedure. "Our skilled nurses and rehabilitation specialists provide home-based services that are vital to the recovery of these patients," said Florence Marc-Charles, Vice President of Home Care Services.

"Greater access to these services keeps our patients

safe at home in their communities, close to their families and friends."

These new offerings rely on the same, proven care coordination approach that is the hallmark of CenterLight.

The services begin with a thorough assessment of a patient's care needs, including physical and mental status, an evaluation of the health and safety of the patient's home and the caregiver resources available to the patient.

A primary care nurse develops a plan of care in conjunction with the patient's physician and other

clinicians. The final plan, approved by the physician, defines the home care services to be provided.

CenterLight has a long history of providing home-health services to members of its managed long-term-care plans. This new program expands access to these services for patients who do not require long term care so they can regain the maximum level of function possible after a hospital stay.

"This new offering exemplifies CenterLight's commitment to provide a comprehensive continuum of care for patients in the

New York area," said Michael Fassler, President and CEO of CenterLight Health System.

"The CHHA helps us provide the highest possible quality, as well as continuity, of care to those entrusted to us."

CenterLight CHHA cares for patients in the five boroughs of New York City and four neighboring counties, Westchester, Rockland, Nassau and Suffolk, and accepts patients covered by Medicaid, Medicare, managed care plans, private insurance and private pay.

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Learn more at [www.centerlight.org](http://www.centerlight.org).



# Mayoral Spin Cycle *by Tom Allon*

There has never been a better time to be a progressive in New York City. The new mayor, the public advocate, comptroller, and most of the Council are from the progressive wing of the Democratic Party, and we will now see if a concentrated focus on the poor and middle class will help vault them to a better station in life.

In fact, New York will become a very visible laboratory for ideas that will try to lift many up from poverty and stagnation.

Bill de Blasio won the mayoralty largely on his promise to end the "Tale of Two Cities," something that has bedeviled New York and other major urban centers around the world going back to the time of Dickens. His new deputy mayor, Lillian Barrios-Paoli, pledged last week that one of her main goals was to make New York "one city" as she criticized the current policy on homelessness.

And there was a very eye-opening and heart-wrench-

ing series of articles in The New York Times recently about Dasani, a young girl in Brooklyn who was living with her seven siblings and parents in a decrepit shelter. Can the new mayor and his administration help the growing number of Dasanis in this city?

We all should hope so. I am one who prays that de Blasio succeeds in giving hope and help to Dasani and her family. Isn't that what this holiday season is about, helping those less fortunate?

But how can a mayor accomplish this?

Well, it will take some short-term fixes and some long-term planning. As Confucius once said: "If you want to think of only one year, plant rice. If you want to think ahead for a decade, plant a tree. But if you want to plan for 100 years, educate a child."

Bill de Blasio must "plant rice" by speaking passionately about creating good jobs with good wages and encouraging the devel-

opment of much more affordable housing. He must "plan for 100 years" by sticking to his guns on universal pre-K and improving public education.

The new mayor can help create good jobs by luring more Cornell-Technion-type college campuses to the five boroughs, by making New York a center for new industries such as biotechnology, and by helping incentivize the growing tech sector. He can even give tax credits to those who hire unemployed New Yorkers.

Building affordable housing will need to be championed by the mayor with the same zeal that Rudy Giuliani and Mike Bloomberg took to fighting crime. It will need public-private partnerships that attract capital to this vital sector.

And de Blasio will need to fix the New York City Housing Authority, so that its tenants won't have to wait months to have simple repairs made or heat and elevators fixed.

On education, de Blasio can't get sucked into the charter vs. public school debate and polarization. His focus needs to be on empowering the new chancellor to insist that new teachers have two to three years of rigorous classroom training and that current teachers are relentlessly re-trained so that they can succeed. All the evaluations in the world cannot make up for improper training or the lack of teacher mentoring.

In fact, the mayor and new chancellor would be wise to study those charter networks that are succeeding, because what they all have in common is rigorous teacher training. All year round.

Universal pre-K is a wise, 100-year move, that won't immediately bear fruit. I suspect Gov. Cuomo will find \$500 million somewhere in the 2014 budget to allow de Blasio to achieve his signature education program.

And maybe in 2015, when the governor and the



TOM ALLON

legislative leaders are past re-election, we may see a small tax increase on the wealthy to sustain this vital program.

Every 100-year journey, Confucius also said, starts with one small step.

On Jan. 1, as the mayor is inaugurated, we'll see if he can start that long journey to give hope to the many who have been hopeless for so long.

If Nelson Mandela could

achieve what he did against greater odds, there is hope for our great city, too, to become the shining city on the hill where every child has hope.

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.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

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Index No. 308006-12  
Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
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distributees, executors, administrators, as-  
signees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-in-  
terest and generally all persons having or  
claiming under, by or through said PASCUAL  
(TONY) RIVAS, by purchase, inheritance,  
lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest  
in and to the premises described in the com-  
plaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and  
the respective wives, or widows of his, if any,  
all of whose names and addresses are un-  
known to Plaintiff; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT  
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in or lien upon the premises described in the  
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Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUM-  
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the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to  
serve a copy of your answer on plaintiffs' at-  
torney within thirty (30) days after the service  
of this supplemental summons, exclusive of  
the day of service or within thirty (30) days  
after completion of service where service is  
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service within the State. The United States  
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this action, may answer or appear within sixty  
(60) days of service hereof. In case of your  
failure to appear or answer, judgment will be  
taken against you by default for the relief de-  
manded in the amended complaint.

Bronx County is designated as the place  
of trial. The basis of venue is the location of  
the subject premises.

Dated: June 18, 2013

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

The foregoing supplemental summons is  
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tion of the tax lien. In case of your failure to  
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est, costs, disbursements and attorneys' fees  
of this action, and directing the public sale of  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS ...

(The State University Construction Fund (the  
Fund) will receive sealed proposals for  
Project No. 21243, titled "Rehabilitate Athletic

Field at Maritime College" until 2:00 p.m.  
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proposals should be sent to the Fund's office  
located at State University Plaza (353  
Broadway, Albany, NY 12246). At this time,  
such proposals will be publicly opened and  
read aloud.

The contractor shall complete all work  
necessary for final completion by August 1,  
2014.

The Fund's project specific goals for this  
project are 12% MBE and 8% WBE.

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through will be held on December 17, 2013.  
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Complete sets of contract documents for  
bidding may be obtained from the consultant  
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accordance with the instructions contained in  
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cooperate in implementing this policy.

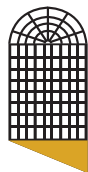
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## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

**WEEK 15**  
Chargers (12-2) 23  
Giants (5-9) 0

The Giants didn't even have a bubble to burst this week. Or for that matter they just didn't have anything. They fumbled twice, allowed four sacks, were intercepted five times, and only rushed for 25yds. They were 1-10 on 3rd down and had less than 200 total yards. Eli was 18/31, 156yds with those 5 ints. Most of the ints were on the receivers and the sacks were on the OL.

**PANTHERS (10-4) 30**  
**JETS (6-8) 20**

The Jets had less than 300 total yds.-157on the ground and 140 in the air. Geo was 15/28, 1 int. and was sacked 4 times. They had a punt blocked which led to a TD. Carolina was held to 131yds rushing. I thought the Jets should have run more. The success they had on the ground could have led to additional scores.

### SLIPPERY FOOTING

Rich Cimini (ESPN.com) gave us a warning that Ryan is on thin ice.

"The Jets aren't a charming underdog story anymore. They're an underdog with fleas, having been outscored 79-20 in the past three games. Thing is, you can't light a damp firecracker. There's no one in the quarterback room who can save this offense. Ryan deserves some blame there because he

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# St. Ray runs past Holy Cross

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Part of Tory Ferguson's maturation as a point guard is know when to trust his teammates and distribute and when to take it upon himself to score.

The junior has things pretty much figured out if last Friday night's 88-63 home win over Holy Cross in CHSAA Class AA boy's basketball is any indication.

"The guy is mature," St. Raymond coach Jorge Lopez said. "He knows when to take big shots and know when to take a control of the game."

The Ravens got off to the fast start behind Kayvon Williams. They led 10-0 early in the first quarter, but Holy Cross (0-3, 0-1) refused to go away easy. Ferguson, who scored 17 points twice made sure the Knights never got completely got back in the game.

"I've been working on balancing my passing and scoring," Ferguson said. "When I feel my team needs some points that's when I take the responsibility put it on the board."

Holy Cross scratched within 24-21 with 5:50 left in the second quarter. Ferguson responded by getting fouled and making two free throws and then bury a 3-pointer. His outburst sparked a 14-2 run that pushed the Ravens lead to 38-23 with 4:13 remaining in the frame.

Ferguson again helped staved off a Knights push in the third quarter with his team up just 58-48. He blew by his defender for an easy layup and knocked down a long trey from the top of the key. St. Ray's (3-1, 3-1) went on to take a 69-54 lead into the fourth quarter.

The game was also a showcase of St. Raymond's supporting cast with star center Luis Santos in early foul trouble

Williams, who hit jumpers and threw down transition dunks, led all scorers with 22 points and Rick Ross added 18 points. Jermaine Bishop paced Cross with 18 points and Christian Wilson added 15.

"Believe it or not that's not even the Kayvon I know," Ferguson said. "He's actually a little



Troy Ferguson dribbles the ball during the CHSAA basketball game between Holy Cross and St. Raymond's, at St. Ray's gym, in the Bronx New York, on Friday December 13, 2013.

Photo by Robert Cole

better than that."

The Raven's displayed a suffocating pressure defense that frustrated Cross all night. It forced turnovers and pushed the game to a pace the Knights seemed uncomfortable playing at.

"We want to be a pressing

team, a defensive team, a team that scores in transition," Williams said.

The effort they displayed against the Knights was something the Ravens felt was missing in a loss to St. Francis Prep. Lopez said it taught his kids they can't take anyone lightly

and showed them just how hard they need to play to be successful.

"We realized we can lose to anybody if we don't play to our full potential," Williams said. "That made our mindset that every game we have to go in 100 percent."



# Veteran Truman eyeing return among PSAL's elite

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The experience and the expectations have increased on the Truman girl's basketball team.

Last year the Mustangs started two freshman, two juniors and a sophomore. The line up this season has three seniors, a junior and a sophomore with a full year of varsity experience under their belt.

"We were young last year, but now we are a veteran team," Truman coach John Burke said.

It has he and the players looking to get to the PSAL Class AA semifinals and beyond after losing in overtime to Brooklyn Collegiate in the second round last season. Truman reached the final four two years ago and hopes to at least get back there.

"He have the parts," Burke said.

Added senior forward Marika Gordon: We are

trying to set an example"

All of that begins with junior point guard Lisa Fields, a three-year starter. Fields is averaging 7.6 points per game to go along with 3.4 assists. It is her job to use her experience to help get the most out of her teammates and make the parts work are one. Burke has loosened the reigns on his floor general after pushing her hard as a sophomore.

"This year I am giving her a lot of freedom because she is a veteran now," Burke said of Fields. "This team is going to go as far as she'll take us."

New Haven commit Daquana Smith will also have plenty to do with it. The athletic wing can now play her natural position of small forward after being a small forward last season. She is averaging 14.5 points and 9.7 assists in for contest this season.

"She is the focal point of our offense," Burke said.

The senior missed last Wednesday's 70-34 win over Wings with an ankle injury that is not seen as serious. Sophomore guard Aneisha Lyons made up for her absence by scoring 15 points and connecting on three 3-pointers.

"We expected that because she is a very good player," Fields said.

The reason Smith will be allowed to showcase her versatility is the addition of center Quaticia Dozier, a former Dewitt Clinton standout who moved back to the Bronx from Pennsylvania. Pairing her along with Gordon, a four-year starter, gives Truman an advantage in the paint over most of the league's squad. Gordon, who has expanded her offensive game, is already averaging a double-double this season.



Truman's Lisa Fields (l. to r.) and Marika Gordon want to lead the Truman girls basketball team back to the PSAL Class AA semifinals.  
Photo by Joseph Staszewski

"We have an advantage over most teams because we have two good bigs and most of them only have one," Fields said.

They hope that edge

will push them all the way to the city title game. There is still plenty of time before then, but Truman believes they are capable of getting to the final.

"We are trying to go further," Fields said. "We are trying to get to the Garden. That's our main goal. We have a good group this year. We have a chance."

## Velocity Track Club New York

BY WINSTON DINKINS

Can you say NATIONAL MEDALS! On Saturday, December 7, Velocity Track Club New York took 5 athletes to the AAU XC National Championship in Fort Gordon, GA and 3 athletes finish in the top 25, Jacqueline Kendall (18th), Giovanna Tolbert (21st) and Donte Lindo (10th). Adrian Swift-Henry injured his knee and this was Jaysiah Moore's 1st National meet, which made him nervous. If not, I believe they would have been in the top 25 also. AAU t-shirts and bags were giving to all athletes. Medals were awarded to the top 25 athletes and participation medals were given to the rest. To finish in the top 25 among the best in the country is an outstanding accomplishment, which they will cherish for the rest of the lives. Go VTC!!!!

On Sunday, December 15th, we traveled to New Jersey City to compete in



Velocity Track Club New York

the NJ AAU Youth Indoor Track & Field Meet. Over 600 athletes from New York and New Jersey were registered. This is officially our 1st In-door meet. Most coaches will use meet to evaluate athletes. VTC athletes' performance showed why we are among the best in the tri-state area. Awards were giving to the top 3 athletes. The follow-

ing VTC athletes received awards. Julian Caldwell, Jordan Ingram, Jaysiah Moore and Donte Lindo took 1st Place in the 1600 meter sprint medley relay. Joseph Webster-Rutledge took 3rd in the 200 meter race. Jordan Samuels took 3rd in the 55 meter race. Dominique Jackson was the top award winner; she won the 200 meter race and took

3rd in the 400 meter race. Plus, we had several athletes that finish in 4th and 5th place, which is great accomplishment with the level of competition at this meet. Great Job

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# Cooper settling into leadership role

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Being a freshman point guard on the varsity is never an easy task, but Monsignor Scanlan's Janier Cooper has made it look that way in the early going.

The sprite-size, 5-foot-3 guard has earned her teammates respect right from the start, beginning even in the pre-season. The Crusaders played in a tournament at the House of Hoops and Cooper made her presence felt with a 35-point performance. It solidified her standing.

"She went out there and took it," second-year Scanlan coach Tom Catalanotto said.

Cooper admitted to being nervous about how she'd be received, even with a young roster. She's ended up needed to be nothing of the sort.

"Since I'm a freshman they are probably saying, 'Why do I have to listen to her?'" Cooper said. "But they are not like that"

Success has continued for her. She dropped in 23 points in a win over Seward Park and had a career-high 34 points and connected on eight 3-pointers versus borough rival Preston last week.

Cooper, who plays her travel ball with Exodus, is a blend of speed and silky smooth shooting. She can get to the hoops and even step back and bury a trey when she gets hot. Cooper already has a developed a great rapport with sophomore guard Delphynia Sparks.

"She's been very consistent," Catalanotto said of Cooper. "She can knock down the three and just her ability to penetrate and set up teammates. I think she is going to be something special."

The coach believes Cooper can be one of the key piece to a group that can make Scanlan, which moved up to Class A, a future contender to

challenge for a state Federation crown in Albany.

Cooper and Sparks have already formed a nice combination in the backcourt. Catalanotto has also seen plenty of improvement from 6-foot-2 sophomore Nukiya Mayo, who hadn't played organized basketball until last year.

"She really developed a lot," Catalanotto said of Mayo. "You didn't even know she was on the court last year."

Scanlan, which had to forfeit two games after playing an unsanctioned contest against Upper Room, wants people to know they are here and growing. Cooper feels the team and win this season and in the years to come. She wants to be the one lead them there.

"I have to work hard because I'm the starting point guard," Cooper said.

That mindset has gotten her pretty far already.



Monsignor Scanlan freshman point guard Janier Cooper is settling into her role as a team leader.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

## Pipe Dreams: Bending The Rules; Knicks-Nets; Dwight Asked

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decided to play Mark Sanchez in the fourth quarter of a preseason game, leading to his season-ending shoulder injury.

Against the Ryan's defense got played by the 28th-ranked offense, missing tackles galore and letting the Dolphins (6-6) rack up 453 total yards -- the most allowed this season by the Jets.

They can beat Tom Brady and Drew Brees, but they fall apart in the face of Ryan Tannehill? Please, someone explain this. The Jets are wildly inconsistent, and that, too, is a strike against Ryan's record, especially with a second-half schedule that was supposed to be easier than the first half.

### BENDING THE RULES

"The Boz" (Thomas Boswell- DC Post) reflected upon the Jason Kidd- Mike Tomlin business: "Where do games-

manship and looking for a competitive edge turn into cheating? Are there degrees of rule bending — including some that add flavor and debate to sports while others simply degrade it and deserve condemnation? Where do our latest Thanksgiving week pirates, Mike Tomlin and Jason Kidd, rank in the sketchy spectrum of play-for-pay?

Such debates have roared at least as far back as Giants Manager John McGraw, who taught runners to go from first to third — without touching second base — when the small umpiring crews of the 1890s (sometimes only one ump) were not in position to see them cut far inside the base. We're unlikely to get a final answer today. But the fun's back.

Tomlin and Kidd now enter, with full honors, one of my favorite realms of sports, those who tie the rules into a pretzel

at the moment when the outcome of the game is at stake and have the gall to do it in broad daylight, with refs, foes, fans and cameras all aligned to nail them. When they get away with it unpunished, except for a \$50,000 fine for Kidd and a \$100,000 fine for Tomlin, where do we stand?"

Remember, these are still games and what these two coaches did didn't hurt any of the playing personnel.

### KNICKS-NETS

Ian O'Connor (ESP-NNY.com) said, "Everybody loves Woody (Knicks Coach Mike Woodson), but nobody loves his team. Tyson Chandler's absence can't be blamed for the complete breakdown of the Knicks, not when so many rotation players are making end-of-the-bench mistakes.

J.R. Smith has been a liability on both sides of the ball, Raymond Felton looks slow and heavy, and

some inside the Knicks organization believe Iman Shumpert -- the one player above all who needed to blossom this year -- has allowed his ego to get bigger than his game. Metta World Peace, a shell of his former self, sometimes freelances away from defensive assignments, and too often Knicks guards switch on pick-and-rolls and leave seven-footer Andrea Bargnani to defend against playmakers who move at video-game speed."

These are real problems, but I think that the biggest problem is the lack of true point guard. One who can steer these loose cannons in the same direction.

The Sports Curmudgeon reminded me of the statement by Lou Holtz, "Back in the days when he was coach of Arkansas, 'I have a lifetime contract. That means I can't be fired during the third quarter if we're ahead

and moving the ball."

### DAVE KINGMAN OF GOLF

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) wrote that Stuart Manley of Wales had a hole-in-one during the third round on the par three third hole of the World Cup Of Golf in Melbourne then had a septuple-bogey on the next hole. It got worse for him when he found that the award was for only the final round.

"It's the highest high and then the lowest low I've ever experienced on the golf course," Manley said. "I thought the car was mine, and with the crowd, all the hype, I was buzzing... Then I found out about the car, and go and have an eleven."

### DWIGHT ASKED

"Worst sports gift you ever received?"

A Buffalo Bills fan said, 'By accident my parents once gave me a box with nothing inside of it for Christmas, forgetting to put a gift in. I laughed

and sarcastically claimed I love it.

Without missing a beat, my dad (a Giants fan) said- we though you would. It's a replica Jim Kelly Super Bowl ring."

A Sports Quiz From Dwight Perry

Q: What do you call it when Bartolo Colon's season is shortened by 50 games by a PED suspension?

A: A semi-Colon.

### DENNIS' IS A MENACE

Greg Cote (Miami Herald) remarked about Dennis Rodman's signature brand of vodka, "One shot and you want a nose ring. Two shots and you're flying to North Korea."

### HE'S OUTTA HERE

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) said that, "NASA has launched another spacecraft to Mars scheduled for a 10-month mission.

But Dennis Rodman insists he'll be back in time for the NBA finals."



# Community reaction to proposed Major League Soccer field

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borough.

International friendlies hosted at Yankee Stadium so far have drawn massive crowds.

“The games already held here have had very high community interest,” said Cary Goodman, executive director of the 161th Street Business Improvement District. “Soccer is enormously popular here.”

But locals plan to push for more than mere tickets to games. Many remain bitter about the construction of the new Yankee Stadium, which opened in 2009.

“We tried to stand up for ourselves, but in the end we were steamrolled,” said Kilian Jordan, who actively protested that stadium

Jordan hopes for a better deal this time around, and is looking at the nearby Kingsbridge Armory deal for inspiration. In that deal, approved this month by the City Council, the developers of what will be the world’s largest ice rink cen-

ter agreed to a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) in which they promised to hire locally, provide a 50,000-square-foot community space and fund local skating lessons.

Allowing locals inside the stadium on non-game days may prove crucial in winning community support. Goodman suggested an indoor fitness center as something locals could rally around.

“If they are going to build this stadium, they should let our kids in,” Jordan said. “They need to open it up so the people here can set foot in it.”

## Parks fans bruised

An application for a new arena will also have to contend with park lovers still smarting from the 24 acres of parkland the city bulldozed in order to build the new Yankee Stadium, which opened in 2009.

Under the current proposal, the new soccer stadium would replace part of a debt-saddled garage the city built on parkland at E.

153rd Street and River Avenue.

Environmental activists remain sour that the land is not being used as a park.

“If parking isn’t needed, then let the community have its park back,” said Geoffrey Croft of NYC Park Advocates, a city park watchdog group.

## De Blasio shutdown?

Even if stakeholders do strike a deal, construction won’t start overnight.

The proposed soccer stadium would rely on numerous city land-use and zoning changes that require it to go through a Uniform Land Use Review Process, or ULURP.

It is unclear whether Mayor-elect Bill de Blasio would try to put the kibosh on the deal. De Blasio told the New York Times recently that he had “serious concerns” with the proposal, though he supported the Barclays Center basketball arena development project in Brooklyn.



The proposed plan would razz part of this underutilized parking garage on E. 153rd Street and River Avenue.  
Photo by Ben Kochman

# Crowley’s silent days and nights

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Joe Crowley, (D-Bronx, Queens) commercial airlines must hush a fourth of their fleet to meet the Federal Aviation Administration’s Stage 4 noise standards by 2015.

The FAA has required since 2006 that every new aircraft meet the quieter Stage 4 standards, but the sky remains crowded with older, noisier planes.

Crowley’s legislation compels airlines to convert half of their fleet to Stage 4 standards by 2020. One hundred percent of every airline’s planes must meet the lower standards by 2035. Airlines can either purchase new aircrafts or retrofit the older ones with quieter engines.

## Maddening noise

Quieter aircrafts would help better the lives of east Bronx locals who have complained of loud low-flying planes for decades, said Ken Kearns, district manager at Community

Board 10.

“The planes are a noisy and unhealthy presence in our community,” Kearns said. “On any given day, these planes pass within 300 feet of our local businesses. We have hope that this legislation will improve our quality of life.”

Locals have long griped that planes landing at Queens’ La Guardia Airport create disturbing high-pitched whines as they descend over Country Club and Throggs Neck.

Crowley and Councilman Jimmy Vacca hosted a airplane noise Town Hall Meeting packed with fed-up locals in Country Club last February.

## Quiet compromise

CB10 pushed back then for the FAA to reroute some of the ten or so flights an hour that pass over the east Bronx en route to La Guardia. Around 185,000 flights flew over the two neighborhoods into the busy airport in 2012.

But FAA brass flew

back at Kearns, arguing that rerouting planes would cause chaos at surrounding airports.

Crowley believes that hushing the existing planes is a worthwhile compromise.

“While commercial aircraft can never be truly silent, we can make sure they are less disruptive to the families who live nearby and improve the quality of life in our communities,” he said at a press conference on Dec. 6 at La Guardia.

Kearns says he’s optimistic as well, but still holds out hope that New York City will someday form a group specifically tasked to deal with community concern about aviation.

Those concerns currently fall into the jurisdiction of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, an agency that Kearns said works hard but is overwhelmed.



Rep. Crowley (D-Queens, Bronx) unveiled his “Silent Skies Act” in front of LaGuardia Airport, where as much as 10 planes an hour land after descending over the East Bronx. Photo courtesy Congressman Crowley

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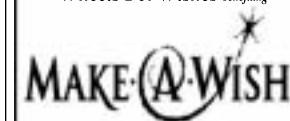
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